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About This Guide

This guide describes how to use Cisco Network Analysis Module Traffic Analyzer 5.0 (NAM 5.0) software. This preface has the following sections:

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- [Audience, page xii](#)
- [Conventions, page xii](#)
- [Notices, page xii](#)
- [Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request, page xiii](#)

For a list of the platforms that Cisco NAM 5.0 supports, see [Overview of the NAM Platforms, page 1-5](#).

Chapter Overview

This guide contains the following chapters:

- [Chapter 1, “Overview”](#) provides an overview of the NAM Traffic Analyzer, discusses new features in this release, describes the new GUI, and provides information about how to use various components of the NAM Traffic Analyzer.
- [Chapter 2, “Setting Up The NAM Traffic Analyzer,”](#) provides information about the first steps users should take after booting up the NAM and setting up the NAM Traffic Analyzer applications.
- [Chapter 3, “Monitoring and Analysis”](#) provides information about options for viewing and monitoring various types data.
- [Chapter 4, “Capturing and Decoding Packet Data”](#) provides information about setting up multiple sessions for capturing, filtering, and decoding packet data, managing the data in a file control system, and displaying the contents of the packets.
- [Chapter 5, “User and System Administration”](#) provides information about performing user and system administration tasks and generating diagnostic information for obtaining technical assistance.
- [Chapter 6, “NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0 Usage Scenarios”](#) provides scenarios for NAM deployment and the details you may need to know about them.

Audience

This guide is designed for network administrators who are responsible for setting up and configuring Network Analysis Modules (NAMs) to monitor traffic and diagnose emerging problems on network segments. As a network administrator, you should be familiar with:

- Basic concepts and terminology used in internetworking.
- Network topology and protocols.
- Basic UNIX commands or basic Windows operations.

Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

| Item | Convention |
|--|--|
| Commands and keywords | boldface font |
| Variables for which you supply values | <i>italic font</i> |
| Displayed session and system information | <code>screen font</code> |
| Information you enter | boldface screen font |
| Variables you enter | <i>italic screen font</i> |
| Menu items and button names | boldface font |
| Selecting a menu item in paragraphs | Option > Network Preferences |
| Selecting a menu item in tables | Option > Network Preferences |



Note

Means *reader take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to material not covered in the publication.



Caution

Means *reader be careful*. In this situation, you might do something that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.

Notices

The *Third Party and Open Source Copyright Notices for the Cisco Network Analysis Module, Release 5.0* contains the licenses and notices for open source software used in NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0. NAM 5.0 includes software developed by the OpenSSL Project for use in the OpenSSL Toolkit (<http://www.openssl.org/>). This document is available on www.cisco.com with the NAM Traffic Analyzer technical documentation.

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

For information on obtaining documentation, submitting a service request, and gathering additional information, see the monthly *What's New in Cisco Product Documentation*, which also lists all new and revised Cisco technical documentation, at:

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CHAPTER 1

Overview

This chapter provides information about the Cisco Network Analysis Module Traffic Analyzer, Release 5.0 and describes the new features and how to navigate the interface.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Introducing NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0, page 1-1](#)
 - [Dashboards, page 1-2](#)
 - [Logical Site, page 1-2](#)
 - [New Application Classification Architecture, page 1-3](#)
 - [Standards-Based NBI, page 1-3](#)
 - [NetFlow v9 Data Export, page 1-4](#)
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 - [Understanding How the NAM Uses SPAN, page 1-14](#)
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- [Configuration Overview, page 1-17](#)

Introducing NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0

The Cisco Network Analysis Module (NAM) Traffic Analyzer software enables network managers to understand, manage, and improve how applications and services are delivered to end users.

The NAM combines flow-based and packet-based analysis into one solution. The NAM can be used for traffic analysis of applications, hosts, and conversations, performance-based measurements on application, server, and network latency, quality of experience metrics for network-based services such as Voice over IP (VoIP) and video, and problem analysis using deep, insightful packet captures. The

Cisco NAM includes an embedded, web-based Traffic Analyzer GUI that provides quick access to the configuration menus and presents easy-to-read performance monitoring and analysis on web, voice, and video traffic.

Dashboards

The Cisco NAM Traffic Analyzer, Release 5.0 introduces a redesigned interface and user experience, with more intuitive workflows and interactive reporting capabilities. The dashboard-style layouts show multiple charts in one window, thereby giving you the ability to view a lot of information at once.

There are two types of dashboards in NAM 5.0: One type is the “summary” views found under the Monitor menu, and the other type is the “over time” views found under the Analyze menu. The Monitor dashboards allow you to view network traffic, application performance, site performance, and alarms at a glance. From there, you can isolate one area, for example an application with response time issues, and then drill-down to the Analyze dashboard for further investigation.

Figure 1-1 shows an example of one of the Monitoring dashboards in the NAM 5.0 release.

Figure 1-1 Dashboard in NAM 5.0



The Analyze dashboards allow you to zoom or pan to reselect the range. As you change the range, the related graphs at the bottom will update.

The dashboards can be extracted as a PNG. You can also create a Scheduled Export to have the dashboards extracted regularly and sent to you in CSV or HTML format (see [Scheduled Exports](#), page 2-53).

Logical Site

Cisco NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0 introduces the capability for users to define a site, with which you can aggregate and organize performance statistics. A site is a collection of hosts (network endpoints) partitioned in views that help you monitor traffic and troubleshoot problems. A site can be defined as

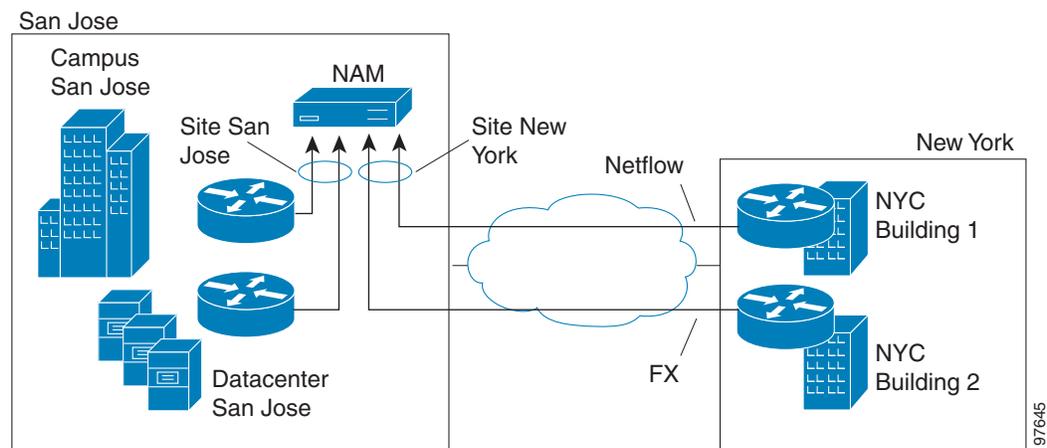
a set of subnets specified by an address prefix and mask, or using other criteria such as a remote device data source (for example, remote WAE device and segment information). If you want to limit the view of your network analysis data to a specific city, a specific building, or even a specific floor of a building, you can use the sites function.

You can also include multiple types of data sources in the site definition, and you can then get an aggregated view of all network traffic.

The pre-defined “Unassigned Site” makes it easy to bring up a NAM without having to configure user-defined sites. Hosts that do not belong to any user-defined site will automatically belong to the Unassigned Site.

Figure 1-2 shows an example of how a network may be configured using sites.

Figure 1-2 Site Level Aggregation



For information about defining and editing a site, see [Sites, page 2-58](#).

New Application Classification Architecture

In previous releases of NAM, the RMON-2 protocol directory infrastructure was used to identify applications and network protocols. In NAM Traffic Analyzer Release 5.0, the application classification scheme is changed to align with the methodology used by Cisco with technologies such as NBAR (Network-Based Application Recognition) and SCL. It also accepts standardized application identifiers exported by Cisco platforms with NDE (NetFlow Data Export).

This allows you to gain application visibility with consistent and unique application identifiers across the network. For example, you can view applications using a global unique identifier, as compared with multiple classification engines using different applications identifiers.

For information about set up, see [Classification, page 2-66](#).

Standards-Based NBI

NBI (Northbound Interface), also referred to as API (Application Programming Interface) enables partners and customers to provision the NAM and extract performance data. Previous releases of NAM were limited to SNMP s, and direct-URL knowledge for access to some data, including the method by which CSV-formatted data is retrieved.

With NAM 5.0, the NBI is expanded to include a Representational State Transfer (REST) web service for configuration, and retrieval of data pertaining to sites. Also introduced is the capability to export high-volume performance data in the form of Netflow v9 (see the next section, “[NetFlow v9 Data Export](#)”).

**Note**

REST does not support retrieval of performance data for sites.

REST is a set of guidelines for doing web services over HTTP. It takes advantage of the HTTP method (GET, POST, UPDATE, DELETE) as part of the request.

The REST request/response messages using the REST web service will contain XML data in the body content of the HTTP request. An XML schema will describe the message content format. All REST request/response messages are handled in XML format. Then the REST web service consumer can use any HTTP client to communicate with the REST server. To use the REST web service via HTTPS, the NAM crypto patch needs to be installed on the NAM.

The NBI web service will provide an external API interface for provisioning and retrieving performance data. For application developers who want to use the NAM APIs to provision network services and leverage data, see the *Cisco Network Analysis Module 5.0 API Programmer's Guide*. The developers who use the APIs should have an understanding of a high-level programming language such as Java or an equivalent.

NetFlow v9 Data Export

The NAM uses NetFlow as a format for the ongoing streaming of aggregated data, based on the configured set of descriptors or queries of the data attributes in NAM. The NAM as a producer of NDE (NetFlow Data Export) packets is a new feature for NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0. The NAM's new functionality of NDE is part of its new NBI.

NetFlow collects traffic statistics by monitoring packets that flow through the device and storing the statistics in the NetFlow table. NDE converts the NetFlow table statistics into records, and exports the records to an external device, which is called a NetFlow collector.

The NDE Descriptor is a permanent definition of the NAM aggregated data query of aggregated NAM data, which must be exported to designated destinations across the network using the industry-wide standard of NetFlow v9 instead of the standard UDP transport.

The NDE Descriptor defines the data query that remains in effect as long as the NDE descriptor exists in NAM's permanent storage. Having it instantiated means that the NAM will be exporting the matching aggregated data records continuously (in a specified frequency) until the NDE descriptor is deleted or updated.

For information about set up, see [Data Export, NetFlow, page 2-49](#).

Historical Analysis

Unlike previous versions of the NAM, in which you have to configure targeted historical reports in advance, the NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0 stores short-term and long-term data that you can view using the new dashboards.

The NAM proactively collects and stores up to 72 hours of data at a granularity of 1, 5, or 10 minute intervals, and longer-term data with a granularity of 1 to 2 hours. This allows you to specify different time periods to view trends over time and identify potential problems.

SNMP v3 Support -- NAM to Router/Switch Support

Simple Network Management Protocol Version 3 (SNMPv3) is an interoperable standards-based protocol for network management. The security features provided in SNMPv3 are:

- Message integrity—Ensuring that a packet has not been tampered with in-transit.
- Authentication—Determining the message is from a valid source.
- Encryption—Scrambling the contents of a packet prevent it from being seen by an unauthorized source.

With NAM 5.0, you have the ability to manage devices with SNMPv3.

**Note**

For the WS-SVC-NAM-1 and WS-SVC-NAM-2 platforms, SNMPv3 is not required. SNMP requests and responses are communicated over an internal interface within the chassis, and SNMPv3 is not used.

Overview of the NAM Platforms

The following models differ in memory, performance, disk size, and other capabilities. Therefore, some allow for more features and capabilities (for example, the amount of memory allocated for capture).

Throughout this User Guide, there will be Notes explaining that some features apply only to specific platforms. If there is no Note, then that feature or aspect applies to all NAM platforms.

NAM 5.0 software supports the following NAM models (SKU):

- Cisco NAM 2204 Appliances
 - NAM2204-RJ45
 - NAM2204-SFP
- Cisco NAM 2220 Appliance
 - NAM2220
- Cisco 6500 Series Switches and Cisco 7600 Series Routers
 - WS-SVC-NAM-1
 - WS-SVC-NAM-1-250S
 - WS-SVC-NAM-2
 - WS-SVC-NAM-2-250S
- Cisco Branch Routers
 - NME-NAM-80S
 - NME-NAM-120S

NAM 5.0 virtual blade software also supports the following virtual blade:

- Cisco WAAS NAM Virtual Service Blade

**Note**

The Cisco Nexus 1010 Virtual Services Appliance is not supported with NAM Traffic Analyzer Release 5.0. The suggested upgrade path for Nexus 1010 NAM 4.2 users is from NAM 4.2 to 4.2.1N, and then to NAM 5.1 (when available).

Logging In

Log into the NAM by using the username and password that the NAM installer provided you, and click the Login button. If you are having problems logging in:

- Make sure you are using a browser that is currently supported for use with NAM 5.0: English Firefox 3.6+ or Microsoft Internet Explorer 8+ (Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 is not supported)
- Make sure you are using a platform that is currently supported for use with NAM 5.0: Microsoft Windows XP or Microsoft Windows 7. The Macintosh platform is not supported on this release.
- Make sure you have JavaScript enabled.
- Clear the browser cache and restart the browser (not necessarily if installing NAM for the first time).
- Make sure cookies are enabled in your browser.
- If you see the following message: “Initializing database. Please wait until initialization process finishes,” you must wait until the process finishes.
- Make sure you had accepted the license agreement (WAAS VSB users only) and that the license has not expired

To view the full documentation set (including the User Guide and Release Notes) for the Cisco NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0, go to the NAM Technical Documentation area on Cisco.com:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/sw/cscowork/ps5401/tsd_products_support_series_home.html

Navigating the User Interface

NAM 5.0 introduces a redesigned interface and user experience, with more intuitive workflows and improved operational efficiency. This section describes the improved navigation and control elements in the user interface.

**Note**

All times in the Traffic Analyzer are typically displayed in 24-hour clock format. For example, 3:00 p.m. is displayed as 15:00.

Common Navigation and Control Elements

Menu Bar

To perform the NAM functions, use the menu bar.



The selections enable you to perform the necessary tasks:

Home: Brings you to the Traffic Summary Dashboard (**Monitor > Overview > Traffic Summary**).

Monitor: See “summary” views that allow you to view network traffic, application performance, site performance, and alarms at a glance.

Analyze: See various “over-time” views for traffic, WAN optimization, response time, managed device, and media functions.

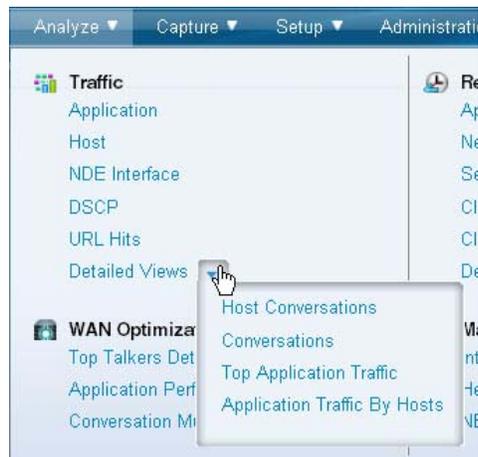
Capture: Configure multiple sessions for capturing, filtering, and decoding packet data, manage the data in a file control system, and display the contents of the packets.

Setup: Perform all setup needed to run Cisco NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0.

Administration: Perform user and system administration tasks, and generate diagnostic information for obtaining technical assistance.

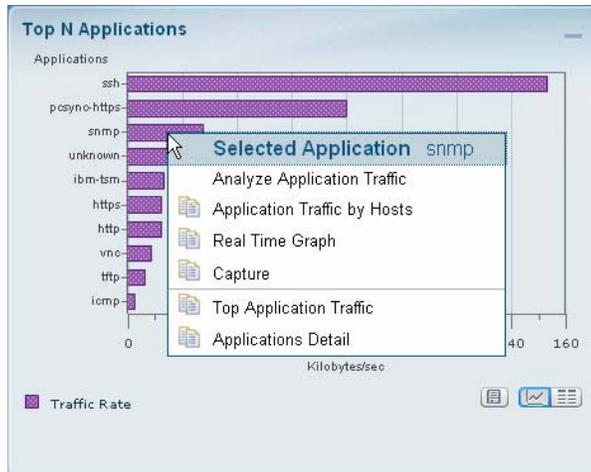
Detailed Views

Under some topics in the mega-menu, the last selection is “Detailed Views.” Click the small arrow to the right of the menu selections to see the sub-menu and the functions available.



Context Menus

On most charts that appear on the dashboards, you can left-click on a colored bar of data to get a context menu, with which you can get more detailed information about that item.



The example above is from the Traffic Summary Dashboard, Top N Applications chart. The description to the right of “Selected Application” in the menu shows what item you had clicked on (in this case, “snmp”).

The menu items above the separator line are specific to the selected element of the Top N chart. The items below the separator line are not specific to the selected element, but apply to the Top N chart.

Quick Capture

From the Context menu of many of the bar charts that show Applications or Hosts or VLANs, you can start a Capture.

For example, when you click on an Application in a barchart (as in the screenshot above) and choose Capture, the following is done automatically:

- A memory-based capture session is created
- A software filter is created using that application
- The capture session is started
- The decode window pops open and you can immediately see packets being captured.



Note

Quick Capture does not use site definition/filter.

Interactive Report

On most Monitoring and Analyze screens, you can use the Interactive Report on the left side of the screen to view and change the parameters of the information displayed in the charts. You can redefine the parameters by clicking the **Filter** button on the left side of the Interactive Report.

The reporting time interval selection changes depending upon the dashboard you are viewing, and the NAM platform you are using. The NAM supports up to five saved Interactive Reports.

Chart View / Grid View

Most of the data presented by the NAM can be viewed as either a Chart or a Grid. The Chart view presents an overview of the data in an integrated manner, and can show you trending information. The Grid view can be used to see more precise data. For example, to get the exact value of data in graphical view, you would need to hover over a data point in the Chart to get the data, whereas the same data is easily visible in table format using Grid view. To toggle between the two views, use the Chart and Grid icons at the bottom of the panel:

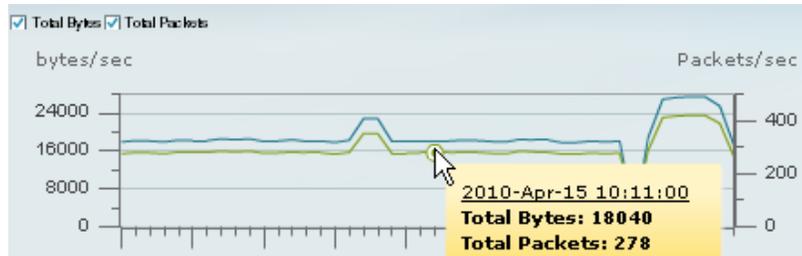


Next to that icon is the “Show as Image” icon, with which you save the chart you are viewing as a PNG file.



Mouse-Over for Details

When in Chart view, you can mouseover the chart to get more detailed information about what occurred at a specific time.



Many of the line charts in NAM are “dual-axis,” meaning there is one metric shown on the left axis of the chart and another metric shown on the right axis of the chart.

For example, in the figure above, Total Bytes per second is shown on the left axis, and Total Packets per second is shown on the right axis.

Zoom/Pan Charts

For many charts, you can drag the beginning or end to change the time interval, as shown below.



The time interval change on the zoom/pan chart will affect the data presented in the charts in the bottom of the window. The zoom/pan time interval also affects the drill-down navigations; if the zoom/pan interval is modified, the context menu drill-downs from that dashboard will use the zoom/pan time interval.



Note

In a bar chart which you can zoom/pan, each block represents data collected during the previous interval (the time stamp displayed at the bottom of each block is the end of the time range). Therefore, you may have to drag the zoom/pan one block further than expected to get the desired data to populate in the charts in the bottom of the window.

Sort Grid

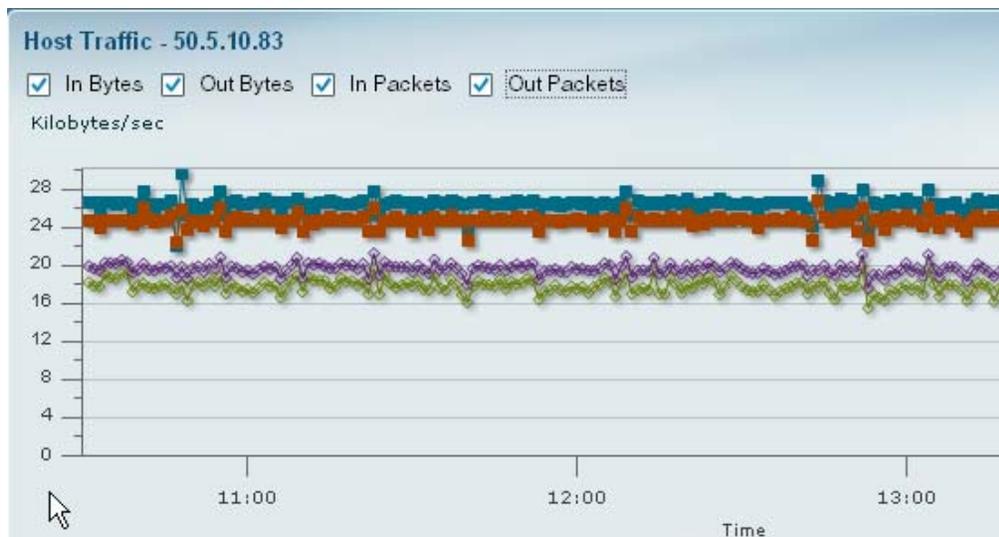
When looking at information in Grid view, you can sort the information by clicking the heading of any column. Click it again to sort in reverse order.



| Hosts | |
|------------|-------|
| 50.6.10.9 | 60772 |
| 50.6.10.10 | 57129 |
| 50.6.10.13 | 56171 |
| 50.6.10.11 | 54753 |
| 50.6.10.2 | 53411 |

Bytes / Packets

On most Analyze charts, you can use the “Bytes” and “Packets” check boxes at the top to specify which information you would like the chart to display.



Statistics

The Statistics legend gives you the minimum, maximum, and average statistics of the data. This will display the initial data retrieved for the selector.

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Name | http |
| Average | 7,823 |
| Minimum | 89 |
| Maximum | 37,817 |
| Mean (50th) | 340 |
| 1st StdDev (68th) | 599 |
| 2nd StdDev (95th) | 30,394 |

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Above the Statistics legend is a dropdown selector, which allows you to choose which of the metrics shown in the “over-time” chart you would like reflected in the Statistics legend. For example, if the line chart has Bytes or Packets in the check boxes above the line chart, the selector over the Statistics legend will show the same choices, Bytes or Packets.



Context-Sensitive Online Help

The “Help” link on the top-right corner of the NAM Traffic Analyzer interface will bring you to the Help page for that particular screen of the GUI..



In addition to the Help link on the top-right corner of each page, some pages also have a blue “i”, which provides help for that specific subject.

Understanding How the NAM Works

The Network Analysis Module (NAM) product family addresses the following major functional areas:

- Network layer Traffic Analysis. The NAM provides comprehensive traffic analysis to identify what applications are running over the network, how much network resources are consumed, and who is using these applications. The NAM offers a rich set of reports with which to view traffic by Hosts, Application or Conversations. See the discussions about Dashboards, starting with [Traffic Summary, page 3-4](#).
- Application Response Time. The NAM can provide passive measurement of TCP-based applications for any given server or client, supplying a wide variety of statistics like response time, network flight time, and transaction time.
- WAN Optimization insight. The NAM can provide insight into WAN Optimization offerings that compress and optimize WAN Traffic for pre- and post-deployment scenarios. This is applicable for Optimized and Passthru traffic.
- Voice Quality Analysis. The NAM provides application performance for real time applications like Voice and Video. The NAM can compute MOS, as well as provide RTP analysis for the media stream. See [Media, page 3-37](#).

- **Advanced Troubleshooting.** The NAM provides robust capture and decode capabilities for packet traces that can be triggered or terminated based on user-defined thresholds.
- **Open instrumentation.** The NAM is a mediation and instrumentation product offering, and hence provides a robust API that can be used by partner products as well as customers that have home grown applications. See the *Cisco NAM 5.0 API Programmer's Guide*.

The NAM delivers the above functionality by analyzing a wide variety of data sources that include:

- **Port mirroring technology like SPAN and RSPAN/ERSPAN.** The NAM can analyze Ethernet VLAN traffic from the following sources: Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, Gigabit Ethernet, trunk port, or Fast EtherChannel SPAN, RSPAN, or ERSPAN source port
- **VACL**
- **NetFlow Data Export (NDE).** The NAM can analyze NetFlow Data Export (NDE) from Managed Devices (Routers/Switches)
- **WAAS**
- **SNMP**
- **Network Tap Device.** Applies to Cisco NAM 2200 Series appliances only.

The NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0 retains the ability to use SNMP as a southbound interface for configuration and data retrieval from switches and routers. NAM 5.0 moves away from RMON and toward web services and Netflow Data Export as the northbound interface for data objects. NAM 5.0 will continue to support baseline manageability features of SNMP such as MIB-2 and IF-TABLE, and the health status and interface statistics that can be used by external products like Fault and Configuration Management offerings (for example, CiscoWorks LMS).

For more information about SPAN, RSPAN, and ERSPAN, see the "Configuring Local SPAN, RSPAN, and ERSPAN" chapter in the *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Software Configuration Guide*.

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/lan/catalyst6500/ios/12.2SX/configuration/guide/span.html>

For more general information about NDE, see this section in the *Cisco 7600 Series Cisco IOS Software Configuration Guide, 12.2SX*.

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/routers/7600/ios/12.2SXF/configuration/guide/nde.html>

Table 1-1 summarizes the traffic sources that are used for NAM monitoring.

Table 1-1 Summary of Traffic Sources for NAM Monitoring

| Traffic Source | LAN | | WAN | |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Ports | VLANs | Ports | VLANs |
| VACL capture | Yes | Yes | Yes | N/A |
| NetFlow Data Export NDE (local) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| NetFlow Data Export NDE (remote) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| SPAN | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| ERSPAN | Yes | Yes | No | No |

The next sections describe how the NAM uses the supported data sources:

- [Understanding How the NAM Uses SPAN, page 1-14](#)
- [Understanding How the NAM Uses VACLs, page 1-14](#)

- [Understanding How the NAM Uses NDE, page 1-15](#)
- [Understanding How the NAM Uses WAAS, page 1-16](#)

Understanding How the NAM Uses SPAN

A switched port analyzer (SPAN) session is an association of a destination port with a set of source ports, configured with parameters that specify the monitored network traffic. You can configure up to two SPAN sessions in a Catalyst 6500 or 7600 Routers chassis. Newer Cisco IOS images may support more than two SPAN sessions. Consult the Cisco IOS document for the number of SPAN sessions supported per switch or router.

The WS-SVC-NAM-1 platform provides a single destination port for SPAN sessions. The WS-SVC-NAM-2 platform provides two possible destination ports for SPAN and VLAN access control list (VACL) sessions. Multiple SPAN sessions to the NAM are supported, but they must be destined for different ports. The NAM destination ports for use by the SPAN graphical user interface (GUI) are named DATA PORT 1 and DATA PORT 2 by default. In the CLI, SPAN ports are named as shown in [Table 1-2](#).

Table 1-2 SPAN Port Names

| Module | Cisco IOS Software |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| WS-SVC-NAM-1 | data port |
| WS-SVC-NAM-2 | data port 1 and data port 2 |

For more information about SPAN and how to configure it on the Catalyst 6500 series switches, see the *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Software Configuration Guide*:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/lan/catalyst6500/ios/12.2SX/configuration/guide/span.html>

For more information about SPAN and how to configure it on the Cisco 7600 series router, see the *Cisco 7600 Series Cisco IOS Software Configuration Guide, 12.2SX*:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/routers/7600/ios/12.2SXF/configuration/guide/span.html>



Note

Due to potentially very high volume of ERSPAN traffic from the source, we recommend that you do not terminate the ERSPAN session on the NAM management port. Instead, you should terminate ERSPAN on the switch, and use the switch's SPAN feature to SPAN the traffic to NAM data ports.

Understanding How the NAM Uses VACLs

A VLAN access control list can forward traffic from either a WAN interface or VLANs to a data port on the NAM. A VACL provides an alternative to using SPAN; a VACL can provide access control based on Layer 3 addresses for IP and IPX protocols. The unsupported protocols are access controlled through the MAC addresses. A MAC VACL cannot be used to access control IP or IPX addresses.

There are two types of VACLs: one that captures all bridged or routed VLAN packets and another that captures a selected subset of all bridged or routed VLAN packets. Catalyst operating system VACLs can only be used to capture VLAN packets because they are initially routed or bridged into the VLAN on the switch.

A VACL can provide access control for all packets that are bridged within a VLAN or that are routed into or out of a VLAN or, with Release 12.1(13)E or later releases, a WAN interface. Unlike regular Cisco IOS standard or extended ACLs that are configured on router interfaces only and are applied on routed packets only, the VACLs apply to all packets and can be applied to any VLAN or WAN interface. The VACLs are processed in the hardware.

A VACL uses Cisco IOS access control lists (ACLs). A VACL ignores any Cisco IOS ACL fields that are not supported in the hardware. Standard and extended Cisco IOS ACLs are used to classify packets. Classified packets can be subject to a number of features, such as access control (security), encryption, and policy-based routing. Standard and extended Cisco IOS ACLs are only configured on router interfaces and applied on routed packets.

After a VACL is configured on a VLAN, all packets (routed or bridged) entering the VLAN are checked against the VACL. Packets can either enter the VLAN through a switch port or through a router port after being routed. Unlike Cisco IOS ACLs, the VACLs are not defined by direction (input or output).

A VACL contains an ordered list of access control entries (ACEs). Each ACE contains a number of fields that are matched against the contents of a packet. Each field can have an associated bit mask to indicate which bits are relevant. Each ACE is associated with an action that describes what the system should do with the packet when a match occurs. The action is feature dependent. Catalyst 6500 series switches and Cisco 7600 series routers support three types of ACEs in the hardware: IP, IPX, and MAC-Layer traffic. The VACLs that are applied to WAN interfaces support only IP traffic.

When you configure a VACL and apply it to a VLAN, all packets entering the VLAN are checked against this VACL. If you apply a VACL to the VLAN and an ACL to a routed interface in the VLAN, a packet coming into the VLAN is first checked against the VACL and, if permitted, is then checked against the input ACL before it is handled by the routed interface. When the packet is routed to another VLAN, it is first checked against the output ACL applied to the routed interface and, if permitted, the VACL configured for the destination VLAN is applied. If a VACL is configured for a packet type and a packet of that type does not match the VACL, the default action is deny.

When configuring VACLs, note the following:

- VACLs and context-based access control (CBAC) cannot be configured on the same interface.
- TCP Intercepts and Reflexive ACLs take precedence over a VACL action on the same interface.
- Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) packets are not checked against VACLs.

**Note**

You cannot set up VACL using the NAM interface.

For details on how to configure a VACL with Cisco IOS software, see the *Catalyst 6500 Release 12.2SXF and Rebuilds Software Configuration Guide*.

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/lan/catalyst6500/ios/12.2SXF/native/configuration/guide/vacl.html>

For details on how to configure a VACL on a WAN interface and on a LAN VLAN, see [VACL, page 2-17](#).

Understanding How the NAM Uses NDE

The NAM uses NetFlow as a format for the ongoing streaming of aggregated data, based on the configured set of descriptors or queries of the data attributes in NAM. NetFlow Data Export (NDE) is a remote device that allows you to monitor port traffic on the NAM; the NAM can collect NDE from local or remote switch or router for traffic analysis.

To use an NDE data source for the NAM, you must configure the remote device to export the NDE packets. The default UDP port is 3000, but you can configure it from the NAM CLI as follows:

```
root@nam2x-61.cisco.com# netflow input port ?
<port>                - input NDE port number
```

The distinguishing feature of the NetFlow v9 format, which is the basis for an IETF standard, is that it is template-based. Templates provide an extensible design to the record format, a feature that must allow future enhancements to NetFlow services without requiring concurrent changes to the basic flow-record format.

For more detailed information about NAM and NetFlow, see [NetFlow, page 2-18](#).

For more information on NetFlow, see <http://www.cisco.com/go/netflow> or the “Configuring NetFlow Data Export” chapter in the *Cisco 7600 Series Cisco IOS Software Configuration Guide, 12.2SX*.

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/routers/7600/ios/12.2SXF/configuration/guide/nde.html>

For specific information about creating and managing NDE queries, see the *Cisco Network Analysis Module 5.0 API Programmer’s Guide*.

Understanding How the NAM Uses WAAS

Cisco Wide Area Application Services (WAAS) software optimizes the performance of TCP-based applications operating in a wide area network (WAN) environment and preserves and strengthens branch security. The WAAS solution consists of a set of devices called Wide Area Application Engines (WAEs) that work together to optimize WAN traffic over your network.

When client and server applications attempt to communicate with each other, the network devices intercepts and redirects this traffic to the WAEs to act on behalf of the client application and the destination server.

WAEs provide information about packet streams traversing through both LAN and WAN interfaces of WAAS WAEs. Traffic of interest can include specific servers and types of transaction being exported. NAM processes the data exported from the WAAS and performs application response time and other metrics calculations and enters the data into reports you set up.

The WAEs examine the traffic and using built-in application policies to determine whether to optimize the traffic or allow it to pass through your network not optimized.

You can use the WAAS Central Manager GUI to centrally configure and monitor the WAEs and application policies in your network. You can also use the WAAS Central Manager GUI to create new application policies so that the WAAS system will optimize custom applications and less common applications.

For more information about WAAS data sources and managing WAAS devices, see [Understanding WAAS, page 2-29](#).

Configuration Overview

Table 1-3. “Configuration Overview” leads you through the basic configuration steps you can follow for the NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0.

These are not necessarily in the order in which you need to perform them, and many are optional features.

Table 1-3 Configuration Overview

| Action | Description | GUI Location | User Guide Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| Install the NAM | -- | -- | Platform-specific Installation and Configuration Guides (http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/sw/cscowork/ps5401/prod_installation_guides_list.html) |
| Configure the Managed Device Information | <p>Traffic will populate on the dashboards if you have configured the managed device.</p>  <p>Note This only applies to the NAM 2200 Series Appliance or an NME-NAM device.</p> | Setup > Managed Device > Device Information | See Managed Device , page 2-55. |
| Verify that traffic has started | <p>Traffic usage statistics for applications, hosts, conversations, VLANs, and DSCP are available on the Traffic Summary Dashboard.</p> <p>This will start automatically after you turn on the NAM.</p> | Home (Traffic Summary Dashboard) or Monitor > Overview > Traffic Summary | See Traffic Analysis , page 2-1. |
| Verify that Application Response Time Metrics are being gathered | <p>The NAM Traffic Analyzer software provides response time measurements and various user-experience-related metrics, which are computed by monitoring and time-stamping packets sent from the user to the server providing services.</p> <p>This will start automatically after you turn on the NAM.</p> | Analyze > Response Time. You can view response times for applications, networks, servers, and clients. | See Application Response Time Metrics , page 2-2 |

Table 1-3 Configuration Overview (continued)

| Action | Description | GUI Location | User Guide Location |
|---|--|--|---|
| Verify that Voice/RTP Stream Traffic is being gathered | <p>After the NAM Traffic Analyzer is started, Voice/RTP stream traffic will automatically start being monitored. The NAM enables you to monitor all RTP stream traffic among all SPANed traffic, without having to know the signalling traffic used in negotiating the RTP channels.</p> <p>This will start automatically after you turn on the NAM.</p> | <p>Analyze > Media > RTP Streams</p> <p>or</p> <p>Analyze > Media > Voice Call Statistics.</p> | See Voice Signaling/RTP Stream Monitoring, page 2-2 |
| Set up the System Time | You will need to set up the System Time correctly; if you do not have the time synchronized, then you will see either incorrect or no data. | Administration > System > System Time | System Time, page 5-5 |
| Configure NDE Data Export | <p>The NAM as a producer of NDE (NetFlow Data Export) packets is a new feature for NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0. The NAM's new functionality of NDE is part of its new NBI.</p> <p>The NAM sends out NDE packets only in NDE v9 format.</p> | Setup > Data Export > NetFlow | NetFlow, page 2-49 |
| Configure sites | <p>A <i>site</i> is a collection of hosts (network endpoints) partitioned into views that help you monitor traffic and troubleshoot problems.</p> <p>If you want to limit the view of your network data to a specific city, a specific building, or even a specific floor of a building, you can use the Sites function.</p> <p>We recommend that sites are configured using prefix-based subnets instead of based on data source.</p> | Setup > Network > Sites. | See Sites, page 2-58 . |
| Define Alarms and Thresholds | <p>Alarms are predefined conditions based on a rising data threshold, a falling data threshold, or both. You can choose for what types of events you want the NAM to notify you, and how you want to be notified.</p> <p>Alarms that will be used for Thresholds should be created first, then then the Thresholds created second.</p> | <p>Setup > Alarms > Actions</p> <p>and</p> <p>Setup > Alarms > Thresholds</p> | Alarm Actions, page 2-36 Thresholds, page 2-39 |

Table 1-3 Configuration Overview (continued)

| Action | Description | GUI Location | User Guide Location |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Configure Capture | Capture allows you to set up up to ten sessions for capturing, filtering, and decoding packet data, manage the data in a file control system, and display the contents of the packets. | Capture > Packet Capture/Decode | Chapter 4, “Capturing and Decoding Packet Data.” |
| Configure Scheduled Export | You can set up scheduled jobs that will generate a daily report at a specified time, in the specified interval, and then e-mail it to a specified e-mail address. | In the Interactive Report (left side of the dashboard), click the Export button. | Scheduled Exports, page 2-53 |
| Set up Northbound API | NBI (Northbound Interface), also referred to as API (Application Programming Interface), enables partners and customers to provision the NAM and extract performance data. You can write your own scripts based on the NAM Northbound API, but there is setup in the NAM GUI needed. | | For application developers who want to use the NAM APIs to provision network services and leverage data, see the <i>Cisco Network Analysis Module 5.0 API Programmer’s Guide</i> . |
| Set up TACACS+ server | TACACS+ is a Cisco Systems enhancement that provides additional support for authentication and authorization. When a user logs into the NAM Traffic Analyzer, TACACS+ determines if the username and password are valid and what the access privileges are. | Administration > Users > TACACS+ | Configuring a TACACS+ Server to Support NAM Authentication and Authorization, page 5-20 |
| Change System Preferences | You can change many preferences, such as refresh interval, Top N Entries, Data Displayed, and enabling Audit Trail, as needed. | Administration > System > Preferences | Chapter 5, “User and System Administration.” |

Configuring and Viewing Data

Some of the NAM 5.0 features require configuration of sites. A *site* is a collection of hosts, or network endpoints, partitioned into views that help you monitor traffic and troubleshoot problems (see [Sites, page 2-58](#) for more detailed information). These features include those in which the NAM provides measurements of application performance on networks where WAAS devices are deployed, and dashboards that show traffic levels between sites and alarms levels per site. All other NAM features can still be used without defining any sites (the default configuration).

If you have set up sites, you will be able to select a particular site to view in the Interactive Report and view data relevant to that site only. In some cases, you can select both a Client Site and a Server Site to view data pertaining to interaction between hosts at different sites.

Cisco WAAS NAM Virtual Service Blade

To set up the NAM Traffic Analyzer, Release 5.0 on a Cisco WAAS NAM Virtual Service Blade, you need to follow these steps:

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- Step 1** Confirm that you have completed the steps in Chapter 4, “Configuring NAM-WAAS Integration” of the *Cisco WAAS NAM Virtual Service Blade Installation and Configuration Guide*, specifically for “Configuring WAAS to Send Flow Information to NAM VSB” and “Configuring WAAS Data Source in NAM.”
 - Step 2** Configure a site for the Client network. See [Sites, page 2-58](#).
 - Step 3** Configure another site for the Server network. See [Sites, page 2-58](#).
 - Step 4** Choose **Setup > Monitoring > WAAS Servers** and click the **Add** button to add WAAS servers.
 - Step 5** Add a specific host IP address of the server that you want to monitor. If there are multiple IP addresses, you can paste them in.
 - Step 6** To verify that you have set up the WAAS-NAM properly, choose **Analyze > WAN Optimization > Application Performance Analysis** and make sure you can see data (passthrough traffic). If you have not properly configured the Client Site and the Server Site, you will not see data in the charts.
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CHAPTER 2

Setting Up The NAM Traffic Analyzer

This chapter provides information about functions that will begin automatically, and other setup tasks you will need to perform for NAM Traffic Analyzer Release 5.0.

It contains the following sections:

- [Default Functions, page 2-1](#)
- [Traffic, page 2-3](#)
- [Alarms, page 2-36](#)
- [Data Export, page 2-49](#)
- [Managed Device, page 2-55](#)
- [Network, page 2-58](#)
- [Classification, page 2-66](#)
- [Monitoring, page 2-74](#)

Follow the Installation and Configuration Guide for your specific NAM product to see information about how to install the product, configure it, log in, and get started.

Default Functions

After the NAM Traffic Analyzer is turned on, some functions will begin automatically, without any setup steps necessary. These functions are:

- [Traffic Analysis, page 2-1](#)
- [Application Response Time Metrics, page 2-2](#)
- [Voice Signaling/RTP Stream Monitoring, page 2-2](#)
- [Traffic Usage Statistics, page 2-3](#)

Traffic Analysis

Traffic usage statistics for applications, hosts, conversations, VLANs, and DSCP will begin populating on the Traffic Summary dashboard (**Monitor > Overview > Traffic Summary**).

Application Response Time Metrics

The NAM Traffic Analyzer software provides response time measurements and various user-experience-related metrics, which are computed by monitoring and time-stamping packets sent from the user to the server providing services.

These Application Response Time Metrics are available to view under the menu **Analyze > Response Time**. You can view response times for applications, networks, servers, and clients.

After the NAM Traffic Analyzer is started, these metrics will begin to populate.

Voice Signaling/RTP Stream Monitoring

After the NAM Traffic Analyzer is started, voice signaling and RTP stream traffic will automatically start being monitored. The NAM enables you to monitor all RTP stream traffic among all SPANed traffic, without having to know the signalling traffic used in negotiating the RTP channels. When RTP Stream Monitoring is enabled, the NAM:

- Identifies all RTP streams among the SPANed traffic
- Monitors the identified RTP traffic
- Sends syslog, trap, e-mail, and trigger captures for RTP streams that violate stream statistics thresholds on the following metrics:

- Number of Consecutive Packet Loss

Each RTP packet has an RTP header that contains a sequence number. The sequence number increments by one for each RTP packet received in the same RTP stream. A gap in the sequence numbers identifies a packet loss. If the gap in sequence numbers jump is more than the threshold, the NAM raises an alarm condition.

- Packet Loss percent

There are two types of percent packet loss percent: Adjusted Packet Loss and Actual Packet Loss. Actual Packet Loss indicates expected packets that never appear in the NAM. Adjusted Packet Loss includes actual packets lost and packets that arrive with large delay beyond the expected buffer capacity of the endpoint.

- Jitter: Packets delay compare to the expected receiving time
- Concealment Seconds: Seconds in which there is one or more packet lost
- Severe Concealment Seconds: Seconds in which there is more than 5% of packet lost

You can set up thresholds at **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.

You can define filter entries to narrow down to the subset of RTP streams so the NAM monitors only those RTP streams matching the filter criteria.

To verify that the voice signaling/RTP traffic has begun, choose **Analyze > Media > RTP Streams** or **Analyze > Media > Voice Call Statistics**.

Traffic Usage Statistics

The NAM Traffic Analyzer provides traffic statistics broken out by application, host, conversation, VLAN, and DSCP code point. Summary dashboards show Top N charts broken out by these attributes, as well as detailed views in tabular form. Analysis dashboards show usage over time by one particular application, host, and so forth, as well as other interesting measurements for the particular element being analyzed over a user-specified period of time.

Traffic

The NAM 5.0 Traffic Analyzer menu selections for setting up Traffic are:

- [SPAN, page 2-3](#)
- [Data Sources, page 2-9](#)
- [Hardware Deduplication, page 2-35](#)

SPAN

A switched port analyzer (SPAN) session is an association of a destination port with a set of source ports, configured with parameters that specify the monitored network traffic. See [Data Sources, page 2-9](#) for more information about data sources.

The following sections describe SPAN sessions on devices running the NAM:

- [About SPAN Sessions, page 2-3](#)
- [Creating a SPAN Session, page 2-6](#)
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About SPAN Sessions



Note

This section applies to WS-SVC-NAM-1 and WS-SVC-NAM-2 devices, the NAM 2220 and 2204 appliances, and the NME-NAM branch routers.

Depending on the IOS running on the Supervisor, port names are displayed differently. Newer versions of IOS software display a port name as Gi2/1 to represent a Gigabit port on module 2 port 1. In the VSS, a port name might be displayed as Gi1/2/1 to represent a Gigabit port on switch 1, module 2, port 1.

The NME-NAM device has two Gigabit Ethernet ports—an internal interface and an external interface. One of the two interfaces must be selected as the NAM management port for IP traffic (such as HTTP and SNMP). The NAM can monitor traffic for analysis on the internal interface, the external interface, or both simultaneously. A typical configuration is to monitor LAN and WAN traffic on the internal interface. However, the external interface can be used to monitor LAN traffic.

WS-SVC-NAM-1 devices can have only one active SPAN session. You can select a switch port or EtherChannel as the SPAN source; however, you may select only one SPAN type. WS-SVC-NAM-2 devices and switch software support *two* SPAN destination ports.

