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Release Notes 5.1

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The Citrix Command Center Release Notes describe the new features and enhancements, limitations, and known issues and workarounds for a particular release or build of Citrix Command Center 5.1 software. The release notes are categorized into:

- Main Release
- Maintenance Release

The Command Center user interface has been revamped to provide you with an enhanced user experience, intuitive navigation, and other usability improvements. With this release, Command Center provides support for managing NetScaler SDX 10, CloudBridge Platform, and NetScaler Cluster from the Command Center console.

You can now discover and monitor NetScaler devices whose NetScaler IP (NSIP) addresses are in IPv6 format. You can also monitor and fetch statistics from virtual servers that have IPv6 addresses. Two new built-in tasks added to upgrade the NetScaler devices from NetScaler release 9.x to any version of NetScaler release 10.x

You can use the NetScaler Gateway dashboard to view graphical reports of NetScaler Gateway user sessions. The reports are based on parameters such as session access, ICA applications accessed, bandwidth usage, client type usage, EPA scan failures, and logon failures. NetScaler Gateway log messages also provide information about these parameters.

These topics describe enhancements in Command Center 5.1 releases. You can determine your Command Center build type by looking at the build information on the banner of the Command Center Graphical User Interface (GUI).

- In this section:
 - New in This Release
 - Bug Fixes
 - Limitations
 - Known Issues and Workarounds

New in This Release

Updated: 2013-06-13

The Citrix Command Center release 5.1 includes the following new features and enhancements.

The Command Center user interface has been revamped to provide you with an enhanced user experience, intuitive navigation, and other usability improvements.

NetScaler release 10 introduces support for clustering architecture. From the Command Center console, you can create and manage a cluster of nCore NetScaler appliances that work together as a single system image. The enhancements in

Command Center to support NetScaler Cluster management are:

NetScaler Cluster

The NetScaler Cluster is represented as the **NS CL**, and the device type of a cluster node is represented as **Cluster Node** in the right pane of the Citrix Network page. You can configure a cluster from Command Center, or discover a previously configured cluster, and then manage the cluster from the Command Center console. You can discover a configured NetScaler cluster by specifying a Cluster IP address or the IP address of any of the cluster nodes.

After Command Center discovers the cluster and the nodes, you can add additional nodes to the discovered NetScaler Cluster, remove nodes, or remove the cluster configuration from Command Center console. You can use Command Center to perform all the configuration management, entity monitoring, and change management operations on the NetScaler Cluster.

You can monitor the performance of NetScaler Cluster as well as the participating nodes by using performance reports and threshold functionality. You can receive notifications for SSL certificate expiration dates and then manage the certificates for the NetScaler Cluster and also for the participating nodes.

Device Properties

Apart from the general device properties, you can view cluster properties such as Dead Interval, Hello Interval, Preemption, Cluster Status, and mapping between cluster and member nodes in the **Device Properties** page of NetScaler Cluster.

For the NetScaler devices participating in the cluster configuration, apart from the general device properties, you can view the cluster specific properties such as Cluster IP address, State, Node ID, Back Plane, Master State, and Sync State from the **Device Properties** page of the NetScaler device.

• New SNMP Traps

With this release, new cluster-specific SNMP traps are added in Command Center.

With this release, Command Center provides NetScaler SDX 10 and CloudBridge Advanced Platform support. After your NetScaler SDX device is up and running, you can perform various tasks to manage and monitor the device from the Command Center console. The enhancements in Command Center to support NetScaler SDX devices are:

• Device Properties

In addition to the previously existing device properties, the **Device Properties** page now displays the number of available NetScaler instances, maximum number of CloudBridge instance, total SSL cores, free SSL cores, and BIOS version.

• Device Profile

- With this release, you can provide the SNMP community string which enables Command Center to receive the NetScaler SDX SNMP traps.
- With this release, you can create device profiles for CloudBridge Advanced Platform by selecting a CloudBridge Advanced Platform profile in the **Create Device Profile**.

Provisioning

With this release, additional VLAN setting provided to support the SDX 10 devices.

New SNMP traps

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You can now discover and monitor NetScaler devices whose NetScaler IP (NSIP) addresses are in IPv6 format. You can also monitor and fetch statistics from virtual servers that have IPv6 addresses.

You can use the NetScaler Gateway dashboard to view graphical reports of NetScaler Gateway user sessions. The reports are based on parameters such as session access, ICA applications accessed, bandwidth usage, client type usage, EPA scan failures, and logon failures. NetScaler Gateway log messages also provide information about these parameters.

When disabling services and service groups, you can specify a wait time and the graceful shutdown time to ensure services are not shut down abruptly. This helps in better management of the state of services and service groups from the Command Center console.

Two new built-in tasks added to upgrade the NetScaler devices from NetScaler release 9.x to any version of NetScaler release 10.x

- <u>SoftwareUpgrade-9.xto10.x</u> Upgrade one or more devices from NetScaler release 9.x to any version of NetScaler release 10.x.
- <u>SoftwareUpgrade-Within10.x</u> Upgrade one or more devices from a NetScaler release 10.x to a newer 10.x release.

The **Device Properties** page now displays the number of SSL Cards on the devices, the number of Packet Engines on the device, and the system model ID.

With this release, two new counter groups, NIC and SSL Cumulative have been added for NetScaler devices. Also, new counters have been added under Interface(+), Virtual Servers, and CloudBridge Service Classes counter groups.

Bug Fixes

The following table lists the bugs fixed in Command Center release 5.1.

Bug Fixes in Release 5.1 Build 29.3

The following issues, identified in Command Center release 5.0, have been fixed in this release.

Issue ID	Issue Description	
0306947	The default certificate and keys generated when the Command Center appliance is started for the first time are not unique.	
0347643	Command Center cannot generate Certificate Signing Requests (CSR) for certificates that are added to a NetScaler appliance using the FIPS key.	
348611	On the Configuration tab, the Certificate Management page does not display complete list of polled SSL certificates.	

lssue 19	Issue Description. The complete list of entities are not displayed on the Monitoring page of the Command Centre client until
	the polling operation is complete.

Limitations

The following table describes the limitations in Command Center release 5.1.

Issue ID	Issue Description				
0356483	When you execute the SoftwareUpgrade built-in task on a Repeater on SDX device, if the task is not executed successfully the status of the task still displays as "Queued" in the Execution Log.				
0354869	The option to export the details in the custom views of Events and Alarms is not available in Command Center release 5.1.				
	The following export options are not available in Command Center release 5.1.				
	 Export entire custom view data Export displayed data Export Annotations 				
0348256	When the application firewall feature on the NetScaler appliance is configured to use Common Event Format (CEF) logs, in the application firewall dashboard (Reporting > AppFirewall > Dashboard), the Signature violations by category graph is not displayed for NetScaler devices running 10.0 releases.				
0347274	The details of the security violation, of type "APPFW_CSRF_TAG" ,displayed in AppFirewall log messages are incorrect for NetScaler devices running 10.0 releases.				
0347210	Sub maps, NetScaler pool, Move to (another map), and Configure Location features are not supported in Command Center release 5.1. The existing sub maps created in the previous Command Center release, will be available under Maps node.				
	The Datacenter and the Application views are not available in Command Center 5.1 release.				
0347208	In the Authentication settings for Active Directory Group extraction, option to retrieve the attributes from Active Directory server, and then select the attributes from the retrieved list, is not available for Command Center release 5.1.				
0337817	The option to customize the columns on the Device Inventory, Alarms, Events, Virtual Servers, Services, Service Group, and Custom View pages in Command Center user interface is not available in the Command Center release 5.1.				
0315632	When creating views for SNMP alarms and events in Faults tab, selecting a device type on the "Create view" page does not load the filter criteria associated with the device type.				

Issue ID	Issue Description		
0307457	C# and Java Nitro API support for Command Center is not available in the Command Center release 5.1.		
0303315	When you add a group in Command Center by browsing the Active Directory groups, not all the groups in Active Directory are displayed.		
0290553	The advanced search, and find device feature in Home page are not available in the Command Center release 5.1. This is because of migration to the new user interface framework.		
0246561	Command Center does not support MySQL database version 5.5 and later.		
0235683	If you have created custom view scopes in Command Center release 3.3 and have now upgraded to release 4.1, and the custom view scopes will no longer be available. This is because of the enhancements in the authorization mode.		
0234377	The built-in task Software Upgrade fails on Branch Repeater devices running on Windows platform.		
0233920	If you are using Internet Explorer version 8, when you try to execute the built-in task InstallSSLCert, in the Preview pane, the actual file path is replaced with a fakepath, for example, c:\fakepath\filename. This is due to a security feature on Internet Explorer version 8. For more information, see http://www.telerik.com/community/forums/aspnet-ajax/upload/ie8-upload-control-shows-quot-c-fakepath-quot.aspx		
0225713	If the hostname of the Command Center server contains an underscore ('_'), you may encounter a java exception.		
0218964	Branch Repeater discovery fails when Command Center server is installed on a machine with multiple interfaces (IP1 and IP2).		
0201120	The restore facility does not restore thresholds and event/alarm filters.		
0203098	Event Severity configuration changes roll back to their default configurations after a service pack installation.		
0193763	Custom View Scope does not work on high availability (HA) pairs.		

Known Issues and Workarounds

The following table describes the known issues with their workarounds in Command Center Release 5.1.

Issue ID	Issue Description	Workaround
0356432	The discovery of Citrix Branch Repeater with Windows Server (CBRwWS), running release 6.2.0 or later, fails because the Command Center server does not automatically add the Command Center IP address as an SNMP manager on CBRwWS during the discovery process.	Manually add the Command Center server IP address as an SNMP manager on the CBRwWS.
0356104	If you upgrade the Command Center software from release 4.1 to release 5.1, the list of polled SSL certificates is not displayed in the Certificates page (Configuration > Certificate Management > Certificates).	Click Poll Now and the certificates will be displayed.
0352280	When you discover a NetScaler device with an SNMP v3 profile, the discovery fails if the SNMP user already exists on the device.	Make sure that the SNMP configuration on the device is correct, or use a new SNMP user and try to discover the device.
0332765	The Command Center HA setup stops working when JVM fails on the Command Center secondary server.	Restart the Command Center secondary server.
0257635	A Branch Repeater device connected to Command Center becomes inaccessible from Command Center, and the following error message appears: "Exception while doing inventory collection: No such SNMP MIB exists" is displayed.	Provide a higher value for SNMP retry count and timeout value and then rediscover the Branch Repeater device.
0250905	On a HA failover, alarm triggers configured in the primary appliance within the file synchronization interval will be lost. As a result, the alarm triggers created are not displayed in the Command Center UI after the failover. Note: Configuration files synchronization happen between primary and secondary appliance every 2 minutes by default.	You can re-create the alarm triggers in Command Center.
0228281	Show Running Configuration and Difference between Running and Saved Configuration fails if the SSH password contains single quote (') or double quote (") characters.	Do not use single quote (') or double quote (") characters in your password.

Updated: 2014-05-20

This section describes the enhancements, changes, fixed issues, and known issues provided in the maintenance releases of the Citrix Command Center software.

- Build 30.5
- Build 31.6
- Build 32.2
- Build 33.3
- Build 34.4

Build 34.4

Updated: 2014-05-16

The Citrix Command Center Release Notes describe the new features and enhancements, limitations, and known issues and workarounds in Citrix Command Center release 5.1, build 34.4.

In this section:

- New in This Release
- Bug Fixes
- Limitations
- Known Issues and Workarounds

Updated: 2014-05-16

The Citrix Command Center Release 5.1, Build 34.4 includes the following new features and enhancements.

Ability to search by Device in the Task Execution Log page

You can now search for a device by device name, task name and status after navigating to Configuration > Configuration > Execution Log.

Configuring Server Log Settings Changes

On the graphical user interface (GUI), the Logs Settings page (Administration > Logging > Logs Settings) now displays the following details:

- Logger: Type of log file.
- Level: Level of log you want to generate. Select the log level for a file.
- Appender: A link to set the file appender details.

When you click on file name in the Appender column, you can modify the following settings:

- File Name: Name of the log file with which the appender is associated.
- Max Backup: Maximum number of files to be backed up when storing the logs. When this limit is reached, the log file is rolled back.
- File Size: Maximum size of the log file.

The log-file storage behavior of Command Center 5.1 build 34.x is different from that of Command Center 5.1 build 33.3 or earlier builds.

When you install Command Center 5.1 build 33.3 and earlier builds, Command Center initially creates two log files, <logfilename>.txt and <logfilename1>.txt, in the CC_home/logs/ path and stores the log information in the <logfilename1>.txt file. By default, <logfilename>.txt remains empty. When <logfilename1>.txt reaches the limit for maximum size, Command Center 5.1 build 33.3 or earlier builds creates a new file, <logfilename<N>>.txt and stores the log information in that file until it reaches the size limit.

Note: <N> represents a numeric value.

When you install Command Center 5.1 build 34.4, Command Center initially creates only one log file, <logfilename>.txt, and stores log information in this file. When the file size reaches the limit, Command Center 5.1 build 34.4 creates <logfilename>.txt.<N>.

If you upgrade Command Center from version 5.1 build 33.3 or any earlier builds to 5.1 build 34.4, Command Center stores the log information in the existing empty <logfilename.txt> file. If that file reaches the file-size limit, Command Center creates a new file, <logfilename>.txt.<N>, and stores the log information in that file until it reaches the file-size limit.

Progress of Executed Tasks

After you provide the details for executing a built-in task or a custom task, a pop-up screen appears, stating that the task execution is in progress. You are redirected to the Execution Log page that displays the progress of the executed task.

Mbps unit removal from table header

On the CloudBridge dashboard page (Monitoring > CloudBridge > Dashboard), the Mbps designator is no longer in the WAN Sent, WAN Received, LAN Sent and LAN Received table headers. It now appears in each entry in the table.

Support for subdomain names with more than four characters

Email addresses in the To field now support subdomain names with more than four characters.

Updated: 2014-05-14

The following table describes the bugs fixed in Command Center Release 5.1 build 34.x.

Issue ID	Issue Description
0407104	On the Administration tab, after you configure the access setting values for server protocol and server port, and then upgrade Command Center, the values are reset to default server protocol and server port.
0429631	The sorting option after performing a search under the Monitoring tab does not work.
0435675	The Software Upgrade task fails to upgrade Cloud Bridge appliances.
0443441	Huge NetScaler configuration files causes high disk usage.
0446983	You might not be able to configure a high availability (HA) setup after upgrading a Command Center hardware appliance to version 5.1 build 33.3.
0451089	On a Command Center hardware appliance version 5.1 build 33.3, a failover can cause the MYSQL replication to fail, which in turn can disable high availability (HA) functionality.
0451367	On the Configuration tab, when you add or edit a custom task, and click Add Command to add a command, the Command field displays very long commands in a single line and does not provide the scroll option.

0451390 Issue 1D	On the Configuration tab, when you edit a custom task and click Add Task Variable to add a variable task, Issue Description some fields are not displayed.	
0451621	On the Configuration tab, the task specific execution log does not display the Command Center user details.	
0452151	After you upgrade Command Center, you cannot change the Command Center password.	
0452506	You might not be able to configuring a high availability (HA) setup after changing the password of a Command Center hardware appliance.	
0458009	If you use the Command Center graphical user interface (GUI) to change the database password for a high availability (HA) setup, the password change is not propagated to the secondary Command Center.	
0461609	The Monitoring tab might not display the list of polled entities for a NetScaler HA pair.	
0470491	The Change Password page does not load when you use the Google Chrome browser, version 34.0.1847.131, to change the password from the Command Center login page. Workaround: Navigate to Administration > Security > Change Password to change the password.	

Updated: 2014-05-15

The following table describes the limitations in Command Center software from Release 5.1 build 34.4.

Issue ID	Issue Description	
0290553	The advanced search, and find device feature formerly on the Home page are not available in the Command Center release 5.2, because of migration to the new user interface framework.	
0234377 and 399202	The built-in task, Software Upgrade, for CloudBridge is not supported for CloudBridge 700 platforms.	
0347274	The details of a security violation, of type APPFW_CSRF_TAG, displayed in AppFirewall log messages are incorrect for NetScaler devices running release 10.0.	
0354869	The option to export the details in the custom views of Events and Alarms is not available in Command Center release 5.2. The following export options are not available in Command Center release 5.2.	

Issue ID	Export entire custom view data Sue Description Export displayed data Export Annotations
0371907	When you replicate a configuration on a NetScaler device, the L2 and L3 configurations are also replicated.
0377592	If the number of failure objects in Command Center is high and you create or modify custom views in Events and Alarms, a script error occurs.
0381157	When a secure FTP to a NetScaler device fails, an OutOfMemory (OOO) error occurs.

Updated: 2014-05-16

The following table describes the known issues with their workarounds in Command Center software from Release 5.1 build 34.4.

Issue ID	Issue Description	Workaround
0352280	When you discover a NetScaler device with an SNMP v3 profile, the discovery fails if the SNMP user already exists on the device.	Make sure that the SNMP configuration on the device is correct, or use a new SNMP user and try to discover the device.
0356104	If you upgrade the Command Center software from release 4.1 to release 5.2, the list of polled SSL certificates is not displayed in the Certificates page (Configuration > Certificate Management > Certificates.	
0358712	You might be unable to log onto Command Center after afresh installation, because of a corrupted security configuration.	After a fresh installation, reset the Command Center setup by reinitializing it. To do so, run the reinitialize_nms.bat or reinitialize_nms.sh script, which is located in the <cchome>/bin/ folder.</cchome>
0470491	The Change Password page does not load when you use the Google Chrome browser, version 34.0.1847.131, to change the password from the Command Center login page.	Navigate to Administration > Security > Change Password to change the password.
0443894	If Command Center fails to discover any CloudBridge devices, the CloudBridge Dashboard (Monitoring > CloudBridge > Dashboard) page does not display those devices. However, with this build, the Operational state on the CloudBridge	

Issue ID	dashboard page displays a – symbol. Issue Description	Workaround
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Build 33.3

Updated: 2013-11-11

The Citrix Command Center Release Notes describe the new features and enhancements, limitations, and known issues and workarounds in Citrix Command Center release 5.1, build 33.3.

In this section:

- New in This Release
- Bug Fixes
- Limitations
- Known Issues and Workarounds

Updated: 2013-11-11

The Citrix Command Center Release 5.1, Build 33.3 includes the following new features and enhancements.

Support for CloudBridge 4000/5000 Platforms running release 7.1.0

Command Center now supports CloudBridge 4000/5000 platforms running CloudBridge release 7.1.0

New Counter Support for NetScaler devices

The AAA group includes a new counter: Current ICA Sessions.

Download the Configuration Details of CloudBridge Devices

The CloudBridge Device Properties page now includes a **Download** button, with which you can download the configuration of a CloudBridge device as a zipped file.

Wild-card Character Support

In custom views of entity monitoring, the input values (like VServer Name, VServerIP, Service Name and others) now support the usage of wild-card characters: asterisk (*), exclamation mark (!), and separator (,).

GUI Changes

In Configuration > Built-in Tasks page, the built-in tasks are now organized into two separate tabs: NetScaler and CloudBridge.

Updated: 2013-11-11

The following table describes the bugs fixed in Command Center Release 5.1 Build 33.3

Issue ID	Issue Description	
0423165	The blocked or transformed information is not displayed when AppFirewall violation is blocked or transformed.	

6491067 ID	If you Descript ion mand Center appliance while it is being backed up, the Command Center user interface does not notify you that the backup is in progress.	
0416208	A user who is not assigned Execute permission for Reporting is able to view data on AppFirewall Dashboard.	
0418543	Task execution logs do not contain the reasons for the failure of commands, nor the details of the scheduled tasks.	
0414804	If CEF logging is enabled, AppFirewall reporting does not function when the AppFirewall syslog message does not contain a session-ID field.	
0414851	The format of the APPFW CSRF TAG syslog message is not in the expected format. As a result, the values displayed in AppFirewall Recent Logs are incorrect	
0412261	Discovery and rediscovery of NetScaler devices with SNMP V3 profile intermittently generates the following alarm: usmStatsNotInTimeWindows.	
0413811	Command Center does not support violation type AF_400_RESP under AppFirewall Reporting.	
0430057	The refresh timeout rate for Entity monitoring list views is low. Therefore, the selection of data is lost for the operations performed on the entities.	
0427600	For the built-in report, VirtualServerThroghputDistribution, if the Plot bound Services check box is selected when you view reports in graphical format, the following error message appears: com.ns.ems.common.report.ReportData cannot be cast to java.lang.Integer.	
0396514	After CloudBridge devices process traffic for an extended period of time, the following reports might show incorrect values: CloudBridge System, CloudBridge App Traffic +, CloudBridge QOS Stats +, and CloudBridge Link Stats + .	
0332765	The Command Center HA setup stops working when JVM fails on the Command Center secondary server.	

Updated: 2013-11-11

The following table describes the limitations in Command Center software from Release 5.1, build 33.3 or later.

Issue ID	Issue Description	
0399202	The built-in task, SoftwareUpgrade , for CloudBridge is not supported for CloudBridge 700 platforms.	
0398919	The counter values for Transmit Link utilization and Receive link Utilization are incorrect.	
0383438	If you initiate a high availability configuration from an appliance by using the Setup High Availability option in the graphical user interface, an error occurs and high availability configuration is not successful.	
0381157	When a secure FTP to a NetScaler device fails, an OutOfMemory (OOO) error occurs.	

Issue Description If the number of failure objects in Command Center is high and you create or modify custom views in Events and Alarms, a script error occurs.	
1907 When you replicate a configuration on a NetScaler device, the L2 and L3 configurations are also replic	
The Replicate Configuration feature is not supported for a NetScaler cluster or for NetScaler devices in a high availability pair.	
The option to export the details in the custom views of Events and Alarms is not available in Command Center release 5.1.	
The following export options are not available in Command Center release 5.1.	
Export entire custom view data	
Export displayed data	
Export Annotations	
The details of a security violation, of type APPFW_CSRF_TAG, displayed in AppFirewall log messages are incorrect for NetScaler devices running release 10.0.	
In the Authentication settings for Active Directory Group extraction, the option to retrieve the attributes from Active Directory server, and then select the attributes from the retrieved list, is not available in Command Center release 5.1.	
The option to customize the columns on the Device Inventory, Alarms, Events, Virtual Servers, Services, Service Group, and Custom View pages in Command Center user interface is not available in the Command Center release 5.1.	
When creating views for SNMP alarms and events in Faults tab, selecting a device type on the Create View page does not load the filter criteria associated with the device type.	
The advanced search, and find device feature formerly on the Home page are not available in the Command Center release 5.1, because of migration to the new user interface framework.	

Updated: 2013-12-06

The following table describes the known issues with their workarounds in Command Center software from Release 5.1, build 33.3 or later.

Issue ID	Issue Description	Workaround

0383097 Issue ID	Command Center service is unable to start and the following error is Issue Description displayed, "Error 1067: The process terminated unexpectedly". This is due to an issue in JRE 1.6 version, which might cause automatic deletion of the rt.jar file after a restart.	Execute the RecoverJRE.bat/sh Workaround script available under <cc_install_home>/bin directory and then start the server.</cc_install_home>
0366507	You cannot modify the device profile from Citrix Network > Add Device > Modify icon.	Navigate to Administration > Settings > Device Profiles, right-click the device profile and click Modify .
0356104	If you upgrade the Command Center software from release 4.1 to release 5.1, the list of polled SSL certificates is not displayed in the Certificates page (Configuration > Certificate Management > Certificates).	Click Poll Now to display the certificates.
0352280	When you discover a NetScaler device with an SNMP v3 profile, the discovery fails if the SNMP user already exists on the device.	Make sure that the SNMP configuration on the device is correct, or use a new SNMP user and try to discover the device.

Build 32.2

Updated: 2013-08-14

The Citrix Command Center Release Notes describe the new features and enhancements, limitations, and known issues and workarounds in Citrix Command Center release 5.1, build 32.2.

In this section:

- New in This Release
- Bug Fixes
- Limitations
- Known Issues and Workarounds

Updated: 2013-08-14

The Citrix Command Center Release 5.1, Build 32.2 includes the following new features and enhancements.

Authentication Enhancements

This release, delivers the following enhancements to the authentication capabilities of Command Center:

• RADIUS Authentication Settings

The way that Command Center handles RADIUS authentication after a forced failover is improved. If you configure Command Center servers in high availability mode with RADIUS authentication, you must provide the Secondary Server Client Identifier details.

• Ability to Verify Authentication Server Settings and Connectivity

With this release, the authentication server settings specified under **Administration** > **Security** > **Authentication Settings** are verified. If the settings are not accurate, an error message prompts you to specify the correct settings.

• Search for Active Directory Groups

If you enable group extraction from Active Directory, you can browse and search for Active Directory groups while adding groups in Command Center. The number of search results is limited to 5000 results.

Counter Reporting Enhancements

With this release, Command Center can generate a report to plot the difference in the following counter values between the polling cycles: Vserver hits, Request bytes, Response bytes, Total Packets rcvd, Total Packets sent, Current client connections, Current Client Est connections, Current server connections, and Spill Over Hits.

Support for SNMP Object Identifiers

Command Center now supports and responds to the following RFC 1213 Standard MIB OIDs:

- oid .1.3.6.1.2.1.1.6 (location)
- oid .1.3.6.1.2.1.1.4 (contact)
- oid .1.3.6.1.2.1.1.1 (description)

You can now view the location, contact and description details.

Host Name Column Added in Device Inventory Page

With this release, a new column, **Host Name**, displays the hostname of the discovered device on the Device Inventory page.

Updated: 2013-08-14

The following table describes the bugs fixed in Command Center Release 5.1 Build 32.2

Issue ID	Issue Description
0412131	If you use Internet Explorer with the Compatibility View enabled, to access the Command Center user interface, the logon is unsuccessful and the user credentials appear in the address bar.
0365125	You cannot access Command Center graphical user interface using the host name if you are using Internet Explorer 9 browser in Compatibility View.
0406857	The graphs on the Device Properties page and Appfirewall Dashboard page are not displayed properly if you log on to Command Center with non-root-user credentials because the image directory is not available to a non-root user.
0405956	After a CloudBridge Advanced platform is discovered in Command Center version 5.1, build 30.5, the default status polling of the platform fails to discover the NetScaler instance, CloudBridge, and CloudBridge Accelerator.
0404208	When creating a custom task by importing a file, it takes a longer time to add a custom task if the input command file is large.

0402416 Issue ID	When events or alarms are exported to a .csv file, the date and time details do not display the data in seconds.
0374806	For each authentication attempt during discovery and "Invoke CLI" in Command Center, multiple authentication requests are sent to a NetScaler configured with LDAP or RADIUS authentication.

Updated: 2013-08-14

The following table describes the limitations in Command Center software from Release 5.1, build 32.2 or later.

Issue ID	Issue Description	
0399202	The built-in task, Software Upgrade , for CloudBridge is not supported for CloudBridge 700 platforms.	
0398919	The counter values for Transmit Link utilization and Receive link Utilization are incorrect.	
0396514	After CloudBridge devices process traffic for an extended period of time, the following reports might show incorrect values: CloudBridge System, CloudBridge App Traffic +, CloudBridge QOS Stats +, and CloudBridge Link Stats + .	
0383438	If you initiate a high availability configuration from an appliance by using the Setup High Availability option in the graphical user interface, an error occurs and high availability configuration is not successful.	
0381157	When a secure FTP to a NetScaler device fails, an OutOfMemory (OOO) error occurs.	
0377592	If the number of failure objects in Command Center is high and you create or modify custom views in Events and Alarms, a script error occurs.	
0371907	When you replicate a configuration on a NetScaler device, the L2 and L3 configurations are also replicated.	
0370232	The Replicate Configuration feature is not supported for a NetScaler cluster or for NetScaler devices in a high availability pair.	
0354869	The option to export the details in the custom views of Events and Alarms is not available in Command Center release 5.1.	
	The following export options are not available in Command Center release 5.1.	
	Export entire custom view data	
	Export displayed data	
	• Export Annotations	
0347274	The details of a security violation, of type APPFW_CSRF_TAG, displayed in AppFirewall log messages are incorrect for NetScaler devices running release 10.0.	

0534JP2013	Insulae Description on settings for Active Directory Group extraction, the option to retrieve the attributes from Active Directory server, and then select the attributes from the retrieved list, is not available in Command Center release 5.1.
0337817	The option to customize the columns on the Device Inventory, Alarms, Events, Virtual Servers, Services, Service Group, and Custom View pages in Command Center user interface is not available in the Command Center release 5.1.
0315632	When creating views for SNMP alarms and events in Faults tab, selecting a device type on the Create View page does not load the filter criteria associated with the device type.
0290553	The advanced search, and find device feature formerly on the Home page are not available in the Command Center release 5.1, because of migration to the new user interface framework.

Updated: 2013-08-14

The following table describes the known issues with their workarounds in Command Center software from Release 5.1, build 32.2 or later.

Issue ID	Issue Description	Workaround
0383097	Command Center service is unable to start and the following error is displayed, "Error 1067: The process terminated unexpectedly". This is due to an issue in JRE 1.6 version, which might cause automatic deletion of the rt.jar file after a restart.	Execute the RecoverJRE.bat/sh script available under <cc_install_home>/bin directory and then start the server.</cc_install_home>
0366507	You cannot modify the device profile from Citrix Network > Add Device > Modify icon.	Navigate to Administration > Settings > Device Profiles, right-click the device profile and click Modify.
0356104	If you upgrade the Command Center software from release 4.1 to release 5.1, the list of polled SSL certificates is not displayed in the Certificates page (Configuration > Certificate Management > Certificates).	Click Poll Now to display the certificates.
0352280	When you discover a NetScaler device with an SNMP v3 profile, the discovery fails if the SNMP user already exists on the device.	Make sure that the SNMP configuration on the device is correct, or use a new SNMP user and try to discover the device.

Build 31.6

Updated: 2013-06-21

The Citrix Command Center Release Notes describe the new features and enhancements, limitations, and known issues and workarounds in Citrix Command Center release 5.1, build 31.6.

In this section:

- New in This Release
- Bug Fixes
- Limitations
- Known Issues and Workarounds

Updated: 2013-06-21

The Citrix Command Center Release 5.1, Build 31.6 includes the following new features and enhancements.

Command Center Appliance Setup Wizard

You can configure the initial settings by using the **Setup Wizard** available on the **Administration > Operations** screen in the Command Center graphical user interface. You can also use the wizard to change the existing network settings.

Command Center Appliance Operations

With this release, the operations specific to Command Center Appliance are grouped and available in the Command Center graphical user interface on the **Administration** > **Operations**. The following operations available:

- Setup Wizard—You can configure the initial settings or modify the existing network settings with this wizard.
- Backup—You can perform an immediate backup of the database on the Command Center appliance.
- Schedule Backup—You can schedule a backup of the database on the Command Center appliance
- Force Failover You can force a failover if, for example, you need to replace or upgrade the primary node. Force failover is always initiated from the primary node. Note that after you confirm, the appliance is shut down. To log on you have to use the IP address of the secondary appliance. To view the status and other details, refer the log file in the logs/forcefailover_cc_ha.log directory.
- Reboot—You can use this option to restart appliance.
- Shutdown—You can use this option to shut down the appliance.

 Note: The **Administration** > **Operations** section is displayed only when you log on to Command Center appliance.

Command Center Appliance Logs

You can now view the user and error log messages for appliances configured for high availability in separate log files: hauser.txt and haerr.txt

Root User Credentials Management in Command Center Appliance

In Command Center appliance, when you modify the root user credentials on the primary, the password for the root user in Command Center, SSH root user of the CentOS, SSH root user of the XenServer, and the database password on both primary and secondary appliances are modified.

New Built-in Tasks

This release introduces the following new built-in tasks:

- InstallCACert—Install CA certificates for CloudBridge.
- InstallCombinedCertKey—Install combined certificate key for CloudBridge.

- InstallSeparateCertKey—Install separate certificate key for CloudBridge.
- NSConfigureSyslogServer—Configure syslog server settings on NetScaler devices.

New SNMP Traps

This release adds, NetScaler-release-10.1-specific SNMP traps to Command Center.

Support for CloudBridge 2000 and 3000 Platforms

Command Center provides support for CloudBridge 2000 and 3000 platforms. After the CloudBridge device is discovered, you can perform various tasks to manage and monitor the device from the Command Center console.

Email Report Highlighting the Configuration Changes

You can choose to receive a report of changes to the configuration by selecting the **Email the report** check box while configuring an audit policy. You can also specify weather you want to receive the configuration report as an attachment in CVS file format. If the configuration changes, you receive an email listing the changes after the audit policy is applied (at the scheduled time.) You can also check if the accuracy of the mail server credentials and verify that the mail server is accessible from Command Center appliance by clicking **Test Mail**. If the connection to the mail server is successful, a test mail is sent to the specified email address and the settings are saved.

Ability to Verify Mail Server Settings and Email Connectivity

With this release, you can check to make sure the mail server settings specified under **Administration** > **Settings** > **Mail Server Settings** are accurate and connection to the mail server is established. If the connection to the mail server is successful, a test message is sent to the email address specified in the settings and the settings are saved. Otherwise an error message is displayed prompting you to specify the accurate settings.

You can also verify the mail server settings specified by clicking the **Test Mail** button available on pages where you can schedule email alerts. For example, pages where you can schedule custom report, schedule Appfirewall report, schedule Appfirewall dashboard report, schedule policy, and schedule event or alarm triggers

CloudBridge Dashboard

You can use the CloudBridge Dashboard to view the status of all the CloudBridge appliances being managed by Command Center. The CloudBridge Dashboard is now available under **Monitoring > CloudBridge > Dashboard**.

Rebranding Changes

In this release, the Branch Repeater and Repeater products are renamed as CloudBridge products, and the Access Gateway is renamed as NetScaler Gateway. The following table lists the product-name changes:

Prior to Rebranding	Post Rebranding
NetScaler	NetScaler MPX
NetScaler VPX	NetScaler VPX
NetScaler VPX (running on SDX)	NetScaler Instance
NetScaler VPX (running on Branch Repeater SDX)	NetScaler Instance

Access Gateway Prior to Rebranding	NetScaler Gateway Post Rebranding
NetScaler Cluster	NetScaler Cluster
NetScaler SDX	NetScaler SDX Platform
Repeater, Branch Repeater	CloudBridge This also includes the Repeater 8500 and Repeater 8800 series.
Branch Repeater VPX	CloudBridge VPX
Repeater for SDX	CloudBridge Accelerator
Branch Repeater SDX (previously represented as NetScaler SDX along with model numbers), CloudBridge 2000 and 3000 platforms.	CloudBridge Advanced Platform
XenServer	XenServer

Apart from the above product-name changes, the following changes are also available in this release:

- Devices are no longer represented by icons in the Device Inventory.
- Two new columns, **Type** and **State**, on Device Inventory page identify the device types that were formerly represented by icons. The **Type** column specifies the type of device, such as NetScaler VPX, NetScaler MPX or NetScaler Instance. The **State** column specifies the category of device, such as Standalone or Primary.

Updated: 2013-06-21

The following table describes the bugs fixed in Command Center Release 5.1 Build 31.6

Issue ID	Issue Description
0371931	If you shut down a NetScaler VPX on XenServer that is already discovered in Command Center and reassign the same IP address to a new NetScaler VPX, the following error occurs, "Exception in NsSnmpPingTask and exception is The EngineID is Wrong" and the discovery of new NetScaler VPX fails.
0377149	Repeated emails are generated when multiple alert triggers are configured with the same criteria and the alarm age property and email action are also configured on them.
0380635	Rediscovery of a NetScaler SDX device in Command Center modifies the SNMP trap and results in restart of the SNMP daemon.
0383915	Total count of Events, Alarms and Syslogs is not displayed accurately in Command Center user interface.

b\$86827 ID	AFTUR PRESECTION SNMP v3 credentials is discovered, SNMP authentication traps are generated during polling for entities, even if the SNMP request is being handled successfully.	
0394630	A warning message is not displayed when unauthorized users modify the group details.	
0394692	If a recurring task, which is scheduled on more than two devices, is stopped for a particular device, the stop functionality works only once for that device. For the next scheduled time, the state of the task for that device is automatically displayed as Scheduled even though the task was stopped for that device.	
0394750	If you created a device profile in Command Center release 4.x and have since upgraded to release 5.x, you cannot modify the device profile created in Command Center release 4.x.	
0394755	If counters are not associated with a custom report, modifying or deleting the custom report is not possible.	
0398314	If you create a group name with more than 20 characters, and configure the Advanced settings, an error occurs when you modify the permissions for that group.	

Updated: 2013-06-21

The following table describes the limitations in Command Center software from Release 5.1, build 31.6 or later.

Issue ID	Issue Description	
0370232	The Replicate Configuration feature is not supported for a NetScaler cluster or for NetScaler devices in a high availability pair.	
0354869	Center release 5.1. The following export options are not available in Command Center release 5.1. Export entire custom view data Export displayed data Export Annotations	
0347274		
0347208	In the Authentication settings for Active Directory Group extraction, the option to retrieve the attributes from Active Directory server, and then select the attributes from the retrieved list, is not available in Command Center release 5.1.	

Issue ID 0337817	Issue Description The option to customize the columns on the Device Inventory, Alarms, Events, Virtual Servers, Services, Service Group, and Custom View pages in Command Center user interface is not available in the Command Center release 5.1. When creating views for SNMP alarms and events in Faults tab, selecting a device type on the Create View page does not load the filter criteria associated with the device type.	
0315632		
0290553	The advanced search, and find device feature formerly on the Home page are not available in the Command Center release 5.1, because of migration to the new user interface framework.	
0371907	When you replicate a configuration on a NetScaler device, the L2 and L3 configurations are also replicated.	
0399202	The built-in task, SoftwareUpgrade , for CloudBridge is not supported for CloudBridge 700 platforms.	
0398919	The counter values for Transmit Link utilization and Receive link Utilization are incorrect.	
0396514	After CloudBridge devices process traffic for an extended period of time, the following reports might show incorrect values: CloudBridge System, CloudBridge App Traffic +, CloudBridge QOS Stats +, and CloudBridge Link Stats + .	
0377592	If the number of failure objects in Command Center is high, a script error occurs when you try to create or modify custom views in Events and Alarms.	
0383438	If you initiate a high availability configuration from an appliance by using the Setup High Availability option in the graphical user interface, an error occurs and high availability configuration is not successful.	
0381157	When secure FTP to a NetScaler device fails, an OutOfMemory (OOO) error occurs.	
0383097	Command Center service is unable to start and the following error is displayed, "Error 1067: The process terminated unexpectedly". This is due to an issue in JRE 1.6 version, which might cause automatic deletion of the rt.jar file after a restart.	

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The following table describes the known issues with their workarounds in Command Center software from Release 5.1, build 31.6 or later.

Issue ID	Issue Description	Workaround
03561	If you upgrade the Command Center software from release 4.1 to release 5.1, the list of polled SSL certificates is not	Click Poll Now to display the certificates.

Issue ID	displayed in the Certificates page (Configuration > Issue Description Certificate Management > Certificates).	Workaround
0352280	When you discover a NetScaler device with an SNMP v3 profile, the discovery fails if the SNMP user already exists on the device.	Make sure that the SNMP configuration on the device is correct, or use a new SNMP user and try to discover the device.
365125	You cannot access Command Center graphical user interface using the HostName if you are using Internet Explorer 9 browser in Compatibility View.	Change to the standard view by clearing the Display all websites in Compatibility View check box in Tools > Compatibility View Settings dialog box.

Build 30.5

Updated: 2013-06-21

The Citrix Command Center Release Notes describe the new features and enhancements, limitations, and known issues and workarounds in Citrix Command Center release 5.1, build 30.5.

In this section:

- New in This Release
- Bug Fixes
- Limitations
- Known Issues and Workarounds

Updated: 2014-02-17

The Citrix Command Center Release 5.1, Build 31.1 includes the following new features and enhancements.

Command Center Appliance Setup Wizard

You can configure the initial settings by using the **Setup Wizard** available under **Administration** > **Operations** screen in Command Center graphical user interface. You can also change the existing network setting using this wizard.

Command Center Appliance High Availability Setup

You can initiate a high availability configuration from an appliance by using the **Setup High Availability** option under **Administration> Operations**. The appliance from which the configuration is initiated is designated as the primary node.

Repeater Dashboard

You can use the Repeater Dashboard to view the status of all the Repeater appliances being managed by Command Center. You can view the Name, Operation State, System Load, Data Reduction, WAN Sent, WAN Received, LAN Sent, and LAN Received data for each of the discovered device. The dashboard data is refreshed based at the frequency specified by the configured polling interval. By default, the data is refreshed every 5 minutes.

Backup, Replicate, and Restore Configuration of a NetScaler

To save time and minimize configuration errors, you can use Command Center to replicate the configuration of a NetScaler device to multiple NetScaler devices on your network. Command Center does not propagate node- or device-specific details, such as NetScaler IP addresses.

You can view the status of a configuration that has been replicated on one or more NetScaler devices and you can view the list of commands executed during replication. You can also view the details of each of the commands executed, such as, attribute name, number of retries, start time, finish time, the result of command execution, the user name of the Command Center user who executed the command, the command that was executed, location where the configuration is saved, and the success status of the command execution. Also, you can view and download the configuration status of the batch commands executed.

You can track the configuration details and downloaded files on the NetScaler Device Properties page. You can archive configuration of a device at any given time by clicking on the **Backup Config** button and you can restore the current NetScaler Configuration with an archived configuration by clicking on the **Restore Configuration** link against a timestamp.

Note: When you upgrade the Command Center server from version 5.0 or 5.1 to version 5.1, build 30.5, you cannot restore the current configuration with a configuration that was achieved before the upgrade.

Important: If you are using the MySQL database, make sure you have configured the **max_allowed_packet** parameter value to **16M**.

Syslog Purge Interval

To limit the amount of syslog data stored in the database, you can now specify the interval at which to purge syslog data. By default, Command Center stores syslog messages for the last 90 days. To customize the purge interval, you can specify the number of days in the **Administration** > **Server Settings** > **Syslog Clean interval (in days)** field. Only the records older than the number of days that you specify are purged. For example, if you specify as 45 days, Command Center purges syslog messages that are older than 45 days.

Password Expiry Notification

If you specify the password expiry value for the user account, the password expires after the number of days specified. When the password is about to expire, a notification is displayed when you log on to Command Center server, and you are prompted to navigate to the Change Password screen to modify the password.

GUI Label Enhancements

The following GUI label changes have been introduced in this release:

- The Message column in the Events and Alarms listing under Fault has been renamed to Description.
- The **Event Message** and **Alarm Message** fields in the Triggers and Custom Views has been renamed to **Filter based** on event description and **Filter based on alarm description**.

Device Family Details Includes Additional Information

When you export the device family details to a CSV file, you can now view additional details such as the serial number of the device.

The following table describes the bugs fixed in Command Center Release 5.1 Build 30.5

Issue ID	Issue Description
0346650	Configuration of Command Center appliances in High Availability mode fails in Command Center release 5.0,

Issue ID	build 35.11. Issue Description	
0351737	The Command Center software version displayed in the Add/Remove Programs >Support information window is incorrect.	
0353659	You cannot select a group from the Active Directory groups list in Command Center if any of the Active Directory group names includes backslash (\) character.	
0360662 and 0307457	C# and Java Nitro API support for Command Center is not available in the Command Center release 5.1.	
0361321	The Active Directory users present under sub domain are not authenticated in Command Center.	
0361473	The configuration of the Syslog Purge Interval doesn't work.	
0363434	The resource check for port "8009" is removed as this port is no longer used by Command Center.	
0369068	If a Netscaler device is configured with a SNMP Community containing special characters, such as an asterisk (*), Command Center generates a ConfigChange and SaveConfig trap for that device upon every rediscovery.	
0356432	The discovery of Citrix Branch Repeater with Windows Server (CBRwWS), running release 6.2.0 or later, fails because the Command Center server does not automatically add the Command Center IP address as an SNMP manager on CBRwWS during the discovery process.	