Before you can monitor data, you must direct specific traffic flowing through a switch to the NAM for monitoring purposes. Use the methods described in [Table 2-1, Methods of Directing Traffic](#).

Table 2-1 *Methods of Directing Traffic*

| Method | Usage Notes |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Switch SPAN | <p>You can direct a set of physical ports, a set of VLANs, or a set of EtherChannels to the NAM.</p> <p>Selecting an EtherChannel as a SPAN source is the same as selecting all physical ports comprising the EtherChannel as the SPAN source.</p> |
| Switch Remote SPAN (RSPAN) | <p>You can monitor packet streams from remote switches, assuming that all traffic from a remote switch arrives at the local switch on a designated RSPAN VLAN. Use the RSPAN VLAN as the SPAN source for the NAM.</p> |
| NetFlow Data Export (NDE) | <p>You can monitor NDE records directly from remote switches or routers. You must configure the NDE source to the NAM from a local switch or remote router, using the switch CLI. For received NDE traffic, a default site will be created including all interfaces from that device. See Sites, page 2-58.</p> <p>SPAN and NDE sources can be in effect simultaneously.</p> <p> Note Starting with NAM release 5.0, in addition to being a consumer of NDE records, the NAM is also a producer of NDE data packets.</p> |

[Table 2-2, SPAN Sources](#), describes the types of SPAN sources and the possible ways to configure them.

Table 2-2 *SPAN Sources*

| SPAN Source | Configured with one of the following: |
|--|---|
| Any set of physical ports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAM Traffic Analyzer (the NAM GUI) • Switch CLI • Supervisor portCopyTable (SNMP) |
| Any EtherChannel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAM Traffic Analyzer (the NAM GUI) • Switch CLI • Supervisor portCopyTable (SNMP) |
| Any set of VLANs configured on the local switch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAM Traffic Analyzer (the NAM GUI) • Switch CLI • Supervisor portCopyTable (SNMP) |

Table 2-3, [Active SPAN Sessions Dialog](#), describes the fields on the SPAN Sessions screen.

Table 2-3 Active SPAN Sessions Dialog

| Column | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| Session ID | Monitor session ID of the SPAN. Note For switches running Cisco IOS software only. |
| Type | Type of SPAN source |
| Source | Source of the SPAN session. When creating a SPAN session, you can select all ports regardless of their state. See Table 2-4, Possible SPAN States for a description of the possible SPAN states. Note For switches running Cisco IOS software only. |
| Dest. Port | Destination port of the SPAN session. |
| Direction | Direction of the SPAN traffic. |
| Status | Status of the SPAN session: Active—Traffic at the SPAN source is being copied to the SPAN destination Inactive—Traffic at the SPAN source will not be copied to the SPAN destination Unknown—A mixture of both active and inactive status |
| Create | Create a SPAN session. |
| Save | Saves the current active SPAN session in the running-configuration to the startup-configuration for switches running Cisco IOS software only. |
| Add Dest. Port 1 | Add NAM Port 1 to the selected SPAN session as a SPAN destination. This button is labeled Add Dest. Port on the WS-SVC-NAM-1.  Note Does not apply to the NAM appliances. |
| Add Dest. Port 2 | Add NAM Port 2 to the selected SPAN session as a SPAN destination. This option is not available on the WS-SVC-NAM-1.  Note Does not apply to the NAM appliances. |
| Edit | Edit the selected SPAN session. |
| Delete | Delete the selected SPAN session. |
| Refresh | Click to update the SPAN session information. |



Note

IOS supports only two SPAN sessions, but each SPAN session can have more than one destination. The **Add Dest. Port 1** and **Add Dest. Port 2** buttons enable you to make the NAM dataport an additional destination to an existing local SPAN session.

**Note**

Deleting or editing a SPAN session that has multiple SPAN destinations will affect all SPAN destinations.

Table 2-4 lists the possible SPAN states. The SPAN state displays in parenthesis in the Source - Direction column.

Table 2-4 Possible SPAN States

| State | Description |
|----------------------|---|
| Active | SPAN source is valid and traffic from the source is being copied to the SPAN destination |
| NotInService | SPAN source might be valid, but traffic that appears at the source will not be copied to the SPAN destination |
| NotReady | The SPAN source might be valid, but traffic that appears at the source will not be copied to the SPAN destination |
| CreateAndGo | The SPAN source might be valid, but the SPAN source is being added to the SPAN session |
| CreateAndWait | The SPAN source might be valid, and the SPAN source is being added to the SPAN session |
| Destroy | The SPAN source is being removed from the SPAN session. |

Creating a SPAN Session

**Note**

This section applies to WS-SVC-NAM-1 and WS-SVC-NAM-2 devices, and the NAM 2220 and 2204 appliances.

The following procedure shows you how to create a SPAN session on a switch.

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Traffic > SPAN Sessions**. The SPAN window displays as shown in Figure 2-1.

Figure 2-1 SPAN Sessions

| Monitor Session | Type | Source | Dest. Port | Direction | Status |
|-----------------|------|--------|----------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| 2 | port | Te3/1 | Te3/5 | Both | Active |
| 2 | port | Te3/1 | Gi5/1 | Both | Active |
| 2 | port | Te3/1 | Gi5/2 | Both | Active |
| 2 | port | Te3/1 | Gi6/3 | Both | Active |
| 2 | port | Te3/1 | Gi6/17 | Both | Active |
| 2 | port | Te3/1 | Gi6/25 | Both | Active |
| 2 | port | Te3/1 | Gi6/27 | Both | Active |
| 2 | port | Te3/1 | Gi6/37 (connect to Aaron's 2204) | Both | Active |
| 2 | port | Te3/1 | Gi7/7 (local) | Both | Active |
| 2 | port | Te3/1 | Gi8/3 | Both | Active |

Step 2 Click the **Create** button.

The Create SPAN Session Dialog displays (the fields are described in [Table 2-5, Create SPAN Session Dialog](#)). Switch Port is the default for the SPAN Type.

Step 3 Select the appropriate information.

Table 2-5 Create SPAN Session Dialog

| Field | Description |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Monitor Session | Monitor session of the SPAN. |
| SPAN Type | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SwitchPort • VLAN • EtherChannel • RSPAN VLAN <p>Note You can have only one RSPAN VLAN source per SPAN session.</p> |
| SPAN Destination Interface | The NAM interface to which you want to send data. |
| Switch Module List | Lists all modules on the switch other than NAMs and Switch Fabric Modules. |
| SPAN Traffic Direction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rx • Tx • Both <p>Note Not applicable to RSPAN VLAN SPAN types.</p> |
| Available Sources | SPAN sources that are available for the selected SPAN type. |
| Add | Adds the selected SPAN source. |
| Remove | Removes the selected SPAN source. |
| Remove All | Removes all the SPAN sources. |
| Selected Sources | SPAN sources selected. |
| Refresh | Causes the NAM to update the switch configuration information with current configuration. |
| Submit | Creates the SPAN configuration; saves the configuration. |

Step 4 To create the SPAN session, click **Submit**. The Active Sessions window displays.

Step 5 To save the current active SPAN session in the running-configuration to the startup-configuration for switches running Cisco IOS software only, click **Save** in the active SPAN session window.



Note For switches running Cisco IOS software, *all* pending running-configuration changes will be saved to the startup-configuration.

Step 6 To verify the SPAN session was created and to view the data, go to the Top N charts on the Traffic Analysis dashboard (**Monitor > Overview > Traffic Summary**).

Editing a SPAN Session

You can only edit SPAN sessions that have been directed to the NAM.


Note

This section applies to WS-SVC-NAM-1 and WS-SVC-NAM-2 devices, and the NAM 2220 and 2204 appliances.


Note

Editing an existing SPAN session that has multiple SPAN destinations will affect all destinations.

To edit a SPAN session:

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Traffic > SPAN Sessions**.
The Active SPAN Sessions dialog box displays.
- Step 2** Select the SPAN session to edit, then click **Edit**.
The Edit SPAN Session Dialog Box displays. The fields are described in [Table 2-6, Edit SPAN Session Dialog Box](#).
- Step 3** Make the appropriate changes.

Table 2-6 *Edit SPAN Session Dialog Box*

| Field | Description |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Monitor Session | Monitor session of the SPAN. |
| SPAN Type | Type of SPAN session. |
| SPAN Destination interface | The NAM interface to which you want to send data. |
| Switch Module List | Lists all modules on the switch other than NAMs and Switch Fabric Modules. |
| SPAN Traffic Direction | Direction of the SPAN traffic. |
| Available Sources | SPAN sources available for the selected SPAN type. |
| Add | Adds the selected SPAN source |
| Remove | Removes the selected SPAN source. |
| Remove All | Removes all the SPAN sources. |
| Selected Sources | SPAN sources selected. |
| Refresh | Causes the NAM to update the switch configuration information with current configuration. |
| Submit | Saves changes. |
| Reset | Clears all changes since previous Submit. |

Deleting a SPAN Session



Note This section does not apply to NME-NAM devices.



Note Deleting a SPAN session that has multiple SPAN destinations will affect all destinations.

To delete a SPAN session, select it from the Active SPAN Session dialog box, then click **Delete**.

Data Sources

Data sources are the source of traffic for the NAM Traffic Analyzer. Some examples are: physical data ports of the NAM where you get SPAN data, a specific router or switch that sends NetFlow to the NAM, or a WAAS device segment that sends data to NAM or ERSPAN and which goes to NAM's management port.

A new feature in NAM 5.0 is the “auto discovery” of data sources, in which you can click the **Auto Create** button to tell the NAM to automatically discover the data sources. You will be able to see details such as the IP addresses of devices sending packets to the NAM and the time that the last NDE packet was received (in NAM 4.x, this was called “Listening Mode”).



Note If you have configured sites (see [Sites, page 2-58](#)), you can assign data sources to that particular site. If you do this, and you also configure data sources, the two could overlap since sites can also be a primary “view” into data sources. If there is a mismatch between the two, you will not see any data.



Note We recommend that you configure a site using subnets instead of selecting a data source. See [Specifying a Site Using Subnets, page 2-59](#).

The following sections contain specific information about the types of data sources:

- [SPAN, page 2-10](#)
- [ERSPAN, page 2-10](#)
- [VACL, page 2-17](#)
- [NetFlow, page 2-18](#)
- [WAAS, page 2-29](#)

The NAM Data Sources page (**Setup > Traffic > Data Sources**) lists the data sources configured for that NAM Traffic Analyzer.

The fields are explained in [Table 2-7, NAM Data Sources](#).

Table 2-7 NAM Data Sources

| Field | Description |
|----------------------------|--|
| Device | DATA PORT if it is a local physical port, or the IP address of the learned device. |
| Type | The source of traffic for the NAM. DATA PORT if it is a local physical port. WAAS, ERSPAN, or NETFLOW if a data stream exported from the router or switch or WAE device. |
| Activity | Shows the most recent activity. |
| Status | ACTIVE or INACTIVE. |
| Data Source | The Name given to the data source. |
| Data Source Details | “Physical Port”, or information about the data source being Enabled or Disabled. |

SPAN

A switched port analyzer (SPAN) session is an association of a destination port with a set of source ports, configured with parameters that specify the monitored network traffic. You can configure up to two SPAN sessions in a Catalyst 6500 or 7600 Routers chassis.

For information about SPAN sessions, see [SPAN, page 2-3](#).

ERSPAN

This section describes how to configure Encapsulated Remote Switched Port Analyzer (ERSPAN) of the Catalyst 6500 switch or Cisco 7600 series router as a NAM data source. You configure ERSPAN as a NAM data source from the Catalyst 6500 switch or Cisco 7600 series router command line interface, not the NAM GUI.

As an ERSPAN consumer, the NAM can receive ERSPAN packets on its management port from devices such as Cisco routers and switches. Those packets are analyzed as if that traffic had appeared on one of the NAM data ports. The NAM supports ERSPAN versions 1 and 3. Incoming ERSPAN data is parsed by the NAM, stored in its internal database, and presented in the GUI in the same way as traffic from other data sources.

For the NAM to receive ERSPAN from an external switch or router, that device must be configured to send ERSPAN packets to the NAM’s IP address.

See the following sections about using ERSPAN as a data source:

- [Enabling Auto-Creation of ERSPAN Data Sources Using the Web GUI, page 2-11](#)
- [Enabling Auto-Creation of ERSPAN Data Sources Using the CLI, page 2-11](#)
- [Disabling Auto-Creation of ERSPAN Data Sources Using the Web GUI, page 2-12](#)
- [Disabling Auto-Creation of ERSPAN Data Sources Using the CLI, page 2-12](#)
- [Creating ERSPAN Data Sources Using the Web GUI, page 2-12](#)
- [Creating ERSPAN Data Sources Using the CLI, page 2-12](#)

- [Deleting ERSPAN Data Sources Using the Web GUI, page 2-14](#)
- [Deleting ERSPAN Data Sources Using the CLI, page 2-15](#)
- [Configuring ERSPAN on Devices, page 2-16](#)

Enabling Auto-Creation of ERSPAN Data Sources Using the Web GUI

There is a convenient “auto-create” feature for data sources, which is enabled by default. With the auto-create feature, a new data source will automatically be created for each device that sends ERSPAN traffic to the NAM, after the first packet is received. Manual creation of ERSPAN data sources using the NAM GUI or the CLI is typically not necessary. When manually creating a data source, you may specify any name you want for the data source. A data source entry must exist on the NAM in order for it to accept ERSPAN packets from an external device.

Auto-created ERSPAN data sources will be assigned a name in the format *ERSPAN-<IP Address>-<ID>-<Integer>*, where *IP Address* is the IP address of the sending device, and *Integer* is the Session-ID of the ERSPAN session on that device. For example, device 192.168.0.1 sending ERSPAN packets with the Session ID field set to 12 would be named “ERSPAN-192.168.0.1-ID-12.” You can edit these auto-created data sources and change the name if desired.

One device can be configured to send multiple separate ERSPAN sessions to the same NAM. Each session will have a unique Session ID. The NAM can either group all sessions from the same device into one data source, or have a different data source for each Session ID. When data sources are auto-created, they will be associated with one particular Session ID. When manually created, you can instruct the NAM to group all traffic from the same device into one data source. If you check the Session check box, and enter a Session ID in the Value field, the data source will only apply to that specific session. If you leave the check box unchecked, all ERSPAN traffic from the device will be grouped together into this data source, regardless of Session ID.

To configure the NAM to automatically create data sources when it receives ERSPAN packets from an external device, use the following steps. Remember however, that the auto-create feature is turned on by default, so these steps are typically not necessary.

-
- | | |
|---------------|---|
| Step 1 | Click Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources . |
| Step 2 | Click the Auto Create button on the bottom left of the window. |
| Step 3 | Check the ERSPAN check box to toggle auto-creation of ERSPAN data sources to “on”. |
| Step 4 | Click the Submit button. |
-

Enabling Auto-Creation of ERSPAN Data Sources Using the CLI

Configuration of the auto-create feature is also possible using the NAM CLI. Because the auto-create feature is turned on by default, in most cases these steps are not necessary.

To configure the NAM to automatically create data sources when it receives ERSPAN packets from an external device, use the "autocreate-data-source" command as follows:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# autocreate-data-source erspan
ERSPAN data source autocreate successfully ENABLED
```

The NAM will now automatically create a ERSPAN data source for each device that sends ERSPAN packets to it. The data source will have the specific Session ID that is populated by the device in the ERSPAN packets sent to the NAM. If the same device happens to send ERSPAN packets to the NAM with different Session ID values, a separate data source will be created for each unique Session ID sent from the device.

Disabling Auto-Creation of ERSPAN Data Sources Using the Web GUI

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- Step 1** Click **Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources**.
 - Step 2** Click the **Auto Create** button on the bottom left of the window.
 - Step 3** Uncheck the **ERSPAN** check box to toggle auto-creation of ERSPAN data sources to “off”.
 - Step 4** Click the **Submit** button.
-

Disabling Auto-Creation of ERSPAN Data Sources Using the CLI

To disable auto-creation of ERSPAN data sources, use the **no autocreate-data-source** command as follows:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# no autocreate-data-source erspan
ERSPAN data source autocreate successfully DISABLED
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

Creating ERSPAN Data Sources Using the Web GUI

To manually configure a ERSPAN data source on the NAM using the GUI, for example if the auto-creation feature is turned off, use the following steps:

-
- Step 1** Click **Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources**.
 - Step 2** Click the **Create** button along the bottom of the window.
 - Step 3** In the Type drop-down list, select “ERSPAN”.
 - Step 4** Enter the IP address of the device that will export ERSPAN to the NAM.
 - Step 5** Give the Data Source a name. This name will appear anywhere there is a Data Source drop-down list.
 - Step 6** (Optional) Check the **Session** check box and enter an Session ID into the Value field if the data source should only apply to that specific session. If you leave the check box unchecked, all ERSPAN traffic from the device will be grouped together into this data source, regardless of Session ID.

Devices can be configured with multiple ERSPAN Sessions. The packets exported may have the same source IP address, but the Session ID exported will be a different for each session. If you want to include only one Session in the data source, you must check the “Session” box and provide the value of that Session ID.

- Step 7** Click the **Submit** button.
-

Creating ERSPAN Data Sources Using the CLI

To manually configure a ERSPAN data source on the NAM using the CLI (for example if the auto-creation feature is turned off), use the following steps. Note that when using the CLI, there are two separate phases involved: First, you must create a “device” entry on the NAM and remember the device ID, and then you must create a data source entry using this device ID. In the NAM GUI, these two phases for creating ERSPAN data sources are combined together.

Step 1 Enter the command **device erspan**. You will now be in erspan device subcommand mode as shown here:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# device erspan

Entering into subcommand mode for this command.
Type 'exit' to apply changes and come out of this mode.
Type 'cancel' to discard changes and come out of this mode.

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-erspan)#
```

Step 2 Enter **?** to see all the command options available, as in the example below:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-netflow)# ?
?
- display help
address
- device IP address (*)
cancel
- discard changes and exit from subcommand mode
exit
- create device and exit from sub-command mode
help
- display help
show
- show current config that will be applied on exit

(*) - denotes a mandatory field for this configuration.
```

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-netflow)#
```

Step 3 Enter the IP address of the device as shown in this example (required):

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-erspan)# address 192.168.0.1
```

Step 4 Type **show** to look at the device configuration that will be applied and verify that it is correct:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-erspan)# show

DEVICE TYPE          : ERSPAN (Encapsulated Remote SPAN)
DEVICE ADDRESS       : 192.168.0.1
```

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-erspan)#
```

Step 5 Type **exit** to come out of the subcommand mode and create the device. Remember the ID value that was assigned to the new device (you will need it to create the data source).

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-erspan)# exit
Device created successfully, ID = 1
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

Step 6 Enter the command **data-source erspan**. You will now be in erspan data source subcommand mode as shown here:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# data-source erspan

Entering into subcommand mode for this command.
Type 'exit' to apply changes and come out of this mode.
Type 'cancel' to discard changes and come out of this mode.

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-erspan)#
```

Step 7 Enter **?** to see all the command options available, as in the example below:

```

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-erspan)# ?
?                               - display help
cancel                           - discard changes and exit from subcommand mode
device-id                         - netflow device ID (*)
exit                             - create data-source and exit from sub-command mode
help                             - display help
name                             - data-source name (*)
session-id                       - erspan Session ID
show                             - show current config that will be applied on exit

(*) - denotes a mandatory field for this configuration.

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-erspan)#

```

Step 8 Enter the device ID from Step 4.

```

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-erspan)# device-id 1

```

Step 9 Enter the name you would like for the data source (required):

```

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-erspan)# name MyFirstErspanDataSource

```

Step 10 If desired, supply the specific Session ID for this ERSPAN data source (optional):

```

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-erspan)# session-id 123

```

Step 11 Type **show** to look at the data source configuration that will be applied and verify that it is correct:

```

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-netflow)# show

DATA SOURCE NAME : MyFirstErspanDataSource
DATA SOURCE TYPE : ERSPAN (Encapsulated Remote SPAN)
DEVICE ID       : 1
DEVICE ADDRESS  : 192.168.0.1
SESSION ID     : 123

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-erspan)#

```

Step 12 Type **exit** to come out of the subcommand mode and create the data source:

```

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-erspan)# exit
Data source created successfully, ID = 3

```

The data source is now created, and ERSPAN records from the device will be received and accepted by the NAM as they arrive.

Deleting ERSPAN Data Sources Using the Web GUI

To delete an existing ERSPAN data source, use the following steps. Note that if the auto-creation feature is turned on, and the device continues to send ERSPAN packets to the NAM, the data source will be recreated again automatically as soon as the next ERSPAN packet arrives. Therefore, if you wish to delete an existing ERSPAN data source, it is usually advisable to first turn the ERSPAN auto-create feature off, as described earlier.

Step 1 Click **Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources**

Step 2 Click on the data source you would like to delete to highlight it.

Step 3 Click the **Delete** button along the bottom of the window.

Deleting ERSPAN Data Sources Using the CLI

To delete a ERSPAN data source using the CLI, use the following steps. Note that when using the CLI, there are generally two separate phases involved. First you should delete the data source, then delete the device if you have no other data sources using the same device (for example with a different Engine ID value). As a shortcut, if you simply delete the device, then all data sources using that device will also be deleted.

Step 1 Show all data sources so you can find the ID of the one you want to delete:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# show data-source

DATA SOURCE ID      : 1
DATA SOURCE NAME    : DATA PORT 1
TYPE                : Data Port
PORT NUMBER         : 1
-----

DATA SOURCE ID      : 2
DATA SOURCE NAME    : DATA PORT 2
TYPE                : Data Port
PORT NUMBER         : 2
-----

DATA SOURCE ID      : 3
DATA SOURCE NAME    : MyFirstErspanDataSource
TYPE                : ERSPAN (Encapsulated Remote SPAN)
DEVICE ID           : 2
DEVICE ADDRESS      : 192.168.0.1
ENGINE ID           : 123
-----

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

Step 2 Use the **no data-source** command to delete the data source:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# no data-source 3
Successfully deleted data source 3
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

Step 3 Show all devices so you can find the ID of the one you want to delete:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# show device

DEVICE ID           : 1
DEVICE TYPE         : ERSPAN (Encapsulated Remote SPAN)
IP ADDRESS          : 192.168.0.1
INFORMATION         : No packets received
STATUS              : Inactive
-----

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

Step 4 Use the **no device** command to delete the device:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# no device 1
Successfully deleted device 1
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

Note that if the auto-creation mode is on, and the device continues to send ERSPAN packets to the NAM, the data source (and device entry) will be recreated again automatically as soon as the next ERSPAN packet arrives. Therefore, if you wish to delete an existing ERSPAN data source, it is usually advisable to first turn the ERSPAN auto-create feature off, as described earlier.

Configuring ERSPAN on Devices

There are two ways to configure ERSPAN so that the NAM receives the data:

- [Sending ERSPAN Data to Layer 3 Interface, page 2-16](#)
- [Sending ERSPAN Data Directly to the NAM Management Interface, page 2-17](#)

Sending ERSPAN Data to Layer 3 Interface

To send the data to a layer 3 interface on the Switch housing the NAM, configure the ERSPAN source session. The ERSPAN destination session then sends the traffic to a NAM data-port. After performing this configuration, you can select the DATA PORT X data source to analyze the ERSPAN traffic.



Note

This method causes the ERSPAN traffic to arrive on one of the NAM data ports, which is the most efficient method and will not have any adverse effect on the NAM's IP connectivity. Therefore, we recommend this method.

Sample Configuration of ERSPAN Source

```
monitor session 1 type erspan-source
  no shut
  source interface Fa 3/47
  destination
    erspan-id N
    ip address aa.bb.cc.dd
    origin ip address ee.ff.gg.hh
```

Where:

- *erspan-id N* is the ERSPAN ID
- *aa.bb.cc.dd* is the IP address of the destination switch (loopback address or any routable IP address)
- *ee.ff.gg.hh* is the source IP address of the ERSPAN traffic

Sample Configuration of ERSPAN Destination

```
monitor session 1 type erspan-destination
  no shut
  destination analysis-module 2 data-port 2
  source
    erspan-id N
    ip address aa.bb.cc.dd
```

Where:

- *erspan-id N* matches the ERSPAN ID at the source switch

- *aa.bb.cc.dd* is the IP address defined at the destination

You can now connect to the NAM to monitor and capture traffic of the Data Port 2 data source.

Sending ERSPAN Data Directly to the NAM Management Interface

To send the data directly to the NAM management IP address (management-port), configure the ERSPAN source session. No ERSPAN destination session configuration is required. After performing this configuration on the Catalyst 6500 switch or Cisco 7600 series router, when ERSPAN packets are sent to the NAM, it will automatically create a data source for that packet stream. If the auto-create feature is not enabled, you will have to manually create the data source for this ERSPAN stream of traffic (see [Creating ERSPAN Data Sources Using the Web GUI, page 2-12](#)).



Note

This method causes the ERSPAN traffic to arrive on the NAM management port. If the traffic level is high, this could have negative impact on the NAM's performance and IP connectivity.

Sample Configuration

```
monitor session 1 type erspan-source
no shut
source interface Fa3/47
  destination
    erspan-id Y
    ip address aa.bb.cc.dd
  origin ip address ee.ff.gg.hh
```

Where:

- Interface *fa3/47* is a local interface on the erspan-source switch to be monitored
- *Y* is any valid span session number
- *aa.bb.cc.dd* is the management IP address of the NAM
- *ee.ff.gg.hh* is the source IP address of the ERSPAN traffic

VACL

A VLAN access control (VACL) list can forward traffic from either a WAN interface or VLANs to a data port on the NAM. A VACL provides an alternative to using SPAN; a VACL can provide access control based on Layer 3 addresses for IP and IPX protocols. The unsupported protocols are access controlled through the MAC addresses. A MAC VACL cannot be used to access control IP or IPX addresses.

Configuring VACL on a WAN Interface

Because WAN interfaces do not support the SPAN function, you must use the switch CLI to manually configure a VACL in order to monitor WAN traffic with the NAM. This feature only works for IP traffic over the WAN interface.

VACL can also be used if there is no available SPAN session to direct traffic to the NAM. In this case, a VACL can be set up in place of a SPAN for monitoring VLAN traffic.

The following example shows how to configure a VACL on an ATM WAN interface and forward both ingress and egress traffic to the NAM. These commands are for switches running Cisco IOS version 12.1(13)E1 or higher. For more information on using these features, see your accompanying switch documentation.

```
Cat6509#config terminal
Cat6509(config)# access-list 100 permit ip any any
```

```

Cat6509(config)# vlan access-map wan 100
Cat6509(config-access-map)# match ip address 100
Cat6509(config-access-map)# action forward capture
Cat6509(config-access-map)# exit
Cat6509(config)# vlan filter wan interface AM6/0/0.1
Cat6509(config)# analysis module 3 data-port 1 capture allowed-vlan 1-4094
Cat6509(config)# analysis module 3 data-port 1 capture
Cat6509(config)# exit

```

To monitor egress traffic only, get the VLAN ID that is associated with the WAN interface by using the following command:

```

Cat6509#show cwan vlan
Hidden      VLAN      swidb->i_number  Interface
1017        94

```

Once you have the VLAN ID, configure the NAM data port using the following command:

```

Cat6509(config)# analysis module 3 data-port 1 capture allowed-vlan 1017

```

To monitor ingress traffic only, replace the VLAN number in the capture configuration with the native VLAN ID that carries the ingress traffic. For example, if VLAN 1 carries the ingress traffic, you would use the following command:

```

Cat6509(config)# analysis module 3 data-port 1 capture allowed-vlan 1

```

Configuring VACL on a LAN VLAN

For VLAN Traffic monitoring on a LAN, traffic can be sent to the NAM by using the SPAN feature of the switch. However, in some instances when the traffic being spanned exceeds the monitoring capability of the NAM, you might want to pre-filter the LAN traffic before it is forwarded. This can be done by using VACL.

The following example shows how to configure VACL for LAN VLAN interfaces. In this example, all traffic directed to the server 172.20.122.226 on VLAN 1 is captured and forwarded to the NAM located in slot 3.

```

Cat6509#config terminal
Cat6509#(config)#access-list 100 permit ip any any
Cat6509#(config)#access-list 110 permit ip any host 172.20.122.226
Cat6509#(config)#vlan access-map lan 100
Cat6509#(config-access-map)#match ip address 110
Cat6509#(config-access-map)#action forward capture
Cat6509#(config-access-map)#exit
Cat6509#(config)#vlan access-map lan 200
Cat6509#(config-access-map)#match ip address 100
Cat6509#(config-access-map)#action forward
Cat6509#(config-access-map)#exit
Cat6509#(config)#vlan filter lan vlan-list 1
Cat6509#(config)#analysis module 3 data-port 1 capture allowed-vlan 1
Cat6509#(config)#analysis module 3 data-port 1 capture
Cat6509#(config)#exit

```

NetFlow

The NAM can function as a NetFlow consumer, or a NetFlow producer (new in NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0), or both. For information about NAM as an NDE producer, see [Configuring NetFlow Data Export, page 2-51](#).

As a consumer, the NAM can receive NetFlow packets on its management port from devices such as Cisco routers and switches. Those records are stored in its collection database as if that traffic had appeared on one of the NAM data ports. The NAM understands NetFlow v1, v5, v6, v7, v8, and v9. Incoming NetFlow data is parsed by the NAM, stored in its internal database, and presented in the GUI in the same way as traffic from other data sources.

For the NAM to receive NetFlow packets from an external switch or router, that device must be configured by export flow records to the NAM's IP address and the correct UDP port number. The default port number on which the NAM listens for NetFlow packets is port 3000. This can be modified using the NAM CLI, but the important point is that the same port must be configured on the NAM and the exporting device(s). Depending on the external device, you may need to enable the NetFlow feature on a per-interface basis.

See the following sections about NetFlow as a data source:

- [Understanding NetFlow Interfaces, page 2-19](#)
- [Understanding NetFlow Flow Records, page 2-19](#)
- [Managing NetFlow Data Sources, page 2-20](#)
- [Configuring NetFlow on Devices, page 2-20](#)

Understanding NetFlow Interfaces

To use a device as an NDE data source for the NAM, you must configure the device itself to export NDE packets to UDP port 3000 on the NAM. You might need to configure the device itself on a per-interface basis. An NDE device is identified by its IP address. In NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0, the default UDP port of 3000 can be changed with a NAM CLI command (see [Configuring NetFlow on Devices, page 2-20](#)).

You can define additional NDE devices by specifying the IP addresses and (optionally) the community strings. Community strings are used to upload convenient text strings for interfaces on the managed devices that are monitored in NetFlow records.

Remote NDE devices may export information pertaining to any or all of their individual interfaces. The NAM keeps track of the interface associated with any flow information received from the device. On the NDE Interface Analysis page (**Analyze > Traffic > NDE Interface**), you can view information for any selected interface on the device. This page will display the interface utilization or throughput over time, as well as show the top Applications, Hosts, and DSCP groups in both the input and output directions for the interface.

Understanding NetFlow Flow Records

An NDE packet contains multiple flow records. Each flow record has two fields:

- Input SNMP ifIndex
- Output SNMP ifIndex



Note

This information might not be available because of NDE feature incompatibility with your Cisco IOS version, or because of an NDE flow-mask configuration.

In most cases, turning on NetFlow on an interface populates the NetFlow cache in the device with flows that are in the *input* direction of the interface. As a result, the input SNMP ifIndex field in the flow record has the ifIndex of the interface on which NetFlow was turned on. [Sample NetFlow Network, Figure 2-2](#), shows a sample network configuration with a NetFlow router.

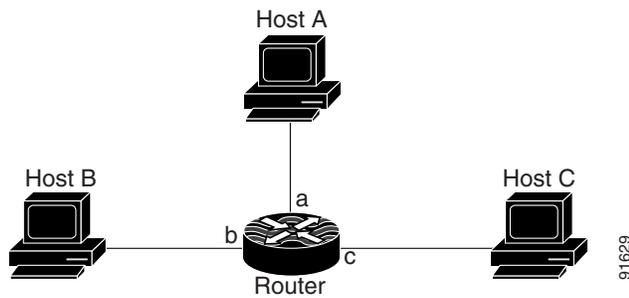
Figure 2-2 Sample NetFlow Network

Table 2-8, [Reporting Flow Records](#) lists the reported flows if NetFlow is enabled on interface a.

Table 2-8 Reporting Flow Records

| Input Interface | Output Interface | Are Flows Reported? |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| a | b | Yes |
| a | c | Yes |
| b | c | No |
| b | a | No |
| c | a | No |
| c | b | No |

Managing NetFlow Data Sources

A data source entry must exist on the NAM in order for it to accept NetFlow records from an external device. Data source entries may be created manually using the NAM web GUI or the CLI. When manually creating a data source, you may specify any name you want for the data source.

For convenience however, manual creation of NetFlow data sources is not necessary. There is an “auto-create” feature which is enabled by default. With the auto-create feature, a new data source will automatically be created for each device which sends NDE traffic to the NAM when the first packet is received.

Auto-created NetFlow data sources will be assigned a name in the format *NDE-<IP Address>-ID-<Integer>*, where *<IP Address>* is the IP address of the exporting device, and *<Integer>* is the Engine-ID that the device populates in the packets (part of the NetFlow Data Export standard). An example might be “NDE-192.168.0.1-ID-12” for device 192.168.0.1 sending NDE packets with the Engine ID field set to 12. You can edit these auto-created data sources and change the name if you want to, as well as optionally specifying SNMP credentials for the device, as described later in this document.

Configuring NetFlow on Devices

The configuration commands for NetFlow devices to export NDE packets to the NAM are platform and device specific. The example configuration commands provided here are the ones most commonly found for devices running Cisco IOS. For more detailed information, see your device documentation.

For Devices Running Cisco IOS

Step 1 Select the interface on which you wish to turn on routed flow cache.

```
Prompt# configure terminal  
Prompt(config)# interface <type slot/port>  
  
Prompt(config-if)# ip route-cache flow
```

Step 2 Export routed flow cache entries to UDP port 3000 of the NAM.

```
Prompt(config)# ip flow-export destination <NAM IP address> 3000
```



Note Newer Cisco IOS images support Flexible NetFlow. This feature allows you to configure a router or switch to export certain fields of network traffic flow to the NAM. From the NAM's perspective, it is not practical to have incomplete flow information, such as flow records with no packet count but byte count. Another exactly is flow records without a source address but with a destination address. These incomplete flow records make the presentation in the NAM GUI confusing. Cisco highly recommends that you export full flow (for example, NDEv5 format) information to the NAM.

For Devices Supporting Multi-Layer Switching Cache Running Cisco IOS

Step 1 Select the version of NDE.

```
Prompt(config)# mls nde sender version <version-number>
```



Note The NAM supports NDE versions 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 aggregation caches.

Step 2 Select NDE flow mask.

```
Prompt(config)# mls flow ip full
```

Step 3 Enable NetFlow export.

```
Prompt(config)# mls nde sender
```

Step 4 Export NetFlow to UDP port 3000 of the NAM.

```
Prompt(config)# ip flow-export destination <NAM IP address> 3000
```

For Devices Supporting NDE v8 Aggregations Running Cisco IOS

Step 1 Select a v8 aggregation.

```
Prompt(config)# ip flow-aggregation cache <aggregation-type>
```

Where *aggregation-type* can be:

- destination-prefix
- source-prefix

- protocol-port
- prefix

Step 2 Enable the aggregation cache.

```
Prompt(config-flow-cache)# enable
```

Step 3 Export the flow entries in the aggregation cache to NAM UDP port 3000.

```
Prompt(config-flow-cache)#export destination <NAM address> 3000
```

For Devices That Support NDE Export From Bridged-Flows Statistics

Step 1 Enable bridged-flows statistics on the VLANs.

```
Prompt>(enable) set mls bridged-flow-statistics enable <vlan-list>
```

Step 2 Export the NDE packets to UPD port 3000 of the NAM

```
Prompt>(enable) set mls nde <NAM address> 3000
```

For NAMs Located in a Device Slot

If the NAM is located in one of the device slots, the device can be set up to export NDE packets to the NAM.

Step 1 Select the version of NDE.

```
Prompt>(enable) set mls nde version <nde-version-number>
```

Step 2 Select NDE flow mask to be full.

```
Prompt>(enable) sel mls nde full
```

Step 3 Enable NDE export.

```
Prompt>(enable) set mls nde enable
```

Step 4 Export the NDE packets to the NAM.

```
Prompt>(enable) set snmp extendedrmon netflow enable <NAM-slot>
```

Enabling Auto-Creation of NetFlow Data Sources Using the Web GUI

To configure the NAM to automatically create data sources when it receives NDE packets from an external device, use the following steps. Remember however, that the auto-create feature is turned on by default, so these steps are typically not necessary.

Step 1 Click **Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources**.

Step 2 Click the **Auto Create** button on the bottom left of the window.

Step 3 Check the **Netflow** check box to toggle auto-creation of NDE data sources on.

- Step 4** Click the **Submit** button.
-

Enabling Auto-Creation of NetFlow Data Sources Using the CLI

Configuration of the auto-create feature is also possible using the NAM CLI. Remember that the auto-create feature is turned ON by default, so in most cases these steps are not necessary.

To configure the NAM to automatically create data sources when it receives NDE packets from an external device, use the following steps:

Use the **autocreate-data-source** command as follows:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# autocreate-data-source netflow
NDE data source autocreate successfully ENABLED
```

The NAM will now automatically create a NetFlow data source for each device that sends NetFlow packets to it. The data source will have the specific Engine ID that is populated by the device in the NDE packets sent to the NAM. If the same device happens to send NDE packets to the NAM with different Engine ID values, a separate data source will be created for each unique Engine ID sent from the device.

Disabling Auto-Creation of NetFlow Data Sources Using the Web GUI

- Step 1** Click **Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources**.
- Step 2** Click the **Auto Create** button on the bottom left of the window.
- Step 3** Uncheck the **Netflow** check box to toggle auto-creation of NDE data sources off.
- Step 4** Click the **Submit** button.
-

Disabling Auto-Creation of NetFlow Data Sources Using the CLI

To disable auto-creation of NetFlow data sources, use the **no autocreate-data-source** command as follows:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# no autocreate-data-source netflow
NDE data source autocreate successfully DISABLED
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

Creating NetFlow Data Sources Using the Web GUI

To manually configure a NetFlow data source on the NAM using the GUI, for example if the auto-creation feature is turned OFF, use the following steps:

- Step 1** Click **Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources**.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button along the bottom of the window.
- Step 3** In the Type drop-down list, select “NetFlow.”
- Step 4** Enter the IP address of the device that will export NDE to the NAM (required).
- Step 5** Give the Data Source a name. This name will appear anywhere there's a Data Source drop-down list.

- Step 6** (Optional) If you know the specific value of the Engine ID on the device you would like to monitor, check the “Engine” check box, and enter the value of the Engine ID. If the “Engine” check box is left unchecked, then all NDE records exported by the device will be grouped into the same data source, regardless of the Engine ID populated in the NDE packets (in most cases the Engine check box can be left blank and you don't have to worry about the Engine ID value).
- Some devices have multiple Engines which independently export NDE records. For example, on some Cisco routers, NDE records can be exported by the Supervisor module as well as individual line cards. The packets exported may have the same source IP address, but the Engine ID exported by the Supervisor will be a different value than the Engine ID(s) exported by the line card(s). If you want to include only one Engine in the data source, you must check the “Engine” box and provide the value of that Engine ID.
- Step 7** (Optional) SNMP v1/v2c RO Community String: If SNMP v1 or v2c will be used to communicate with the device, enter the community string that is configured on the device that is going to export NetFlow packets to the NAM.
- Step 8** (Optional) “Enable SNMP v3”: If SNMP v3 will be used to communicate with the device, fill in the fields within the v3-specific dialog.
- Step 9** (Optional) If desired, fill in the SNMP credentials for the device. If valid SNMP credentials are provided, the NAM can upload readable text strings from the device to describe the interfaces on that device rather than just displaying the interfaces as numbers. You may specify either SNMPv2c or SNMPv3 credentials. See [Table 2-9, SNMP Credentials](#).

Table 2-9 *SNMP Credentials*

| Field | Description |
|------------------------|--|
| Mode: No Auth, No Priv | SNMP will be used in a mode with no authentication and no privacy. |
| Mode: Auth, No Priv | SNMP will be used in a mode with authentication, but no privacy. |
| Mode: Auth and Priv | SNMP will be used in a mode with both authentication and privacy. |
| User Name | Enter a username, which will match the username configured on the device. |
| Auth Password | Enter the authentication password associated with the username that was configured on the device. Verify the password. |
| Auth Algorithm | Choose the authentication standard which is configured on the device (MD5 or SHA-1). |
| Privacy Password | Enter the privacy password, which is configured on the device. Verify the password. |
| Privacy Algorithm | Enter the privacy algorithm, which is configured on the device (AES or DES). |

- Step 10** Click the **Submit** button.

Creating NetFlow Data Sources Using the CLI

To manually configure a NetFlow data source on the NAM using the CLI, for example if the auto-creation feature is turned off, use the following steps. Note that when using the CLI, there are two separate phases involved. First you must create a “device” entry on the NAM and remember the device ID. Then you must create a data source entry using this device ID. For convenience, these two phases are combined together when using the GUI to create NetFlow data sources.

- Step 1** Enter the command **device netflow**. You will now be in netflow device subcommand mode as shown here:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# device netflow

Entering into subcommand mode for this command.
Type 'exit' to apply changes and come out of this mode.
Type 'cancel' to discard changes and come out of this mode.

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-netflow)#
```

- Step 2** Enter **?** to see all the command options available, as in the example below:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-netflow)# ?
?                - display help
address          - device IP address (*)
cancel           - discard changes and exit from subcommand mode
community       - SNMPv2c community string
exit            - create device and exit from sub-command mode
help            - display help
show            - show current config that will be applied on exit
snmp-version    - SNMP version to use to communicate with device
v3-auth-passphrase - SNMPv3 authentication passphrase
v3-auth-protocol - SNMPv3 authentication protocol
v3-priv-passphrase - SNMPv3 privacy passphrase
v3-priv-protocol - SNMPv3 privacy protocol
v3-sec-level    - SNMPv3 security level
v3-username     - SNMPv3 username

(*) - denotes a mandatory field for this configuration.

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-netflow)#
```

- Step 3** Enter the IP address of the device as shown in this example (required):

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-netflow)# address 192.168.0.1
```

- Step 4** If desired, enter the SNMP credentials for the device, as in the example below. If you specify `snmp-version v2c`, then you should enter the community string for the device. If you specify `snmp-version v3`, then you should enter the security level, username, authentication protocol, authentication passphrase, privacy protocol, and privacy passphrase.

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-netflow)# snmp-version v2c
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-netflow)# community public
```

- Step 5** Type **show** to look at the device configuration that will be applied and verify that it is correct:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-netflow)# show

DEVICE TYPE      : NDE (Netflow Data Export)
DEVICE ADDRESS   : 192.168.0.1
SNMP VERSION    : SNMPv2c
V2C COMMUNITY    : public
V3 USERNAME     :
```

```
V3 SECURITY LEVEL      : No authentication, no privacy
V3 AUTHENTICATION     : MD5
V3 AUTH PASSPHRASE    :
V3 PRIVACY            : DES
V3 PRIV PASSPHRASE    :
```

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-netflow)#
```

- Step 6** Type **exit** to come out of the subcommand mode and create the device. Remember the ID value that was assigned to the new device, you will need it to create the data source!

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-device-netflow)# exit
Device created successfully, ID = 1
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

- Step 7** Enter the command **data-source netflow**. You will now be in netflow data source subcommand mode as shown here:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# data-source netflow

Entering into subcommand mode for this command.
Type 'exit' to apply changes and come out of this mode.
Type 'cancel' to discard changes and come out of this mode.

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-netflow)#
```

- Step 8** Enter **?** to see all the command options available, as in the example below:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-netflow)# ?
?                - display help
cancel           - discard changes and exit from subcommand mode
device-id        - netflow device ID (*)
engine-id        - netflow Engine ID
exit             - create data-source and exit from sub-command mode
help             - display help
name             - data-source name (*)
show            - show current config that will be applied on exit

(*) - denotes a mandatory field for this configuration.
```

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-netflow)#
```

- Step 9** Enter the device ID from Step 4 (required):

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-netflow)# device-id 1
```

- Step 10** Enter the name you would like for the data source (required):

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-netflow)# name MyFirstNdeDataSource
```

- Step 11** If desired, supply the specific Engine ID for this NDE data source (optional):

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-netflow)# engine-id 123
```

- Step 12** Type **show** to look at the data source configuration that will be applied and verify that it is correct:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-netflow)# show

DATA SOURCE NAME : MyFirstNdeDataSource
DATA SOURCE TYPE : NDE (Netflow Data Export)
DEVICE ID        : 1
DEVICE ADDRESS   : 192.168.0.1
ENGINE ID        : 123

root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-netflow)#
```

Step 13 Type **exit** to come out of the subcommand mode and create the data source:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com(sub-data-source-netflow)# exit
Data source created successfully, ID = 3
```

The data source is now created, and NDE records from the device will be received and accepted by the NAM as they arrive.

Deleting NetFlow Data Sources Using the Web GUI

To delete an existing NetFlow data source, use the following steps. Note that if the auto-creation feature is turned on, and the device continues to send NDE packets to the NAM, the data source will be re-created again automatically as soon as the next NDE packet arrives. Therefore, if you wish to delete an existing NetFlow data source, it is usually advisable to first turn the NetFlow auto-create feature off, as described earlier.

Step 1 Click **Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources**.

Step 2 Click on the data source you would like to delete.

Step 3 Click the **Delete** button along the bottom of the window.

Deleting NetFlow Data Sources Using the CLI

To delete a NetFlow data source using the CLI, use the following steps. Note that when using the CLI, there are generally two separate phases involved. First you should delete the data source, then delete the device if you have no other data sources using the same device (for example with a different Engine ID value). As a shortcut, if you simply delete the device, then all data sources using that device will also be deleted.

Step 1 Show all data sources so you can find the ID of the one you want to delete:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# show data-source
```

```
DATA SOURCE ID      : 1
DATA SOURCE NAME    : DATA PORT 1
TYPE                : Data Port
PORT NUMBER        : 1
-----

DATA SOURCE ID      : 2
DATA SOURCE NAME    : DATA PORT 2
TYPE                : Data Port
PORT NUMBER        : 2
-----

DATA SOURCE ID      : 3
DATA SOURCE NAME    : MyFirstNdeDataSource
TYPE                : NDE (Netflow Data Export)
DEVICE ID           : 2
DEVICE ADDRESS      : 192.168.0.1
ENGINE ID           : 123
-----
```

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

Step 2 Use the **no data-source** command to delete the data source:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# no data-source 3
Successfully deleted data source 3
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

Step 3 Show all devices so you can find the ID of the one you want to delete:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# show device

DEVICE ID           : 1
DEVICE TYPE         : NDE (Netflow Data Export)
IP ADDRESS          : 192.168.0.1
SNMP VERSION        : SNMPv2c
V2C COMMUNITY       : public
V3 USERNAME         :
V3 SECURITY LEVEL    : No authentication, no privacy
V3 AUTHENTICATION   : MD5
V3 AUTH PASSPHRASE  :
V3 PRIVACY          : DES
V3 PRIV PASSPHRASE  :
INFORMATION         : No packets received
STATUS              : Inactive
-----
```

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

Step 4 Use the **no device** command to delete the device:

```
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com# no device 1
Successfully deleted device 1
root@172-20-104-107.cisco.com#
```

Note that if the auto-creation mode is on, and the device continues to send NDE packets to the NAM, the data source (and device entry) will be re-created again automatically as soon as the next NDE packet arrives. Therefore, if you wish to delete an existing NetFlow data source, it is usually advisable to first turn the NetFlow auto-create feature off, as described earlier.

Testing NetFlow Devices

You can test the SNMP community strings for the devices in the Devices table. To test a device, select it from the Devices table, then click **Test**. The Device System Information Dialog Box displays. [Table 2-10, Device System Information Dialog Box](#) describes the fields.

Table 2-10 Device System Information Dialog Box

| Field | Description |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Name | Name of the device. |
| Hardware | Hardware description of the device. |
| Device Software Version | The current software version running on the device. |
| System Uptime | Total time the device has been running since the last reboot. |
| Location | Location of the device. |

Table 2-10 Device System Information Dialog Box (continued)

| Field | Description |
|-----------------------|---|
| Contact | Contact information for the device. |
| SNMP read from device | SNMP read test result. For the local device only. |

If the device is sending NetFlow Version 9 (V9) and the NAM has received the NDE templates, then a V9 Templates button appears below the Device System Information window.

**Note**

NetFlow v9 templates do not appear in all NDE packets. When there are no templates, the **V9 Templates** button does not appear.

WAAS

Understanding WAAS

Cisco Wide Area Application Services (WAAS) software optimizes the performance of TCP-based applications operating in a wide area network (WAN) environment and preserves and strengthens branch security. The WAAS solution consists of a set of devices called Wide Area Application Engines (WAEs) that work together to optimize WAN traffic over your network.

When client and server applications attempt to communicate with each other, the network devices intercept and redirect this traffic to the WAEs to act on behalf of the client application and the destination server.

WAEs provide information about packet streams traversing through both LAN and WAN interfaces of WAAS WAEs. Traffic of interest can include specific servers and types of transaction being exported. NAM processes the data exported from the WAAS and performs application response time calculations and enters the data into reports you set up.

The WAEs examine the traffic and use built-in application policies to determine whether to optimize the traffic or allow it to pass through your network not optimized.

You can use the WAAS Top Talkers Detail Dashboard to analyze the traffic for optimization. See [Top Talkers Detail, page 3-17](#) for more information.

Cisco WAAS helps enterprises to meet the following objectives:

- Provide branch office employees with LAN-like access to information and applications across a geographically distributed network.
- Migrate application and file servers from branch offices into centrally managed data centers.
- Minimize unnecessary WAN bandwidth consumption through the use of advanced compression algorithms.
- Provide print services to branch office users. WAAS allows you to configure a WAE as a print server so you do not need to deploy a dedicated system to fulfill print requests.
- Improve application performance over the WAN by addressing the following common issues:
 - Low data rates (constrained bandwidth)
 - Slow delivery of frames (high network latency)
 - Higher rates of packet loss (low reliability)

For more information about WAAS and configuring the WAAS components, see the document:

Cisco Wide Area Application Services Configuration Guide, OL-16376-01

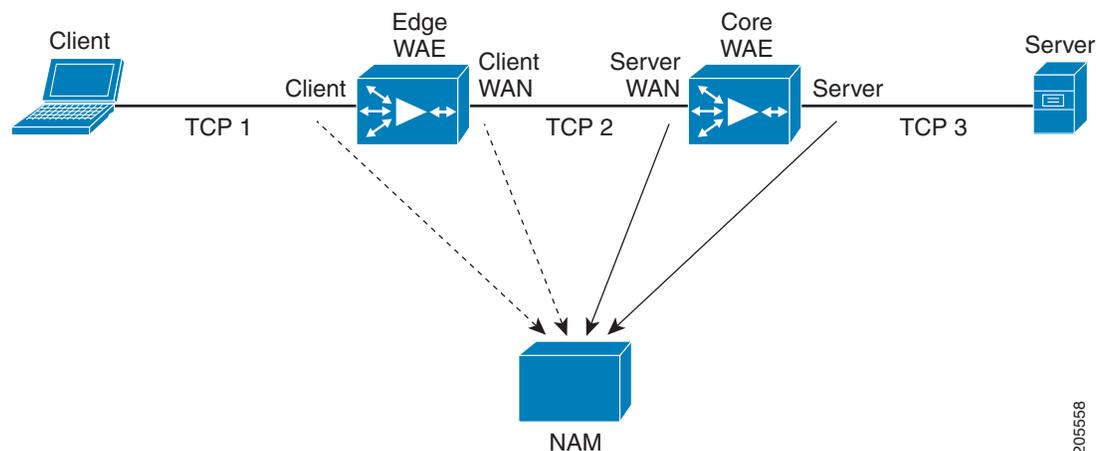
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/app_ntwk_services/waas/waas/v4019/configuration/guide/waas4cfg.html

Response Time Monitoring from WAAS Data Sources

The NAM processes the TCP flow data exported from the WAAS and performs application response time (ART) calculations and reports. You use the NAM GUI to create a WAAS data source to monitor WAAS traffic statistics. In addition to ART, NAM monitors and reports other traffic statistics of the WAAS data sources including application, host, and conversation information.

The NAM provides different ART metrics by collecting data at different points as packets flow along their paths. The NAM provides five different collection points, each represented by a WAAS data source. [Figure 2-3, “WAAS Data Sources \(Data Collection Points\)”](#), shows an example of the data collection points. The solid line represents data exported from a WAAS device and/or directly monitored traffic like SPAN. The broken line represents data exported from a WAAS device only.

Figure 2-3 WAAS Data Sources (Data Collection Points)



You can use the NAM GUI to configure data sources at the locations in the network described in [Table 2-11, WAAS Data Collection Points](#).

Table 2-11 WAAS Data Collection Points

| Setting | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| Client | This setting configures the WAE device to export the original (LAN side) TCP flows originated from its clients to NAM for monitoring. To monitor this point, configure a Client data source. |
| Client WAN | This setting configures the WAE device to export the optimized (WAN side) TCP flows originated from its clients to NAM for monitoring. To monitor this point, configure a Client WAN data source. |
| Server WAN | This setting configures the WAE device to export the optimized (WAN side) TCP flows from its servers to NAM for monitoring. To monitor this point, configure a Server WAN data source. |

Table 2-11 WAAS Data Collection Points (continued)

| Setting | Description |
|-------------|---|
| Server | This setting configures the WAE device to export the original (LAN side) TCP flows from its servers to NAM for monitoring. To monitor this point, configure a Server data source. |
| Passthrough | This setting configures the WAE device to export the TCP flows that are passed through unoptimized. |

You can also configure a data source to use Export Passthrough data. For more information about configuring WAAS data sources, see [Editing WAAS Data Sources, page 2-34](#).

Monitoring Client Data Sources

By monitoring the TCP connections between the client and the WAE device (Client segment in [Figure 2-3](#)), you can measure the following ART metrics:

- Total Response Time as experienced by the client
- Total Transaction Time as experienced by the client
- Bandwidth usage (bytes/packets) before optimization
- Number of transactions and connections.
- Network Time broken down into two segments: client-edge and edge-server

Monitoring WAN Data Sources

By monitoring the TCP connections between the edge and core WAE devices (Client WAN and Server WAN segments in [Figure 2-3](#)), you can measure the following:

- Bandwidth usage (bytes/packets) after optimization
- Network Time of the WAN segment

Monitoring Server Data Sources

By monitoring the TCP connections between the core WAE devices and the servers (Server segment in [Figure 2-3](#)), you can measure the following ART metrics:

- Server Response Time (without proxy acceleration/caching server)
- Network Time between the core WAE device and the servers



Note

NAM measures Network Time by monitoring the TCP three-way handshake between the devices.

Deployment Scenarios

Table 2-12, [WAAS Data Source Configurations](#) lists six different deployment scenarios you might consider to monitor the optimized traffic on your WAAS network. Scenario #1 is typical when using WS-SVC-NAM-1 and WS-SVC-NAM-2 blades. Scenario #2 is typical when using NME-NAM devices.

Table 2-12 WAAS Data Source Configurations

| | Deployment Scenario | Edge WAE Data Source | Core WAE Data Source |
|---|--|--|--|
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients in the edge (branch) • Servers in the core (data center) • NAM in the core | Client | Server Server WAN |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients in the edge (branch) • Servers in the core (data center) • NAM in the edge | Client Client WAN | Server |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Servers in the edge (branch) • Clients in the core (data center) • NAM in the core | Server | Client Client WAN |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Servers in the edge (branch) • Clients in the core (data center) • NAM in the edge | Server Server WAN | Client |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients and servers in the edge (branch) and the core (data center) • NAM in the core | Client Server | Client Server Client WAN Server WAN |
| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients and servers in the edge (branch) and the core (data center) • NAM in the edge | Client Server Client WAN Server WAN | Client Server |

Managing WAAS Devices

Before you can monitor WAAS traffic, you must first configure the WAAS device to export WAAS flow record data to the NAM using the WAAS command-line interface (CLI) **flow monitor** command like the following:

```
flow monitor tcpstat-v1 host <nam IP address>
```

```
flow monitor tcpstat-v1 enable
```

After you enable flow export to the NAM using WAAS CLI commands like those above, WAAS devices will be detected and automatically added to the NAM's WAAS device list.

You must then configure the WAAS segments you want to monitor as WAAS data sources: Client, Client WAN, Server WAN, and/or Server. See [Editing WAAS Data Sources, page 2-34](#), for more detailed information.

You can also use the Central Manager (CM) to centrally issue WAAS CLI commands to configure a large number of WAEs at one time.

**Note**

In addition to configuring the WAAS devices, you must specify which application servers you want to monitor among the servers being optimized by WAAS devices. See [WAAS Monitored Servers, page 2-80](#), for more detailed information.

For more information about WAAS and configuring the WAAS components, see the document:

Cisco Wide Area Application Services Configuration Guide, OL-16376-01
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/app_ntwk_services/waas/waas/v4019/configuration/guide/waas4cfg.html

This section contains the following topics:

- [Adding Data Sources for New WAAS Device, page 2-33](#)
- [Editing WAAS Data Sources, page 2-34](#)
- [Deleting a WAAS Data Source, page 2-34](#)

Adding Data Sources for New WAAS Device

The NAM uses WAAS data sources to monitor traffic collected from different WAAS segments: Client, Client WAN, Server WAN, and Server. Each WAAS segment is represented by a data source. You can set up the NAM to monitor and report other traffic statistics of the WAAS data sources such as application, host, and conversation information in addition to the monitored Response Time metrics.

**Note**

This step is not usually necessary because export-enabled WAAS devices are detected and added automatically. See [Managing WAAS Devices, page 2-32](#), for more information about how to enable WAAS export to the NAM.

To manually add a WAAS device to the list of devices monitored by the NAM:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources**.
 - Step 2** Click **Create**.
The NAM Data Source Configuration Dialog appears.
 - Step 3** Choose “WAAS” from the list of Types.
 - Step 4** Enter the device IP address in the IP field.
 - Step 5** Check the check boxes for the appropriate WAAS Segments. See [\(Table 2-11\)](#).
 - Step 6** (Optional) If Response Time Export is enabled (see [Custom Export, page 2-55](#)), and you want to export passthrough traffic, check the **Passthrough Response Time** check box.
 - Step 7** Click **Submit** to add the new WAAS custom data source.
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Editing WAAS Data Sources

The NAM uses WAAS data sources to monitor traffic collected from different WAAS segments: Client, Client WAN, Server WAN, and Server. Each WAAS segment is represented by a data source. You can set up the NAM to monitor and report other traffic statistics of the WAAS data sources such as application, host, and conversation information in addition to the monitored Response Time metrics.

To edit a WAAS device's custom data source:

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources**. The data sources are displayed.

Step 2 Click the WAAS device you want to modify, and then click the **Edit** button.

You can configure the WAAS data sources to monitor the following WAAS segments as shown in [Figure 2-3, WAAS Data Sources \(Data Collection Points\)](#):

- Client—This setting configures the WAE device to export the original (LAN side) TCP flows originated from its clients to NAM for monitoring.
- Client WAN— This setting configures the WAE device to export the optimized (WAN side) TCP flows originated from its clients to NAM for monitoring.
- Server WAN—This setting configures the WAE device to export the optimized (WAN side) TCP flows from its servers to NAM for monitoring.
- Server—This setting configures the WAE device to export the original (LAN side) TCP flows from its servers to NAM for monitoring.

SPAN data sources might take the place of the WAE Server data sources listed in [Table 2-12](#). For example, if you already configure SPAN to monitor the server LAN traffic, it is not necessary to enable the Server data source on the WAE device.



Note

The following step is optional and applies only when the NAM is configured to export data to an External Response Time Reporting Console, such as the NetQos Super Agent.

Step 3 To export WAAS pass-through data to the External Response Time Reporting Console, check the **Passthrough Response Time** check box.



Note

WAAS pass-through data is not analyzed by the NAM.

See [Custom Export, page 2-55](#) for more information.

Deleting a WAAS Data Source

To delete a WAAS custom data source:

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources**. The data sources are displayed.

Step 2 Choose the WAAS custom data source you want to delete, then click the **Delete** button.

A dialog box displays the device address and asks if you are sure you want to delete the device.

Auto Create of New WAAS Devices

If you have numerous WAE devices, you can set up the NAM to configure newly discovered WAE devices using a predefined configuration template using the NAM Auto Config option.

**Note**

If most of your WAE devices are edge WAE, you might want to set the auto config to be that of the edge device, then manually configure the data center WAE. For example, select the Client segment for monitoring.

To configure WAAS auto-config:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Traffic > NAM Data Sources**. The data sources are displayed.
 - Step 2** Click the **Auto Create** button.
The NAM Data Source Configuration Dialog displays.
 - Step 3** Check the **WAAS** check box.
 - Step 4** Check the check boxes for the desired Segments. See [Editing WAAS Data Sources, page 2-34](#), for more information.
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Hardware Deduplication

**Note**

This section applies only to Cisco NAM 2200 Series appliances.

NAM 5.0 supports hardware-based detection of duplicate packets and allows you to configure a single deduplication filter across all adapter ports.

After you enable deduplication, the NAM appliance detects and filters the duplicated packets. The packet is identified as duplicated if all inspected segments match another packet within the specific time window.

In addition to the duration-based timeout, there is also a fixed packet-count timeout. There cannot be more than 7 packets between the duplicate packets. If packets 0 and 8 are identical, packet 8 **will** be dropped. If packets 0 and 9 are identical, packet 9 **will not** be dropped.

To configure packet deduplication:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Traffic > Hardware Deduplication**.
The Deduplication window displays.
 - Step 2** Check the **Enabled** check box to enable packet deduplication.
 - Step 3** Enter a value in the Time Window (1-127 in milliseconds) for the search or buffer period.
The value you set in the Time Window indicates the length of time (n milliseconds) in which two packets can be considered duplicates. If the Time Window is 100 ms but two identical packets arrive 120ms apart, the second packet would not be dropped. If the identical packets arrive 80 ms apart, the second packet would be dropped.
 - Step 4** Click to choose a segment of the packet to inspect for deduplication.

The default inspects the entire packet. The second option inspects all segments except the ISL portion of the packet. The third option inspects all segments except the ISL, MAC, and VLAN portions of the packet. The fourth option inspects all segments except the ISL, MAC, and VLAN portions of the packet. The final (bottom) option inspects only the UDP/TCP and payload segments of the packet.



Note Regardless of the option you choose, the packet checksum is ignored.

Step 5 Click **Submit** to enable the settings you have entered, or click **Reset** to cancel any change.

Alarms

Alarms are predefined conditions based on a rising data threshold, a falling data threshold, or both. You can choose what types of events for which you want the NAM to notify you, and how you want to be notified.

This is the order that you will typically follow for setting up alarms and alarm thresholds:

Step 1 Depending on the type of alarm action you would like to configure, define the way you would like to be notified (by e-mail, trap, trigger capture, or syslog).

- For e-mail server settings: Choose **Administration > System > E-Mail Setting**
- For trap settings: Choose **Administration > System > SNMP Trap Setting**
- For capture session settings: Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Sessions**
- For syslog settings: Choose **Administration > System > Syslog Setting**

Step 2 Define the Alarm Action at **Setup > Alarms > Actions**.

Step 3 Define the Threshold for this alarm at **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.

The NAM 5.0 Traffic Analyzer menu selections for setting up Alarms are:

- [Alarm Actions, page 2-36](#)
- [Thresholds, page 2-39](#)
- [User Scenario, page 2-49](#)

Alarm Actions

Alarms are predefined conditions based on a rising data threshold, a falling data threshold, or both. You can set thresholds and alarms on various network parameters such as increased utilization, severe application response delays, and voice quality degradation and be alerted to potential problems.



Note NAM 5.0 supports IPv6 for all alarm functionality.

**Note**

You could see two alarms for the same occurrence if both the source and the destination are in the same site.

When you choose **Setup > Alarms > Actions**, you will see events that have been created. See [Table 2-13, Alarm Configuration](#) for descriptions of the fields.

Table 2-13 Alarm Configuration

| Field | Description |
|------------------------|---|
| Name | Name given to the alarm at setup. |
| Email | If turned on, will show “Enable”. If not turned on, will show “Disable.” E-mail server settings are configured on Administration > System > E-Mail Setting . |
| Trap | If configured, will show “Community: xxxx” as configured on Administration > System > SNMP Trap Setting . If not configured, will be blank. |
| Trigger Capture | If configured, will show “Session:xxxxx” as configured on Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Sessions . If no captures are configured, will be blank. |
| Syslog Remote | If turned on, will say “Enable”. If turned off, will say “Disable.” Settings configured on Administration > System > Syslog Setting . |
| Status | “Missing Trap” means that the trap configured for that alarm action has been deleted. “OK” means the Alarm action was successfully created. |

Alarm Action Configuration

When a threshold’s rising water mark is crossed, the alarm condition is met. This will trigger the alarm action to take effect. The NAM supports the following alarm actions:

- **E-mail syslog:** An alarm action that e-mails the syslog content of the alarm condition. To avoid e-mail flooding the network, the NAM does not send more than five e-mails in any given hour.
- **Trap:** An alarm action that sends NAM trap message to one or more trap servers. Any trap server that has the same community string will receive the trap message. The NAM use Cisco Syslog MIB in the trap message. To avoid trap flooding, the NAM’s limit is ten trap messages per interval.
- **Remote syslog:** An alarm action that sends syslog messages to remote syslog servers. The NAM’s limit is ten syslog messages per interval to avoid flooding the network.
- **Trigger capture:** An alarm action to start or stop a pre-defined capture session.

The NAM supports any combination of the above four actions in one alarm condition.

To configure e-mail alarm actions:

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Alarms > Actions**.

The Alarm Action page displays any configured actions. If none of the four actions (e-mail, trap, capture, or syslog) are configured, you will see “No data available.”

Step 2 Click the **Create** button.

Step 3 Enter a Name for the action (up to 63 characters).

Step 4 Choose the type of alarm action:

- **Email:** The NAM will use the e-mail address configured in **Administration > System > E-Mail Setting**. NAM alarm mail is sent as a result of NAM alarms, not router or switch alarms.

The NAM sends up to five e-mails per hour per function (traffic and NDE, voice signaling, RTP, and application response time). Also, in each e-mail, there could be up to five alarm messages. These limits are in place to avoid e-mail overload.

If you have configured e-mail alarms and do not receive e-mail, then your NAM does not have any alarms.

If the NAM is planning to send you many alarm messages, the e-mail may state, for example, “5 of 2,345 alarm messages.”

- **Trap:** Choose the SNMP community where you would like traps to be sent. The NAM will use the community configured in **Administration > System > SNMP Trap Setting**. After the “Community” field appears, choose the community string from the drop-down list.
- **Trigger Capture:** From the Session drop-down, select the session (the list will be empty if there is no capture session configured in **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Sessions**. Click the “Start” or “Stop” radio button.
- **Syslog:** This will log syslog messages. The default setting is to log syslog messages locally to the NAM. If you want to log syslog messages to remote servers, set up the destination information at **Administration > System > Syslog Setting**.

Step 5 Click **Submit**.

The Alarm Action table displays the newly configured action in its list.

Editing Alarm Actions

To edit an alarm action:

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Alarms > Actions**.

The Alarm Action table displays any configured Alarms.

Step 2 Choose the alarm event you want to modify, and click the **Edit** button.

Deleting Alarm Actions

To delete an alarm:

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Alarms > Actions**.
- The Alarm Action table displays any configured Alarms.
- Step 2** Choose the alarm event you want to remove, and click the **Delete** button.

Thresholds

The NAM Traffic Analyzer will inspect incoming performance records and apply a configured set of thresholds to the most recent interval of data to detect threshold violations. You can use the NAM GUI to set up alarm thresholds for variables with values that trigger alarms.

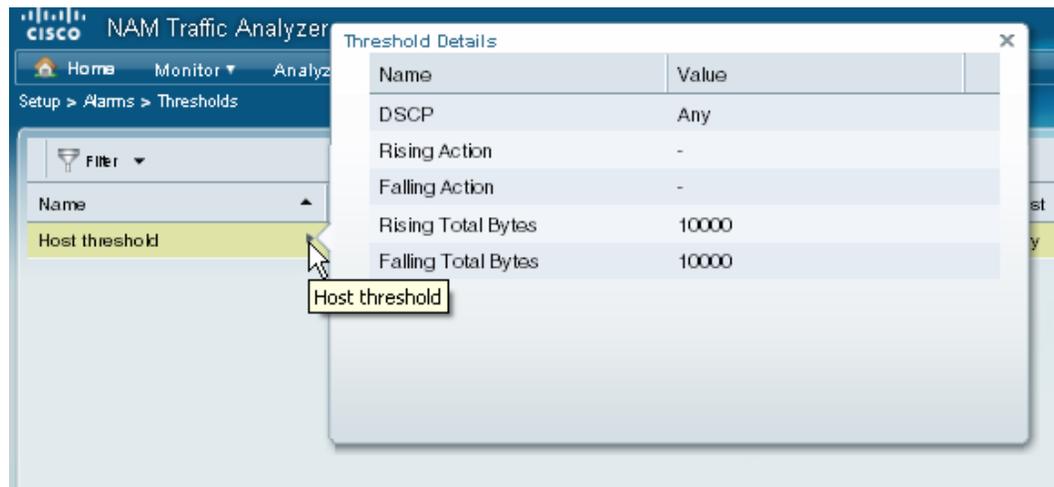


Note

You could receive two alarms for the same occurrence if both the source and the destination are in the same site.

The NAM Threshold Alarms window (**Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**) displays already-configured thresholds. If you hover over the arrow next to the threshold Name, as shown in [Figure 2-4](#), a detailed view of the selected threshold will display.

Figure 2-4 NAM Threshold Window and Threshold Details



See [Table 2-14](#), [Threshold Configuration](#) for descriptions of the fields on the Threshold screen.

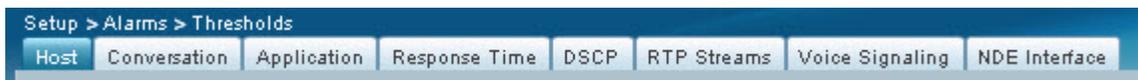
Table 2-14 Threshold Configuration

| Field | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| Name | Name of the threshold. |
| Type | You can configure eight types of thresholds. See Figure 2-5 for a complete list. |
| Application | Application associated with this threshold. |
| Site | Site associated with this threshold. |
| Host | Host associated with this threshold. |

Table 2-14 Threshold Configuration

| Field | Description |
|----------|--|
| Severity | High or Low (user-configured classification). These alarms are displayed on the Alarm Summary dashboard (Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary). You can choose to view High, Low, or High and Low alarms. |
| Action | Rising action and Falling action (if configured). Alarms are predefined conditions based on a rising data threshold, a falling data threshold, or both. |
| Status | “OK” if configuration is complete. Otherwise, the issue will be listed (for example, “Missing Src Site”). |

You can set up alarm thresholds by defining threshold conditions for monitored variables on the NAM Traffic Analyzer. [Figure 2-5](#) shows the threshold types you can configure:

Figure 2-5 Create Threshold

To see the specific steps required for setting up a threshold type, choose the type from the list below:

- [Setting Host Thresholds, page 2-40](#)
- [Setting Conversation Thresholds, page 2-41](#)
- [Setting Application Thresholds, page 2-42](#)
- [Setting Response Time Thresholds, page 2-43](#)
- [Setting DSCP Thresholds, page 2-44](#)
- [Setting RTP Stream Thresholds, page 2-45](#)
- [Setting Voice Signaling Thresholds, page 2-46](#)
- [Setting NDE Interface Thresholds, page 2-47](#)

Setting Host Thresholds

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button and choose the **Host** tab.
- Step 3** The Host Alarm Threshold Configuration window displays. Fill in the fields as appropriate. [Table 2-15, Host Alarm Thresholds](#) describes the fields available on this screen.

Table 2-15 Host Alarm Thresholds

| Field | Description |
|-------|---|
| Name | Give the Host Alarm Threshold a name. |
| Site | Choose a site from the list. See Sites, page 2-58 for information on setting up a site. |

Table 2-15 Host Alarm Thresholds (continued)

| Field | Description |
|---------------------------|---|
| Host | Choose a host from the list. You can type in the name of the host if the drop-down list does not contain the desired host. |
| Application | Choose an application from the list. You can enter the first few characters to narrow the selection in the drop-down list. |
| DSCP | Choose a DSCP value from the list. You can enter the first few characters to narrow the selection in the drop-down list. |
| Severity | Choose High or Low. These will display on the Alarm Summary dashboard (Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary), where you can choose to view High, Low, or High and Low alarms. |
| Actions | From the drop-down lists, choose a Rising action and a Falling action (optional). During threshold creation, by default, the falling action is the same as rising action. See Alarm Actions, page 2-36 for information on setting up alarm actions. |
| Host Metrics (per second) | Choose the type of metric from the list, and then enter a value for a Rising threshold and a Falling threshold. |
| Add Metrics (button) | Click the Add Metrics button to add another row. |
| Delete (button) | Click the Delete button to remove that Metrics row. |



Note If you leave a selection blank, it means that that parameter will not be considered. If you select “Any”, it will use any of the selections for that parameter, if encountered.

- Step 4** Click **Submit** to set the thresholds, click **Reset** to reset the thresholds to their default value, or click **Cancel** to remove any changes you might have made.
- Step 5** When finished, click **Submit**.

Setting Conversation Thresholds

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button and choose the **Conversation** tab.
- Step 3** The Conversation Alarm Threshold Configuration window displays. Fill in the fields as appropriate. [Table 2-16, Conversation Alarm Thresholds](#) describes the fields available on this screen.

Table 2-16 Conversation Alarm Thresholds

| Field | Description |
|-------------|--|
| Name | Give the Conversation Alarm Threshold a name. |
| Application | Choose an application from the list. You can start typing the first few characters to narrow the list. |

Table 2-16 Conversation Alarm Thresholds (continued)

| Field | Description |
|--|--|
| Severity | Choose High or Low. These will display on the Alarm Summary dashboard (Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary), where you can choose to view High, Low, or High and Low alarms. |
| Source Site/Host | Make a selection from the drop-down lists, or leave as “Any.” See Sites, page 2-58 for information on setting up a site. |
| Destination Site/Host | Make a selection from the drop-down lists, or leave as “Any.” See Sites, page 2-58 for information on setting up a site. |
| Actions | From the lists, choose a Rising action and a Falling action (optional). See Alarm Actions, page 2-36 for information on setting up alarm actions. |
| Conversation Metrics (per second) | Choose from one of the six metrics, and then enter a Rising threshold and a Falling threshold. |
| Add Metrics (button) | Click the Add Metrics button to add another row. |
| Delete (button) | Click the Delete button to remove that Metrics row. |



Note If you leave a selection blank, it means that that parameter will not be considered. If you select “Any”, it will use any of the selections for that parameter, if encountered.

- Step 4** Click **Submit** to set the thresholds, click **Reset** to reset the thresholds to their default value, or click **Cancel** to remove any changes you might have made.
- Step 5** When finished, click **Submit**.

Setting Application Thresholds

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button and choose the **Application** tab.
- Step 3** The Application Alarm Threshold Configuration window displays. Fill in the fields as appropriate. [Table 2-17, Application Alarm Thresholds](#) describes the fields available on this screen.

Table 2-17 Application Alarm Thresholds

| Field | Description |
|--------------------|---|
| Name | Give the Application Alarm Threshold a name. |
| Site | Choose a site from the list. See Sites, page 2-58 for information on setting up a site. |
| Application | Choose an application from the list. You can start typing the first few characters to narrow the list. |
| DSCP | Choose a DSCP value 0-63, or Any. |

Table 2-17 Application Alarm Thresholds (continued)

| Field | Description |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Severity | Choose High or Low. These will display on the Alarm Summary dashboard (Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary), where you can choose to view High, Low, or High and Low alarms. |
| Actions | From the lists, choose a Rising action and a Falling action (optional). See Alarm Actions, page 2-36 for information on setting up alarm actions. |
| Application Metrics (per second) | Choose Bytes or Packets, and then enter a Rising threshold and a Falling threshold. |
| Add Metrics (button) | Click the Add Metrics button to add another row. |
| Delete (button) | Click the Delete button to remove that Metrics row. |



Note If you leave a selection blank, it means that that parameter will not be considered. If you select “Any”, it will use any of the selections for that parameter, if encountered.

- Step 4** Click **Submit** to set the thresholds, click **Reset** to reset the thresholds to their default value, or click **Cancel** to remove any changes you might have made.
- Step 5** When finished, click **Submit**.

Setting Response Time Thresholds

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button and choose the **Response Time** tab.
- Step 3** The Response Time Alarm Threshold Configuration window displays. Fill in the fields as appropriate. [Table 2-18, Response Time Thresholds](#) describes the fields available on this screen.

Table 2-18 Response Time Thresholds

| Field | Description |
|------------------|--|
| Name | Give the Response Time Alarm Threshold a name. |
| Application | Choose an application from the list. You can start typing the first few characters to narrow the list. |
| Severity | Choose High or Low. These will display on the Alarm Summary dashboard (Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary), where you can choose to view High, Low, or High and Low alarms. |
| Client Site/Host | Make a selection from the lists. See Sites, page 2-58 for information on setting up a site. |
| Server Site/Host | Make a selection from the lists, or leave as “Any.” See Sites, page 2-58 for information on setting up a site. |

Table 2-18 *Response Time Thresholds (continued)*

| Field | Description |
|------------------------------|---|
| Actions | From the lists, choose a Rising action and a Falling action (optional). See Alarm Actions, page 2-36 for information on setting up alarm actions. |
| Response Time Metrics | Choose a metric from the list, and then enter a Rising threshold and a Falling threshold. For the Packets and Bytes-related metrics, the entry is per second. For the time-related metrics, the unit is ms. |
| Add Metrics (button) | Click the Add Metrics button to add another row. |
| Delete (button) | Click the Delete button to remove that Metrics row. |



Note If you leave a selection blank, it means that that parameter will not be considered. If you select “Any”, it will use any of the selections for that parameter, if encountered.

- Step 4** Click **Submit** to set the thresholds, click **Reset** to reset the thresholds to their default value, or click **Cancel** to remove any changes you might have made.
- Step 5** When finished, click **Submit**.

Setting DSCP Thresholds

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button and choose the **DSCP** tab.
- Step 3** The DSCP Alarm Threshold Configuration window displays. Fill in the fields as appropriate. [Table 2-19, DSCP Alarm Thresholds](#) describes the fields available on this screen.

Table 2-19 *DSCP Alarm Thresholds*

| Field | Description |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Name | Give the DSCP Alarm Threshold a name. |
| Site | Choose a site from the list. See Sites, page 2-58 for information on setting up a site. |
| DSCP | Chose a DSCP value from the list. |
| Severity | Choose High or Low. These will display on the Alarm Summary dashboard (Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary), where you can choose to view High, Low, or High and Low alarms. |
| Actions | From the drop-down lists, choose a Rising action and a Falling action (optional). |
| DSCP Metrics (per second) | Choose one of the metric types from the list, and then enter a Rising threshold and a Falling threshold. |
| Add Metrics (button) | Click the Add Metrics button to add another row. |
| Delete (button) | Click the Delete button to remove that Metrics row. |



Note If you leave a selection blank, it means that that parameter will not be considered. If you select “Any”, it will use any of the selections for that parameter, if encountered.

- Step 4** Click **Submit** to set the thresholds, click **Reset** to reset the thresholds to their default value, or click **Cancel** to remove any changes you might have made.
- Step 5** When finished, click **Submit**.

Setting RTP Stream Thresholds

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button and choose the **RTP Streams** tab.
- Step 3** The RTP Stream Alarm Threshold Configuration window displays. Fill in the fields as appropriate. [Table 2-20, RTP Streams Thresholds](#) describes the fields available on this screen.

Table 2-20 RTP Streams Thresholds

| Field | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| Name | Give the RTP Streams Alarm Threshold a name. |
| Severity | Choose High or Low. These will display on the Alarm Summary dashboard (Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary), where you can choose to view High, Low, or High and Low alarms. |
| Codec | Choose a Codec from the list. |
| Source Site/Host | Make a selection from the drop-down lists, or leave as “Any.” See Sites, page 2-58 for information on setting up a site. |
| Severity | Choose High or Low. These will display on the Alarm Summary dashboard (Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary), where you can choose to view High, Low, or High and Low alarms. |
| Actions | From the drop-down lists, choose a Rising action and a Falling action (optional). See Alarm Actions, page 2-36 for information on setting up alarm actions. |

Table 2-20 RTP Streams Thresholds (continued)

| Field | Description |
|-----------------------------|--|
| RTP Stream Metrics | <p>Choose a metric from the list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jitter: Variation of packet arrival time compare to expected arrival time. • Adjusted packet loss percent: Percent of packet loss which includes packets actually lost and packets that arrived beyond the NAM expected buffering capability of the endpoint. • Actual packet loss percent: Percent of packets that the NAM has never seen. • MOS: Mean opinion score that is composed of both jitter and adjusted packet loss. • Concealment seconds: Number of seconds in which the NAM detected packets lost. • Severe concealment seconds: Number of seconds in which the NAM detected packets lost of more than 5%. <p>Enter a Rising threshold and a Falling threshold.</p> |
| Add Metrics (button) | Click the Add Metrics button to add another row. |
| Delete (button) | Click the Delete button to remove that Metrics row. |



Note If you leave a selection blank, it means that that parameter will not be considered. If you select “Any”, it will use any of the selections for that parameter, if encountered.

- Step 4** Click **Submit** to set the thresholds, click **Reset** to reset the thresholds to their default value, or click **Cancel** to remove any changes you might have made.
- Step 5** When finished, click **Submit**.

Setting Voice Signaling Thresholds

You can set up the NAM to monitor voice call quality. When Cisco Call Manager’s call detail records option is enabled, Cisco IP phones, both SCCP and SIP, will report the call’s jitter and packet loss at the end of the call. The NAM intercepts this information and raises an alarm when the alarm condition crosses the rising threshold.

To set up a voice signaling threshold:

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.

- Step 2** Click the **Create** button and choose **Voice Signaling** tab.
- Step 3** The Voice Signaling Alarm Threshold Configuration window displays. Fill in the fields as appropriate. [Table 2-21, Voice Signaling Thresholds](#) describes the fields available under the Voice Signaling Metrics drop-down menu.

Table 2-21 Voice Signaling Thresholds

| Field | Description |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Name | Give the Voice Signaling Alarm Threshold a name. |
| Severity | Choose High or Low. These will display on the Alarm Summary dashboard (Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary), where you can choose to view High, Low, or High and Low alarms. |
| Actions | Choose a Rising action and a Falling action from the lists (optional). See Alarm Actions, page 2-36 for information on setting up alarm actions. |
| Voice Signaling Metrics | Choose Jitter to enable an alarm when the NAM detects jitter to be more than the value set here. Check Packet Loss % to enable an alarm when the NAM detects Packet Loss percentage to be outside of the values you entered. |
| Add Metrics (button) | Click the Add Metrics button to add another row. |
| Delete (button) | Click the Delete button to remove that Metrics row. |



Note If you leave a selection blank, it means that that parameter will not be considered. If you select “Any”, it will use any of the selections for that parameter, if encountered.

- Step 4** Click **Submit** to set the voice signaling thresholds, click **Reset** to reset the thresholds to their default value, or click **Cancel** to remove any changes you might have made.
- Step 5** When finished, click **Submit**.

Setting NDE Interface Thresholds

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button and choose the **NDE Interface** tab.
The NDE Interface Alarm Threshold Configuration screen displays. The fields are described in [Table 2-22, NDE Interface Alarm Thresholds](#).

Table 2-22 NDE Interface Alarm Thresholds

| Field | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| Name | Give the NDE Interface Alarm Threshold a name. |
| Data Source | Choose a data source from the list. |
| Interface | Choose an interface from the list. |

Table 2-22 NDE Interface Alarm Thresholds (continued)

| Field | Description |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Direction | Choose Ingress or Egress. |
| Severity | Choose High or Low. These will display on the Alarm Summary dashboard (Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary), where you can choose to view High, Low, or High and Low alarms. |
| Actions | Choose a Rising action and a Falling action from the lists (optional). See Alarm Actions, page 2-36 for information on setting up alarm actions. |
| NDE Interface Metrics (per second) | Choose Bytes or Packets, and enter a Rising and Falling threshold. |
| Add Metrics (button) | Click the Add Metrics button to add another row. |
| Delete (button) | Click the Delete button to remove that Metrics row. |



Note If you leave a selection blank, it means that that parameter will not be considered. If you select “Any”, it will use any of the selections for that parameter, if encountered.

- Step 3** Click **Submit** to set the thresholds, click **Reset** to reset the thresholds to their default value, or click **Cancel** to remove any changes you might have made.

Editing an Alarm Threshold

To edit an alarm threshold:

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.
The Thresholds table displays.
- Step 2** Select the alarm to edit, then click **Edit**.
The dialog box displays for the type of alarm; for example, “Host Threshold.”
- Step 3** Make the necessary changes.
- Step 4** Click **Submit** to save your changes, click **Reset** to reset the thresholds to the values set before you edited them, or click **Cancel** to cancel the edit and return to the previous page.

Deleting a NAM Threshold

To delete a NAM alarm threshold, simply select it from the Alarms table, then click **Delete**.
Click **OK** to confirm deletion, or click **Cancel** to leave the configuration unchanged.

User Scenario

If you want the NAM to notify you of any violations of Response Time metrics for a particular server, and then initiate a packet capture, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Set up the e-mail and capture settings.
- Choose **Administration > System > E-Mail Setting** to define the e-mail settings.
 - Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Sessions** and create a capture session for this particular server.
- Step 2** Define an Alarm Action.
- Choose **Setup > Alarms > Actions**.
 - Click the **Create** button.
 - Enter a Name.
 - Check the “Email” check box.
 - Check the “Trigger Capture” check box, choose the session you created in [Step 1](#) from the drop-down menu, and select the Start or Stop radio button.
 - Click the **Submit** button.
- Step 3** Define the Threshold for this alarm.
- Choose **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**.
 - Click the **Create** button.
 - Choose the Response Time tab.
 - Give the Response Time Alarm Threshold a Name, and choose the Application and Severity.
 - Choose the server from the Host drop-down list.
 - Choose the action you created in [Step 2](#), define the metrics for the thresholds, and click the **Submit** button.
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Data Export

The NAM 5.0 Traffic Analyzer selections for setting up Data Export are:

- [NetFlow, page 2-49](#)
- [Scheduled Exports, page 2-53](#)
- [Custom Export, page 2-55](#)

NetFlow

The NAM as a producer of NDE (NetFlow Data Export) packets is a new feature for NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0. The NAM’s new functionality of NDE is part of its new NBI.

NetFlow collects traffic statistics by monitoring packets that flow through the device and storing the statistics in the NetFlow table. NDE converts the NetFlow table statistics into records, and exports the records to an external device, which is called a NetFlow collector. The NAM sends out NDE packets only in NDE v9 format.

There are currently six record types (or templates) that NAM exports (four in Core Stats, one in ART):

- Application
- Host
- Client Server Response Time
- Application Conversations
- Network Conversations
- RTP Metrics

The NDE data is exported in a fixed selection of aggregated data records that are shipped with the product. This part of the NDE descriptor defines what is to be exported:

- Record Type
- Period (in minutes)
- NetFlow options selector

After you select the Record Type, you will make selections for Filters. The purpose of the Filter is to restrict the set of exported records to the subset matching the filter's conditions;

- Depending on which fields are contained in the specified record type, the filter can specify conditions on site, application (whenever applicable), and host (or server, or client, depending on record type)
- The semantics of multiple conditions is conjunctive; for example, if filter specifies “siteA” and “app1,” then the values in exported records will have to match *both* “siteA” and “app1.”
- Filter specification is optional, and by default all fields can be assumed as having value of Any
- The host (if applicable, or server, or client, depending on record type) allows multiple values to be selected. If multiple values are specified, for example “host1, host2”, then the NAM assumes “host1 *or* host2.”

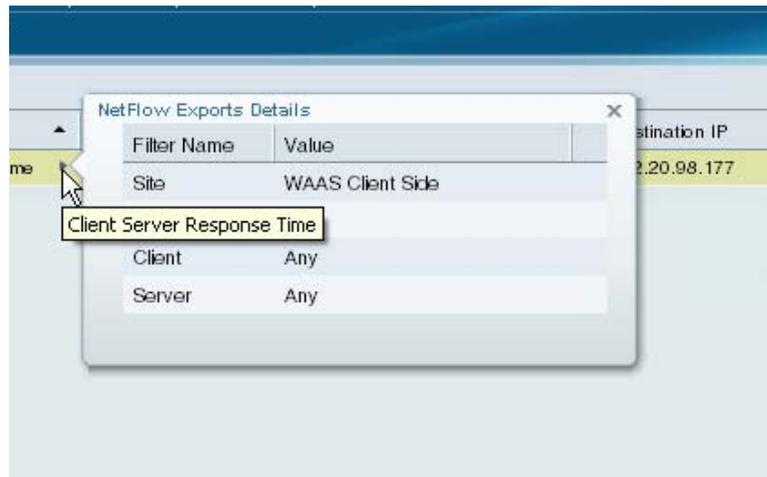
The following sections describe setting up NetFlow Data Export:

- [Viewing Configured NetFlow Exports, page 2-50](#)
- [Configuring NetFlow Data Export, page 2-51](#)
- [Editing NetFlow Data Export, page 2-53](#)

Viewing Configured NetFlow Exports

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Data Export > NetFlow**.
- Step 2** The NetFlow Exports screen appears (shown in [Figure 2-6](#)).

Figure 2-6 NetFlow Exports Screen



Already defined NetFlow Exports will be listed on the screen. If you hover over the “quick view” arrow icon next to the Record Type, as shown in [Figure 2-4](#), a detailed view of the filter details of the selected NetFlow export will display.

The fields are described in [Table 2-23](#).

Configuring NetFlow Data Export

To configure NetFlow Data Export, perform the following steps:

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Data Export > NetFlow**.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button.
- Step 3** At the NetFlow Export Configuration screen, fill in the fields. See [Table 2-23, NetFlow Exports Fields](#) for field descriptions.

Table 2-23 NetFlow Exports Fields

| Field | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Description | A description of the NetFlow Export. |
| Destination IP Address | The IP address of the device to be exported to. Only IPv4 addresses are supported. |
| Destination Port | The port number of the device to be exported to. Valid characters: 1-9. Length: Min 1, Max 65535. |

Table 2-23 NetFlow Exports Fields (continued)

| Field | Description |
|------------------------------|---|
| Export Record Type | <p>The record types supported by NAM for NetFlow are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • Host • ART Client Server Application • Application Conversations • Network Conversations • RTP Metrics |
| Export Interval (min) | <p>Choose the desired export time interval (1, 5, 10, 15, 30, or 60 minutes).</p> <p>The Export Interval column values are dependent upon Aggregation intervals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core/media aggregation interval value is utilized for the following record types: Application, Host, Network Conversation, Application conversation, and RTP Metrics. • Response Time aggregation interval is utilized for the Client Server Response Time record type. |
| Options (button) | <p>The NetFlow option selection contains a set of check boxes. These allow independent selections of on or off settings for individual NetFlow options, which can be exported in addition to the NDE packets with data and templates, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of integer application ID values into application names (as strings) • Mapping of integer site ID values into site names and descriptions (as strings) <p>If there are several NetFlow Export Descriptors defined for the same destination, then the last user's selection of option exports flags is enforced on all descriptor instances that exist for the same export destination.</p> |
| Filter | <p>After you choose the Export Record Type (above), the Filter menus populate depending on your selection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site: List of created sites for the NAM (configured in Setup > Network > Sites). Select Any to use any of the selections for that parameter. <p> Note When you choose a record type with two sites (for example serverSite and clientSite in Client Server Response Time), the value specified by the filter will apply to either of these fields. If a certain site is chosen, then the filter will match records having the specified value in any of the site fields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application: All applications created on the NAM (configured in Setup > Classification > Applications). Select Any to use any of the selections for that parameter. • Source: Enter a valid host address (hostname, IPv4 address, IPv6 address, or MAC address). Click the right arrow to add it to the list of Chosen Sources. • Destination: Enter a valid host address (hostname, IPv4 address, IPv6 address, or MAC address). Click the right arrow to add it to the list of Chosen Destinations. • Host: List of available hosts. Click the right arrow to add it to the list of Chosen Hosts. If more than one host is selected, the filter will apply to records with the value being one of the selected set. • Client: Enter a valid host address (hostname, IPv4 address, IPv6 address, or MAC address). Click the right arrow to add it to the list of Chosen Clients. • Server: List of available servers. Click the right arrow to add it to the list of Chosen Servers. |

- Step 4** Click the **Submit** button to save the configuration, or click the **Reset** button to clear the fields, or click the **Cancel** button to exit the screen without configuration.
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Editing NetFlow Data Export

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Data Export > NetFlow**.
- Step 2** Highlight the export you want to edit and click the **Edit** button.
- Step 3** Make the desired changes.
- Step 4** Click:
- The **Submit** button to submit the edits
 - The **Reset** button to clear the changes you made
 - The **Cancel** button to close the dialog box and return to the previous screen.
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Scheduled Exports

You can set up scheduled jobs that will generate a daily report at a specified time, in the specified interval, and then e-mail it to a specified e-mail address. You can also obtain a report on the spot clicking on the **Preview** button, rather than wait for the scheduled time. This report can also be sent after you preview it.

At the **Setup > Data Exports > Scheduled Export** screen, you will only be able to edit or delete an already-configured scheduled export. The creation of can only be done from a “Monitor” or “Analyze” screen.

To set up a Scheduled Export:

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- Step 1** When you are on most screens under the “Monitor” or “Analyze” menus, the Interactive Report is available on the left side of the screen. Click the Export button in the Interactive Report box.
- Step 2** Choose the Export Type (Daily or Weekly).
- Step 3** Choose the Export Time (when you would like the report delivered to you): Day and Hour.
- Step 4** Choose the Report Time (if Daily) or the Data Time Range (if Weekly). This is the interval of time you would like measured.
- The Report Time for a daily report is restricted to the current 24 hours.
 - The Report Time for a weekly report is always from 17:00 to 17:00, for however many days chosen.
- For example:
- If you choose Export Type “Weekly,” Data Time Range “Last 2 Days,” and Export Time: Day “Wednesday” and Hour “13:00,” the report will show data from Sunday at 17:00 to Tuesday at 17:00.
 - If you choose Export Time: Day “Wednesday” and Hour “18:00,” the report will show data from Monday at 17:00 to Wednesday at 17:00.
- Step 5** Enter the e-mail address to which you would like the report delivered.



Note With NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0, you can only configure one e-mail address.

- Step 6** Choose the delivery option (HTML or CSV).
- Step 7** Enter the report description, which will appear at the end of the filename of the report delivered to you.
- Step 8** Click:
- The **Reset** button to clear the values in the dialog box
 - The **Preview** button to preview the report
 - The **Submit** button to submit the request for the scheduled job
 - The **Cancel** button to close the dialog box and return to the previous screen
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Editing a Scheduled Export

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Data Export > Scheduled Exports**.
- Step 2** Highlight the job you would like to edit.
- Step 3** Click the **Edit** button.
- Step 4** Modify the information as desired. On this screen, you can only change the Email, Delivery Option (HTML or CSV), and Report Description.
- Step 5** Click:
- The **Submit** button to submit the request for the scheduled job
 - The **Reset** button to clear the values in the dialog box
 - The **Cancel** button to close the dialog box and return to the previous screen.
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Deleting a Scheduled Export

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Data Export > Scheduled Exports**.
- Step 2** Highlight the job you would like to delete.
- Step 3** Click the **Delete** button.
- Step 4** Click **OK** to confirm, or click **Cancel** to return to the previous screen without deleting the job.
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Custom Export

You can enable Custom Export to send response time data to an external reporting console such as NetQoS SuperAgent.

After you enable Custom Export, you may also want to enable the “Export Passthrough Response Time” option when creating a WAAS Data Source (**Setup > NAM Data Sources > Auto Create**).

To enable the NAM to export response time data to an external console:

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- Step 1** From the NAM GUI, choose **Setup > Data Export > Custom Export**.
The Response Time Export window displays.
 - Step 2** Check the **Enable Export** check box.
 - Step 3** Enter the IP address of the external reporting console in the IP Address field.
 - Step 4** Enter the UDP port number of the external console (blank is default).
 - Step 5** Optionally, click **Export Non-WAAS Traffic**.
This enables the export of SPAN and other data as well as WAAS traffic.
 - Step 6** Click **Submit** to enable traffic export, or click **Reset** to clear the changes from the screen.
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Managed Device

A managed device is the device on which SPAN is configured, and where system health ifTable statistics are polled via SNMP.

The NAM 5.0 Traffic Analyzer menu selections for setting up Managed Devices are:

- [Device Information, page 2-55](#)
- [NBAR Protocol Discovery, page 2-57](#)

Device Information

To view the switch information, choose **Setup > Managed Device > Device Information**. The fields are described in [Table 2-24, Switch Information](#).

Table 2-24 **Switch Information**

| Field | Description |
|------------------------------------|---|
| SNMP Test information | Displays the IP address of the NAM and the switch that the SNMP test occurred on. |
| Name | Name of the switch. |
| Hardware | Hardware description of the switch. |
| Supervisor Software Version | Current software version of the Supervisor. |
| System Uptime | Total time the switch has been running. |
| Location | Physical location of the switch. |

Table 2-24 Switch Information (continued)

| Field | Description |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Contact | Contact name of the network administrator for the switch. |
| SNMP read from switch | SNMP read test result. |
| SNMP write to switch | SNMP write test result. |
| Mini-RMON on switch | For Cisco IOS devices, displays the status if there are any ports with Mini-RMON configured (Available) or not (Unavailable). |
| NBAR on switch | Displays if NBAR is available on the switch. |
| VLAN Traffic Statistics on Switch | Displays if VLAN data is Available or Unavailable. Note Catalyst 6500 Series switches require a Supervisor 2 or MSFC2 card. |
| NetFlow Status | For Catalyst 6500 Series devices running Cisco IOS, if NetFlow is configured on the switch, Remote export to NAM <address> on port <number> displays, otherwise the status will display Configuration unknown. |



Note For the WS-SVC-NAM-1 and WS-SVC-NAM-2 platforms, SNMPv3 is not required. SNMP requests and responses are communicated over an internal interface within the chassis, and SNMPv3 is not used.

This section describes how to set router/managed device parameters.



Note This section applies only to NME-NAM devices (branch routers) and Cisco 2200 Series Appliances.

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Managed Device > Device Information**.

The Router System Information displays as shown in [Table 2-25, Router/Managed Device System Information](#).

Table 2-25 Router/Managed Device System Information

| Field | Description |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Name | Name of the router. |
| Hardware | Hardware description of the router. |
| Managed Device Software Version | Current software version of the router. |
| Managed Device System Uptime | Total time the switch has been running. |
| Location | Physical location of the router. |
| Contact | Name of the network administrator for the router. |
| Managed Device | IP address of the router. |
| SNMP v1/v2c RW Community String | Name of the SNMP read-write community string configured on the router |

Table 2-25 Router/Managed Device System Information (continued)

| Field | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Verify String | Verify the SNMP . |
| Enable SNMP V3 | Check the check box to enable SNMP Version 3 (with NAM 5.0, you have the ability to manage devices with SNMPv3). If SNMPv3 is not enabled, the community string is used. |
| Mode: No Auth, No Priv | SNMP will be used in a mode with no authentication and no privacy. |
| Mode: Auth, No Priv | SNMP will be used in a mode with authentication, but no privacy. |
| Mode: Auth and Priv | SNMP will be used in a mode with both authentication and privacy. |
| User Name | Enter a username, which will match the username configured on the device. |
| Auth Password | Enter the authentication password associated with the username that was configured on the device. Verify the password. |
| Auth Algorithm | Choose the authentication standard which is configured on the device (MD5 or SHA-1). |
| Privacy Password | Enter the privacy password, which is configured on the device. Verify the password. |
| Privacy Algorithm | Enter the privacy algorithm, which is configured on the device (AES or DES). |

Step 2 Click the **Test Connectivity** button to perform an SNMP test. Click **Close** when finished.

Step 3 Click **Submit** to submit the information and close the window.

NBAR Protocol Discovery



Note

NBAR is supported on ISR routers and switches with the Catalyst 6500 Supervisor Engine 32 Programmable Intelligent Services Accelerator (PISA) running IOS 12.2(18)ZY (or later).

To set up NBAR Protocol Discovery, choose **Setup > Managed Device > NBAR Protocol Discovery**. From the NBAR Protocol Discovery window, you can view the NBAR Status information and enable or disable NBAR on all interfaces.

You must enable the NBAR Interfaces feature for the NAM to provide information about ethernet ports.



Note

If your switch does not support NBAR, a message displays indicating that NBAR is not supported on your switch.

If NBAR Protocol Discovery is enabled, the NBAR Interfaces window lists known interfaces by name and type. [Table 2-26, NBAR Interface Details](#) describes the fields on the screen.

Table 2-26 NBAR Interface Details

| Field / Operation | Description |
|------------------------------|---|
| Enable (check box) | Check indicates that NBAR is enabled. |
| Interface | Name of the interface. Depending on the IOS running on the Supervisor, port names are displayed differently. Newer versions of IOS software display a port name as Gi2/1 to represent a Gigabit port on module 2 port 1. In the Virtual Switch software (VSS), a port name might be displayed as Gi1/2/1 to represent a Gigabit port on switch 1, module2, port 1. |
| Interface Description | Description of the interface. |

To narrow the list of interfaces, choose “Interface Name” or “Interface Description” from the drop-down list, enter any part of the interface name or description in the text box, and click the **Filter** button. To clear the Filter text box, click **Clear**. To return to showing all interfaces, check the **All** check box and click the **Submit** button.

Check the check box to enable an interface, and then click the **Submit** button.

The **Save** button will save the router’s running configuration to startup configuration.

Network

The NAM 5.0 Traffic Analyzer menu selections for setting up the Network are:

- [Sites, page 2-58](#)
- [NDE Interface Capacity, page 2-63](#)
- [DSCP Groups, page 2-64](#)

Sites

A *site* is a collection of hosts (network endpoints) partitioned into views that help you monitor traffic and troubleshoot problems. If you want to limit the view of your network analysis data to a specific city, a specific building, or even a specific floor of a building, you can use the Sites function.



Note

If there are multiple data sources configured for the same site, the same traffic may be accounted for more than once, resulting in inflated traffic statistics. For example, if the NAM is configured to receive SPAN traffic for a particular site, and also is receiving Netflow records for that same site, they will both be combined in the traffic statistics. In this case, if you then want to only see the statistics for a particular data source, you would need to use the Interactive Report window on the left side of the screen to specify both the Site and Data Source.

The site definition is very flexible and can accommodate various scenarios. The site definition is used not only for viewing of data, but for data export and data retention as well. Normally, a site is defined by its subnet(s), but a site can also be defined using the following rules:

- Subnet (IP address prefix)
- Subnet from a data source
- Subnet from a given VLAN of a SPAN data source
- WAE device serving the site

The preferred way to define sites is using subnets, and should be used whenever possible.



Note

The same rule cannot be defined in multiple sites.



Note

If you are configuring a WAAS device, you will need to add WAAS servers to the NAM. See [Auto Create of New WAAS Devices, page 2-35](#).

See the following sections to set up sites:

- [Definition Rules, page 2-59](#)
- [Viewing Defined Sites, page 2-60](#)
- [Defining a Site, page 2-61](#)
- [Editing a Site, page 2-63](#)

Definition Rules

Specifying a Site Using Subnets

Normally, subnets alone are sufficient to define a site. For example:

Site Data-Center = subnet 172.20.0.0/16

In certain scenarios when there are overlapping IP address spaces in the networks (for example, in private networks where hosts from different sites have the same IP addresses), then data sources or VLANs can be used to differentiate the subnets. For example:

Site NewYork = subnet 10.11.0.0/16 from "NDE-NewYork" data source.

Site LosAngeles = subnet 10.11.0.0/16 from "NDE-LosAngeles" data source.

Site Sale-Dept = subnet 10.11.0.0/16 from VLAN 10 of "DATA PORT 1" data source.

Site Finance-Dept = subnet 10.11.0.0/16 from VLAN 12 of "DATA PORT 1" data source.

Specifying a Site Using WAE devices (WAAS Data Sources)

For WAAS traffic, you can define a site associated with a WAE device without specifying the site's subnets. Simply select all of the WAAS data sources coming from the WAE device(s) serving that site.

Site SanJose = WAE-SJ-Client, WAE-SJ-CltWAN, and WAE-SJ-Passthrough data sources.



Note

We recommend that you use subnets to specify WAAS-optimized sites. Use this method only if the site's subnets cannot be determined.

Specifying a Site Using Multiple Rules

You can define a site using a combination of multiple rules described above. For example, if a site has both optimized and non-optimized traffic, it can be defined using a combination of WAAS data sources and a subnet from a NDE data source.

When defining a site using multiple data sources, be careful to make sure that those data sources do not have duplicated traffic to avoid double counting the site traffic statistics.

Resolving Ambiguity (Overlapping Site Definitions)

Conflicting rules are not allowed in site definitions. Of the following two scenarios, the second one is not allowed.

1.2.3.0/24 from SPAN1 = SiteA

1.2.3.0/24 from SPAN1 = SiteB

Using a prefix is the preferred method. Data source and VLAN are secondary. In the following two scenarios, the first would receive the higher priority.

1.2.3.0/24 = Site D

WAE1-Client datasrc = Site E

The longest prefix has higher priority (same data source/VLAN). In the following two scenarios, the first would receive the higher priority.

1.2.3.0/24 from SPAN1 = Site A

1.2.0.0/16 from SPAN1 = Site C

The more refined (specific) rule has higher priority. In the following two scenarios, the first would receive the higher priority.

1.2.3.0/24 from SPAN1 = Site A

1.2.3.0/24 (any datasrc) = Site D

Viewing Defined Sites

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Network > Sites**.
 - Step 2** The Sites screen appears. Defined sites will be listed in the table.

The fields on this screen are described in [Table 2-27, Sites Screen](#).

Table 2-27 Sites Screen

| Field | Description |
|-------------|--|
| Name | Name of the site. |
| Description | Description of what the site includes. |
| Rule | Lists the first rule assigned to the selected site. If you see periods next to the site rule (...), then multiple rules were created for that site. To see the list of all rules, click the quick view icon (after highlighting the site, click the small arrow on the right). |
| Status | Shows if the site is Enabled or Disabled. |

Defining a Site

The “[Definition Rules](#)” section on [page 2-59](#) gives specific information about various scenarios. To set up a Site or Sites:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Network > Sites**.
 - Step 2** Click the **Create** button.
 - Step 3** The Site Configuration window appears. Enter a Name, Description, Subnet, Data Source, and/or VLAN as appropriate.

See [Figure 2-7](#) for an example.

Figure 2-7 Site Configuration Screen

Setup > Network > Sites > Site Configuration

* Name: Tokyo

Description: Buildings 3 and 4

Disable Site:

Site Rules: i Subnet: Detect Data Source: VLAN:

| Subnet | Data Source | VLAN |
|---------------|-----------------------|------|
| 10.2.1.0/24 | | |
| 172.20.0.0/16 | DATA PORT 1 | |
| | WAE-192.52.4.4 Server | |

Submit Reset Cancel

The fields are defined below in [Table 2-28, Site Configuration Screen Fields](#).

Table 2-28 Site Configuration Screen Fields

| Field | Description |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Name | Unique text string for naming a site. |
| Description | Optional text string for describing site. |
| Disable Site (check box) | If you check this check box, the NAM will skip this site when classifying traffic. This is useful if the site is no longer active, but the user would still like to access historical site data in the database. Otherwise, the user should delete sites that are not needed. |
| Subnet | IP address subnet (IPv4/IPv6 address and mask); for example, 10.1.1.0/24. Click the blue “i” to get information about Site Rules. You can click the Detect button to tell the NAM to look for subnets in the traffic. See the next section, Subnet Detection . |
| Data Source | Specify the data source where the site traffic is coming from. Leave this field blank if the site traffic can come from multiple data sources. |
| VLAN | Specify the VLAN where the site traffic is coming from.  Note The VLAN selection is not enabled for NDE and WAAS data sources. Leave this field blank if the site traffic can come from multiple VLANs. |

Step 4 Click the **Submit** button.



Note The “Unassigned” site (with a description of “Unclassified hosts”) includes any that do not match any of your site configurations. Sites are classified at the time of packet processing.

Subnet Detection

When you click the **Detect** button at **Setup > Network > Sites > Sites Configuration**, the NAM will look for subnets detected within in the past hour. See [Table 2-29, Subnet Detection](#) for information about the fields.

Table 2-29 Subnet Detection

| Field | Description |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Subnet Mask | Enter the subnet mask.  Note If the bit mask is less than 32, the NAM will detect an IPv4 subnet. If the bit mask is between 32 and 64, then it will detect an IPv6 subnet. |
| Data Source | Choose the data source in which you would like to detect subnets. |
| Interface | Choose the interface in which you would like to detect subnets. |
| Filter Subnets Within Network | Enter an IPv4 or IPv6 address |
| Unassigned Site (check box) | The “Unassigned” site includes any that do not match any of your site configurations. Sites are classified at the time of packet processing. |

When you click the Detect button, the NAM will find those that meet the criteria that you entered.

Editing a Site

You can edit sites that have been created. Note that the “Unassigned” site cannot be edited or deleted.

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Network > Sites**.
 - Step 2** Highlight the site that you have configured.
 - Step 3** Click the **Edit** button.
 - Step 4** Edit the desired field.
 - Step 5** Click **Submit** to save the changes, or click **Reset** and **OK** to reinstate the site’s previous settings, or click **Cancel** to cancel any changes and return to the main Sites page.
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NDE Interface Capacity

After you have set up NetFlow data sources (see [NetFlow, page 2-18](#)), you can go to the NDE Interface Capacity screen at **Setup > Network > NDE Interface Capacity** to specify the speed of each interface. This allows the NAM to calculate interface utilization on the NDE Interface Traffic Analysis screen (**Analyze > Traffic > NDE Interface**). Otherwise, the NAM can only display the throughput of the interface, but cannot show its utilization.

You can click Edit to edit the interface. You can edit the name (for example, WAN link to Boston) and speed of the interface.

The interface name and speed will be automatically discovered by the NAM if you configure the router's SNMP credentials in **Setup > NAM Data Sources > Create > Type: NETFLOW**.

Creating an NDE Interface

To add an interface, at the NDE Interface Capacity screen (**Setup > Network > NDE Interface Capacity**), click the **Add** button. Then fill in the fields as described in [Table 2-30, Add NDE Interface](#).



Note

It is normally not necessary to manually create NDE interfaces. They will be discovered automatically when the device sends NDE packets to the NAM.

Table 2-30 Add NDE Interface

| Field | Description |
|----------------------|---|
| Device | Enter the IPv4 or IPv6 address. |
| ifIndex | Unique identifying number associated with a physical or logical interface. Valid characters: 0-9. |
| ifName | Name of the interface. Valid characters are A-Z, a-z, 0-9 |
| ifSpeed(Mbps) | An estimate of the interface's current bandwidth in bits per second. |

DSCP Groups

Differentiated services monitoring (DiffServ) is designed to monitor the network traffic usage of Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) values. To monitor DSCP, you must configure at least one aggregation profile, and one or more aggregation groups associated with each profile. This section describes how to set up the DSCP groups.

You can define two or three different groups of traffic, and assign the various DSCP values to each group. Or you can assign one particular value for the first group and give it a name, and then assign all the rest to the other (or default) group and give that a name.

For detailed information about setting DSCP values, see *Implementing Quality of Service Policies with DSCP*:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/tech/tk543/tk757/technologies_tech_note09186a00800949f2.shtml

These topics help you set up and manage the DSCP groups:

- [Creating a DSCP Group, page 2-64](#)
- [Editing a DSCP Group, page 2-66](#)
- [Deleting a DSCP Group, page 2-66](#)

Creating a DSCP Group

To create a DSCP Group:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Network > DSCP Groups**.
The DSCP Groups table displays.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button.
The DSCP Group Configuration window displays.
- Step 3** Fill in the fields as described in [Table 2-31, DSCP Group Setup Dialog Box](#).

Table 2-31 DSCP Group Setup Dialog Box

| Field | Description | Usage Notes |
|--------------|----------------------|--|
| Name | Name of the profile. | Enter the name of the profile you are creating. The maximum is 64 characters. |
| Label Format | DSCP | DSCP numbers from 0 to 63. After selecting the DSCP radio button, you can freely choose any of the 64 possible values and assign them to Groups. |
| | AF / EF / CS | Assured Forwarding (AF) guarantees a certain amount of bandwidth to an AF class and allows access to extra bandwidth, Expedited Forwarding (EF) is used for traffic that is very sensitive to delay, loss and jitter, such as voice or video traffic. Class Selector (CS) the last 3 bits of the 6-bit DSCP field, so these correspond to DSCP 0 through DSCP 7. |
| | Bit Field | Six bits in the IP header of a packet. See Table 2-32 . |

[Table 2-32, DSCP Group Label Formats](#) shows the available formats and associated values.

Table 2-32 DSCP Group Label Formats

| DSCP Format (DSCP 0 through DSCP 63) | AF/EF/CS Format | Bit Field Format |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| DSCP 0 | - | 000000 |
| DSCP 8 | CS1 | 001000 |
| DSCP 10 | AF11 | 001010 |
| DSCP 12 | AF12 | 001100 |
| DSCP 14 | AF13 | 001110 |
| DSCP 16 | CS2 | 010000 |

Table 2-32 DSCP Group Label Formats (continued)

| DSCP Format (DSCP 0 through DSCP 63) | AF/EF/CS Format | Bit Field Format |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| DSCP 18 | AF21 | 010010 |
| DSCP 20 | AF22 | 010100 |
| DSCP 22 | AF23 | 010110 |
| DSCP 24 | CS3 | 011000 |
| DSCP 26 | AF31 | 011010 |
| DSCP 28 | AF32 | 011100 |
| DSCP 30 | AF33 | 011110 |
| DSCP 32 | CS4 | 100000 |
| DSCP 34 | AF41 | 100010 |
| DSCP 36 | AF42 | 100100 |
| DSCP 38 | AF43 | 100110 |
| DSCP 40 | CS5 | 101000 |
| DSCP 46 | EF | 101110 |
| DSCP 48 | CS6 | 110000 |
| DSCP 56 | CS7 | 111000 |

Step 4 Click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to cancel.

Editing a DSCP Group

To edit a DSCP group:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Network > DSCP Groups**.
The DSCP groups window displays.
- Step 2** Select the profile to edit, then click **Edit**.
- Step 3** Make the necessary changes, then click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to cancel.
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Deleting a DSCP Group

To delete one or more DSCP groups, simply select the profiles from the DSCP Groups table, then click **Delete**.

Classification

In Network Analysis Module release 5.0, the RMON-based protocol directory is replaced with a new application ID classification system. When defining applications, you will be able to view and select from a list of candidate IP addresses and port numbers for the traffic being analyzed.

The NAM enables the selection of the "better" application identifier, wherein "better" is defined as the deeper inspection to be used for application classification. You can also manually select the preferred inspection method.

For example, the NBAR Application ID inspection may report a "better" classification than the NAM's Protocol Directory, and so you may want to use the NBAR Application ID instead.

The NAM also allows for the configuration of custom applications via the North Bound Interface (NBI). This is needed to ensure uniform application classification across a number of NAMs.

The menu selections for setting up Classification are:

- [Applications, page 2-67](#)
- [Application Groups, page 2-70](#)
- [URL-based Applications, page 2-71](#)
- [Encapsulations, page 2-73](#)

Applications

The NAM recognizes an application on the basis of port number, port number range, stateful inspection of traffic (for example, voice signaling traffic or FTP), heuristics (for example, MS-RPC or SUN-RPC), or standardized application identifiers exported by Cisco platforms with NDE. If the NAM is not able to recognize an application using any of these mechanisms, the application type of the traffic is reported as "unknown." You can configure the application reported as "unknown" to create custom applications.

The Applications window lists applications that have been set up for this NAM. To view the Applications window, click **Setup > Classification > Applications**. Use this window to view and add proprietary applications, and edit the user-defined applications.

Figure 2-8 shows an example of what the screen may look like.

Figure 2-8 Applications

| Application | Protocol/Port | Selector | Engine ID | Application Tag | Description |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| url-match-55 | | 1 | Custom | 268435457 | |
| icmp | IP/1 | 1 | iana-B | 16777217 | Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) |
| igmp | IP/2 | 2 | iana-B | 16777218 | Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) |
| ip | ETHER2/800, LLC/6, IP/4 | 4 | iana-B | 16777220 | IP |
| tcp | IP/6 | 6 | iana-B | 16777222 | Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) |
| egp | IP/8 | 8 | iana-B | 16777224 | Exterior Gateway Protocol (EGP) |
| igp | IP/9 | 9 | iana-B | 16777225 | Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP) |
| chaos | IP/16 | 16 | iana-B | 16777232 | CHAOS Protocol |
| udp | IP/17 | 17 | iana-B | 16777233 | User Datagram Protocol (UDP) |
| xns-idp | IP/22, ETHER2/600 | 22 | iana-B | 16777238 | Xerox Network Services (XNS) Internet Datagram Protocol (IDP) |
| rdp | IP/27 | 27 | iana-B | 16777243 | Reliable Data Protocol (RDP) |
| irtp | IP/28 | 28 | iana-B | 16777244 | Internet Reliable Transaction Protocol (IRTP) |

Table 2-33, [Applications](#) describes the fields on the Applications setup page.

Table 2-33 Applications

| Field | Description |
|-----------------|--|
| Application | Standard protocols, or name given by the user (if user-created). |
| Protocol/Port | Application protocol and port. The port is an arbitrary number you assign to handle the additional ports for the protocol family. This protocol number must be unique so it does not conflict with standard protocol/port assignments. The port number range will vary depending on the protocol type selected. |
| Selector | An arbitrary number, unique within an engine-id. It will be automatically assigned if left blank. This allows you to configure applications consistently across multiple NAMs, so that the same user-created application is exported with the same value. This should be used when configuring the same custom applications on multiple NAMs. |
| Engine ID | Will show “Custom” if it was user-created. |
| Application Tag | Pre-defined for standard protocols. For user-created, the application tag is a combination of the engine ID and the Selector. The 32 bit is generated by using the engine ID as the highest order byte, and the Selector makes up the other 3 bytes. |
| Description | Full name of the protocol. |

This section provides the following procedures:

- [Creating a New Application, page 2-68](#)
- [Editing an Application, page 2-69](#)
- [Deleting a Protocol, page 2-70](#)

Creating a New Application

When defining applications, you will be able to view and select from a list of candidate IP addresses and port numbers for the traffic being analyzed. You can create additional ports to enable the NAM to handle additional traffic for standard applications.

To create a new application:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Classification > Applications**.
The Applications screen displays.
 - Step 2** Choose the type you would like to create and click **Create**.
The Application Configuration window displays.
 - Step 3** Enter a name in the Name field.
 - Step 4** Enter a Selector value. This is an arbitrary number, unique within an engine-id. It will be automatically assigned if left blank.

This allows you to configure applications consistently across multiple NAMs, so that the same user-created application is exported with the same value.

Step 5 Choose a protocol family from the list:

- CISCO-SNAP
- DCE-RPC
- ETHER2
- IP
- LLC
- SCTP-PORT
- SCTP-PPI
- SUN-RPC
- TCP
- UDP

Choose the the type of traffic you want to create the additional protocol to handle.

Step 6 Enter a port number; the range will vary depending on the protocol family selected. This is an arbitrary number you assign to handle the additional ports for the protocol family. This protocol number must be unique so it does not conflict with standard protocol/port assignments.

Step 7 Click the right arrow to add the selections to the “Chosen Protocol/Port” list. To remove an item from that list, highlight it and click the left arrow.

Step 8 Repeat [Step 4](#) through [Step 7](#) as many times as desired.

Step 9 Click:

- The **Submit** button to create the new application.
- The **Reset** button to clear the values on the screen.
- The **Cancel** button to close the screen and return to the previous screen.

Step 10 Use the pull-down menu to choose a Protocol Family.

Step 11 Enter an integer to use as the beginning port number for the protocol you want to create. The range is 1-255 for IP and 1-65535 for TCP, UDP, and SCTP.

Step 12 Click the right arrow to add the port to the “Chosen Protocol/Port” field.

Step 13 Click **Submit** to create the new protocol ports, or click **Cancel** to clear the dialog of any characters you entered or restore the previous settings.

Editing an Application

In NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0, you can only modify the user-defined applications, and not the standard applications. You can only edit an application for which it states “Custom” in the Engine ID column.

To edit an application:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Classification > Applications**.
- Step 2** Select the application to edit, and click **Edit**.
The Application Configuration window displays.
- Step 3** Make the desired changes (you will only be able to change the name and protocol/port/port range).
- Step 4** Do one of the following:
- To accept the changes, click **Submit**.
 - To leave the configuration unchanged, click **Cancel**.
 - To delete the protocol, click **Delete**.
-

Deleting a Protocol

To delete a protocol, simply select it from the Application Configuration window, then click **Delete**.

Application Groups

An application group is a set of applications that can be monitored as a whole. The following topics help you set up and manage the application group:

- [Creating an Application Group, page 2-70](#)
- [Editing an Application Group, page 2-70](#)
- [Deleting an Application Group, page 2-70](#)

Creating an Application Group

To create an application group:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Classification > Application Groups**.
The Application Groups window displays.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button.
- Step 3** Enter the name in the Application Group Name field.
- Step 4** Use the next Application field and the Filter button to narrow the list of selectable applications.
- Step 5** Select an application and click the **Add** button. Applications appear in the Selected Applications box.
You can select multiple applications at once by using the Shift button, and then click **Add**.
- Step 6** Click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to cancel.
-

Editing an Application Group

To edit an application group:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Classification > Application Groups**.
 - Step 2** Select the Application Group by clicking the radio button, then click **Edit**.
 - Step 3** Make the necessary changes, then click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to cancel.
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Deleting an Application Group

To delete an application group, simply select the application and then click the **Delete** button. You can only delete one application group at a time.

URL-based Applications

URL-based applications are extensions to the list of applications. When the URL in an HTTP request (a URL on any port that is part of the iana-l4:http protocol, or protocol named “http” under the “iana-l4” engine ID) matches the criteria of a URL-based application, the traffic is classified as that protocol. The device interface statistics are collected by regularly (once a minute) polling the ifTable statistics of all interfaces on the managed device.

A URL-based application can be used the same way as any other application. For example, a URL-based application can be used in collections, captures, and reports.

An incoming URL is matched against the criteria of the configured URL-based application, in the order of the index, until a match is found. When a match is found, the remaining URL-based applications are not considered.

A URL consists of the following parts:

- a host
- a path
- an argument

For example, in the URL **http://host.domain.com/intro?id=123**:

- the *host* part is **host.domain.com**
- the *path* part is **/intro**
- the *argument* part is **?id=123**

In the configuration of an URL-based application, the path part and the argument path are combined and called the *path part*.

**Note**

The match strings of the URL-based applications are POSIX-limited regular expressions.

**Note**

A maximum of 64 URL-based applications can be defined.

To create a URL-based application from a collected URL:

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Classification > URL-based Applications**.

Step 2 Click **Create**.

The Create URL-based Application window displays.

Enter values in the fields according to [Table 2-34, URL-Based Applications](#).

Table 2-34 URL-Based Applications

| Field | Description |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Index | A unique number (1-64) of each URL-based application. You can define up to 64 URL-based applications in NAM. |
| URL Host Part Match | Matching criteria in the host portion of the URL string appears in HTTP packets. This match is a POSIX Regular Expression ¹ . |
| URL Path Part Match | Matching criteria in the path portion of the URL string appears in HTTP packets. This match is a POSIX Regular Expression ¹ . |
| Content-Type Match | Matching criteria in the Content-Type field of the HTTP packets. This match is a POSIX Regular Expression ¹ . |
| Protocol Description | Description of this URL-based application. |

1. A regular expression provides a concise and flexible means for matching strings of text, such as particular characters, words, or patterns of characters. A regular expression is written in a formal language that can be interpreted by a regular expression processor, a program that either serves as a parser generator or examines text and identifies parts that match the provided specification. The IEEE POSIX Basic Regular Expressions (BRE) standard (released alongside an alternative flavor called Extended Regular Expressions or ERE) was designed mostly for backward compatibility with the traditional (Simple Regular Expression) syntax but provided a common standard which has since been adopted as the default syntax of many Unix regular expression tools, though there is often some variation or additional features. Many such tools also provide support for ERE syntax with command line arguments. In the BRE syntax, most characters are treated as literals - they match only themselves (in other words, a matches "a").

Step 3 Click:

- The **Submit** button to submit the request
- The **Reset** button to clear the values on the screen
- The **Cancel** button to close the dialog box and return to the previous screen

Example

After you click submit, the NAM will have an application named “my_host HTTPserver.” It functions like any user-defined application in the NAM. The packets or octets counter is the number of HTTP packets that have the URL “HOST=my_host.mydomain.com.”

See [Figure 2-9](#) for an example of creating a URL-based application.

Figure 2-9 Example of Creating a URL-Based Application

Editing a URL-Based Application

To edit URL-based applications:

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Classification > URL-based Applications**.

Step 2 Select a radio button and click **Edit**.



Note