The following table describes the limitations in Command Center software from Release 5.1, Build 30.5 onwards.

Issue ID	Issue Description	
0371907	When you replicate a configuration on a NetScaler device, the L2 and L3 configurations are also replicated.	
0370232	The Replicate Configuration feature is not supported for NetScaler cluster and NetScaler devices in a high availability pair.	
0354869	The option to export the details in the custom views of Events and Alarms is not available in Command Center release 5.1.	
	The following export options are not available in Command Center release 5.1.	
	Export entire custom view data	
	Export displayed data	
	Export Annotations	
0347274	The details of the security violation, of type "APPFW_CSRF_TAG" ,displayed in AppFirewall log messages are	

Issue ID	incorrect for NetScaler devices running 10.0 releases. Issue Description	
0347208	In the Authentication settings for Active Directory Group extraction, option to retrieve the attributes from Active Directory server, and then select the attributes from the retrieved list, is not available for Command Center release 5.1.	
0337817	The option to customize the columns on the Device Inventory, Alarms, Events, Virtual Servers, Services, Service Group, and Custom View pages in Command Center user interface is not available in the Comman Center release 5.1.	
0315632	When creating views for SNMP alarms and events in Faults tab, selecting a device type on the "Create view " page does not load the filter criteria associated with the device type.	
0290553	The advanced search, and find device feature in Home page are not available in the Command Center release 5.1. This is because of migration to the new user interface framework.	

The following table describes the known issues with their workarounds in Command Center software from Release 5.1, Build 30.5 onwards.

Issue ID	Issue Description	Workaround
0366507	You cannot modify the device profile from Citrix Network > Add Device > Modify icon.	Navigate to Administration > Settings > Device Profiles, right- click the device profile and click Modify.
0356104	If you upgrade the Command Center software from release 4.1 to release 5.1, the list of polled SSL certificates is not displayed in the Certificates page (Configuration > Certificate Management > Certificates).	Click Poll Now and the certificates will be displayed.
0352280	When you discover a NetScaler device with an SNMP v3 profile, the discovery fails if the SNMP user already exists on the device.	Make sure that the SNMP configuration on the device is correct, or use a new SNMP user and try to discover the device.
0332765	The Command Center HA setup stops working when JVM fails on the Command Center secondary server.	Restart the Command Center secondary server.

FAOs

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Answers to frequently asked questions about Command Center are available in the following categories:

- General
- Installation & Setup
- Administration
- Citrix Network
- Configuration
- Fault
- Reporting
- Command Center Appliance

Updated: 2015-04-14

Q: How do I verify that Command Center service has started properly?

A: To verify that the Command Center service has started properly, you can do one of the following:

- Windows operating system: In Window Service console, see the status of the service.
- Linux: Use the /int.d/NSCCService status command to verify that the service has started.

Q: I am not able to connect to the Command Center client. What are the possible causes?

Possible Cause: Command Center service has not started properly.

Action: Check to see if the Command Center service is started. If not, start the service.

Possible Cause: You have not presented valid root-user credentials.

Action: Provide the correct credentials. If the error occurs even with the correct credentials, shut down the server and check the **securitydbData.XML** file. If it is empty, reinitialize the database.

Possible Cause: If the PostgreSQL service has not started, the Command Center service does not start.

Action: In wrapper. log file, if you see a "PostgreSQL doesn't start in timely fashion" entry, start the PostgreSQL service first and then start the Command Center server.

Possible Cause: To access the Command Center client, you are using Internet Explorer with compatibility mode enabled.

Action: Disable compatibility mode, and then access the client.

Other possible causes:

- You are using host name that contains an underscore special character.
- The Command Center client is running with a NATed IP address.

- The Firewall is blocking the ports required by Command Center. If the firewall is enabled, disable it or unblock the ports needed for communication with the client.
- The connection to the database has been lost. To check, view the log entry in the logs/wrapper.log file.
- The host name used to access the Command Center server does not resolve to the Command Center IP address.
- The browser cache was not cleared after an upgrade.
- The port you are using to access the client has been modified from the default (Https 8443 or Http 9090).
- Q: I am not able to access the user interface of the secondary Command Center over port 8443.
- A: You can only access the primary Command Center through the GUI when configured in HA mode. The secondary Command Center only monitors the state and is not accessible through GUI.
- Q: Can Command Center be monitored through any SNMP Manger?
- A: Yes, since Command Center behaves as an SNMP agent on port 8161, any SNMP manager can contact Command Center through this port. Command Center can be monitored by loading NS-CC-MIB, which is in the <CC_Home>/mi bs folder on any SNMP manager.
- Q: Do I need to add Command Center agent as a trap destination on the devices managed by Command Center agent?
- A: No. Command Center server adds its IP address as a trap destination in the discovered devices. Command Center Agent does not add itself as a trap destination but only does the performance data collection, syslog, and entity monitoring. Traps are still handled by the Command Center server.
- Q: How do I change the default ports used by Command Center?
- A: You can change the default port (8443 or 9090) to any standard TCP port by modifying the **Server Port** details in the **Administration > Settings > Access Settings** window. The changes in access settings are effective only after a restart.
- Q: Can I back up and restore data?
- A: You can do a data backup and restore only on a Command Center appliance.
- Q: Is a license required for evaluation-mode installation of the software version of command center?
- A: No.
- Q: I am not able to log on to the Command Center server. Where can I view the current Command Center version?
- A: You can find the version information in the <CCHome>/conf/AboutDialogProps.xml file.
- Q: Which Oracle JDBC driver version does Citrix Command Center use?
- A: Command Center uses Oracle JDBC Driver version 10.2.0.3.0.
- Q: What databases does Command Center support?
- A: For detailed information about supported databases, see
- http://support.citrix.com/proddocs/topic/command-center-51/cc-install-plan-installation-con.html.

Q: Does Command Center support any database resiliency solution, such as mirroring, or any other replication methods that I can consider implementing?

A: You can replicate a MySQL database in Command Center. Use Command Center in an HA setup with MySQL two-way replication.

Updated: 2013-07-03

Q: After installing the latest version of Command Center 5.0, I do not see the Start option under Windows Start > Programs > Command Center options. How do I start the Command Center server?

A: The Command Center server is installed and service is started automatically when you install Command Center version 5.0. You can directly access the Command Center server from the web browser by typing either of the following in the address field:

http://ComputerName:PortNumber

or

https://ComputerName:PortNumber

where:

- ComputerName is the fully qualified domain name (FQDN), host name, or IP address of the Command Center server.
- PortNumber is the port that the Command Center client and server use to communicate with each other. The default port number for HTTP is 9090, and for HTTPS it is 8443.

Q: Where do I view the installation log statements for Command Center version 5.0 or later?

A: If installation is successful, for either Windows or Linux, the path to the logs is:

• :<CC_HOME>\ _Citrix Command Center_installation\Logs

If you cancel the installation before the installation starts, or some error occurs during the pre-installation steps, the location depends on whether you are running windows or Linux.

• Windows:

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:<desktop_dir>\Citrix_Command_Center_Install_<mm>_<dd>_<yyyy>_<hh>_<mm>_<ss>.log
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• Linux:

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<user_dir>\Citrix_Command_Center_Install_<mm>_<dd>_<yyyy>_<hh>>_<mm>_<ss>.log
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Q: After installing Command Center, I am unable to start it properly. Where do I look for the log statements regarding startup and shutdown?

A: A Look for the wrapper. log file in the <CCHome>/logs directory. The information in this log file includes the log statements regarding startup and shutdown. If you do not find the wrapper.log file in logs directory, check for the file in <CCHOME> directory.

Note: These logs are created only when you run Command Center as a service.

Q: After moving the MS SQL database to a new host, how to point the Command Center server to the new host?

- A: The procedure to point Command Center server to new host:
- 1. In the <CCHOME>/classes/hbnlib/ hibernate.cfq.xml file search for the following line:
- 2. Replace the existing database server IP address with the IP address or DNS name of the new database host, and replace existing database name with new database.
- 3. If you have changed the encrypted password for the database, do the following:
 - To obtain the encrypted password, run the command

EncryptPassword.bat file available under < CCHOME > /bin/admintools directory.

The usage is shown below:

"Usage: EncryptPassword UserName Password EncryptPassword"

"UserName - CC UserName with admin privileges, say root"

"Password - Password of the User"

"Encrypt Password - The password to be encrypted."

Example:

<CCHome>\bin\admintools>EncryptPassword.bat root public mynewpassword

Encrypted Password for password "mynewpassword" is: ceMv9Me6gF5h6Cn1

• In the < CCHOME>/classes/hbnlib/ hibernate.cfg.xml file copy the new encrypted.

The usage is shown below:

connection.username">yourdbusername/property>

cproperty name="dialect">org.hibernate.dialect.SQLServerDialect/property>

property name="databasename">MSSQL/property>

Note: The password is copied to the tag with property name - "connection.encryptedpassword".

4. Restart the Command Center server for the changes to take effect.

Note: The above procedure only points Command Center server to the new database host. To migrate the data to the new host, use the tools provided by MS SQL. For more information about the MS SQL data migration, refer to the MS SQL documentation.

Q: How can I change MSSQL database ports for Command Center?

A:

- 1. Stop the Command Center service.
- 2. Edit the <cc_home>/classes/hbnlib/hibernate.cfg.xml to change the port details.

For example, to specify the port number as 1443:

- com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerDriver
- property>sa

Q: The Postgres database server does not start in a timely fashion. What can I do?

A: For Windows: From the Windows Service Manager, start the **PostgresForCommandCenter** service. Verify that the service has started, and then start the Command Center service.

If the Postgres service does not start, go to <CCHOME>/pgsql/startup-scripts and execute the following scripts to reinstall Postgres service:

- UninstallPostgres.bat
- CreatePostgresUser.bat
- InstallPostgres.bat

For Linux: In /<CC_home>/pgsql/startup-scripts directory and run the following scripts:

- su ccpostgres
- sh StopPostgresDB.sh
- sh StartPostgresDB.sh

If the Postgres database does not start even after restarting the service, check if the Zlib libraries are installed on the Linux system.

Note: Reinstalling the Postgres service does not result in any loss of data.

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Q: Why am I getting a "User not authorized" message when I log on?

A: This message appears if you belongs to a group to which no permissions are assigned. Generally, a users created on the fly in an external authentication server faces this issue. To resolve the issue, the administrator has to log on to the authentication server and assign the user to a proper group.

Q: Can I control the list of tasks that are visible to the user in Command Center?

A: Yes, you can use the Custom View Scope feature in Command Center.

Q: Why am I not able to see all the groups when I use the **Browse** option of **Add Group** after choosing external Authentication?

A: The Active Directory server always returns 1000 records at a time. You can directly key in the group name in the field instead of using **Browse** and select option.

Q: After a force failover, why am I not able to log on if external authentication is set as RADIUS in a Command Center HA setup?

A: You have to log on to Command Center as a local user with Admin privileges and change the Client IP address to the

current Command Center server IP address (which was the secondary IP address before the forced failover).

Q: Which are the wildcard characters supported in Custom View Scope?

A: Command Center supports '%' wildcard character for contains case only.

Q: What Active Directory versions does Command Center support?

A: Windows 2008, Windows 2008R2, and Windows 2012.

Q: How can I do a factory reset of root user authorization?

A: Run the following script:

bin/ResetSecurityAdmin.bat/.sh

Q: Does Command Center support secure LDAP?

A:No.

Q: Can users belonging to a subdomain log on to Command Center?

A: Yes. Subdomain users can log on to Command Center if subdomain LDAP is configured.

Q: NetScaler discovery is failing for one particular device. What could be the cause?

A: For successful NetScaler discovery, the SNMP Manager list must be empty or Command Center must be listed as one of the SNMP Managers. Verify the SNMP Managers configured on the device.

Q: Is it possible to view the device label as a host name or system name instead of as an IP Address?

A: Yes. In Administration > Server Settings change the Device Label value to display the System Name/Host Name.

Q: Which IP address should I use to discover an SDX device?

A: Use the SVM IP address to discover the SDX device in Command Center.

Q: When I discover a CloudBridge Advanced Platform by using the SVM IP address, the CloudBridge instances on the CloudBridge Advanced Platform are not discovered in Command Center?

A: Only the CloudBridge accelerators on a CloudBridge Advanced Platform are discovered.

Q: Are NAT, SNIP, and MIP based discovery of NetScaler devices supported in Command Center?

A: Yes. But SNIP and MIP cannot be used for the discovery of a device configured in HA mode.

Q: I changed the credentials of my device; do I have to change the credentials in Command Center also?

A: Yes, you have to update the credentials in the device profile that is used to discover that device. After you update the profile, you have to rediscover the device.

Q: How can I back up the configuration files, such as ns.conf, for a device?

A: Command Center backs up the NetScaler configuration(ns.conf, the certificates, and so on) the first time the device is

discovered and at regular intervals. By Default, the archive interval is 12 hours. You can back up the configuration files on demand from the page that lists the properties of that device.

Q: Where is the ns.conf file located on my Command Center?

A: The file is located on the database as a plain text.

Q: I am trying to discover a NetScaler device with SNMP v3 profile and the discovery fails with the following error message: Problem in finding device HA Mode for this device. For input string: " " . What should I do?

A: On the NetScaler device, in the SNMP v3 view, verify if you have set the subtree value to 1. If it is not set to 1, then clear the SNMP v3 configuration (SNMP view, SNMP group, and SNMP user) from the NetScaler device. Delete the device from Command Center and re-discover.

Q: I am not able to view the configuration change history for a device.

A: Check the "Configuration Changes Duration" value you have configured. You may not be able to view the history as there may not be any configuration changes in specified duration.

Q: Can I export and mail the change management reports?

A: Yes, you can use the **Schedule** option of Audit policies to schedule export and mailing of the reports.

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Q: Why is the "Send Mail" action not working?

Possible Cause: The mail server credentials might be incorrect or mail server might not be accessible from Command Center.

Action: Check the mail server credentials and verify that the mail server is accessible from command center server. If the mail server credentials are not correct, edit the settings in Administration > Mail Server Settings.

You can refer to the exception logged under logs > stderr file.

Example of log entry for this exception:

Exception while sending mail notification. Sending failed;

nested exception is:

class javax.mail.MessagingException: Could not connect to SMTP host: 10.102.173.25, port: 25;

nested exception is:

java.net.ConnectException: Connection refused: connect Invalid HostName or Port, unable to connect the mail server Possible Cause: The Events/Alarms fields are not configured correctly.

Action. Check if Event/Alarm fields are configured correctly. The Message field, should match or be a part of the message of any incoming Event/Alarm.

Example of log entry for this exception:

Failed Object, Message.

Q: Can I keep a historical log of SNMP alarms and events in Command Center?

A: Currently, only 10000 events are displayed, due to user-interface restrictions, but, by default, the events/alarms from the past 6 months are stored in the database.

Q: Command Center is not receiving the traps sent by a device. What are the possible causes?

A: The possible reasons for not receiving traps could be:

- If you enable firewall on Command Center server, it does not receive the traps
- SNMP port is being used by some other application in the Command Center server system.
- Event triggers are set to suppress the action.
- Custom View Scope is set for the device.
- Triggers are set with incorrect message fields.
- Triggers have alarmage set to a high value.
- If Command Center is installed on a Linux server, the iptable configuration might cause filtering of SNMP packets.
- Traps from unmanaged devices are not processed by Command Center.
- The default Trap port has been changed by the administrator under Administration > Settings > Trap Forward Settings.

Q: Do I need to specifically enable SNMP on Command Center? if yes, how can I do so?

A: You need not enable SNMP. It is already running on port 8161. When the Command Center service is running, Command Center behaves as an SNMP agent on port 8161, and any SNMP manager can contact Command Center through this port.

Q: Can I set triggers for all of the devices?

A: Yes. In the Add Filters window, leave the Devices field empty. All the devices discovered are then selected.

Q: Alarm Triggers actions are not being initiated for the generic category of alarms.

A: Since Alarms are not updated for generic traps, such as reboot, you have to manually clear the alarm to reenable the alarm trigger action, or you have to create triggers for the generic category of events.

Q: Syslogs and AppFirewall reports are not generated. What are the possible causes?

- Syslog settings on the NetScaler are not properly configured for Command Center to receive the syslog messages.
- Syslog port 514 is occupied by other application.
- AppFirewall related syslogs are not generated for the ICA type for a specified time period.

Q: Since all traps are sent to both the Command Center agent and the main Command Center, does the Command Center agent ignore these or are they sent to the database through the SQL connection?

A: Traps are handled only by the Command Center server, which adds its IP address as a trap destination on the NetScaler device during NetScaler device discovery.

Q: How can I customize the purge interval?

A: You can specify the interval at which Command Center should purge syslog data. By default, Command Center stores syslog messages for the last 90 days. To customize the purge interval, navigate to Administration > Server Settingsand specify the number of days in the Syslog Clean interval (in days) field. Only the records older than the number of days that you specify are purged. For example, if you specify as 45 days, Command Center purges syslog messages that are older than 45 days.

Q: I am able to view unwanted IPs in Failure Objects.

A: The unwanted IP addresses are from AppFirewall Client IP. Create a filter to suppress AppFirewall alarms.

Q: Is it possible to export data from Command Center for Syslogs, Appfirewall and AGEE logs?

A: No.

Q: Why am I not able to receive the SNMP traps from the device?

A: If the wrapper. log file contains the following entry: "WARNING: Traps cannot be received on port: 162", failure to receive the traps could have the following possible causes:

Possible Cause1: If any other SNMP trap service is running on port 162, which is receiving the traps, Command Center might not be able to receive the SNMP traps.

Action:

• In case of Windows, check to see if SNMP is running and, if so, stop it. Then stop the Command Center service. Check the output of netstat using the following command in the command prompt:

C:netstat -ano| find "162"

Sample Output:

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TCP 0.0.0.0:49162 0.0.0.0:0 LISTENING 1892 UDP [::]:162 *:* 6340 )
```

If you see "UDP [::]:162 *:*" in the output, it confirms that the port 162 is being used by some other application.

- Check to see if the traps are being logged in the CC FaultOut logs under logs/fault.
- If the traps are being logged, check to see if any filter action (for example, a suppress action) is configured, or if the user has configured any custom view scope.
- In case of Linux, check to see if SNMP packets are being filtered because of iptable configuration. In this case, tcpdump still shows that the packets are reaching their destination.

Possible Cause 2: Traps from unmanaged devices are not processed by Command Center.

Action. Check if to see if the trap destination and port are correctly configured on the device.

Q: Why am I not able to view the old events?

A: *Explanation*. By default, Command Center does not display the entire database. The default is a maximum 10,000 events, no older than 6 months.

Possible Cause 1: Command Center displays only 10,000 events in client GUI.

Action. You can change this setting by modifying the value of the **EVENT_WINDOW_SIZE** parameter in the NmsProcessesBE.conf file, which is in the <CC_HOME>/conf directory.

Possible Cause 2: Events older than 6 months are deleted.

Action: By default, the interval for cleaning the events is 6 months. You can change the interval by modifying the value of the CLEAN_EVENT_INTERVAL parameter in NmsProcessesBE.conf file, which is in the <CC_HOME>/conf.

Q: I am not able to view "Available Failed Objects" for a particular trap category. How do I troubleshoot the problem?

A: *Explanation*. When Command Center receives a trap, the failed objects become persistent in the Command Center database. The "Available Failed Objects" popup window displays that data.

Possible Cause: If Command Center has not received a trap for that category even once, you cannot see any failed objects for that particular trap.

Action: You can edit the field manually

Sample Events/Alarms:

For an entity-related event/alarm, (entityup/down, entityNameChanged, or entityofs), configure the failed object in the event/alarm trigger:

failedobject = \$vserver_name OR \$service_name OR \$interface_name

For a Threshold event/alarm

failedobject = \$counterName:\$instance

Examples:

- Rx Average bandwidth(bits/sec):LO/1
- Vserver current client connections:CC Vsvr(10.102.31.110:8443)

Q: When I generate a report, I encounter a "No Data to Chart" message.

A: Possible Cause 1: Counters for polling are disabled.

Action: Check to see if you have enabled the counter for polling in the **Configure Polled Counters** interface. If you have enabled it, clear the **Exclude Zero Values** check box for that polled counter, and then see if the report is generated.

Troubleshooting

Check the PerformanceErr file to see if there are any error messages logged for the particular counter and device. Some of the common error messages are: *Error*: "Invalid instance... Dropping packet for instance with value."

Explanation: This error is generally observed in Command Center version 3.x.

Action: Upgrade to 4.0 should take care of this. Error: "Request timed Out".

Explanation: This error appears when SNMP requests to the device are timing out.

Action: You can check the network connectivity and verify the accuracy of SNMP credentials in the device profile. Error: "Could not poll... No such object in this MIB".

Explanation: This error occurs when a particular version of the device does not support the counter for which the report is being generated.

Q: The Command Center graphs and values from the NetScaler device do not match.

A: A rate-counter value is calculated as the difference between two successive poll values divided by poll interval. The graphs plotted with these counters do not match with the exact values collected from the device.

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Q: Can Command Center appliances be monitored through any other SNMP Manager?

A: Yes, Command Center Appliance can be monitored by loading Command Center appliance MIB NS-CC-MIB onto any SNMP Manager. The MIB, which is in the <CC_Home>/mi bs directory, currently supports only the CC appliance host name object. Contact and Location are not supported.

Note that the Command Center agent does not add itself as a trap destination; it does only performance data collection, syslog, and entity monitoring. Traps are still handled by Command Center server.

Q: Is there a process for configuring SNMP traps on a Command Center appliance?

A: No. Users cannot configure SNMP traps on a Command Center appliance.

Q: Is evaluation license supported for Command Center appliance?

A: Yes, it is supported from Command Center version 5.0, build 35.11 onwards.

Command Center Appliance

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The Command Center appliance provides a hardware-based turnkey solution with a preloaded database. This section of the library describes initial set-up and basic configuration of the Command Center appliance, including the following topics.

In This Section

Introduction	Provides information on external software components, hardware components, and hardware platform.	
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Installing the Hardware	Tasks for installing the hardware, including rack mounting, connecting the console cable, connecting to a power source, and connecting to a network.	
Initial Configuration	Procedures for configuring a Command Center appliance for the first time.	
Command Center Appliances in a High Availability Pair	Provides instructions on how to configure Command Center appliances in high availability mode.	
Command Center Appliance Licenses	Describes the procedures for obtaining and upgrading appliance licenses.	
Upgrading Command Center	Describes step-by-step procedure to upgrade to a later release on a standalone Command Center appliance or an HA pair.	
Performing Backup and Restore Operations	Provides a conceptual reference and instructions for performing backup and restore operations.	

Introduction

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The Command Center appliance provides a hardware-based turnkey solution with a preloaded database. The Command Center appliance simplifies administrative tasks by providing the following capabilities:

- No external dependency for database and license
- No additional hardware required for deployment
- Reduced overall maintenance expenses on hardware and software
- Increased scalability due to advance enterprise-grade hardware
- Increased efficiency and security because it is a complete package

The Command Center appliance comprises the Citrix XenServer virtualization platform designed for efficient management of the CentOS operating system, the Command Center software, and the MySQL database. The MySQL database is packaged as part of the appliance, eliminating the need for an external database.

This topic includes the following details:

- External Software Components
- Hardware Components
- Hardware Platform

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The Command Center appliance uses the following external software components.

- XenServer—XenServer is a server virtualization platform that offers near bare-metal virtualization performance for virtualized server and client operating systems. The Command Center appliance uses XenServer version 5.6. For more information about XenServer, see http://support.citrix.com/product/xens/v5.6fp1/#tab-doc
- CentOS— CentOS is a free Enterprise-class Linux Distribution. The Command Center appliance uses CentOS version 5.5. For more information about CentOS, see http://www.centos.org/
- MySQL— The Command Center appliance uses MySQL standard version 5.1.48 and 5.6. For more information about MySQL, see http://www.oracle.com/us/products/mysql/mysqlstandard/index.html

The front panel of the Command Center appliance has RS232 serial ports and 10/100/100Base-T copper Ethernet ports. The back panel provides access to the power supply, fan, CompactFlash card, and hard-disk drive.

This topic includes the following details:

- Ports
- Power Supply
- Hard Disk Drive

Ports

The RS232 serial console port provides a connection between the appliance and a computer, allowing direct access to the appliance for initial configuration or troubleshooting.

The copper Ethernet ports installed on the appliance are standard RJ45 ports.

There are two types of copper Ethernet ports that may be installed on your appliance:

10/100BASE-T port

The 10/100BASE-T port has a maximum transmission speed of 100 megabits per second (Mbps).

10/100/1000BASE-T port

The 10/100/1000BASE-T port has a maximum transmission speed of 1 gigabit per second, ten times faster than the other type of copper Ethernet port.

To connect any of these ports to your network, you plug one end of a standard Ethernet cable into the port and plug the other end into the appropriate network connector.

Note: These ports are not used in the current release.

Management ports are standard copper Ethernet ports (RJ45), which are used for direct access to the appliance for system administration functions.

Note: Use the management port numbered 0/1 to get direct access to the appliance.

Note: This section applies to the MPX 5500, MPX 5550/5650, MPX 7500/9500, MPX 8005/8015/8200/8400/8600/8800, MPX 9700/10500/12500/15500, MPX 17500/19500/21500, MPX 11500/13500/14500/16500/18500/20500, MPX 11515/11520/11530/11540/11542, MPX 14000, and MPX 17550/19550/20550/21550, and MPX 22040/22060/22080/22100/22120, MPX 22040/22060/22080/22100/22120, MPX 24100/24150, and MPX 25100T/25160T appliances.

The port LEDs show whether a link is established and traffic is flowing through the port. The following table describes the LED indicators for each port. There are two LED indicators for each port type.

Table 1. LED port-status indicators

Port Type	LED Location	LED Function	LED Color	LED Indicates
Ethernet (RJ45)	5) Left Speed	Speed	Off	No connection, or a traffic rate of 10 megabits per second (Mbps).
			Green	Traffic rate of 100 Mbps.
			Yellow	Traffic rate of 1 gigabit per second.
Right	Right	ght Link/ Activity	Off	No link.
			Solid green	Link is established but no traffic is passing through the port.
			Blinking	Traffic is passing through the port.

Port Type Management	LED Location Left	LED Function Speed	PED Color	LED Indicates No connection, or a traffic rate of 10 megabits per
(RJ45)				second (Mbps).
			Green	Traffic rate of 100 Mbps.
			Amber	Traffic rate of 1 gigabit per second.
	Right	Link/ Activity	Off	No link.
			Solid yellow	Link is established but no traffic is passing through the port.
			Blinking yellow	Traffic is passing through the port.

Power Supply

For appliances containing two power supplies, the second power supply acts as a backup. The MPX 22040/22060/22080/22100/22120 appliance can accommodate four power supplies, and require two power supplies for proper operation. The third and fourth power supplies act as backup. The MPX 22040/22060/22080/22100/22120 and MPX 24100/24150 appliances can accommodate four power supplies, and require two power supplies for proper operation. The third and fourth power supplies act as backup.

For power-supply specifications, see Hardware Platform, which describes the various platforms and includes a table summarizing the hardware specifications.

The MPX 7500 appliance ships with a dual power supply configuration, including two standard power cords that each have a NEMA 5-15 plug for connecting to the power outlet on the rack or in the wall.

Table 2. LED Power Supply Indicators

Power Supply Type	LED Color	LED Indicates
AC	OFF	No power to any power supply.
	Flashing RED	No power to this power supply.
	Flashing	Power supply is in standby mode.

Power Supply Type	EREEN EREEN	LED Indicates Power supply is functional.
	RED	Power supply failure.
DC OFF No power to any power		No power to any power supply.
	Flashing RED	No power to this power supply.
	Flashing BLUE	Power supply is in standby mode.
BLUE Power su		Power supply is functional.
	RED	Power supply failure.
MPX 15000 and 17000	OFF	Power supply is not plugged in to a power source. If the LED is off when the power supply is plugged in, the power supply has a malfunction.
	AMBER	Power supply has been plugged in for less than a few seconds. If the LED does not turn GREEN, the power supply has a malfunction.
	GREEN	Power supply is functioning properly.
	BLINKING	Power supply has a malfunction

Table 3. LED Power Supply Indicators

Power Supply Type	LED Color	LED Indicates
AC	OFF	No power to any power supply.
	Flashing RED	No power to this power supply.
	Flashing GREEN	Power supply is in standby mode.
	GREEN	Power supply is functional.
	RED	Power supply failure.

Note: The power supply on the NetScaler MPX 5500 and MPX 5550/5650 appliances is not field replaceable.

- Make sure that the appliance has a direct physical connection to earth ground during normal use. When installing or repairing an appliance, always connect the ground circuit first and disconnect it last.
- Always unplug any appliance before performing repairs or upgrades.
- Never touch a power supply when the power cord is plugged in. As long as the power cord is plugged in, line voltages are present in the power supply even if the power switch is turned off.

Citrix NetScaler MPX platforms can accommodate two power supplies, except the MPX 22040/22060/22080/22100/22120 platform which can accommodate four power supplies, except the MPX 22040/22060/22080/22100/22120 and MPX 24100/24150 platforms which can accommodate four power supplies. All NetScaler appliances function properly with a single power supply, except the MPX 22040/22060/22080/22100/22120 platform which needs two power supplies for proper operation, except the MPX 22040/22060/22080/22100/22120 and MPX 24100/24150 platforms which need two power supplies for proper operation. The other power supplies serves as a backup. All power supplies must be of the same type (AC or DC).

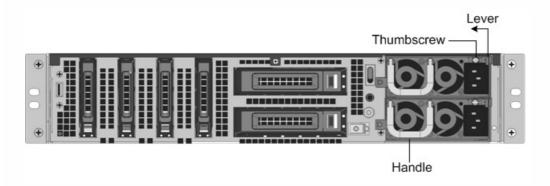
Note: If the appliance has only one power supply, you have to shut down the appliance before replacing the power supply. If the appliance has two power supplies, you can replace one power supply without shutting down the appliance, provided the other power supply is working, and if the appliance has four power supplies, you can replace one or two power supplies without shutting down the appliance, provided the other two power supplies are working, and if the appliance has four power supplies, you can replace one or two power supplies without shutting down the appliance, provided the other two power supplies are working.

To install or replace an AC power supply on a Citrix NetScaler appliance

1. Align the semicircular handle perpendicular to the power supply. Loosen the thumbscrew and press the lever toward the handle and pull out the existing power supply, as shown in the following figure.

Note: The illustration in the following figures might not represent the actual NetScaler appliance.

Figure 1. Removing the Existing AC Power Supply



- 2. Carefully remove the new power supply from its box.
- 3. On the back of the appliance, align the power supply with the power supply slot.
- 4. Insert the power supply into the slot and press against the semicircular handle until you hear the power supply snap into place.

Figure 2. Inserting the Replacement AC Power Supply



5. Connect the power supply to a power source. If connecting all power supplies, plug separate power cords into the power supplies and connect them to separate wall sockets.

Note: NetScaler appliances emit a high-pitched alert if one power supply fails or if you connect only one power cable to an appliance in which two power supplies are installed. To silence the alarm, press the small red button on the back panel of the appliance. The disable alarm button is functional only when the appliance has two power supplies.

Removable DC Power Supply is sold as an optional customer installed module.

(Citrix part number 8530019.)

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Note: If the appliance has only one power supply, you have to shut down the appliance before replacing the power supply. If the appliance has two power supplies, you can replace one power supply without shutting down the appliance, provided the other power supply is working, and if the appliance has four power supplies, you can replace one or two power supplies without shutting down the appliance, provided the other two power supplies are working, and if the appliance has four power supplies, you can replace one or two power supplies without shutting down the appliance, provided the other two power supplies are working.

To install or replace a DC power supply on a Citrix NetScaler applianceDC Power Supply Module Installation

1. Loosen the thumbscrew and press the lever towards the handle and pull out the existing power supply, as shown in the following figure.

Note: The illustration in the following figures might not represent the actual NetScaler appliance.

Figure 3. Removing the Existing DC Power Supply



- 2. Carefully remove the new power supply from its box.
- 3. On the back of the appliance, align the power supply with the power supply slot.
- 4. Insert the power supply into the slot while pressing the lever towards the handle. Apply firm pressure to insert the power

supply firmly into the slot.

Figure 4. Inserting the Replacement DC Power Supply



- 5. When the power supply is completely inserted into its slot, release the lever.
- 6. Connect the power supply to a power source. If connecting all power supplies, plug separate power cords into the power supplies and connect them to separate wall sockets.

Note: NetScaler appliances emit a high-pitched alert if one power supply fails or if you connect only one power cable to an appliance in which two power supplies are installed. To silence the alarm, press the small red button on the back panel of the appliance. The disable alarm button is functional only when the appliance has two power supplies.

DC Power Supply Battery Return Connection

Citrix NetScaler SDX 4x10GE SFP+8xSFP NEBS is designed to be installed in the Isolated DC Return (DC-I) configuration.

Hard Disk Drive

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A hard disk drive (HDD) stores logs and other data files. Files stored on the HDD include the newnslog files, dmesg and messages files, and any core/crash files. The HDD comes in various capacities, depending on the Citrix NetScaler platform. Hard drives are used for storing files required at runtime. An HDD is mounted as /var.

The following MPX platforms support HDD:

- Citrix NetScaler MPX 9700, MPX 10500, MPX 12500, and MPX 15500
- Citrix NetScaler MPX 11500, MPX 13500, MPX 14500, MPX 16500, MPX 18500, and MPX 20500
- Citrix NetScaler MPX 11515, MPX 11520, MPX 11530, MPX 11540, and MPX 11542
- Citrix NetScaler MPX 11515, MPX 11520, MPX 11530, MPX 11540, and MPX 11542
- Citrix NetScaler MPX 15000
- Citrix NetScaler MPX 17000
- Citrix NetScaler MPX 17500, MPX 19500, and MPX 21500
- Citrix NetScaler MPX 17550, MPX 19550, MPX 20550, and MPX 21550
- Citrix NetScaler MPX 22040, MPX 22060, MPX 22080, MPX 22100, and MPX 22120
- Citrix NetScaler MPX 22040, MPX 22060, MPX 22080, MPX 22100, and MPX 22120
- Citrix NetScaler MPX 24100 and MPX 24150

The hard disk drive contains user monitored data. It is mounted as /var.

A hard disk drive (HDD) stores log files and other user files. Collection of new log files begins upon boot-up with the new HDD. Product documentation can be downloaded from "MyCitrix.com" and reinstalled to the /var/netscaler/doc location.

To install a hard disk drive

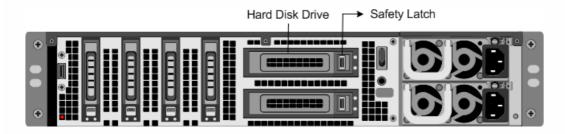
- 1. At the NetScaler command prompt, exit to the shell prompt. Type: shell
- 2. Shut down the NetScaler appliance by typing one of the following commands at the shell prompt.
 - On an MPX appliance, type:

shutdown -p now

- On a non-MPX appliance, type: shutdown
- 3. Locate the hard disk drive on the back panel of the appliance.
- 4. Verify that the replacement hard disk drive is the correct type for the NetScaler platform.
- 5. Disengage the hard disk drive by pushing the safety latch of the drive cover to the right or down, depending on the platform, while pulling out on the drive handle to disengage. Pull out the faulty drive.

Note: The illustration in the following figures might not represent the actual NetScaler appliance.

Figure 5. Removing the Existing Hard Disk Drive



6. Pick up the new disk drive, open the drive handle fully to the left, and insert the new drive into the slot as far as possible.

To seat the drive, close the handle flush with the rear of the appliance so that the hard drive locks securely into the slot.

Important: When you insert the drive, make sure that the Citrix product label is at the top.

Figure 6. Inserting the Replacement Hard Disk Drive



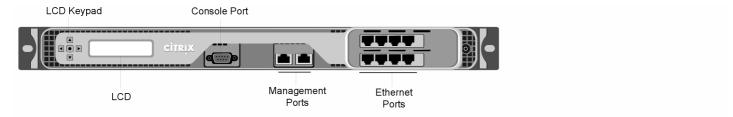
7. Turn on the NetScaler appliance. The appliance starts the NetScaler software and reads the configuration file from the CompactFlash card.

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The Command Center hardware platform is the MPX[™] 7500 appliance, which is a 1U appliance with one quad-core processor and 8 gigabytes (GB) of memory. The MPX 7500 appliance is available in an 8x10/100/1000Base-T copper Ethernet port configuration.

The following figure shows the front panel of the MPX 7500 (8x10/100/1000Base-T copper Ethernet ports) appliance.

Figure 7. Citrix Command Center MPX 7500(8x10/100/1000Base-T copper Ethernet ports), front panel



Note: The LCD keypad is not functional in this release.

The appliance has the following ports:

- RS232 serial console port.
- Two 10/100/1000Base-T copper Ethernet management ports, numbered 0/1 and 0/2 from left to right. These ports are used to connect directly to the appliance for system administration functions.

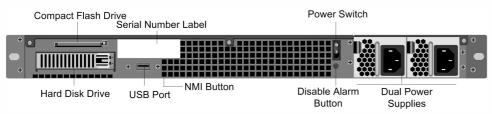
Note: Use the first management port numbered 0/1 to connect to the appliance for system administration functions.

- Network Ports
 - MPX 7500 (8x10/100/1000Base-T copper Ethernet ports). Eight 10/100/1000Base-T copper Ethernet ports numbered 1/1, 1/2, 1/3, and 1/4 on the top row from left to right, and 1/5, 1/6, 1/7, and 1/8 on the bottom row from left to right.

Note: These ports are not used in the current release.

The following figure shows the back panel of the MPX 7500 appliance.

Figure 8. Citrix Command Center MPX 7500, back panel



The following components are visible on the back panel of the MPX 7500:

- Power switch, which turns off power to the MPX 7500, just as if you were to unplug the power supply. Press the switch for five seconds to turn off the power.
- Removable hard-disk drive (HDD) that is used to store monitored data.
- Non-maskable interrupt (NMI) button that is used at the request of Technical Support and produces a core dump on the
 appliance. You must use a pen, pencil, or other pointed object to press this red button, which is recessed to prevent
 unintentional activation.
- Disable alarm button. This button is functional only when the appliance has two power supplies.

 Press this button to stop the power alarm from sounding when you have plugged the MPX 7500 into only one power outlet or when one power supply is malfunctioning and you want to continue operating the MPX 7500 until it is repaired.

Preparing for Installation

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Before you install your new appliance, carefully unpack your appliance and make sure that all parts were delivered. Once you are satisfied that your appliance has been delivered to your expectations, verify that the location where the appliance will be installed meets temperature and power requirements and that the server cabinet or floor-to-ceiling cabinet is securely bolted to the floor and has sufficient airflow.

Only trained and qualified personnel should install, maintain, or replace the appliance, and efforts should be taken to ensure that all cautions and warnings are followed.

This topic includes the following details:

- Unpacking the Appliance
- Preparing the Site and Rack
- Cautions and Warnings

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Unpack the box that contains your new appliance on a sturdy table with plenty of space and inspect the contents.

Use the following list to verify that you received everything that should have been included in the box.

- The appliance you ordered
- One RJ-45 to DB-9 adapter
- One 6 ft RJ-45/DB-9 cable
- The following list specifies the number of power cables included for each appliance model:
 - One power cable for the MPX 5500, MPX 5550/5650, MPX 7500/9500, and MPX 8005/8015/8200/8400/8600/8800
 appliances
 - Two power cables for the 9010 FIPS, 12000-10G, MPX 15000, MPX 17000, MPX 9700/10500/12500/15500, MPX 11500/13500/14500/16500/18500/20500, MPX 11515/11520/11530/11540/11542, MPX 11515/11520/11530/11540/11542, MPX 14000, MPX 17500/19500/21500, and MPX 25100T/25160T, and MPX 17550/19550/20550/21550 appliances
 - Four power cables for the MPX 22040/22060/22080/22100/22120 appliance Note: Make sure that a power outlet is available for each cable.
 - Four power cables for the MPX 22040/22060/22080/22100/22120 and MPX 24100/24150 appliances Note: Make sure that a power outlet is available for each cable.

Note: For Brazilian customers, Citrix does not ship a power cable. Use a cable that conforms to the **ABNT NBR 14136:2002** standard.

• One standard 4-post rail kit

Note: If the kit that you received does not fit your rack, contact your Citrix sales representative to order the appropriate

In addition to the items included in the box with your new appliance, you will need the following items to complete the installation and initial configuration process.

- Ethernet cables for each additional Ethernet port that you will connect to your network
- One available Ethernet port on your network switch or hub for each Ethernet port you want to connect to your network

• A computer to serve as a management workstation

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There are specific site and rack requirements for the NetScaler appliance. You must make sure that adequate environmental control and power density are available. Racks must be bolted to the ground, have sufficient airflow, and have adequate power and network connections. Preparing the site and rack are important steps in the installation process and help ensure a smooth installation.

Site Requirements

The appliance should be installed in a server room or server cabinet with the following features:

Environment control

An air conditioner, preferably a dedicated computer room air conditioner (CRAC), capable of maintaining the cabinet or server room at a temperature of no more than 27 degrees C/80.6 degrees F at altitudes of up to 2100 m/7000 ft, or 18 degrees C/64.4 degrees F at higher altitudes, a humidity level no greater than 45 percent, and a dust-free environment.

Power density

Wiring capable of handling at least 4,000 watts per rack unit in addition to power needs for the CRAC.

Rack Requirements

The rack on which you install your appliance should meet the following criteria:

Rack characteristics

Racks should be either integrated into a purpose-designed server cabinet or be the floor-to-ceiling type, bolted down at both top and bottom to ensure stability. If you have a cabinet, it should be installed perpendicular to a load-bearing wall for stability and sufficient airflow. If you have a server room, your racks should be installed in rows spaced at least 1 meter/3 feet apart for sufficient airflow. Your rack must allow your IT personnel unfettered access to the front and back of each server and to all power and network connections.

Power connections

At minimum, two standard power outlets per unit.

Network connections

At minimum, one Ethernet connection per rack unit.

Space requirements

One empty rack unit for the Citrix Command Center MPX 7500 appliance.

Note: You can order the following rail kits separately.

- Compact 4-post rail kit, which fits racks of 23 to 33 inches.
- 2-post rail kit, which fits 2-post racks.

Electrical Safety Precautions

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Caution: During installation or maintenance procedures, wear a grounding wrist strap to avoid ESD damage to the

electronics of the appliance. Use a conductive wrist strap attached to a good earth ground or to the appliance. You can attach it to the connector beside the ESD symbol on the back.

Follow basic electrical safety precautions to protect yourself from harm and the appliance from damage.

- Be aware of the location of the emergency power off (EPO) switch, so that you can quickly remove power to the appliance if an electrical accident occurs.
- Remove all jewelry and other metal objects that might come into contact with power sources or wires before installing or repairing the appliance. When you touch both a live power source or wire and ground, any metal objects can heat up rapidly and may cause burns, set clothing on fire, or fuse the metal object to an exposed terminal.
- Use a regulating, uninterruptible power supply (UPS) to protect the appliance from power surges and voltage spikes, and to keep the appliance operating in case of power failure.
- Never stack the appliance on top of any other server or electronic equipment.
- All appliances are designed to be installed on power systems that use TN earthing. Do not install your device on a power system that uses either TT or IT earthing.
- Make sure that the appliance has a direct physical connection to the earth during normal use. When installing or repairing an appliance, always make sure that the ground circuit is connected first and disconnected last.
- Make sure that a fuse or circuit breaker no larger than 120 VAC, 15 A U.S. (240 VAC, 16 A international) is used on all current-carrying conductors on the power system to which your appliances are connected.
- Do not work alone when working with high voltage components.
- Always disconnect the appliance from power before removing or installing any component. When disconnecting power,
 first shut down the appliance, and then unplug the power cords of all the power supply units connected to the
 appliance. As long as the power cord is plugged in, line voltages can be present in the power supply, even when the power
 switch is OFF.
- Do not use mats designed to decrease static electrical discharge as protection from electrical shock. Instead, use rubber mats that have been specifically designed as electrical insulators.
- Make sure that the power source can handle the appliance's maximum power consumption rating with no danger of an overload. Always unplug any appliance before performing repairs or upgrades.
- Do not overload the wiring in your server cabinet or on your server room rack.
- During thunderstorms, or anticipated thunderstorms, avoid performing any hardware repairs or upgrades until the danger of lightning has passed.
- When you dispose of an old appliance or any components, follow any local and national laws on disposal of electronic waste.
- To prevent possible explosions, replace expired batteries with the same model or a manufacturer-recommended substitute and follow the manufacturer's instructions for battery replacement.
- Never remove a power supply cover or any sealed part that has the following label:

Hazardous voltage, current, and energy levels are present inside any component that has this label attached. There are no userserviceable parts inside these components. If you suspect a problem with one of these parts, contact Citrix Technical Support.

Appliance Precautions

- Determine the placement of each component in the rack before you install the rails.
- Install the heaviest appliance first, at the bottom of the rack, and then work upward. Distribute the load on the rack evenly. An unbalanced rack is hazardous.

- Allow the power supply units and hard drives to cool before touching them.
- Install the equipment near an electrical outlet for easy access.
- Mount equipment in a rack with sufficient airflow for safe operation.
- For a closed or multiple-unit rack assembly, the ambient operating temperature of the rack environment might be greater than the ambient temperature of the room. Therefore, consider the lowest and highest operating temperatures of the equipment when making a decision about where to install the appliance in the rack.

Rack Precautions

- Make sure that the leveling jacks on the bottom of the rack are fully extended to the floor, with the full weight of the rack resting on them.
- For a single-rack installation, attach a stabilizer to the rack.
- For a multiple-rack installation, couple (attach) the racks together.
- Always make sure that the rack is stable before extending a component from the rack.
- Extend only one component at a time. Extending two or more simultaneously might cause the rack to become unstable.
- The handles on the left and right of the front panel of the appliance should be used only for extending the appliance out of the rack. Do not use these handles for mounting the appliance on the rack. Use the rack-rail hardware, described later, instead.

Installing the Hardware

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After you have determined that the location where you will install your appliance meets the environmental standards and the server rack is in place according to the instructions, you are ready to install the hardware. After you mount the appliance, you are ready to connect it to the network, to a power source, and to the console terminal that you will use for initial configuration. To complete the installation, you turn on the appliance. Be sure to observe the cautions and warnings listed with the installation instructions.

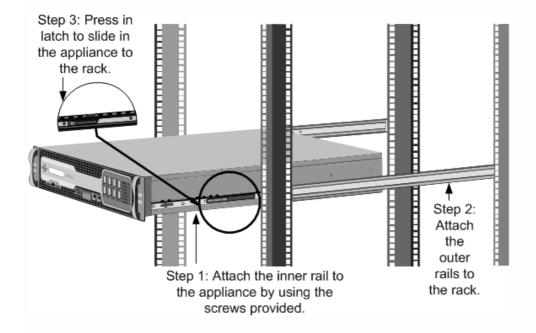
This topic includes the following details:

- Rack Mounting the Appliance
- Connecting the Cables
- Switching on the Appliance

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The appliance is shipped with rack-rail hardware. This hardware consists of two inner rails that you attach to the appliance, one on each side, and a rack-rail assembly that you attach to the rack. The following figure illustrates the steps involved in mounting the Citrix Command Center appliance to a rack.

Figure 1. Rack Mounting the Appliance



When the appliance is securely mounted on the rack, you are ready to connect the cables. Ethernet cables and the optional console cable are connected first. Connect the power cable last.

Danger: Before installing or repairing the appliance, remove all jewelry and other metal objects that might come in contact with power sources or wires. When you touch both a live power source or wire and ground, any metal objects can heat up rapidly and cause burns, set clothing on fire, or fuse the metal object to an exposed terminal.

Connecting the Ethernet CablesConnecting the Appliance to the Network

Ethernet cables connect your appliance to the network. The type of cable you need depends on the type of port used to connect to the network. Use a category 5e or category 6 Ethernet cable with a standard RJ-45 connector on a 10/100/1000BASE-T port.

 Insert the RJ-45 connector on one end of your Ethernet cable into an appropriate port on the front panel of the appliance, as shown in the following figure.
 Figure 2. Inserting an Ethernet cable



- 2. Insert the RJ-45 connector on the other end into the target device, such as a router or switch.
- 3. Verify that the LED glows amber when the connection is established.

Note: The above Ethernet ports are not used in the current Command Center appliance release.

Connecting the Console Cable



Connecting the Power Cable

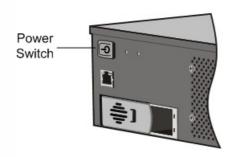


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After you have installed the appliance in a rack and connected the cables, verify that the power cable is properly connected. If you have installed a second power supply, make sure the second cable is connected to an outlet for a different circuit than the first. After verifying the connections, you are ready to switch on the appliance.

To switch on the appliance

- 1. Verify that the appliance is connected through a console or Ethernet port. This will ensure that you can configure the appliance after it is switched on.
- 2. Press the ON/OFF toggle power switch on the back panel of the appliance. Figure 5. Power switch on back panel



3. Verify that the LCD on the front panel is backlit and the start message appears, as shown in the following figure. Figure 6. LCD startup screen



Caution: Be aware of the location of the emergency power off (EPO) switch, so that if an electrical accident occurs you can quickly remove power from the appliance.

Initial Configuration

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After you have installed your appliance in a rack, you are ready to perform the initial configuration on XenServer and Command Center appliance. Note that you will need two valid IP addresses to allot to XenServer and Command Center hardware appliance. You can configure the initial settings either by using the serial console or by changing the IP settings of your workstation or laptop and then connecting the workstation or laptop to the appliance.

Note: To locate the serial console port on your appliance, see "RS232 Serial Console Port" in Ports.

You can configure the initial settings by using the serial console and then connecting the workstation or laptop to the appliance.

To configure initial settings by using the serial console

- 1. Connect the console cable into your appliance. For more information, see "Connecting the Console Cable" in Connecting the Cables.
- 2. Use a Telnet client of your choice to access the serial console.
- 3. Open an SSH connection to the internal IP by typing ssh root@169.254.0.10 on the console prompt.
- 4. Type public as password to log into the appliance.
- 5. Run the Command Center appliance configuration script. At the shell prompt, type: sh /etc/ccnetworkconfig.sh
- 6. Follow the prompts and set the following parameter values to your local settings. The default values are shown within parentheses. Press Enter if you do not want to change the default value.
 - Hostname—Host name of the appliance. Change the default Hostname value. Default: cmdctr.
 Important: In an HA setup, ensure the Hostname values of the primary and secondary appliances are unique values.
 This is important to avoid host name resolution conflicts and ensure successful HA setup.
 - Command Center IP Address—IP address of the appliance. Default: 192.168.100.3. After initial configuration, you can access the appliance by typing this IP address in a Web browser and specifying the port as 8443. For example: https://10.102.31.69:8443/
 - XEN Server IP Address—IP address of the XenServer. Default: 192.168.100.2.
 - Enter Appliance Password—Type public as the appliance password.
 - Subnet Mask—Mask identifying the appliance's subnet. Default: 255.255.255.0
 - Gateway—IP address of the router that forwards traffic out of the appliance's subnet. Default: 192.168.100.1
 - DNS Server IP Address—IP address of the DNS server.
 - NTP Server IP Address—IP address of the NTP server.
 - Current Time zone Settings—Displays the time on the appliance. Provide the appropriate time zone.

Note: In an HA setup, the primary and secondary appliances must have the same time stamps. This can be ensured by synchronizing both the appliances with the same NTP server and verifying that the synchronization between the appliances and NTP server is successful. This is important to ensure an accurate timeline for performance data in case of a failover.

- 7. When prompted to restart, select y.
- 8. Connect the Ethernet cable to the appliance to add the appliance to your subnet.

The appliance automatically restarts. You have now completed initial configuration of your Command Center appliance. For more information about configuring the appliance, see http://support.citrix.com/proddocs/topic/netscaler/cc-gen-command-center50-wrapper-con.html.

EXAMPLE

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[root@NSCmdCtr ~]#
[root@NSCmdCtr ~] # ssh root@169.254.0.10
root@169.254.0.10's password:
Last login: Mon Mar 26 22:04:15 2012 from 169.254.0.1
[root@cmdctr ~] # cd /etc
[root@cmdctr etc] # sh ccnetworkconfig.sh
*** Please configure Network Settings ***
Current values are shown within Parentheses +
      Press Enter to keep the current values
Host Name (cmdctr) : CCPrimary
Command Center IP Address (192.168.100.3) :10.102.43.12
XEN Server IP Address (192.168.100.2) :10.102.43.220
Enter Appliance password :
Subnet Mask (255.255.255.0) :
Gateway (192.168.100.1) :10.102.43.1
DNS Server IP Address (127.0.0.1) :1.2.3.4
NTP Server IP Address () :10.102.1.1
Current Time Zone settings: Mon Mar 26 23:25:09 PDT 2012
Do you wish to change your Time Zone?
Enter y for yes :
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You have an option to configure initial settings without connecting to the appliance console. You have to change the IP settings of your workstation or laptop to the default appliance subnet (192.168.100.X) and connect the workstation to the appliance by using an Ethernet cable. Connect the Ethernet cable to the first management port (from left to right,) numbered 0/1. At this point, you have an option to either run the configuration script or log on to the graphical user interface to complete the configuration.

To configure initial settings by using the graphical user interface

- 1. On a workstation or laptop, open an SSH connection to the appliance by using an SSH client, such as PuTTY. The appliance is configured with the default IP address 192.168.100.3.
- 2. Log on to the appliance with the following credentials:
 - Username: root
 - Password: public
- 3. Logon to the Command Center client and apply the license file. For information on appliance licenses, see Command Center Appliance Licenses .
- 4. Under Administration > Operations, click Setup Wizard.
- 5. Follow the prompts and set the following parameter values to your local settings.
 - Hostname—Host name of the appliance. Change the default Hostname value. Default: cmdctr.

 Important: In an HA setup, make sure that the Hostname values of the primary and secondary appliances are unique.

 This is important to avoid host name resolution conflicts and ensure successful HA setup.
 - Command Center IP Address—IP address of the appliance. Default: 192.168.100.3. After initial configuration, you can access the appliance by typing this IP address in a web browser and specifying the port as 8443. For example: https://10.102.31.69:8443/
 - XEN Server IP Address—IP address of the XenServer. Default: 192.168.100.2.
 - Gateway—IP address of the router that forwards traffic out of the appliance's subnet. Default: 192.168.100.1

- Netmask—Mask identifying the appliance's subnet. Default: 255.255.255.0
- DNS Server IP Address—IP address of the DNS server.
- NTP Server IP Address—IP address of the NTP server.
- Current Time zone Settings—Displays the time on the appliance. Provide the appropriate time zone.
- 6. Click Finish.

The appliance automatically restarts. You have now completed initial configuration of your Command Center appliance.

To configure initial setting using the configuration script

- 1. On a workstation or laptop, open an SSH connection to the appliance by using an SSH client, such as PuTTY. The appliance is configured with the default IP address 192.168.100.3.
- 2. Log on to the appliance with the following credentials:
 - Username: root
 - Password: public
- 3. Run the Command Center appliance configuration script. At the shell prompt, type: sh /etc/ccnetworkconfig.sh
- 4. Follow the prompts and set the following parameter values to your local settings. The default values are shown within parentheses. Press Enter if you do not want to change the default value.
 - Hostname—Host name of the appliance. Change the default Hostname value. Default: cmdctr.
 Important: In an HA setup, ensure the Hostname values of the primary and secondary appliances are unique values.
 This is important to avoid host name resolution conflicts and ensure successful HA setup.
 - Command Center IP Address—IP address of the appliance. Default: 192.168.100.3. After initial configuration, you can access the appliance by typing this IP address in a Web browser and specifying the port as 8443. For example: https://10.102.31.69:8443/
 - XEN Server IP Address—IP address of the XenServer. Default: 192.168.100.2.
 - Enter Appliance Password—Type public as the appliance password.
 - Subnet Mask—Mask identifying the appliance's subnet. Default: 255.255.255.0
 - Gateway—IP address of the router that forwards traffic out of the appliance's subnet. Default: 192.168.100.1
 - DNS Server IP Address—IP address of the DNS server.
 - NTP Server IP Address—IP address of the NTP server.
 - Current Time zone Settings—Displays the time on the appliance. Provide the appropriate time zone.

Note: In an HA setup, the primary and secondary appliances must have the same time stamps. This can be ensured by synchronizing both the appliances with the same NTP server and verifying that the synchronization between the appliances and NTP server is successful. This is important to ensure an accurate timeline for performance data in case of a failover.

- 5. When prompted to restart, select y.
- 6. Remove the Ethernet cable connected to the workstation or laptop. Now connect the Ethernet cable to the appliance to add the appliance to your subnet.

The appliance automatically restarts. You have now completed initial configuration of your Command Center appliance. For more information about configuring the appliance, see http://support.citrix.com/proddocs/topic/netscaler/cc-gen-command-center50-wrapper-con.html.

You can change the existing network and time zone settings of the appliance by running the Command Center appliance configuration script from the serial console.

To change the network settings by using the serial console

- 1. On a workstation or laptop, open a Telnet connection to the serial console of the appliance by using a Telnet client, such as PuTTY.
- 2. Log on to the appliance by using the administrator credentials. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 3. Run the Command Center appliance configuration script. At the shell prompt, type: sh /etc/ccnetworkconfig.sh
- 4. Follow the prompts and specify values for the following parameters. The default values are shown within parentheses after the parameter names. Press Enter if you do not want to change the default value.
 - Hostname—Host name of the appliance. Default: cmdctr.

 Important: In an HA setup, ensure the Hostname values of the primary and secondary appliances are unique values.

 This is important to avoid host name resolution conflicts and ensure successful HA setup.
 - Command Center IP Address—IP address of the appliance. Default: 192.168.100.3. After initial configuration, you can access the appliance by typing this IP address in a Web browser and specifying the port as 8443. For example: https://10.102.31.69:8443/
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 - Enter Appliance Password—Type public as the appliance password.
 - Subnet Mask—Mask identifying the appliance's subnet. Default: 255.255.255.0
 - Gateway—IP address of the router that forwards traffic out of the appliance's subnet. Default: 192.168.100.1
 - DNS Server IP Address—IP address of the DNS server.
 - NTP Server IP Address—IP address of the NTP server.
 - Current Time zone Settings—Displays the time on the appliance. Provide the appropriate time zone.

Note: In an HA setup, the primary and secondary appliances must have the same time stamps. This can be ensured by synchronizing both the appliances with the same NTP server and verifying that the synchronization between the appliances and NTP server is successful. This is important to ensure an accurate timeline for performance data in case of a failover.

- 5. When prompted to restart, select y.
- 6. Remove the Ethernet cable connected to the workstation or laptop and connect it to the router to add the appliance into the network.

The appliance automatically restarts. You have now completed initial configuration of your Command Center appliance. For more information about configuring the appliance, see http://support.citrix.com/proddocs/topic/netscaler/cc-gen-command-center50-wrapper-con.html.

The default user account provides complete access to all features of the Citrix Command Center appliance. Citrix recommends changing the default password of the appliance. You can then change the password using the Change Password link provided in the Command Center interface.

To change the default password of the appliance

- 1. In a web browser, type the IP address of the Command Center appliance. For example: https://10.102.31.69:8443/
- 2. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 3. Under Administration > Security, click Change Password.
- 4. Type the Current Password.
- 5. Type and re-type the new password.

6. Specify the password expiry value in Password Expires In field.7. Click OK.

Command Center Appliances in a High Availability Pair

May 27, 2015

A high availability (HA) deployment of two Citrix® Command Center™ appliances can provide uninterrupted management of network devices. You configure one appliance as the primary node and the other as the secondary node. The primary node manages the network devices while the secondary node acts as a passive node. The secondary node becomes primary and takes over if the original primary node fails for any reason.

The primary node updates its health status at predefined intervals in a database table. Also, at predefined intervals, the secondary node checks the database for the status of the primary node. If a health check fails, the secondary node rechecks the health a predefined number of times, after which it determines that the primary node is not functioning normally. The secondary node then takes over as the primary (a process called failover). After a failover, the original secondary is the primary node. After the administrator corrects the problem on the original primary appliance and restarts it, the original primary appliance becomes the secondary node.

Important: In an HA setup, the database on the primary node must be completely in sync with the database on the secondary node. To maintain synchronization, MySQL two-way replication is configured as part of the HA setup. This topic includes the following details:

- Prerequisites
- Configuring High Availability
- Removing Command Center Appliances from an HA Setup
- Performing a Force Failover in a High Availability Setup

A successful high availability setup depends on the following conditions:

- Both the primary and the secondary appliances should be operational and have the same build of the Command Center software.
- The primary and secondary appliances must have the same time stamps. This can be ensured by synchronizing both the appliances with the same NTP server and verifying that the synchronization between the appliances and NTP server is successful. This is important to ensure an accurate timeline for performance data in case of a failover.
- Both the primary and secondary appliances should have unique Hostname values to avoid host name resolution conflicts.
- Both the primary and secondary appliances should have the same login credentials for the root user account.

The appliance from which the configuration is initiated is designated as the primary node. Any data on the appliance designated as the secondary node is lost. During HA configuration, a number of actions, such as shutting down the server, backing up the database, and running replication commands on both databases, run in the background. The script may take from a few seconds to a few minutes to complete, depending on the size of the data that needs to be pushed from the primary appliance to the secondary appliance.

To configure Command Center appliances in high availability mode by using the graphical user interface

- 1. Logon to Command Center client and navigate to **Administration > Operations**.
- 2. Under Operations, click Setup High Availability.
- 3. Type the IP address of the secondary node and click **OK**.

 Note: The login credentials for the root user account on both appliances should be same.

To configure Command Center appliances in high availability mode using an SSH client

- 1. On a workstation or laptop, open an SSH connection to the appliance by using an SSH client, such as PuTTY.
- 2. Log on to the appliance to be designated as the primary node. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials of the secondary node. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 3. Change directory to /opt/Citrix/Citrix_Command_Center/bin. Then, at the shell prompt, type: sh configure_cc_ha.sh <SEC_IP> <USER_NAME>
- 4. When prompted, type the password.

Parameters for configuring Command Center appliances in an HA setup

SEC_IP

IP address of the secondary node.

USER_NAME

Authorized user name for the secondary node (Default is root.)

PASSWORD

Password for the secondary node (Default is public.)

You can remove Command Center appliances from an HA setup to run them as independent servers. This involves stopping the servers, stopping MySQL replication, and changing the configuration. Configuration is initiated from the primary node.

To remove Command Center appliances from an HA setup

- 1. On a workstation or laptop, open an SSH connection to the appliance by using an SSH client, such as PuTTY.
- 2. Log on to the primary node. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 3. Change directory to /opt/Citrix/Citrix_Command_Center/bin. Then, at the shell prompt, type: sh break_cc_ha.sh <USER_NAME>
- 4. When prompted, type the password.

Parameters for removing a Command Center appliance from an HA setup

USER NAME

Authorized user name for the primary node (Default is root.)

PASSWORD

Password for the primary node (Default is public.)

You might want to force a failover if, for example, you need to replace or upgrade the primary node. Force failover is always initiated from the primary node.

To perform a force failover by using graphical user interface

- 1. In a Web browser, type the IP address of the Command Center appliance. For example: https://10.102.31.69:8443/
- 2. Log on to the appliance to be designated as the primary node. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 3. In the Menu bar, click Administration. Under Operations, click Force Failover.
- 4. In the confirmation window, click **OK**.

Note: After you confirm, the appliance is shutdown. You have to log on using the IP address of the secondary appliance. To view the status and other details, refer the log file under the logs/forcefailover_cc_ha.log directory.

To perform a force failover on a primary node in an HA setup

- 1. On a workstation or laptop, open an SSH connection to the appliance by using an SSH client, such as PuTTY.
- 2. Log on to the appliance to be designated as the primary node. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 3. Change directory to /opt/Citrix/Citrix_Command_Center/bin. Then, at the shell prompt, type: sh forcefailover_cc_ha.sh <USER_NAME>
- 4. When prompted, type the password.

Parameters for performing a force failover in an HA setup

USER_NAME

Authorized user name for the primary node (Default is root.)

Command Center Appliance Licenses

Dec 10, 2014

A Command Center appliance must be properly licensed before it can be deployed to manage and monitor Citrix application networking products. In case of an High Availability(HA) set up, both of the Command Center appliances must be properly licensed before you can start using the HA setup. All Command Center appliances are shipped with preinstalled default licenses. You can obtain a valid license (Evaluation or Retail) and upgrade the preinstalled license on the appliances to access the Command Center graphical user interface.

Evaluation licenses are used for evaluating new capabilities and when the evaluation period expires, obtain and upgrade the Retail license to access the Command Center graphical user interface.

Command Center appliances are shipped with preinstalled default licenses and the License Details window appears when you try to log on to the Command Center graphical user interface. This window provides the information you need for obtaining the licenses and upgrading the licenses on the appliances.

To obtain appliance licences when the appliance has SMTP connectivity

- 1. Log on to Command Center interface using the default credentials (root/public).
- 2. Under the I do not have Command Center Appliance licenses option, click the Click here link.
- 3. In the Request License window, enter the name or IP address of your mail server.
- 4. In the From field, type the email address at which you want to receive the license.
- 5. In the To field, type the email address of your Citrix contact.
- 6. If your mail server requires authentication, select the Mail server requires authentication option and type the required user name and password.
 - Note: Do not modify the MAC address details displayed in the Message text box. Be sure to use the same MAC address details when you send a request for license generation.
- 7. Click OK. A confirmation message reports that your request has successfully been submitted.

After you receive the license file(s) from Citrix, you can upgrade the license(s) and access the Command Center graphical user interface.

To obtain appliance licences when the appliance does not have SMTP connectivity

- 1. Log on to Command Center interface using the default credentials (root/public).
- 2. Under the I do not have Command Center Appliance licenses option, click the Click here link.
- 3. Note the MAC address details displayed in the Message text box in the Request License window.

 Note: Do not modify the MAC address details displayed in the Message text box. Be sure to use the same MAC address details when you send a request for license generation.
- 4. Mail these details to your Citrix contact from a system with the SMTP connectivity.

After you receive the license file(s) from Citrix, you can upgrade the license(s) and access the Command Center graphical user interface.

You can upgrade the Command Center appliance licenses from the License Details window. The License Details window

appears when you try to log on to Command Center graphical user interface of an appliance that is running on a preinstalled default license or an expired Evaluation license. After you upgrade the license on the appliance, you can log on to access the Command Center graphical user interface.

To upgrade appliance license

Follow this procedure to upgrade the appliance from a preinstalled default license to an Evaluation license or a Retail license and also to upgrade an expired Evaluation license to a Retail license.

- 1. In the License Details window select the I have Command Center Appliance Licenses option.
- Select the license file that you want to upload.
 Note: Each license file is unique for a specific Command Center appliance and must be installed only on that appliance.
 To ensure that you upload the specific license file, verify the MAC address in the license file with the MAC addresses displayed for the server in License Details window.
- 3. Click OK. A confirmation message reports that the license is successfully upgraded on Command Center appliance. You can now log on to access the Command Center graphical user interface.

To upgrade Command Center appliance license from an Evaluation license to a Retail license

Follow this procedure to upgrade the Command Center appliance from an Evaluation license to a Retail license. In case the Evaluation license has expired, follow the previous procedure.

- 1. Obtain the Retail license for the Command Center appliance from Citrix.
- 2. Logon to the Command Center appliance and copy the license file in the /opt/Citrix/Citrix_Command_Center/flexlm/citrix/licensing/myfiles directory by using SFTP or FTP.
- 3. On a workstation or laptop, open an SSH connection to the appliance by using an SSH client, such as PuTTY.
- 4. Log on to the appliance. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 5. Change directory to /opt/Citrix/Citrix_Command_Center. Then, at shell prompt, type: ./bin/upgradeCtxLicense.sh Note: Verify the permission before you execute the script.
 - The license is successfully upgraded on Command Center appliance.

Upgrading Command Center

Apr 22, 2015

You can upgrade to a later release on a standalone Command Center appliance or an HA pair. To upgrade a standalone node, first stop Command Center, upgrade the software, and then start Command Center. To upgrade an HA pair, run a script available in the /opt/Citrix/Citrix_Command_Center/bin directory. Before running the script, make sure that you know the path to the service pack for upgrading the appliance.

Note: You cannot downgrade a Command Center appliance.

- 1. On a workstation or laptop, open an SSH connection to the appliance by using an SSH client, such as PuTTY.
- 2. Log on to the appliance. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 3. Shut down the appliance. At the shell prompt, type: ./etc/init.d/NSCCService stop
- 4. Download the build file (SP_FILE) to the appliance and change the mode of the SP_FILE to executable. At the shell prompt, type: chmod 777 ./<SP FILE>
- 5. Upgrade the appliance. At the shell prompt, type: ./<SP FILE> -i silent
- 6. Restart the appliance. At the shell prompt type: ./etc/init.d/NSCCService start

Messages are not displayed on the console when the silent option is used.

SP_FILE

Complete path to the service pack file.

USER_NAME

Authorized user name for the primary node (Default is root.)

- 1. On a workstation or laptop, open an SSH connection to the primary node by using an SSH client, such as PuTTY.
- 2. Log on to the primary node. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 3. Change directory to /opt/Citrix/Citrix_Command_Center/bin. Then, at the shell prompt, type: sh upgrade.sh <SP_FILE> <USER_NAME>

The sh upgrade.sh <SP_FILE> <USER_NAME> command upgrades both the primary and secondary appliances.

4. When prompted, type the password.

Performing Backup and Restore Operations

May 27, 2015

You can back up Citrix Command Center appliance data and configurations either periodically to keep historical data or when upgrading Command Center software. Citrix recommends storing a copy of the backup on external storage media which can later be used to restore the backed up data.

This topic includes the following details:

- Database Backup
- Restoring the Data
- Restoring the Data on an External Appliance

You can schedule or perform an immediate backup of the database on the Command Center appliance. By default, backup is scheduled for midnight Saturday. The default directory for the backup is /var/lib/mysql/backup. Citrix recommends storing a copy of the backup on external storage media.

To backup a database by using the graphical user interface

- 1. In a Web browser, type the IP address of the Command Center appliance. For example: https://10.102.31.69:8443/
- 2. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 3. In the Menu bar, click Administration.
- 4. Under Operations, click Backup.
- 5. Do one of the following:
 - To schedule a backup, click Schedule Backup, and perform steps 6 and 7.
 - To start a backup immediately, click OK. After the backup is completed, the complete path to the backup file name is displayed.
- 6. Under Schedule Backup, use the following set of options to define your backup schedule:
 - Day(s) of Week—Specify the days on which you want to schedule the backup process. To select more than one day, hold down the Ctrl key while clicking the days.
 - Day(s) of month— Select this option to schedule a backup during a range of dates. For example, if you want to schedule a backup every day between 10th and 20th of every month, type 10-20.
 - Daily—Select this option to run the backup process every day.
 - Scheduled Hours—Specify the time(s) at which to schedule the backup process, as hours in a 24-hour day. Use commas to separate multiple hours (for example, 12, 2, 4).
- 7. Click OK. The schedule is saved.

To backup a database by using the command line

- 1. On a workstation or laptop, open an SSH connection to the appliance by using an SSH client, such as PuTTY.
- 2. Log on to the appliance, using the administrator credentials. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 3. Stop the Command Center software. At the shell prompt, type:
 - ./etc/init.d/NSCCService stop
- 4. Change directory to /opt/Citrix/Citrix_Command_Center/bin. Then, at the shell prompt, type:

sh BackupDB.sh

5. Start the Command Center software. At the shell prompt, type:

./etc/init.d/NSCCService start

The backup process creates a directory whose name begins with BackUpMMDD_XXX. By default, the directory is a subdirectory of the /var/lib/mysql/backup directory. The directory contains a number of .data files. The restore operation may several minutes to complete. Stop the Command Center software before restoring the data. After the restore is complete, restart the Command Center software.

Caution: When restoring the data, the current data on the appliance is deleted.

To restore the data

- 1. On a workstation or laptop, open an SSH connection to the appliance by using an SSH client, such as PuTTY.
- 2. Log on to the appliance, using the administrator credentials. In User Name and Password, type the administrator credentials. The defaults are root and public, respectively.
- 3. Stop the Command Center software. At the shell prompt, type:

./etc/init.d/NSCCService stop

4. Change directory to /opt/Citrix/Citrix_Command_Center/bin. Then, at the shell prompt, type:

sh RestoreDB.sh <path to the directoryname in which to restore data>

5. Start the Command Center software. At the shell prompt, type:

./etc/init.d/NSCCService start

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A backup of the database is stored by default on the Command Center appliance. You can also store a backup of the database on an external appliance and generate reports from that database. Before you can generate reports, you must install MySQL software on the external appliance, create a database, restore the backed up files, and install the same version of Command Center software that is installed on the Command Center appliance.

Prerequisites

Before you restore the backed up files on the external appliance, verify the following:

- 1. You are running a supported version of the Linux operating system. The following versions are supported:
 - Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS 4.0
 - Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES 4.0 and 5.1
 - Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES 5.1 64-bit edition
 - CentOS 4.0 and 5.1
- 2. A minimum of 2GB RAM is available.

To restore the data on an external appliance

1. Install MySQL 5.1.48 on the external appliance. At the shell prompt, type the following commands: rpm -i MySQL-server-enterprise-5.1.48-1.rhel5.x86_64.rpm

rpm – i MySQL-client-enterprise-5.1.48-1.rhel5.x86_64.rpm

This operation may take a few minutes.

2. Set the administrator password. At the shell prompt, type:

/usr/bin/mysqladmin - uroot password < mypassword>

where <mypassword> is the new password.

- 3. Connect to the MySQL client and create a database named cmdctr. At the prompt, type: create database cmdctr;
- 4. Copy the backed up files under /var/lib/mysql/backup/<directoryname> on the Command Center appliance to the external appliance by using a secure file transfer utility, such as SFTP.
- 5. Restore each file on the external appliance. At the shell prompt, type: gunzip < \$[<filename.gz file] | /usr/bin/mysql -u root -p[PASSWORD] cmdctr

Repeat this command for each of the other files that are backed up.

- 6. Install Command Center on the external appliance. The version of Command Center software should be the same version that is running on the Command Center appliance. When prompted to start Command Center, select No.
- 7. Copy the configuration folder in the backed up files to the directory in which Command Center is installed on the external appliance. The default directory is /opt/Citrix/Citrix_Command_Center. Copying the folder ensures that your settings, such as alert filters, event filters, threshold, event severity, failover and security settings, on the Command Center appliance are available on the external appliance.
- 8. Start the Command Center software. The restore is now complete.

Example

The following commands are an example of performing steps 1–5 of the above procedure. For information about installing Command Center, see Installing the Command Center Server on Linux.

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#rpm-i MySQL-server-enterprise-5.1.48-1.rhel5.x86_64.rpm
#rpm-i MySQL-client-enterprise-5.1.48-1.rhel5.x86_64.rpm
#/usr/bin/mysqladmin -uroot password pass1
#mysql -uroot -ppass1
mysql > create database cmdctr;
mysql > exit;
# sftp root@10.102.31.69
Connecting to 10.102.31.69...
root@10.102.31.69's password:
sftp> cd /var/lib/mysql/backup/CCBackUp_JUN30_2011_11_35
sftp> mput *.gz
sftp> bye
# gunzip< file1.gz> | /usr/bin/mysql -u root -ppass1cmdctr
# gunzip< file2.gz> | /usr/bin/mysql -u root -ppass1cmdctr
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Installing Command Center Software

May 28, 2015

Command Center offers new features and improved functionality of existing features. For more information, see New in This Release.

You can install the Command Center server on either the Windows or Linux platform. You can download the installation package for both Windows and Linux from the Citrix portal Web site: http://mycitrix.com.

There are two types of server installation: Evaluation and Typical. The installation type is specified at the start of the installation process.

Evaluation installation type enables you to quickly install the Command Center server by installing the pre-packaged PostgreSQL database and by using predefined options. Typical installation type provides more flexibility and enables you to connect to an external database; this is recommended for use in production environment. For more information on the installation types and installation steps, see

- Installing the Command Center Server on Windows
- Installing the Command Center Server on Linux

You can also configure Command Center in a distributed multi-tier architecture by installing Command Center agents that manage and monitor the Citrix devices. This architecture provides scalability and reduces the load on the server. For more information, see

- Installing Command Center Agents on Windows
- Installing Command Center Agents on Linux

The following Citrix products and editions are supported by Command Center. A Citrix license is required for each edition you want to use on Command Center.

- NetScaler Enterprise and Platinum editions
- NetScaler Gateway Enterprise edition
- CloudBridge, all editions

This topic includes the following details:In this section:

- Before You Begin
- Installing the Command Center Server on Windows
- Installing the Command Center Server as a Windows Service
- Installing the Command Center Server on Linux
- Installing the Command Center Server as a Linux Startup Service
- Setting the Command Center Communication Mode
- Installing the Command Center Server in High Availability Mode
- Installing Certificates for Secure Communication
- Citrix Products Supported

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The following versions of Citrix Products are supported by Command Center.

- NetScaler: 7.0 and later
 - Note: The Entity Monitoring feature is supported on NetScaler versions 8.0 and later.
- Repeater and Branch Repeater: 4.5.0 and later
- Branch Repeater with Windows Server (2003 and 2008): 2.0.0 or later
- Branch Repeater VPX: 5.6.0 or later
- NetScaler SDX

Before You Begin

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Before you install your Command Center server, make sure that you have the minimum system requirements, such as hardware requirements, operating system requirements, and database requirements. You also need to ensure that the database settings are specified according to Command Center requirements.

This topic includes the following details:

- Hardware Requirements
- Disk Space for Performance Management
- Operating System Requirements
- Database Requirements
- Additional Linux Requirements
- Client Requirements
- Port Settings
- Database Settings

Updated: 2014-10-17

The following table summarizes the minimum hardware requirements for the Command Center servers.

Component	Requirement
Processor type	Pentium 4
Processor speed	1.2 gigahertz (GHz)
Memory	
Hard disk space	20 GB

The performance management module plots graphs across three tables. By Default, the first table maintains data for 14 days, with a polling interval of 5 minutes. The second table maintains data from one poll per hour, for 30 days. The third table maintains data from one poll per 24 hours, for 365 days. At the beginning of the 15th day, the data in the first table is overwritten with new data. The data in the other two tables is overwritten on the 31st day and the 366th day, respectively. The following table lists the disk space requirements for using the performance management module in a few sample configurations.

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300	5 minutes	10	1.4	GB
500	5 minutes	10	2.4	GB
1000	5 minutes	25	11.9	GB
5000	5 minutes	50	119.1	GB
10000	2.5 minutes	50	426	GB

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The following table lists the operating system requirements for installing Command Center.

Operating System	Version
Windows	 Windows 2008 Windows 2008 R2 Windows 2003 Service Pack 2 Windows 2003 Server R2 Standard x64 Edition
Linux	 Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS 4.0 Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES 4.0 and 5.1 CentOS 5.5 version

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Command Center supports the following databases and their versions.

Database Type	Version
MySQL	5.1.x with InnoDB storage engine
Oracle	10g/11g
Microsoft SQL Server	2005, 2008, and 2008 R2

Database Type Version

Note: Before installing Command Center to work with an MS SQL Server database, ensure that you select the SQL Server Authentication mode when installing the database. The Windows Authentication mode is not supported in Command Center.

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The following are the prerequisites for installing Command Center on Linux.

You must ensure that the hostname -i command on the system on which Command Center is installed resolves the actual IP address and not the loopback IP address (127.0.0.1). If the hostname -i command does not resolve the actual IP address, do the following:

- 1. Log on as root, and change to /etc directory.
- 2. Open the host file using a vi editor.
- 3. Update the line 127.0.0.1 localhost with the actual IP address, for example 10.102.41.10: 10.102.41.10 HostName
- 4. For Linux ES 5.1, add the following line: 10.102.41.10 localhost

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The following table provides the minimum software recommendations for running the Command Center clients.

Client type	Platform	Software
HTML	Windows	 Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.0 or later Mozilla Firefox 1.0 or later Netscape 7.1 or later Google Chrome 7.0 or later
	Linux	Mozilla Firefox 1.0 or later

This section covers the various ports that Command Center uses. The Command Center client and server use either HTTP or HTTPS to communicate. The HTTPS communication mode is enabled by default when you install the Command Center server.

The following table lists the ports used by the Command Center client and server to communicate with each other.

Purpose	TCP Ports
HTTPS communication between Command Center client and server.	8443
HTTP communication between Command Center client and server.	9090

Purpose Communication between Command Center High Availability (HA) servers.	TCP Ports 6011, 2014, and 1099

The following table lists the ports used by the Citrix Command Center server to communicate with the Citrix NetScaler, NetScaler SDX, and Citrix CloudBridge.

Purpose	Port
SNMP communication between the Citrix Command Center server and the Citrix NetScaler system and Citrix CloudBridge.	161 (UDP port)
Configuration of SNMP traps between the Command Center server and the Citrix NetScaler system.	162 (UDP port)
SSH and SFTP communication between the Command Center server and the Citrix NetScaler system.	22 (TCP port)
HTTPS and HTTP communication between the Command Center server and Citrix CloudBridge.	443 and 80 (TCP ports)
HTTPS communication between the Command Center server and NetScaler SDX.	443 (TCP port)

Note: In the Command Center client, by using the Invoke Configuration Utility option, you can access the Citrix NetScaler utilities, such as the configuration utility and dashboard. To access the configuration utility and dashboard from Command Center, you must ensure that these are independently accessible from the client machine.

The following table lists the ports used for communication between the Command Center server and the Command Center agents.

Purpose	Port
Communication between the Citrix Command Center server and the Citrix Command Center agents.	1099
Note: This port should be opened on the server as well as on the agents.	
Remote Method Invocation (RMI) lookup.	6011
Note: This port should be opened on the server as well as on the agents.	
HTTPS communication between the Command Center server and the agents.	8443
HTTP communication between the Command Center server and the agents.	9090

Updated: 2014-12-23

Command Center supports the following databases:

- MySQL 5.1.x with InnoDB storage engine. For instructions on installation, see http://dev.mysql.com/doc/
- MS SQL Server 2005 and 2008. For instructions on installation, see http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms143516(SQL.90).aspx

Important:

- Before installing Command Center to work with an MS SQL Server database, ensure that you select the SQL Server
 Authentication mode when installing the database. The Windows Authentication mode is not supported in Command
 Center.
- Also, make sure to enable SQL Server Authentication while installing the database.
- Oracle 10g and 11g. For instructions on installation, see http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/database10gr2.html

After installing the database, you must configure the database user permissions and database parameters.

Database Parameters

The following table lists the parameters that you need to specify for the database settings.

Parameter	Description
Database	MySQL, Oracle, or MS SQL Server.
Host Name	IP address of the server or the server name where the database is hosted.
Port	Port number of the server where the database is hosted. The default port for MySQL is 3306, for Oracle is 1521, and for MS SQL Server is 1433.
Database Name	Name of the database.
SID	Name of the Oracle database.
User Name	Database logon user name. The default user for MySQL is root, for Oracle it is system, and for SQL Server it is sa.
	However, the administrator can create users and define the required permissions. For information on the user permissions, see the section "Database User Permissions."
Password	Password assigned by the database administrator.

Note: Before performing a complete installation of a new version of Command Center, you must check for and uninstall earlier versions of Command Center.

Database User Permissions

After you have created the Command Center database and the database user, you need to grant the required permissions as described in the following table.

Database	User Permissions
Oracle	GRANT CREATE SESSION to DatabaseUserName;
	GRANT CREATE TABLE to DatabaseUserName;
	GRANT ALTER DATABASE to DatabaseUserName;
	GRANT UNLIMITED TABLESPACE to DatabaseUserName;
	GRANT CREATE TRIGGER to DatabaseUserName;
	GRANT CREATE SEQUENCE to DatabaseUserName;
MS SQL	In the MS SQL Server Management tool, you need to set the following permissions:
	1. Click Security > Logins, and then double-click DatabaseUserName.
	2. In General, set Default database as the Command Center database.
	3. In User Mapping, under Users mapped to this login, select the default database, and under Database
	role membership for, select the db_owner role membership. Note that the public role is selected by default.
MySQL	GRANT ALL ON DatabaseName.* TO DatabaseUserName@ CommandCenterIPAddress identified by 'DatabaseUserPassword';
	GRANT FILE ON *.* TO DatabaseUserName@ <i>CommandCenterIPAddress</i> identified by 'DatabaseUserPassword';
	GRANT SELECT, UPDATE on 'mysql'.'user' TO 'DatabaseUserName'@'CommandCenterIPAddress';
	GRANT RELOAD, PROCESS ON *.* TO DatabaseUserName@CommandCenterIPAddress;

Installing the Command Center Server on Windows

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To install the Command Center server, download the installation package from the Citrix portal: http://mycitrix.com. The installation package is an executable file with the following naming convention:

CC Setup ReleaseNumber BuildNumber.exe

Example:

There are two types of server installation: Evaluation and Typical. The installation type is specified at the start of the installation process.

Evaluation installation type enables you to quickly install the Command Center server by installing the pre-packaged PostgreSQL database and by using predefined defaults, such as the HTTPS security mode. Although this installation type provides all functionality of Command Center, it is not supported in production environment. Citrix recommends you use the Evaluation installation type only for evaluation purposes.

Typical installation type provides more flexibility and enables you to connect to an external database and specify the security mode you want to use. This installation type provides all Command Center functionality and Citrix recommends you use this in production environment.

Note: You can also configure Command Center in a distributed multi-tier architecture by installing Command Center agents that manage and monitor the Citrix devices. For more information, see Installing Command Center Agents on Windows.

- 1. Run the setup file and follow the instructions on the screen.
- 2. On the Choose Installation Type screen, select either Evaluation or Typical.
- 3. If you have selected Evaluation, click Next, and then click Install. This installs the packaged Postgre SQL database, and installs Command Center in the HTTPS security mode.

If you have selected Typical, perform the following steps:

- 1. On the Database Settings screen, enter the values for the database parameters, and then click Test Connection. After the connection to the database is successful, click Next
 - Note: For information on the database parameters and their values, see the table in section Database Settings.
- 2. Under Security Settings, select either HTTP or HTTPS.
- 3. Click Next, and then click Install.

Note: After Command Center successfully installs, the summary screen appears with a brief note about getting started with Command Center.

4. On the summary screen, click Done.

Command Center starts and a command prompt windows appears displaying the status of the startup process. After the Command Center server starts successfully, the command prompt window displays the URL to access the Command Center server from a Web browser.

Note: The Command Center service is installed and started automatically and Command Center server can be accessed from the web browser.

In this section:

- Installing Command Center Agents on Windows
- Uninstalling the Command Center Server from Windows

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Consider a scenario where you use 300 NetScaler VPX devices in the development and testing stages in your production environment. To manage and monitor such large number of devices, you can set up Command Center in a distributed multitier architecture by configuring Command Center agents to manage and monitor the Citrix devices.

This architecture reduces the load on the Command Center server by distributing the load across the different agents. In a distributed multi-tier setup, the Command Center server performs operations, such tasks as discovery, trap processing, monitoring entities and syslog messages, and configuration. The agents are used for monitoring entities and syslog messages, for certificate management, and for polling and collecting data used for performance monitoring, such as CPU usage, resource utilization, and IP bytes transmitted. The Command Center server and the agents are connected to the same database.

The number of agents to install depends on the usage of virtual servers, services and service groups to be monitored, reporting counters to be polled, and the syslog messages received by the Command Center server.

You can also monitor the state of the agents from your Command Center client. For example, when an agent connects to the Command Center server, an event of severity clear is generate and, if an agent connected to the server goes down, an event of severity critical is generated. This alerts the user to take appropriate action.

To install the Command Center agents, use the Command Center installation package available at the Citrix portal: http://mycitrix.com. The installation package is an executable file with the following naming convention:

CC_Setup_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.exe

Note: You cannot install the Command Center server and the agent on the same system. Also, you cannot install more than one agent on a system.

To install Command Center agents on Windows

- 1. Install and start the Command Center server on a system. For information on installing the server on Windows, see Installing the Command Center server on Windows.
- 2. On the system where you want to install the agent, run the setup file and follow the instructions on the screen.
- 3. On the installation-type screen, select Agent Setup, and then click Next.
- 4. Under Agent Setup, in Server IP address, type the IP address of your Command Center server, and then click Test Connection.
- 5. After the connection is successfully tested, click Next, and then click Install.

Uninstall the Command Center server by using the Add or Remove Programs option in Windows or from the Windows Start menu. If you need to perform a complete installation of a new release of Command Center server, you must uninstall the

older version before carrying out the complete installation.

Note: If you have a Command Center service pack installed, you must uninstall the service pack before you can uninstall the previous version of Command Center. You must also uninstall the Command Center service on Windows.

To uninstall the Command Center server

To uninstall the Command Center server, do one of the following:

- From the Windows Start menu: On the Windows desktop, click Start > Programs > Citrix Command Center > Uninstall. Follow the steps in the wizard to uninstall the software.
- Using Add or Remove Programs:
 - 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. The Control Panel screen appears.
 - 2. Double-click Add or Remove programs. The Add or Remove Programs screen appears.
 - 3. Select the Citrix Command Center entry from the Currently installed programs: list and click Remove. Follow the steps in the wizard to uninstall the software.

Note: Uninstalling Command Center removes only the user-created files and folders; you must manually delete the database.

Installing the Command Center Server as a Windows Service

May 27, 2015

To use Command Center server as a Windows service, refer the related tasks:

- Installing the Service
- Running the Command Center Server as a Windows Service
- Stopping the Command Center Server from Running as a Service
- Uninstalling the Service

To enable Command Center to automatically start whenever the server on which Command Center is installed restarts, you must install the service.

To install Command Center as a Windows service

- 1. At a command prompt, change the current working directory: cd CC_Home\bin
- 2. Run the batch file: InstallCCAsService.bat Note: This version of Command Center does not support the NSCCService -install and NSCCService -uninstall options.

The following procedure describes how to start the Command Center server as a Windows service.

To run the Command Center server as a service

- 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. The Control Panel screen appears.
- 2. Double-click Administrative Tools. The Administrative Tools screen appears.
- 3. Double-click Services. The Services screen of the Microsoft Management Console appears.
- ${\bf 4.}\ \ {\bf To\ run\ the\ server\ as\ a\ service,\ right-click\ Citrix\ Command\ Center\ and\ click\ Start.$
- 5. To stop the server, right-click Citrix Command Center and click Stop.

 Note: Before you start the Command Center server as a service, you must start Command Center in the standalone mode to invoke the End User License Agreement (EULA) signatures.

To upgrade the software or to migrate from the current database to another database, you must stop the Command Center server that is running as a Windows service.

To stop the Command Center server running as a service

- 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. The Control Panel appears.
- 2. Double-click Administrative Tools. The Administrative Tools pane appears.
- 3. Double-click Services. The Services screen of the Microsoft Management Console appears.
- 4. To stop the server, right-click Citrix Command Center and click Stop.

The following procedure describes the steps to uninstall the Command Center service.

To uninstall the Command Center service

- 1. At a command prompt, change the current working directory: $\operatorname{cd} \operatorname{CC_Home}\backslash \operatorname{bin}$
- 2. Run the batch file: UninstallCCAsService.bat

 Note: The Command Center Windows service is automatically uninstalled when you uninstall the Command Center server
 as described in Uninstalling the Command Center Server from Windows.

Installing the Command Center Server on Linux

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To install the Command Center server on Linux, download the installation package from the Citrix portal: http://mycitrix.com. The installation package is a binary file with the following naming convention:

CC Setup ReleaseNumber BuildNumber.bin

Example:

There are two types of server installation: Evaluation and Typical. The installation type is specified at the start of the installation process.

Evaluation installation type enables you to quickly install the Command Center server by installing the pre-packaged PostgreSQL database and by using predefined defaults, such as the HTTPS security mode. Although this installation type provides all functionality of Command Center, it is not supported in production environment. Citrix recommends you use the Evaluation installation type only for evaluation purposes.

Typical installation type provides more flexibility and enables you to connect to an external database and specify the security mode you want to use. This installation type provides all Command Center functionality and Citrix recommends you use this in production environment.

Note: You can also configure Command Center in a distributed multi-tier architecture by installing Command Center agents that manage and monitor the Citrix devices. For more information, see Installing Command Center Agents on Linux You can install the Command Center server on Linux using either the installation wizard or the CLI.

- 1. Run the setup file and follow the instructions on the screen. To run the setup file, at the Linux terminal window, type the following and press Enter. ./CC_Setup_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.bin Example:
- 2. On the installation type screen, select either Evaluation or Typical.
- 3. If you have selected Evaluation, click Next, and then click Install. This installs the packaged Postgre SQL database, and installs Command Center in the HTTPS security mode.
 - If you have selected Typical, perform the following steps:
 - 1. On the database settings screen, under Database Settings, enter the values for the database parameters, and then click Test Connection. After the connection to the database is successful, click Next Note: For information on the database parameters and their values, see the table in the section Database Settings.
 - 2. Under Security Settings, select either HTTP or HTTPS.
 - 3. Click Next, and then click Install.
 - Note: After Command Center is successfully installed, the summary screen appears with a brief note about getting started with Command Center.
- 4. On the summary screen, click Done..
 - Note: The Command Center service is installed and started automatically and Command Center can be accessed from the web browser.

1. At a command prompt, log on as root and type the following: ./CC_Setup_ReleaseNumber_Build Number.bin -i console

Example:

Note: Specifying the -i console option runs the setup file from the command line.

The Installation Wizard starts and displays a set of numerical options.

- 2. To continue with the installation, follow the instructions on the screen.
- 3. To accept the license agreement, type 1 and press Enter, and then type 0 and press Enter to confirm.
- 4. When prompted, specify the complete path where you want to install the server, and then press Enter.
- 5. Enter one of the installation type options Type1 for Evaluation or 2 for Typical.

 Note: For information about installing Command Center agents, see Installing Command Center Agents on Linux.
- 6. If you have typed 1 for Evaluation, to confirm and move to the next step, type 0 and press Enter, and then type 1 and press Enter. The packaged database and security mode details appear on the screen. Type 1 and press Enter to proceed with the installation.

If you have typed 2 for Typical, perform the following steps:

- 1. Enter one of the following database options 1 for MYSQL, 2 for Oracle, or 3 for MS SQL.
- 2. Enter the values for the following database parameters: hostname, port number, database name, username, and password.

Note: For information on the database parameters and their values, see the table in section "Database Settings."

- 3. Enter the communication mode you want to use. Type 1 for HTTP or 2 for HTTPS.
- 4. View the Pre-Installation Summary and press Enter to proceed.

After Command Center is successfully installed, the summary screen appears with a brief note about getting started with Command Center.

Note: The Command Center service is installed and started automatically and Command Center can be accessed from the web browser.

This topic includes the following details:

- Installing Command Center Agents on Linux
- Uninstalling the Command Center Server from Linux

Consider a scenario where you use 300 NetScaler VPX devices in the development and testing stages in your production environment. To manage and monitor such large number of devices, you can now set up Command Center in a distributed multi-tier architecture by configuring Command Center agents to manage and monitor the Citrix devices.

This architecture reduces the load on the Command Center server by distributing the load across the different agents. In a distributed multi-tier setup, the Command Center server performs operations, such as discovery, trap processing, and configuration using tasks. The agents are used for polling and collecting data used for performance monitoring, such as CPU usage, resource utilization, and IP bytes transmitted, and for certificate management. The Command Center server and the agents are connected to the same database.

After the agents are installed and connected to the Command Center server, you can view the agent details on the Administration tab from the Command Center client. You can activate the agents from the client, and then assign devices to the agent to manage. For more information, see Setting Up Command Center Agents.

You can also monitor the state of the agents from your Command Center client. For example, when an agent connects to the Command Center server, an event with severity as clear is raised. And, when an agent connected to the server is down, an event with severity as critical is raised. This allows the user to take appropriate action.

To install the Command Center agents, use the Command Center installation package available at the Citrix portal: http://mycitrix.com. The installation package is an binary file with the following naming convention:

CC_Setup_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.bin

Example:

Note: You cannot install the Command Center server and the agent on the same system. Also, you cannot install more than one agent on a system.

To install Command Center agents on Linux

- 1. Install and start the Command Center server on a system. For information on installing the server on Linux, see Installing the Command Center server on Linux.
- 2. On the system where you want to install the agent, run the setup file either in graphical mode or CLI mode, and then follow the instructions on the screen.
- 3. On the installation type screen, select Agent Setup. If you are using the CLI mode, under Choose Installation Type, type 3 for Agent Setup, and then press Enter.
- 4. In Server IP address, type the IP address of your Command Center server, and then test the connection. If you are using the CLI mode, enter the server IP address, type 1, and then press Enter to test the connection.
- 5. After the connection is successfully tested, follow the instructions on the screen to install the agent.

Note: The Command Center Agent as a service is installed automatically, but you have to start the service manually.

This section describes the procedure to uninstall the Command Center server and service packs, if any. It also describes the procedure to uninstall Command Center configured to run as a service.

To uninstall the Command Center server

- 1. Stop the Command Center server.
- 2. At a command prompt, navigate to the bin subdirectory of the CC_Home directory.
- 3. Run the reinitialize_nms.sh shell script. This deletes the database tables created by the Command Center server.
- 4. Navigate to the CC_Home/_Citrix Command Center_installation directory and run Uninstall.bin file. Follow the steps in the wizard to uninstall.

Note: Uninstalling Command Center removes only the user-created files and folders; you must manually delete the database.

Installing the Command Center Server as a Linux Startup Service

Dec 23, 2009

To use the Command Center server as a Linux Startup service, perform the following tasks:

- Installing the Service
- Running the Command Center Server as a Linux Service
- Stopping the Command Center Server from Running as a Service
- Uninstalling the Service

You must install the Command Center service to start the Command Center server as a Linux service.

To install the Linux service

Use the chkconfig command to configure the Command Center server as a service.chkconfig -add NSCCService

You can manually run Command Center as a service, or you can set Command Center to start as a service when the system is restarted.

To run the Command Center server as a service

Use the following command to start Command Center as a service: /etc/init.d/NSCCService start

To automatically start Command Center as a service when the computer is restarted

- 1. Run the following command: /usr/sbin/ntsysv
- 2. In the screen that appears, select NSCCService.

You can manually run Command Center Agent as a service, or you can set Command Center Agent to start as a service when the system is restarted.

To run the Command Center server as a service

Use the following command to start Command Center as a service: /etc/init.d/CCAgentService start

To automatically start Command Center Agent as a service when the computer is restarted

- 1. Run the following command: /usr/sbin/ntsysv
- 2. In the screen that appears, select CCAgentService.

To upgrade the software or to migrate from the current database to another database, you must stop the Command Center server that is running as a Linux service.

To stop the Command Center server from running as a service

Run the following command: /etc/init.d/NSCCService stop

The following procedure describes the steps to uninstall the Command Center service.

To uninstall the Linux startup service

- 1. At a command prompt, type the following to uninstall the Linux Startup service: chkconfig -del NSCCService
- 2. Run the following command: rm -rf /etc/init.d/NSCCService The Command Center Linux service is automatically uninstalled when you uninstall the Command Center server as described in Uninstalling the Command Center Server from Linux.

Setting the Command Center Communication Mode

Dec 23, 2009

By default, Command Center runs on HTTPS mode. You can change the communication mode from HTTPS to HTTP or HTTPs.

- 1. At a command prompt, navigate to the bin directory of the CC_Home directory.
- 2. Do one of the following:
 - If HTTPS was chosen as the communication mode, type: server_mode.bat https
 - If HTTP was chosen as the communication mode, type: server_mode.bat http

Installing the Command Center Server in High Availability Mode

Mar 20, 2010

You can configure two Command Center servers to work as a high availability (HA) pair by configuring a server as primary and the other server as secondary. HA pair mode of operation allows you to ensure uninterrupted management of network devices by allowing the secondary Command Center server to take over in case the primary server fails, terminates, or shuts down.

Note: Both the primary and secondary servers should be in same time zone or with the same time settings. This is to ensure an accurate timeline for performance data in case of a failover.

- 1. Install Command Center on the server that you want to use as the primary HA server as described in Installing the Command Center Server on Windows or Installing the Command Center Server on Linux and connect to your database.
- 2. Start the Command Center server.

assigned as a secondary server.

- 3. Install Command Center on the server that you want to use as the secondary HA server connecting to the same database to which the primary HA server is connected.
- 4. Start the Command Center server.

 Important: Citrix recommends you to start the server which you intend to assign as primary server, connect to the Command Center client to ensure that the server is started, and then start the other server, which is automatically

Note: For a successful HA failover, ensure that both the primary server and the secondary server are DNS-enabled.

Installing Certificates for Secure Communication

May 28, 2015

You must install a certificate from a trusted certification authority to validate the server identity and to ensure secure communication between the Command Center server and the clients.

It is assumed that you already have the certificate you want to install.

You must convert the certificate to the pkcs#12 format by using any conversion tool, such as the openssl tool.

Note: You can install default certificates by using the cccerts.p12 file, which is located in the *CC_Home* directory. To install the certificate

- 1. Copy the file, which is in the pkcs#12 format, either to the root directory on the Command Center server or to your local system.
- 2. Log on to the Command Center client.
- 3. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Tools, click Install Certificate.
- 4. In File, click Local (if you have saved the .p12 file on your local system) or click Server (if you have saved the file on the Command Center server), and then click Browse to select the .p12 file.
- 5. In Password, specify the password that you had provided while converting the certificate to pkcs#12 format.
- 6. Click OK and restart the Command Center server.

 Note: Changes to the certificate are effective after you restart the Command Center server.

Upgrading Command Center

Nov 27, 2014

Command Center 5.1 offers new features and improved functionality of existing features. For more information, see the Citrix Command Center 5.1 Release Notes.

Upgrading the Command Center server to release 5.1 requires the installation of the Command Center service pack. This service pack installs the upgraded Command Center platform, installs JRE 1.6, and upgrades your data.

You can download the service pack for both Windows and Linux from the Citrix portal Web site: http://mycitrix.com.

Note: You cannot downgrade a Command Center software or appliance.

Important: Please see the database upgrade requirements and the upgrade scenarios and steps before you begin upgrading your Command Center server.

Database Upgrade Requirements

For Command Center release 5.1, the MySQL database version supported is 5.0 and higher with InnoDB storage engine. Also, Command Center 4.0 and later no longer supports internal MySQL that was packaged with earlier releases of Command Center.

If you are using Command Center release 3.x with internal or external MySQL database version earlier than 5.1.x and/or with MyISAM storage engine, you must migrate your data to a MySQL database running 5.1.x with InnoDB storage engine before you upgrade to Command Center 5.1.

Upgrade Scenarios and Steps

The following table summarizes three scenarios and the upgrade steps you must follow to upgrade your Command Center under each scenario.

Scenario	Upgrade Steps
Upgrading from Command Center release 3.x with one of the following databases: MS SQL database Oracle database External MySQL 5.1.x with InnoDB storage engine	 Upgrade to Command Center 4.0 by installing the service pack CC_SP4.exe (for Windows) or, CC_SP4.bin (for Linux) For information about the installation steps, see Installing the Service Pack. Upgrade to Command Center 4.1 by installing the latest version of the service pack with file naming convention: CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.exe (for Windows) or, CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.bin (for Linux) Upgrade to Command Center 5.x by installing the latest version of the service pack with file naming convention: CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.exe (for Windows) or, CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.bin (for Linux) For information about the installation steps, see Installing the Service Pack.
Upgrading from Command Center release 3.x with one of the following MySQL database	Migrate to an external MySQL database running version 5.1.x with InnoDB storage engine. For information about the migration executable and the migration steps, see

versions: Scenario Internal MySQL External MySQL running a version earlier than 5.1.x External MySQL running version 5.1.x and with MyISAM storage engine.	 Upgrade Steps Upgrade to Command Center 4.0 by installing the service pack CC_SP4.exe (for Windows) or, CC_SP4.bin (for Linux). For information about the installation steps, see Installing the Service Pack. Upgrade to Command Center 4.1 by installing the latest version of the service pack with file naming convention: CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.exe (for Windows) or, CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.bin (for Linux) Upgrade to Command Center 5.x by installing the latest version of the service pack with file naming convention: CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.exe (for Windows) or, CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.bin (for Linux) For information about the installation steps, see Installing the Service Pack.
Upgrading within Command Center release 5.x	Install only the latest version of the 5.1 service pack with file naming convention: CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.exe (for Windows) or, CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.bin (for Linux) For information on the installation steps, see Installing the Service Pack.

In this section:

- Migrating MySQL Database
- Installing the Service Pack

Migrating MySQL Database

May 09, 2012

For Command Center release 5.1, the MySQL version supported is 5.1x with InnoDB storage engine. Also, Command Center 4.0 and later no longer supports internal MySQL that was packaged with earlier releases of Command Center.

If you are using Command Center release 3.x with internal or external MySQL database version earlier than 5.1.x and/or with MyISAM storage engine, you must migrate your data to a MySQL database running 5.1.x with InnoDB storage engine by running the Data Migration executable.

You can download the data migration executable from the Citrix portal Web site: http://mycitrix.com

The executables are:

- CC_MySQL_DM_4.0.exe (for Windows)
- CC_MySQL_DM_4.0.bin (for Linux)

The data migration tool backs up your current data and restores it to your new database.

Important:

- Data backed up in Windows cannot be restored in Linux and vice-versa.
- The minimum available disk space of the source system where the data is backed up should be the same as the size as your database.
- The minimum available disk space of the destination system where data is getting migrated should be double the size of your database.

To migrate MySQL database

- 1. Install MySQL 5.1.x with InnoDB storage engine.
- 2. Create a database for Command Center.
 - Important: The parameter max_allowed_packet in the file my.ini should be set to a high value. Citrix recommends you set this parameter to 30MB. The default location of this file is MySQL_Install_Dir (in Windows) and /etc/my.cnf (in Linux).
- 3. When prompted for the destination directory path, specify the path to your current Command Center location.
- 4. When prompted for the database settings, enter the host name, database name, port, user name, and password of the new database.
- 5. Click Next, or type 1 and press Enter (if you are running the tool from the CLI on Linux) to start the data migration process.

Note: The data migration may take some time depending on the amount of data that is being migrated.

Installing the Service Pack

May 09, 2012

You need to install the Command Center service pack to upgrade the Command Center server to release 5.1. You can download the service pack for both Windows and Linux from the Citrix portal Web site: http://mycitrix.com. The service pack is an executable or binary file.

If you are upgrading to Command Center release 5.1 from release 3.x, you must first download the following to upgrade to Command Center release 4.0:

- CC_SP4.exe (for Windows)
- CC_SP4.bin (for Linux)

Note: This service pack installs the upgraded Command Center platform, installs JRE 1.6, and upgrades your data.

- To upgrade from Command Center release 4.0 or later to release 5.1, download the following:
 - CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.exe (for Windows)
 - CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.bin (for Linux)

Note: Make sure that you have read the database upgrade requirements and the upgrade scenarios and steps in Upgrading Command Center.

To install the service pack on Windows

- 1. Shut down the Command Center server.
- 2. To install the service pack, double-click the executable file that you downloaded.
- 3. Click Next and follow the instructions in the wizard. Upon successful completion of the upgrade process, the screen displays the summary of the upgrade.
- 4. Click Finish. The Command Center upgrade process is complete.

 Note: The upgrade may take some time depending on the size of the data that is being upgraded.
- 5. Double-click the Start Citrix Command Center server icon on the Windows desktop to start the server.

To install the service pack on Linux

- 1. Shut down the Command Center server by navigating to \\CC_Home\bin at the Linux terminal window, and then run the ShutDown.sh shell script.
- 2. To run the service pack, change the attributes of the file to executable.
- 3. At the Linux terminal window, type one of the following commands to start the installation wizard. ./CC SP4.bin

or,

./CC_SP_ReleaseNumber_BuildNumber.bin

Note: You can also run the service pack from the CLI.

- 4. On the Welcome screen, click Next, select the license agreement, and then click Next.
- 5. On the Directory Name screen, click Next.
 - Note: The Directory Name field displays the default installation directory path.
- 6. On the Summary screen, verify the settings.
- 7. To start the upgrade process, click Install. Upon successful completion of the upgrade process, the Installation Complete screen appears. In addition to notifying you that the Citrix Command Center server has been installed successfully, this screen also provides a brief introduction to getting started with Citrix Command Center.

- 8. Click Finish. The Citrix Command Center server upgrade installation is complete.

 Note: The upgrade may take some time depending on the size of the data that is being upgraded.
- 9. To start the Command Center server, at the Linux terminal window, navigate to the Services Manager screen and start the service...

Getting Started with Command Center

May 28, 2015

Citrix Command Center is a management and monitoring solution for Citrix application networking products that include Citrix NetScaler, Citrix NetScaler VPX, Citrix NetScaler Gateway Enterprise Edition, Citrix CloudBridge VPX, NetScaler SDX, CloudBridge Platform, and Citrix CloudBridge. Use Command Center to manage, monitor, and troubleshoot the entire global application delivery infrastructure from a single, unified console.

This centralized management solution simplifies operations by providing administrators with enterprise-wide visibility and automating management tasks that need to be executed across multiple devices.

The following management tasks are simplified with Command Center:

- Quickly address and resolve device and network issues and keep the network running effectively by monitoring and managing the SNMP and syslog events generated on your devices.
- Understand the traffic patterns, gather data for capacity planning, and monitor the performance of the entire application delivery infrastructure by using historical charts and performance graphs.
- Monitor and manage the states of virtual servers, services, and service groups across the NetScaler infrastructure.
- Simplify device management and minimize configuration errors by using built-in and custom tasks to make configuration changes across devices, upgrade firmware, and replicate a device's configuration to other devices in your network.
- Set up alerts for specific instances of entities and notify administrators when configured thresholds are breached by using the advanced entity-based thresholds feature.
- Troubleshoot configuration errors or recover unsaved configuration on sudden system shutdown by running audit policies.
- Prevent server downtime from expired SSL certificates by receiving notifications for certificate expiration dates, and then updating the certificates from your management solution.
- Ensure constant availability of your management solution by setting up Command Center in a high availability activestandby mode.

To begin monitoring and managing Citrix devices, you need to connect to the Command Center server by using the HTML Web client, and then add the devices for discovery. Command Center initiates the discovery process, which stores device-related information in the Command Center server.

This topic includes the following details:

- Logging on to Command Center
- Adding Devices
- Understanding the Discovery Process
- Provisioning NetScaler VPX Devices on XenServers
- Provisioning NetScaler Instances on NetScaler SDX
- Configuring NetScaler Cluster from Command Center
- Viewing Inaccessible Devices
- Configuring Maps

Logging on to Command Center

May 24, 2012

You need to connect to the Command Center server by using the HTML Web client.

To log on to Command Center

1. In your Web browser address field, type one of the following:

http://ComputerName:PortNumber

or

https:///ComputerName:PortNumber

Where:

- ComputerName is the fully qualified domain name (FQDN), host name, or the IP address of the Command Center server.
- PortNumber is the port used by the Command Center client and server to communicate with each other. The default port number for HTTP is 9090 and for HTTPS is 8443.
- 2. On the Login page, in User Name and Password, type the user name and password to connect to the Command Center server, and then click Login.

The default user name and password are **root** and **public**. However, Citrix recommends that you change the password after you install the Command Center server. For information about changing the root password, see Changing the Root Password.

The Command Center Home page appears that provides you with a high-level view of the performance of the Citrix devices that you are managing and monitoring.

On first log on, the Home page does not display any data because you do not have any Citrix devices discovered on your Command Center.

- 3. In the Start in list, select how you want to log on to Command Center. The available options are Home, Citrix Network, Fault, Monitoring, Configuration, and Reporting. For example, if you want Command Center to display the Configuration page when you log on, select Configuration in the Start in list.
- 4. In Timeout, type the length of time (in minutes, hours, or days) for which the session can be inactive before you must log in again. The timeout duration that you specify here is applicable only for this client. You can also specify timeout duration for all the users on the Access Settings page (Administration > Access Settings). For more information, see . Note: You must minimize the Alarm Summary table for the session timeout to work. If the Alarm Summary table is expanded, the session is considered to be active.
- 5. Click **Login** to log in to the Command Center client.

Adding Devices

May 27, 2015

Devices are Citrix appliances or virtual appliances that you want to discover and manage.

The Command Center server supports three types of devices:

- Standalone: A standalone device functions independently and is not configured in an HA setup.
- HA pair: This represents a pair of devices configured in an HA setup. The primary device in an HA setup processes the traffic. The secondary device monitors the primary and takes over the functions of the primary device if that device is unable to continue processing traffic.
- NetScaler Cluster: This represents a group of NetScaler devices working as a single device. Each device of the NetScaler cluster is called a node. A NetScaler cluster can include as few as 2 or as many as 32 NetScaler devices as nodes.

You can add devices by specifying the host names of the devices, the IP addresses of each device, a range of IP addresses, and NAT HA devices. If you have configured IPv6 feature on the NetScaler device, you can add the NetScaler device using the NetScaler IP addresses in IPv6 format. You can also add devices by importing the device names from a file. Note that when you specify a range, the first three octets of the low and high addresses must be the same. Command Center can discover only 254 devices in an IP address range.

To add devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, under Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, click Add Device at the bottom of the right pane.
- 3. Under Add Device, do one of the following:
 - In the Devices text box, type the host names, IP addresses, Cluster IP addresses, NetScaler IP addresses in IPv6 format, range of IP addresses of devices, and IP addresses of NAT devices you want to discover.

 Note: When adding a NetScaler high-availability pair whose NetScaler IP (NSIP) addresses are in IPv6 format, use the pound sign (#) as a separator between the two addresses: < IPv6 address>#<IPv6 address>.
 - Click the Import from file check box, and then click the Choose File to select a file containing the host names and/or IP addresses of the devices you want to discover.
- 4. Under Device Profile, select a profile you want to use. To add a new profile, click + icon, and follow the steps described in Add Device Profiles.

Viewing the Discovery Status of Devices

Command Center lets you view the discovery status of all discovered as well as inaccessible devices.

To view the discovery status of devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices, and then click Discovery Status at the bottom of the right pane.
- 2. On the Discovery Status page, you can view the following details:
 - Refresh: Refresh the discovery status at the current time.
 - Time: Time when the step in the discovery process started.
 - Device: Device that is being discovered.
 - Operation: Step in the discovery process that is executed, such as add trap destination and enable SNMP.
 - Status: Status of a step in the discovery process. The status can be STARTED, COMPLETED, and FAILED.

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Understanding the Discovery Process

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Command Center initiates the discovery process when you add the devices to the map. Command Center discovers devices based on the user credentials and/or the host names and IP addresses that you provide when adding a map or device.

After you initiate the discovery process, the device goes through a series of steps. Each step and its status in the discovery process are visible in Command Center. To view the discovery status, see Viewing the Discovery Status of Devices.

The Command Center discovery process involves the following steps:

- 1. **SNMP ping:** The Command Center server sends a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) GET request to a Citrix system-specific object identifier (OID) (for example, 1.3.6.1.4.1.5951.1.1). If the server successfully pings the device, it sets the status of step 2 to SUCCESS and proceeds to step 3. If the GET request fails, the device is not a Citrix device, or it is a Citrix device but SNMP is disabled on it. In either fail case, the Command Center server proceeds to step 2.
- 2. **Find Citrix device:** The Command Center server attempts to open an SSH session to the device based on the user credentials configured when adding a map. If the SSH session fails, the device is discarded as a non-Citrix device. If the SSH session succeeds, the server issues a CLI command to check whether the device is a Citrix device. A positive result moves the device to the next step. Otherwise, Command Center discards the device as a non-Citrix device. To check the cause of failure of this step, on the Citrix Network tab, click the device, and click Status. You can also view the cause of failure on the Device Status page.
- 3. **Enable SNMP:** On the discovered Citrix device, Command Center executes a command to configure an SNMP community based on the details entered when configuring the map or when adding a device. This step may fail for various reasons, such as network issues or if another SNMP manager is already configured on the device.
- 4. Add trap destination: Devices communicate with Command Center by sending trap notifications. The Command Center server adds its IP address to the list of trap destinations on the discovered device. This allows Command Center to receive all events/traps generated on the Citrix device. However, this step may fail if the number of trap destinations exceeds the maximum limit of trap destinations on the Citrix device. The limit on Citrix NetScaler devices is 10. If an error occurs you must take corrective measures before you initiate rediscovery of this device.
 Note: If Command Center is behind a Network Address Translation (NAT) device, the trap destination configured on the server is its internal IP, and the events and traps generated by the Citrix device do not reach the Command Center server. To set the trap destination in this case, you must configure it from the Administration tab. For more information, see "Setting Up an SNMP Trap Destination" in the Citrix Command Center Administrator's Guide.
- 5. **Collect inventory:** The Command Center server collects the basic system information for the discovered devices using SNMP. You can view this information on the Device Properties page. For more information, see "Viewing Device Properties" in the Citrix Command Center Online Help. This step may fail if the SNMP manager configured on the Citrix device is not that of the server. It may also fail because of network issues or because the SNMP ports are not configured properly on the firewall. If an error occurs you must take corrective measures, and then initiate rediscovery of the device.
- 6. **Download files:** The Command Center server initiates a Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) session based on the user credentials defined while configuring the map. Then, it downloads the configuration and license files of the device. For CloudBridge devices, it downloads only the configuration files. The Command Center server stores these files in the database. This step may fail because of the following reasons:
 - Incorrectly specified user credentials
 - Incorrectly configured SFTP ports in the firewall
 - Network issues

To check the cause of failure, on the Citrix Network tab, click the device, and click Status. You can also view the cause of failure on the Device Status page. If an error occurs, you must take corrective measures, and then initiate rediscovery of this device.