When editing a URL-based application, the index can not be changed. To change the index (to change the order of execution) delete the URL-based application and recreate it.

Change the information as desired.

Step 3 Click:

- The **Submit** button to submit the request
 - The **Reset** button to clear the values on the screen
 - The **Cancel** button to close the dialog box and return to the previous screen.
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Deleting a URL-based Application

To delete a URL-based application:

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Classification > URL-based Applications**.

Step 2 Click the radio button for the item you would like to delete.

Step 3 Click the **Delete** button.

Encapsulations

Using Encapsulation gives you increased flexibility when trying to monitor (such as counting or grouping) different types of application traffic. The encapsulation settings affect how traffic of certain IP based tunneling protocols are treated in the NAM.

You can use the NAM to set up the way you monitor different types of encapsulation in network traffic for the following protocols:

- IPIP4—IP in IP tunneling
- GREIP—IP over GRE tunneling
- IPESP—IP with Encapsulating Security Payload
- GTP—GPRS (General Packet Radio Service) Tunneling Protocol
- IPIP6—IP in IP tunneling

To configure encapsulation:

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Classification > Encapsulations**.

The Encapsulations configuration page appears.

Step 2 Use the pull-down menu to choose the type of Encapsulation Configuration you want for each protocol.

- Application in Tunnel, Inner IP Addresses

In default mode, the NAM uses *Application in Tunnel, Inner IP Addresses*. In this mode, the NAM will classify the application based on the payload of the tunneled traffic, and use the inner IP addresses (IP addresses of the traffic carried inside the tunnel) for reporting and capture.

- Application in Tunnel, Outer IP Addresses

In the *Application in Tunnel, Outer IP Addresses* mode, the NAM will also classify the traffic based on the payload of the tunneled traffic, but use the outer IP addresses (the IP addresses of the tunnel endpoints) for reporting and capture.

- Tunnel as Application

In the *Tunnel as Application* mode, the traffic will be classified as the tunnel protocol and the packet not further parsed. The outer IP addresses will be used in this case.

Step 3 Click **Submit** to change the Encapsulation Configuration.

Click **Reset** to revert to the previous settings since the last **Submit**.

Monitoring

Before you can monitor data on the NAM Traffic Analyzer, you must set up the data collections. The NAM 5.0 Traffic Analyzer menu selections for setting up Monitoring are:

- [Aggregation Intervals, page 2-74](#)
- [Response Time, page 2-76](#)
- [Voice, page 2-76](#)
- [RTP Filter, page 2-78](#)

- [URL, page 2-78](#)
- [WAAS Monitored Servers, page 2-80](#)

Aggregation Intervals

The NAM Traffic Analyzer has short-term and long-term aggregation intervals (referred to as long-term reporting in NAM 4.x). In NAM Traffic Analyzer Release 5.0, the aggregated data will be displayed in the dashboards if the query is longer than one day.

The purpose of gathering short term aggregation interval data is for troubleshooting. It has a finer granularity than long term data (by default, the short term aggregation interval for Traffic/Media is one minute, and short term response time interval is five minutes).

The purpose of gathering long term interval data is for trending analysis. The smallest aggregation interval for long term data is one hour (60 minutes).



Caution

If you modify the aggregation intervals, existing collected data that is not in the same aggregation interval will be completely removed. Data will then start being collected from the beginning again at the moment the intervals are modified and applied.

Traffic and Media refer to applications, hosts, RTP streams, and voice calls monitoring. Response Time refers only to application response time. The NAM does not support long term aggregations of data for the following media: conversations, RTP streams, and voice signaling calls monitoring.

To set up aggregation intervals:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Monitoring > Aggregation Intervals**.
 - Step 2** Choose the desired durations for Short Term Interval and Long Term Interval.
 - Step 3** Check the “Collect only hosts from user-defined sites (exclude hosts from Unassigned site)” check box if you want the NAM long term data to only contain information for hosts classified to the user-defined sites. This check box only applies to the long term data; short term will always collect all hosts.



Note Enabling the “Collect only hosts from user-defined sites” option can significantly speed up report queries, because it excludes unclassified hosts’ statistics from the database.

When you first start the NAM Traffic Analyzer, in monitoring screens that show site information, you will see a site named “Unassigned” and with a description of “Unclassified Hosts.” The Unassigned site includes any that do not match the site configurations. By default, long-term storage will include data for all sites, including the Unassigned site. In some cases, you may not want to view long term data of hosts that are not in your network, in which case you would check the check box.

- Step 4** Click **Submit**.
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The aggregation intervals determine how much data can be stored in the NAM database. See [Table 2-35, Data Retention](#) for information about data retention.

Table 2-35 Data Retention

| | Short-Term Aggregated Data (Normal) | Short-Term Aggregated Data (Minimum) | Long-Term Aggregated Data (Normal) ¹ | Long-Term Aggregated Data (Minimum) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| WS-SVC-NAM-1 and WS-SVC-NAM-2 | 24 hours | 5 hours | 30 days | 10 days |
| All other platforms | 72 hours | 14 hours | 100 days (with default polling interval) | 30 days (with default polling interval) |

1. Can depend on how the user configures the LT polling interval. The more frequent polling, the shorter the duration.

Response Time

To configure the timing parameters (or *buckets*) for response time data collections:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Monitoring > Response Time**.
- The Response Time Configuration page displays. The settings you make on this window comprise the time distribution in milliseconds for the detailed Server Application Response Time data collection.
- Step 2** Check the “Enable Response Time Monitor” check box.
- Step 3** After “Monitored Server Filter”, you will see “Disabled” or “Enabled.” If a WAAS server has been configured under **Setup > Monitoring > WAAS Servers**, you will see “Enabled.” Click the **Configure Filter** button to configure a filter.
- Step 4** Enter the Response Time settings as described in [Table 2-36, Response Time Configuration Window](#).

Table 2-36 Response Time Configuration Window

| Field | Description | Usage Notes |
|---------------------|---|--|
| RspTime1 (msec) | Upper response time limit for the first bucket | Enter a number in milliseconds. The default is 5. |
| RspTime2 (msec) | Upper response time limit for the second bucket | Enter a number in milliseconds. The default is 10. |
| RspTime3 (msec) | Upper response time limit for the third bucket | Enter a number in milliseconds. The default is 50. |
| RspTime4 (msec) | Upper response time limit for the fourth bucket | Enter a number in milliseconds. The default is 100. |
| RspTime5 (msec) | Upper response time limit for the fifth bucket | Enter a number in milliseconds. The default is 200. |
| RspTime6 (msec) | Upper response time limit for the sixth bucket | Enter a number in milliseconds. The default is 500. |
| Late RspTime (msec) | The maximum interval that the NAM waits for a server response to a client request | Enter a number in milliseconds. The default is 1000. |

- Step 5** Accept the default settings or change the settings to the values you want to monitor. Click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to cancel.

Voice

After you set up the NAM to monitor voice data, you will be able to view the collected voice data under the **Analyze > Media** menu in the NAM. For more information on viewing the voice data, see [Media, page 3-37](#).



Note Voice monitoring features are supported with Cisco IP telephony devices only.

To set up voice monitoring:

- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Monitoring > Voice**.
The Voice Monitoring page displays.
- Step 2** Check the “Enable Call Signal Monitoring” check box.
- Step 3** Accept the default MOS Score value range or modify the values as you prefer. See [Table 2-37, Voice Monitor Setup Window](#).

Table 2-37 *Voice Monitor Setup Window*

| Field | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| Voice Monitoring | |
| Enabled | Enables voice monitoring |
| MOS Values | |
| Excellent | Highest quality MOS score (5.0 being highest). The default value is 5.00. |
| Good | Quality less than excellent; MOS score ranges from this setting to less than excellent. The default value is 4.33. |
| Fair | Quality less than good; MOS score ranges from this setting to less than good. The default value is 4.02. |
| Poor | Quality less than excellent; MOS score ranges from this setting to less than fair. The default value is 3.59. |

[Table 2-38, Maximum and Default Voice/Video and RTP Stream Parameters per Platform](#) provides the maximum numbers allowed for various voice, video, and RTP streams depending on the NAM platform. The default values for each parameter are in parenthesis.

Table 2-38 *Maximum and Default Voice/Video and RTP Stream Parameters per Platform*

| Field | 2220 Appliance | 2204 Appliance | NAM-2(x) | NAM-1(x) | NME-NAM |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| RTP Streams | 4,000 (2000) | 1,500 (750) | 800 (400) | 400 (200) | 100 (50) |
| Max Active Calls | 2,000 (1,000) | 750 (375) | 400 (200) | 200 (100) | 50 (25) |

Table 2-38 Maximum and Default Voice/Video and RTP Stream Parameters per Platform

| Field | 2220 Appliance | 2204 Appliance | NAM-2(x) | NAM-1(x) | NME-NAM |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| Known Phones | 10,000 (5,000) | 3,500 (1,750) | 2,000 (1,000) | 1,000 (500) | 250 (125) |
| Phone History | 25,000 (12,500) | 7,000 (3,500) | 5,000 (2,500) | 2,500 (1,250) | 600 (300) |

**Note**

To report jitter and packet loss for the SCCP protocol, you must enable CDR on Cisco Unified CallManager. For more information on Cisco Unified CallManager, see the Cisco Unified CallManager documentation.

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/sw/voicesw/ps556/tsd_products_support_series_home.html

Step 4 Click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to cancel and revert to the previous settings.

RTP Filter

When the NAM Traffic Analyzer is initially started, RTP stream traffic will automatically start being monitored. The NAM enables you to monitor all RTP stream traffic among all SPANed traffic, without having to know the signaling traffic used in negotiating the RTP channels. RTP Stream Monitoring is enabled by default under **Setup > Monitoring > RTP Filter**. To disable it, uncheck the “Enable RTP Stream Monitoring” check box and click the **Submit** button to apply the change.

To create an RTP filter:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Monitoring > RTP Filter**.
 - Step 2** Click the **Create** button.
 - Step 3** From the drop-down menu, choose the protocol (IP or IPv6).
 - Step 4** Enter the Source Address, Source Mask, Destination Address, and Destination Mask.
 - Step 5** Click **OK**.
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URL

The URL collection listens to traffic on TCP port 80 of a selected datasource and collects URLs. Any protocol which has its master port set to TCP port 80 can be used for URL collections. Only one collection on a single datasource can be enabled at a time.

A URL, for example: **http://host.domain.com/intro?id=123**, consists of a host part (**host.domain.com**), a path part (**intro**), and an arguments part (**?id=123**).

The collection can be configured to collect all parts or it can be configured to collect only some of the parts and ignore others.

This section contains the following procedures:

- [Enabling a URL Collection](#)
- [Changing a URL Collection](#)

- [Disabling a URL Collection](#)

Enabling a URL Collection

To enable a URL collection:

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Monitoring > URL**.

The URL screen displays.

Figure 2-10 URL Collection Configuration Dialog Box

Step 2 Check the Enable check box to initiate URL Collection.



Note The collection will not begin until you click **Submit**.

Step 3 Provide the information described in [Table 2-39, URL Collection Configuration Dialog Box](#).

You can enter a partial name of a data source and click **Filter** to find data sources that match. Choose **Clear** to return to the entire list of data sources.



Note Depending on which radio button option is collected, the format of the URL varies. For example, the leading *http:* part is only present if the *host* part is collected. Keep this variable in mind, when configuring a *match only* expression.

Table 2-39 URL Collection Configuration Dialog Box

| Element | Description | Usage Notes |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Data Source | Identifies type of traffic incoming from the application. | Select one of the options from the drop down box. |
| Max Entries | Maximum number of URLs to collect. | Select one of the following options from the drop down box: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 • 500 • 1000 |
| Match only | The application URL to match. | Optional parameter to limit collection of URLs that match the regular expression of this field. |

Step 4 Check the Recycle Entries check box to recycle entries.

Step 5 Check the check box for one of the following:

- Collect complete URL (Host, Path and Arguments)
- Collect Host only (ignore Path and Arguments)
- Collect Host and Path (ignore Arguments)
- Collect Path and Arguments (ignore Host)
- Collect Path only (ignore Host and Arguments)

Step 6 Click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to cancel.

Changing a URL Collection

To change a URL collection:

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Monitoring > URL**.

The URL page (Figure 2-10) displays.

Step 2 Change the information as described in [Table 2-39, URL Collection Configuration Dialog Box](#).



Note

Changing any parameters and applying the changes flushes the collected URLs and restarts the collection process.

Step 3 Click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to cancel.

Disabling a URL Collection

To disable a URL collection:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Monitoring > URL Collection**.
 - Step 2** Uncheck the Enable check box.
 - Step 3** Click **Submit**.
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WAAS Monitored Servers

WAAS monitored servers specify the servers from which WAAS devices export traffic flow data to the NAM monitors. To enable WAAS monitoring, you must list the servers to be monitored by the NAM using the WAAS device's flow monitoring.



Note

The NAM is unable to monitor WAAS traffic until you set up WAAS monitored servers. The NAM displays status of WAAS devices as *pending* until you set up WAAS monitored servers.

This section contains the following topics:

- [Adding a WAAS Monitored Server, page 2-81](#)
- [Deleting a WAAS Monitored Server, page 2-81](#)

Adding a WAAS Monitored Server

To add a WAAS monitored server:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Monitoring > WAAS Servers**. The WAAS Servers page displays. Figure 2-11 shows an example of the WAAS Monitored Servers table.

Figure 2-11 WAAS Monitored Servers Table



- Step 2** Check the “Filter Response Time for all Data Sources by Monitored Servers” check box if you want the NAM to compute response time data only for the servers from this list for all data sources, including non-WAAS data sources. All other servers will be ignored in response time monitoring views. This enables you to reduce NAM workload and to improve NAM overall performance.
- Step 3** Click **Add**.

The Add WAAS Server(s) dialog box displays.

- Step 4** Enter the server IP address in the Server Address field. You can paste multiple IP addresses here as well.
 - Step 5** Click **Submit**.
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Deleting a WAAS Monitored Server

To delete a WAAS monitored server data source:

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- Step 1** Choose **Setup > Monitoring > WAAS Servers**.
The WAAS Servers page displays any WAAS monitored servers.
 - Step 2** Select the monitored WAAS server to delete, then click **Delete**.
A confirmation dialog displays to ensure you want to delete the selected WAAS monitored server.
 - Step 3** Click **OK** to delete the WAAS monitored server.
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CHAPTER 3

Monitoring and Analysis

The Cisco NAM Traffic Analyzer Release 5.0 introduces a redesigned interface and user experience, with more intuitive workflows and interactive reporting capabilities.

There are two types of dashboards in NAM 5.0: One type is the “summary” views found under the Monitor menu, and the other type is the “over time” views found under the Analyze menu. The Monitor dashboards allow you to view network traffic, application performance, site performance, and alarms at a glance. From there, you can isolate one area, for example an application with response time issues, and then drill-down to the Analyze dashboard for further investigation.

This chapter provides information about monitoring your network traffic and analyzing the information presented.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Navigation, page 3-2](#)

Monitor

- [Traffic Summary, page 3-4](#)
- [Response Time Summary, page 3-5](#)
- [Site Summary, page 3-6](#)
- [Alarm Summary, page 3-6](#)

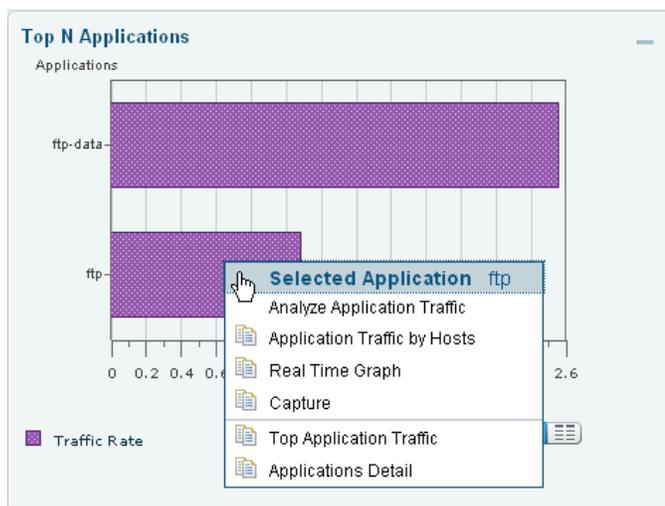
Analyze

- [Analyzing Traffic, page 3-8](#)
- [WAN Optimization, page 3-17](#)
- [Response Time, page 3-19](#)
- [Managed Device, page 3-29](#)
- [Media, page 3-37](#)

Navigation

Context Menus

On most of the dashboards, you can left-click on the colored bar of data to get a context menu, with which you can get more detailed information about one particular application.



The description to the right of “Selected Application” in the menu shows what item you had clicked on (in the case above, “ftp”).

The menu items above the separator line are specific to the selected element of the Top N chart. The items below the separator line are not specific to the selected element, but apply to the Top N chart.

Interactive Report

On most Monitoring or Analyze screens, you can use the Interactive Report on the left to redefine the parameters of the information displayed in the dashboards. Click the **Filter** button to change the parameters of the information displayed in the charts.

You can choose from various parameters, such as the time interval for the data being displayed. An asterisk represents required fields.

The reporting time interval selection changes depending upon the dashboard you are viewing, and the NAM platform you are using:

- The NAM appliance supports the following short term intervals: Last 5 minutes, last 15 minutes, last 1 hour, last 4 hours, and last 8 hours.
- The Branch Routers (NME-NAM) support the following short term intervals: Last 5 minutes, last 15 minutes, and last 1 hour.
- The other platforms support the following short term intervals: Last 5 minutes, last 15 minutes, last 1 hour, and last 4 hours.
- The Long Term interval selections (Last 1 day, 1 week, and 1 month) are disabled from the following dashboards: RTP Streams, Voice Call Statistics, Calls Tables, RTP Conversations, Host Conversations, Conversations, and Response Time Details Views.

- Maximum interval for up to 1 hour is supported for the following dashboards: RTP Streams, Voice Call Statistics, Calls Tables, RTP Conversations, Host Conversations, Conversations, and Response Time Details Views.

The “From” and “To” fields are only enabled when the Time Range is set to “Custom.”

Saving Filter Parameters

After clicking the **Filter** button in the Interactive Report and selecting the desired parameters, you can then save these selections with the purpose of viewing that same data at a future time. Enter a name in the “Filter Name” field, as shown in [Figure 3-1](#). A filter will only be saved if a Filter Name is entered. Also, only saved filters are persisted across multiple login sessions. Click the **Submit** button.

Figure 3-1 Saving Filter Information

The screenshot shows the 'Interactive Report' dialog box with the following parameters:

- Site: WAAS Client Network
- DataSource: DATA PORT 2
- VLAN: (empty)
- * Application: acr-nema
- * Data: Rate (per second) Cumulative
- * Time Range: Last 1 week
- From: (empty)
- To: (empty)
- Filter Name: Boston Site

Buttons for 'Submit' and 'Cancel' are visible at the bottom.

This filter is now saved and displayed underneath the Interactive Report, as shown in [Figure 3-2](#). You can save up to five filters.

Figure 3-2 Filter Parameters Accessible

The screenshot shows the 'Interactive Report' dialog box with the following parameters:

- Site: WAAS Server Network
- Data Source: DATA PORT 2
- VLAN: (empty)
- Application: acr-nema
- Data: Rate
- Time Range: Last 1 week
- From: 2010-Oct-29, 16:22
- To: 2010-Nov-05, 16:22

Below the main dialog, a saved filter named 'Boston Site' is listed with the following parameters:

- Site: WAAS Client Network
- Application: acr-nema
- Data: Rate
- Data Source: DATA PORT 2
- Time Range: Last 1 week

Traffic Summary

The Traffic Summary Dashboard allows you to view the Top N Applications, Top N Application Groups, Top N Hosts (In and Out), IP Distribution by Bytes, Top N DSCP, and Top N VLAN being monitored on your network. It provides auto-monitoring of traffic from all potential data sources (for example, SPAN, NDE, and WAAS). You can get to the Traffic Summary Dashboard by going to **Monitor > Overview > Traffic Summary**.

You can use the Interactive Report on the left to filter the information for a particular Site, Data Source, VLAN, or reporting time interval. You can specify just one type of criteria and leave the others blank, or specify all of them. You can also choose to view the Rate or cumulative data from the Interactive Report.

When you log into the NAM for the first time, the default view will be the Traffic Summary dashboard, and the top data source is selected by default.

For each chart described below, you can left-click on any colored bar to get to a context menu, with which you can get more detailed information about that item.

The charts shown on this dashboard are:

- **Top N Applications**

The Top N Applications Chart enables you to view the traffic rate (bytes per second or bits per second) or traffic volume (bytes or bits), depending on the Interactive Report filter selection (data rate or cumulative, respectively). When you place your cursor over the colored bar, you will see the number of bytes per second collected or the total bytes over the last time interval.

If you left-click on a colored bar and choose “Capture” from the context menu, you can start a capture on this data (see [Chapter 4, “Capturing and Decoding Packet Data”](#) for more information about Capture).

- **Top N Application Groups**

This chart shows a detailed analysis of the Top N application groups and the traffic rate or volume for this interval. In the Interactive Report, you can select either *rate* or *cumulative*, where rate is the bytes per second, and cumulative is the total number of bytes.

- **Top N Hosts (In and Out)**

This chart displays the traffic rate (bytes per second or bits per second) or traffic volume (bytes or bits). To get more specific details about the host activity, left-click on the colored bar and make a selection. You can also choose “Capture” from the context menu to start a capture on this data (see [Chapter 4, “Capturing and Decoding Packet Data”](#) for more information about Capture).

- **IP Distribution by Bytes**

This chart shows the percentages of bytes being distributed to IP protocols (for example, IPv4 TCP).

- **Top N DSCP**

This chart shows statistics for the top DSCP Aggregation Groups.

- **Top N VLAN**

This chart shows the Top N VLAN statistics. In this chart, you may see VLAN 0, which is for traffic that does not have any VLAN tags. You can also use this value in Capture to do filtering.

If you left-click on a colored bar and choose “Capture” from the context menu, you can start a capture on this data (see [Chapter 4, “Capturing and Decoding Packet Data”](#) for more information about Capture).

To see a chart in table format, use the “View as Chart / View as Grid” toggle button on the bottom right corner of the chart. You can also click the “View as Image” button to view the image and save it as a PNG file.

When viewing the data as a Grid, the numbers will be formatted according to what you have configured in **Administration > System > Preferences**. On that page, you can also configure the number of Top N entries you would like to display.

Response Time Summary

The NAM Traffic Analyzer software provides response time measurements and various user-experience-related metrics, which are computed by monitoring and time-stamping packets sent from the user to the server providing services. These Application Response Time Metrics are available to view under the Response Time Summary Dashboard (**Monitor > Overview > Response Time Summary**). In NAM 4.x, this was referred to as Intelligent Application Performance (IAP) analytics.

After the NAM Traffic Analyzer is started, these metrics will begin to populate automatically. When you first navigate to Response Time Summary dashboard, the top data source is selected by default. This dashboard shows you performance statistics for Site, Data Source, VLAN, and a specific amount of time.

Use the Interactive Report window on the left side of the screen to change the parameters for the information displayed. To see a chart in table format, use the “View as Chart / View as Grid” toggle button on the bottom right corner of the chart. You can also click the “View as Image” button to view the image and save it as a PNG file.

The dashboard charts will show you the following information:

- **Top N Applications by Server Response Time**

This chart displays the server response times for the applications in the site, data source, VLAN, or site clients or servers you selected in the Interactive Report window. For example, a selection “http” would show you the average response time of http servers seen in the traffic category you have selected in the Interactive Report window. The data is shown in microseconds.

- **Top N Site-to-Site Network Time**

This chart displays the top network time between the client site and the server site in the category you selected. The data is shown in microseconds.

- **Top N Servers By Server Response Time**

This chart allows you to see how well servers are performing, by showing you the server that has the longest response time (the item appearing at the top). The data is shown in microseconds.

- **Top N Servers By Bytes**

This chart displays the total bytes or rate of traffic for the top servers.



Note To change from bytes to bits, choose **Administration > System > Preferences** and change the “Data displayed in” selection.

- **Top N Clients By Transaction Time**

This chart displays the transaction time per client. The client with the highest response time appears on top. The data is shown in milliseconds.

- **Top N Clients By Bytes**

This chart displays the total bytes or rate of traffic for the top clients.

**Note**

To change from bytes to bits, choose **Administration > System > Preferences** and change the “Data displayed in” selection.

Site Summary

The Site Summary Dashboard (accessed by choosing **Monitor > Overview > Site Summary**) will show you information about the sites in your network. You can use the Interactive Report on the left side of the screen to change the information displayed. For more information about sites, see [Sites, page 2-58](#).

The charts displayed on the Alarm Summary dashboard are:

- **Top N Site Pairs by Traffic**

This chart shows top site to site traffic.

- **Top N Sites by Average Transaction Time**

This chart shows the average transaction time by site.

- **Top N Sites by Traffic**

This chart shows the sites that have the most traffic (which are the most active). It is a total of all the traffic sent or received for hosts that belong to the particular site, which means that this traffic includes intra-site traffic as well.

- **Top N Sites by Average MOS**

This chart shows sites that have the highest average Mean Opinion Score (MOS).

MOS will normally range from 1-5, denoting the perceived quality of the transmission, where 1 is the lowest perceived quality, and 5 is the highest perceived quality measurement. The MOS is weighted depending on the duration.

To see any of the charts in table format, use the “View as Chart / View as Grid” toggle button on the bottom right corner of the chart. You can also click the “View as Image” button to view the image and save it as a PNG file. The numbers will be formatted according to what you have configured in **Administration > Settings > Preferences**.

Alarm Summary

The Alarm Summary Dashboard (accessed by choosing **Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary**) will show you the top alarms occurring in the network.

To display network traffic information for a particular amount of time, use the Interactive Report on the left side of the screen. The Severity Selector in the Interactive Report allows you to choose to view high severity alarms only, low severity alarms only, or both high and low severity alarms (these settings are configured under **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**). You can also choose the desired amount of time from the Time Range drop-down menu, or you can customize the time range.

On any chart on the Alarm Summary Dashboard, you can click on a colored bar to see the Context menu, with which you can get more information.

If you do not set any alarms or thresholds, the Alarm Summary Dashboard will have no data. For information on setting up alarms and thresholds, see [Alarms, page 2-36](#).

**Note**

You could see a count of two alarms for the same occurrence if:

- both the source and the destination are in the same site in the Top N Site - Host Pair chart.
 - both the source and the destination are in the same site in the Top N Site chart.
 - both the source and the destination are in the same site using the same application in the Top N Site - Application Pair chart.
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**Note**

You will not have any data in Top N Site - Application and Top N Application if there is no threshold configured that involves an application (for example: Response Time threshold or Application threshold).

NDE Interface alarms are not related to any site; therefore, they will not appear on the four colored site alarm charts on the Alarm Summary dashboard. Instead, the New Alarms Raised and Last 50 Alarms tables at the bottom of this screen will contain NDE Interface alarms raised.

The five charts displayed on the Alarm Summary dashboard are:

- **Top N Sites by Alarm Count**

This chart will list the Top N sites (maximum of 10) that have the most alarm triggers during the selected time range. If no thresholds are configured, this chart will have no data. The number on the bottom of the chart is the alarm count.

You can configure thresholds under **Setup > Alarms > Thresholds**. You can configure the Top N entries under **Administration > System > Preferences**.

- **Top N Hosts by Site and Alarm Count**

This chart shows the number of alarm messages during the selected time range that are triggered for Hosts across all sites, by the Site - Host Pair.

- **Top N Applications by Alarm Count**

This chart shows the number of alarms during the selected time range for Applications across all sites.

- **Top N Applications by Site and Alarm Count**

This chart shows the most alarm triggers during the selected time range by the application and site pair.

- **New Alarms Raised**

The New Alarms Raised table shows you all alarms that occurred during the interval selected in the Interactive Report window. Some alarms may have been triggered outside of the time period, but may still be occurring.

You can use the Filter drop-down menu to filter the alarms.

- **Last 50 Alarms**

The Last 50 Alarms table shows you the alarms that occurred during the interval selected in the Interactive Report window. Some alarms may have been triggered outside of the time period, but may still be occurring.

You can click the “All Alarms” button at the bottom to bring up a separate window, which will show you all 50 alarms without the need for scrolling.

You can also use the “Filter” button, both on this screen and the “All Alarms” screen, to display only alarms that meet the criteria you enter.

Table 3-1

| Field | Description |
|---------------------------|---|
| Site | This contain site or source and destination sites (source - destination) of the network traffic that generated the alarm message. |
| Alarm Triggered By | <p>Details information of the network traffic that generated the alarm message. The format of the alarm triggered by string are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triggered by application threshold: application • Triggered by application with DSCP threshold: DSCP:codepoint - application • Triggered by host threshold: host • Triggered by host with application threshold: host - application • Triggered by host with application and DSCP: DSCP: code point - host - application • Triggered by host with DSCP: DSCP: code point - host • Triggered by conversation: source - destination • Triggered by conversation with application: source - application - destination • Triggered by response time: IAP: client - application - server. • Triggered by DSCP: DSCP: code point • Triggered by RTP stream: source - source port - codec(codec string) - SSRC(number) - destination - destination port • Triggered by voice signaling: Calling (address - number) Called (address - number) ID/References(id() - ref(calling:called)) • Triggered by NDE interfaces: NDE: Device (address) - If-Index(number) - Ingress/Egress |
| Threshold Variable | Parameter of the threshold that is used to evaluate alarm condition. |
| Threshold Value | User defined rising value of the threshold variable. |
| Triggered Time | Time when the alarm condition was found occurred. |
| Triggered Value | Parameter value when the alarm condition was raised. Note: The triggered value could be - when the viewing window does not included the alarm when it was occurring. |
| Clear Time | Time when the alarm condition was resolved. The alarm variable has fallen below the falling threshold value. |

Analyzing Traffic

The charts available under the “Analyze” menu show statistics that occur over time.

You can use the Zoom/Pan feature, in which you can drag the beginning or end to change the time interval, as shown below.



The time interval change on the zoom/pan chart will affect the data presented in the charts in the bottom of the window. The zoom/pan time interval also affects the drill-down navigations; if the zoom/pan interval is modified, the context menu drill-downs from that dashboard will use the zoom/pan time interval.



Note

In a bar chart which you can zoom/pan, each block represents data collected during the previous interval (the time stamp displayed at the bottom of each block is the end of the time range). Therefore, you may have to drag the zoom/pan one block further than expected to get the desired data to populate in the charts in the bottom of the window.

The NAM 5.0 Traffic Analyzer menu selections for **Analyze > Traffic** are:

- [Application, page 3-9](#)
- [Host, page 3-10](#)
- [NDE Interface Traffic Analysis, page 3-11](#)
- [DSCP, page 3-12](#)
- [URL Hits, page 3-14](#)

Application

The Application Analysis screen will show you at a glance the traffic level for a given application over a selected period of time. It is available under the menu option **Analyze > Traffic > Application**. It will show you:

- A graph of application traffic over time
- Top hosts transmitting and receiving traffic on that application for the selected time period
- Application Configuration -- Shows the criteria by which the NAM classifies packets as that application. This is typically a list of TCP and/or UDP ports that identify the application. Note that some applications are identified by heuristic or other state-based algorithms.

Hosts Detail

On the “Top N Hosts - Traffic In” or “Top N Hosts - Traffic Out” chart, you can left-click a colored bar to get the context menu, and choose “Hosts Detail” to see the All Hosts screen and the detailed information about all hosts. [Table 3-3](#) describes the fields on the All Hosts screen.

Table 3-2 Host Detail

| Field | Description |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Host | Host address |
| Application | Application type |
| In Bytes/sec | Number of bytes per second incoming |
| In Packets/sec | Number of packets per second incoming |
| Out Bytes/sec | Number of bytes per second outgoing |
| Out Packets/sec | Number of packets per second outgoing |

Host

The Host Traffic Analysis Screen will show you at a quick glance the input and output of a particular host over time. It is available under the menu option **Analyze > Traffic > Host**. It will show you:

- Input and output traffic for the host over time
- Top N application activity of the host over the selected interval
- Total application usage distribution for the host

Figure 3-3 Host Traffic Analysis



Applications Detail

On the “Top N Applications” chart, you can left-click a colored bar to get the context menu, and choose “Applications Detail” to see the All Applications screen and the detailed information about all applications. Table 3-3 describes the fields on the All Applications screen.

Table 3-3 Applications Detail

| Field | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| Application | Application type |
| Application Group | The application group (set of applications that can be monitored as a whole). |
| Bytes/sec | Traffic rate; number of bytes per second |
| Packets/sec | Traffic rate; number of packets per second |

NDE Interface Traffic Analysis

The NDE Interface Analysis page enables you to view data collected for individual interfaces on a switch or router that is exporting Netflow packets to the NAM. The displayed information represents the total data collected since the collection was created, or since the NAM was restarted. To view the NDE Interface Analysis page, choose **Analyze > Traffic > NDE Interface**.

You need to configure the NDE interface capacity to see both the utilization in the charts and the interface name on the NDE interface list. See [NDE Interface Capacity, page 2-63](#).

You can also give the SNMP RO (or RW) community string to an NDE data source, and then the NAM will fill up the NDE interface Capacity. Choose **Setup > NAM Data Sources** to enter the community string. For more information, see [Creating NetFlow Data Sources Using the Web GUI, page 2-23](#) or [Creating NetFlow Data Sources Using the CLI, page 2-25](#).

Select an interface from the Interface Selector on the left side of the screen to see traffic in the charts (see [Figure 3-4](#)). Click the arrow icon to the left of the NDE data source name to display all interfaces, and then select an interface. If the charts show no data, and you see a message “Interface needs to be selected,” you have not yet chosen an interface.

Figure 3-4 Interface Selector

Once you have chosen the interface, you will see the following charts populated:

- Interface Traffic (Ingress % Utilization and Egress % Utilization)
- Top N Applications - Ingress

- Top N Applications - Egress
- Top N Hosts - Ingress
- Top N Hosts - Egress
- Top N DSCP Aggr - Ingress
- Top N DSCP Aggr - Egress

The interface speed can be entered manually through the Interface capacity table, or it can be auto configured if the SNMP settings for the NDE device are entered in data source table.

Viewing Interface Details

To view packet distribution details on a specific interface, click the interface name (or interface index) in the Interface Selector on the left side of the screen. The detail window displays with a chart that shows the total packet distribution on the specified interface.

DSCP Detail

On the “Top N DSCP Aggr - Ingress” and “Top N DSCP Aggr - Egress” chart, you can left-click a colored bar to get the context menu, and choose “DSCP Detail” to see the “All DSCP” screen. You can also get to this screen by choosing **Analyze > Traffic > DSCP Traffic** from the menu and clicking the “All DSCP” button on the right.

Table 3-4 describes the fields on the All Applications screen.

Table 3-4 DSCP Detail

| Field | Description |
|------------------------------|---|
| DSCP | DSCP value |
| Application | Application type |
| Bits/sec or Bytes/sec | Traffic rate; number of bits or bytes per second |
| |  Note In Administration > System > Preferences , you can choose to display NAM data in Bits or Bytes. |
| Packets/sec | Traffic rate; number of packets per second |

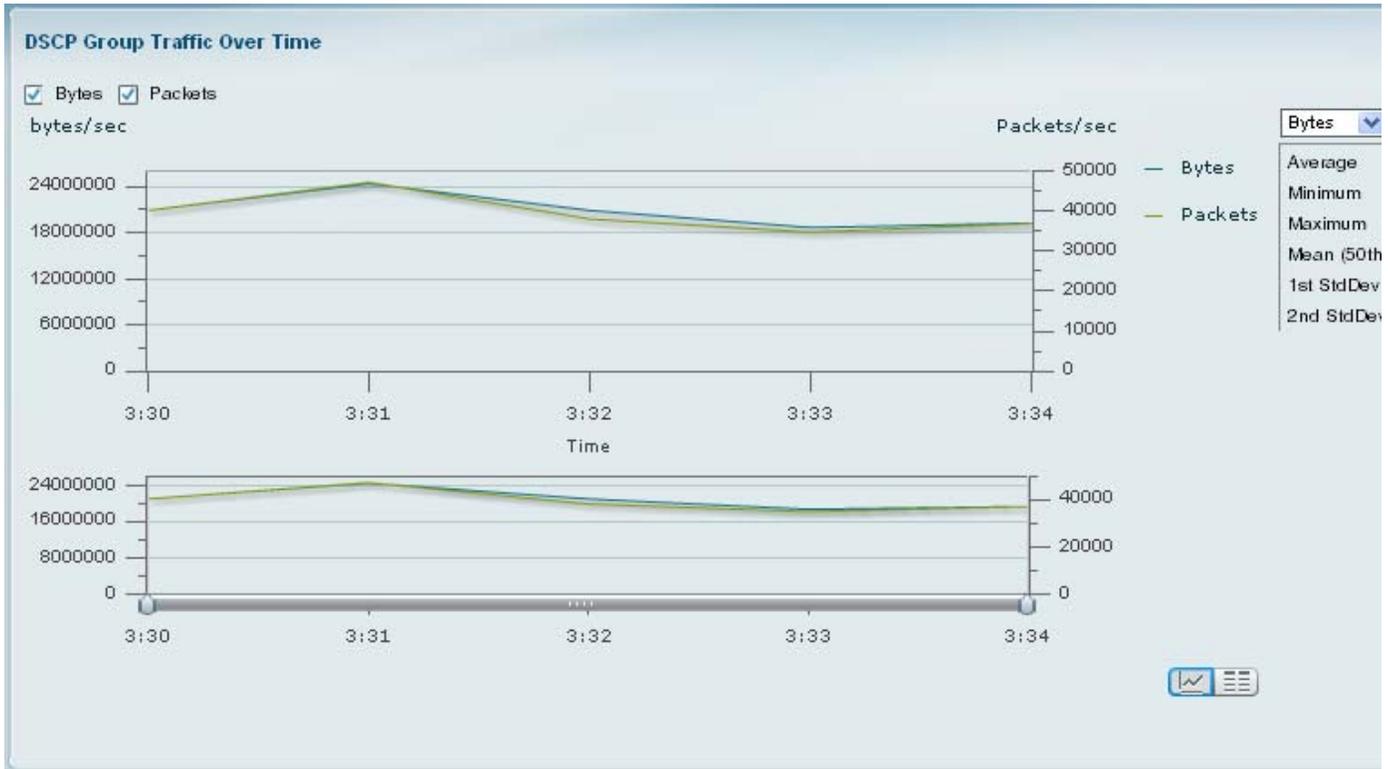
DSCP

Differentiated services monitoring (DiffServ) is designed to monitor the network traffic usage of differentiated services code point (DSCP) values.

To monitor DSCP groups, you must configure at least one aggregation profile and one or more aggregation groups associated with each profile. For more information on configuring an aggregation profile, see [DSCP Groups, page 2-64](#).

You can monitor the DSCP information by going to **Analyze > Traffic > DSCP Traffic Analysis**. You will see the DSCP group information as shown in [Figure 3-5](#).

Figure 3-5 DSCP Group Traffic Over Time



On this screen, you will see:

- Traffic volume over time for the selected DSCP group
- Top N applications and application groups using that DSCP group
- Top N hosts transmitting and receiving traffic on that DSCP group

Application Groups Detail

On the “Top N Application Groups” chart, you can left-click a colored bar to get the context menu, and choose “Applications Groups Detail” to see the All Application Groups screen and the detailed information about all application groups. [Table 3-5](#) describes the fields on the All Applications screen.

Table 3-5 Application Groups Detail

| Field | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| Application Group | The application group (set of applications that can be monitored as a whole). |
| Site | Applicable site (or Unassigned if no site) |
| Bytes/sec | Traffic rate; number of bytes per second |
| Packets/sec | Traffic rate; number of packets per second |

URL Hits

You can analyze the URLs collected by the NAM (for setup, see [URL](#), page 2-78). This section contains the following procedures:

- [Viewing Collected URLs](#)
- [Filtering a URL Collection List](#)

Viewing Collected URLs

To view collected URLs:

Step 1 Choose **Analyze > Traffic > URL**.

The URLs Window displays with the collected URLs. The columns are described in [Table 3-6](#).

Table 3-6 *URLs Table*

| Field | Description |
|-------|----------------|
| Index | URL index |
| URL | URL text |
| Hits | Number of hits |



Note Only one URL collection can be active at one time. The data source is for information only.

Filtering a URL Collection List

To filter a URL collection list:

Step 1 From the drop-down list in the URLs Window (**Analyze > Traffic > URL**), select which part of the URL to filter:

- **URL**—You can filter on any part of the URL
- **Host**—This filter applies only to the host part of collected URLs.
- **Path**—This filter applies only to the path part of the collected URLs
- **Arguments**—This filter applies only to the argument part of the collected URLs.

Step 2 Enter filter string.

Step 3 Click **Filter** to apply the filter.



Note To remove any display filter and show all URLs collected, click **Clear**.

Host Conversations

If you choose **Analyze > Traffic > Detailed Views > Host Conversations**, and click on “Host” in the host conversation tables, you can see detailed lists of all the conversations for a particular host:

- Table of hosts which are sending packets to the selected host, along with application, vlan, and traffic rate information.
- Table of hosts which are receiving packets from the selected host, along with application, vlan, and traffic rate information.
- Breakout of application usage for the selected host.

Use the Filter button in the Interactive Report (left side of the screen) to change the parameters of the information displayed.

The NAM Traffic Analyzer only supports a maximum Time Range of one hour filter for the Host Conversations, Network Conversation, RTP Streams, Voice Calls Statistics, Calls Table, and RTP Conversations.

Network Conversation

If you choose **Analyze > Traffic > Detailed Views > Conversations**, you can see a detailed analysis of all Network Conversations (including packets and bits information).

Use the Filter button in the Interactive Report (left side of the screen) to change the information displayed.

Figure 3-6 Network Conversations

| Time | Host 1 Site | Host 1 | Host 2 Site | Host 2 | Application | Bytes | Packets | Protoc |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:41 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 14,855,542 | 111,225.0 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:39 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 14,803,911 | 110,846.0 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:37 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 12,918,317 | 96,714.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:35 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 11,194,125 | 83,787.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:28 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 10,587,969 | 79,374.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:30 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 8,932,037.C | 66,953.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:32 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 8,605,789.C | 64,510.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:33 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 8,548,268.C | 63,956.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:34 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 6,297,856.C | 47,207.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:31 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 6,242,639.C | 46,669.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:29 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 5,913,410.C | 44,200.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:27 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 4,257,180.C | 31,781.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:36 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 3,651,653.C | 27,372.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:38 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 1,928,902.C | 14,456.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:40 | site-172-x-x-x | nam235Cat6k | Default | dns-sj1.cisco.c | dns | 83,017.00 | 578.00 | UI |
| Wed, 15 Sep 2010 10:29 | site-172-x-x-x | entso1vmzsc.ci | Default | 171.88.226.4 | dns | 16,256.00 | 128.00 | UI |

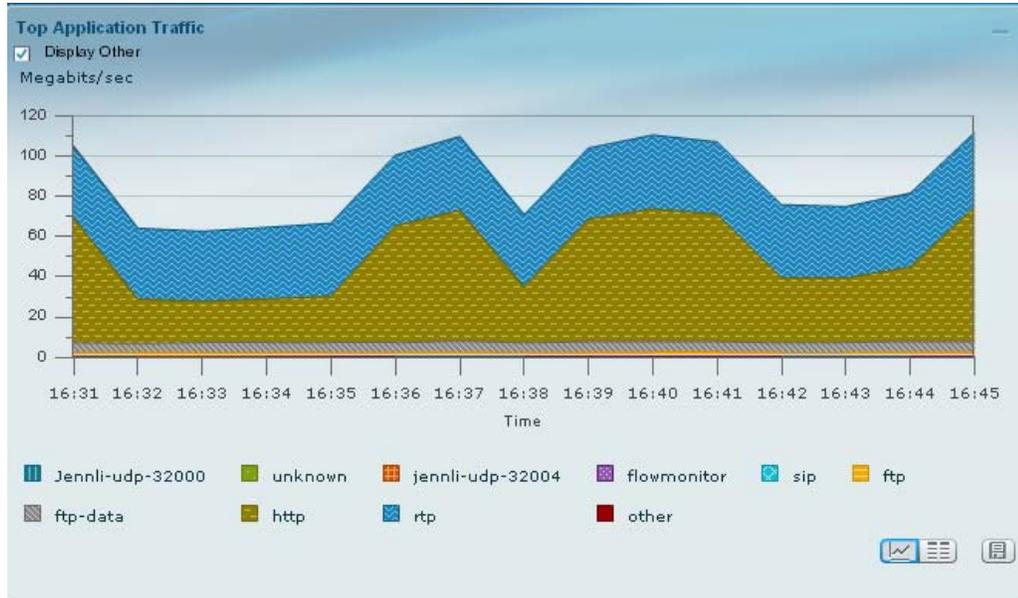
The NAM Traffic Analyzer only supports a maximum Time Range of one hour filter for the Host Conversations, Network Conversation, RTP Streams, Voice Calls Statistics, Calls Table, and RTP Conversations.

Top Application Traffic

When you choose **Analyze > Traffic > Detailed Views > Top Application Traffic**, you can view the top applications by traffic rate over a selected time and for the specified site and/or data source.

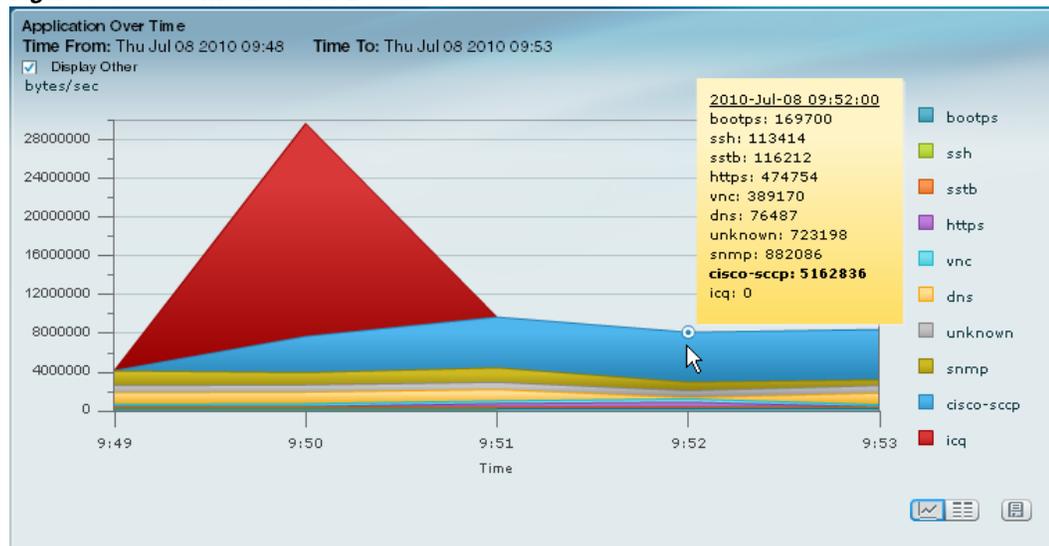
Applications Over Time, as shown in [Figure 3-7](#), will show you all of the applications that have been running for the time period interval. The color-coded legend shows you what the applications are running.

Figure 3-7 Top Application Traffic



If you place your cursor over any of the data points, you will get more details about the exact values for each of the applications that are running, as shown in [Figure 3-8](#).

Figure 3-8 Mouse-Over Details



Application Traffic By Host

When you choose **Analyze > Traffic > Detailed Views > Application Traffic By Hosts**, you will see the traffic for a given application broken out by individual hosts using the application (see [Figure 3-9](#)). You may specify the time period to view, as well as the application, site (optional), data source (optional), and VLAN (optional).

Figure 3-9 Application Traffic By Host

The screenshot shows the 'Application Traffic By Hosts' report in the NAM Traffic Analyzer. On the left is an 'Interactive Report' panel with filters for Site, Data Source, VLAN, Application (set to 'rtsp'), Data Rate, and Time Range (set to 'Last 15 minutes' from 2010-Nov-12, 16:35 to 2010-Nov-12, 16:50). The main area is a table with the following data:

| host | In Packets | Out Packets | In Bits/sec | Out Bits/sec |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 50.5.10.100 | 65.48 | 53.31 | 218,792.31 | 153,784.11 |
| 50.5.10.40 | 65.44 | 53.21 | 218,690.20 | 153,513.22 |
| 50.5.10.11 | 65.44 | 53.31 | 218,672.77 | 154,056.38 |
| 50.5.10.39 | 65.46 | 53.01 | 218,662.34 | 152,760.08 |
| 50.5.10.32 | 65.42 | 53.08 | 218,618.08 | 153,588.95 |
| 50.5.10.54 | 65.41 | 53.22 | 218,572.96 | 153,963.31 |
| 50.5.10.14 | 65.41 | 53.19 | 218,567.69 | 153,401.53 |
| 50.5.10.7 | 65.40 | 53.16 | 218,542.96 | 153,343.05 |
| 50.5.10.15 | 65.40 | 53.07 | 218,532.28 | 152,550.04 |
| 50.5.10.13 | 65.40 | 53.02 | 218,530.72 | 152,817.96 |
| 50.5.10.19 | 65.39 | 53.16 | 218,512.91 | 152,964.29 |
| 50.5.10.73 | 65.40 | 53.34 | 218,506.63 | 154,388.14 |

The NAM Traffic Analyzer only supports a maximum Time Range of one hour filter for the Host Conversations, Network Conversation, RTP Streams, Voice Calls Statistics, Calls Table, and RTP Conversations.

WAN Optimization

The NAM can provide insight into WAN Optimization offerings that compress and optimize WAN Traffic for pre- and post-deployment scenarios. This is applicable for Optimized and Passthru traffic.

The NAM 5.0 Traffic Analyzer menu selections for WAN Optimization are:

- [Top Talkers Detail, page 3-17](#)
- [Application Performance Analysis, page 3-18](#)
- [Conversation Multi-Segments, page 3-18](#)

Top Talkers Detail

While you are in the process of deploying WAAS devices, you can get data to assist in the WAAS planning and configuration. For information about setting up WAN traffic, see [Adding Data Sources for New WAAS Device, page 2-33](#).

When you choose **Monitor > WAN Optimization > Top Talkers Detail**, you will see the window that assists you in the pre-deployment process. Use the Interactive Report window to select the traffic you want to analyze for optimization. It will show you the Top Applications, Top Network Links, Top Clients, and Top Servers. It will not be available for the NetFlow (NDE) data sources.

Based on the results, you can then configure the WAAS products to optimize your network.

Application Performance Analysis

To analyze the WAAS traffic, choose **Analyze > WAN Optimization > Application Performance Analysis**.

The charts available on this page are:

- [Transaction Time \(Client Experience\)](#)
- [Traffic Volume and Compression Ratio](#)
- [Average Concurrent Connections \(Optimized vs. Passthru\)](#)
- [Multi-Segment Network Time \(Client LAN - WAN - Server LAN\)](#)

Transaction Time (Client Experience)

This chart displays the average client transaction time. One line represents pass-through traffic (in which optimization is turned off), and the second represents optimized traffic. After setting up optimization for a certain period, you can compare the two lines and see where the vertical drop in the chart occurs. The data is shown in milliseconds.

Traffic Volume and Compression Ratio

This chart shows the bandwidth reduction ratio between the number of bytes before compression and the number of bytes after compression.

Average Concurrent Connections (Optimized vs. Passthru)

This chart shows the number of concurrent connections during a specified time and can be used for capacity planning.

Multi-Segment Network Time (Client LAN - WAN - Server LAN)

This chart shows the network time between the multiple segments. The data is shown in milliseconds.

Conversation Multi-Segments

Use the Conversation Multiple Segments window to monitor WAAS traffic. This window provides a correlation of data from different data sources, and allows you to view and compare response time metrics from multiple WAAS segments (data sources). You can access this window from **Analyze > WAN Optimization > Conversation Multi-segments**.

The Response Time Across Multiple Segments window shows response time metrics of the selected server or client-server pair from applicable data sources.

Response Time

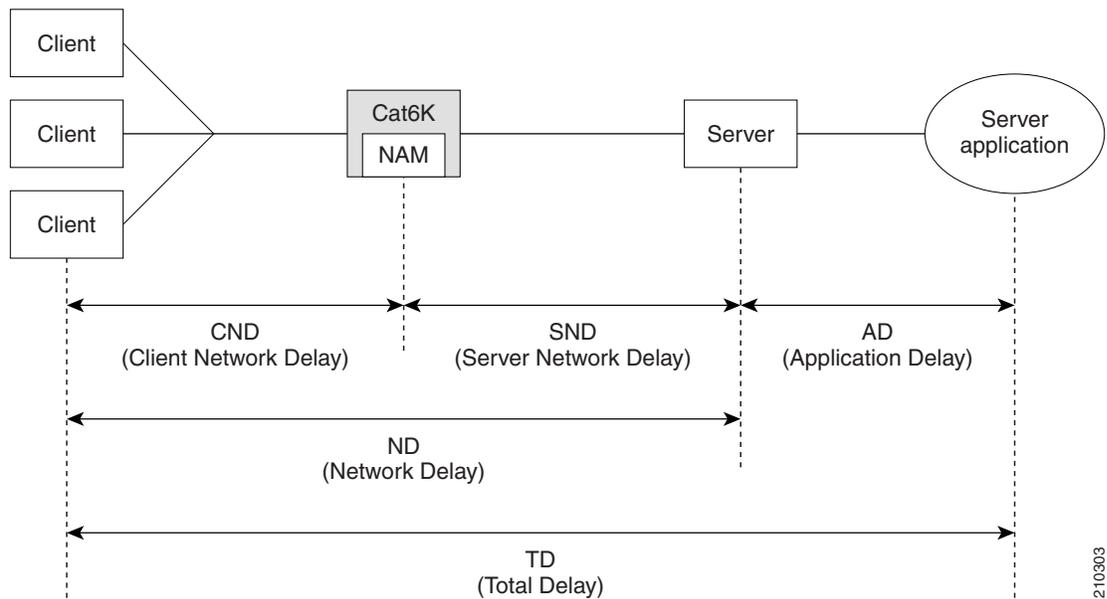
The NAM Traffic Analyzer monitors TCP packet flow between client and server, and measures response time data to provide more visibility into application response times (ART) and network latency. NAM 5.0 response time monitoring provides end-to-end response times to help you locate possible network and application delays.


Note

NAM 5.0 does not support IPv6 for response time monitoring.

You can set up the NAM to measure network time, client response time, server response time, and total transaction time to improve application performance. [Figure 3-10](#) shows the various points in network packet flow where the NAM gathers data and the trip times you can monitor. This is one example that represents only a subset of measurements.

Figure 3-10 NAM Application Response Time Measurements



[Figure 3-11](#) shows a representation of total transaction time as opposed to application response time.

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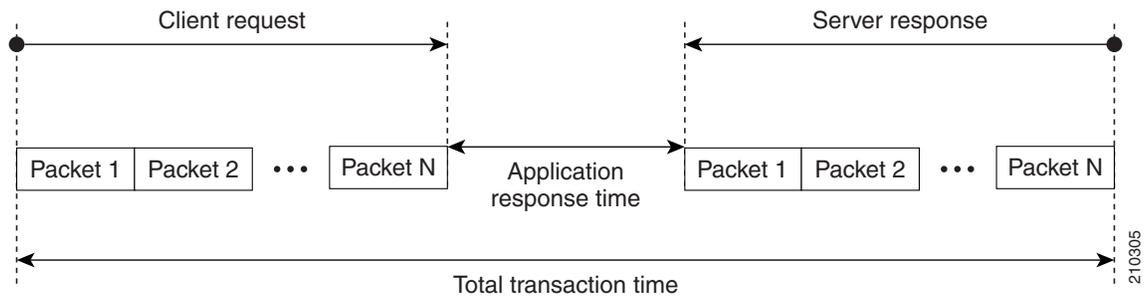
Figure 3-11 Transaction Time versus Response Time Measurements

Table 3-7 lists and describes the ART metrics measured by NAM 5.0.

Table 3-7 Application Response Time Metrics

| Metric | Description |
|--|---|
| Average Response Time | Response Time is the time between the client request and the first response packet from the server, as observed at the NAM probing point. Increases in the response time usually indicate problems with server resources, such as the CPU, Memory, Disk, or I/O due to a lack of necessary resources or a poorly written application. |
| Min Response Time | |
| Max Response Time | |
| | This and other Response Time metrics are in millisecond (msec) units. |
| Number of Responses | Total number of request-response pairs observed during the monitoring interval |
| Number of Late Responses | Total number of responses that exceed the Max Response Time |
| Number of Responses 1 | Number of responses with a response time less than RspTime1 threshold |
| Number of Responses 2 | Number of responses with response time less than RspTime2 and larger than RspTime1 |
| Number of Responses 3 | Number of responses with response time less than RspTime3 and larger than RspTime2 |
| Number of Responses 4 | Number of responses with response time less than RspTime4 and larger than RspTime3 |
| Number of Responses 5 | Number of responses with response time less than RspTime5 and larger than RspTime4 |
| Number of Responses 6 | Number of responses with response time less than RspTime6 and larger than RspTime5 |
| Number of Responses 7 | Number of responses with response time less than LateRsp and larger than RspTime6 |
| Client Bytes | Number of TCP payload bytes sent from the client(s) during the monitoring interval |
| Server Bytes | Number of TCP payload bytes sent from the server(s) during the monitoring interval |
| Client Packets | Number of TCP packets sent from the client(s) during the monitoring interval |
| Server Packets | Number of TCP packets sent from the server(s) during the monitoring interval |
| Average number of concurrent connections | Average number of concurrent TCP connections during the reporting interval |
| Number of new connections | Number of new TCP connections made (TCP 3-way handshake) during the monitoring interval |
| Number of closed connections | Number of TCP connections closed during the monitoring interval |

Table 3-7 Application Response Time Metrics (continued)

| Metric | Description |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Number of unresponsive connections | Number of TCP connection requests (SYN) that are not responded during the monitoring interval |
| Number of refused connections | Number of TCP connection requests (SYN) that are refused during the monitoring interval |
| Average Connection duration | Average duration of TCP connections during the monitoring interval |
| Average Server Response Time | Server Response Time is the time it takes an application server (for example, a web server) to respond to a request. This is the server "think time," which is the time between the client request arriving at the server and the first response packet being returned by the server. Increases in the server response time usually indicate problems with application and/or server resources, such as the CPU, Memory, Disk, or I/O. |
| Min Server Response Time | |
| Max Server Response Time | |
| Average Network Time | Network time between a client and a server. Network Time is the sum of Client Network Time and Server Network Time. NAM measures the Network Time using TCP 3-way handshakes. If there are no new TCP connections made during the monitoring interval, this metric is not reported. |
| Min Network Time | |
| Max Network Time | |
| Average Client Network Time | Client Network Time is the network time between a client and the NAM switch or router. In WAAS monitoring, Client Network Time from a WAE client data source represents the network RTT between the client and its edge WAE, while Client Network Time from the WAE server data source represents the WAN RTT (between the edge and core WAEs). |
| Min Client Network Time | |
| Max Client Network Time | |
| Average Server Network Time | Server Network Time is the network time between a server and NAM probing point. In WAAS monitoring, Server Network Time from a server data source represents the network time between the server and its core WAE. |
| Min Server Network Time | |
| Max Server Network Time | |
| Average Total Response Time | Total Response Time is the total amount of time between the client request and when the client receives the first response packet from the server. Use Total Response Time with care because it is not measured directly and mixes the server response time metric with the network time metric. |
| Min Total Response Time | |
| Max Total Response Time | |
| Average Transaction Time | Transaction Time is the total amount of time between the client request and the final response packet from the server. Transaction times may vary depending upon client usages and application types. Transaction Time is a key indicator for monitoring client experiences and detecting application performance anomalies. |
| Min Transaction Time | |
| Max Transaction Time | |
| Number of Transactions | The number of transactions completed during the monitoring interval. |
| Average Data Transmission Time | Elapsed time from the first server-response packet to the last server-response packet, excluding retransmission time. |
| Average Data Time | Data Time: Average data time portion of transaction time. |
| Packets Retransmitted | Number of retransmitted packets detected during the monitoring interval |
| Bytes Retransmitted | Number of retransmitted bytes detected during the monitoring interval |
| Average Retransmission Time | Average time to retransmit lost packets per transaction |

Table 3-7 Application Response Time Metrics (continued)

| Metric | Description |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Client ACK Round Trip Time | Average network time for the client to acknowledge (ACK) a server data packet as observed at NAM probing point |
| Number of Client ACK Round Trips | Number of client ACK RTs observed during the monitoring interval |

Application Response Time Metrics are available on the response Response Time Summary Dashboard (**Monitor > Response Time Summary**), which allows you to see a “summary” view of the data.

To analyze Response Time data over time, use the selections found under **Analyze > Response Time**:

- [Application Response Time, page 3-22](#)
- [Network Response Time, page 3-22](#)
- [Server Response Time, page 3-23](#)
- [Client Response Time, page 3-23](#)
- [Client-Server Response Time, page 3-23](#)

When you select **Analyze > Response Time > Detailed Views**, you will be able to select one of the following screens, each of which contains detailed lists of the response events.

- [Server Application Responses, page 3-23](#)
- [Server Application Transactions, page 3-24](#)
- [Server Network Responses, page 3-25](#)
- [Client-Server Application Responses, page 3-26](#)
- [Client-Server Application Transactions, page 3-27](#)
- [Client-Server Network Responses, page 3-28](#)

Application Response Time

The Application Analysis screen allows you to view the performance of a particular application over time. It is accessed from **Analyze > Response Time > Application**.

The Transaction Time chart shows you the average transaction time for the application you have selected. It is broken down into three components: Network Time, Server Response Time, and Data Time.

The Other Metrics chart allows you to see information over time after you have selected the desired metrics from the “Metric1” and “Metric2” drop-down.

Next are the Top Clients and Top Servers charts. These will show you the clients and servers with the most bytes of traffic for the chosen application.

Network Response Time

After you have selected a client site and a server site, the chart will show you the transaction time of the network link between the client site and server site. It is accessed from **Analyze > Response Time > Network**.

**Note**

If you do not specify any application, the chart will show the network time instead of transaction time.

The Other Metrics chart allows you to see information about the network link between sites, after you have selected the desired metrics from the “Metric1” and “Metric2” drop-down.

The Top Clients and Top Servers charts will show you the top clients and servers that are communicating through the network link (in bytes).

Server Response Time

Choose the Client Site and Server Site from the Interactive Report on the left, and enter the IP address for the server that you want to analyze. The Server Transaction Time Composition chart will display the network time, server response time, data time, and transaction time.

The Other Metrics chart allows you to see information about the server performance after you have selected the desired metrics from the “Metric1” and “Metric2” drop-down.

Top Client shows you top client talking to the server you have selected; Server Top Clients Sites shows the top client sites. (traffic bytes)

Client Response Time

After entering the client IP address and application in the Interactive Report Filter, you can analyze the transaction time of that client in the Client Transaction Time Composition chart.

The Other Metrics chart allows you to see client performance over time after you have selected the desired metrics from the “Metric1” and “Metric2” drop-down.

The Clients Top Applications chart show you the applications being used the most by the client selected, and the Top Servers chart show you the servers being used most by the client.

Client-Server Response Time

After you enter the client IP address and server IP address in the Interactive Report, you can analyze the transaction times between the client and server you have selected in the Client-Server Transaction Composition Over Time chart.

The Other Metrics chart allows you to see Client-Server transaction information after you have selected the desired metrics from the “Metric1” and “Metric2” drop-down.

Server Application Responses

The Server Application Responses Table displays when you choose **Analyze > Response Time > Detailed Views > Server Application Responses**.

If you click on a row of data, you can then choose “Response Time Details” to see more information.

Table 3-8, [Server Application Responses Metrics](#), provides definitions of each field of the Server Application Responses window.

Table 3-8 Server Application Responses Metrics

| Field | Description |
|--|---|
| Client Site | Name of the client site. |
| Server Site | Name of the server site. |
| Data Source | Name of the data source |
| VLAN | VLAN |
| Server | Name or IP address of the server |
| Application | Application currently running |
| Number of Clients | Total number of clients |
| Number of Responses | Total number of responses |
| Average Client Network Time (ms) | Client Network Time is the network time between a client and the NAM switch or router. |
| Maximum Client Network Time (ms) | In WAAS monitoring, Client Network Time from a WAE client data source represents the network RTT between the client and its edge WAE, while Client Network Time from the WAE server data source represents the WAN RTT (between the edge and core WAEs). |
| Average Server Response Time (ms) | Server Response Time is the time it takes an application server (for example, a web server) to respond to a request. This is the server "think time," which is the time between the client request arriving at the server and the first response packet being returned by the server. |
| Maximum Server Response Time (ms) | Increases in the server response time usually indicate problems with application and/or server resources, such as the CPU, Memory, Disk, or I/O. |
| Average Total Response Time (ms) | Total Response Time is the total amount of time between the client request and when the client receives the first response packet from the server. |
| Maximum Total Response Time (ms) | |

Server Application Transactions

The Server Application Transaction window displays when you click **Analyze > Response Time > Detailed Views > Server Application Transactions**.

The Server Application Transactions window provides a summary of the server application transaction response times (ART) per server application displaying the server IP address, application used, and minimum, average, and maximum response times for the following:

- Application Response Time
- Data Transfer Time
- Retransmit Time
- Round Trip Time

**Note**

NAM uses the TCP three-way handshake to calculate network delay. If there are no new TCP connections during the polling interval, the NAM GUI displays a dash (-) for the delay value indicating there is no delay data for that interval.

Table 3-9, [Server Application Transactions Metrics](#), provides definitions of each field of the Server Application Transactions window.

Table 3-9 Server Application Transactions Metrics

| Field | Description |
|--|--|
| Client Site | Name of the client site. |
| Server Site | Name of the server site. |
| Data Source | Name of the data source |
| VLAN | VLAN |
| Server | Name or IP address of the server |
| Application | Application currently running |
| Number of Clients | Total number of clients |
| Number of Transactions | Total number of transactions |
| Average Transaction Time (ms) | Average time (ms) elapsed from the start of a client request to the completion of server response. Transaction times might vary significantly depending upon application types. Relative thresholds are useful in this situation. Transaction time is a key indicator when detecting application performance anomalies. |
| Average Server Response Time (ms) | Amount of time it takes a server to send the initial response to a client request as seen by the NAM. |
| Average Data Transfer Time (ms) | Average elapsed time from the first server-response packet to the last server-response packet, excluding retransmission time. Data transfer time is always measured in the server-to-client direction and can be used to detect problems for a particular type of transaction of an application. |
| Average Retransmission Time (ms) | Average time to retransmit lost packets, per transaction. |
| Client ACK Round Trip Time (ms) | Average round trip time for the client to acknowledge (ACK) a server TCP packet. |

Server Network Responses

The Server Network Responses window shows the network connectivity and responsiveness between the server and the switch. It is located at **Analyze > Response Time > Detailed Views > Server Network Responses**.

**Note**

NAM uses the TCP three-way handshake to calculate network delay. If there are no new TCP connections during the polling interval, the NAM GUI displays a dash (-) for the delay value indicating there is no delay data for that interval.

[Table 3-10, Server Network Responses Window](#), provides definitions of each field of the Server Network Response Times window.

Table 3-10 *Server Network Responses Window*

| Field | Description |
|---|--|
| Client Site | Name of the client site |
| Server Site | Name of the server site |
| Data Source | Name of the data source. |
| VLAN | VLAN |
| Server | Name or IP address of the server |
| Application | Application being used by server |
| Number of Clients | Total number of clients during the monitoring interval |
| Number of Connections | Total number of connections during the monitoring interval |
| Average Server Network Time (ms) | Average of the Server Network Time (network time between a server and NAM probing point). |
| Maximum Server Network Time (ms) | Maximum of the Server Network Time (network time between a server and NAM probing point). |
| Average Network Time | Average of the network time between client and server. Network Time is the sum of Client Network Time and Server Network Time. NAM measures the Network Time using TCP 3-way handshakes. If there are no new TCP connections made during the monitoring interval, this metric is not reported. |
| Maximum Network Time | Maximum of the network time between client and server. |
| Server Bytes | Number of TCP payload bytes sent from the server(s) during the monitoring interval. |
| Client Bytes | Number of TCP payload bytes sent from the client(s) during the monitoring interval. |

Client-Server Application Responses

To view the Client-Server Application Responses window, click **Analyze > Response Time > Detailed Views > Client-Server Application Responses**.

The Client-Server Application Responses window displays.

**Note**

NAM uses the TCP three-way handshake to calculate network delay. If there are no new TCP connections during the polling interval, the NAM GUI displays a dash (-) for the delay value indicating there is no delay data for that interval.

Table 3-11 *Client-Server Application Responses Window*

| Field | Description |
|---|--|
| Client Site | Name of the client site |
| Server Site | Name of the server site |
| Data Source | Name of the data source. |
| VLAN | VLAN |
| Server | Name or IP address of the server |
| Client | Host address of the client. |
| Application | Application being used by server |
| Number of Responses | Total number of responses observed during the monitoring interval |
| Minimum Client Network Time (ms) | Minimum network time between a client and the NAM switch or router. |
| Average Client Network Time (ms) | Average network time between a client and the NAM switch or router. |
| Maximum Client Network Time (ms) | Maximum network time between a client and the NAM switch or router. |
| Minimum Server Network Time (ms) | Minimum network time between a server and NAM probing point. |
| Average Server Network Time (ms) | Average network time between a server and NAM probing point. |
| Maximum Server Network Time (ms) | Maximum network time between a server and NAM probing point. |
| Minimum Transaction Time (ms) | The total amount of time between the client request and the final response packet from the server. |
| Average Transaction Time (ms) | Average time (ms) elapsed from the start of a client request to the completion of server response. Transaction times might vary significantly depending upon application types. Relative thresholds are useful in this situation. Transaction time is a key indicator when detecting application performance anomalies. |
| Maximum Transaction Time (ms) | The total amount of time between the client request and the final response packet from the server. |

Client-Server Application Transactions

The Client-Server Application Transactions window provides a summary of the server application transaction response times (ART) per server application displaying the server IP address, application used, and minimum, average, and maximum response times for the following:

- Application Response Time
- Data Transfer Time
- Retransmit Time
- Round Trip Time

**Note**

NAM uses the TCP three-way handshake to calculate network delay. If there are no new TCP connections during the polling interval, the NAM GUI displays a dash (-) for the delay value indicating there is no delay data for that interval.

The Client-Server Application Transaction window displays when you click **Analyze > Response Time > Detailed Views > Client-Server Application Transactions**. You can also view the TopN Chart to view the most active network.

Table 3-12 *Client-Server Application Transactions Window*

| Field | Description |
|--|--|
| Client Site | Name of the client site. |
| Server Site | Name of the server site. |
| Data Source | Name of the data source. |
| VLAN | VLAN |
| Server | Name or IP address of the server |
| Client | Host address of the client. |
| Application | Application being used by server |
| Number of Transactions | Total number of transactions observed during the monitoring interval |
| Average Transaction Time (ms) | Average time (ms) elapsed from the start of a client request to the completion of server response. Transaction times might vary significantly depending upon application types. Relative thresholds are useful in this situation. Transaction time is a key indicator when detecting application performance anomalies. |
| Average Server Response Time (ms) | Amount of time it takes a server to send the initial response to a client request as seen by the NAM. |
| Average Data Transmission Time (ms) | Elapsed time from the first server-response packet to the last server-response packet, excluding retransmission time. |
| Average Retransmission Time (ms) | Average time to retransmit lost packets per transaction |
| Client ACK Round Trip Time (ms) | Average network time for the client to acknowledge (ACK) a server data packet as observed at NAM probing point |

Client-Server Network Responses

The Client-Server Network Responses window shows information about network connectivity (also known as network flight time) between servers and clients.

To view the Client-Server Network Responses window, choose **Analyze > Response Time > Detailed Views > Client-Server Network Responses**.

NAM uses the TCP three-way handshake to calculate network delay. If there are no new TCP connections during the polling interval, the NAM GUI displays a dash (-) for the delay value indicating there is no delay data for that interval.

Table 3-13 describes the fields of the Server-Client Network Response Time window.

Table 3-13 *Client-Server Network Responses Window*

| Field | Description |
|---|---|
| Client Site | Name of the client site. |
| Server Site | Name of the server site. |
| Data Source | Name of the data source. |
| VLAN | VLAN |
| Server | Name or IP address of the server. |
| Client | Host address of the client. |
| Application | Application being used by server. |
| Number of Connections | Number of connections. |
| Minimum Client Network Time (ms) | Minimum network time between a client and the NAM switch or router. |
| Average Client Network Time (ms) | Average network time between a client and the NAM switch or router. |
| Maximum Client Network Time (ms) | Maximum network time between a client and the NAM switch or router. |
| Minimum Server Network Time (ms) | Minimum network time between a server and NAM probing point. |
| Average Server Network Time (ms) | Average network time between a server and NAM probing point. |
| Maximum Server Network Time (ms) | Maximum network time between a server and NAM probing point. |
| Minimum Network Time (ms) | Minimum of the network time between client and server. Network Time is the sum of Client Network Time and Server Network Time. NAM measures the Network Time using TCP 3-way handshakes. If there are no new TCP connections made during the monitoring interval, this metric is not reported. |
| Average Network Time (ms) | Average of the network time between client and server. |
| Maximum Network Time (ms) | Maximum of the network time between client and server. |

Managed Device

The NAM 5.0 Traffic Analyzer menu selections for analyzing Managed Devices are:

- [Interface](#), page 3-30

- [Health](#), page 3-31
- [NBAR](#), page 3-37

Interface

Interfaces Stats Table

To view packet distribution details on the interfaces, choose **Analyze > Managed Device > Interface**. The Interfaces Stats table displays and shows the total packet distribution on all interfaces. Use the Interactive Report and the Filter button on the left to change the time range displayed. The Discards and Errors are measured in packets per second.

Figure 3-12 Interfaces Stats Table

| Interface | In % Utilization | Out % Utilization | In Packets/s | Out Packets/s | In Bytes/s | Out Bytes/s | In Non-Unicast/s | Out Non-Unicast | In Discards/s |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Gi7/31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.12 | 0.51 | 11.99 | 40.40 | 0.02 | 0.51 | 0.00 |
| Gi7/27 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 0.52 | 11.91 | 40.35 | 0.02 | 0.52 | 0.00 |
| VLAN202 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11.68 | 8.67 | 1,048.75 | 2,683.27 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.00 |
| V202 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11.56 | 8.53 | 1,040.11 | 2,671.06 | 0.24 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Gi2/1 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 103.76 | 211.77 | 10,369.22 | 47,499.76 | 0.08 | 9.03 | 0.00 |
| Gi7/4 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 116.78 | 315.54 | 10,052.04 | 54,039.12 | 0.12 | 18.87 | 0.00 |
| VLAN2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Gi8/7 | 0.00 | 5.46 | 0.00 | 32,874.86 | 0.00 | 6,380,362.23 | 0.00 | 14.81 | 0.00 |

The fields in the table are described in [Table 3-14](#).

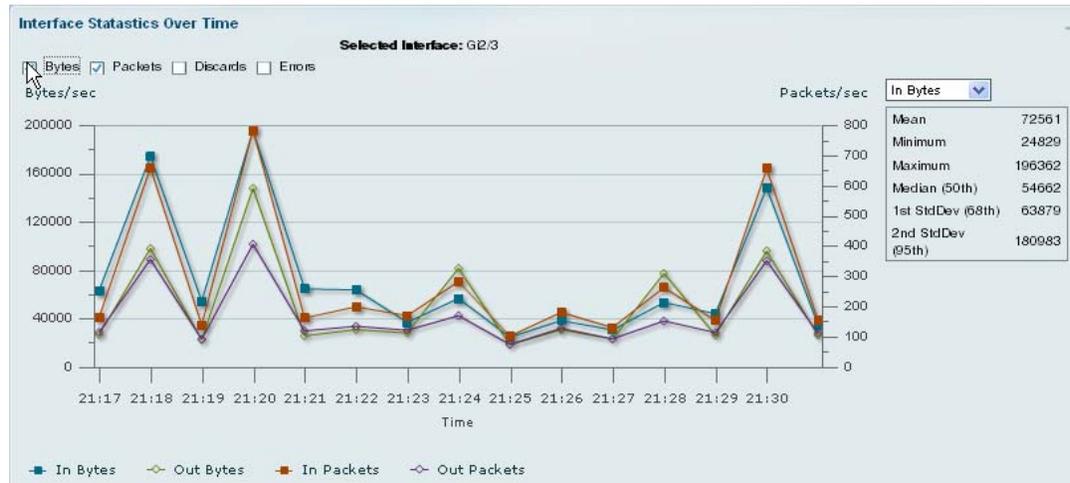
Table 3-14 Interfaces Stats Table

| Field | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| Interface | Interface number. |
| In % Utilization | Utilization percentage of the port. |
| Out % Utilization | Utilization percentage of the port. |
| In Packets/s | Number of incoming packets collected per second. |
| Out Packets/s | Number of outgoing packets sent out per second. |
| In Bytes/s | Number of bytes collected per second. |
| Out Bytes/s | Number of bytes sent out per second. |
| In Non-Unicast/s | Number of non-unicasts collected per second. |
| Out Non-Unicast/s | Number of non-unicasts sent out per second. |
| In Discards/s | Number of discards collected per second. |
| Out Discards/s | Number of discards sent out per second. |
| In Errors/s | Number of errors collected per second. |
| Out Errors/s | Number of errors sent out per second. |

Interface Statistics Over Time

When you select an interface in the Interface Stats Table, the statistics for that interface will be graphed in the area below, as shown in [Figure 3-13](#).

Figure 3-13 Interface Statistics Over Time



There are four check boxes above the graph: Bytes, Packets, Discards, and Errors. You can check the check boxes for the information you would like displayed in the graph:

Bytes: In Bytes, Out Bytes

Packets: In Packets (inUcastPkts + inNUcastPkts), Out Packets (outUcastPkts + outNUcastPkts)

Discards: In Discards, Out Discards

Errors: In Errors, Out Errors

Health

You can use the NAM Traffic Analyzer to view system health data. To view system health data collected for the switch or router, choose **Monitor > Managed Device > Health** from the menu.

Switch Health

For a switch, the Health window is displayed with a drop-down menu that provides the following options:

- [Chassis Health](#), page 3-32
- [Chassis Information](#), page 3-32
- [Crossbar Switching Fabric](#), page 3-33
- [Ternary Content Addressable Memory Information](#), page 3-34

Chassis Health