Note: If the discovery process fails, the failed step is marked as FAILED. Any subsequent steps are marked as N/A. Upon successful discovery, the devices appear on the corresponding maps as icons with their IP addresses or device names. If the server is unable to successfully discover the devices, it marks the devices as inaccessible, generates an event, and groups the devices under the **Inaccessible Systems** node.

Provisioning NetScaler VPX Devices on XenServers

May 09, 2012

Using Command Center you can provision NetScaler VPX on XenServers and begin managing the NetScaler VPX instances.

You can install one or more instances of NetScaler VPX on a XenServer from the Command Center client by using a NetScaler VPX template. The number of instances that you can install depends on the amount of memory available on the hardware that is running XenServer.

To provision NetScaler VPX on a XenServer, first, you need to add the XenServer device and set it for discovery. After the XenServer is discovered, you can provision the NetScaler VPX devices on the XenServer from the Command Center client. Command Center implicitly deploys NetScaler VPX devices on the XenServer, and then discovers the NetScaler VPX devices for monitoring and management.

Important: Before you begin provisioning the NetScaler VPX devices, create a NetScaler VPX template on the XenServer. Make sure that the template name contains the word "NetScaler" as part of the name string, for example, "NetScaler Virtual Appliance". Command Center recognizes only template names with "NetScaler" in the string as NetScaler VPX templates.

When you provision NetScaler VPX from Command Center, you need to provide values for the following parameters, and Command Center implicitly configures these settings on the NetScaler VPX.

- NetScaler IP address (NSIP): Specifies the IP address at which you access a NetScaler VPX instance for management purposes. A NetScaler VPX can have only one NSIP. You cannot remove an NSIP address.
- Netmask: Specifies the subnet mask associated with the NSIP address.
- Gateway: Specifies the default gateway that you must add on the NetScaler VPX if you want access through SSH or the configuration utility from an administrative workstation or laptop that is on a different network.

To provision NetScaler VPX devices on a XenServer

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, under Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Device Inventory, right click on the XenServer device on which you want to provision the NetScaler VPX devices, and then click Provision VPX from the menu options.
- 3. Under Provision VPX, in Template Name, click the NetScaler VPX template you want to use.
- 4. In NetScaler IP, type the IP address you want to assign to the NetScaler VPX device.
- 5. In Netmask, type the IP address of the subnet mask for the subnet where the device is deployed.
- 6. In Gateway, type the IP address of the default gateway for the device.
- 7. Click OK.

Provisioning NetScaler Instances on NetScaler SDX Platform

May 27, 2014

Using Command Center you can provision one or more NetScaler instances on NetScaler SDX device and begin managing the NetScaler VPX devices. The number of instances that you can provision depends on type of NetScaler SDX device license.

To provision NetScaler instance on a NetScaler SDX device, first add the NetScaler SDX device and set it for discovery. After the NetScaler SDX device is discovered, you can provision the NetScaler instance on the NetScaler SDX device from the Command Center client. Command Center provisions the NetScaler instances on the NetScaler SDX device, and then discovers the NetScaler instances as NetScaler VPX devices in Command Center for monitoring and management.

Important: Before you begin provisioning the NetScaler instances, make sure that the .xva image file is uploaded and the admin profile is created on the NetScaler SDX device. Also, view the Device Properties page to check the # Maximum NetScaler Instances property and # Available NetScaler Instances property, to ensure that you do not exceed the maximum number of NetScaler instances that can be provisioned for that NetScaler SDX device.

Note: Provisioning is not enabled for NetScaler SDX Platform models 19555, 17555, 11505, and 13505.

When you provision NetScaler instance from Command Center, you need to provide values for the following parameters.

- Name: The host name assigned to the NetScaler instance.
- IP address: The NetScaler IP (NSIP) address at which you access a NetScaler instance for management purposes. A NetScaler instance can have only one NSIP. You cannot remove an NSIP address.
- Netmask: The subnet mask associated with the NSIP address.
- Gateway: The default gateway that you must add on the NetScaler instance if you want access through SSH or the configuration utility from an administrative workstation or laptop that is on a different network.
- #SSL Cores: The number of SSL cores you want to assign to a NetScaler instance.
- XVA File: The .xva image file that you need to provision.
- CPU: Assign a dedicated core or cores to the instance or the instance shares a core with other instance(s).
- Feature License: Specifies the license you have procured for the NetScaler. The license could be Standard, Enterprise, and Platinum.
- Admin Profile: The profile you want to attach to the NetScaler instance. This profile specifies the user credentials used by Management Service VM and to communicate with the instance to retrieve configuration data.
- User Name: The root user name for NetScaler instance administrator.
- Password: The password for the root user.
- Shell/Sftp/Scp Access: The access allowed to the NetScaler instance administrator.
- Total Memory (MB): The total memory allocated to the NetScaler instance.
- Throughput (Mbps): The total throughput allocated to the NetScaler instance. The total used throughput should be less than or equal to the maximum throughput allocated in the SDX license. If the administrator has already allocated full throughput to multiple instances, no further throughput can be assigned to any new instance.
- Packets per second: The total number of packets received on the interface every second.
- Interfaces: Bind the selected interfaces to the NSVLAN. This specifies the network interfaces assigned to a NetScaler instance. You can assign interfaces to an instance. For each interface, you can specify a VLAN ID. This is the network interface that is a tagged member of a VLAN.
 - If a non-zero VLAN ID is specified for a NetScaler instance interface, all the packets transmitted from the NetScaler instance through that interface will be tagged with the specified VLAN ID. If you want incoming packets meant for

the NetScaler instance that you are configuring to be forwarded to the instance through a particular interface, you must tag that interface with the VLAN ID you want and ensure that the incoming packets specify the same VLAN ID.

- For an interface to receive packets with several VLAN tags, you must specify a VLAN ID of 0 for the interface, and you must specify the required VLAN IDs for the NetScaler instance interface.
- VLAN ID: An integer that uniquely identifies the VLAN. Minimum value: 2. Maximum value: 4095.
- NSVLAN: A VLAN to which the subnet of the NetScaler management IP (NSIP) address is bound.
- VRID IPV4: The IPv4 VRID that identifies the VMAC. Possible values: 1 to 255.
- VRID IPV6: The IPv6 VRID that identifies the VMAC. Possible values: 1 to 255.
- Tagged: Designate all interfaces associated with the NSVLAN as 802.1q tagged interfaces. Note: If you select tagged, make sure that management interfaces 0/1 and 0/2 are not added.

To provision NetScaler instances on a NetScaler SDX Platform

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, and then click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the NetScaler SDX device on which you want to provision the NetScaler instances, and then do one of the following:
 - Right-click the NetScaler SDX device and then click Add NS Instance.
 - Click the Add NS Instance button at the bottom of the right pane.
- 3. In the Provision NetScaler Instance dialog box, specify values for the following parameters.
 - Name*
 - IP Address *
 - Netmask *
 - Gateway *
 - XVA File *
 - Feature License *
 - Admin Profile *
 - Description
- 4. Under Resource Allocation, specify values for the following parameters.
 - Total Memory (MB) *
 - #SSL Cores *
 - Throughput (Mbps) *
 - Packets per second *
 - CPU *
 - Reboot affected Instances if CPU cores are reassigned. You can check this option to restart the instances on which CPU cores are reassigned to avoid any performance degradation.
- 5. Under Instance Administration, specify values for the following parameters.
 - User Name*
 - Password*
 - Shell/Sftp/Scp Access*
- 6. Under Network Settings, select the check boxes next to the interfaces you want to assign, and then in the corresponding text boxes, specify the VLAN IDs for the network interfaces. Optionally select the Allow L2 Mode option to allow the L2 mode on the NetScaler instance. Select this option before you log on to the instance and enable L2 mode.
- 7. Under VLAN Settings, specify the VLAN ID. Optionally, select Tagged to tag packets with the specified VLAN ID. Optionally select the **NSVLAN** option if your deployment requires that the NSIP not be accessible through any interface other than the one you select in the VLAN Settings dialog box. This setting cannot be changed after the NetScaler instance is provisioned. In the Available list, click the arrow symbol to move the interface to the Configured list. The

selected interface is tagged with the specified NSVLAN ID. 8. Click OK.

Configuring a NetScaler Cluster from Command Center

Apr 17, 2014

To create a cluster from Command Center, under **Configure Cluster**, set up a cluster backplane, add the first node to the cluster from the list of discovered NetScaler devices in Command Center, and then assign a cluster IP address. After you have created the cluster, you can add more nodes to the cluster.

To configure a NetScaler Cluster

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, and then click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, click Configure Cluster.
- 3. Under Configure Cluster, provide the following parameters.
 - **Cluster IP**. The IP address to assign as Cluster IP address.
 - **Cluster ID**. An identification number that distinguishes the cluster from other clusters. Minimum value: 1. Maximum value: 16.
 - **Node ID** An identification number that distinguishes the node from other nodes in the cluster. Each node in the cluster must have a different node ID. Minimum value: 0. Maximum value: 31.
 - **Node IP** The IP address of the NetScaler device you intend to add as cluster node.
 - State . The configured state of the cluster node. Possible values: ACTIVE, PASSIVE, SPARE. Default: PASSIVE.
 - **Back Plane**. Backplane interface of the node. For example, if node 0 uses interface 1/1, the value of this parameter is 0/1/1. If node Id is 1, backplane will be 1/1/1. It is a combination of node id/interface/port number.
- 4. Click Create. You have created a single-node cluster. After Command Center discovers the new cluster, you can add additional nodes.

Viewing the Discovery Status of Devices

Oct 31, 2014

Command Center lets you view the discovery status of all discovered as well as inaccessible devices.

To view the discovery status of devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices, and then click Discovery Status at the bottom of the right pane.
- 2. On the Discovery Status page, you can view the following details:
 - Refresh: Refresh the discovery status at the current time.
 - Time: Time when the step in the discovery process started.
 - Device: Device that is being discovered.
 - Operation: Step in the discovery process that is executed, such as add trap destination and enable SNMP.
 - Status: Status of a step in the discovery process. The status can be STARTED, COMPLETED, and FAILED.
 - Message: Message that describes the reason of the discovery process failure or the details of when the discovery process started on a particular device.

Viewing Inaccessible Devices

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When any step of the discovery process fails either when adding a new device or when rediscovering an existing device, Command Center moves the device to the **Inaccessible Systems** node and notifies the administrator through an event. Subsequent successful rediscovery of the device makes it available for monitoring and managing. To view the inaccessible devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, and click Inaccessible Systems.
- 2. You can perform a set of tasks on inaccessible devices, such as viewing the device properties and status, invoking the configuration utility and CLI, and rediscovering the device. For more information, see Monitoring Devices.

Configuring Maps

May 26, 2015

Maps are logical containers that either graphically represent a group of discovered Citrix devices, or represent a group of devices configured as a NetScaler pool and are considered a single logical unit. When adding a map, you need to select the devices you want to grouped under that map. After adding a map, you can perform operations on a map, such as adding submaps and modifying maps. You can also perform operations on all the devices in a map, such as configuring audit and running reports.

This topic includes the following details:

- Adding Maps
- Modifying Maps
- Deleting Maps
- Performing Operations on Maps

Adding Maps

Maps are logical containers that either graphically represent a group of discovered Citrix devices considered a single logical unit. You can either add a map and group devices under it logically, such as based on features configured on your devices.

To add maps

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, and click Maps.
- 2. In the right pane, click Add.
- 3. Under Add Map, in Name, type the name that you want to use for the new map.
- 4. In Description, type a brief description of the new map. Note that this step is optional.
- 5. Click Add to view the devices available and then click the the + icon next to the devices you want to add to the map and then click Create.

Modifying Maps

You may want to modify a map if the device login credentials or SNMP version details on your devices have changed. You can also modify a map to add more devices to that map, or remove existing devices from the map.

To modify maps

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, and click Maps.
- 2. In the right pane, click the map you want to modify, and then click Modify at the bottom of the right pane.
- 3. Under Modify Map, make the required changes, and then click OK.

Deleting Maps

You can delete an existing map from the network using the delete map feature.

To remove a map

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, and click Maps.
- 2. In the right pane, click the map you want to delete, and then click Delete at the bottom of the right pane.

3. In the confirmation dialog box, click Yes. The map is deleted.

Performing Operations on Maps

After you have grouped devices by adding maps, you can perform a set of operations on all the devices grouped under a specific map, such as run reports and execute tasks.

To perform operations on maps

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, and click Maps. Click the map name on which you want to perform an operation.
- 2. In the right pane, click a map on which you want to perform an operation. You can do the following.
 - Modify: Modify the map to add or remove devices, or if the device login credentials and SNMP version details have changed. You cannot modify a pool.
 - Run Report: Run a custom report on all the devices in a map or a pool to troubleshoot or analyze the behavior of the devices
 - Execute Task: Execute a built-in or custom task on all the devices in a map or a pool.
 - Config Audit: Run configuration audits on all the devices in a map or a pool to monitor configuration changes across the devices.
 - Rediscover: Rediscover all the devices in a map.
 - Delete: Delete all the devices from the map.

Monitoring Devices

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After the devices are discovered, on the Citrix Network tab you can perform various operations specific to single devices or multiple devices.

This topic includes the following details:

- Viewing Device Properties
- CloudBridge Device Properties
- Running Reports
- Viewing Events and Alarms
- Executing Tasks
- Running Configuration Audits
- Invoking the CLI of NetScaler Devices
- Invoking the User Interface of NetScaler Devices
- Invoking the CLI and User Interface of CloudBridge Devices
- Generating the Tar Archive of Configuration Data of NetScaler Devices
- Replicating a NetScaler Device's Configuration to other NetScaler Devices
- Replicating a CloudBridge Device's Configuration to Other CloudBridge Devices
- Viewing the Replication Status of CloudBridge Devices
- Viewing the Device Configuration of CloudBridge Devices
- Searching Devices from Device Inventory
- Restarting Devices
- Pinging Devices
- Tracing the Route of Devices
- Viewing the Discovery Status
- Rediscovering Devices
- Deleting Devices
- Unmanaging Devices
- Performing Operations Specific to HA Devices
- Performing Operations Specific to NetScaler Cluster

Viewing Device Properties

During every discovery or rediscovery of a device, Command Center downloads and stores the configuration and license files of that device. These files contain device-related information that you can view in device properties.

To navigate to device properties

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, and click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Device Properties. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Device Properties.

NetScaler Device Properties

General Properties of NetScaler Devices

The general properties of a device are:

- NetScaler IP: Specifies the IP address of the device along with the HA peer IP address.
- Build version: Specifies the build version, build date, and build time of the NetScaler software currently running on the device.
- System Name: Specifies the name of the device. The default is NetScaler.
- Netmask: Specifies the subnet mask applied to the IP address of the device.
- Gateway: Specifies the IP address of the default gateway, which is the router that forwards traffic out of the subnet in which the device is installed.
- Maximum requests per connection: Specifies the maximum number of requests supported per connection.
- Location: Specifies the SNMP location value for the device.
- Current Mapped IP count: Specifies the number of Mapped Network IP addresses configured on the NetScaler device.
 An MIP is a Mapped IP address on a Citrix NetScaler system. In Request Switching, Citrix NetScaler replaces the client's source IP address with a MIP address. The web server receives a MIP instead of a client IP address in the IP header field.
- Encoded serial number: Specifies the 20-digit encoded serial number of the NetScaler device.
- Node State: Specifies the state of the device. The state indicates whether the device is configured in a standalone or primary setup or is part of a high availability setup. In a high availability setup, the state also indicates whether the device is in primary or secondary mode.
- Master State: The configured state of the primary device.
- Uptime: Specifies the period of time, in days, hours, and minutes, for which the device has been continuously in the UP state.
- System Services: Specifies the number of services available on the device.
- Contact person: Specifies the contact information of the person who configured the device. The default is WebMaster.
- System Hardware Version: Specifies the hardware version of the NetScaler device (for example, 7000 series or 10000 series).
- System Custom ID: Specifies the identifier value of the device. This is unique to each device and is a configurable string value.
- isManaged: Specifies the discovery status of the device, that is, whether the device is managed or unmanaged, as true or false. True indicates that the device is managed and false indicates that the device is not currently managed by Command Center.
- Mapped IP address range: Specifies the range of Mapped Network IP addresses configured on the NetScaler device.
- Serial Number: Specifies the 10-digit serial number of the NetScaler device.
- Profile Name: Specifies the profile that is used by Command Center to communicate with the device. To change the profile, click the Edit icon and select a different profile.
- No. of SSL Cards: Specifies the number of SSL Cards on the system.
- No. of PEs: Specifies the number or Packet Engines on the system.

The properties specific to a cluster node are:

- Cluster IP: Specifies the IP address of the NetScaler Cluster.
- Back Plane: The interface to be used to communicate with the other cluster nodes.
- State: The configured state of the cluster node. Possible values: ACTIVE, PASSIVE, SPARE. Default: PASSIVE.
- Health: Specifies the health of the device.

Monitoring Parameters of NetScaler Devices

To view Monitoring, under Device Properties, click More. The Monitoring section displays the status of monitoring parameters and status polling options:

• Last Status Update Time: Specifies the time of the last status check performed on the device.

- Last Status Change Time: Specifies the time of the last status change performed on the device.
- Next Status Poll Time: Specifies the time of the next status check scheduled to be performed on the device.
- Status Polling: You can enable or disable status polling and set the interval of polling the device for status. To configure status polling, click Edit and configure the following parameters:
 - State: Indicates whether monitoring is enabled for the device. The server monitors the discovered devices on a periodic basis to check for any change in state and to update the database server with the latest changes.
 - Interval in Seconds: The frequency (in seconds) in which discovered devices are polled for their status.

Configuration Changes on NetScaler Devices

Use Command Center to track the configuration change trends for a device and generate various reports depicting the configuration changes. You can use this information to resolve configuration mismatches and conflicts. You can also view the details of the archived files in the database, and you can view the current configuration and license files. On the Configuration tab, you can view the following details:

Configuration Change Trend History

Displays a bar graph that depicts the number of configuration changes on the device per day. The X-axis depicts the days and the Y-axis depicts the number of configuration changes on a day. You can use this information to analyze the frequency of configuration changes over a period of time.

Details

- Show Running Configuration: Displays the currently running configuration on the device.
- Show Saved Configuration: Displays the saved configuration of the device and the time when the configuration was saved.
- Difference between Running and Saved Configuration: Compares the running and saved configuration on a device and highlights specific instances of difference or mismatch between the configurations. If a system shuts down unexpectedly, you can use this report to recover and save configuration changes that were executed but not saved.
- Config Change History: Tracks configuration changes that take place over a period of time. The default period is seven days. Configuration change events provide details, such as the change category, the commands that are run, the user who runs the commands, and the result. This information helps correlate the timing to analyze the network behavior and traffic patterns.

Configuration

You can track the configuration details and the files downloaded during discovery of a device. Also, you can archive configuration of a device at any given point of time.

Use this section to do the following:

- Diff with Running Config: Compare an archived configuration file with the running configuration by clicking the archived file name and then clicking Diff with Running Config.
- Backup Config: Download and archive files for the current time.
- Refresh: Refresh the Archived Details section.
- Download: Download configuration and license files to your local system.

The following details are available for each file archived during discovery or rediscovery, during intervals set by the user, or for the current time:

- Time: The date and time when the configuration and license files were archived.
- View Config: The saved configuration at the time the files were archived. To view the saved configuration report, click View Config.
- View Files: The list of files archived. To view the list of all the license and configuration files archived and stored in the database, click View Files.
- Restore Configuration: Click **Restore Configuration** against a timestamp to restore the previous version of the configuration file. On the Restore Configuration page, click **Ok**.
 - Note: When you upgrade the Command Center server from version 5.0 or 5.1 to version 5.1, build 30.5, you cannot restore the current configuration with a configuration that was achieved before the upgrade.
- Comments: Details about when the files are downloaded (for example, File downloaded during re-discovery).

Licensed Features and Modes on NetScaler Devices

On the License and Modes tab you can view the following details about the licensed and unlicensed features and the modes configured on the device:

Licensed Features status

Lists the features licensed on the device. Also displays information about the state of the features, such as ON or OFF, to depict whether the feature is enabled or disabled.

Unlicensed Features

Lists the features that are not licensed on the device.

Modes

Displays the state of the modes of operation of the device. Modes are capabilities of the NetScaler device. Modes can be turned on or off as required by the user. Unlike features that are licensed options, modes are unlicensed, built-in features of the system. Decisions about which modes to configure are based on the architecture of the individual user network and the purpose for which the NetScaler device is used.

NetScaler Cluster Device Properties

General Properties of NetScaler Cluster Devices

The Device Properties page for NetScaler Cluster device displays the device-related information, the NetScaler devices configured as cluster nodes, the details of the nodes, and option to remove the nodes from cluster configuration.

The general properties of a NetScaler Cluster are:

- NetScaler Cluster IP: Specifies the IP address of the NetScaler Cluster.
- Node State: Specifies the state of the device.
- Server Uptime: Specifies the period of time, in days, hours, and minutes, for which the device has been continuously in the UP state.
- Build version: Specifies the build version, build date, and build time of the NetScaler software currently running on the
 device.
- Name: Specifies the name of the device.
- Location: Specifies the SNMP location value for the device.
- System Hardware Version: Specifies the hardware version of the NetScaler device (for example, 7000 series or 10000 series).
- Serial Number: Specifies the 10-digit serial number of the NetScaler device.
- Encoded serial number: Specifies the 20-digit encoded serial number of the NetScaler device.
- Managed: Specifies the discovery status of the device, that is, whether the device is managed or unmanaged, as true or

false. True indicates that the device is managed and false indicates that the device is not currently managed by Command Center.

- Profile Name: Specifies the profile that is used by Command Center to communicate with the device. To change the profile, click the Edit icon and select a different profile.
- Dead Interval: The amount of time (in seconds) after which the nodes that do not respond to the heartbeats are assumed to be down. Default value: 3 Minimum value: 3 Maximum value: 60
- Hello Interval: The amount of time (in milliseconds) after which heartbeats are sent to each cluster node to check the health status. Default value: 200 Minimum value: 200 Maximum value: 1000
- Preemption: Specifies if the preemption of the cluster node (configured as SPARE by a node that is configured as
 ACTIVE) is disabled or enabled. Possible values: ENABLED, DISABLED. Default: DISABLED
 Enabled: When preemption is enabled, ACTIVE nodes are given precedence over SPARE nodes. This means that when an
 ACTIVE node comes online and finds that a SPARE node is serving traffic, it preempts the SPARE node and starts serving
 traffic.

Disabled: When preemption I disabled, the SPARE node continues serving traffic even after an ACTIVE node comes back online.

• Cluster Status: Specifies the status of the NetScaler Cluster.

CloudBridge Device Properties

General Properties of CloudBridge Devices

The general properties of a device are:

- System Name: Specifies the name of the system.
- CloudBridge IP: Specifies the IP address of the system.
- Build Version: Specifies the software version of the CloudBridge device.
- System Status: Specifies the system status—Normal or Bypass.
- Boost Status: Specifies the mode of boost operation used by the device—Hardboost or Softboost.
- Uptime: Specifies the period of time, in days, hours and minutes, for which the device has been continuously in the up state.
- Host Name: Specifies the host name of the system.
- Bandwidth Mode: Specifies the mode of bandwidth set for accelerated and non-accelerated traffic—Full or Partial.
- Bandwidth Limit: Specifies the bandwidth limit value configured for the device in megabits per second (Mbps).
- HA Virtual Management IP: Specifies the virtual management IP address specified for the HA pair.
- Node State: Specifies the state of the device. The state indicates whether the device is configured in a standalone or is part of a High Availability setup. In a High Availability setup, it displays as either HA node primary or HA node secondary.
- Contact Person: Specifies the contact information of the person who configured the device. (By default, it is the webmaster.)
- Qos Status: Specifies the Qos Status for the Repeater device.
- Serial Number: Specifies the serial number of the Repeater device.
- Managed: Specifies the status of the device—whether the device is Managed or Unmanaged. The values that display
 are TRUE or FALSE, TRUE indicates that the device is managed and FALSE indicates that the device is not currently
 managed by Command Center.
- Location: Specifies the SNMP location value of the device.
- HA Peer IP Address: Specifies the IP address of the peer HA device in an HA setup.
- HA Virtual Management IP Address: Specifies the virtual management IP address of the HA pair.

 Profile Name: Specifies the device profile that is used by Command Center to access the device. To modify the device profile, click the Edit icon and select a different profile.

Monitoring Parameters of CloudBridge Devices

To view Monitoring, under Device Properties, click More. The Monitoring section displays the status of monitoring parameters and status polling options:

- Last Status Update Time: Specifies the time that the last status check was performed on the device.
- Last Status Change Time: Specifies the time that the last status change was performed on the device.
- Next Status Poll Time: Specifies the time that the next status check is scheduled for the device.
- State: Indicates whether monitoring is enabled for the device. The server has the ability to monitor the discovered devices on a periodic basis, to check for any change in state, and to update the database server with the latest changes.
- Interval in seconds: Specifies the frequency (in seconds) in which discovered devices are polled for state.
- Status Polling: You can enable or disable status polling and set the interval of polling the device for status. To configure status polling, click the Edit icon and configure the following parameters:
 - State: Indicates whether monitoring is enabled for the device. The server monitors the discovered devices on a periodic basis to check for any change in state and to update the database server with the latest changes.
 - Interval in Seconds: The frequency (in seconds) in which discovered devices are polled for their status.

Configuration Changes on CloudBridge Devices

Use Command Center to view the details of the archived files in the database as well as configuration files for the current time. Under Archived Details, view the following details:

- Time: Specifies the time at which a configuration change was made.
- Restore Configuration: Click Restore Configuration against a timestamp to restore the previous version of the configuration file. On the Restore Configuration page, in Annotation, type a message to describe why you want to restore the configuration, and then click Submit.
- Comments: Specifies the comments on the configuration change.
- Download: Download the configuration files to your local system.
- Backup Config: You can download and archive the configuration and license files at the current time. To do this, click Backup Config. The files are downloaded and archived in the database. The status of this download is displayed in the table under Archived Details. The Comments column displays "File downloaded on user request".

Running Reports

You can run a custom report of any polled counters to troubleshoot or analyze the behavior of a device.

To run reports

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- In the right pane, under Devices, select the devices on which you want to run a report, and then click Run Report.
 Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Run Report.

 Note: You can also run a report on all devices in a map or pool. For more information, see Performing Operations on a
- 3. Under Select Instances, provide the appropriate information about the virtual servers and services as needed.
- 4. In Period, select the time interval for which you want to view the specified counter. If you select Custom, select the Start Date and End Date. Note: The values specified in Period are displayed only in the top chart. By default, two other

Map.

- charts are plotted for hourly and daily average data for the counters selected in the previous steps. These two other charts are plotted for a time duration of 3 months and 1 year, respectively. You can change the duration using the Settings option on the View Graph page.
- 5. If you want to view only those counters with non-zero values, select the Exclude zero values check box, and then click OK. Note: On the View Graph page, you can perform additional tasks, such as customizing graph series, changing the scale, modifying the report settings, and refreshing the report. For more information, click Help on the View Graph page.

Viewing Events and Alarms

When the IP address of the Command Center server is added to the list of trap destinations on a discovered device, the device routes all events or traps to Command Center.

Command Center correlates the history of events to form alarms for different severity levels and displays the events as messages, some of which may require immediate attention.

From the Citrix Network tab, you can view the events and alarms for single devices.

To view events and alarms

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Events or Alarms . Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Events or Events .

Executing Tasks

You can simplify device management and minimize configuration errors by using built-in and custom tasks to make configuration changes across devices, upgrade firmware, and replicate a device's configuration to other devices on your network.

You can execute tasks on single or multiple devices on the Citrix Network tab.

To execute tasks on Citrix devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Execute Task . Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Execute Task .
- 3. Under Execute Task, in Task Type, click Built-in or Custom.
- 4. In Task Name, click the name of the task you want to execute.

 Note: Depending on the task you select, type the required values in User Inputs and Annotation Details.
- 5. Click Preview if you want to preview the details of the task you are executing, and then click OK.

Running Configuration Audits

Run configuration audits on Citrix devices to monitor configuration changes across managed NetScaler devices, troubleshoot configuration errors, and recover unsaved configurations upon a sudden system shutdown. Use Audit Policies to generate audit reports based on your requirements. Using these reports, you can monitor the configuration change events for each device on which an audit policy is executed.

To run configuration audits on Citrix devices

1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.

- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Config Audit. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Config Audit.
- 3. Under Config Audit, in Audit Policy Name, click the name of the audit policy you want to execute to generate the audit report.
- 4. Click OK.

Invoking the CLI of NetScaler Devices

You can launch the Citrix NetScaler CLI for a selected NetScaler device by using Command Center. From the CLI, you can configure and manage various features of the Citrix NetScaler system.

To invoke the CLI of NetScaler devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Invoke CLI. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Invoke CLI.
- 3. On the CLI Credentials page, in User Name and Password, type the user name and password of the device, and then click Login.

Invoking the User Interface of NetScaler Devices

You can use Citrix Command Center to launch the browser-based NetScaler user interface for a selected device. You can use the user interface to launch the configuration utility, dashboard, monitoring, and reporting tools of any NetScaler device (which also includes NetScaler Gateway and NetScaler VPX devices).

To invoke the user interface of NetScaler devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Configuration Utility. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Configuration Utility.
 - Note: This option works only if the client computer is able to reach the selected Citrix NetScaler device; therefore, you must ensure that network connectivity exists between the client and the Citrix NetScaler IP (NSIP) address.

Invoking the CLI and User Interface of CloudBridge Devices

You can launch the Citrix CloudBridge CLI for a selected CloudBridge device by using Command Center. From the CLI, you can configure and manage various features of the Citrix CloudBridge device.

To invoke the CLI of CloudBridge devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Invoke CLI. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Invoke CLI.
- 3. On the WS CLI Credentials page, type the user name and password of the device, and then click Login. You can launch the Web user interface for a selected CloudBridge device by using Command Center.

To invoke the user interface of CloudBridge devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Configuration Utility. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Configuration Utility.

Generating the Tar Archive of Configuration Data of NetScaler Devices

You can use the Show TechSupport option to generate a tar archive of system configuration data and statistics for submission to Citrix technical support. After the tar archive file (support.tgz) is generated on the NetScaler, it is downloaded to the Command Center server with the NetScaler IP address used for the file name prefix (for example, NetScalerIP_support.tgz). You can then download the file to your local system.

To generate the tar archive of configuration data of NetScaler devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Show TechSupport. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Show TechSupport.
- 3. In the Show TechSupport window, click Generate. The archive file is generated and downloaded to the Command Center server.
- 4. Click click here to save the tar archive file to your local system.

Replicating a NetScaler Device's Configuration to Other NetScaler Devices

You can use Command Center to replicate the configuration of a NetScaler device to multiple NetScaler devices on your network to save time and minimize configuration errors. Command Center does not propagate node- or device-specific details, such as NetScaler IP addresses.

Note: The replicate configuration functionality is not supported for a NetScaler cluster or for NetScaler devices in a high availability pair.

To replicate configuration of a NetScaler device

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the NetScaler device, right-click the device, and then click Replicate Configuration.
- 3. Under Replicate Configuration, in **Available Device(s)**, select the devices to which you want to replicate the selected configuration, and then click the right arrow.
- 4. In Annotation, type a message describing the reason for replication, and then click OK.
- 5. The Replicate Configuration Status window is displayed and you can view the following details:
 - Annotation: Specifies the message describing the reason for replication, which you had typed when replicating configuration to this device.
 - Command: Specifies the configuration command that was executed during replication. Clicking the command displays
 the details of the command on the Execution Details page. Also, you can view and download the configuration status
 of the batch commands executed.
 - Device Name: Specifies the IP address of the source or destination device on which the command is executed.
 - Start Time: Specifies the time when configuration replication had started.
 - Finish Time: Specifies the time when configuration replication finished.
 - Status: Specifies the status of the configuration replication, which can be either Success or Failed.

Note: To view the configuration of the device before replicating, click on the device and click Show Configuration from the menu.

Replicating a CloudBridge Device's Configuration to Other CloudBridge Devices

You can use Command Center to replicate the configuration of a CloudBridge device to multiple CloudBridge devices on your network to save time and minimize configuration errors. Command Center replicates only configuration commands, such as service classes and SNMP trap destinations, that may be applied to other CloudBridge devices. Command Center does not propagate node- or device-specific details, such as IP addresses.

To replicate configuration of a CloudBridge device

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the CloudBridge device, right-click the device, and then click Replicate Configuration.
 - Note: You cannot replicate the configuration of a CloudBridge instance hosted on a CloudBridge Advanced Platform device.
- 3. Under Replicate Configuration, in **Available Device(s)**, select the devices to which you want to replicate the selected configuration, and then click the right arrow.
- 4. In Annotation, type a message describing the reason for replication, and then click OK.
- 5. Under Replicate Configuration Status, you can view the following:
 - Annotation: Specifies the message describing the reason for replication, which you had typed when replicating configuration to this device.
 - Command: Specifies the configuration command that was executed during replication. Clicking the command displays the details of the command on the Execution Details page.
 - Device Name: Specifies the IP address of the source or destination device on which the command is executed.
 - Start Time: Specifies the time when configuration replication had started.
 - Finish Time: Specifies the time when configuration replication finished.
 - Status: Specifies the status of the configuration replication, which can be either Success or Failed.

Note: To view the configuration of the device before replicating, click on the device and click Show Configuration from the menu.

Viewing the Replication Status of Devices

You can view the status of a configuration that has been replicated from a Repeater device to one or more Repeater devices or from a NetScaler device to one or more NetScaler devices. The replication status can be viewed only for those devices from which configurations have been replicated.

To view the replication status

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Replication Status. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Replication Status.
- 3. Under Replication Status, you can view the following details:
 - Settings: Opens the Settings box for specifying how often you want Command Center to update the replication status page in seconds. By default, the refresh interval is set to 10 seconds.
 - Refresh: Refreshes the replication status page at the current time.
 - Show Source Device: Selecting this check box displays the IP address and status of the source device from which the configuration was replicated.
 - Device Name: Specifies the IP address of the source and destination devices. Clicking the IP address displays the status of each command that was executed on that device during replication.
 - Start Time: Specifies the time when configuration replication had started.
 - End Time: Specifies the time when configuration replication finished.
 - Executed By: Specifies the Command Center user who executed the replication.
 - Status: Specifies the status of the configuration replication, which can be either Success or Failed.
 - Annotation: Specifies the message describing the reason for replication, which you had typed when replicating configuration from or to this device.

Viewing the Device Configuration of CloudBridge Devices

You can view the running configuration of standalone and high availability (HA) primary CloudBridge devices.

To view the device configuration of CloudBridge devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Show Configuration. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Show Configuration.
 - Note: For an HA pair, click the primary device, and then click Show Configuration.

Searching Devices from Device Inventory

You can search for any discovered NetScaler, NetScaler VPX, NetScaler Gateway, CloudBridge, CloudBridge VPX, NetScaler SDX, CloudBridge Platform, or Xen Server device on your Citrix network.

To search devices from Device Inventory

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, under Citrix Network, expand Device Inventory, click **Devices**.
- 3. In the search pane, use the drop down list to select the filter criteria. Enter the search keyword in the text box. You can also use the reserved characters to define the search keyword.
- 4. Click + icon or press the Enter key to add the criteria, and then click Refine Search. The search results are displayed.

Search Syntax Reference

You can search for devices, events, alarms, syslogs, AppFirewall logs, and entities in Command Center on the basis of filters that you create. The following table lists the functions of the reserved characters that you can use to create filters.

Search Syntax		Examples	
Character	Definition /Usage	Pattern	Sample Matches
*	Use when you want to match zero or more characters of the keyword.	Module - Device Inventory Search criterion - Type Search keyword - stand*	All the devices whose state is STANDALONE
I	Use when you want to exclude the characters of the keyword.	Module - Device Inventory Search criterion - Type Search keyword - !stand	All devices whose state is not STANDALONE

Search Syr	Use as a separator between multiple values for a filter criterion.	Examples Module - Device Inventory	All devices whose Name starts with '10' or ends with '56'.
		Search criterion - Name	Sample matches: 10.234.123.56 and 12.123.23.56
		Search keyword - 10*,*56	

Restarting Devices

You can restart a device after performing tasks such as changing the configuration or upgrading the system.

To restart devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Reboot. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Reboot.

Note: For an HA pair, click the primary or secondary device, and then click Reboot.

Pinging Devices

You can ping a device to check whether the device is reachable from the Command Center server.

To ping devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Ping. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Ping.
- 3. Under Ping, you can view the ping statistics for the device.

Tracing the Route of Devices

You can trace the route of a packet from the server to a device through a network by determining the number of hops necessary to reach the device.

To trace the route of devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Trace Route. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Trace Route.

Viewing the Discovery Status

You can view the cause of failure of the discovery of a device on the Device Status page. You can view the step that has failed and the reason why the step has failed. Depending on the type of error, you must take corrective measures, and then initiate rediscovery of the device. For information about the discovery process, see Understanding the Discovery Process.

To view the discovery status of devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, under Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Status. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Status.

Note: For an HA pair, right click the primary or secondary device, and then click Status.

Rediscovering Devices

You may want to set a device(s) for rediscovery when you need to view the latest state of the device and its configuration file. Or, you may want to set a device for rediscovery if the device has moved to the Inaccessible Systems node.

During rediscovery, the Command Center server fetches the configuration and license files of the device, and archives them in its file system. By default, Command Center schedules devices for rediscovery once every hour. You can configure the rediscovery interval according to your preference. For instructions on how to set the rediscovery interval, see Configuring the Discovery Settings.

To rediscover devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Rediscover. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Rediscover.

Deleting Devices

If you do not want to manage and monitor a device, you can delete that device. Deleting a device permanently removes the device and its related details from the database of the Command Center server. With an HA pair, you can delete only the HA pair parent and not individual members.

To delete devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, and click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Delete. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Delete.

Unmanaging Devices

You can stop managing a device and stop the exchange of information between the device and the Command Center server.

To unmanage devices

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the device, and then click Unmanage. Alternately, right-click the device, and then click Unmanage.

Performing Operations Specific to HA Devices

Command Center supports devices configured in high availability mode where the primary device processes the traffic and the secondary device monitors the primary and takes over the functions of the primary device if that device is unable to continue processing traffic. You can perform a set of operations specific to the HA devices, such as forcing a failover and forcing a secondary to stay as a secondary.

This section includes the following details:

- Doing a Force Failover
- Staying as Secondary on Secondary Devices

Doing a Force Failover

You can force a primary device in an HA pair to fail and a secondary device to take over as the primary system. In this mode, a secondary system runs as a hot standby to a primary. This allows the secondary system to automatically take over the functions of the primary system if the primary has a failure that prevents it from processing additional network traffic.

Failover: When two devices are operating as an HA pair, one device is configured as the primary device and the other is configured as the secondary device. The secondary device sends periodic hello messages to the primary device to check whether it is operating. If the primary does not reply, the secondary device retries the connection with the primary for a specified time period. If the secondary device fails to re-establish communication, it determines that the primary system is not functioning as expected, and takes over as the new primary device. This process is known as failover

After a failover, all client connections must be re-established; however, the session persistence rules set before the failover are maintained after a failover.

To force a failover

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the HA pair, and then click Force Failover. Alternately, right-click the HA pair, and then click Force Failover.
- 3. Under Confirm. click Yes to do a force failover.

The failover starts on the HA pair. If the force failover is successful, a confirmation message appears.

Staying as Secondary on Secondary Devices

In an HA setup, you can force the secondary node to stay as a secondary node independent of the state of the primary. For example, in an existing HA setup you may need to upgrade the primary node. During the upgrade, the primary node may restart to complete the upgrade process. In such a situation, you do not want the secondary to take over as the primary node. Instead, the secondary node must remain as secondary even if there is a failure on the primary node.

To configure the secondary device

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, expand Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, under Devices, select the secondary device, and then click Stay as Secondary. Alternately, right-click the secondary device, and then click Stay as Secondary.
- 3. Under Confirm, click Yes.

Performing Operations Specific to NetScaler Cluster

You can now configure and manage NetScaler clusters from Command Center console. You can configure a cluster from the scratch or add a configured cluster to Command Center and then, start managing the NetScaler cluster from Command Center console. The NetScaler Cluster is represented as **NS CL** and the device type of a cluster node is represented as 'Cluster Node' in the Citrix Network page.

A NetScaler cluster is a group of NetScaler devices working together as a single device. Each device of the cluster is called a *node*. A NetScaler cluster can include as few as two or as many as 32 NetScaler nCore hardware or virtual appliances as

nodes. The traffic is distributed among the cluster nodes to provide high availability, high throughput, and scalability.

You can perform various tasks to manage and monitor the device from the Command Center console:

- Discovering a NetScaler Cluster
- Adding a Nodes to the NetScaler Cluster
- Removing the Nodes from NetScaler Cluster
- Removing a Cluster Instance

Discovering a NetScaler Cluster

To add a NetScaler cluster for discovery by Command Center, you can specify the Cluster IP address or the IP address of any of nodes in the cluster. Command Center implicitly discovers the entire set of devices participating in the cluster and adds them to its database.

To discover a NetScaler Cluster

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, under Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, click Add Device.
- 3. Under Add Device, in the **Devices** text box, type the cluster IP address, or the host name, or IP address of any of the cluster nodes participating in the cluster configuration.
 - Note: If a NetScaler cluster has more than one cluster IP address, then only one of the cluster IP address will be discovered.
- 4. Under Device Profile, select a NetScaler profile you want to use.
- 5. Click OK.

Adding a Node to the NetScaler Cluster

You can add additional nodes to the NetScaler Cluster from Command Center. Before you can add cluster nodes from Command Center, you must add the NetScaler devices to Command Center, and then configure these devices as nodes in the cluster.

To add a node to the NetScaler Cluster

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, under Device Inventory, click Devices .
- 2. In the right pane, click the NetScaler Cluster to which you want to add an additional node, and then click Add Cluster Node. Alternately, right-click the NetScaler Cluster and click Add Cluster Node.
- 3. Under Create Cluster Node, set the following parameters.
 - Node IP. Select the IP address of the NetScaler device you intend to add as cluster node.
 Note: You can only select the NetScaler devices which have been discovered by Command Center. If you wish to add a NetScaler device as a node, first add the device to Command Center and then configure the device as a cluster node.
 - **Node ID.** A unique number that identifies the appliance on the cluster. Each node must have a different node ID. Minimum value: 0. Maximum value: 31.
 - State. The configured state of the cluster node. Possible values: ACTIVE, PASSIVE, SPARE. Default: PASSIVE.
 - **Back Plane**. Backplane interface of the node. For example, if node 0 uses interface 1/1, the value of this parameter is 0/1/1. If node Id is 1, back plane will be 1/1/1. It is a combination of node id/interface/port number.
- 4. Click Create. The NetScaler device is configured as a cluster node.

Removing the Nodes from NetScaler Cluster

If you want remove an existing cluster node from the cluster configuration, you can remove that node from Command Center console. Removing the node from the cluster removes the node from the cluster, but not from the Command Center server.

To remove a cluster node from NetScaler Cluster

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, under Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, do one of the following:
 - Navigate to the Device Properties page of the NetScaler Cluster and under NetScaler Cluster Nodes, click the remove icon for the node to be removed.
 - Select the cluster node you wish to remove from the cluster and click Remove Cluster Node. Alternately, right-click the cluster node and click Remove Cluster Node from the options.
- 3. Under Confirm, click OK.

After you remove a node from a NetScaler Cluster, the device is re-discovered as a standalone NetScaler device in Command Center and no longer participates in the cluster configuration. The cluster node is no longer mapped in the device properties page of NetScaler Cluster.

Removing a Cluster Instance

Removing a NetScaler Cluster from Command Center deletes the cluster configuration (Cluster IP and all the nodes) and also deletes Cluster IP from the database of the Command Center server. The nodes participating in this cluster configuration are re-discovered as standalone NetScaler devices in Command Center.

To delete a NetScaler Cluster configuration

- 1. On the Citrix Network tab, in the left pane, under Device Inventory, click Devices.
- 2. In the right pane, select the NetScaler Cluster you wish to remove, and click Remove Cluster Instance. Alternately, right-click the cluster node and click Remove Cluster Instance from the options.
- 3. Under Confirm, click OK.

If you want to stop managing and monitoring a NetScaler cluster, you can delete it from Command Center. Deleting a NetScaler cluster does not change the cluster configuration but only removes the device and its related details from the database of the Command Center server.

Monitoring Your Network by Using the Home Page

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The Command Center Home page provides you with a high-level view of the performance of your Citrix network. The Home page contains graphical and tabular representation of the following statistics about your devices on the network:

- Alarm Summary: An aggregate view of the alarms for all of the discovered devices in your network.
- **Device Inventory:** Summary of alarm status for each device category, such as NetScaler or NetScaler Gateway.
- Active Alarms: Graphical representation of the number of currently active alarms by their severity.
- My Assignments: List of alarms assigned to you. You may pick up alarms to resolve them, or you may unpick the alarms and assign them to other users.
- **Recent Alarms:** A list of the five most recent alarms with details, such as date or time, severity, category, source of alarm (system IP address), and description.

This topic includes the following details:

- Understanding the Alarm Summary
- Monitoring Device Inventory
- Monitoring Active Alarms
- Monitoring Recent Alarms

Understanding the Alarm Summary

The Alarm Summary table is an aggregate view of the alarms for all the discovered devices on your network. This aggregate is based on the categories and severity of the alarms. The table is updated automatically.

The alarm details include the date and time the alarms was generated, the severity, and the actions.

For information about the color codes of the alarms, see Monitoring Active Alarms.

To view the alarm details for a particular category of alarms, click the category name in the table. On the Alarms page, you can view the following details:

- Date/Time: Specifies the date and time when the alarm was generated.
- Severity: Specifies the severity of the alarm, such as Major and Warning.
- Actions: Specifies the actions you can take on the alarms. The possible actions are Alarm Pickup and Annotate.
- Category: Specifies the alarm category, for example, vserverTxBytesRate.
- Source: Specifies the system name, host name, or the IP address of the device on which the alarm is generated.
- Failure Object: Specifies the object on which the alarm is raised.
- Description: Specifies the description of the alarm.

Monitoring Device Inventory

The Inventory view is a table listing the device types and the alarm status of all devices on the network. It also displays the total number of devices (discovered and inaccessible) managed by Command Center.

The first column lists the device types and the number of discovered and inaccessible devices for each device type. The
device types listed are: NetScaler, NetScaler Gateway, NetScaler Cluster, NetScaler SDX Platform, CloudBridge,
CloudBridge Advanced Platform, and XenServer. Clicking the device type displays the details of all the devices in that
category.

- The second through sixth columns display the number of devices (for each device type) with the alarm severity depicted by the alarm color code. For information on alarm color code, see Monitoring Active Alarms. Clicking any of the numbers in these columns displays the details of devices with pending alarms or no pending alarms, as is applicable.
- The last column displays the number of inaccessible devices for each device type. For information on inaccessible
 systems, see Viewing Inaccessible Devices. Clicking a number in the last column displays the inaccessible devices for the
 corresponding category.

On clicking any of the columns, you can view the following details of the devices:

- Name: Specifies the IP addresses of the devices.
- Status: Specifies the status of the alarms for each device critical, major, minor, warning, or clear.
- **Type:** Specifies the type of device, such as NetScaler VPX, NetScaler MPX or NetScaler Instance.
- **State:** Specifies the type of device, such as Standalone or Primary.
- Build Version: Specifies the release version, build version, and date and time of the build.
- Host Device: Specifies the host name on which the device is hosted.
- Host Name: Specifies the host name of the device.

Monitoring Active Alarms

The Active Alarms view is a pie chart representation of the number of currently active alarms, segmented and color coded on the basis of their severity. The following table lists the color codes of the alarms.

ALARM	COLOR CODE
Critical	Red
Major	Amber
Minor	Yellow
Warning	Cyan
Clear	Green

To view the details of the active alarms of a particular severity, click that segment of the pie chart. Under Alarms, you can view the following details:

- Date/Time: Specifies the date and time when the alarm was generated.
- Severity: Specifies the severity of the alarm, such as Major and Warning.
- Actions: Specifies the actions you can take on the alarms. The possible actions are Alarm Pickup and Annotate.
- Category: Specifies the alarm category, for example, vserverTxBytesRate.
- Source: Specifies the system name, host name, or the IP address of the device on which the alarm is generated.
- Failure Object: Specifies the object on which the alarm is raised.
- Description: Specifies the description of the alarm.

Note: Click My Assignments to view a list of alarms assigned to you. You may resolve the alarms assigned to you, or you may

unpick the alarms and assign them to other users. Monitoring Recent Alarms

The Recent Alarms view is a list of the 5 most recent alarms, represented in a table with the following details:

- Date/Time: Specifies the date and time when the alarm was generated.
- Severity: Specifies the severity of the alarm, such as Major and Warning.
- Category: Specifies the alarm category, for example, vserverTxBytesRate.
- Source: Specifies the system name, host name, or the IP address of the device on which the alarm is generated. To view the properties of the device for which an alarm appears, click the IP address of the device.
- Description: Specifies the description of the alarm. To view the alarm properties, click the alarm description.

Monitoring and Managing Events Generated on Citrix Devices

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Use the Fault tab in Command Center to monitor and manage the SNMP and syslog events generated on the Citrix devices. Command Center identifies errors or events based on the real-time status of the devices. It further generates alarms for the identified events, thereby helping administrators to address issues immediately and keep the network running effectively. You can also configure event triggers to filter the events generated by Command Center and take actions on the filtered list of events.

In this section:

- Monitoring SNMP Events and Alarms
- Managing SNMP Events and Alarms
- Monitoring Syslog Events
- Configuring Event and Alarm Triggers
- Threshold Instance Formats

Monitoring SNMP Events and Alarms

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When the Command Center server adds its IP address to the list of trap destinations on a discovered device, the device routes all events or traps generated on it to Command Center. From these SNMP trap notifications, the Command Center server automatically consolidates a list of the events that occur on the discovered devices.

Command Center correlates the history of events to form alarms of different severity levels and displays them as messages, some of which may require immediate attention. The alarms are correlated for similar kinds of events. For example, for events linkUp and linkDown of the same entity Link occurring in the same device, only one alarm is generated, stating the latest status and the severity of the event.

Each event stored in Command Center occupies approximately 250 bytes of space. Command Center stores the events of six months and displays only the latest 10,000 events and alarms.

This topic includes the following details:

- Viewing Events
- Viewing Alarms
- Configuring Views for Events and Alarms
- Searching Events and Alarms

Viewing Events

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Events represent occurrences of events or errors on Citrix devices. For example, when a failure or fault is detected on a Citrix device, an event occurs. The Command Center server collects information about these events.

To view events

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, click Events.
- 2. In the right pane, under Events, view the following:
 - Severity: Specifies the severity of the event, such as critical, major, warning, minor, or clear.
 - Source: Specifies the IP address, the system name, or the host name of the device on which the event is generated ,based on the device label configuration. For more information about configuring the device label, see Configuring Server Settings.
 - Date: Specifies the date and time when the event was generated. The date format is MMM DD, YYYY HH:MM:SS
 - Category: Specifies the category of the device to which the event belongs, such as discovery standalone, inaccessible system, or a discovery HA pair.
 - Message: Specifies the message associated with the event, such as "Command: save ns config Authorization Status: AUTHORIZED Result: SUCCESS User: nsroot."
 - For SNMP authentication failures, the message also displays the IP address and port value of the device that failed authentication.

Viewing Alarms

Command Center correlates the history of events to form alarms of different severity levels and displays them as messages, some of which may require immediate attention. The alarms are correlated for similar kinds of events. For example, for events linkUp and linkDown of the same entity Link occurring in the same device, only one alarm is generated, stating the latest status and the severity of the event.

You can view either all the alarms for all the events, or view the alarm associated with an event.

To view all alarms

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, expand SNMP, click Alarms.
- 2. In the right pane, under Alarms, view the following:
 - Date/Time: Specifies the date and time when the alarm was generated (that is, the latest time of the occurrence of the event associated with the alarm). The date/time format is MM DD, YYYY HH:MM:SS AM/PM.
 - Severity: Specifies the current severity of the alarm—critical, major, minor, warning, info, or clear.
 - Category: Specifies the type of alarm (for example, Entitydown or linkDown).
 - Source: Specifies the IP address or the system name of the device on which the events that caused the alarm occurred., based on the device label configuration. For more information about configuring the device label, see Configuring Server Settings.
 - Failure Object: Specifies the object that triggered the alarm (for example, entity).
 - Description: Specifies the properties (for example, alarm creation date, last updated date, and current and previous severity) of the alarm, with a detailed message.
 - Actions: Specifies the permitted actions (for example, annotate and pickup) that you can perform on the alarm.

To view alarms for an event

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, expand SNMP, click Events.
- 2. In the right pane, under Events, click the event for which you want to view the alarm, and then click Alarm. Alternately, right-click the view, and click Alarm.

Configuring Views for Events and Alarms

You can configure views to monitor specific events and alarms based on the criteria you specify.

Views make it easier to monitor a large number of events generated across your NetScaler infrastructure. For example, you can create a view to monitor all major events raised when there is a high CPU usage.

In this section:

- Adding Views for Events and Alarms
- Modifying Views
- Deleting Views

Adding Views for Events and Alarms

You can add different views for the events and alarms you monitor. These views are based on various filter criteria, such as severity, devices, and categories.

To add views for events and alarms

1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, click Events or Alarms.

- 2. In the right pane, under Events or Alarms, click Add.
- 3. Under Create View, in Name, type a view name. The view name is unique and user-defined.
- 4. In Device Type, select the type of device, such as NetScaler, CloudBridge, NetScaler VPX, and CloudBridge VPX.
- 5. In Severity, select the severity level of the events or alarms for which you want to add the view
- 6. For an alarm view, in Previous Severity, select the severity level that the alarm had earlier. Note: Due to event correlation an alarm goes through various severity levels. The Previous Severity option filters the alarms based on the previous severity level.
- 7. In Devices, click the icon next to the text box to select the IP address(es) of the discovered NetScaler or CloudBridge devices for which you want to define a view
- 8. In Categories, click the icon next to the text box to select the categories of events or alarms generated by the managed devices.
- 9. In Failure Objects, either type the entity instances or counters for which an event or alarm has been generated, or click the icon next to the text box to select the entity instances. Note: This list can contain counter names for all threshold-related events, entity names for all entity-related events, certificate names for certificate-related events. For threshold-related events, the instances should match the incoming traps, as described in the following table.
- 10. In Filter based on event description type a message that lets you further narrow the filter to events or alarms that meet specific criteria. The message should match the incoming trap. For example, if you want to view all events that are generated when a feature or entity is enabled, type Command: enable*. And, if you want to view all events generated by a particular user for the selected category, type *User: UserName. Note: If you are not sure of the format of the message to type, you can copy the format of a similar category from the Message field in the Network Events or Alarms pane.
- 11. In From Time and To Time, click the calendar icon to specify the date and time during which the events or alarms are generated.
- 12. In Event Age or Alarm Age, specify the age of the alarm based on which you want to filter the view.
- 13. In Refresh Period in Minutes, type the time interval after which you want Command Center to refresh the view.

Threshold Instance Formats

Group Name	Instance Format
Interface	InterfaceName
	Example: L0/1
Content Filters	ContentFilterName
	Example: Cfilter1
VLAN	VLANID
	Example: 102
Policy Engine	PolicyName
	Example: Pol1

Services Group Name	ServiceName(ServiceIPAddress:ServicePort)
	Example: svc1(1.1.1.1:8080)
Virtual Servers	VserverName(VserverIPAddress:VserverPort)
	Example: vsvr(10.102.31.80:8443)
Virtual Services	(VserverName:ServiceName)
	Example: vsvr:svc1
Content Switch policies	(VserverName:ContentSwitchPolicyName)
	Example: vsvr.cspol1
Cache Redirection Policies	VserverName:CacheRedirectionPolicyName
	Example : vsvr1:crpol1
ACL Table	ACLName
	Example: acl1
CPU Usage	CPUName
	Example: cpu0
Service Groups	ServiceGroupMemberName(Weight:ServiceGroupMemberWeight)
	Example: svcg1(Weight:1)
ACL6 Table	ACL6Name(Priority:ACL6Priority)
	Example: aclRule1(Priority:25)
System Health	SystemHealthCounterName
	Example: CPUFan0Speed
System Disks	SystemHealthDiskName
	Example: /var
CloudBridge Service Classes	ServiceClassName

Group Name	Example: HTTP (Private) Instance Format
CloudBridge ICA Traffic	Priority
	Example: 5

Modifying Views

After creating views, you can modify the filter criteria of the views.

To modify views

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, expand Events or Alarms.
- 2. Under Events or Alarms, click the view you want to modify.
- 3. In the right pane, click Modify....
- 4. Under Modify View, make changes to the values as required, and then click OK.

Deleting Views

You can delete a view if you do not want to use it again.

To delete a view

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, expand Events or Alarms.
- 2. Under Events or Alarms, click the view you want to modify.
- 3. In the right pane, click Delete.

Searching Events and Alarms

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You can use the search option to search for events and alarms based on different criteria that you provide.

To search for events and alarms

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, click Events or Alarms.
- 2. In the right pane, under Events or Alarms, click Search icon.
- 3. In the search pane, use the drop down list to select the filter criteria. Enter the search keyword in the text box. You can also use the logical operators to define the search keyword.
- 4. Click + icon or press Enter key to add the criteria, and then click Refine Search. The search results are displayed.

Discarding Syslogs

A large number of syslog records can occupy an excessive amount of the Command Center server space. If you do not want the Command Center server to store obsolete syslog records generated by the devices, you can create a Filter that discards those records.

After you create the filter, the Command Center server discards the syslogs that meet the criteria you specified.

To create a Filter

On the Fault tab, in the left pane, expand Syslogs, click Filters and then click Add.

Managing SNMP Events and Alarms

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You can manage the events generated on all your devices from the Command Center console. You can set a time interval for which you want Command Center to poll the events. You can assign alarms to Command Center users to analyze and resolve them. You can also print the list of events and alarms for analysis, or save the list of events and alarms to a file on your local system.

This topic includes the following details:

- Assigning Alarms to Users
- Viewing and Managing Alarms Assigned to a User
- Printing a List of Events and Alarms
- Saving List of Events and Alarms to a File
- Assigning Severity to Events
- Clearing and Deleting Alarms

Assigning Alarms to Users

You can assign alarms to Command Center users who can analyze these alarms and resolve them.

To assign alarms to users

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, click Alarms.
- 2. In the right pane, under Alarms, select the alarms that you want to assign, and then click Assign To.
- 3. Under **Assign To**, select the user name to which you want to assign the alarm.
- 4. In Annotation, type a message describing the reason why you are assigning the alarm, and then click OK.

Viewing and Managing Alarms Assigned to a User

You can view and manage the alarms assigned to you. You may resolve the alarms, or you may unpick the alarms and assign them to other users. When you unpick an alarm, it becomes available for assignment to other users.

To view the alarms assigned to a user

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, click My Assignments.
- 2. In the right pane, under My Assignments, you can view the following details of the alarms assigned to you:
 - Date/Time: Specifies the date and time when the alarm was generated (that is, the latest time of the occurrence of the event associated with the alarm). The date/time format is MM DD, YYYY HH:MM:SS AM/PM.
 - Severity: Specifies the current severity of the alarm—critical, major, minor, warning, info, or clear.
 - Actions: Specifies the permitted actions (for example, annotate and pickup) that you can perform on the alarm.
 - Category: Specifies the type of alarm (for example, Entitydown or linkDown).
 - Source: Specifies the IP address of the device on which the events that caused the alarm occurred.
 - Failure Object: Specifies the object that triggered the alarm (for example, entity).
 - Description: Specifies the properties (for example, alarm creation date, last updated date, and current and previous severity) of the alarm, with a detailed message.

Printing a List of Events and Alarms

You may want to print a hard copy of the list of events or alarms.

To print a list of events and alarms

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, click Events or Alarms.
- 2. In the right pane, under Events or Alarms, select the events and alarms you want to print, and then click Print.

Saving List of Events and Alarms to a File

You can save a list of events and alarms to your local system in CSV format.

To save list of events and alarms to a file

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, click Events or Alarms.
- 2. In the right pane, under Events or Alarms, click Export.
- 3. Under Export, do one of the following:
 - If you want to save all the events in your view, click Export entire custom view data.
 - If you want to save only the data on the current page, click Export displayed data.

 Note: When exporting alarms, if you want the annotations to be saved to a file along with the alarms, select Export Annotations.

Assigning Severity to Events

Command Center assigns severity to the events based on default configuration. However, you can reassign severity levels to events that are generated for the devices on the Citrix network. You can configure severity for both generic and enterprise-specific events. You can define the following types of severity levels: Critical, Major, Minor, Warning, Clear, Info, and Unknown.

To assign severity to events

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, click Events.
- 2. In the left pane, under Events, click Severity.
- 3. Under Severity, click any of the tabs, click the event, and then click Configure Event Severity.
- 4. In Configure Event Severity, click the severity you want to assign, and then click OK.

Clearing and Deleting Alarms

If you have resolved an alarm or an alarm is no longer valid, you can either clear or delete that alarm.

To clear and delete alarms

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, click Alarms.
- 2. In the right pane, under Alarms, select the alarms you want to clear or delete, and then click Clear or Delete.

Monitoring Syslog Events

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You can monitor the syslog events generated on your NetScaler device if you have configured your device to redirect all syslog messages to the Command Center server. To monitor syslog events, you need to first configure Command Center as the syslog server for your NetScaler.

In this section:

- Configuring Command Center as the Syslog Server
- Viewing Syslog Messages
- Configuring Syslog Views

For information about NetScaler Syslog messages, see NetScaler Log Message Reference.

Configuring Command Center as the Syslog Server

To enable Command Center to display syslog messages generated on NetScaler devices, you need to add your Command Center server as the syslog server on the NetScaler device.

To configure Command Center as the syslog server

- 1. Log on to the NetScaler device
- 2. To add a syslog action, at the NetScaler command prompt, type:

add audit syslogAction <name> <serverIP> [-serverPort <port>] -logLevel <logLevel> ... [-dateFormat (MMDDYYYY | DDMMYYYY)] [-logFacility <logFacility>] [- tcp (| Example

add audit syslogAction CC_action 10.102.29.70 -serverPort 514 -logLevel ALL -dateFormat MMDDYYYY -logFacility LOCAL0 - tcp ALL -acl DISABLED -timeZone LOCAL_TIM Note: The value for serverIP should be the IP address of your Command Center server, and the serverPort should be 514.

3. Add a syslog policy so that all syslog messages are forwarded to the Command Center server. The policy defines the conditions under which the specified syslog server will be used for logging. To add a syslog policy, at the NetScaler command prompt, type:

add audit syslogPolicy <name> <rule> <action>

Example

add audit syslogpolicy CC_pol ns_true CC_action

4. To bind the policy globally, at the NetScaler command prompt, type:

bind system global <policyName>

Example

bind system global CC_pol

For more information about these commands, see Citrix NetScaler Command Reference Guide.

Viewing Syslog Messages

 $After you\ have\ configured\ your\ NetScaler\ device\ to\ forward\ syslog\ messages\ to\ the\ Command\ Center\ server,\ you\ can\ view\ the\ syslog\ messages\ from\ the\ Command\ Center\ client.$

To view syslog messages

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under Syslogs, click Complete View.
- 2. In the right pane, under Complete View, you can view the following details:
 - Date/Time: Specifies the date and time when the syslog is generated.
 - Source: Specifies the IP address of the device on which the syslog is generated.
 - Message: Specifies the syslog message that is generated on the NetScaler device (for example, "Nsconf was unable to write a complete config file to disk.").

Configuring Syslog Views

You can configure views to monitor specific syslog events and based on the criteria you specify.

Views make it easier to monitor a large number of syslog events generated across your NetScaler infrastructure. For example, you can create a view to monitor all critical syslog events raised on log facility local0.

In this section:

- Adding Syslog Views
- Modifying Syslog Views
- Deleting Syslog Views

Adding Syslog Views

You can add different views for various types of syslog events that are generated on the NetScaler devices monitored on the Citrix network. These views are based on various filter criteria, such as severity, devices, and log facility.

To add syslog views

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under Syslogs, click View.
- 2. In the right pane, click Add .
- 3. Under Create Syslog View, enter the following details.
 - Name: The user-defined syslog name. Type a name for the syslog view.
 - Message: The syslog message that is generated. Select the operator, such as equals, not equals, and then type the message for which you want to create the view. Note that the message should be exactly the same as it is generated on the NetScaler device.
 - From Date and To Date: The date range when the syslogs are generated. Select the range for which you want to create the view.
 - Severity: The log level. Select the severity for which you want to create the view. The possible values are: Alert, Critical, Debug, Emergency, Error, Info, Notice, Warning.
 - Source: IP address of the device on which the syslog is generated. Select the IP addresses of the devices for which you want to create the view

• Facility: The log facility from where the syslog is generated. Select the facility for which you want to create the view. The possible values are: local0, local1, local2, local3, local4, local5, local6, and local7.

Modifying Syslog Views

After creating views, you can modify the filter criteria of the views.

To modify syslog views

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under Syslogs, click Views.
- 2. In the right pane, click the view name you want to modify, and click **Modify**.
- 3. Under Configure Syslog View, make changes to the values as required, and then click $\mbox{\rm OK}.$

Deleting Syslog Views

You can delete a view if you do not want to use it again.

To delete syslog views

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under Syslogs, click **Views**.
- $2. \ \ In the right pane, click the view name you want to delete, and then click Delete. Alternately, right click the view name and click \textbf{Delete} \ .$

Configuring Event and Alarm Triggers

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You can filter a set of events or alarms by configuring filters with specific conditions and assigning actions to the filters. When the events or alarms generated meet the filter criteria, the action associated to the filter is executed.

Event triggers enable an administrator to filter the events generated by Command Center and take actions on the filtered list of events. Alarm triggers enable an administrator to filter the alarms generated by Command Center and take actions on the filtered list of alarms. You can also set the time interval to trigger an alarm (in seconds) and priority on a list of filters. The conditions on which you can create the filters are: status, device type, severity, source, failure object, category, and message.

You can assign the following actions to event and alarm triggers:

- Send e-mail Action: Sends an email for the events and alarms that match the filter criteria you specified.
- Suppress Action: Suppresses or drops the events and alarms for a specific time period.
- Run Command Action: Executes a command or a script on the Command Center server for events matching a particular filter criterion. By default, to search for the executable, Command Center looks in the paths defined in the environment variable PATH of the device operating system.

Table 1. Parameters for Run Command Action Script

Parameter	Description
\$severity	This parameter corresponds to the state of the event, which corresponds to the severity of the Event.
\$text	This parameter corresponds to the "description" field of the events received.
\$message	This parameter corresponds to the "description" field of the alarms received.
Sentity	The failure object is the key of the Event object. This field affects how the event is processed. Appropriate processing by the trap parser ensures that the failure object reflects the exact problem as notified. This can be used for tracking down the problems quickly and to identify the objects, instead of simply reporting raw events.
\$category	This parameter corresponds to the type of traps defined under category of the filter.
\$source	This parameter corresponds to the source IP of the managed device.

• Send Trap Action: Sends or forwards SNMP traps to an external trap destination. The values that you configure in Trap Forward Settings (Administration > Trap Forward Settings) are displayed by default. You can configure new values, if required.

To configure event and alarm triggers

- 1. On the Fault tab, in the left pane, under SNMP, click Events or Alarms.
- 2. In the right pane, under Events or Alarms, click **Triggers**.
- 3. Under Add Filter, in Name, type a filter name. The filter name is unique and user-defined.
- 4. In Status, select either Enable or Disable.
- 5. In Device Type, select the type of device, such as NetScaler and CloudBridge.
- 6. In Severity, select the severity level of the events for which you want to add the filter.
- 7. In Devices, click the icon next to the text box to select the IP address(es) of the discovered NetScaler or WANScaler devices for which you want to define a filter.
- 8. In Categories, click the icon next to the text box to select the categories of events generated by the managed devices.
- 9. In Failure Objects, either type the entity instances or counters for which an event has been generated, or enter a part of the entity instance along with a wildcard character, or click the icon next to the text box to select the entity instances. Note: This list can contain counter names for all threshold-related events, entity names for all entity-related events, certificate names for certificate-related events. For threshold-related events, the instances should match the incoming traps, as described in the table.
- 10. In Filter based on event description, type a message that lets you further narrow the filter to events or alarms that meet specific criteria. The message should match the incoming trap. For example, if you want to view all events that are generated when a feature or entity is enabled, type Command: enable*. And, if you want to view all events generated by a particular user for the selected category, type *User: UserName Note: If you are not sure of the format of the message to type, you can copy the format of a similar category from the Message field in the Network Events or Alarms pane.
- 11. In Alarm Age, type the time length (in seconds) after which you want to trigger the alarm action for an event. For example, an alarm action, such as sending an email notification, is performed only after an entity has been continuously down for the specified length of time.
- 12. Under Filter Action Details, click Add Action.
- 13. Under Filter Actions, in Action Type, select the type of action you want to associate with a filter, such as Send e-mail Action, Suppress Action, Run Command Action, and Send Trap Action.
 - Note: Click **Test Mail** to check if the mail server credentials provided are accurate and if the mail server is accessible from command center server. If the connection to the mail server is successful, a test mail is sent to the specified email and the settings are saved.
- 14. In Action Name, type the name of the action, and fill values for various options depending on the action type that you select, and then click OK.

Threshold Instance Formats

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Group Name	Instance Format
Interface	InterfaceName
	Example: L0/1
Content Filters	ContentFilterName
	Example: Cfilter1
VLAN	VLANID
	Example: 102
Policy Engine	PolicyName
	Example: Pol1
Services	ServiceName(ServiceIPAddress:ServicePort)
	Example: svc1(1.1.1.1:8080)
Virtual Servers	VserverName(VserverIPAddress:VserverPort)
	Example: vsvr(10.102.31.80:8443)
Virtual Services	(VserverName:ServiceName)
	Example: vsvr:svc1
Content Switch policies	(VserverName:ContentSwitchPolicyName)
	Example: vsvr.cspol1
Cache Redirection Policies	VserverName:CacheRedirectionPolicyName
	Example : vsvr1:crpol1
ACL Table	ACLName
	Example: acl1

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	Example: cpu0
Service Groups	ServiceGroupMemberName(Weight:ServiceGroupMemberWeight) Example: svcg1(Weight:1)
ACL6 Table	ACL6Name(Priority:ACL6Priority) Example: aclRule1(Priority:25)
System Health	SystemHealthCounterName Example: CPUFan0Speed
System Disks	SystemHealthDiskName Example: /var
CloudBridge Service Classes	Service Class Name Example: HTTP (Private)
CloudBridge ICA Traffic	Priority Example: 5

Monitoring and Managing the Real-Time Status of Entities Configured on NetScaler Devices

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Use Command Center to monitor and manage the states of virtual servers, services, and service groups across the NetScaler infrastructure. You can monitor values, such as the health of a virtual server and the time elapsed since the last state change of a service or service group. This gives you visibility into the real-time status of the entities and makes management of these entities easy when you have a large number of entities configured on your NetScaler devices.

This topic includes the following details:

- Monitoring Virtual Servers, Services, and Service Groups
- Managing the Real-Time Status of Entities

Monitoring the Status of NetScaler Devices

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Use the NetScaler Dashboard to view the operational status of the NetScaler devices being managed by Command Center. By default, the dashboard data is refreshed every 5 minutes, you can change it by setting the polling interval value in Command Center.

Note: The dashboard does not display the data of NetScaler devices whose state is Failed, or Unmanaged.

To use the Dashboard

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, under NetScaler, click Dashboard.
- 2. In the right pane, under Dashboard, you can view the following:
 - Name— The name or IP address of the device
 - CPU Usage (%)— CPU Usage (%)
 - Memory Usage (%)— Memory utilization percentage.
 - Rx (Mbps)— Number of megabytes received by the NetScaler appliance
 - Tx (Mbps)— Number of megabytes transmitted by the NetScaler appliance
 - HTTP Req/s— Total number of HTTP requests received
- 3. Click the arrow next to the name of a device to view the connection details for that device
 - TCP Client connections— Current client connections in the established state
 - TCP Server Connections— Current server connections in the established state
 - Total Violations— Number of security check violations seen by the Application Firewall
 - SSL Transactions/s— Number of SSL transactions per second
 - SSL Sessions /s— Number of SSL sessions per second
 - HTTP Compression Ratio— Ratio of the compressible data received from the server to the compressed data sent to the server

The dashboard data is refreshed after each polling interval, the default value is 5 minutes. To poll the device,

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, on the left pane, navigate to NetScaler > Dashboard.
- 2. Select the device you want to poll and from the Actions drop-down list, select Poll Now.
- 3. When prompted for confirmation, click Yes.

The default interval is 5 minutes. To change the polling interval navigate to Monitoring > NetScaler > Dashboard > Configure Polling Interval page and set the value.

Monitoring Virtual Servers, Services, Servers, and Service Groups

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You can monitor the real-time status of virtual servers, services, servers, and service groups using the Monitoring feature of Command Center. You can also view the services and service groups bound to virtual servers.

You can further add views to monitor specific entities based on entity names, device names, protocol types, states, and health.

This topic includes the following details:

- Viewing the Status of Virtual Servers
- Viewing Services and Service Groups Bound to a Virtual Server
- Viewing the Status of Services
- Viewing the Virtual Servers to which a Service is Bound
- Viewing the Status of Service Groups
- Viewing the Virtual Servers to which a Service Group is Bound
- Configuring Views

Viewing the Status of Virtual Servers

Use Command Center to monitor the real-time values of the state and health of a virtual server. You can also view the attributes of a virtual server, such as name, IP address, and type of virtual server.

To view the status of virtual servers

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, click Virtual Servers.
- 2. In the right pane, under Virtual Servers, view the following statistics:
 - Device Name: Specifies the name of the device on which the virtual server is configured.
 - Name: Specifies the name of the virtual server.
 - IP: Specifies the IP address of the virtual server. Clients send connection requests to this IP address.
 - Port: Specifies the port on which the virtual server listens for client connections.
 - Type: Specifies the type of virtual server (for example, load balancing). This information is available only for virtual servers configured on NetScaler release 9.0 and later.
 - Protocol: Specifies the service type of the virtual server. For example, HTTP, TCP, and SSL.
 - State: Specifies the current state of the virtual server. For example, UP, DOWN, and OUT OF SERVICE.
 - Health: Specifies the percentage of the services that are in the state UP and are bound to the virtual server. The
 following formula is used to calculate the health percentage: (Number of bound UP services * 100) / Total bound
 services
 - Last State Change: Specifies the time elapsed (in days, hours, minutes, and seconds) since the last change in the state of the virtual server, that is, the duration of time for which the virtual server is in the current state. This information is available only for virtual servers configured on NetScaler release 9.0 and later.

Note: You can sort the rows in ascending or descending order by clicking the column headers. For example, clicking the Device Name column header sorts the rows in order of the device names.

Viewing Services and Service Groups Bound to a Virtual Server

You can monitor the real-time status of the services and service groups bound to a virtual server. This lets you check the state of the services that may cause the health percentage of a virtual server to become low, and then you can take appropriate action.

To view the services and service groups bound to a virtual server

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, click Virtual Servers.
- 2. In the right pane, under Virtual Servers, click the name of the virtual server for which you want to view the bound services and service groups, and click Bound Servicesor Bound Services Groups. Alternately, right-click the name of the virtual server, and then click Bound Services or Bound Services Groups. For more information about the status of service groups, see Viewing the Status of Service Groups.

Viewing the Status of Services

Use Command Center to monitor the real-time values of the state of a service and the duration for which a service is in the current state.

To view the status of services

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, on the left pane, click Services.
- 2. In the right pane, under Services, view the following statistics:
 - Device Name: Specifies the name of the device on which the service is configured.
 - Name: Specifies the name of the service.
 - IP: Specifies the IP address of the service.
 - Port: Specifies the port on which the service listens.
 - Protocol: Specifies the service type that determines the behavior of the service. For example, HTTP, TCP, UDP, and SSL.
 - State: Specifies the current state of the service. For example, UP, DOWN, and OUT OF SERVICE.
 - Last State Change: Specifies the time elapsed (in days, hours, minutes, and seconds) since the last change in the state of the service, that is, the duration of time for which the service is in the current state.

Note: You can sort the rows in ascending or descending order by clicking the column headers. For example, clicking the Name column header sorts the rows in order of the service names.

Viewing the Virtual Servers to which a Service is Bound

You can view the virtual servers to which a service is bound and further monitor the real-time status of the virtual servers.

To view the virtual servers to which the service is bound

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, click Services.
- 2. In the right pane, under **Services**, click the name of the service for which you want to view the bound virtual servers, and click Bound Virtual Servers. Alternately, right-click the service and click Bound Virtual Servers. For more information about the status of virtual servers, see Viewing the Status of Virtual Servers.

Viewing the Status of Service Groups

Use Command Center to monitor the real-time values of the state of a service group member.

To view the status of service groups

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, click Service Groups.
- 2. In the right pane, under Service Groups, view the following statistics:
 - Device Name: Specifies the name of the device on which the service group is configured.
 - Name: Specifies the name of the service group.
 - IP: Specifies the IP address of the service, which is a member of the service group.
 - Port: Specifies the port on which the service group member listens.
 - Protocol: Specifies the service type that determines the behavior of the service group. For example, HTTP, TCP, UDP, and SSL.
 - State: Specifies the effective state of the service group, which is based on the state of the member of the service group. For example, UP, DOWN, and OUT OF SERVICE.
 - Last State Change: Specifies the time elapsed (in days, hours, minutes, and seconds) since the last change in the state of the service group member, that is, the duration of time for which the service group member is in the current state. This information is available only for service group members configured on NetScaler release 9.0 and later.

Note: You can sort the rows in ascending or descending order by clicking the column headers. For example, clicking the Name column header sorts the rows in order of the service group names.

Viewing the Virtual Servers to which a Service Group is Bound

You can view the virtual servers to which a service group is bound and further monitor the real-time status of those virtual servers.

To view the virtual servers to which the service group is bound

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, click Service Groups.
- 2. In the right pane, under Service Groups, click the name of the service group for which you want to view the bound virtual servers, and then click Bound Virtual Servers. Alternately, right-click the name of the service group, and then click Bound Virtual Servers.

Configuring Views

You can add views to monitor specific entities based on entity names, device names, protocol types, states, and health. Views make it easier to monitor a large number of entities configured across your NetScaler infrastructure. For example, you can create a view to monitor virtual servers with protocol type as AAA.

The views you create are associated with your Command Center user account.

This topic includes the following details:

- Adding Views for Virtual Servers
- Adding Views for Services
- Adding Views for Service Groups
- Modifying Views
- Deleting Views

Adding Views for Virtual Servers

You can add different views for the virtual servers you monitor. These views are based on various filter criteria, such as the virtual server name, device name, protocol type, state, and health.

To add views for virtual servers

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, expand Virtual Servers, and then click Views.
- 2. In the right pane, under Views, click Add.
- 3. Under Create Virtual Server View, in Name, type a name for the view you want to create.
- 4. In Virtual Server Names, type the name(s) of the virtual server(s) for which you want to create the view. Note: Use a comma to separate multiple virtual server names.
- 5. In Devices, click + Add and select the devices from the available list
- 6. In States, select the state(s) of the virtual server.
- 7. In Protocols, select the protocols.
- 8. In Health, choose the operator, and in the text box, type the health percentage, and then click Create.

Adding Views for Services

You can add different views for the services you monitor. These views are based on various filter criteria, such as the service name, device name, protocol type, state, and last state change.

To add views for services

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, expand Services, and then click Views.
- 2. In the right pane, under Views, click Add....
- 3. Under Create Service View, in Name, type a name for the custom view you want to create.
- 4. In Service Names, type the name(s) of the service(s) for which you want to create the custom view. Use a comma to separate multiple service names.
- 5. In Devices, click + Add and select the device(s) from the list.
- 6. In Protocols, select the protocol type(s).
- 7. In States, select the state(s) of the service(s).
- 8. In Last State Change, choose the operator, type the time period, and choose the time interval, and then click Create.

 Note: The Last State Change field defines the time elapsed (in days, hours, minutes, and seconds) since the last change in the state of the service, that is, the duration of time for which the service is in the current state.

Adding Views for Service Groups

You can add different views for the service groups you monitor. These views are based on various filter criteria, such as the device name, protocol type, and state. Note that views you create are associated with your Command Center user account.

To add views for service groups

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, expand Service Groups, and then click Views.
- 2. In the right pane, under Views, click Add....
- 3. Under Create Service Group View, in Name, type a name for the custom view you want to create.
- 4. In Service Group Names, type the name(s) of the service group(s) for which you want to create the custom view. Use a comma to separate multiple service names.
- 5. In Devices, click + Add, and then select the device(s) from the list.
- 6. In Protocols, select the protocol type(s).
- 7. In States, select the state(s) of the service, and then click Create.

Modifying Views

After creating views, you can modify the filter criteria of the views.

To modify views

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, expand Virtual Servers, Services, or Service Groups, and click Views.
- 2. In the right pane, click the view you want to modify, and click **Modify**. Alternately, right-click the view and click **Modify**.
- 3. Make changes to the values as required, and then click OK.

Deleting Views

You can delete a view if you do not want to use it again.

To delete views

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, expand Virtual Servers, Services, or Service Groups, and click Views.
- 2. In the right pane, click the view, and then click Delete. Click Yes on the confirmation message.

To delete views

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, expand Virtual Servers, Services, Service Groups, or Servers and click **Views**.
- 2. In the right pane, click the view, and then click Delete. Click Yes on the confirmation message.

Managing the Real-Time Status of Entities

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You can manage the virtual servers, services, and service groups configured across all your NetScaler devices from the Command Center console. You can set a time interval for which you want Command Center to poll the values of the entities. You can manage the states of the entities by enabling or disabling them and view the details of command execution using the Audit Trail.

You can poll the latest status of the entities at any given point of time, for example, after you have made a configuration change. You can also conduct a search for the entities based on different parameters, such as health, name, state and Type (CSVserver and LB).

This topic includes the following details:

- Configuring the Polling Interval
- Enabling or Disabling Virtual Servers
- Enabling or Disabling Services
- Enabling or Disabling Service Groups
- Viewing the Audit Trail
- Searching Virtual Servers, Services, and Service Groups
- Polling the Status of Virtual Servers, Services, and Service Groups

Configuring the Polling Interval

You can set the time interval for which you want Command Center to poll the real-time values of the virtual servers, services, and service groups. By default, Command Center polls the values every 300 seconds (5 minutes).

Setting the polling interval on any one of the entity nodes (Virtual Servers, Services, or Service Groups) sets it across all the entity nodes.

To configure the polling interval for virtual servers, services, and service groups

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, click the Virtual Servers, Services, or Service Groups, and in the right pane, click Configure Polling Interval.
- 2. In Configure Polling Interval, type the number of seconds you want to set as the time interval for which Command Center must poll the entity value. Minimum value of the polling interval is 300 seconds (5 minutes). Click OK Note: Setting the polling interval on any one of the entity nodes (Virtual Servers, Services, or Service Groups) sets it across all the entity nodes.

Enabling or Disabling Virtual Servers

You can also change the state of a virtual server by enabling or disabling it.

When you enable a virtual server with a state of DOWN or OUT OF SERVICE, its state changes to either UP or DOWN, depending on whether the actual server is UP or DOWN. If the state of the virtual server does not change to UP, log on to the NetScaler to identify the cause and make appropriate changes to the virtual server configuration.

When you disable a virtual server with a state of UP, its state changes to OUT OF SERVICE.

To enable or disable virtual servers

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, click Virtual Servers.
- 2. In the right pane, under Virtual Servers, select the virtual server(s) you want to enable or disable, and then click Enable or Disable. Alternately, you can right-click the virtual server, and click Enable or Disable.
- 3. Under Enable or Disable Virtual Servers, in Annotation, type a message describing the reason why you are enabling or disabling the virtual server.
- 4. Select Save configuration on success if you want to save the configuration, and then click OK.
- 5. Under Operation Status, view the status of the task and the following details:
 - Command: Specifies the name of the command executed on the device. Clicking this displays the details of command execution, such as the time when the command was executed and the result of the command execution.
 - Device Name: Specifies the IP address of the device on which the virtual server is configured.
 - Start Time: Specifies the time when the command execution started.
 - Finish Time: Specifies the time when the command execution ended.
 - Status: Specifies the status of command execution (for example, Success and Failed).

Enabling or Disabling Services

You can also change the state of a service by enabling or disabling it.

When you enable a service with a state of DOWN or OUT OF SERVICE, its state changes to either UP or DOWN, depending on whether the actual backend server is UP or DOWN. If the state of the service does not change to UP, log on to the NetScaler to identify the cause and make appropriate changes to the service configuration.

When you disable a service with a state of UP, its state changes to OUT OF SERVICE.

During scheduled network outages such as system upgrades or hardware maintenance, you may have to close or disable some services. To avoid disrupting sessions that have already been established, you can specify a wait time, which places a service in the transition out of service (TROFS) state until the specified wait time expires. The service then enters the OUT OF SERVICE (OFS) state.

Often, however, you cannot estimate the amount of time needed for all the connections to a service to complete the existing transactions. If a transaction is unfinished when the wait time expires, shutting down the service may result in data loss. In this case, you can specify graceful shutdown for the service, so that the service is disabled only when all the established connections are closed by either the server or the client.

Persistence is maintained according to the specified method even if you enable graceful shutdown. The system continues to serve all the persistent clients, including new connections from the clients, unless the service is marked DOWN during the graceful shutdown state as a result of the checks made by a monitor.

The following table describes graceful shutdown options.

Table 1. Graceful Shutdown Options

State	Results
Graceful shutdown is enabled and a wait time is specified.	Service is shut down after the last of the previously established connections is served, even if the wait time has not expired. The device checks the status of the connections once every second. If the wait time expires, any open sessions are closed.

Graceful shutdown is disabled and a wait time is specified.	Service is shut down only after the wait time expires, even if all established connections are Results served before expiration.
Graceful shutdown is enabled and no wait time is specified.	Service is shut down only after the last of the previously established connections is served, regardless of the time taken to serve the last connection.
Graceful shutdown is disabled and no wait time is specified.	No graceful shutdown. Service is shut down immediately after the disable option is chosen or the disable command is issued. (The default wait time is zero seconds.)

To enable or disable services

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, click Services.
- 2. In the right pane, under Services, select the check box for the service(s) you want to enable or disable, and then click Enable or Disable.
- 3. Under Enable or Disable, in Annotation, type a message describing the reason why you are enabling or disabling the service.
- 4. In **Disable Services**, you can specify a wait time and the graceful shutdown time to ensure services are not shut down abruptly.
- 5. Select Save configuration on success if you want to save the configuration, and then click OK.
- 6. Under Operation Status, view the status of the task and the following details:
 - Command: Specifies the name of the command executed on the device. Clicking this displays the details of command execution, such as the time when the command was executed and the result of the command execution.
 - Device Name: Specifies the IP address of the device on which the service is configured.
 - Start Time: Specifies the time when the command execution started.
 - Finish Time: Specifies the time when the command execution ended.
 - Status: Specifies the status of command execution (for example, Success and Failed).

Enabling or Disabling Service Groups

You can also change the state of a service group by enabling or disabling it.

When you enable a service group member with a state of DOWN or OUT OF SERVICE, the state of the service group to which it belongs changes to either UP or DOWN, depending on whether the actual backend server is UP or DOWN. If the state of the service group does not change to UP, log on to the NetScaler to identify the cause and make appropriate changes to the configuration of the service group.

When you disable a service group member with a state of UP, the state of the service group to which it belongs changes to OUT OF SERVICE.

During scheduled network outages such as system upgrades or hardware maintenance, you may have to close or disable some services. To avoid disrupting sessions that have already been established, you can specify a wait time, which places a service in the transition out of service (TROFS) state until the specified wait time expires. The service then enters the OUT OF SERVICE (OFS) state.

Often, however, you cannot estimate the amount of time needed for all the connections to a service to complete the existing transactions. If a transaction is unfinished when the wait time expires, shutting down the service may result in data

loss. In this case, you can specify graceful shutdown for the service, so that the service is disabled only when all the established connections are closed by either the server or the client.

Persistence is maintained according to the specified method even if you enable graceful shutdown. The system continues to serve all the persistent clients, including new connections from the clients, unless the service is marked DOWN during the graceful shutdown state as a result of the checks made by a monitor.

The following table describes graceful shutdown options.

Table 2. Graceful Shutdown Options

State	Results
Graceful shutdown is enabled and a wait time is specified.	Service group is shut down after the last of the previously established connections is served, even if the wait time has not expired. The device checks the status of the connections once every second. If the wait time expires, any open sessions are closed.
Graceful shutdown is disabled and a wait time is specified.	Service group is shut down only after the wait time expires, even if all established connections are served before expiration.
Graceful shutdown is enabled and no wait time is specified.	Service group is shut down only after the last of the previously established connections is served, regardless of the time taken to serve the last connection.
Graceful shutdown is disabled and no wait time is specified.	No graceful shutdown. Service group is shut down immediately after the disable option is chosen or the disable command is issued. (The default wait time is zero seconds.)

To enable or disable service groups

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, click Service Groups.
- 2. In the right pane, under Service Groups, select the service group(s) you want to enable or disable, and then click Enable or Disable.
- 3. Under Enable or Disable, in Annotation, type a message describing the reason why you are enabling or disabling the service group.
- 4. In **Disable Services**, you can specify a wait time and the graceful shutdown time to ensure services are not shut down abruptly.
- 5. Select Save configuration on success if you want to save the configuration, and then click OK.
- 6. Under Operation Status, view the status of the task and the following details:
 - Command: Specifies the name of the command executed on the device. Clicking this displays the details of command execution, such as the time when the command was executed and the result of the command execution.
 - Device Name: Specifies the IP address of the device on which the service group is configured.
 - Start Time: Specifies the time when the command execution started.
 - Finish Time: Specifies the time when the command execution ended.
 - Status: Specifies the status of command execution (for example, Success and Failed).

Viewing the Audit Trail

You can view the audit trail to identify enabled and disabled operations on virtual servers, services, servers, and service group members.

To view the audit trail

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, navigate to Virtual Servers, Services, Servers, or Service Groups > Audit Trails.
- 2. In the right pane, click Audit Logs.
- 3. Under Audit Trail, you can view the following:
 - Settings: Opens the Settings box for specifying how often you want Command Center to update the audit trail in seconds. By default, the refresh interval is set to 10 seconds.
 - Refresh: Refreshes the audit trail at the current time.
 - Device: Specifies the IP address of the device on which the operation is performed.
 - Operation: Specifies the operation performed on the virtual server, service, or service group member.
 - Name: Specifies the name of the virtual server, service, or service group member on which you have performed the operation.
 - Executed By: Specifies the username of the NetScaler user who performed the operation.
 - Time: Specifies the time when the operation was performed.
 - Status: Specifies the status of the operation performed, which can be Success or Failed.
 - Annotation: Specifies the message describing the reason why the enable or disable operation was performed. This message was entered when performing the operation.

Searching Virtual Servers, Services, and Service Groups

You can use the search option of the Monitoring feature to search for virtual servers, services, or service groups.

To search for a virtual server, service, or service group

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, click Virtual Servers, Services, or Service Groups.
- 2. In the right pane, under Virtual Servers, Services, or Service Groups, click Search.
- 3. Under Advanced Search, select the required options, and then click Search.

Polling the Status of Virtual Servers, Services, and Service Groups

You can poll the status of specific virtual servers, services, or service groups at any given point of time.

To poll the status of a virtual server, service, or service group

- 1. On the Monitoring tab, in the left pane, click Virtual Servers, Services, or Service Groups.
- 2. In the right pane, under Virtual Servers, Services, or Service Groups, select the virtual server, services, or service groups, and then click Poll.

Using Tasks to Configure Managed Devices

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You can simplify device management and minimize configuration errors by using built-in and custom tasks to make configuration changes across devices, upgrade firmware, and replicate a device's configuration to other devices on your network.

To make configuration changes on NetScaler and CloudBridge managed devices, Command Center uses the NetScaler and CloudBridge command-line interface (CLI) and the Secure Shell (SSH) and Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) protocols. To view the status of the tasks executed, see the execution log that Command Center provides.

In this section:

- Managing Built-in Tasks
- Configuring Custom Tasks
- Customizing Built-in and Custom Tasks
- Viewing the Execution Log for all Tasks

Managing Built-in Tasks

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Built-in tasks are a set of predefined configuration tasks that you can execute on one or more managed devices. These tasks help you address the most commonly used configuration changes of the discovered devices. Command Center supports built-in tasks for both NetScaler and CloudBridge devices.

You can execute the built-in tasks instantly or schedule them for execution at a later time. You can view the execution log to check the task status and view the list of tasks scheduled for execution. You can also export a built-in task as an XML file. Note that you cannot modify or delete built-in tasks.

Use the following procedures for managing built-in tasks:

- Upgrading NetScaler with Built-in Tasks
- Configuring NetScaler with Built-in Tasks
- Importing Application Templates with Built-in Tasks
- Upgrading CloudBridge with Built-in Tasks
- Configuring CloudBridge with Built-in Tasks
- Viewing Built-in Tasks
- Executing Built-in Tasks
- Viewing the Execution Log for Built-in Tasks
- Scheduling Built-in Tasks
- Exporting Built-in Tasks

Upgrading NetScaler with Built-in Tasks

The built-in upgrade tasks that you can execute on NetScaler devices are:

- **SoftwareUpgrade-9.xto10.x**: Upgrade one or more devices from the 9.x release to any version of the 10.x release of NetScaler.
- **SoftwareUpgrade-Within10.x**: Upgrade one or more devices from the 10.x release to a newer 10.x version.
- **SoftwareUpgrade-Within9.x**: Upgrade one or more devices from the 9.0 release to 9.1 or 9.2 releases of NetScaler, or from any version of 9.1 or 9.2 release to a newer version of 9.1 or 9.2. release. To execute this task, you must have the upgrade file present on the Command Center server or your local system, and you must specify the correct image file.
- **SoftwareUpgrade-8.xto9.x**: Upgrade one or more devices from the 8.x release to any version of the 9.1 or 9.2 release of NetScaler. You must specify the upgrade file and/or the 9.x license file, and you must have these files present on the Command Center server or your local system. Note that image and license files are not prepackaged with Command Center, and you must copy these files from an appropriate location. When the user input screen prompts you, select the correct image and license files for the upgrade.
- **SoftwareUpgrade-8.xto9.0**: Upgrade one or more devices from the 8.x release to any version of the 9.0 release of NetScaler, or from the 9.0 release to a newer version of 9.0.
- **SoftwareUpgrade-Within8.x**: Upgrade one or more devices from the 8.0 release to a newer 8.x version. To execute this task, you must have the upgrade file present on the Command Center server or your local system, and you must specify the correct image file.