The Chassis Health window displays two real-time graphs: CPU usage and Backplane Utilization.

CPU usage

CPU type

- Usage for last 1 minute (%)
- Usage for last 5 minutes (%)

Backplane Utilization

- Peak %
- Peak Time (For example: Mon October 1 2007, 15:26:55)

The Health window also displays a matrix with the following information:

- Minor Alarm (on, off)
- Major Alarm (on, off)
- Temperature Alarm (on, off)
- Fan Status (other, ok, minorFault, majorFault, unknown)

Table 3-15 Chassis Memory Information

| Column | Description |
|--------------|---|
| Memory Type | Type of memory including DRAM, FLASH, NVRAM, MBUF, CLUSTER, MALLOC. |
| Used | Number of used MB for a particular memory type. |
| Free | Number of free MB for a particular memory type. |
| Largest Free | Number of largest contiguous free MB for a particular memory type. |

Chassis Information

The Chassis Information window displays.

Table 3-16 Chassis Information

| Field | Description |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Name | Name an administrator assigned to this managed node, this is the node's fully-qualified domain name. |
| Hardware | A textual description which should contain the manufacturer's name for the physical entity and be set to a distinct value for each version or model of the physical entity. |
| Backplane | The chassis backplane type. |
| Supervisor Software Version | The full name and version identification of the system's software operating-system and networking software. |

Table 3-16 Chassis Information (continued)

| Field | Description |
|------------------------------|---|
| UpTime | The time (in hundredths of a second) since the network management portion of the system was last re-initialized. |
| Location | The physical location of this node. |
| Contact | The textual identification of the contact person for this managed node and information on how to contact this person. |
| Modem | Indicates whether the RS-232 port modem control lines are enabled. |
| Baud rate | The baud rate in bits per second of the RS-232 port. |
| Power Supply | Description of the power supply being instrumented. |
| Power Supply Type | The power supply source: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unknown • ac • dc • externalPowerSupply • internalRedundant |
| Power Supply Status | The current state of the power supply being instrumented. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: normal 2: warning 3: critical 4: shutdown 5: notPresent 6: notFunctioning |
| Power Redundancy Mode | Power Redundancy Mode: <p>The power-supply redundancy mode.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: not supported 2: redundant 3: combined |
| Power Total | Total current available for FRU usage. <p>When Redundancy Mode is redundant, the total current available will be the capability of a power supply with the lesser power capability of the two power supplies.</p> <p>When Redundancy Mode is combined, the total current available will be the sum of the capacities of all operating power supplies.</p> |
| Power Drawn | Total Current Drawn by powered-on FRUs. |

Crossbar Switching Fabric

This option shows the Crossbar Switching Fabric information.

Table 3-17 Crossbar Switching Fabric Information

| Field | Description |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Crossbar Switching Fabric | Physical and configuration information about the module: Active slot —Indicates the slot number of the active switching fabric module. A value of zero indicates that the active switching fabric module is either powered down or not present in the chassis. Backup slot —Indicates the slot number of the backup switching fabric module. A value of zero indicates that the backup switching fabric module is either powered down or not present in the chassis. Bus Only Mode Allowed —Determines the value of each module. If set to True, each and every module is allowed to run in bus-only mode. If set to False, none of the modules are allowed to run in bus-only mode. (All the non-fabric capable modules will be powered off.) Absence of fabric module results in all the fabric capable modules being powered off. Truncated Mode Allowed —Indicates whether truncated mode is administratively enabled on the device or not. |
| Module Switching Mode | Indicates switching mode of the module: busmode —Module does not use fabric. Backplane is used for both lookup and data forwarding. crossbarmode —Module uses the backplane for forwarding decision and fabric for data forwarding. dcefmode —Module uses fabric for data forwarding and local forwarding is enabled. |
| Module-Channel | Module slot number |
| Module-Status | Status of the fabric channel at the module |
| Fabric Status | Status of the fabric channel at the slot |
| Speed (MB) | Speed (MB/second) of the module |
| Module-Channel | Channel for the module |
| In Errors | The total number of error packets received since this entry was last initialized. |
| Our Errors | The total number of error packets transmitted since this entry was last initialized. |
| Dropped | The total number of dropped packets transmitted since this entry was last initialized. |
| In Utilization (%) | Input utilization of the channel for the module. |
| Out Utilization (%) | Output utilization of the channel for the module. |

Ternary Content Addressable Memory Information

Shows the Ternary Content Addressable Memory (TCAM) usage information. [Table 3-18](#) lists and describes the TCAM information.

Table 3-18 Ternary Content Addressable Memory Information

| Field | Description |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Security Acl Mask | Indicates that TCAM space is allocated to store ACL masks. |
| Security Acl Value | Indicates that TCAM space is allocated to store ACL value. |
| Dynamic Security Acl Mask | Indicates that TCAM space is allocated to dynamically store ACL masks. |
| Dynamic Security Acl Value | Indicates that TCAM space is allocated to dynamically store ACL values. |
| Qos Acl Mask | Indicates that TCAM space is allocated to store QoS masks. |
| Qos Acl Value | Indicates that TCAM space is allocated to store QoS value. |
| Dynamic Qos Acl Mask | Indicates that TCAM space is allocated to dynamically store QoS masks. |
| Dynamic Qos Acl Value | Indicates that TCAM space is allocated to dynamically store ACL values. |
| Layer 4 Port Operator | Indicates that TCAM space is allocated for layer 4 port operators purpose. |
| Interface Mapping Module | Indicates that TCAM space is allocated for interface mapping purpose. |

Router Health

If your device is a router, the Router Health window displays with a drop-down box that provides the following options:

- [Router Health, page 3-35](#)
- [Router Information, page 3-36](#)

Router Health

The Router Health window displays a real-time graph and information about the health of a router. [Table 3-19](#) describes the contents of the Router Health window.

Table 3-19 Router Health Information

| Field | Description |
|--------------------------------|--|
| CPU Usage (graph) | Overall CPU busy percentage in the last 5 minute period |
| CPU Type | Describes type of CPU being monitored |
| Last 1 minute | Overall CPU busy percentage in the last 1 minute period. |
| Last 5 minutes | Overall CPU busy percentage in the last 5 minute period. |
| Temperature Description | Description of the test point being measured |

Table 3-19 Router Health Information (continued)

| Field | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| Temperature Status | The current state of the test point being instrumented; one of the following are the states: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal • Warning • Critical • Shutdown • Not Present • Not Functioning • Unknown |
| Failures | The failing component of the power supply being measured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None—No failure • inputVoltage—Input power lost in one of the power supplies • dcOutputVoltage—DC output voltage lost in one of the power supplies • Thermal—Power supply thermal failure. • Multiple—Multiple failures. • Fan—Fan failure • Overvoltage—Over voltage. |
| Memory Type | Type of memory including processor and I/O. |
| Used | Number of used MB for a particular memory type. |
| Free | Number of free MB for a particular memory type. |
| Largest Free | Number of largest contiguous free MB for a particular memory type. |

Router Information

The Router Information window displays router information. [Table 3-20](#) lists and describes the fields of the Router Information window.

Table 3-20 Router Information

| Field | Description |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Name | Name an administrator assigned to this managed node, this is the node's fully-qualified domain name. |
| Hardware | A textual description which should contain the manufacturer's name for the physical entity and be set to a distinct value for each version or model of the physical entity. |
| Supervisor Software Version | The full name and version identification of the system's software operating-system and networking software. |

Table 3-20 Router Information (continued)

| Field | Description |
|----------------------------|---|
| Up Time | The time (in hundredths of a second) since the network management portion of the system was last re-initialized. |
| Location | The physical location of this node. |
| Contact | The textual identification of the contact person for this managed node and information on how to contact this person. |
| Modem | Indicates whether the RS-232 port modem control lines are enabled. |
| Baud | The baud rate in bits per second of the RS-232 port. |
| Power Supply | Description of the power supply being instrumented. |
| Power Supply Type | The power supply source: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unknown • ac • dc • externalPowerSupply • internalRedundant |
| Power Supply Status | The current state of the power supply being instrumented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1: normal 2: warning 3: critical 4: shutdown 5: notPresent 6: notFunctioning |

NBAR

You can use the NAM Traffic Analyzer to view Network Based Application Recognition (NBAR) data. To view the NBAR data collected for a switch or router, select **Analyze > Managed Device > NBAR**.

If NBAR is not enabled on your switch or router, you will see a message stating that you cannot see NBAR information without an IOS version that supports NBAR. After you acquire the correct IOS version, you can enable the feature under **Setup > Managed Devices > NBAR Protocol Discovery**.

Media

The NAM 5.0 Traffic Analyzer menu selections for Analyzing Media are:

- [RTP Streams, page 3-38](#)
- [Voice Call Statistics, page 3-39](#)
- [Calls Table, page 3-40](#)
- [RTP Conversation, page 3-42](#)

RTP Streams

Purpose

The RTP Streams window shows you three pieces of information:

RTP Stream Information

- Source IP Address and Port: IP address and UDP port of the originator of the RTP stream.
- Destination IP Address and Port: Ip address and UDP port of the receiver of the RTP stream.
- SSRC: Synchronization source number as it appeared in the RTP header of the RTP stream.
- codec: encoding decoding format of the RTP stream.

RTP Stream Stats Summary

This shows you the summary of the RTP stream for the entire duration of RTP stream.

- Duration: duration of the RTP stream. This may not be the entire duration of the stream. It depends on the viewing time interval of the window which launched this RTP stream detail window.
- Worst / Duration Weighted / Max MOS: the lowest score among per-interval reports, the score of all per-minute interval reports that takes duration into account, and the highest score among per-interval reports of the stream.



Note Duration-weighted is calculated with the following formula:

$$\text{SUM}(\text{per-minute-mos} * \text{duration}) / \text{SUM}(\text{duration})$$

- Worst / Duration Weighted / Min Jitter: the largest jitter among per-interval reports, the jitter that takes into account of the duration of all per-interval reports, and the smallest jitter values among per-interval reports of the stream.



Note Duration-weighted are used with the following formula:

$$\text{SUM}(\text{per-interval-jitter} * \text{duration}) / \text{SUM}(\text{duration})$$

- Worst / Overall / Min Actual Packet Loss: Loss percent of RTP packets that are not seen by NAM and RTP packets that arrived beyond the buffer capability of the receiving end point. This includes the highest percentile among per-interval reports, the sum of packets loss against total packets of all per-interval reports, and the lowest percentile loss among per-interval reports.
- Worst / Overall / Min Actual Packet Loss: Similar to above, but the percent loss only includes RTP packets that were not seen by the NAM.
- Worst / Total / Min Concealment Seconds: Number of seconds in which NAM detected packet loss during the duration of the stream. This includes lowest concealment seconds among per-interval reports, total concealment seconds of the entire duration of the stream, and highest concealment seconds among per-minute stream reports.
- Severe Concealment Seconds: Similar to above; severe condition is met when the seconds have more than 5 percent loss.

RTP Stream Stats Details

This table shows the per-interval stats calculated by NAM at each interval. The columns of the tables are:

- Report Time: time when the stats were calculated. This is the end time of the interval.
- Report Duration: the stream duration during the report interval.
- Worst MOS: the lowest score of the stream among 3-second MOS score. NAM internally evaluates the MOS value of the stream every 3 seconds. This is the lowest score among them.
- Average MOS: average score of the 3-second score values during the duration of the stream in the interval. This value is used in deriving the Duration Weighted MOS value in NAM.
- Jitter: variation of packet arrival time compare to the expected time.
- Actual Packet Loss percentile: percentile of packets that are not seen by NAM.
- Adjusted Packet Loss percentile: percentile of packets that include the actual packets lost an packets that had arrived too late to get into buffer prior to paying back at the endpoint.
- Concealment Seconds: number of seconds in which the NAM sees packet loss.
- Severe Concealment Seconds: number of seconds in which the NAM detected more 5 percent of packet loss.
- Packets: total packets NAM have seen for the interval.

Monitoring RTP Streams

To monitor the RTP streams, choose **Analyze > Media > RTP Streams**. You can also arrive at this page by:

- From the RTP Conversation table, clicking on a specific stream
- From the Call Detail window, clicking on the stream that is associated with the call

On this screen, at least one of the following is required: Site, data source, or VLAN.

The five charts available on this screen are:

- **RTP Streams**: Number of streams that fall in the quality bands of excellent, good, fair, and poor during the selected interval.
- **Top N Source End Points**: Endpoints that generated the lowest duration weighted MOS during the selected interval.
- **Top N Destination Endpoints**: Endpoints that experienced the lowest duration weighted MOS during the selected interval.
- **Top N RTP streams**: RTP streams that have the lowest duration weighted MOS during the selected interval.
- **Top N RTP streams by Adjusted Packet Loss**: RTP streams that have the highest overall adjusted packet loss percent during the selected interval.

Voice Call Statistics

To monitor voice quality, choose **Analyze > Media > Voice Call Statistics**. The charts will provide an overview of voice quality.

The charts available are:

- **Voice Call Statistics:** Number of calls per signaling protocol (SCCP, SIP, MGCP, and H.323) at each interval during the selected interval.
- **Top N End Points by Jitter (ms):** Endpoints that have the largest average of endpoint reported jitter during the selected interval.
- **Top N End Points by Packet Loss (%):** Endpoints that have the largest average of endpoint reported packet loss during the selected interval.
- **Top N Calls by Jitter (ms):** Calls that have the longest endpoint-reported jitter during the selected interval.
- **Top N Calls by Packet Loss (%):** Calls that have the most endpoint reported packet loss percent during the selected interval.

Calls Table

The Calls Table shows you calls that the NAM detected by inspecting voice signaling protocols' payload. For this table to have data, the NAM must see:

- SCCP protocol: Call Information message of the call.
- SIP protocol: SIP INVITE message of the the call. Note that SIP protocol will be detected as per call leg.
- H.323 protocol: Call SETUP of the call.
- MGCP protocol: Create connection message of the call. Note that MGCP will be detected per call leg.



Note SIP and MGCP will be detected per call leg. Each call could be 2 or more parties. Each party has its own call leg from the call party to control entity, e.g. Cisco Call Manager or MGCP gateway. Any information that is not detected by NAM will be displayed as "-" or blank on the GUI screen.

To view the active calls, choose **Analyze > Media > Detailed Views > Call Table**. The Calls Table and RTP Streams for the Selected Call Table display. These tables show a list of all currently active calls.



Note Some values in the Calls table are not available until the end of the call, and Cisco Unified Communications Manager must be configured to have the IP phones send out the call status and quality information.



Note All calculated metrics in [Table 3-21, Calls Table](#), are based on a one minute interval.

[Table 3-21](#) provides descriptions of the fields of the [Calls Table](#).

Table 3-21 *Calls Table*

| Field | Description |
|----------------|---|
| Calling Number | Calling number as it appears in the signaling protocol. |
| Called Number | Called number as it appears in the signaling protocol. |

Table 3-21 Calls Table (continued)

| Field | Description |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Calling Host Address | RTP receiving address of the calling party detected by the NAM from inspecting the call signaling protocol. |
| Calling Port | RTP receiving port of the calling party detected by NAM from inspecting call signaling protocol. |
| Calling Alias | Calling party name detected by NAM from inspecting call signaling protocol. |
| Called Host Address | IP address of the phone receiving the call. |
| Called Port | Port of the phone receiving the call. |
| Called Alias | Alias name, MGCP endpoint ID, or SIP URI of the called party phone. |
| Calling Reported Jitter (ms) | Jitter value reported by calling party at the end of the call. |
| Calling Reported Packet Loss (%) | Percentage of packet loss reported by calling party at the end of the call. |
| Start Time | Time when the call was detected to start. |
| End Time | Time when the call was detected to end. |
| Duration | Duration of the call. |
| |  <p>Note When the call signaling's call tear down sequence is not detected by the NAM, the NAM will assume:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the call ended after 3 hours in low call volume per interval - the call ended after 1 hour in high call volume per interval (high call volume is defined as call table filled up during the interval.) |
| Called Reported Jitter (ms) | Jitter value reported by called party at the end of the call. |
| Called Reported Pkt Loss (%) | Percentage of packet loss reported by called party at the end of the call. |

If you click on a call row in the table, in the RTP Streams for the Selected Call display at the bottom of the page you will see all streams that are associated with the call. It will display the RTP streams that:

- have source address and port matched the call's calling host address and calling port or called host address and called port
- have destination address and port that matched the call's calling host address and calling port or called address and called port

**Note**

There is a delay of two minutes of RTP streams statistics. As the result, there may not be any RTP stream information of the call.

The RTP Streams of the Selected Call table shows the overall RTP streams statistics that are calculated by the NAM. You can use this information to compare the views of the call endpoints and the NAM regarding the call's qualities. The columns of the RTP Stream are described in [Table 3-22](#).

Table 3-22 RTP Streams for the Selected Call table

| Field | Purpose |
|------------------------------|---|
| Source Address | IP Address of the originator of the RTP stream |
| Source Port | UDP port of the originator of the RTP stream |
| Destination Address | IP address of the receiver of the RTP stream |
| Destination Port | UDP port of the receiver of the RTP stream |
| Codec | Encoding decoding format/algorithm of the RTP stream |
| SSRC | Synchronization source number as it appear in the RTP header |
| Duration Weighted MOS | NAM calculated score that takes into account of the duration of the stream |
| Duration Weighted Jitter | Jitter that takes into account of the duration of the RTP stream among all per-interval reports |
| Overall Adjusted Packet Loss | Percentile of adjust packets lost against total packets of all per-interval RTP reports. |

You can see more detailed information about each RTP stream by selecting the RTP stream and clicking on the **RTP Stream Details** button. A pop up window will show more detailed information of the stream displayed.

RTP Conversation

To get detailed information about RTP conversations, choose **Analyze > Media > Detailed Views > RTP Conversations**. This table shows you the overview of RTP streams analyzed by NAM during the selected interval. You can drill-down to each stream to get stream statistics, which are analyzed by the NAM at each interval. To get more detailed information, you can:

- Click on the RTP stream for which you want to see more information.
- Click on the “RTP Stream Details” context menu. A pop up window will show you the detailed information of the stream.

The columns of the RTP Conversation tables are described in [Table 3-23, RTP Conversations Table](#).

Table 3-23 RTP Conversations Table

| Field | Purpose |
|---------------------|--|
| Start Time | Time when the RTP stream was discovered by the NAM |
| Source Address | IP Address of the originator of the RTP stream |
| Source Port | UDP port of the originator of the RTP stream |
| Destination Address | IP address of the receiver of the RTP stream |
| Destination Port | UDP port of the receiver of the RTP stream |
| Codec | Encoding decoding format/algorithm of the RTP stream |

Table 3-23 *RTP Conversations Table (continued)*

| Field | Purpose |
|------------------------------|--|
| SSRC | Synchronization source number as it appear in the RTP header |
| Duration Weighted MOS | NAM calculated score that takes into account of the duration of the stream |



CHAPTER 4

Capturing and Decoding Packet Data

The Capture feature of the NAM Traffic Analyzer allows you to set up multiple sessions for capturing, filtering, and decoding packet data, manage the data in a file control system, and display the contents of the packets.

**Note**

Capture does not apply to the NAM Virtual Service Blades.

This chapter contains the following sections:

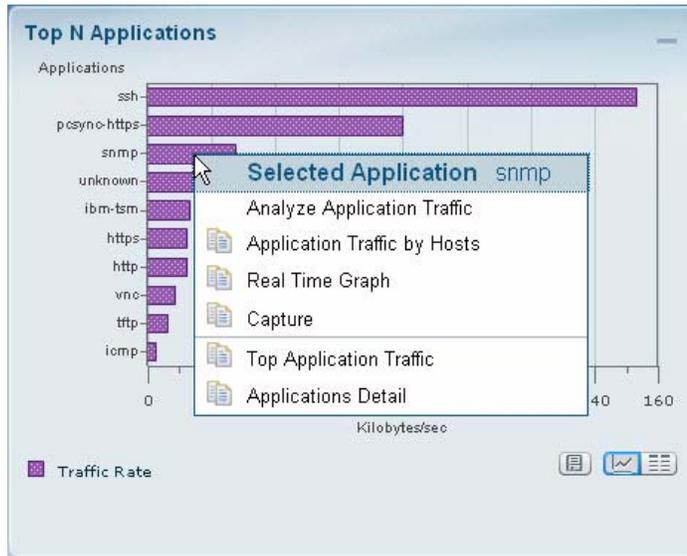
- [Sessions, page 4-2](#)
 - [Software Filters, page 4-7](#)
 - [Hardware Assisted Filters, page 4-12](#)
- [Files, page 4-15](#)
- [Viewing Packet Decode Information, page 4-20.](#)

Quick Capture

From the Context menu of many of the dashboard bar charts which show Applications or Hosts or VLANs, you can start a capture. For example, when you click on an Application in a bar chart (as shown in [Figure 4-1](#)) and choose “Capture,” the following is done automatically:

- A memory-based capture session is created
- A software filter is created using that application
- The capture session is started
- The decode window pops open and you can immediately see packets being captured

Figure 4-1 Quick Capture



Sessions

The purpose of Capture Sessions is to capture, filter, and decode packet data, manage the data in a file control system, and display the contents of the packets. The captured packets can then be decoded and analyzed on the NAM for more efficient problem isolation.

As shown in [Figure 4-2](#), network packets coming into NAM must pass at least one hardware filter in order to go on to the next step. If no hardware filters are configured, all packets pass through. See [Hardware Assisted Filters](#), page 4-12 for more information about hardware filters.



Note Hardware filters apply only to the Cisco 2200 Series Appliances.

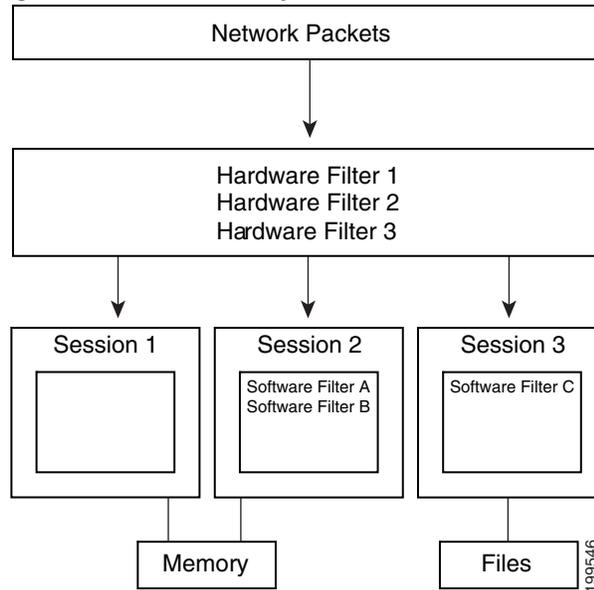


Note Custom Capture Filters are not available in the NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0 release.

Packets must then pass at least one software filter in that particular session to be saved by that session. If no software filters are configured for a session, then all packets are captured.

For each hardware and software filter, every field you configure must match if the packet is to pass through that filter. The more fields you configure inside a filter, the more specific that filter is, and therefore fewer packets will pass through it.

Figure 4-2 NAM Capture Sessions



This section contains the following subjects:

- [Viewing Capture Sessions, page 4-3](#)
- [Configuring Capture Sessions, page 4-4](#)
- [Software Filters, page 4-7](#)

Viewing Capture Sessions

To access the basic operations for capturing, viewing and decoding packet data on the NAM, choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Sessions**.

The Capture Sessions window shows the list of capture sessions. If none have been configured, the list will be blank.

[Capture Session Fields, Table 4-1](#), describes the Capture Sessions fields.

Table 4-1 Capture Session Fields

| Operation | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| Name | Name of the capture session |
| Start Time | Time the capture was last started. You can stop and restart the capture as many times as necessary. |
| Size (MB) | Size of the session |
| | Note <i>Capture to files</i> indicates the capture is being stored in one or more files and is a clickable link to those files. |

Table 4-1 Capture Session Fields (continued)

| Operation | Description |
|-----------|--|
| Packets | Number of packets |
| State | The current status of the capture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running—Packet capture is in progress Stopped—Packet capture is stopped. Captured packets remain in buffer, but no new packets are captured Full (Cisco 2200 Series appliances only)—The memory or file is full, and no new packets will be captured. |

Table 4-2, [Buttons in the Capture Session Operations Window](#) describes the operations that you can perform from the Capture Sessions window.

Table 4-2 Buttons in the Capture Session Operations Window

| Operation | Description |
|--------------|---|
| Create | Create a new capture session. See Configuring Capture Sessions, page 4-4 . |
| Edit | Edit the settings of the selected capture. |
| Delete | Delete a selected session. |
| Start | Start capturing to a selected session. The number in the Packets column for that session will start to rise. |
| Stop | Stop capturing to the selected session (no packets will go through). Capture data remains in the capture memory buffer, but no new data is stored. Click Start to resume the capture. |
| Clear | Clear captured data from memory. |
| Decode | Display details of the capture session. |
| Save to File | Save a session to a file on the NAM hard disk. See Files, page 4-15 . |

Configuring Capture Sessions

You can configure up to ten capture sessions. As part of configuring a capture session, you can also create software filters, if desired (see [Creating a Software Filter, page 4-8](#)).

To configure a new capture session:

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- Step 1** Choose **Capture > Packet/Capture Decode > Sessions**.
 - Step 2** Click the **Create** button to set up a new capture. The NAM Traffic Analyzer displays the Configure Capture Session window (shown in [Figure 4-3](#)). The Capture Settings window provides a field for you to enter a name for the capture and four status indicators described in [Table 4-3](#).

Figure 4-3 Configure Capture Session Window

Step 3 Enter information in the Capture Settings Fields (Table 4-3) as appropriate.

Table 4-3 Capture Settings Fields

| Field | Description | Usage Notes |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Name | Name of the capture | Enter a capture name. |
| Packet Slice Size (bytes) | The slice size in bytes; used to limit the size of the captured packets. | <p>Enter a value of 64 or higher. Enter zero (0) to not perform slicing.</p> <p>If you have a small session but want to capture as many packets as possible, use a small slice size.</p> <p>If the packet size is larger than the specified slice size, the packet is <i>sliced</i> before it is saved in the capture session. For example, if the packet is 1000 bytes and slice size is 200 bytes, only the first 200 bytes of the packet is stored in the capture session.</p> |
| Capture Source | Data-Port or ERSPAN | <p>Choose the capture source (check one or more check boxes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data-port: This accepts SPAN, RSPAN, and VACL capture. For NME-NAM, internal, external, or both. • ERSPAN: Locally terminated is recommended. |

Table 4-3 Capture Settings Fields (continued)

| Field | Description | Usage Notes |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Storage Type: Memory | Check to store captures in memory | <p>Enter values for Memory Size for this capture. Enter a number from 1 up to your platform maximum. If system memory is low, the actual session size allocated might be less than the number specified here. See Table 4-4 for maximum session sizes for each NAM platform.</p> <p>The NAM Traffic Analyzer will grant less memory than requested if the available memory is less than requested.</p> <p>Check (if desired) Wrap when Full to enable continuous capture (when the session is full, older packet data is removed to make room for new incoming packets). If you do not check Wrap when Full, the capture will end when the amount of data reaches size of session.</p> |
| Storage Type: File(s) | File Size (MB) | Enter a value for File Size (file size can be from 1 to 2 GB or up to 10 GB for the NAM appliances). About 400MB of free disk space is reserved for working files. If available disk space is below 400 MB, you will not be able to start new capture-to-disk sessions. See Table 4-4, Maximum Capture Session Sizes for NAM Platforms . |
| | Number of Files | Enter a value for Number Of Files to use for continuous capture. |
| | Rotate Files | <p>Check the Rotate Files check box to rotate files in continuous capture. Available only for remote storage or NAM 2200 Series appliances. See section Capture Data Storage, page 2-18, for information about configuring remote storage.</p> <p>The Rotate Files option can only be used with remote storage or the NAM 2200 Series appliance's local disk. See the section Capture Data Storage, page 2-18, for information about configuring remote storage.</p> <p>If you choose the Rotate Files option, when you reach the highest number file, the earliest file is overwritten. For example, if you specify No. Files to 10, file CaptureA_1 is overwritten after the NAM writes capture data to file CaptureA_10. To determine the most recent capture, check each file's time stamp.</p> |
| | File Location | Choose a location from File Location. Local disk is the default, or choose a previously configured remote storage location. You can add (NFS and iSCSI) remote storage locations by going to Administration > System > Capture Data Storage . |

[Table 4-4](#) lists the hardware platforms NAM 5.0 supports and their maximum session size. This is the maximum capture memory buffer size for all capture sessions together, not individually.

Table 4-4 Maximum Capture Session Sizes for NAM Platforms

| NAM Platform | Maximum Session Size |
|---|----------------------|
| WS-SVC-NAM-1 | 125 MB |
| WS-SVC-NAM-1 with memory upgrade (MEM-C6KNAM-2GB) | 500 MB |
| WS-SVC-NAM-1-250S | 200 MB |

Table 4-4 Maximum Capture Session Sizes for NAM Platforms (continued)

| NAM Platform | Maximum Session Size |
|---|----------------------|
| WS-SVC-NAM-2 | 300 MB |
| WS-SVC-NAM-2 with memory upgrade (MEM-C6KNAM-2GB) | 500 MB |
| WS-SVC-NAM-2-250S | 500 MB |
| NAM2204-RJ45 | 2 GB |
| NAM2204-SFP | 2 GB |
| NAM2220 | 10 GB |
| NME-NAM-80S | 132 MB |
| NME-NAM-120S | 300 MB |

When capturing to multiple files, a suffix is added to the file name. For example, the first file for a capture named **CaptureA** would be labeled as **CaptureA_1** the second **CaptureA_2**, and so on.

**Note**

When configuring capture to disk sessions, it is important to keep track of your free disk space and manage your capture files. The NAM Traffic Analyzer allows you to create more capture files than you have the free disk space to store. For example, you might have 400 MB of free disk space when you set up two capture sessions that each store 160 MB of capture files. A little later, before the previous capture sessions have each written 160 MB of data, you might notice you still have 160 MB of free disk space and set up another capture session to store an addition 120 MB of capture files. You will then eventually run out of disk space, causing all active capture sessions to end with errors.

Step 4

Click the **Submit** button to finish configuration for this session, or configure Software Filters for this session (see the next section, [Software Filters, page 4-7](#)).

Software Filters

You can create and save specialized filters that will disregard everything except the information you are interested in when you capture data (see [Figure 4-2](#)). Starting in NAM Traffic Analyzer Release 5.0, you can configure multiple software filters for each session (up to six). This allows you to narrow in on the traffic that you are interested in, and it also saves resources (either memory or disk space).

If you create a session and then start it, you cannot edit the session without stopping it. If you edit a session containing already captured data, you will get a warning saying that the session will be cleared and the data removed. If you ignore the warning and add a filter to the session, and submit it, the new filter settings will be used.

The application filter can be used to filter on the highest layer of the protocol parsing; that is usually a layer 4 protocol (based on port). If you want to filter on the transport protocol (for example, UDP or TCP), you will need to use the “IP Protocol” selector. Selecting, for example, TCP in the “IP Protocol” selector will filter on all packets using TCP.

See these topics for help setting up and managing software filters:

- [Creating a Software Filter, page 4-8](#)
- [Editing a Software Capture Filter, page 4-11](#)

Creating a Software Filter

You can define a software filter to filter based on any of the following:

- Source host address
- Destination host address
- Network encapsulation
- VLAN or VLAN range
- Application
- Source port or port range
- Destination port or port range

To create a software capture filter:

Step 1 Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Sessions**.

The Configure Capture Session dialog box is displayed.

Step 2 The bottom half of the screen displays any configured Software Filters. Click the **Create** button at the bottom of the Software Filters area to create a new software filter.

The [Software Filter Dialog](#) (Figure 4-4) displays.

Figure 4-4 Software Filter Dialog

The screenshot shows the 'Software Filter Dialog' window. It features a title bar with the text 'Software Filter Dialog' and a close button (X). The main area contains the following fields and controls:

- * Name: Text input field.
- Source Address / Mask: Text input field.
- Destination Address / Mask: Text input field.
- Network Encapsulation: Dropdown menu.
- Both Directions: Unchecked checkbox.
- VLAN Identifier(s): Text input field.
- Application or Port: Radio buttons for 'None' (selected), 'Application', and 'Ports'.
- Application: Dropdown menu with an information icon (i).
- Source Port(s): Text input field.
- Destination Port(s): Text input field.
- IP Protocol: Dropdown menu.

At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: 'Apply', 'Cancel', and 'Reset'.

Step 3 Enter information in each of the fields as appropriate. See [Table 4-5](#) for descriptions of the fields.

Table 4-5 Software Filter Dialog Box

| Field | Description | Usage Notes |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| Name | Enter a name of the new filter. | |
| Source Address / Mask | Source address of the packets. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For IP, IPIP4, GRE.IP, or GTP.IPv4 addresses, enter a valid IPv4 address in dotted-quad format <i>n.n.n.n</i>, where <i>n</i> is 0 to 255. The default (if blank) is 255.255.255.255. For IPv6 or GTP.IPv6 addresses, enter a valid IPv6 address in any allowed IPv6 address format. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1080::8:800:200C:417A ::FFF:129.144.52.38 <p>Note See RFC 2373 for valid text representations.</p> <p>For MAC address, enter <i>hh hh hh hh hh hh</i>, where <i>hh</i> is a hexadecimal number from 0 to 9 or a to f. The default is ff ff ff ff ff ff.</p> |
| | The mask applied to the source address. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a bit in the Source Mask is set to 1, the corresponding bit in the address is relevant. If a bit in the Source Mask is set to 0, the corresponding bit in the address is ignored. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For IP, IPIP4, GRE.IP, or GTP.IPv4 addresses, enter a valid IPv4 address in dotted-quad format <i>n.n.n.n</i>, where <i>n</i> is 0 to 255. The default (if blank) is 255.255.255.255. For IPv6 or GTP.IPv6 addresses, enter a valid IPv6 address in any allowed IPv6 address format. The default mask (if blank) for IPv6 addresses is ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff <p>Note See RFC 2373 for valid text representations.</p> <p>For MAC address, enter <i>hh hh hh hh hh hh</i>, where <i>hh</i> is a hexadecimal number from 0 to 9 or a to f. The default is ff ff ff ff ff ff.</p> |

Table 4-5 Software Filter Dialog Box (continued)

| Field | Description | Usage Notes |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Destination Address / Mask | Destination address of the packets. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For IP, IPIP4, GRE.IP, or GTP.IPv4 addresses, enter a valid IPv4 address in dotted-quad format <i>n.n.n.n</i>, where <i>n</i> is 0 to 255. The default (if blank) is 255.255.255.255. For IPv6 or GTP.IPv6 addresses, enter a valid IPv6 address in any allowed IPv6 address format. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1080::8:800:200C:417A <p>Note See RFC 2373 for valid text representations.</p> <p>For MAC address, enter <i>hh hh hh hh hh hh</i>, where <i>hh</i> is a hexadecimal number from 0 to 9 or a to f. The default is ff ff ff ff ff ff.</p> |
| | <p>The mask applied to the destination address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a bit in the Dest. Mask is set to 1, the corresponding bit in the address is relevant. If a bit in the Dest. Mask is set to 0, the corresponding bit in the address is ignored. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For IP, IPIP4, GRE.IP, or GTP.IPv4 addresses, enter a valid IPv4 address in dotted-quad format <i>n.n.n.n</i>, where <i>n</i> is 0 to 255. The default (if blank) is 255.255.255.255. For IPv6 or GTP.IPv6 addresses, enter a valid IPv6 address in any allowed IPv6 address format. The default mask (if blank) for IPv6 addresses is ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff <p>Note See RFC 2373 for valid text representations.</p> <p>For MAC address, enter <i>hh hh hh hh hh hh</i>, where <i>hh</i> is a hexadecimal number from 0 to 9 or a to f. The default is ff ff ff ff ff ff.</p> |
| Network Encapsulation | The protocol to match with the packet. | <p>Choose the protocol from the drop-down list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose MAC to use the source/ destination MAC address of the packets. Choose IP to use the source/destination IP addresses of the packets. Choose IPIP4 for IP addresses including those tunneled over IP protocol 4. Choose GRE.IP for IP addresses including those tunneled over GRE. Choose IPv6 for addresses using IP version 6. Choose GTP.IPv4 for IPv4 address for tunneled packet over GTP. Choose GTP.IPv6 for IPV6 address for tunneled packet over GTP. |
| Both Directions (check box) | This check box indicates whether the filter is applied to traffic in both directions. | <p>If the source is host A and the destination is host B, enabling both directions filters packets from A to B and B to A.</p> <p>If the source is host A and the destination is not specified, enabling both directions filters packets both to and from host A.</p> <p>The “both directions” check box also affects the ports and not only the addresses (the same logic applies).</p> |

Table 4-5 Software Filter Dialog Box (continued)

| Field | Description | Usage Notes |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| VLAN Identifier(s) | The 12-bit field specifying the VLAN to which the packet belongs. | Choose a VLAN Range or enter from one to four individual VLAN IDs. For better performance, use as narrow a range as possible. The VLAN ID can range from 1-4095. |
| Application ¹ | Select the Application radio button to filter by application. | Select one or more protocols to capture from the Application drop-down list. Use Shift + Click to select multiple protocols. |
| Port | Select the Port radio button to filter by Port. | In the Source Port(s) field, enter one or more ports separated by commas. In the Destination Port(s) field, enter one or more ports separated by commas. From the IP Protocol pull-down menu, choose TCP, UDP, or SCTP. No selection (default) means that any will be allowed. |

1. The application filter can be used to filter on the highest layer of the protocol parsing; that is usually a layer 4 protocol (based on port). If you want to filter on the transport protocol (for example, UDP or TCP), you will need to use the “IP Protocol” selector. Selecting, for example, TCP in the “IP Protocol” selector will filter on all packets using TCP.

**Note**

The parameters described in the table above are independently evaluated by the NAM. Therefore, the NAM will allow you to enter parameters that are contradictory, but you will not be able to get meaningful results if they do not match.

For example, the parameters Network Encapsulation and Source/Destination Address are independently evaluated. If a filter is specified with contradicting parameters such as “Network Encapsulation=IP4” and “Source Address=an IPv6 address”, it will never match any traffic, and the result will be 0 packets captured.

- Step 4** Click the **Submit** button to create the filter, or click **Cancel** to close the dialog box without creating a software filter.

Editing a Software Capture Filter

To edit software capture filters:

- Step 1** Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Sessions**.
The Software Filters box is displayed at the bottom of the page.
- Step 2** Choose the filter to edit, then click **Edit**.
The Software Filter dialog box (see [Table 4-5 on page 4-9](#)) is displayed.
- Step 3** Enter information in each of the fields as appropriate.
- Step 4** Do one of the following:
- To apply the changes, click **Submit**.

- To cancel the changes, click **Cancel**.
-

Hardware Assisted Filters

Hardware Assisted Capture enables you to improve capture performance by providing hardware-specific filters to help you eliminate as much extraneous traffic as possible. The packets filtered out by hardware filters are not processed by the NAM, and therefore capture performance improves.

Choose **Capture > Sessions** to view the status and settings of the hardware assisted capture feature of the Cisco NAM. It will appear at the bottom of the page, in the Hardware Filters section.

**Note**

Hardware filters apply only to the Cisco 2200 Series Appliances.

Software filters add flexibility to your filtering, but a Hardware Assisted Capture Session is most efficient when you use only hardware filters. The less traffic requiring software filtering, the more efficient the filtering.

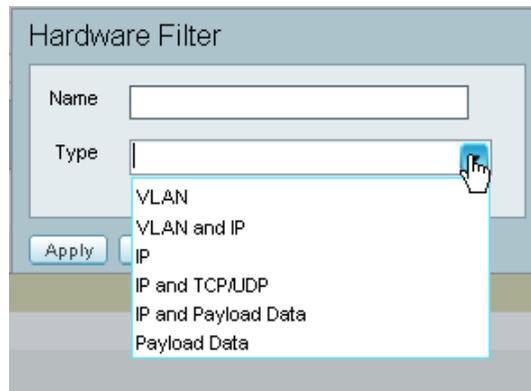
Configuring a Hardware Filter

The Hardware Filters window displays the status and settings of the Hardware-Assisted Capture if a capture has been defined. To configure a capture:

- Step 1** Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Sessions**.
- Step 2** At the bottom of the screen, in the Hardware Filters section, click the **Create** button.
- Step 3** Enter a name in the Name field.
- Step 4** Choose one of the following types of filters from the Type drop-down list:
 - [VLAN](#)
 - [VLAN and IP](#)
 - [IP](#)
 - [IP and TCP/UDP](#)
 - [IP and Payload Data](#)
 - [Payload Data](#)

The list is also shown in [Figure 4-5](#).

Figure 4-5 Hardware Filter Type



- Step 5** Data fields will then appear that correspond with the type of hardware filter you selected. Fill in the desired fields. See the following sections for more specific information.
- Step 6** Click **Submit** to complete the configuration of the capture session. Otherwise, click **Reset** to revert to the previous settings, or click **Cancel** to abort.
-

VLAN

To configure a VLAN hardware filter:

- Step 1** Enter a Filter Name.
- Step 2** From the Type drop-down menu, choose **VLAN**.
- Step 3** Choose either the Range or Individuals radio button. For Range, enter a range of VLANs. For Individuals, enter up to four individual VLANs.
- Step 4** Click the **Submit** button.
-

VLAN and IP

To configure a VLAN and IP hardware filter:

- Step 1** Enter a Filter Name.
- Step 2** From the Type drop-down menu, choose **VLAN and IP**.
- Step 3** Enter the ID of the desired VLAN. The VLAN ID can range from 1-4095.
- Step 4** Enter a Source Address / Mask (optional).
- Step 5** Enter a Destination Address / Mask (optional).
- Step 6** Choose a Layer 4 Protocol (optional).

Step 7 Click **Submit**.

IP

To configure an IP hardware filter:

- Step 1** Enter a Filter Name.
 - Step 2** From the Type drop-down menu, choose **IP**.
 - Step 3** Enter a Source Address / Mask (optional).
 - Step 4** Enter a Destination Address / Mask (optional).
 - Step 5** Choose a Layer 4 IP Protocol (optional)
 - Step 6** Click **Submit**.
-

IP and TCP/UDP

To configure an IP and TCP/UDP hardware filter:

- Step 1** Enter a Filter Name.
 - Step 2** From the Type drop-down menu, choose **IP and TCP/UDP**
 - Step 3** Enter a Source Address / Mask (optional).
 - Step 4** Enter a Destination Address / Mask (optional).
 - Step 5** Choose an IP Protocol, either TCP or UDP.
 - Step 6** Enter a TCP/UDP Source Port (optional).
 - Step 7** Enter a TCP/UDP Destination Port (optional).
 - Step 8** Click **Submit**.
-

IP and Payload Data

To configure an IP and Payload Data hardware filter:

- Step 1** Enter a Filter Name.
- Step 2** From the Type drop-down menu, choose **IP and Payload Data**.
- Step 3** Enter a Source Address / Mask (optional).
- Step 4** Enter a Destination Address / Mask (optional).
- Step 5** Choose an IP Protocol, either TCP or UDP.
- Step 6** Enter the values for Payload Data:
 - Enter an Offset from 1-1023. The offset is relative to the beginning of the payload (Layer 5).
 - Enter a Value of up to four bytes (eight hex characters).

- Enter a Mask of up to four bytes (eight hex characters).

Step 7 Repeat [Step 6](#) for up to four payload data segments.



Note Only one payload segment (one row) is required. Be careful not to create overlapping payload segments. If overlapping segments have different values the filter will never match anything due to the inherent AND logic.

Step 8 Click **Submit**.

Payload Data

To configure a Payload Data hardware filter:

Step 1 Enter a Filter Name.

Step 2 From the Type drop-down menu, choose **Payload Data**.

Step 3 Choose an IP Protocol, either TCP or UDP.

Step 4 Enter the values for Payload Data:

- Enter an Offset from 1-1023. The offset is relative to the beginning of the payload (Layer 5).
- Enter a Value of up to four bytes (eight hex characters).
- Enter a Mask of up to four bytes (eight hex characters).

Step 5 Repeat [Step 4](#) for up to four payload data segments.



Note Only one payload segment (one row) is required. Be careful not to create overlapping payload segments. If overlapping segments have different values the filter will never match anything due to the inherent AND logic.

Step 6 Click **Submit**.

Files

Use the Files option to decode, download, rename, convert/merge, delete, analyze, or error-scan saved capture files. See the section [Sessions](#), [page 4-2](#) and [Table 4-2](#) for information about how to save capture sessions to files. You can download files in either **.enc** or **.pcap** file formats. See [Preferences](#), [page 5-13](#), for information about setting the download file format.



Caution

If you have capture files with a state of Full and the NAM is rebooted, the capture will be triggered again and these files may be overwritten by the new capture. If you want to retain the file, save the file before rebooting.

Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Files** to display the Capture Files window. The Capture Files window shows the following information:

- Name:
- Size:
- Date:
- State:
- Location:

If you are using a Cisco 2200 Series appliance, the NAM will create a **xxx.pcap** file. If you click on the download button, a **xxx.pcap** file will be created regardless of whether you accept the download action or cancel it (a **xxx.pcap** file will be created once the download button is clicked). This is why one capture using an appliance could have an extra file compared with a capture from another NAM platform.

Table 4-6 Buttons in the Capture Files Operations Window

| Operation | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Decode | Display the packets in a file. |
| Download | <p>Download a file to your computer in .enc or .pcap file format.</p> <p> Note Do not add a file suffix when you provide the filename. The suffix .pcap is added automatically.</p> <p> Note .capture to .pcap conversion will occur when you download a capture file. You will need to manually delete the .pcap file when it is done.</p> |
| Rename | Give the file a new name. A dialog box displays and asks you to enter the new name for the selected capture file. |
| Merge or Convert/Merge | <p>Merge packets of files.(in chronological order). A dialog box displays and asks you to enter the new name for the merged capture files. Enter a name for the merged capture files and choose OK.</p> <p> Note Merged files cannot exceed 2 GB.</p> <p>On the Cisco NAM 2200 Series appliances, this button is called “Convert/Merge.” This can be used to convert one .capture file to a .pcap file, so the Error Scan and the Analyze functions can be performed on that converted file. Otherwise, Analyze and Error Scan cannot be performed on a .capture file which only shows up on appliances.</p> |
| Delete | Delete files. |
| Analyze | View statistical analysis of the selected capture. See Analyzing Capture Files, page 4-17 . |
| Errors Scan | View more information about the file (Packed ID, Protocol, Severity, Group, and Description). From here you can also decode the packet. For more information see Error Scan, page 4-17 . |

**Note**

Capture files on the NAM 2200 Series appliances are stored in native NAM format. You can convert the capture file format to **.pcap** using the **Convert/Rename/Merge** button on the **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Files** window.

Analyzing Capture Files

The Capture Files window (**Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Files**) enables you to obtain various statistics including traffic rate (bytes/second) over a capture period, lists of hosts, conversations, and applications associated with network traffic.

This window also enables you to drill-down for a more detailed look at a particular set of network traffic. The pane above the **Traffic over Time** graph displays the time shown in the graph in the **From:** and **To:** fields. It also provides fields for Protocol and Host/subnet, and a **Drill-Down** button.

**Note**

After clicking the **Drill-Down** button, the Host Statistics results table will display both source and destination hosts, if either the source or destination host of the traffic belongs to the Host/Subnet that you had specified.

Each slice in the **Traffic over Time** graph displays the amount of traffic for the amount of time set in the Granularity of the capture file.

You can view more detail about a specific time frame by entering the time in the **From:** and **To:** fields and choosing **Drill-Down**. You can also drill-down on a specific **Protocol** or **Host/subnet** address.

[Table 4-7](#) describes the different areas of the capture analysis window.

Table 4-7 Capture Analysis Window Fields

| Field | Description |
|----------------------------|---|
| Capture Overview | Provides a summary of the displayed capture including number of packets captured, bytes captured, average packet size, capture start time, duration of capture, and data transfer rate (both bytes and bits per second) |
| Traffic over Time | Displays a graphic image of network traffic (KB/second) |
| Protocol Statistics | Displays packets and bytes transferred for each protocol |
| Hosts Statistics | Displays packets and bytes transferred for each host address |

Error Scan

**Note**

This feature is available for **.pcap** files, but not for **.capture** files.

The Capture Errors and Warnings Information screen shows warnings and errors, and packet irregularities. From this screen, you can launch the Packet Decode Window, where you can drill-down to packet details (select a row in the table and click the **Decode Packet** button).

To get to the Capture Errors and Warnings Information screen, choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Files**. Highlight a file and click the **Errors scan** button.

The Error Scan screen is shown in [Figure 4-6](#).

Figure 4-6 Error Scan Screen

| Packet Id | Protocol | Severity | Group | Description |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-----------|---|
| 2507 | eth:vlan:ipv6:tcp:ftp | Warn | Malformed | Arrival Time: Fractional second out of range (0 |
| 2508 | eth:vlan:ip:tcp | Warn | Malformed | Arrival Time: Fractional second out of range (0 |
| 2509 | eth:vlan:ipv6:tcp:ftp | Warn | Malformed | Arrival Time: Fractional second out of range (0 |
| 2510 | eth:vlan:ip:tcp | Warn | Malformed | Arrival Time: Fractional second out of range (0 |
| 2511 | eth:vlan:ip:tcp | Warn | Malformed | Arrival Time: Fractional second out of range (0 |
| 2512 | eth:vlan:ip:tcp:http:data | Warn | Malformed | Arrival Time: Fractional second out of range (0 |
| 2513 | eth:vlan:ip:tcp:http:data | Warn | Malformed | Arrival Time: Fractional second out of range (0 |

The fields are described in [Table 4-8](#).

Table 4-8 Error Scan Screen Descriptions

| Field | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| Packet ID | ID of the packet in the capture file. |
| Protocol | Protocol the packet arrived on. |
| Severity | Warn: Warning; for example, an application returned an unusual error code Error: A serious problem, such as malformed packets |
| Group | Checksum: A checksum was invalid Sequence: Protocol sequence is problematic Response Code: Problem with the application response code Request Code: An application request Undecoded: Dissector incomplete or data can't be decoded Reassemble: Problems while reassembling Malformed: Malformed packet or dissector has a bug; dissection of this packet aborted |
| Description | Description of the error or warning |

Downloading Capture Files

The following procedure describes how to download a capture file to your computer. You can only download one capture file at a time.

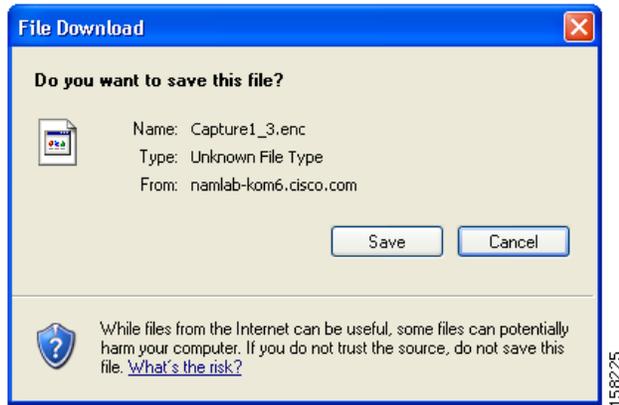
Step 1 Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Files**.

Step 2 Choose a capture file from the list of captures.

Step 3 Click **Download**.

A **File Download** dialog box displays and asks “**Do you want to save this file?**”

Figure 4-7 Download Capture File Dialog Box



Step 4 Click **Save**.

A **Save As** dialog box opens and provides a way for you to rename and save the file at a location of your choice.

Deleting a Capture File

To delete a capture file:

Step 1 Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Files**.

Step 2 Choose a capture file from the list of captures.

Step 3 Click **Delete**.

A dialog box displays and asks “**Delete the following file(s)?**” and displays the file name.

Step 4 Click **OK** to delete the file or **Cancel** to allow the file to remain.

Deleting Multiple Files

To delete all capture files at once:

Step 1 Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Files**.

Step 2 Highlight a row in the list of captures, and then hold down the Shift key and select another row. All rows inbetween will also be selected.

You can also hold down the Ctrl key and click to select individual rows.

- Step 3** Click the **Delete** button.
A dialog box displays and asks “**Delete all capture file(s)?**”
- Step 4** Click **OK** to delete all the files or **Cancel** to allow them to remain.
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Viewing Packet Decode Information

After some packets or files have been captured, you can use the Packet Decoder to view the packet contents.

The Packet Decoder window has four parts:

- Packet Decoder operations
- Packet browser pane
- Protocol decode (see [Viewing Detailed Protocol Decode Information, page 4-22](#))
- Packet hexadecimal dump

To view packet decode information:

- Step 1** Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Sessions**, or **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Files** (depending on which type you would like to decode).
- Step 2** Choose a capture session or file, and then click the **Decode** button. The Packet Decoder window displays. [Table 4-9](#) describes the packet decoder operations (buttons on the NAM Traffic Analyzer - Packet Decoder screen).

Table 4-9 *Packet Decoder Operations*

| Button | Description |
|-----------------------|--|
| Stop | Stop packet loading |
| Prev | Load and decode the previous block of packets from the NAM |
| Next | Load and decode the next block of packets from the NAM |
| Go To | Load and decode a block of packets starting from the specified packet number. |
| Display Filter | Launch the Display Filter dialog. See Filtering Packets Displayed in the Packet Decoder, page 4-21 . |
| TCP Stream | Follow the TCP stream of the selected TCP packet. Note This might take a long time depending on the traffic pattern. |

Table 4-10 describes the columns displayed in the packet browser pane.

Table 4-10 Packet Browser

| Field | Description |
|--------------------|---|
| Pkt | Packet numbers, listed numerically in capture sequence. If the decode (display) filter is active, the packet numbers might not be consecutive. |
| Time | Time the packet was captured relative to the first packet displayed (not the first packet in the session). Note To see the absolute time, see the Detail window. |
| Size | Size of the packet, in bytes. |
| Source | Packet source, which might be displayed as hostname, IP, IPX, or MAC address. Note To turn hostname resolution on and off for IP addresses, choose the Setup tab and change this setting under Preferences. |
| Destination | Packet destination, which might be displayed as hostname, IP, IPX, or MAC address. |
| Protocol | Top-level protocol of the packet. |
| Info | Brief text information about the packet contents. |

Browsing Packets in the Packet Decoder

You can use the packet browser to browse the list of captured packets and do the following:

- Filter by protocol, IP address, MAC address, and custom display filter.
- Use the **Next**, **Previous**, and **Go To** buttons to load packets from the capture session.



Note

The capture must be paused or stopped for you to use these features.

Filtering Packets Displayed in the Packet Decoder

To filter packets displayed in the packet decoder:

- Step 1** From the Packet Decoder window, click the **Display Filter** button. The Packet Decoder - Display Filter Window displays.
- Step 2** Do the following:
 - Choose a **Filter Mode**:
 - **Inclusive** displays packets that match the condition(s).
 - **Exclusive** displays packets that do not match the condition(s).
 - Choose an **Address Filter**:
 - **IP address** filters on IP address.
 - **MAC Address** filter on MAC address.
 - **Source** allows you to specify the source address, or leave it blank if not applicable.

- **Destination** allows you to specify the destination address, or leave it blank if not applicable.
- **Both Directions** allows you to match of packets travelling in both directions.
- Define a **Protocol Filter**.
 - Click **Match any** to display packets that match any of the protocols or fields
 or
 - Click **Match all** to display packets that match all of the protocols or fields.
 - Choose a protocol from the **Protocols** list.



Note You can enter the first few letters of the protocol name to go directly to the protocol. If you make a typo, press **ESC** or **SPACE** to reset.

- Choose a protocol field from the Fields list, then specify the field value if applicable.
- Choose a **Custom Filter**. See [Custom Display Filters, page 4-23](#) for how to set up a custom display filter.

Step 3 Click **OK** to apply the filter and close the window.

Click **Submit** to apply the filter and keep the window open.

Click **Clear Filter** to clear all of the fields.

Click **Cancel** to close the window without any action.

Viewing Detailed Protocol Decode Information

To view detailed protocol information:

Step 1 Highlight the packet number about which you want more information.

Detailed information about that packet is displayed in the Protocol Decode and hexadecimal dump panes at the bottom of the window.



Note If you highlight the details in the Protocol Decode pane, the corresponding bytes are highlighted in the hexadecimal dump pane below it.

Step 2 To review the information, use the scrolling bar in the lower panes.



Note When you decode SCCP traffic, the NAM lists the protocol as *skinny*, not SCCP.



Tip

- Protocols are color coded both in the Packet Browser and the Protocol Decode pane.
- Choose the protocol name in the Protocol Decode pane to collapse and expand protocol information.

- To adjust the size of any of the panes, click and drag the pane frame up or down.
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Using Alarm-Triggered Captures

You can configure multiple alarm-triggered captures that start and stop automatically by alarm events you define.

To set up an alarm-triggered capture:

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- Step 1** Create an alarm event from the **Setup > Alarms > Alarm Events** window.
Configure an Alarm Event for the type of event for which you want to capture data. See [Alarm Action Configuration, page 2-37](#), for more information.
- Step 2** Set a threshold for the event from the **Setup > Alarms > Alarm Thresholds** window.
Configure the threshold of parameters of interest in the associated Alarm Event. See [Thresholds, page 2-39](#), for more information.
- Step 3** Set up a capture session from the **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Sessions** window. Click **Create**.
Choose the Start Event and/or the Stop Event for the associated Alarm Event. See [Configuring Capture Sessions, page 4-4](#), for more information.
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Custom Display Filters

Use custom display filters to create and save customized filters to use in the Decode window to limit which packets are to be displayed.

See these topics for help setting up and managing custom display filters:

- [Creating Custom Display Filters, page 4-23](#)
- [Editing Custom Display Filters, page 4-26](#)
- [Deleting Custom Display Filters, page 4-27](#)

Creating Custom Display Filters

To create custom display filters:

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- Step 1** Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Sessions**.
The Hardware Filters box is displayed at the bottom of the page.
- Step 2** Click **Create**.
The Custom Decode Filter Dialog Box, [Table 4-11](#), displays.
- Step 3** Enter information in each of the fields as appropriate.

Table 4-11 Custom Decode Filter Dialog Box

| Field | Description | Usage Notes |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Filter Name | The name of the capture filter. | Enter the name of the filter to be created. |
| Description | The description of the capture filter. | Enter a description of the filter. |
| Protocol | The protocol to match with the packet. | Choose a protocol from the list. (Select All to match all packets regardless of protocol.) |
| Address (MAC or IP) | Indicates whether to filter by MAC or IP address. | Choose MAC to filter using the source/destination MAC address of the packets. Choose IP to filter using the source/destination addresses of the packets. |
| Both Directions | Indicates whether the filter is applied to traffic in both directions. | If the source is host A and the destination is host B, enabling both directions filters packets from A to B and B to A. If the source is host A and the destination is not specified, enabling both directions filters packets both to and from host A. |
| Offset | The offset (in bytes) from the Base where packet data-matching begins. | Enter a decimal number. |
| Base | The base from which the offset is calculated. If you select absolute, the offset is calculated from the absolute beginning of the packet (for example, the beginning of the Ethernet frame). If you select protocol, the offset is calculated from the beginning of the protocol portion of the packet. If the packet does not contain the protocol, the packet fails this match. | Choose absolute or a protocol. |

Table 4-11 Custom Decode Filter Dialog Box (continued)

| Field | Description | Usage Notes |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Data Pattern | The data to be matched with the packet. | Enter <i>hh hh hh . . .</i> , where <i>hh</i> are hexadecimal numbers from 0-9 or a-f. Leave blank if not applicable. |
| Filter Expression | An advanced feature to set up complex filter conditions. The simplest filter allows you to check for the existence of a protocol or field. For example, to see all packets that contain the IPX protocol, you can use the simple filter expression ipx . | See Tips for Creating Custom Decode Filter Expressions, page 4-25 . |

- Step 4** Do one of the following:
- To create the filter, click **Submit**.
 - To cancel filter creation, click **Cancel**.

Tips for Creating Custom Decode Filter Expressions

You can construct custom decode filter expressions using the following logical and comparison operators listed in [Table 4-12](#).

Table 4-12 Logical and Comparison Operators

| Operator | Meaning |
|----------|--------------|
| and | Logical AND |
| or | Logical OR |
| xor | Logical XOR |
| not | Logical NOT |
| == | Equal |
| != | Not equal |
| > | Greater than |

You can also group subexpressions within parentheses. You can use the following fields in filter expressions:

| Field | Filter By | Format |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--|
| eth.addr eth.src eth.dst | MAC address | <i>hh:hh:hh:hh:hh:hh</i> , where <i>h</i> is a hexadecimal number from 0 to 9 or a to f. |
| ip.addr ip.src ip.dst | IP address | <i>n.n.n.n or n.n.n.n/s</i> , where <i>n</i> is a number from 0 to 255 and <i>s</i> is a 0-32 hostname that does not contain a hyphen. |

| Field | Filter By | Format |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| tcp.port tcp.srcport tcp.dstport | TCP port number | A decimal number from 0 to 65535. |
| udp.port udp.srcport udp.dstport | UDP port number | A decimal number from 0 to 65535. |
| <i>protocol</i> | Protocol | Click the Protocol list in the Custom Decode Filter dialog box to see the list of protocols on which you can filter. |
| <i>protocol</i> [<i>offset:length</i>] | Protocol data pattern | <i>hh:hh:hh:hh...</i> , where <i>hh</i> is a hexadecimal number from 0 to 9 or a to f. <i>offset</i> and <i>length</i> are decimal numbers. <i>offset</i> starts at 0 and is relative to the beginning of the <i>protocol</i> portion of the packet. |
| frame.pkt_len | Packet length | A decimal number that represents the packet length, not the truncated capture packet length. |

Examples of Custom Decode Filter Expressions

- To match SNMP packets from 111.122.133.144, enter:
`snmp and (ip.src == 111.122.133.144)`
- To match IP packets from the 111.122 Class B network, enter:
`ip.addr == 111.122.0.0/16`
- To match TCP packets to and from port 80, enter:
`tcp.port == 80`
- The TOS value is stored in byte 1 (the second byte) in the IP header. To match the IP packet with the TOS value 16 (0x10), enter:
`ip[1:1] == 10`
- The TCP acknowledgement number is stored in bytes 8 through 11 in the TCP header. To match the TCP packet with acknowledgement number 12345678 (0xBC614E), enter:
`tcp[8:4] == 00:BC:61:4E`



Note

You can use a filter expression with other fields in the Custom Decode Filter dialog box. In this case, the filter expression is ANDed with other conditions. Invalid or conflicting filter expressions result in no packet match.

Editing Custom Display Filters

To edit custom display filters:

- Step 1** Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Display Filters**.
- Step 2** Choose the filter to edit, then click **Edit**.
- Step 3** Change the information in each of the fields as appropriate.

- Step 4** Do one of the following:
- To apply the changes, click **Submit**.
 - To clear the page of your changes, click **Reset**.
 - To exit the page without applying the changes, click **Cancel**.
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Deleting Custom Display Filters

To delete custom display filters:

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- Step 1** Choose **Capture > Packet Capture/Decode > Display Filters**.
- Step 2** Choose the filter to delete, then click **Delete**.
- Step 3** In the confirmation dialog box, do one of the following:
- To delete the filter, click **OK**.
 - To cancel, click **Cancel**.
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CHAPTER 5

User and System Administration

This chapter provides information about performing user and system administration tasks and generating diagnostic information for obtaining technical assistance.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [System Administration, page 5-1](#) describes menu options that enable you to perform system administrative tasks and manage the NAM Traffic Analyzer.
- [Diagnostics, page 5-14](#) describes menu options that help you diagnose and troubleshoot problems.
- [User Administration, page 5-16](#) describes how you configure either a local database or provide information for a TACACS+ database for user authentication and authorization. This section also describes the current user session window.

System Administration

The System option of the Administration menu provides access to the following functions:

- [Resources, page 5-2](#)
- [Network Parameters, page 5-2](#)
- [SNMP Agent, page 5-3](#)
- [System Time, page 5-5](#)
- [E-Mail Setting, page 5-7](#)
- [Web Data Publication, page 5-8](#)
- [Capture Data Storage, page 5-8](#)
- [Syslog Setting, page 5-12](#)
- [SNMP Trap Setting, page 5-12](#)
- [Preferences, page 5-13](#)

Resources

Choose **Administration > System > Resources** to view the System Overview window. [Table 5-1](#) describes the fields of the System Overview window for a NAM Traffic Analyzer with multiple CPUs such as the Cisco NAM 2220 appliance.

Table 5-1 System Overview

| Field | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| Date | Current date and time synchronized with the switch, router, or NTP server. |
| Hostname | NAM hostname. |
| IP Address | NAM IP address. |
| System Uptime | Length of time the host has been running uninterrupted. |
| CPU Utilization | Percentage of CPU resources being consumed by the NAM. Average, at top, indicates the average CPU usage of all CPUs. Each individual CPU in a multi-CPU platform is listed separately. |
| Memory Utilization | Percentage of memory resources being consumed by the NAM. |
| Memory Total | Total amount of system memory. |
| Disk Usage | Shows root , config , and data partitions with their total and free space. |
| Data Files | Shows the amount of disk space used up by the performance data base files ("DB") and the packet capture to disk ("capture" files). |
| NIC Statistics | Shows the health and usage information on the data ports, where the NAM receives most of the traffic to be analyzed. It shows the number of packets received (rx pkts), number of bytes received (rx bytes) and number of packets lost or dropped (rx lost). The first number shows cumulative counts since the start of the NAM, and the second one shows the same counters for the last ten seconds. |

Network Parameters

To view and set network parameters:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Network Parameters**.
The [Network Parameters](#) screen displays.
- Step 2** Enter or change the information detailed in [Table 5-2](#).



Note NAM 5.0 does not support using IPv6 for the network parameter IP address.

Table 5-2 Network Parameters Dialog Box

| Field | Description |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| IP Address | NAM IP address. |
| IP Broadcast | NAM broadcast address. |
| Subnet Mask | NAM subnet mask. |
| IP Gateway | NAM IP gateway address. |
| Host Name | NAM hostname. |
| Domain name | NAM domain name. |
| Nameservers | NAM nameserver address or addresses. |

Step 3 Do one of the following:

- To save the changes, click **Submit**.
- To cancel the changes, click **Reset**.

SNMP Agent

An SNMP Agent is a network management software module that resides in a managed device. It has local knowledge of management information and translates that information into a form compatible with SNMP.

With NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0, you have the ability to manage devices with SNMPv3. The NAM polls the managed device to get its basic health and interface stats. For NAM blades (WS-SVC-NAM-1, WS-SVC-NAM-2 platforms), the managed device is the switch in which the NAM is inserted, and the NAM software negotiates with the switch to use SNMPv2c and a community string to do the polling. This community string is only valid for use with the NAM. For security purposes, the switch associates the community string with the NAM's IP address only, and no other SNMP application can use this community string to communicate with the switch. For more information about community strings, see [Working with NAM Community Strings, page 5-4](#).

Also, to further alleviate any security concerns, the SNMP exchanges between WS-SVC-NAM-1 or WS-SVC-NAM-2 and the switch take place on an internal backplane bus. These SNMP packets are not visible on any network, nor any interface outside of the switch. It is a completely secure out-of-band channel inside the switch.

For other platforms, such as Cisco 2200 Series appliances, you can type in any IP address and use it as the managed device. In this case, the managed device may only want to use SNMPv3 since it is more secure.



Note

For a WAAS appliance, SNMPv3 is not required. It is contained within the same chassis, and the NAM Traffic Analyzer uses an internal communications channel, so security is not an issue and the SNMPv3 option is not needed.

To view and set the NAM SNMP Agent:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > SNMP Agent**.
- Step 2** Enter or change the information on the NAM SNMP screen. The fields are detailed in [Table 5-3](#).

Table 5-3 *System SNMP Dialog Box*

| Field | Description |
|-----------------|--|
| Contact | The name of the person responsible for the NAM. |
| Name | The name of the NAM. |
| Location | The physical location of the switch or router in which the NAM is installed. |

- Step 3** Do one of the following:
- To save the changes, click **Submit**.
 - To cancel the changes, click **Reset**.
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Working with NAM Community Strings

You use community strings so that other applications can send SNMP get and set requests to the NAM, set up collections, poll data, and so on.

Creating NAM Community Strings

To create the NAM community strings:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > SNMP Agent**.
- At the bottom of the window, the [NAM Community Strings Dialog Box](#) displays.
- Step 2** Click **Create**.
- The [SNMP Agent Dialog Box](#) displays.
- Step 3** Enter the community string (use a meaningful name).
- Step 4** Enter the community string again in the Verify Community field.
- Step 5** Assign read-only or read-write permissions using the following criteria:
- Read-only allows only read access to SNMP MIB variables (get).
 - Read-write allows full read and write access to SNMP MIB variables (get and set).
- Step 6** Do one of the following:
- To make the changes, click **Submit**.
 - To cancel, click **Reset**.
-

Deleting NAM Community Strings

To delete the NAM community strings:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > System > SNMP Agent**.

At the bottom of the window, the [NAM Community Strings Dialog Box](#) displays.

Step 2 Select an entry, then click **Delete**.



Caution

Deleting the NAM community strings blocks SNMP requests to the NAM from outside SNMP agents.

The community string is deleted.

Testing the Router Community Strings

Before the router can send information to the NAM using SNMP, the router community strings set in the NAM Traffic Analyzer must match the community strings set on the actual router. The Router Parameters dialog box displays the router name, hardware, Supervisor engine software version, system uptime, location, and contact information.

The local router IP address and the SNMP community string must be configured so that the NAM can communicate with the local router.

To set the community strings on the router, use the router CLI. For information on using the CLI, see the documentation that accompanied your device.



Caution

The router community string you enter must match the read-write community strings on the router. Otherwise you cannot communicate with the router.

To test router community strings:

Step 1 Choose **Setup > Managed Device > Device Information**.

The Device Information dialog box displays.

Step 2 Enter the Device's Community String.

Step 3 Click **Test Connectivity**.

Step 4 Wait for a while for NAM to communicate with the Device. If it comes back OK, then click on **Submit**.

System Time

The NAM Traffic Analyzer gets the UTC (GMT) time from one of two sources, depending on its the NAM type. All NAMs can be set up to get their time from an external NTP server. Following is the second option per NAM type:

- WS-SVC-NAM-1 and WS-SVC-NAM-2 can get their time from the switch.
- NME-NAMs can get their time from the router.

- Cisco 2200 Series appliances can get their time from a local CLI **clock set** command.

**Caution**

Both the client computer and the NAM server must have the time set accurately for their respective time zones. If either the client or the server time is wrong, then the data shown in the GUI will be wrong.

After the NAM acquires the time, you can set the local time zone using the NAM System Time configuration screen. You can configure the NAM system time by using one of the following methods:

- [Synchronizing the NAM System Time with the Switch or Router, page 5-6](#)
This option is valid only for WS-SVC-NAM-1, WS-SVC-NAM-2, and NME-NAMs.
- [Synchronizing the NAM System Time Locally, page 5-6](#)
This option is valid only for Cisco NAM 2200 Series appliances.
- [Configuring the NAM System Time with an NTP Server, page 5-7](#)

Synchronizing the NAM System Time with the Switch or Router

**Note**

This section is valid only for WS-SVC-NAM-1, WS-SVC-NAM-2, and NME-NAMs.

To configure the NAM system time from the switch or router:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > System Time**.
- Step 2** Choose the Switch or Router radio button.
- Step 3** Select the Region and local time zone from the lists.
- Step 4** Do one of the following:
 - To save the changes click **Submit**.
 - To leave the configuration unchanged, click **Reset**.

Synchronizing the NAM System Time Locally

**Note**

This section is valid only for Cisco NAM 2200 Series appliances.

To configure the NAM system time locally using the NAM appliance command line:

- Step 1** Log into the NAM appliance command line interface.
- Step 2** Set the clock using the CLI **clock set** command.