Configuring NetScaler with Built-in Tasks

The built-in configuration tasks that you can execute on NetScaler devices are:

- ConfigureCompression Policy: Configure compression policies on NetScaler devices.
- InstallSSLCert: Upload and install SSL certificates from the Command Center server to the discovered NetScaler devices.
- ConfigureFilterPolicy: Configure filter policies on NetScaler devices.
- NSConfigureSyslogServer: Configure syslog server settings on NetScaler devices.

Importing Application Templates with Built-in Tasks

You can import an application template to multiple NetScaler appliances using the Command Center built-in configuration task ImportApplicationTemplate.

Consider that you have an application template with configuration for optimizing traffic for an application. You want to import this template to ten other NetScaler devices that require a similar AppExpert application configuration. You can import the application template to the ten NetScaler devices simultaneously using the ImportApplicationTemplate built-in task.

Note: This feature works only with NetScaler release 9.3 application templates. Upgrading CloudBridge with Built-in Tasks

The built-in upgrade task that you can execute on a CloudBridge device is:

• **Software Upgrade**: Use this task to upgrade one or more CloudBridge devices to a newer release of the CloudBridge software by specifying the path to the installation file of the software version to which you want to upgrade.

Note: This task is supported only on CloudBridge VPX, CloudBridge 600, Repeater 8500 and Repeater 8800 appliances. Configuring CloudBridge with Built-in Tasks

The built-in configuration tasks that you can execute on CloudBridge devices are:

- EnableCloudBridge: Enable traffic through CloudBridge devices.
- DisableCloudBridge: Disable traffic through CloudBridge devices.
- Configure Alert: Configure an alert (alert name and level) on CloudBridge devices.
- Configure Sys Log Server: Configure a new system log server for CloudBridge devices.
- Add User: Set up a new user account on selected devices and assign privileges.
- ConfigureBandwidth-5.xandearlier: Configure the bandwidth parameters of CloudBridge devices of version 5.x and earlier.
- ConfigureBandwidth-6.xandlater: Configure the bandwidth parameters of CloudBridge devices of version 6.x and later.
- RestoreConfig: Restore the configuration on a CloudBridge device from any configuration file.
- ConfigureRemoteLicenseServer: Configure multiple CloudBridge VPX devices to use a centralized licensing server. You can configure parameters, such as IP address, port of the licensing server, and the license model.
- ConfigureLocalLicenseServer: Configure multiple CloudBridge VPX devices to use local licensing server.
- RestartCloudBridge: Restart the CloudBridge devices.
- InstallCACert: Install CA certificates for CloudBridge devices.
- InstallCombinedCertKey: Install combined certificate key for CloudBridge devices.
- InstallSeparateCertKey: Install separate certificate key for CloudBridge devices.
- Software Upgrade: Software Upgrade for CloudBridge devices.
- AddUser: Add a new user and assign the privileges.

To execute the built-in tasks

On the Configuration tab, navigate to Configuration > Built-in Tasks, and in the right-pane, click CloudBridge tab.

Viewing Built-in Tasks

You can view the built-in tasks by device family and category. The NetScaler device family also includes NetScaler VPX and NetScaler Gateway Enterprise devices.

To view built-in tasks by device family and category

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Built-in Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under **Built-in Tasks**, you can view the built-in tasks.

Executing Built-in Tasks

You can execute a built-in task on multiple devices at the same time. You can either select devices individually or select a device list for the tasks. You can execute the same task several times on different devices or device lists. You can also preview a task (the commands and rollback commands) before executing it.

To execute built-in tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Built-in Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under **Built-in Tasks**, click the task you want to execute, click **Execute**, and then follow the wizard instructions. Alternately, right-click the task, click **Execute**, and then follow the wizard instructions.

Viewing the Execution Log for Specific Built-in Tasks

After executing a task, you can view the execution details of that task instantly or at a later time.

To view the execution log for built-in tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Built-in Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under **Built-in Tasks**, select the task whose execution details you want to view, click **Execution Log**, and then follow the wizard instructions. Alternately, right-click the task, click **Execution Log**, and then follow the wizard instructions.
- 3. Under Execution Log, you can view the following:
 - Task Name: Specifies the task name.
 - Device Name: Specifies the IP address of the device on which the task is executed.
 - Start Time: Specifies the time when the task started.
 - End Time: Specifies the time when the task ended.
 - Executed By: Specifies the NetScaler or CloudBridge user who started the task.
 - Status: Specifies the completion status of the task, such as Success, Failed, and Queued.
 - Annotation: Specifies a message that is annotated when executing the task.

Note: You can also view an execution log for all executed tasks, including custom tasks, by clicking Execution Log under Configuration in the left pane.

Scheduling Built-in Tasks

You can schedule built-in tasks to execute at a later period or recur at regular intervals. For example, you can schedule tasks to be executed at specific hours daily, at specific hours on specific days of the week, and at specific hours on specific days of the month.

You can also view the details of all the built-in tasks that you have scheduled.

To schedule built-in tasks

1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Built-in Tasks.

Note: To view scheduled built-in tasks, in the right pane, under Built-in Tasks, on the bottom bar, click Scheduled Tasks. You can stop, resume, or remove a scheduled built-in task.

Exporting Built-in Tasks

You can save the built-in tasks in XML format on the Command Center server. This XML file, also known as task file, can be used to create a new custom task in the existing server or can be copied to another Command Center server.

Note: The location of the exported file is CC_Home\provisioningtemplates\exportedtemplates.

To export built-in tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Built-in Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under Built-in Tasks, select the task you want to export, and then click Export. Alternately, right-click the task, and then click **Export**.
- 3. Under Export Task, in Name, type a name for the task file, and then click OK. A message appears confirming that the selected task is successfully exported.

Configuring Custom Tasks

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Custom tasks are user-defined configuration tasks that you can add in Command Center to perform a defined set of operations on the managed devices. These tasks may contain a heterogeneous set of commands, such as CLI commands, SHELL, or Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), that you can execute on a single device or a set of devices grouped together in a device list.

Use the following procedures for configuring custom tasks:

- Adding Custom Tasks
- Executing Custom Tasks
- Viewing the Execution Log for Specific Custom Tasks
- Scheduling Custom Tasks
- Exporting Custom Tasks
- Modifying Custom Tasks
- Deleting Custom Tasks

Adding Custom Tasks

You can add custom tasks using one of the following methods:

- Define new commands: Create a new task by defining task variables and commands.
- Import from command file: Create a task from a command file. A command file is a text file containing a list of
 commands that constitute a task; the content could be a snippet of the ns.conf file. Each command may be a NetScaler
 CLI, Shell, or FTP command. You must have the command file present on the Command Center server or on the local file
 system.
- Import from task file: Create a task from an existing task file. Use this option to enhance or modify an existing task. For example, you can create a new task from a built-in task or import a task already created on another Command Center server. You must have the task file present on the Command Center server or on the local file system.

With custom tasks, you have the option to configure task operations in the following ways:

Execute Sequentially: Execute a task on a set of devices, one device at a time. If task execution fails on any device, it does not continue on the remaining devices. By default, if you do not select this option, the task will be executed in parallel.

Execute on Inaccessible System(s): If the selected devices or the device list include any inaccessible devices (discovery failed devices), the task is executed on these devices as well as on the others.

Enable Role-Based Authorization (RBA): Allow task execution by authorized users only. Specify the user names and passwords of the authorized users. RBA works in the following scenarios:

- If you enable RBA globally on the Admin tab, regardless of the task-level setting, a custom task is executed only after you provide RBA credentials.
- If you do not enable RBA globally, task execution prompts for RBA credentials based on the task-level settings.

Enable Automated Rollback (auto rollback): Generates rollback commands at runtime by fetching these commands based on the version of the operating system of the device. The auto rollback feature is supported only on Citrix NetScaler versions 8.1 and later. It is not supported on CloudBridge devices. This feature ensures that task execution behaves as a

transaction such that if even one command execution within a task fails, the entire task is rolled back. Auto rollback is an enhancement over the existing manual rollback mechanism where you need to manually type the rollback commands. This feature identifies the NetScaler version (both major and minor) and accordingly determines the appropriate command that must be used to reverse the configuration, if required.

If you configure a task to support the auto rollback feature, the preview screen displays the actual executable commands and the corresponding rollback commands in a tabular format for devices selected in the device list. However, if you configure a task to not support the auto rollback feature, the preview screen displays the actual commands sequentially.

You may encounter errors in the following scenarios:

- When the auto rollback feature is not supported for a particular device version.
- When there are no CLI commands in a task.

Adding New Custom Tasks

You can create a custom task form start by defining commands and task variables.

To add new custom tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Custom Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under Custom Tasks, click Add.
- 3. Under Custom Task Add Options, click Define new commands, and then click Next.
- 4. Under Add custom task, in Task Name, type the name of the task, and in Description, type the description of the task you want to create.
- 5. In Category, select the category of the task, or click + (plus) to add a new category.
- 6. In Device Family, select the type of device on which you want to execute the task. The NetScaler device family also includes NetScaler Gateway Enterprise and NetScaler VPX device types.
- 7. Specify the select one or more of the following check boxes:
 - Execute Sequentially: Specifies whether to execute the task on the devices in a sequential manner.
 - Execute on Inaccessible system(s) also: Specifies whether to execute the task on inaccessible devices.
 - Enable RBA: Specifies whether the user should provide user credentials before task execution.
 - **Enable Auto Rollback**: Specifies whether rollback commands are generated implicitly during runtime. When you select this check box, you do not need to manually type rollback commands when adding actual commands in step 8.
 - Save configuration on success: Specifies whether the custom task is saved implicitly by Command Center on the NetScaler and CloudBridge devices. If you select this option, you do not have to explicitly add the save config command when creating a custom task.
- 8. Click Add Command.
- 9. In the Command dialog box, in Command, type the command you want to execute. This must be the actual command that you need to execute on the managed device. The commands you define here may use the task variables. The following is a sample command for creating and binding a filter policy:
 - add filter policy \$policyname\$ -rule \$expression\$
 - -\$actionType\$ \$actionname\$ bind filter global \$policyname\$

Note: You must enclose task variables between the \$ symbols.

- 10. In Protocol, select the protocol you want to associate with the command.
- 11. In Rollback, type the rollback command to use if the actual command fails.

 Note: If you have selected the Enable Auto Rollback option in step 7, you do not need to type the rollback command here.
- 12. Click OK.

- 13. In the Add custom task, click Add Task Variable.
- 14. In the Variable dialog box, specify the variable information, and then click OK.

Adding Custom Tasks from Command Files

You can add a custom task from a command file that contains the commands to be executed on the devices.

A command file is a text file containing a list of commands that constitute a task; the content could be a snippet of the ns.conf file. Each command may be a NetScaler CLI, Shell, or FTP command. You must have the command file present on the Command Center server or on your local system.

To add custom tasks from command files

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Custom Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under Custom Tasks, click Add.
- 3. Under Custom Task Add Options, click Create Task from command file, and then click Browse.
- 4. In the Choose File dialog box, select the command file you want to use, click Open, and then click Next.
- 5. Under Add Custom Task, select one or more of the following check boxes:
 - Execute Sequentially: Specifies whether to execute the task on the devices in a sequential manner.
 - Execute on Inaccessible system(s) also: Specifies whether to execute the task on inaccessible devices also.
 - **Enable RBA**: Specifies whether the user should provide user credentials before task execution.
 - Enable Auto Rollback: Specifies whether rollback commands are generated implicitly during runtime.
- 6. In the Add custom task, click Add Task Variable.
- 7. In the Variable dialog box, specify the variable information, and then click OK.

Adding Custom Tasks by Importing from Task Files

You can add a custom task from an existing task file. You can also enhance or modify an existing task to create a new task. For example, you can create a new task from a built-in task, or import a task already created on another Command Center server. You must have the task file present on the Command Center server or on your local system.

To add custom tasks by importing from task files

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Custom Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under Custom Tasks, click Add.
- 3. Under Custom Task Add Options, click Import from task file, and then click Choose File.
- 4. In the Choose File dialog box, select the task file you want to use, click Open, and then click Next.
- 5. Under Add Custom Task, select one or more of the following check boxes:
 - Execute Sequentially: Specifies whether to execute the task on the devices in a sequential manner.
 - Execute on Inaccessible system(s) also: Specifies whether to execute the task on inaccessible devices.
 - Enable RBA: Specifies whether the user should provide user credentials before task execution.
 - Enable Auto Rollback: Specifies whether rollback commands are generated implicitly during runtime.
- 6. In the Add custom task, click Add Task Variable.
- 7. In the Variable dialog box, specify the variable information, and then click OK.

Executing Custom Tasks

You can execute a custom task on multiple devices at the same time. You can either select devices individually or select a device list for the tasks. You can execute the same task several times on different devices or device lists. You can also preview a task (the commands and rollback commands) before executing it.

To execute custom tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Custom Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under **Custom Tasks**, select the custom task you want to execute, and then click **Execute**. Alternately, right-click the custom task and click **Execute**.

Viewing the Execution Log for Specific Custom Tasks

After executing a task, you can view the following execution details of that task instantly or at a later time.

To view the execution log for specific custom tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Custom Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under **Custom Tasks**, select the custom task whose execution details you want to view, click **Execution Log**, and follow the wizard instructions.
- 3. Under Execution Log, you can view the following:
 - Task Name: Specifies the task name.
 - Device Name: Specifies the IP address of the device on which the task is executed.
 - Start Time: Specifies the time when the task started.
 - End Time: Specifies the time when the task ended.
 - CC User: Specifies the Command Center user who initiated the task.
 - Device User: Specifies the NetScaler or CloudBridge user who initiated the task.
 - Status: Specifies the completion status of the task, such as Success, Failed, and Queued.
 - Annotation: Specifies a message that is annotated when executing the task.

Note: You can also view an execution log for all executed custom tasks by clicking Execution Log under Configuration in the left pane.

Scheduling Custom Tasks

You can schedule custom tasks to execute at a later period or recur at regular intervals. For example, you can schedule tasks to be executed at specific hours daily, at specific hours on specific days of the week, and at specific hours on specific days of the month.

To schedule custom tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Custom Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under **Custom Tasks**, select the custom task you want to execute, click **Schedule**, and follow the prompts in the wizard. Alternately, right-click the custom task, click **Schedule**, and then follow the prompts in the wizard.

Note: To view scheduled custom tasks, in the right pane, under Custom Tasks, on the bottom bar, click Scheduled Tasks. You can stop, resume, or remove a scheduled custom task.

Exporting Custom Tasks

You can save the custom tasks in XML format on the Command Center server. This XML file, also known as task file, can be used to create a new custom task in the existing server, or can be copied to another Command Center server.

Note: The location of the exported file is CC_Home\provisioningtemplates\exportedtemplates.

To export custom tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Custom Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under Custom Tasks, select the task you want to export, and then click Export.
- 3. Under Export Task, in Name, type a name for the task file, and then click OK. A message appears confirming that the selected task is successfully exported.

Modifying Custom Tasks

You can modify the values of the fields in a custom task.

To modify custom tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Custom Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under Custom Tasks, select the task you want to export, and click Modify.
- 3. Under Modify custom task, make changes to the fields you want to modify, and then click OK.

Deleting Custom Tasks

If you do not want to use a custom task again, you can delete it.

To delete custom tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Custom Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under Custom Tasks, select the task you want to export, and then click **Delete**. Alternately, right-click the task, and click **Delete**.
- 3. In the confirmation message box, click **OK**.

Customizing Built-in and Custom Tasks

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You can customize built-in tasks to create custom tasks from them. When you customize a built-in task, the commands and variables are imported and you can define the name, category, and description of the task according to your requirements. You can also customize custom tasks to create new custom tasks.

To customize tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Built-in Tasks or Custom Tasks.
- 2. In the right pane, under Built-in Tasks or Custom Tasks, select the task you want to customize, and then click Customize.
- 3. Under Customize Task, in Task Name, type a name for the task, and in Description, type a description for the task.
- 4. In Category, select the type of task you want to create. The available values are: General and Software Upgrade. Click the + (plus) sign to type a new category name.
- 5. In **Device Family**, select the device family.
- 6. Select one or more of the following check boxes:
 - Execute Sequentially: Specifies whether to execute the task on the devices in a sequential manner.
 - Execute on Inaccessible system(s) also: Specifies whether to execute the task on inaccessible devices also.
 - Enable RBA: Specifies whether the user should provide user credentials before task execution.
 - Enable Auto Rollback: Specifies whether rollback commands are generated implicitly during runtime. When you enable this check box, you do not need to manually type rollback commands when adding actual commands in step 8.
 - Save configuration on success: Specifies whether the custom task is saved implicitly by Command Center on the NetScaler and CloudBridge devices. If you select this option, you do not have to explicitly add the "save config" command when creating a custom task.
- 7. To add more commands, click Add Command.
- 8. In the Command dialog box, in Command, type the command you want to execute. This must be the actual command that you need to execute on the managed device. The commands you define here may use the task variables. For example, to run the command, add filter policy <name> -rule <expression> (-reqAction <string> | -resAction <string>), enclose the task variables within the \$ symbol as shown in the following example:
 - The following is a sample command for creating and binding a filter policy:
 - add filter policy \$policyname\$ -rule \$expression\$ -\$actionType\$ \$actionname\$ bind filter global \$policyname\$
- 9. In the Protocol list, select the protocol you want to associate with the command.
- 10. In the Rollback text box, type the rollback command to use if the actual command fails, and then click OK.

 Note: If you have selected the Enable Auto Rollback option in step 6, you do not need to type the rollback command here.
- 11. To add variables, click Add Task Variable.
- 12. Under Variable, specify the variable information, and then click OK.

Viewing the Execution Log for all Tasks

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View the status of commands in a task being executed, with the state (Failed, Success, or In-Progress) of the task. You can also set the interval for automatically refreshing the execution log.

To view the execution log for all tasks

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Configuration, click Execution Logs.
- 2. The Execution Log pane displays the following details:
 - Task Name: Specifies the name of the executed task. Click the task name to view details about the commands that are executed.
 - Device Name: Specifies the IP address of the device on which the task is performed.
 - Start Time: Specifies the time at which the task started.
 - Finish Time: Specifies the time at which the task completed.
 - Status: Specifies the status of the task execution success or failure.
 - Refresh: To immediately refresh the execution log information displayed in this pane, click Refresh.

Monitoring and Managing SSL Certificates Configured on NetScaler Devices

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Command Center provides a centralized view of Secure Socket Layer (SSL) certificates installed across all managed NetScaler devices. To manage SSL certificates, you need to ensure that certificate management is enabled. Then, you can view the current status of the certificates, and configure Command Center to update the status at regular intervals.

To prevent server downtime from expired SSL certificates, you can set severity levels, which will generate events when severity levels are met. You can configure these events to notify you when a certificate is about to expire. You can then generate Certificate Signing Requests (CSR) and update the certificates from Command Center.

Use the Audit Trail option to view the status of certificates that are updated. You can also download the certificates and the corresponding key pair to your local system.

You can link a NetScaler device's certificate(s) to a CA certificate. However, make sure that all of the certificate(s) that you link to the same CA certificate have the same source and the same issuer. After you have linked the certificate(s) to a CA certificate, you can unlink them.

Note: Command Center supports the certificate management feature for NetScaler releases 7.0.52 and later. This topic includes the following details:

- Enabling or Disabling Certificate Management
- Viewing the Current Status of SSL Certificates
- Setting the Polling Interval for SSL Certificates
- Setting the Expiry Criteria for SSL Certificates
- Generating Certificate Signing Requests
- Updating SSL Certificates
- Viewing the Audit Trail for SSL Certificates
- Downloading SSL Certificates

Enabling or Disabling Certificate Management

The certificate management option is enabled by default. If you do not want to manage certificates by using Command Center, you can disable the feature.

To enable or disable certificate management

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Global Settings, click Server Settings.
- 2. Under Server Settings, in SSL Certificate Management, select Enable or Disable.

Viewing the Current Status of SSL Certificates

You can refresh the certificate status to view the most recent state of all the certificates deployed on all the devices managed by Command Center.

To view the current status of SSL Certificates

1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Certificate Management, click Certificates.

2. In the right pane, under Certificate Management, select the certificate name, and click Poll Now. Alternately, right click the certificate name and click **Poll Now** option.

Setting the Polling Interval for SSL Certificates

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You can set the time interval for which you want Command Center to poll the real-time status of the SSL certificates. By default, Command Center polls the values every 24 hours.

To set the polling interval for SSL certificates

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Certificate Management, click Certificates.
- 2. In the right pane, under Certificate Management, select the certificate name, click Configure Polling Interval. Alternately, right-click the certificate name and click **Configure Polling Interval**.
- 3. In Configure Polling Interval, type the number of hours you want to set as the time interval for which Command Center must poll the SSL certificates status, and then click OK.

Setting the Expiry Criteria of SSL Certificates

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You can set severity levels based on expiration values of certificates configured on managed devices. Command Center generates events when an assigned severity level is met. The default severity levels are as follows:

- Critical: Certificate has expired.
- Major: Certificate will expire within 7 days.
- Minor: Certificate will expire within 30 days.
- Warning: Certificate will expire within 90 days.

To set the expiration criteria for SSL certificates

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Certificate Management, click Certificates.
- 2. In the right pane, under Certificates, click Severity Levels.
- 3. Under Severity Levels, select the severity levels you want to use. For each severity level you want to use, define the number of days in which you want to be notified before a certificate expires.

Generating Certificate Signing Requests

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You can generate Certificate Signing Requests (CSR) for the certificates you want to renew. Command Center generates the CSR with the user details and information about the public/private key pair of the existing certificates. After the CSR is generated, you can download it and email it to a Certificate Authority (CA). After the CA signs the CSR, it becomes a valid certificate.

To generate a CSR

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Certificate Management, click Certificates.
- 2. In the right pane, under Certificates, select the certificate for which you want to generate the CSR.
- 3. In the right pane, click or right-click Download CSR, and save the file on your local system. The CSR file is saved on your

local system as an MHT file.

4. To renew the certificate, email the generated CSR to your CA.

Updating SSL Certificates

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After you receive the renewed certificate from the Certificate Authority (CA), you can update the certificates from Command Center without needing to log on to the NetScaler.

To update SSL certificates

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Certificate Management, click Certificates.
- 2. In the right pane, under Certificates, in the right pane, click Update for the certificate you want to update.
- 3. Under Update Certificate, in Certificate File, either type the path of the certificate file or click Choose File to select the path.
- 4. In Key File, either type the path of the key file or click Choose File to select the path.
- 5. In Password, type the password for the certificate.
- 6. Select the Domain Check check box if you want to match the domain while updating the certificate.
- 7. In Annotation, type a message describing the reason why you are updating the certificate, and then click OK.

Note: Under Certificate Details, you can view the certificate name and file path and the IP address of the device on which the certificate is configured. You can also view the key file path.

Viewing the Audit Trail for SSL Certificates

You can view the update status of the certificate by using the Audit Trail option. The Audit Trail displays the details of the devices including the certificate update status (failed or success) for each device. You can also view the time a certificate was successfully updated.

To view the audit trail

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Certificate Management, click Certificates.
- 2. In the right pane, under Certificates, click Audit Trails.
- 3. Under Audit Trail, you can do the following:
 - To set the refresh interval for the audit trail information displayed in this pane, click Settings, and then type how often you want this information refreshed (in seconds).
 - To immediately refresh the audit trail information displayed in this pane, click Refresh.

You can also view the following:

- **Device Name:** Specifies the IP address of the device on which the certificate update task is performed. Clicking the IP address displays the commands associated with the Citrix device.
- Start Time: Specifies the time when the task started.
- End Time: Specifies the time when the task finished.
- **Executed By:** Specifies the NetScaler user who executed the task.
- Status: Specifies the status of the certificate update task, which can be Success or Failed.
- **Annotation:** Displays a message describing a reason for the tasks.

Downloading SSL Certificates

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You can download the SSL certificates and corresponding key files to your local system. Before you download the certificates, you need to enable archiving of SSL certificates on the Administration tab.

To download SSL certificates

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Certificate Management, click Certificates.
- 2. Under Certificates, select the certificate you want to download, and then click Download.
- 3. Under Download, select Download key file also if you want to download the corresponding key file, and then click OK.

Auditing Configuration Changes Across NetScaler Devices

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You can use the change management feature to monitor configuration changes across managed NetScaler devices, troubleshoot configuration errors, and recover unsaved configurations upon a sudden system shutdown.

The typical workflow for auditing configuration changes consists of the following tasks:

- Create audit templates with a set of valid NetScaler commands for auditing device configurations and detecting conflicts that result from configuration changes on a device.
- Add audit policies and map them to the corresponding audit templates.
- Generate audit reports from the policies to analyze and resolve configuration mismatches and conflicts.

This topic includes the following details:

- Configuring Audit Templates
- Configuring Audit Policies
- Generating Audit Reports

Configuring Audit Templates

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Audit templates contain a set of valid NetScaler commands for auditing device configurations and reporting conflicts that result from configuration changes. These configuration conflicts can be between the running and saved configurations of a device or among the devices in the device list or network.

You need to create audit policies to map the running configuration of the devices to the configuration specified in the audit templates, and then generate an audit report that compares the differences between the two configurations.

After adding the audit templates, you can also modify and delete the audit templates.

In this section:

- Adding Audit Templates
- Modifying Audit Templates
- Deleting Audit Templates

Adding Audit Templates

Audit templates contain a set of valid NetScaler commands for detecting configuration conflicts on a device.

To add audit templates

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Change Management, click Audit Templates.
- 2. In the right pane, under Audit Templates, click Add.
- 3. Under Add Audit Template, in Name, type the name of the audit template that you want to create.
- 4. In Audit Template Commands, type the commands that you want to be part of the new template, and then click OK.

Modifying Audit Templates

You can modify audit templates to change the commands included in them.

To modify audit templates

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Change Management, click Audit Templates.
- 2. In the right pane, under Audit Templates, select the audit template you want to modify, click Add.
- 3. Under Modify Audit Template, make the changes you want, and then click OK.

Deleting Audit Templates

You can delete one audit template or bulk delete multiple audit templates.

To delete audit templates

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Change Management, click Audit Templates.
- 2. In the right pane, under Audit Templates, select the check boxes corresponding to the audit templates you want to delete, and then click Delete.
- 3. Click OK on the confirmation message box.

Configuring Audit Policies

Use Command Center Audit Policies to generate change management reports based on your requirements. You can either use built-in policies or add user-defined policies.

Reports are generated by the following two built-in audit policies:

- RunningVsSavedConfiguration: Results from this report compare the running and saved configuration on a device and highlights specific differences or mismatches between the configurations. If a system shuts down unexpectedly, you can use this report to recover and save configuration changes that were executed but not saved.
- ConfigurationChangeHistory: Results from this report track configuration changes that take place over a period of time. The default period is seven days.

You can add a user-defined audit policy and map it to corresponding audit templates. You must execute an audit policy on one or more devices or device lists to generate an audit report that compares the running configuration of a device with the selected audit templates. You can schedule both built-in and user-defined audit policies to run at any time. You can modify the existing audit policies and you can delete user-defined audit policies. However, you cannot delete the two built-in audit policies.

In this section:

- Adding User-Defined Audit Policies
- Executing Built-in and User-Defined Audit Policies
- Scheduling Built-in and User-Defined Audit Policies
- Modifying User-Defined Audit Policies
- Deleting User-Defined Audit Policies

Adding User-Defined Audit Policies

You can create a user-defined audit policy that generates a report that compares the running configuration of a device

with the selected audit templates. This type of report is called Running vs.Chosen audit templates report.

To add audit policies

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Change Management, click Audit Policies.
- 2. In the right pane, under Audit Policies, click Add.
- 3. Under Add Audit Policy, in Name, type the name of the audit policy you want to create.
- 4. Under Choose report(s) to be generated, select one or more of the following:
 - Running vs. Chosen Audit templates: Results from this report compare the running configuration of a device with audit templates chosen. Select the audit templates that you want to use for the report from the Available Audit Templates list, and then click the right arrow.
 - Running vs. Saved Configuration: Results from this report compare the running and saved configuration on a device.
 After a system restarts, this option helps you recover and save the configuration changes that are executed but not saved.
- 5. Click OK.

Executing Built-in and User-Defined Audit Policies

You can execute an audit policy on one or more devices and device lists. Executing an audit policy generates a report.

To execute audit policies

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Change Management, click Audit Policies.
- 2. In the right pane, under Audit Policies, click the audit policy you want to execute, and then click Execute
- 3. Under Execute Policy, select one of the following:
 - Devices: Select a device from Available Devices and click the right arrow.
 - Device Lists: Select a device list name from Device Lists. If you do not have a device list, click Add Device List to add one.

Scheduling Built-in and User-Defined Audit Policies

You can schedule both built-in and user-defined audit policies to run at a later date and time. You can schedule the policies to run daily at specified hours or to run on specific days of a week or month at specified hours.

To schedule audit policies

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Change Management, click Audit Policies.
- 2. In the right pane, under Audit Policies, click the audit policy, and and click Schedule.
- 3. Under Schedule Policy, choose one of the following:
 - Devices: Select one or more devices from the Available Devices list, and then click the right arrow.
 - Device Lists: Select a device list name. If you do not have a device list, click Add Device List to add one.
- 4. Under Schedule Details, choose one of the following:
 - Daily: Specifies that policies run daily. In Scheduled Hours, specify the hour(s) when you want the policy to run. For example, if you specify 2, the audit policy runs at 2 AM. Note that this follows the 24-hour clock.
 - Day(s) of week: Specifies that policies run on certain days of the week. In Day(s) of week, select the day(s) when you want to run the policy, and in Scheduled Hours, specify the hour(s) at which you want the policy to run. For example, if you specify Monday and 15, the audit policy runs every Monday at 3 PM.
 - Day(s) of month: Specifies that policies run monthly. In Day(s) of month, specify the dates when you want to run the policy, and in Scheduled Hours, specify the hour(s) at which you want the policy to run. For example, if you specify 4, 14, and 24 as the days of month and 15 as the scheduled hour, the audit policy runs at 3 PM on 4th, 14th, and 24th

of every month.

5. Optionally, you can choose to send a report of the changed configuration by selecting the Email the report check box. Enter the **From**, **To**, and **Server Name** details. Select the **Attach the generated report(s)** check box if you wish to receive the configuration report as an attachment in CVS file format. If there are configuration changes, you will receive an email with the changes after the policy is executed at the scheduled time. Click **Test Mail** to check if the mail server credentials provided are accurate and if the mail server is accessible from command center server. If the connection to the mail server is successful, a test mail is sent to the specified email and the settings are saved.

Modifying User-Defined Audit Policies

After creating audit policies, you can modify them to change the settings of the type of reports to be generated.

Note: You cannot modify built-in audit policies. To modify audit policies

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Change Management, click Audit Policies.
- 2. In the right pane, under Audit Policies, click the audit policy you want to modify, and then click Modify.
- 3. Under Modify Audit Policy, make the changes you want to, and then click OK.

Deleting User-Defined Audit Policies

You can delete a single user-defined audit policy or bulk delete multiple user-defined audit policies.

Note: You cannot delete the two built-in audit policies RunningVsSavedConfiguration and ConfigurationChangeHistory. To delete audit policies

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Change Management, click Audit Policies.
- 2. In the right pane, under Audit Policies, select the audit policies you want to delete, and then click Delete.
- 3. Click OK.

Generating Audit Reports

Audit reports are generated when you execute audit policies. Using these reports, you can monitor the configuration change events for each device on which an audit policy is executed. You can also resolve configuration mismatches and conflicts. You can monitor the following types of audit reports:

- Running vs. Saved Configuration: Generated when you execute the RunningVsSavedConfiguration audit policy. Specifies
 specific instances of difference or mismatch between the running configuration and the saved configuration of the
 device.
- Running vs. Audit Templates: Generated when a user-defined audit policy, which maps running configuration to audit templates is executed. Specifies specific instances of syntactical differences or mismatches between the commands in a running configuration and the assigned templates. Displays these differences or mismatches and the corrective commands that must be executed to resolve the conflicts. You can create a custom task to resolve this conflict. If there are no conflicts, the following message appears: "The audited configurations are in sync."
- Configuration change events: Generated when you execute the ConfigurationChangeHistory audit policy. Specifies configuration change events generated for a given device for the specified period (age). This facilitates troubleshooting of configuration errors by enabling the administrator to view all the commands executed over a period of time and also the exact date and time when a command was run.

You can view a list of all the reports generated. You can export a report as a CSV file to your local system or to the

Command Center server. You can also set an interval for automatically updating the audit reports that you monitor. If you do not want to use a report, you can delete it

This topic includes the following details:

- Viewing Audit Reports
- Exporting Audit Reports
- Deleting Audit Reports

Viewing Audit Reports

You can view a list of all the generated reports. You can also monitor the configuration change events or configuration conflicts for each device on which an audit policy is executed.

To view audit reports

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Change Management, click Reports.
- 2. Under Reports, you can view the following:
 - Name: Specifies the name of the audit report. Click the report name to display the IP address of the device(s) for which the report is generated, the start and end times of report generation for each device, and the status of the report.
 - Start Time: Specifies the time when the report generation started.
 - End Time: Specifies the time when the report generation ended.
 - Audit By: Specifies the user who executed the policy that generated the audit report.
 - Status: Specifies the status of the report (for example, changes exist, no changes, in progress, and failed).

Exporting Audit Reports

You can export a report as a CSV file to your local system or to the Command Center server.

To export audit reports

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Change Management, click Reports.
- 2. Under Reports, click the report name for which you want to monitor the configuration mismatches.
- 3. Under Device Level, click the IP address of the device for which you want to view the report.
- 4. On the report that appears, click Export, and in the File Save dialog box, click Save.

Deleting Audit Reports

You can delete one audit report or bulk delete multiple audit reports.

To delete audit reports

- 1. On the Configuration tab, in the left pane, under Change Management, click Reports.
- 2. Under Reports, select the reports you want to delete, and then click Delete.
- 3. Click OK on the confirmation message box.

Using Performance Reports and Thresholds to Monitor Device Performance

May 28, 2015

Command Center provides the ability to monitor the performance of discovered Citrix devices by using performance reports and threshold functionality.

Before you run the reports, you must ensure that the performance counters are enabled for polling. Command Center monitors the health of a device by polling the performance counters supported by the device.

You can then generate quick reports about the performance of a specific device and custom reports showing performance data across a set of multiple devices or for multiple counters from one or more devices. You can, therefore, monitor the performance of the entire application delivery infrastructure (for example, you can view statistics of the total number of requests handled by a user-defined service that is receiving application traffic).

Each quick or custom report consists of three charts, each of which plots a different time interval. The top chart plots data in 5-minute intervals, the middle chart plots hourly average data for three months, and the bottom chart plots daily average data for one year. You can also export the performance graph report to a file in CSV or XML format.

You can set thresholds for monitoring the state of a discovered Citrix device. You can set a threshold for a specific counter to monitor devices or instances of entities of managed devices.

You can use built-in reports and log messages to monitor security violations encountered on the NetScaler devices by the Application Firewall module.

In this section:

- Configuring Polled Counters
- Running Quick Reports
- Configuring Custom Reports
- Configuring Thresholds to Monitor Devices
- Monitoring the Status of CloudBridge Devices
- Monitoring AppFirewall Syslog Events
- Monitoring NetScaler Gateway Syslog Events

Configuring Polled Counters

Jun 05, 2013

Command Center monitors the health of a device by polling the performance counters supported by the device. Command Center supports more than 300 counters for NetScaler (including NetScaler VPX and NetScaler Gateway) devices and more than 20 counters for CloudBridge devices. There are two types of counters: scalar and vector. The scalar counters (for example, TCP and UDP) are device-level, and they are enabled for polling by default.

The vector counters, which are identified by plus (+) signs following the counter names, are entity-level counters that display statistics for entities, such as interfaces, vservers, services, and service groups. You have to enable the vector counters explicitly. They are not enabled for polling by default because they may impact the Command Center server performance if there is a large number of entities configured on the devices. Enable polling on vector counters only when you need to monitor them.

If you run reports on counters that are not enabled for polling, the following error appears: "The selected counter is not enabled for polling. Enable the counter using the Polled Counters option and try again." If you run a report on a counter that the device does not support, the following error appears: "The managed device(s) may not support the selected counter(s). Modify your selection of the counter(s) and try again."

Note: Command Center provides a consolidated list of possible counters that can be enabled or disabled for polling. The counters are displayed at the time you want to run reports. Not all the counters are available on all releases of NetScaler or CloudBridge. For example, a counter that was available on NetScaler release 6.0 may be deprecated on NetScaler release 8.0. If you run a custom report looking for this counter, and if the device list contains NetScaler devices running both 6.0 and 8.0 releases, the data is displayed for the device with the release that supports the counter.

The default polling interval value set by Command Center is 300 seconds. If you do not change the default polling interval, Command Center polls data from the devices every 5 minutes (300 seconds) and stores this data in its database. You can view the last polled data using quick reports, custom reports, or trend reports. The different types of reports are explained in the following sections. Note that if you have a higher number of counters enabled, it is advisable to set a higher polling interval to prevent performance overload on the network. However, if you want more detail, you may enable only a few counters and decrease the polling interval value. The minimum polling interval value Command Center supports is 30 seconds.

To configure polled counters

- 1. On the **Reporting** tab, in the left pane, click **Performance**.
- 2. In the right pane, click Configure Polled Counters.
- 3. In the Polled Counter Configuration window, select the NetScaler or **CloudBridge** tab based on the type of device for which you want to enable polling, and select the counters you want to poll. NetScaler devices include NetScaler Gateway and NetScaler VPX device types.
- 4. In Polling Interval, type the time interval (in seconds) at which you want Command Center to poll the counters.

Running Quick Reports

Jun 05, 2013

Run quick reports to quickly view performance data for a single device. Performance data is displayed in a graphical format and the data is used to troubleshoot or analyze the behavior of a device. You can view the data for only one scalar counter and one or more instances of a vector counter on a selected device over a specified time interval. For more information about scalar and vector counters, see Configuring Polled Counters.

You can also export the performance graph report to a file in CSV or XML format. This file can be saved locally.

Each quick report generates three charts and each chart plots a different time interval: the top chart plots data in 5-minute intervals, the middle chart plots hourly average data for three months, and the bottom chart plots daily average data for one year. However, you can customize the number of days for which you want to collect and maintain performance data.

To run quick reports

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, expand **Performance**, and then click Quick Report.
- 2. Under Quick Report, in Device Family, select the type of device for which you want to generate a quick report. The NetScaler device family includes NetScaler Gateway and NetScaler VPX device types.
- 3. In Device Name, select the IP address of the device for which you want to generate a quick report.
- 4. In Group, select the counter group. Depending on the type of group you select, the options in Counter change, and the availability of the Type and Instance fields may vary. Provide the appropriate information as needed.

 Note: If you want to view only those counters with non-zero values, select the Exclude zero values check box.
- 5. In Period, select the time interval for which you want to view the specified counter. If you select Custom, select the Start Date and End Date.
 - Note: The values specified in Period are displayed only in the top chart. By default, two other charts are plotted for hourly and daily average data for the counters selected in the previous steps. These two other charts are plotted for a time duration of three months and one year, respectively. You can change the duration using the Settings option on the View Graph page.
- 6. Click View Graph. On the View Graph page, you can perform additional tasks, such as customizing graph series, changing the scale, modifying the report settings, exporting data to your local system, and refreshing the report. For more information, click Help on the View Graph page.

Configuring Custom Reports

May 24, 2012

Use custom reports to view performance data across a set of multiple devices and to view performance data for multiple counters from one or more devices. You can add your own custom reports and save them with user-defined descriptive names for reuse. The custom reports can be viewed in a graphical format.

Each custom report consists of three charts and each chart plots a different time interval: the top chart plots data in 5-minute intervals, the middle chart plots hourly average data, and the bottom chart plots daily average data. You can also export the performance graph report to a file in CSV or XML format. This file can be saved locally.

You can schedule custom reports to run at a specified time and send the report as an email notification in CSV, XML, or graph formats when the report is run. You can also modify and delete the custom reports.

You can do the following with custom reports:

- Using Built-in Custom Reports
- Adding Custom Reports
- Viewing Custom Reports
- Scheduling Custom Reports
- Modifying Custom Reports
- Deleting Custom Reports

Using Built-in Custom Reports

Command Center provides sixteen built-in custom reports. You can view these built-in reports and also save them to your local system. You can also schedule these reports to run at a specified time. However, you cannot modify or delete the built-in custom reports.

The sixteen built-in custom reports are:

ResourceUtilization

Use this report to analyze the CPU and memory utilization by different devices at specific time periods. This report provides information about the average resource load across multiple devices in your network.

HTTP requests - TCP connections

Use this report to analyze the number of HTTP requests received and the number of TCP connections on different devices at specific time periods. Use this information to analyze the resource load across multiple devices in your network.

TCPMultiplexing

Use this report to view the number of client and server connections for each vserver on each device across multiple devices in your network.

VirtualServerThroughput Distribution

Use this report to view the number of request and response bytes on the vservers and the services bound to each vserver across multiple devices in your network. With this report, you can learn how the resource load on a particular virtual server is being redistributed to the individual bound services based on the current load balancing algorithm and/or also how the load is distributed among the virtual servers across devices.

CloudBridge acceleration

Use this report to analyze the pattern of accelerated traffic (KBPS by service class) and the number of accelerated TCP

connections passing through the CloudBridge devices. This number includes the number of TCP connections passing through the CloudBridge device that undergo acceleration, the number of open and half-closed connections that have been selected for acceleration, and the number of half-open connections that are candidates for acceleration.

Repeater Application

Use this report to view the sent and received data volume in bits-per-second for the applications running on the Repeater devices.

Repeater Capacity Increase

Use this report to view the cumulative send compression ratio for the Repeater device.

Repeater CPU Utilization

Use this report to view the CPU utilization of the Repeater device as a percentage.

Repeater Data Reduction

Use this report to view the transmit and receive bandwidth savings as a percentage. You can also analyze the transmit bandwidth and receive bandwidth saving values separately for the Repeater device.

Repeater Link Utilization

Use this report to view the transmit link utilization and receive link utilization for the Repeater device as a percentage.

Repeater Packet Loss

Use this report to view the link dropped sent packets and link dropped received packets for the links defined in the Repeater device.

Repeater Pass Through Connection

Use this report to view the non-accelerated connections for the Repeater device.

Repeater Plugin Usage

Use this report to view the number of plugins connected to Repeater device.

Repeater Traffic Shaping

You can view the Repeater QOS Sent and Repeater QOS Receive volume in bits-per-sec for the Repeater device.

Repeater Service Class

You can view the sent and receive bandwidth savings based on the service class type defined for the Repeater device.

Repeater Throughput

You can view the link sent volume and link received volume in bits-per- second for the Repeater device.

Adding Custom Reports

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You can add your own custom reports and save them with user-defined descriptive names for reuse.

When adding a custom report, you can assign an aggregate function to the desired counters. The aggregate functions supported are Sum, Average, Minimum, and Maximum. The aggregate function is applied to the selected counters for all the selected devices.

To add custom reports

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, expand **Performance**, and then click Custom Reports.
- 2. In the right pane, under Custom Reports, click Add.
- 3. Follow the steps in the wizard, and then click Finish. The custom report is listed under Custom Reports.

Viewing Custom Reports

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The custom reports are displayed in a graphical format. Each custom report consists of three charts and each chart plots a different time intervals:

- Top chart. Plots data in 5-minute intervals and displays performance data for the time period you selected when creating the custom report.
- Middle chart. Plots hourly average data for the specified time period. By default, displays data for the last three months.
- Bottom chart. Plots daily average data for the specified time period. By default, displays data for the last year.

Options for displaying each chart are Line, Area, Bar, Stacked Area, and Stacked Bar views. You can use the Zoom In function to zoom in to each data point in a plotted series. Use the Zoom Out function to zoom out of it.

To view custom reports

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, expand **Performance**, and then click Custom Reports.
- 2. In the right pane, under Custom Reports, click the report you want to view, and then click View Graph.
- 3. Under Graph Options, in Devices, select the IP addresses of the device(s) for which you want to run the report.

 Note: If the device contains vector counters, you have the option to choose instances. In Choose Instances, select the instances for which you want to run the report.
- 4. In Period, select the time interval for which you want to view the specified counter. If you select Custom, select the Start Date and End Date. The values specified in Period are displayed only in the top chart. By default, two other charts are plotted for hourly and daily average data for the counters selected in the previous steps.
 - Note: If you want to view only those counters with non-zero values, select the Exclude zero values check box.
- 5. Click View Graph.
 - Note: On the View Graph page, you can perform additional tasks, such as customizing graph series, changing the scale, modifying the report settings, exporting data to your local system, and refreshing the report. For more information, click Help on the View Graph page.

Scheduling Custom Reports

You can schedule custom reports to run at a specified time and send the report as an email notification in CSV, XML, or graph formats when the report is run. However, note that you may not want to attach a report that contains a large amount of data.

To schedule custom reports

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, expand **Performance**, click Custom Reports.
- 2. In the right pane, under **Custom Reports**, click the report you want to schedule, then click **Schedule**.
- 3. Under Schedule, in Devices, select the IP addresses of the device(s) on which you want to run the report.

 Note: If the device contains vector counters, you have the option to choose instances. In Select Instances, select the instances for which you want to run the report.
- 4. In Period, select the time interval for which you want to view the specified counter. The values specified in Period are displayed only in the top chart. By default, two other charts are plotted for hourly and daily average data for the counters selected in the previous steps.
 - Note: If you want to view only those counters with non-zero values, select the Exclude zero values check box.
- 5. Under Schedule Details, select one of the following:
 - Daily: Specifies that reports run daily. In Scheduled Hours, specify the hour(s) when you want the report run.
 - Day(s) of week: Specifies that reports run on certain days of the week. In Day(s) of week, select the day(s) when you

- want to run the report, and in Scheduled Hours, specify the hour(s) at which you want the report run.