```
clock set <hh:mm:ss:> <mm/dd/yyyy>
```
- Step 3** On the NAM appliance GUI, choose **Administration > System > System Time**.
- Step 4** Click the **Local** radio button.
- Step 5** Select the Region and local time zone from the lists.

- Step 6** Do one of the following:
- To save the changes click **Submit**.
 - To leave the configuration unchanged, choose **Reset**.

Configuring the NAM System Time with an NTP Server

To configure the NAM system time with an NTP server:

- Step 1** On the NAM appliance GUI, choose **Administration > System > System Time**.
- Step 2** Choose the **NTP Server** radio button.
- Step 3** Enter one or two NTP server names or IP address in the NTP server name/IP Address text boxes.
- Step 4** Select the Region and local time zone from the lists.
- Step 5** Do one of the following:
- To save the changes, click **Submit**.
 - To leave the configuration unchanged, click **Reset**.

E-Mail Setting

You can configure the NAM to provide e-mail notification of alarms and to e-mail reports. The following procedure describes how to configure the NAM for e-mail notifications.

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > E-Mail Setting**.
- Step 2** The Mail Configuration Window displays. [Table 5-4](#) describes the [Mail Configuration Options](#).

Table 5-4 Mail Configuration Options

| Field | Description |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Enable Mail | Enables e-mail of reports and notification of alarms |
| External Mail Server | Distinguished name of external mail server |
| Send Test Mail | List e-mail addresses for up to three e-mail recipients |
| Mail Alarm to | This recipient will receive alarm notifications and scheduled exports. |

- Step 3** Check the **Enable Mail** check box.
- Step 4** Enter the distinguished name of the **External Mail Server**.
- Step 5** Put an e-mail address in the **Send Test Mail to** field (optional). A test e-mail will be sent to this recipient.
- Step 6** Put an e-mail address in the **Mail Alarm to** field. Alarm notifications and Exports will be sent to this recipient.

- Step 7** Click **Submit** to save your modifications, or click **Reset** to clear the dialog of any characters you entered or restore the previous settings.

Web Data Publication

Web Data Publication allows general web users and websites to access (or link to) selected NAM monitor and report screens without a login session.

Web Data Publication can be open or restricted using Access Control List (ACL) and/or publication code. The publication code, if required, must be present in the URL address or cookie to enable access to published data. [Figure 5-1](#) shows the [Web Data Publication Window](#).

Figure 5-1 Web Data Publication Window

To enable Web Data Publishing:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Web Data Publication**.
- Step 2** Check the Enable Web Data Publication check box.
- Step 3** Enter a Publication Code (Optional). This is the pass code required in a URL's cookie to access the published page. For example, a publication code set to *abc123* would be able to access the following published window:
http://<nam-hostname>/application-analysis/index?publicationcode=abc123
- Step 4** Enter an ACL Permit IP Address/Subnets to permit only those IP addresses or subnets access to web publications. No entry provides open access to all.
- Step 5** Click **Submit** to enable web publishing, or click **Reset** to clear the dialog of any characters you entered.

Capture Data Storage

Use the Capture Data Storage option to set up remote file systems to store capture data. You must set up the capture data storage locations prior to setting up data captures. Choose **Administration > Capture Data Storage** to open the Capture Data Storage window.

This section provides the following:

- [Creating NFS Storage Locations, page 5-9](#)
- [Editing NFS Storage Locations, page 5-10](#)

- [Creating iSCSI Storage Locations, page 5-11](#)
- [Editing iSCSI Storage Locations, page 5-11](#)

Creating NFS Storage Locations

The NFS server must be configured properly to allow NAM to write data to it. The NAM accesses the NFS directories with UID=80 (www) and UID=0 (root). The NFS directories must be fully accessible by these UIDs.

One way to do this is to use the NFS option *all_squash* to map these UIDs to `anonuid=<userID>`, where `<userID>` is a local user ID with full access rights to the NFS directories.

Configuring the NFS Server

The following example shows how to set up an NFS directory (`/home/SomeUserName`) in a Linux server for a NAM (at IP address 1.1.1.2) to store capture data. To set up an NFS server directory to store capture data:

Step 1 Locate a UID that has read and write access to the target NFS directory.

For example, if the target NFS directory is `/home/SomeUserName`, open the `/etc/passwd` file and search for a user entry that contains something like the following:

```
SomeUserName:x:503:503:./home/SomeUserName:/bin/tcsh
```

In this example, the UID is 503.

Step 2 Edit the `/etc/exports` file and add a line like the following:

```
/home/SomeUserName 1.1.1.2/255.255.255.255(rw,all_squash,anonuid=503)
```

Step 3 Activate the change:

```
/usr/bin/exportfs -a
```



Note

If the NFS directory contains subdirectories that are not writable by the NAM, these subdirectories will not be listed in NAM capture screens.

Configuring the NFS Storage Location on the NAM

The following procedure describes how to create an NFS storage location by specifying a remote file system partition.

Step 1 Choose **Administration > System > Capture Data Storage**.

The Capture Data Storage window displays and lists any capture data storage locations already configured.

Step 2 Click **Create NFS**.

Step 3 Enter the requested parameters in the New NFS Storage window.

[Table 5-5](#) describes the NFS Storage location parameters.

Table 5-5 NFS Storage Location Parameters

| Field | Description |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Name | Name of the remote file system entry |
| Server | DNS name of the remote file system entry |
| Directory | Pathname of the remote file system partition |
| Basic NFS Options | Each fields shows a default value. If you need to use values other than those available in the menus, use Advanced NFS Options. |
| Protocol | Choose TCP or UDP |
| Timeout | You can set the timeout to a value from 0.1 seconds to 1.0 seconds |
| NFS Version | Choose from NFS versions 1-4 |
| Retries | Choose from 1-5 retries |
| Advanced NFS Options | This field contains the default values for creating an NFS storage location. You can edit the text to use NFS options that are outside the ranges in the pull-down menus of the Basic NFS Options. |

- Step 4** Click **Submit** to create the NFS storage location. Otherwise click **Reset** to remove your entries or **Cancel** to cancel the change.

Editing NFS Storage Locations

The following procedure describes how to edit an existing NFS storage location.



Note

If you have set up capture sessions that use the NFS file system entry you want to edit (or modify), you must delete those capture sessions before editing the NFS file system entry. You can find active capture sessions by choosing **Capture > Sessions**, then choose each capture that is *running* and choose **Status**. If the capture is using the filesystem to be edited, click **Clear**.

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Capture Data Storage**.
The Capture Data Storage window displays and lists any capture data storage locations already configured.
- Step 2** Click to select the NFS storage location you want to modify and click **Edit**.
The Edit Remote Storage Entry window displays the parameters of the select NFS storage location.
- Step 3** Modify the parameters as desired.
[Table 5-5](#) describes the NFS Storage location parameters.
- Step 4** Click **Submit** to change the parameters of the NFS storage location. Otherwise click **Reset** to remove all of the entries, or click **Cancel** to cancel the change.

Creating iSCSI Storage Locations

The following procedure describes how to create an iSCSI storage location for storing NAM capture data.

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Capture Data Storage**.
- The Capture Data Storage window displays and lists any capture data storage locations already configured.
- Step 2** Click **Create iSCSI**.
- Step 3** Enter the requested parameters in the New iSCSI Storage window.
- [Table 5-6](#) describes the iSCSI Storage location parameters.

Table 5-6 *iSCSI Storage Location Parameters*

| Field | Description |
|--------------------|---|
| Name | Name of the remote storage entry |
| Server | DNS hostnam or IP address of the iSCSI server. |
| Target Name | iSCSI target name configured on the remote iSCSI server |

- Step 4** Click **Submit** to create the iSCSI storage location. Otherwise click **Reset** to remove your entries or **Cancel** to cancel the change.



Note Before the new iSCSI storage entry takes effect, you must reboot the NAM system.

Editing iSCSI Storage Locations

The following procedure describes how to edit an existing iSCSI storage location.



Note If you have set up capture sessions that use the iSCSI file system entry you want to edit (or modify), you must delete those capture sessions before editing the iSCSI file system entry. You can find active capture sessions by clicking **Capture > File**, and then checking the State of each file to see if the capture is using the filesystem to be edited. If yes, click **Clear**.

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Capture Data Storage**.
- The Capture Data Storage window displays and lists any capture data storage locations already configured.
- Step 2** Click to select the iSCSI storage location you want to modify and click **Edit**.
- The selected iSCSI storage location parameters window displays
- Step 3** Modify the parameters as desired.
- [Table 5-6](#) describes the iSCSI storage location parameters.

- Step 4** Click **Submit** to change the iSCSI storage location parameters. Otherwise click **Reset** to remove your entries or **Cancel** to cancel the change.

**Note**

Before the changes to the iSCSI storage entry take effect, you must reboot the NAM system.

Syslog Setting

NAM syslogs are created for alarm threshold events, voice threshold events, or system alerts. You can specify whether syslog messages should be logged locally on the NAM, on a remote host, or both. You can use the NAM Traffic Analyzer to view the local NAM syslogs.

If logging on a remote host, in most Unix-based systems, the syslog collector that handles the incoming syslog messages uses the facility field to determine what file to write the message to, and it will use a facility called "local2." Check the syslog collector configuration to ensure that "local2" is handled properly.

To set up the NAM syslog:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Syslog Setting**.
- The NAM Syslog Setting window displays.
- Step 2** In the Remote Server Names field, enter the IP address or DNS name of up to five remote systems where syslog messages are logged. Each address you enter receives syslog messages from all three alarms (Alarm Thresholds, Voice Signaling Thresholds, and System).
- Step 3** Click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to cancel.

SNMP Trap Setting

Traps are used to store alarms triggered by threshold crossing events. When an alarm is triggered, you can trap the event and send it to a separate host. Trap-directed notifications can result in substantial savings of network and agent resources by eliminating the need for frivolous SNMP requests.

These topics help you set up and manage NAM traps:

- [Creating a NAM Trap Destination, page 5-12](#)
- [Editing a NAM Trap Destination, page 5-13](#)
- [Deleting a NAM Trap Destination, page 5-13](#)

Creating a NAM Trap Destination

To create a NAM trap destination:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > SNMP Trap Setting**.
- The SNMP Trap Setting window displays.

- Step 2** Click the **Create** button.
 - Step 3** In the “Community” field, enter the community string set in the NAM Thresholds.
 - Step 4** In the “IP Address” field, enter the IP address to which the trap is sent if the alarm and trap community strings match.
 - Step 5** In the “UDP Port” field, enter the UDP port number.
 - Step 6** Click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to cancel and leave the configuration unchanged.
-

Editing a NAM Trap Destination

To edit a NAM trap destination:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > SNMP Trap Setting**.
The NAM Trap Destinations page displays.
 - Step 2** Select the trap to edit, then click **Edit**.
The Edit Trap dialog box displays.
 - Step 3** Make the necessary changes.
 - Step 4** Click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to remove any entry.
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Deleting a NAM Trap Destination

To delete an existing trap, simply select it from the Traps table, then click **Delete**.

Preferences

Choose **Administration > System > Preferences** to configure characteristics for NAM 5.0 such as NAM display, audit trail, and file format preferences. [Table 5-7](#) describes the fields of the Preferences window.

Table 5-7 Preferences

| Field | Description |
|--|---|
| Refresh Interval (60-3600 sec) | Amount of time between refresh of information on dashboards. |
| Top N Entries (1-10) | Number of colored bars on the Top N charts. |
| Perform IP Host Name Resolution | Wherever an IP address is displayed, it will get translated to a hostname via DNS lookup. |
| Data Displayed In | Data displayed in Bytes or Bits. |
| International Notation | Choose the way you would like numbers displayed. |

Table 5-7 Preferences (continued)

| Field | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Audit Trail | The Audit Trail option displays a listing of recent critical activities that have been recorded in an internal syslog log file. Syslog messages can also be sent to an external log. |
| Capture File Download Format | Choose ENC (.enc) or PCAP (.pcap) format for captured files. |

Diagnostics

The Diagnostics option of the **Administration** menu provides tools to aid in troubleshooting. You can use these tools when you have a problem that might require assistance from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC). There are options for:

- [System Alerts, page 5-14](#)
- [Audit Trail, page 5-14](#)
- [Tech Support, page 5-15](#)

System Alerts

You can view any failures or problems that the NAM Traffic Analyzer has detected during normal operations. To view System Alerts, choose **Administration > Diagnostics > System Alerts**.

Each alert includes a date, the time the alert occurred, and a message describing the alert. The NAM displays up to one thousand (1,000) of the most-recent alerts. If more than 1,000 alerts have occurred, you need to use the NAM CLI command **show tech support** to see all of the alerts.

If you notice an alert condition and troubleshoot and attempt to solve the condition causing the alert, you might want to click **Clear** to remove the list of alerts to see if additional alerts occur.

Audit Trail

The Audit Trail option displays a listing of recent critical activities that have been recorded in an internal **syslog** log file. Syslog messages can also be sent to an external log.

The following user activities are logged in the audit trail:

- All CLI commands
- User logins (including failed attempts)
- Unauthorized access attempts
- SPAN changes
- NDE data source changes
- Enabling and disabling data collections
- Starting and stopping captures
- Adding and deleting users

Each log entry will contain the following:

- User ID
- Time stamp
- IP address (in case of remote web access)
- Activity description

To access the audit trail window:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > Diagnostics > Audit Trail**.

The Audit Trail Window displays.

The Audit Trail window provides a way to view the user access log and filter entries based on time, user, (IP address) from or activity. The internal log files are rotated after reaching certain size limit.

Tech Support

The NAM syslog records NAM system alerts that contain event descriptions and date and time stamps, indicating unexpected or potentially noteworthy conditions. This feature generates a potentially extensive display of the results of various internal system troubleshooting commands and system logs.

This information is unlikely to be meaningful to the average user. It is intended to be used by the Cisco TAC for debugging purposes. You are not expected to understand this information; instead, you should save the information and attach it to an email message to the Cisco TAC.

Before you can view the Tech-Support page, you must enable the System Config user privilege on the **Administration > Users > Local Database** page. For more information on editing user privileges, see [Editing a User, page 5-18](#).



Note

You can also view this information from the NAM CLI. For information on using the NAM CLI, see *Cisco Network Analysis Module Command Reference*, for NME-NAM devices, the *Network Analysis Module (NME-NAM)* feature module.

To view tech support:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > Diagnostics > Tech Support**.

After a few minutes, extensive diagnostic information is generated and displayed in the Diagnostics Tech Support Window.

Step 2 To save the information, either select **File>Save As...** from the browser menu, or scroll to the bottom, click on [NAM-logs.tar.bz2](#), and save it to your local PC.

Downloading Core Files

To download core files from the Tech-Support page, scroll down to the Core Files section and click on the filename.

User Administration

The User Administration option of the **Administration** menu provides the following options:

- [Local Database, page 5-16](#)
- [Establishing TACACS+ Authentication and Authorization, page 5-19](#)
- [Configuring a TACACS+ Server to Support NAM Authentication and Authorization, page 5-20](#)
- [Current User Sessions, page 5-22](#)

Local Database

When you first install the NAM Traffic Analyzer, you use the NAM command-line interface (CLI) to enable the HTTP server and establish a username and password to access the NAM for the first time.

After setting up the initial user accounts, you can create additional accounts, enabling or disabling different levels of access independently for each user.

[Table 5-8](#) provides information about [User Privileges](#) and describes each privilege.

Table 5-8 *User Privileges*

| Privilege | Access Level |
|----------------------|--|
| AccountMgmt | Enables a user to create, delete, and edit user accounts. |
| SystemConfig | Enables a user to edit basic NAM system parameters such as IP address, gateway, HTTP port, and so on. |
| Capture | Enables a user to perform packet captures and manage capture sessions Use the NAM Traffic Analyzer protocol decode. |
| AlarmConfig | Enables a user to create, delete, and edit alarms on the switch/router and NAM. |
| MonitorConfig | Enables a user to create, delete, and edit the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collections and reports • Protocol directory entries • Protocol groups • URL-based applications |
| MonitorView | Enables a user to view monitoring data and reports (granted to all users). |

For additional information about creating and editing users, see [Creating a New User, page 5-17](#) and [Editing a User, page 5-18](#).

Recovering Passwords

You can recover passwords by using CLI commands on the switch or router. A user with appropriate privileges can reset the NAM CLI and passwords to the factory default state.

For information on resetting the NAM passwords on 6500 Series NAMs, see *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch and Cisco 7600 Series Internet Router Network Analysis Module Installation and Configuration Note*:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/network_analysis_module_software/5.0/switch/configuration/guide/switchcfg.html

For information on resetting the NAM passwords on Branch Routers (NME-NAM) devices, see the *Network Analysis Module (NME-NAM) Installation and Configuration Note*.

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/network_analysis_module_software/5.0/branch_router/configuration/guide/BRincfg_50.html

For information on resetting the NAM passwords on a Cisco NAM 2200 Series Appliance, see the *Cisco NAM Appliances Installation and Configuration Note(2220)*

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/network_analysis_module_appliance/5.0/2220/instcfg2220.html

or the *Cisco NAM Appliances Installation and Configuration Note, 5.0 (2204)*

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/network_analysis_module_appliance/5.0/2204/instcfg2204.html

If you have forgotten NAM Traffic Analyzer administrator password, you can recover it using one of these methods:

- If other users have account management permission, delete the user for whom you have forgotten the password; then create a new one by logging in as that other user by choosing **Admin > Users > Local Database**.
- If no other local users are configured other than the user for whom you have forgotten the password, use the NAM **rmwebusers** CLI command; then enable http or https to prompt for the creation of a NAM Traffic Analyzer user.

Changing Predefined NAM User Accounts on the Switch or Router

The predefined root and guest NAM user accounts (accessible through either a switch or router **session** command or a Telnet login to the NAM CLI) are static and independent of the NAM Traffic Analyzer. You cannot change these static accounts nor can you add other CLI-based users with the NAM Traffic Analyzer.

Creating a New User

To create a new user:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Users > Local Database**.
- The GUI displays the users in the local database. Checks indicate the privileges each user has for the functions listed.
- Step 2** Click **Create**.
- The GUI displays the [New User Dialog Box](#).
- Step 3** Enter the information required to create new user and select each privilege to grant to the user. See [Table 5-8](#) for an explanation of user privileges. [Table 5-9](#) describes the fields in the [New User Dialog Box](#).

Table 5-9 *New User Dialog Box*

| Field | Description | Usage Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Name | The account name | Enter the user's account name. |
| Password Verify Password | The account password | Enter a password that adheres to your site security policies. |
| Privileges | Privileges associated with this account | Select each privilege to grant to the user. |

Usernames and passwords cannot exceed 32 characters and can be alphanumeric. The following special characters are not allowed:

'!' '@' '#' '\$' '%' '^' '&' '*' '(' ')'

- Greater than (>)
- Less than (<)
- Comma (,)
- Period (.)
- Double quote (")
- Single quote (')
- Left or right parentheses
- Other special characters (!,@,\$,%,^,&,*)

Step 4 Click **Submit** to create the user or **Reset** to clear the dialog of any characters you entered.

Editing a User

To edit a user's configuration:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > Users > Local Database**.

The Users table displays.

Step 2 Select the username.

Step 3 Click **Edit**.

Step 4 In the Modify Users dialog box, change whatever information is necessary.

Click **Submit** to save your changes, or click **Reset** to clear the dialog of any characters you entered and restore the previous settings.

Deleting a User

To delete a user:

Step 1 Choose the **Administration > Users > Local Database**.

The Users table displays.

Step 2 Select the username.

Step 3 Click **Delete**.



Note

If you delete user accounts while users are logged in, they remain logged in and retain their privileges. The session remains in effect until they log out. Deleting an account or changing permissions in mid-session affects only future sessions. To force off a user who is logged in, restart the NAM.

Establishing TACACS+ Authentication and Authorization

Terminal Access Controller Access Control System (TACACS) is an authentication protocol that provides remote access authentication, authorization, and related services such as event logging. With TACACS, user passwords and privileges are administered in a central database instead of an individual switch or router to provide scalability.

TACACS+ is a Cisco Systems enhancement that provides additional support for authentication and authorization.

When a user logs into the NAM Traffic Analyzer, TACACS+ determines if the username and password are valid and what the access privileges are.

To establish TACACS+ authentication and authorization:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > Users > TACACS+**. The TACACS+ Authentication and Authorization Dialog Box displays.

Step 2 Enter or select the appropriate information in the [TACACS+ Authentication and Authorization Dialog Box](#) (Table 5-10).

Table 5-10 TACACS+ Authentication and Authorization Dialog Box

| Field | Usage Notes |
|--|---|
| Enable TACACS+ Authentication and Authorization | Determines whether TACACS+ authentication and authorization is enabled. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enable, check the check box. To disable, uncheck the check box. |
| Primary TACACS+ Server | Enter the IP address of the primary server. |
| Backup TACACS+ Server | Enter the IP address of the backup server (optional). <p>Note If the primary server does not respond after 30 seconds, the backup server will be contacted.</p> |
| Secret Key | Enter the TACACS+ password. |
| Verify Secret Key | Reenter the TACACS+ password. |

- Step 3** Do one of the following:
- To save the changes, click **Submit**.
 - To cancel, click **Reset**.
-

**Tip**

If you cannot log into the NAM Traffic Analyzer with TACACS+ configured, verify that you entered the correct TACACS+ server name and secret key.

Configuring a TACACS+ Server to Support NAM Authentication and Authorization

In addition to enabling the TACACS+ option, you must configure your TACACS+ server so that it can authenticate and authorize NAM Traffic Analyzer users.

**Note**

Configuration methods vary depending on the type of TACACS+ server you use.

Continue to the next section, [Configuring a Cisco ACS TACACS+ Server](#).

Configuring a Cisco ACS TACACS+ Server

For Windows NT and 2000 Systems

To configure a Cisco ACS TACACS+ server:

- Step 1** Log into the ACS server.

**Note**

The NAM Traffic Analyzer Release 5.0 supports ACS versions 5.1 and 4.2.

- Step 2** Click **Network Configuration**.

- Step 3** Click **Add Entry**.

- Step 4** For the Network Access Server, enter the NAM hostname and IP address.

- Step 5** Enter the secret key.

**Note**

The secret key must be the same as the one configured on the NAM.

- Step 6** In the Authenticate Using field, select **TACACS+**.

- Step 7** Click **Submit/Restart**.
-

Adding a NAM User or User Group

To add a NAM user or user group:

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- Step 1** Click **User Setup**.
 - Step 2** Enter the user login name.
 - Step 3** Click **Add/Edit**.
 - Step 4** Enter the user data.
 - Step 5** Select **User Setup**.
 - Step 6** Enter a user password.
 - Step 7** If necessary, assign a user group.
 - Step 8** In the TACACS+ settings:
 - a. Select **Shell**.
 - b. Select **IOS Command**.
 - c. Select **Permit**.
 - d. Select **Command**.
 - e. Enter **web**.
 - f. In the Arguments field, enter:

```
permit capture
permit system
permit collection
permit account
permit alarm
permit view
```
 - Step 9** In Unlisted Arguments, select **Deny**.
-

Configuring a Generic TACACS+ Server

To configure a generic TACACS+ server:

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- Step 1** Specify the NAM IP address as a Remote Access Server.
 - Step 2** Configure a secret key for the TACACS+ server to communicate with the NAM.



Note The secret key must be the same as the one configured on the NAM.

- Step 3** For each user or group to be allowed access to the NAM, configure the following TACACS+ parameters:

| Parameter | Enter |
|--|---|
| service | shell |
| cmd | web |
| cmd-arg | One or more the following: accountmgmt system capture alarm collection view |
| password authentication method—Password Authentication Protocol (PAP) | pap |

Current User Sessions

The Current User Sessions table is a record of the users who are logged into the application. The user session times out after 30 minutes of inactivity. After a user session times out, that row is removed from the table.

To view the current user sessions table:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > Users > Current Users**.

The [Current User Sessions Table](#) (Table 5-11) displays.

Table 5-11 *Current User Sessions Table*

| Field | Description |
|----------------------|--|
| User ID | The user ID used to log into the NAM. |
| From | The name of the machine the user logged in from. |
| Login Time | The time the user logged in. |
| Last Activity | The time stamp of the last user activity. |



CHAPTER 6

NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0 Usage Scenarios

This chapter describes usage scenarios for the Cisco Network Analysis Module Traffic Analyzer, Release 5.0.

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Deployment

Deploying NAMs in the Branch

A NAM Traffic Analyzer deployed in the branch will provide a detailed view of the traffic traversing to and from the branch. The NAM can monitor and analyze the traffic locally, and troubleshoot issues related to application response time, voice degradation, and overall network performance, and you will be able to see these results by accessing the NAM web interface.

There are many advantages of this deployment. First, outside of a branch deployment, there is no ability to view response time or monitor voice. Second, deploying the NAM in the branch also eliminates the need to send RSPAN, ERSPAN or NetFlow across the WAN link (the result is less network traffic). Third, you can set up some features that you could not elsewhere, such as alerts from the NAM and packet capture. Fourth, you can more quickly troubleshoot network problems.

See related content [Response Time Summary, page 3-5](#) and Analyze, [Response Time, page 3-19](#).

Deploying NAMs for Voice/Video applications

The NAM Traffic Analyzer's ability to monitor voice applications provides an extra benefit. The NAM monitors and analyzes Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP) streams and alerts you when MOS, Jitter, and Packet Loss degrades below the threshold setting.

The NAM can be integrated with the Cisco Unified Communications Management Suite (CUCMS), so that NAM will report the MOS, Jitter, and Packet Loss measurements to Cisco Unified Service Monitor (SM).

See related content [Analyzing Traffic, RTP Streams, page 3-38](#)

See related content [Setting Voice Signaling Thresholds, page 2-46](#)

Deploying NAMs for WAN Optimization

If you are deploying WAN optimization and already have NAMs in the network, the WAAS from the corporate side and branch can be sent to the NAM for analysis of the traffic before and after optimization. NAM also provides a breakdown of the optimization regarding application response time. The response times are broken down into client LAN and WAN segments, and server LAN and WAN segments.

If you are deploying WAN optimization using WAVE-574 or WAE-674 and you have limited real estate in the closet, the NAM WAAS Virtual Blade can be deployed on the WAVE-574 or WAE-674 for analysis of traffic before and after optimization on the WAAS headend and branch devices.

See related content [WAN Optimization, page 3-17](#).

Deploying Multi-NAM Consolidation

In a multiple-NAM environment, all of the NAMs can be configured to forward NetFlow v9 data to one of the NAMs, which can then be used as a NetFlow collector. Using a “central” NAM like this results in consolidated reporting and problem isolation. This functionality is limited to top hosts, conversations, and applications.

Use the IP Address and Port of the “Central NAM” on **Setup > Data Export > NetFlow**.

See related content [Data Export, NetFlow, page 2-49](#).

Autodiscovery Capabilities of NAM

If you are an existing NAM 4.x user, you will not need to configure the SPAN sessions, and they will be auto-created on the NAM (not on the device). If you are a new 5.0 user, you will need to configure SPAN or NetFlow.

SPAN or NetFlow must be already configured on the device to forward traffic to NAM for auto creating the data source.

See related content [Data Sources, page 2-9](#).

Creating Custom Applications

NAM identifies applications/protocols based on the TCP/UDP port number, so if there are applications using custom ports, the NAM can be configured to identify those applications by name instead of the port.

See related content [Applications, page 2-67](#).

Utilizing Sites to Create a Geographically Familiar Deployment

SPAN sessions are recommended for directing traffic to the NAM. SPAN provides the data needed for NAM to analyze traffic for application response time, Real-time Transport Protocol, hosts, conversations, and more. NetFlow v9 can be directed to the same NAM from other devices for analysis on applications, hosts and conversations.

NAM 5.0 provides the ability to logically segment the network based on IP subnet, data source and VLAN by creating sites. The recommendation is creating sites based in IP subnet. As an example, a NAM is connected and monitoring traffic on a distribution switch which has traffic from San Jose, San Francisco and Sacramento traversing through it. Each site is using unique IP subnets, so in NAM 5.0 the network can be broken down into three sites (SJ, SF and Sacramento) based on the IP subnets. This allows you to view traffic per site instead of viewing all the traffic, making it harder to identify and troubleshoot issues.

See related content [Sites, page 2-58](#).

See related content [Site Definition Rules, page 2-59](#).

Integrating NAM with Third Party Reporting Tools

The NAM Traffic Analyzer Release 5.0 integrates with the CA NetQoS SuperAgent for the purpose of aggregating Application Response Times.

The NAM Traffic Analyzer Release 5.0 also integrates with CompuWare Vantage and InfoVista 5View for Host, Conversation, RTP, and Response Time.

See the *NAM 5.0 API Programmer's Guide* for configuring NAM and exporting data from the NAM.

See related content [Response Time Summary, page 3-5](#).

Integrating NAM with LMS

The NAM Traffic Analyzer GUI can be placed on the LMS (LAN Management Suite) 4.0 dashboard and accessed thru the LMS GUI. See technical documentation for LMS on <http://www.cisco.com>.

Monitoring

Understanding Traffic Patterns at the Network Layer

The data gathered by the NAM 5.0 Traffic Analyzer is stored in a database, allowing you to examine the traffic trends for any application, host, conversation, and to analyze DSCP, RTP, voice signaling, and response time.

The values for average Application Response Times can be used to create thresholds, which will trigger alerts if those thresholds are exceeded, and you can also configure these alerts to trigger packet capture. This allows you to be proactive in identifying and troubleshooting issues in the network.

The Historical Analysis feature also allows you to see charts over time in the past, with which you can get a trending pattern for a host, critical application, or server that you're tracking. For example, using the Interactive Report window on the left, you can choose to see data for the past several days, or past several weeks. Based on that data, you can create Trigger thresholds for 20% higher. Once you have exceeded that threshold, you will get an alert, and the NAM triggers packet capture.

See [Application Response Time](#), page 3-22.

See [Alarm Actions](#), page 2-36.

See [Thresholds](#), page 2-39.

Understanding Traffic patterns for DiffServ-Enabled Networks

You can analyze the traffic at **Analyze > Traffic > DSCP**, and use the Interactive Report window on the left to choose a particular DSCP group to focus on. After selecting it, you will see the charts populate.

See [DSCP Groups](#), page 2-64.

Using NAM to Evaluate Application-Level Performance Monitoring for TCP-Interactive Applications

Application Performance Response Time Analysis provides up to 45 metrics. You can configure thresholds based on many of these metrics, and receive an alert when the thresholds are passed. Thresholds should be set for critical applications or servers using Average Server Response Time, or Average Transaction Time, or Average Network Time and Average Server Network Time. These thresholds will help identify where the problem lies in the application performance, and show whether the problem is a server or network issue. Depending on the alarm, you can access the NAM Traffic Analyzer to see the applications and clients accessing the server, or to check the devices in the traffic path monitoring device and interface utilization.

See [Application Response Time](#), page 3-22.

See [Thresholds](#), page 2-39.

Using NAM to Evaluate Application-Level Performance Monitoring for UDP Realtime Applications

The NAM Traffic Analyzer monitors RTP streams: When a phone call ends, the endpoints calculate the information and send it to the Call Manager. If a NAM is along that path, it will intercept it.

The NAM monitors and analyzes RTP streams and voice calls statistics from the endpoint. The voice calls statistics from the endpoint is used in conjunction with the RTP stream to correlate the phone number with the IP address of the endpoint. Alerting is based on analysis of the RTP streams for MOS, Jitter, and Packet Loss.

See [Voice Signaling/RTP Stream Monitoring, page 2-2](#).

See [Analyzing Traffic, RTP Streams, page 3-38](#).

See [Table 2-37, Voice Monitor Setup Window](#).

Using NAM to Evaluate Potential Impact of WAN Optimization Prior to Deployment

If an application that is supposed to be optimized is displayed in pass through traffic, check the WAN acceleration device (WAE) configuration.

The NAM analyzes the traffic and identifies top talkers in **Analyze > WAN Optimization > Top Talkers**, displaying applications and network links (Sites) that will benefit from deploying WAN optimization. After the WAN optimization devices have been deployed, the WAAS can be directed to the NAM for analysis to display the breakdown of the optimization regarding application response time. The response times are broking down into client LAN and WAN segments, and server LAN and WAN segments.

Troubleshooting

Using NAM for Problem Isolation

The alarm details (found in the NAM Traffic Analyzer Release 5.0 under **Monitor > Overview > Alarm Summary**) provides information you can use to drill-down on the threshold that was violated. You may also receive this alarm in e-mail (**Setup > Alarms > E-mail**). An example of the alarm is:

2010 SEPT 28 9:17:0:Application:Exceeded rising value(1000);packets;60653;Site(San Jose), Application(http)

After receiving this alarm, you can access the NAM GUI to view the application in site San Jose to determine why there was a spike. Click on **Analyze > Traffic > Application**; in the Interactive Report window on the left, change Site to “San Jose,” Application to “HTTP,” and Time Range to the range when the alert was received. This will display all the hosts using this protocol. You can see the Top hosts and verify there are no unauthorized hosts accessing this application. You can also access **Analyze > Traffic > Host** to view which conversations are chatty, and therefore causing the increase traffic for this application.

If the alarm is for an Application Response Time issue, you can access **Monitor > Response Time Summary** or **Analyze > Response Time > Application** to drill-down on what hosts are accessing the application. Identify the application server and view what other applications are hosted and all the clients accessing that server.

See Monitor: [Response Time Summary, page 3-5](#).

See Analyze: [Response Time, page 3-19](#).

Using NAM for SmartGrid Visibility

The NAM Traffic Analyzer will not recognize the IEC 60870 protocol out of the box (this is one of the main protocols used by power distribution companies). You will have to add a custom protocol, because it is a specific port you will be using. When you choose **Setup > Classification > Application Configuration**, you will see all hosts using that application. It will be identified as a Telnet application.



APPENDIX **A**

Troubleshooting

This appendix addresses some common issues you might encounter while using NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0.

It contains the following sections:

- [General NAM Issues, page A-1](#)
- [Error Messages, page A-2](#)
- [Packet Drops, page A-2](#)
- [NAM Not Responding, page A-2](#)
- [NAM Behavior, page A-3](#)
- [WAAS Troubleshooting, page A-3](#)

General NAM Issues

- Q.** What information should I collect and what else should I do when the NAM is not responding?
- A.** Determine the answers to the following questions and gather the following information:
- Does **session** from the switch/router CLI work?
 - Does **ping** over EOBC (127 subnet) work?
 - Does **ping** to the management IP address work?
 - Collect output of **show tech-support** command from both the NAM and the switch or router.
 - Collect core files.
 - Check if NAM is seated correctly in chassis
 - Reset NAM
 - Reset into maintenance image or helper
 - Clear the configuration
 - Reinstall the application image (possibly with the repartition option *--install*)

Error Messages

- Q.** I'm waiting for the graphical data to populate on a dashboard. What does this red error "Request Error -- Please Try Again" mean?
- A.** This means an internal error has occurred, or the login session may have timed out.
- Q.** I'm waiting for the graphical data to populate on a dashboard. What does this red error "Query resulted in no data" mean?
- A.** The NAM does not have any data for the specified time frame and specified filter. Go to the Interactive Report (on the left side of the screen) and click the **Filter** button to check the filter settings and data sources to make sure the NAM is getting data.
- Q.** What does the message "Client or NAM time is incorrect" mean?
- A.** The browser or client time and the NAM time must be synched to avoid this error.

Packet Drops

- Q.** How can I find out using the CLI if packets are being dropped?
- A.** The following CLI command shows packet drops at different layers of the NAM system at 5 minute intervals and up to the last 24 hours:

```
root@NAM1x-18.cisco.com# show pkt-drop-counters Hour-0

Start time of the hour: 2010-11-05 13:00 PDT
Time          hardware pkts dropped      FM pkts dropped      ART pkts dropped
13:05                3548                   0                    0
13:10                3354                   0                    0
13:15                2843                   0                    0
13:20                2629                   0                    0
13:25                3592                   0                    0
13:30                3298                   0                    0
13:35                1823                   0                    0
13:40                2549                   0                    0
00:00                0                      0                    0
00:00                0                      0                    0
00:00                0                      0                    0
00:00                0                      0                    0
```

NAM Not Responding

- Q.** Why is my NAM Blade not responding?
- A.** Do the following:
- Check the NAM IP configuration (using the CLI command **show ip**)
 - Check VLAN configuration of management port on Sup:


```
analysis module <slot> management-port access-vlan <#>
```
 - Does the session from the switch/router work?

- Does a ping to NAM mgmt IP address work?
- What is the module status on Sup/router?

```
show modules CLI
```

NAM Behavior

- Q.** Why is the browser behaving strangely? It is displaying data for no apparent reason.
- A.** Clear the browser cache, close the browser, and open a new session and try again. Also, make sure you are using a browser that is supported with NAM 5.0 (see the *NAM Traffic Analyzer 5.0 Release Notes*).
- Q.** Why is the NAM performance lower than expected?
- A.** Disk capture will reduce the NAM performance considerably. It is due to the disk input/output speed. You will see a warning on the screen in the top right corner.

WAAS Troubleshooting

- Q.** Why is no WAAS data seen on the Monitor screens?
- A.** Perform the following steps:
 - Use the NAM GUI to verify that the Monitored Servers list is configured with the correct server IP addresses.
 - Use the NAM GUI to verify that WAAS data sources have data collection enabled for applicable segments.
 - Use the WAAS CLI “**show statistics flow filters**” to verify that the servers have active traffic flows that are optimized and monitored.
 - Use the WAAS CLI “**show statistics flow mon tcpstat**” to verify that WAAS Flow Agent exports flow data to the correct NAM IP address.
- Q.** The WAAS is not sending data to the NAM, and the reports are not showing any values.
- A.** The WAAS will not send data unless filtering is enabled on the NAM. Enable filtering at **Setup > Data Sources > WAAS > Monitored Servers**, and check the “Filter Response Time for all Data Sources by Monitored Servers” check box.



APPENDIX **B**

Supported MIB Objects

Supported MIBs

Table B-1 lists the MIB objects supported by the supervisor engine and the NAM.

Table B-1 Supervisor Engine Module and NAM RMON Support

| Module | Object Identifier (OID) and Description | Source |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Supervisor Engine | ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).statistics(1).etherStatsTable(1) ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).statistics(1).tokenRingMLStatsTable(2)...mib-2(1).rmon(16).statistics(1).tokenRingPStatsTable(3) | RFC 2819 (RMON-MIB) RFC 1513 (TOKEN-RING-RMON MIB) RFC 1513 |
| | Counters for packets, octets, broadcasts, errors, etc. | (TOKEN-RING-RMON MIB) |
| Supervisor Engine | ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).history(2).historyControlTable(1) ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).history(2).etherHistoryTable(2) ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).history(2).tokenRingMLHistoryTable(3)...mib-2(1).rmon(16).history(2).tokenRingPHistoryTable(4) | RFC 2819 (RMON-MIB) RFC 2819 (RMON-MIB) RFC 1513 (TOKEN-RING-RMON MIB) RFC 1513 |
| | Periodically samples and saves statistics group counters for later retrieval. | (TOKEN-RING-RMON MIB) |
| Supervisor Engine | ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).alarm(3) | RFC 2819 (RMON-MIB) |
| | A threshold that can be set on critical RMON variables for network management. | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).event(9) | RFC 2819 (RMON-MIB) |
| | Generates SNMP traps when an Alarms group threshold is exceeded and logs the events. | |

Table B-1 Supervisor Engine Module and NAM RMON Support (continued)

| Module | Object Identifier (OID) and Description | Source |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Supervisor Engine | ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).tokenRing(10).ringStationControlTable(1) | RFC 1513 (TOKEN-RING-RMON MIB) |
| | ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).tokenRing(10).ringStationTable(2) | RFC 1513 (TOKEN-RING-RMON MIB) |
| | ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).tokenRing(10).ringStationOrderTable(3) | RFC 1513 (TOKEN-RING-RMON MIB) |
| | ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).tokenRing(10).ringStationConfigControlTable(4) | RFC 1513 (TOKEN-RING-RMON MIB) |
| | ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).tokenRing(10).ringStationConfigTable(5) | RFC 1513 (TOKEN-RING-RMON MIB) |
| | ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).tokenRing(10).sourceRoutingStatsTable(6) | RFC 1513 (TOKEN-RING-RMON MIB) |
| | Aggregates detailed Token Ring statistics. | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...mib-2(1).rmon(16).probeConfig(19). | RFC 2021 (RMON2-MIB) |
| | Displays a list of agent capabilities and configurations. | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...ciscoMgmt(9).ciscoNbarProtocolDiscoveryMIB(244).cnpdMIBObjects(1).cnpdStatus(1) | CISCO-NBAR-PROTOCOL-DISCOVER-MIB |
| | Indicates per interface whether nbar protocol discovery is enabled. | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...ciscoMgmt(9).ciscoNbarProtocolDiscoveryMIB(244).cnpdMIBObjects(1).cnpdAllStats(2) | CISCO-NBAR-PROTOCOL-DISCOVER-MIB |
| | Statistics per interface for nbar protocol discovery. | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...ciscoMgmt(9).ciscoProcessMIB(109).ciscoProcessMIBObjects(1).cpmCPU(1).cpmCPUTotalTable(10).cpmCPUTotalEntry(1) | CISCO-PROCESS-MIB |
| | CPU Statistics | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...cisco(9).workgroup(5).ciscoStackMib(1).systemGrp(1).sysTrafficPeak(19) | CISCO-STACK-MIB |
| | Peak traffic meter value | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...cisco(9).workgroup(5).ciscoStackMib(1).systemGrp(1).sysTrafficPeakTime(20) | CISCO-STACK-MIB |
| | Time since last peak traffic meter value occurred. | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...ciscoMgmt(9).ciscoMemoryPoolMIB(48).ciscoMemoryPoolEntry(1) | CISCO-MEMORY-POOL-MIB |
| | Free and Largest block of contiguous memory | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...mgmt(20).mib-2(1).entityMIB(47).entityMIBObjects(1).entityPhysical(1) | ENTITY-MIB |
| | Text description of physical entity. | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...ciscoMgmt(9).ciscoEnvMonMib(13).ciscoEnvMonObjects(10) | CISCO-ENVMON-MIB |
| | Power, Temperature and Fan Status | |

Table B-1 Supervisor Engine Module and NAM RMON Support (continued)

| Module | Object Identifier (OID) and Description | Source |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Supervisor Engine | ...cisco(9).workgroup(5).ciscoStackMIB(1).ciscoStatckMIBConformance(31).ciscoStaticMIBGroups(20).chassisGroup(3) | CISCO-STACK-MIB |
| | Collection of objects providing information about the chassis of the device. | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...ciscoMgmt(9).ciscoCat6kCrossbarMIB(217).ciscoCat6kXbarMIBObjects(1) | CISCO-CAT6K-CROSSBAR-MIB |
| | Crossbar statistics. | |
| Supervisor Engine | ...ciscoMgmt(9).ciscoMIBObjects(1).cseMIBObjects(1).cseTcamUsage(9).cseTcamUsageTable(1).cseTcamUsageEntry(1) | CISCO-SWITCH-ENGINE |
| | Description of the resource type, total amount of TCAM allocated for that type as well as the amount of allocated resource that has been used up. | |



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