- Day(s) of month: Specifies that reports run monthly. In Day(s) of month, specify the dates when you want to run the report, and in Scheduled Hours, specify the hour(s) at which you want the report run.
- 6. Under Choose Report format, select one or more formats for the report output. If you want to send the report as an email attachment, select the E-mail the report check box and fill out the required fields.
 - Note: Click **Test Mail** to check if the mail server credentials provided are accurate and if the mail server is accessible from command center server. If the connection to the mail server is successful, a test mail is sent to the specified email and the settings are saved.
- 7. Click OK.

Modifying Custom Reports

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You can modify the custom reports you have added. You cannot modify built-in custom reports.

To modify custom reports

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, expand **Performance**, click Custom Reports.
- 2. In the right pane, under **Custom Reports**, click the custom report you want to modify, and then click **Modify**.
- 3. Follow the steps in the wizard, and then click Finish.

Deleting Custom Reports

You can delete the custom reports you have added. You cannot delete built-in custom reports.

To delete custom reports

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, expand **Performance**, click Custom Reports.
- 2. In the right pane, under **Custom Reports**, click the custom report you want to delete, then click **Delete**. Alternately, right-click the custom report, and then click **Delete**.

Configuring Thresholds to Monitor Devices

May 24, 2012

Thresholds are used to monitor the state of a discovered Citrix device. You can set a threshold for a specific counter to monitor devices or instances of entities configured on managed devices as follows:

- All devices. Thresholds are applied to all devices by default.
- Specific instances of entities on managed devices. You can select specific instances of entities, such as virtual servers and services configured on managed devices, for which you want to set the threshold.
- Specific devices. You can select specific devices on which you want to set the threshold.
- Specific instances of specific entities of managed devices. You can select specific devices and then select instances of entities, such as virtual servers and services, for which you want to apply the threshold.

When monitored values (values collected during polling) for the counters are collected for each device instance, the Command Center server checks the monitored values against the corresponding threshold values. If the monitored value exceeds the threshold, Command Center generates an event to signify a performance-related issue on the device or the device instance.

When the threshold is breached, events are generated and displayed on the Fault tab. You can resolve these events from the Fault tab. For information about resolving the events, see Monitoring and Managing Events Generated on Citrix Devices. When the selected counter value matches the clear value specified in the threshold, the event is cleared, which means that the particular threshold has returned to its normal state.

You can perform the following tasks with thresholds:

- Adding Threshold Limits
- Modifying Thresholds
- Deleting Thresholds

Adding Threshold Limits

When adding threshold limits, you need to specify threshold values and clear values. When the monitored value of a counter exceeds the threshold value, Command Center generates an event to signify a performance-related issue on the device or the device instance. When the selected counter value matches the clear value specified in the threshold, the event is cleared, which means that the particular threshold has returned to its normal state.

You can also define an action associated with the threshold. When the threshold is breached, the action you define is taken automatically.

Note: Command Center 3.3 and later versions support only sending email notifications action.

To add a threshold and associated action

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, expand Performance, click Thresholds.
- 2. In the right pane, under Thresholds, click Add.
- 3. Under Add Threshold, do the following:
 - In Threshold Name, type a unique threshold name.
 - In Device Family, select the type of device on which you want to set the threshold limit.

 Note:

The NetScaler device family includes NetScaler Gateway and NetScaler VPX device types.

By default, the threshold applies to all devices. If you want to specify specific devices or specific entities of managed devices, clear the Apply to all devices check box, and then, in Devices, specify the devices or entities.

- In Group, select the counter group. Depending on the type of group you select, the options in the Counter field change and the availability of the Type and Instance fields may vary. Provide the appropriate information as needed.
- 4. Click Criteria and do the following:
 - Specify whether the monitored value is greater than or equal to or less than or equal to the threshold value.
 - In Threshold Value, type the value for which the event severity is calculated. For example, you may want to generate an event with critical severity if the monitored value for CPU usage reaches 80 percent. In this case, type 80 as the threshold value.
 - In Clear Value, type the value that indicates when to clear the value. For example, you may want to clear the CPU usage threshold when the monitored value reaches 50 percent. In this case, type 50 as the clear value.
 - In Event Severity, select the security level that you want to set for the threshold value.
 - In Event Message, type a message that you want to appear when the threshold is met. Command Center appends the monitored value and the threshold value to this message.
- 5. Under Action, do the following:
 - In Action Type, select the action you want to specify (for example, Send e-mail Action). Note: Command Center 3.3 and later versions support only sending email notifications.
 - In From, To, and Server Name/IP Address, type the respective email address of the sender, the email address(es) of the
 recipients separated by commas, and the IP address of the mail server that you want to use to send the email
 notification.
 - Note: If you have configured the mail server settings on the Admin tab, the From, To, and Server Name / IP Address fields are updated automatically.
 - Select the Mail server requires authentication check box, and type the user name and password if your mail server is configured to authenticate the email addresses.
- 6. Click OK.

Modifying Thresholds

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You can modify the devices or instances of a device associated to a particular threshold. You can also modify the threshold value you have set.

You can unset the action associated with the threshold when modifying the threshold.

To modify thresholds

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, expand Performance, click Thresholds.
- 2. In the right pane, under Thresholds, click the threshold name that you want to modify, and then click **Modify**. Alternately, right-click the threshold name and click **Modify**.
- 3. Under Modify Threshold, edit the parameters you want to modify, and then click OK.

 Note: You can modify only the Devices and Instances fields and information on the Criteria and Action tabs.

Deleting Thresholds

You can delete a threshold if you do not want to use it anymore. When you delete a threshold, the action associated with that threshold is also deleted.

To delete thresholds

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, expand Performance, click Thresholds.
- 2. In the right pane, under Thresholds, select the threshold that you want to delete and then click **Delete**.

Monitoring the Status of CloudBridge Devices

May 26, 2015

You can use the CloudBridge Dashboard to view the status of all the CloudBridge Devices being managed by Command Center. You can view the Name, Operation State, System Load, Data Reduction, WAN Sent, WAN Received, LAN Sent, and LAN Received data for each of the discovered device. The dashboard data is refreshed after each polling interval. The default interval is 5 minutes.

Note: The Dashboard does not display the data of CloudBridge Devices whose state is Failed, or Unmanaged. Also, if you have disabled a counter, the corresponding Dashboard value is not displayed.

This topic includes the following details:

Using the Dashboard

Using the Dashboard

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Use the CloudBridge Dashboard to view the operational status of the CloudBridge devices. By default, the Dashboard data is refreshed every 5 minutes, you can change it by setting the polling interval value in Command Center.

To use the Dashboard

- 1. On the **Monitoring** tab, in the left pane, under **CloudBridge**, click **Dashboard**.
- 2. In the right pane, under **Dashboard**, you can view the following:
 - Name The name or IP address of the device.
 - Operation State Status of the device.
 - System Load(%) The percentage of CPU utilization on the device.
 - Data Reduction(%) The percentage of bandwidth reduction.
 - WAN Sent (Mbps) Current WAN bandwidth usage in the sending direction.
 - WAN Received(Mbps) Current WAN bandwidth usage in the receiving direction.
 - LAN Sent(Mbps) Current LAN bandwidth usage in the sending direction.
 - LAN Received(Mbps) Current LAN bandwidth usage in the receiving direction.
- 3. Click the arrow next to the name of a device to view the connection details for that device.
 - Accelerated Connections Current number of accelerated connections.
 - Unaccelerated Connections Current number of unaccelerated connections.

Monitoring AppFirewall Syslog Events

May 27, 2015

Use Command Center to monitor security violations encountered on the NetScaler devices by the Application Firewall module. Run built-in reports to monitor the top security violations encountered by the application firewall feature. Also, view the details of the AppFirewall log messages when a message is generated on a security violation. Further configure views to monitor specific violations, and use the Search functionality to search for specific log messages.

This topic includes the following details:

- Using the Dashboard
- Using Reports
- Viewing Recent Log Messages
- Configuring Views
- Searching Recent AppFirewall Log Messages

Using the Dashboard

Use the Application Firewall dashboard to monitor security violations encountered on the NetScaler devices by the Application Firewall module. By default, you can view the security violations encountered in the last one week during the day.

To monitor the AppFirewall syslog events dashboard

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, under AppFirewall, click Dashboard.
- 2. In the right pane, under Dashboard, you can view the following:
 - Violations by type: Specifies the number of violations for each type of threat, such as Deny URL, SQL Injection, and Cross-site Script.
 - Number of violations: Specifies the total number of violations that are blocked, not blocked, and transformed.
 - Signature violations by category: Specifies the number of violations encountered by types of application firewall signatures, such as web-cgi, web-client, and so on. The application firewall signatures function provides specific rules (or signatures), and specific SQL injection and cross-site scripting patterns, that protect your Web sites against known attacks. For more information about signatures, see the "Signatures" chapter in the Citrix Application Firewall Guide.
 - Top 5 clients by violations: Specifies the top five clients that have encountered security violations.
 - Top 5 NetScalers by violations: Specifies the top five devices that have encountered security violations.
 - Top 5 profiles by violations: Specifies the top five profiles that have encountered security violations.
 - Recent 5 violations: Specifies the recent five security violations.
- 3. To view violations in the last 24 hours, or last 2 weeks, or for a custom period of time, under Dashboard, click Settings.

Using Reports

Command Center provides four built-in reports to monitor the top security violations encountered by the application firewall feature. These reports let you monitor violations encountered by clients, devices, and profiles, and also the different types of violations.

The four reports are:

- Top violations by client
- Top violations by profile

- Top violations by device
- Top violations by type
- Top signature violations by category

To monitor the AppFirewall syslog events using reports

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, under AppFirewall, click Reports.
- 2. In the right pane, under Reports, you can do the following:
 - View Graphs: Click the built-in report and click View Graph to view the graphical report of the top 5, 10, 15, or 20 violations encountered during the last 24 hours, one week, two weeks, or a period of time.
 - Schedule Reports: Click the built-in report, and click Schedule Report to run the violations reports at a later date and time
 - View Scheduled Reports: Click Scheduled Reports to view the details of the date and time when the reports are scheduled to be run.

Viewing Recent Log Messages

You can view the details of the AppFirewall log messages when a message is generated on a security violation. You can also search for specific log messages based on the entire message text or a substring of the message.

To view the recent AppFirewall Log Messages

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, under AppFirewall, click Recent Logs.
- 2. In the right pane, under Recent Logs, you can view the following details for each security violation:
 - Date/Time: Specifies the date and time when the violation was encountered.
 - Source: Specifies the IP address, the system name, or the host name of the NetScaler device on which the violation
 was noticed., based on the device label configuration. For more information about configuring the device label, see
 Configuring Server Settings.
 - Event ID: Specifies the unique identification number of every NetScaler syslog.
 - Transaction ID: Specifies the unique identification number of every AppFirewall syslog message from the NetScaler appliance.
 - Message: Specifies the message that is generated on the device when the violation occurs. The message describes the type of violation.
- 3. To search for log messages based on message string, in Search type the message text or a substring of the message, and then click GO. For example, if you want to view the log messages for a specific session, such as 232173, type 232173. And, if you want to view all log messages for the profile pr_html, type pr_html.

Configuring Views

You can add views to monitor specific types of AppFirewall log messages based on the source, violation type, message generated, and date range. Views make it easier to monitor a large number of violations encountered by the AppFirewall module. For example, you can create a view to monitor all violations of type Deny URL.

The views you create are associated with your Command Center user account.

In this Section:

- Adding Views
- Modifying Views

Adding Views

You can create different views for various types of AppFirewall log messages that are generated on the devices monitored in the Citrix network when a security violation is encountered.

To add views to monitor AppFirewall logs

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, under AppFirewall, expand Recent Logs, and then click Views.
- 2. In the right pane, under Views, click Add.
- 3. Under Create Recent Logs View, fill the following details.
 - Name: The user-defined view name. Type a name for the AppFirewall log view.
 - Devices: The IP address of the device on which the log is generated when the violation occurs. Select the IP addresses of the devices for which you want to create the view.
 - Violation Type: The type of violation encountered by AppFirewall, such as SQL Injection and Deny URL. Select the violation types for which you want to create the view.
 - Profile: The profile containing the security checks that you want the Application Firewall to use when filtering a particular request or response, and how to handle a request or response that fails a security check. Type the name of the profile for which you want to create the view.
 - Client IP: The client IP that the client used to connect to your protected Web server. Type the IP address of the client based on which you want to create the view.
 - URL: The URL to which requests are directed.
 - Message: The log message that is generated. Select the operator, such as equals, not equals, and then type the message for which you want to create the view. Note that the message should be exactly the same as it is generated on the NetScaler device.
 - From Date and To Date: The date range when the syslogs are generated. Select the range for which you want to create the view.

Modifying Views

Use the Modify View option to modify the AppFirewall views you have created. To modify views to monitor AppFirewall logs

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, under AppFirewall, expand Recent Logs, and click Views.
- 2. In the right pane, under Views, click the view name you want to modify.
- 3. In the right pane, click Modify View.
- 4. Under Configure Recent Log View, modify the values you want to change, and then click OK.

Searching Recent AppFirewall Log Messages

Use the Search functionality to search for specific AppFirewall log messages.

Use either the entire log message or a substring of the message to search, or use one of the following criteria to search:

- Client IP: The IP address that the client used to connect to your protected Web server.
- Date: The date range when the syslogs are generated. Select the date and time for which you want to search the syslog messages. You can search for Syslog messages generated within a range of time by selecting the 'is between' subcriterion of date criteria.
- Message: The syslog message that is generated. Select Message and then type the message based on which you want
 to search the syslog messages. Note that the message should be exactly the same as it is generated on the NetScaler
 device.

- Profile: The profile containing the security checks that you want the Application Firewall to use when filtering a particular request or response, and how to handle a request or response that fails a security check. The IP addresses of the devices for which you want to search the syslog messages.
- URL: The URL to which requests are directed.
- Violation Type: The type of violation encountered by AppFirewall, such as SQL Injection and Deny URL.

To search for log messages

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, under AppFirewall, click Recent Logs.
- 2. In the right pane, under Recent Logs, click Search icon.
- 3. In the search pane, use the drop down list to select the filter criteria. Enter the search keyword in the text box. You can also use the logical operators to define the search keyword.
- 4. Click + icon or press the Enter key to add the criteria, and then click Refine Search. The search results are displayed.

Monitoring NetScaler Gateway Syslog Events

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You can use the Command Center dashboard to view graphical reports of NetScaler Gateway user sessions. The reports are based on parameters such as session access, ICA applications accessed, bandwidth usage, client type usage, EPA scan failures, and log in failures. NetScaler Gateway log messages also provide information about these parameters.

This topic includes the following details:

- Using the Dashboard
- Viewing Recent Log Messages
- Configuring Views

Using the Dashboard

Use the dashboard to monitor usage reports of the NetScaler Gateway devices. By default, you can view daily usage reports on the basis of various parameters.

To monitor the NetScaler Gateway syslog events dashboard

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the navigation pane, expand NetScaler Gateway, and then click Dashboard or, in the details pane, click the Dashboard icon.
- 2. In the details pane, under **Dashboard**, you can view the following graphical reports:
 - **Top 10 users by session**: Displays the top ten users accessing applications through NetScaler Gateway. The report is based on the number of sessions for each user.
 - Top 10 ICA applications by user access. Displays the top ten ICA applications accessed by the users.
 - **Top 10 users by bandwidth**. Displays the top ten users in terms of bandwidth consumption across NetScaler Gateway sessions.
 - **Client type usage.** Displays the distribution of the NetScaler Gateway usage by client type (for example, e.g. Clientless VPN, Java, ICA, Agent.)
 - Top 10 users by EPA scan failures. Displays the top ten users whose devices failed to comply with the Citrix End Point Analysis (EPA) policy configured on NetScaler Gateway.
 Citrix Endpoint Analysis scans a user device and detects information such as the presence and version level of operating system, antivirus, firewall, or browser software. Use Citrix Endpoint Analysis to verify that the user device meets your requirements before you allow it to connect to your network. You can monitor files, processes, and registry entries on the user device throughout the user session to ensure that the device continues to meet
 - **Top 10 users by failed attempts.** Displays the top ten users experiencing failed login attempts. This report can help identify a breach to the VPN access.
- 3. To view usage reports in the last 24 hours, or last one week, or last two weeks, select the required time period from the drop-down menu in the Dashboard.
- 4. Click the graph to drill down and view the details on the Reports page.

Viewing Recent Log Messages

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requirements.

You can view the details of the NetScaler Gateway log messages when a message is generated on usage parameter.

To view the recent NetScaler Gateway Log Messages

1. On the Reporting tab, expand NetScaler Gateway in the navigation pane and then click Recent Logs. Alternately, click

Recent Logs icon in the right pane.

- 2. In the right pane, under Recent Logs, you can view the following details for each of the message:
 - Date: Specifies the date and time when the event occurred.
 - **Source**: Specifies the IP address, the system name, or the host name of the NetScaler Gateway device for which the message was generated.
 - Event ID: Specifies the unique identification number of every NetScaler Gateway syslog.
 - **Message**: Specifies the message that is generated on the device when the event occurs. The message describes the type of event.

Configuring Views

You can add views to monitor specific types of NetScaler Gateway log messages based on parameters such as session access, ICA applications accessed, bandwidth usage, client type usage, EPA scan failures, and logon failures. Views make it easier to monitor data on NetScaler Gateway user sessions.

The views you create are associated with your Command Center user account.

In this Section:

- Adding Views
- Modifying Views

Adding Views

You can create different views for various types of NetScaler Gateway log messages that are generated on the devices monitored in the Citrix network.

To add views to monitor NetScaler Gateway logs

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, under **NetScaler Gateway**, expand Recent Logs, and then click **Views**.
- 2. In the right pane, under Views, click Add.
- 3. Under Create Recent Logs View, fill the following details.
 - Name: The user-defined view name. Type a name for the NetScaler Gateway log view.
 - Devices: The IP address of the device on which the log is generated. Select the IP addresses of the devices for which you want to create the view.
 - Type: The type of NetScaler Gateway log types generated on the devices, such as LOGIN,LOGOUT,ICASTART,TCPCONNSTAT, HTTPREQUEST and others. Select the types for which you want to create the view.
 - User Name: Type the name of the profile for which you want to create the view.
 - Client IP: The client IP that the client used to connect to your Web server. Type the IP address of the client based on which you want to create the view.
 - Vserver: Type the virtual server details.
 - Client Type: Select the client type, such as Java, Agent, Clientless, ICA, or Mac.
 - Message: The log message that is generated. Select the operator, such as equals, not equals, and then type the message for which you want to create the view. Note that the message should be exactly the same as it is generated on the NetScaler device.
 - ICA Application Name: Type the ICA application that you want to access.
 - From Date and To Date: The date range when the syslogs are generated. Select the range for which you want to create the view.

Modifying Views

Use the Modify View option to modify the NetScaler Gateway views you have created.

To modify views to monitor AppFirewall logs

- 1. On the Reporting tab, in the left pane, under **NetScaler Gateway**, expand Recent Logs, and click **Views**.
- 2. In the right pane, under Views, click the view name you want to modify.
- 3. In the right pane, click Modify.
- 4. Under Configure Recent Log View, modify the values you want to change, and then click OK.

Administering Command Center

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After logging on to Command Center, you can modify the default settings and configure various parameters for reporting and security.

You can configure the discovery settings and device profiles that are used when discovering or rediscovering a device. You can configure global settings for fault, certificate management, and monitoring using the server settings option. You can configure the inventory settings to specify the time when you want to download the configuration and license files, and the number of downloaded files you want to store in the database.

You can also configure the high availability (HA) parameters if your Command Center is set in an HA mode. Further, you can configure your mail server settings.

If you have installed Command Center agents, you can configure the agent settings and assign devices to each agent. You can also generate support logs and view the server logs, and change the database password or shut down the Command Center server.

In this section:

- Configuring Discovery Settings
- Configuring Device Profiles
- Configuring Server Settings
- Configuring Purge Settings
- Configuring Inventory Settings
- Configuring High Availability Settings
- Configuring Mail Server Settings
- Configuring Access Settings
- Setting Up Command Center Agents
- Configuring SNMP Trap Forwarding
- Configuring Security Settings
- Configuring Logs
- Viewing Server and Logged-in User Information
- Changing the Database Password

Configuring Discovery Settings

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You can set default values for discovery configuration settings, including SNMP time-out, the number of SNMP retries, rediscovery intervals, and status polling intervals.

- SNMP Timeout: Specifies the maximum amount of time, in seconds, that the Command Center server will wait for the Citrix device to return a response for an SNMP request. If the time to receive the response exceeds the specified timeout value, the server gives up. By default, the time-out value is 5 seconds.
- SNMP Retries: Specifies the number of times the Command Center server attempts to connect to the device before giving up. By default, the Command Center server attempts to connect to the device three times before giving up.
- Rediscovery Interval: Specifies the duration for which Command Center waits until the next rediscovery. The default value is 60 minutes. You can specify the rediscovery interval only in terms of minutes (integer values).
- Status Poll Interval: Specifies the duration for which Command Center waits to poll the status of all discovered devices. The default value is 1800 seconds (30 minutes). You can specify the status polling interval only in terms of seconds (integer values). For example, to specify an interval of 1 hour, type 3600.

To configure discovery settings

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Global Settings, click Discovery Settings.
- 2. Under Configure Discovery Settings, in SNMP Timeout, choose a value to specify the number of seconds after which SNMP discovery must time out.
- 3. In SNMP Retries, choose a value to specify the number of retries that Command Center must perform when discovering a device using SNMP.
- 4. In Re-Discovery Interval, type the number of minutes after which Command Center must rediscover managed devices. By default, Command Center discovers devices every 60 minutes.
- 5. In Status Poll Interval, type the number of seconds after which Command Center must poll the status of all discovered devices.
- 6. Click OK.

Configuring Device Profiles

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Device profiles specify the user credentials and SNMP details that are used by Command Center to communicate with the Citrix devices and retrieve configuration data and SNMP traps. You can create device profiles for the four device families: NetScaler, CloudBridge, NetScaler SDX and XenServer. These device profiles are used by Command Center to discover the Citrix devices.

This topic includes the following details:

- Adding Device Profiles
- Viewing Device Profiles
- Modifying Device Profiles
- Deleting Device Profiles

Adding Device Profiles

You need to add device profiles to specify the user credentials and SNMP details that are used by Command Center to communicate with the Citrix devices and retrieve configuration data and SNMP traps.

To add device profiles

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Settings, click Device Profiles.
- 2. Under Device Profiles, click Add....
- 3. Under Create Device Profile, in Name, type a name for the profile and in Description, type a description for the profile.
- 4. In Device Family, select the device family for which you want to create the profile. The possible values are: NetScaler, CloudBridge, NetScaler SDX Platform, CloudBridge Advanced Platform, and XenServer.
- 5. Do one of the following:
 - For the NetScaler device family, perform the following steps.
 - Note: NetScaler device family also includes NetScaler MPX, CloudBridge Connector, NetScaler VPX virtual devices, and NetScaler Gateway devices.
 - 1. Specify the following user credentials for Device Login and File Transfer:
 - User Name: The user name for accessing the device. The default user name for a Citrix NetScaler device is nsroot.
 - Password: The password for the accessing device. The default password for a Citrix NetScaler device for the user name nsroot is nsroot.
 - Timeout (sec): The time-out period, in seconds, after which the Citrix Command Center server stops waiting for a connection to be established. The default time-out value is 5.
 - 2. To use the same user credentials for both Device Login and File Transfer, select the Use Device Login credentials for both Device Login and File Transfer protocols check box.
 - 3. Under SNMP, enter the following details:
 - In the Version list, select the version number of the SNMP protocol for Citrix Command Center to use. SNMP versions 1, 2, and 3 are supported.
 - Citrix recommends that the NetScaler devices running release 8.0 and above use SNMP versions 2 or 3.
 - In Port, type the SNMP port number. The default port number is 161.
 - For versions 1 and 2, in Community, type the SNMP community string. The community string enables the

NetScaler device to respond to SNMP queries after a successful match. For version 3, specify the following details:

- User Name: The user name of the SNMP user.
- Security Level: The security level of the group to which the user is assigned. The possible values are: Without Authentication and Privacy, With Authentication and without Privacy, and With Authentication and Privacy.
- Authentication Type: The authentication type assigned to the user. The possible values are MD5 and SHA.
- Privacy Type: The encryption type. The possible values are DES and AES. You can select AES as the privacy type only if the SNMP version is v3 and the security level is set to With Authentication and Privacy.
- Privacy Password: The encryption password.
- For NetScaler SDX NetScaler SDX Platform, perform the following steps.
 - 1. Create a NetScaler profile by following the procedure described above for adding device profile for NetScaler device family.
 - 2. Under User Credentials, specify the following user credentials for Device Login.
 - User Name: The user name for the device.
 - Password: Type the password for the device. The default password for a Citrix NetScaler device with the user name nsroot is nsroot.
 - Community: Type the SNMP community string. The community string enables the NetScaler SDX device to respond to SNMP queries after a successful match.
 - 3. In NetScaler Profile *: Select the NetScaler profile that you want to use to discover the NetScaler instances installed on the NetScaler SDX. Command Center implicitly discovers NetScaler instances installed on the NetScaler SDX device
- For CloudBridge Advanced Platform, perform the following steps.
 - 1. Create a NetScaler profile by following the procedure described above for adding device profile for NetScaler device family.
 - 2. Under User Credentials, specify the following user credentials.
 - User Name: The user name for the device.
 - Password: Type the password for the device. The default password for a Citrix NetScaler device with the user name nsroot is nsroot.
 - CloudBridge Profile: Select a CloudBridge profile you want to use to discover the CloudBridge instances installed on the CloudBridge Advanced Platform.
 - Note: Selecting a CloudBridge profile is mandatory for these devices. Otherwise, Command Center cannot discover the CloudBridge instances
 - NetScaler Profile: Select the NetScaler profile that you want to use to discover the CloudBridge Connector installed on the CloudBridge Advanced Platform. Command Center implicitly discovers CloudBridge Connector installed on the CloudBridge Advanced Platform.
 - Note: You do not have to select a NetScaler profile for CloudBridge 2000 and 3000 models.
 - Community: Type the SNMP community string. The community string enables the CloudBridge Advanced Platform to respond to SNMP queries after a successful match.
- For the **CloudBridge** device family, perform the following steps.
 - 1. Under User Credentials, specify the following user credentials for Device Login and File Transfer:
 - User Name: The user name for accessing the device.
 - Password: The password for accessing the device.
 Note: By default, the user name and password for Device Login are the same as those specified for the CloudBridge user interface. The user name for File Transfer is transfer (this is populated by default), and the password is set by Command Center during the first-time discovery of the device

- Timeout (sec): The time out period in seconds, after which the Citrix Command Center server stops waiting for a connection to be established. The default time out value is 15s.
- 2. Under SNMP, specify the following details:
 - In the Version list, select the version number of the SNMP protocol for Citrix Command Center to use.
 - In Community, type the SNMP community string. The community string enables the CloudBridge device to respond to SNMP queries after a successful match.
 - In Port, type the SNMP port number. The default SNMP port is 161.
- For XenServer, perform the following steps.
 - 1. Create a NetScaler profile by following the procedure described above for adding device profile for NetScaler device family.
 - 2. Under User Credentials, specify the following user credentials for Device Login.
 - User Name: The user name for accessing the device.
 - Password: The password for accessing the device.
 - Port: The port at which the XenServer device listens for incoming traffic. The default port is 443.
 - In Select NetScaler Profile: Select the NetScaler profile that you want to use to discover the NetScaler VPX
 devices installed on the XenServer. Command Center implicitly discovers NetScaler VPX devices installed on the
 XenServer.

Viewing Device Profiles

After you have configured device profiles with the user credentials and SNMP details, you can view the profiles from the Command Center client.

To view device profiles

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the left pane, expand Settings, click Device Profiles
- 2. Under Device Profiles, you can view and do the following.
 - Name: Specifies the name of the device profile you have created.
 - Device Family: Specifies the device family for which the profile is created. The possible values are: NetScaler, NetScaler SDX, CloudBridge, and XenServer.
 - Description: Specifies the description of the profile you have created.
 - Add Profile: Click Add to add new device profiles. For more information, see Adding Device Profiles.
 - Delete: Select the profile you want to delete, and then click Delete to delete a device profile. For more information, see Deleting Device Profiles.
 - Modify: Select the profile you want to modify, and then click Modify to modify a device profile.

Modifying Device Profiles

After you have added a device profile, you can modify the values of the user credentials and SNMP details that are used by Command Center to communicate with the Citrix devices and retrieve configuration data and SNMP traps.

To modify device profiles

- 1. On the Administrationtab, in the left pane, under Settings, click Device Profiles.
- 2. Under Device Profiles, click the profile name you want to modify, and then click Modify...
- 3. Under Configure Device Profile, make the required changes, and then click OK.

Deleting Device Profiles

If you do not want to use a device profile, you can delete it from your server.

To delete device profiles

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the left pane, under Settings, click Device Profiles.
- 2. Under Device Profiles, select the profile you want to delete, and then click Delete.

Configuring Server Settings

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You can set the default values for the following Command Center server settings:

- SNMP Trap Destination: A Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) trap is a notification event issued by a managed device to the network management station when a significant event (not necessarily an outage, a fault, or a security violation) occurs. The SNMP trap destination in the Command Center context is the IP address to be used on managed devices to send SNMP traps when the Command Center server is multihomed or if there is a Network Address Translation (NAT) device between the server and the managed devices.
- SNMP Trap Port: You can specify either a single port number or multiple port numbers (separated by commas) to receive the traps. The default SNMP trap port number is 162. However, if you specify a different port number, you must configure the SNMP agent of the managed device to send the trap on the new port.
- Device Label: A device label is used when the discovered devices are displayed on a map. The default device label is the IP address of the managed device. If you choose System Name as the device label, the SNMP system names configured on the devices are shown. If you choose Host Name the devices are labeled by their DNS host names. Note that the host names are displayed only when the devices are discovered using host names. The devices located on the Citrix Network tab reflect the change.
 - Note: By default, NetScaler devices have the sysname NetScaler.
- SSL Certificate Management: You can centrally manage the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificates installed on the managed devices. You can poll all the managed devices for certificate status, install SSL certificates, update existing certificates, generate new certificate signing requests (CSRs), and set up polling intervals and severity levels. This feature is enabled by default. So, if you do not want to use the SSL Certificate Management feature to centrally manage the SSL certificates on all the managed devices, you must disable this feature.

 Note: Command Center supports this feature on NetScaler 7.0 and later.
- Task Execution User Credentials: You can set up authentication using the user credentials of the device for executing tasks on managed devices. You can execute tasks on the managed devices from Command Center using the same credentials used for discovering devices. However, the role-based access capabilities of Command Center allow you to override the credentials for task execution and prompt users to input their user credentials. This provides administrators the ability to control users to execute only those commands that are configured on the device using the device role-based access privileges for those user IDs.
- Performance Data Configuration: You can access the collected performance data using quick report, custom report, and trend report generators. Note that trend reports are available only in the HTML client.
 By default, for quick and custom reports, you can view performance data for the last 14 days in 5-minute granularity. In trend reports, you can view consolidated hourly data for the last 30 days and daily data for the last 365 days. However, you can customize the number of days for which you want to collect and maintain performance data.
- Monitoring: You can centrally manage the Monitoring feature for monitoring the real-time status of virtual servers, services, and service group members configured on all discovered NetScaler devices. This feature is enabled by default. In an environment with multiple NetScaler devices and many vservers, services, and service groups configured on the devices, the regular monitoring of these entities may add to the network load. If you find that this network load is too high in your environment and results in other issues, you can disable the monitoring feature for that environment.

• Syslog Clean Interval: To limit the amount of syslog data stored in the database, you can specify the interval at which you want to purge syslog data. A purge job is enabled by default, and is scheduled to run at 1:00 AM daily. By default, Command Center stores syslog messages for the last 90 days. To customize the purge interval, you can specify the number of days in the Syslog Clean interval (in days) field. Only the records older than the number of days that you specify are purged. For example, if you specify as 45 days, Command Center purges syslog messages that are older than 45 days.

To configure server settings

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Global Settings, click Server Settings.
- 2. Under Configure Server Settings, do one or more of the following:
 - In SNMP Trap Destination, type the IP address of the destination system to which the SNMP traps must be sent.
 - In SNMP Trap Port, type either a single port number or multiple port numbers (separated by commas) to receive the traps.
 - In Device Label, select one of the following device labels that you want Command Center to use: System IP, System Name, or Host Name.
 - In SSL Certificate Management, click Enable or Disable.
 - In Task Execution User Credentials, click Enable or Disable.
 - Configure the following parameters:
 - Duration of performance data collected at configured interval (default: 5 minutes): Specifies the number of days for which you want Command Center to maintain performance data at the specified duration interval. The default duration is 14 days.
 - Duration of performance data consolidated at hourly interval: Specifies the number of days for which you want to maintain hourly performance data. The default duration is 30 days.
 - Duration of performance data consolidated at daily interval: Specifies the number of days for which you want to maintain the daily performance data. The default duration is 365 days.
 Note: You must restart the Command Center server to complete the performance data configuration.
 - In Monitoring, click Enable or Disable.
 - In Syslog Clean interval (in days), specify the number of days you want to retain syslog data.

Configuring Inventory Settings

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With inventory management, Command Center downloads the configuration and license files and SSL certificate files from each discovered device and stores these files in the database. By default, Command Center downloads the files during every discovery or rediscovery of a device. However, you can configure the inventory settings feature to download the configuration and license files in the following scenarios:

- When Command Center receives the "save config" trap.
- During specific intervals set by the user.
- During a backup operation initiated by the user from the Device Properties page.

You can also configure inventory settings to specify the number of copies of the downloaded files you want Command Center to store in the database. For example, you can choose to store only one copy each of the configuration and license files that are older than one week. In this case, Command Center stores the last downloaded file set.

Note: By default, every file that is downloaded is stored in the database, and Command Center maintains the last 10 copies of the files.

To configure inventory settings

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Global Settings, click Inventory Settings.
- 2. Select one or more of the following options for archiving.
 - Archive "Save Config" Trap: Select this check box if you want the server to archive files when the "save config" trap is
 received.
 - Archive Interval (in hours): Specify the archive interval in hours.
- 3. In Number of previous archive files to retain, type the number of files that you want to retain after download.
- 4. Click OK.

Configuring High Availability Settings

Apr 17, 2014

You can configure two Command Center servers to work as a high availability (HA) pair by configuring one server as primary and the other server as secondary. For more information, see Installing Command Center in High Availability Mode.

Use the HA pair mode of operation to ensure uninterrupted management of network devices by allowing the secondary Command Center server to take over in case the primary server fails, terminates, or shuts down.

To configure high availability settings

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under GlobalSettings, click High Availability Settings.
- 2. Under High Availability Details, click Edit and configure the following HA parameters:
 - Heart beat interval: Heartbeats periodically check the availability of an HA node. Specify the interval at which the primary Command Center server must update its health in a database table. The default is 60 seconds.
 - Failover interval: Failover refers to the process of the secondary node taking over when the primary server goes down. Specify the interval at which the secondary Command Center server must check the status of the primary Command Center server in the database. The default is 75 seconds.
 - Retry count: The secondary Command Center server checks the status of the primary Command Center server for failure. Specify the number of times the secondary Command Center server must check the status of the primary Command Center Server before assuming that the primary Command Center server has failed. The default is 1.
 - Backup interval: Specify the interval at which the secondary Command Center server backs up the configuration files from the primary Command Center server.
- 3. Click OK.

Configuring Mail Server Settings

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Command Center uses Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) to send email messages. You can configure the mail server settings globally from the Admin tab. Then, when you add an event or alarm trigger and associate an email action with it, the mail server settings are updated automatically for that email action. However, mail server settings specified at the event or alarm level will override global settings.

To configure mail server settings

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under GlobalSettings, click Mail Server Settings.
- 2. Under Configure Mail Server, in Mail Server, type the IP address of the SMTP mail server that you want to use to send email notifications.
- 3. In From and To, type the email addresses of the sender and the recipients. Note that you can enter multiple email addresses in the To field.
- 4. Select Mail server requires authentication and type the user name and password if your mail server is configured to authenticate email addresses.
- 5. Click OK. If the connection to the mail server is successful, a test mail is sent to the specified email and the settings are saved.

Configuring Access Settings

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You can configure the security settings by changing the default communication mode (HTTP or HTTPS) and the port used between the Command Center server and the client.

To configure the security settings

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Global Settings, click Access Settings.
- 2. Under Configure Access Settings, in Server Protocol, click the communication mode you want to use. Note: By default, HTTPS communication mode is used.
- 3. In Server Port, type the port number you want to use.
- 4. In Session Timeout, type the length of time (in minutes) for which the session can be inactive before you must log in again. You must restart Command Center for the timeout settings to take effect. The timeout duration that you specify here is applicable to all users. However, you can specify specific timeout duration for your device on the Login page. For more information, see the "Logging on to Command Center" section in the .

 Note: You must minimize the Alarm Summary table for the session timeout to work. If the Alarm Summary table is expanded, the session is considered to be active.
- 5. Click OK.

Setting Up Command Center Agents

Apr 18, 2014

Command Center provides a distributed multi-tier architecture by letting you configure agents that manage and monitor the Citrix devices. This architecture reduces the load on the Command Center server by distributing the load across the different agents. Note that, for now, the agents are used only for monitoring entities and syslog messages, for polling and collecting data used for performance monitoring, such as CPU usage, resource utilization, and IP bytes transmitted, and for certificate management.

The Command Center agents are installed using the Command Center installer. For more information, see After the agents are installed and connected to the Command Center server, you can view the agent details on the Administration tab of the Command Center client. You can activate the agents from the client, and then assign devices to the agent to manage.

To set up Command Center agents

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the left pane, under Settings, click Agent Setup.
- 2. Under Agent Details, you can view and do the following.
 - Agent: Specifies the IP address of the Command Center agent.
 - Status: Specifies whether the agent is active, inactive, or has been stopped.
 - Action: Based on the Status of an agent, you can take actions. If an agent is in an inactive state and is not managing devices, you need to activate the agent and assign devices to it to manage. If you want to stop an agent from managing devices, you need to deactivate it. You can activate or deactivate an agent by selecting the agent and then clicking Activate or Deactivate. To assign devices to an agent to manage, click Assign. If a Command Center agent is in an inactive state or has been stopped, you can unassign the devices managed by this device. These devices get assigned to the Command Center server. To unassign the devices managed by a Command Center agent, click Unassign for the inactive or stopped agent.

Configuring SNMP Trap Forwarding

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You can configure Command Center to receive traps on an available port and forward them to any device. You can set the default values for the destination that receives the trap, the port number of the destination device, and the community to which the device belongs.

To configure SNMP trap forwarding

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Settings, click Trap Forward Settings.
- 2. Configure the following:
 - 1. Trap Destination: Specify the IP address of the device that receives the forwarded SNMP trap.
 - 2. Destination Port: Specify the port number of the device that receives the forwarded SNMP trap.
 - 3. Trap Community: Specify the community string of the trap receiver.
- 3. Click OK.

Configuring Security Settings

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You can configure various parameters to ensure that only authenticated users log on to Command Center. You can also create users and groups and assign specific operations to the groups.

In this section:

- Configuring Authentication Settings
- Configuring Groups
- Configuring Users
- Viewing Audit Logs for All Users
- Configuring SNMP Agents on Command Center Appliance

Configuring Authentication Settings

Command Center supports authentication policies for external authentication of users.

When users, who are not configured in Command Center, log on for the first time, those users are assigned to the default Users group. Administrators must assign those users to appropriate groups, depending on the privilege levels that they want to grant those users.

The administrator must configure authentication servers to authenticate the users who are not configured in Command Center.

Command Center supports the following authentication servers:

- Local
- Active Directory
- RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service)
- TACACS (Terminal Access Controller Access Control System)

Note: If you use Active Directory server for authentication, groups in the Command Center are configured to match groups configured on authentication servers. When a user logs on and is authenticated, if a group name matches a group on an authentication server, the user inherits the settings for the group in the Command Center.

To configure authentication settings

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Security, click Authentication Settings.
- 2. Under Authentication Settings, in Authentication Server, select the type of authentication server you want to use: Local, Active Directory, RADIUS, or TACACS+.
- 3. Depending on the authentication server you have selected, type or select the details. If you selected Active Directory, you can, in addition, use the Enable Group Extraction option to apply Active Directory authorization settings to groups configured in Command Center. Under Enable Group Extraction, type or select the Active Directory Server settings. User authorization is then based on the groups with which the users are associated in Command Center.
 Note: If you have selected RADIUS, and if the Command Center servers are configured in a HA mode, you must provide the Secondary Server Client Identifier details.
- 4. Click OK.

Configuring Groups

Groups are logical sets of users that need to access common information or perform similar kinds of tasks. You can organize users into groups defined by a set of common operations. By providing specific permissions to groups rather than individual users, you can save time when creating new users.

If you are using an Active Directory server for authentication, groups in the Command Center can be configured to match groups configured on Active Directory servers. When a user belonging to a group whose name matches a group on an authentication server, logs on and is authenticated, the user inherits the settings for the group in the Command Center.

In this section:

- Adding Groups
- Assigning Users to Groups
- Modifying Groups
- Deleting Groups

Adding Groups

You can add groups and assign permissions to the groups.

To add groups

attributes.

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Security, click Groups.
- 2. Under Groups, click Add.
- 3. Under Add Group, in Group Name, type the name of the new group or multiple comma-delimited groups that you want to create. In case you have enabled group extraction from Active Directory, you can browse and add groups extracted from the Active Directory server after you have configured Active Directory settings under Authentication settings. Click on the Browse button to select the group name from the retrieved Active Directory group names.

 Note: The Browse button is available only if you have enabled group extraction and provided the Active Directory group
 - **Important**: When creating groups in the Command Center for group extraction from Active Directory, group names must be the same as those defined in Active Directory. Group names are also case-sensitive and must match those in Active Directory. Special characters are supported in group names.
- 4. Select the check boxes against the permissions you want to assign for each feature. Note that selecting Grant administrative privileges assigns permission to perform all operations on only the Administration tab.

Assigning Users to Groups

You can assign Command Center users to a group depending on the permissions that you want to grant them.

To assign user to groups

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Security, click Groups.
- 2. Under Groups, click the group to which you want to assign users, and then click **Assign To**.
- 3. Under Configure Group, in Available Users, click the user(s) that you want to include in the group, and then click the + icon.

Note: To remove a selected user, click the user you want to remove in Configured Users, and then click the-icon.

Modifying Groups

After you have added a group, you can modify the permissions assigned to that group. You can also add or remove users assigned to a group.

You can also modify a group to provide fine-grained authorization support. You can ensure that the user performs operations only on those devices or data defined by the authorization settings assigned to his or her account or group. For example, if you want to restrict any operations that the user performs to a specific set of devices (for example, NetScaler VPX), then you must set the authorization criteria with the relevant property values as described in the following procedure.

To modify groups

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Security, click Groups.
- 2. Under Groups, click the group you want to modify.
- 3. To add or remove a user, click **Assign To**, and make the modifications as required.
- 4. To change the permissions assigned to a group, click Modify, make changes to the permissions you want to assign for each feature.
- 5. To configure authorization settings, click Advanced Settings.
- 6. Under Advanced Settings, in Property Name, select the property for which you want to add the authorization settings (for example, Device Type), and in Property Value, enter the value of the property (for example, NetScaler VPX), and then click OK.

Note: You can enter the property value along with the wildcard character %. For example, you can if you enter the server name as webin%, or %storfron%, then Command Center looks for server names beginning with 'webin' or server names containing the term 'storfron', then adds the authorization settings.

Deleting Groups

You can delete groups that you no longer want to use from the database. Ensure that all the users assigned to the group are removed from the group before deleting the group.

To delete groups

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Security, click Groups.
- 2. Under Groups, select the groups that you want to remove, and then click Delete.

Configuring Users

A user is an individual entity that logs on to Command Center to perform a set of device management tasks. To allow someone access to Command Center, you must create a user account for that user. After you create a user account, you can associate the user with groups and set permissions according to the group requirements.

From the Command Center interface, you can seamlessly specify local or external as the authentication type for a user. You can specify the authentication type when adding the user to Command Center, or you can edit the user's settings later.

Important: The external authentication type is supported only when you set up one of the authentication servers: Radius, Active Directory or TACACS+.

This topic includes the following details:

- Adding Users
- Assigning Groups to a User
- Viewing Permissions Assigned to Users
- Modifying User Profiles
- Changing the Root User Password
- Deleting Users

Adding Users

You can add new users whenever you need to provide a user access to Command Center. By default, a new user has only log on permission. You can provide access to various modules by making the user a member of pre-configured groups that contain those modules.

To add users

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Security, click Users.
- 2. Under Users, click Add.
- 3. In User name, type a user name for the new user and in Password and Confirm Password, type a password for the user
- 4. In **Groups**, click **Available**, and then, select the groups to which you want to add the new user. Note: To add the new user account to a new group, type the name of the group, and click Add.
- 5. In Password Expires In, type the number of days after which you want the password to expire.

 Note: If the user logs on after the password expires, the user is directed to the Change Password page to reset the password. The user can change the password only if the authentication type of the user is Local.
- 6. In Account Expires In, type the number of days after which you want the account to expire.
- 7. Set the authentication type for the user. Select Local Authentication User value as True for local authentication. For external authentication, select False.
 - Note: The external authentication type is supported only when you set up one of the authentication servers: Radius, Active Directory or TACACS+.
- 8. Click Create. The user is added to Command Center, with the selected authorization type. You can view the details on the Users page.

Assigning Groups to a User

You must associate a user to a minimum of one group.

To assign groups to a user

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Security, click Users.
- 2. Under Users, click a user name to which you want to associate a group, and then click **Assign To**.
- 3. In Configure User, click + Add, click the groups that you want to associate with the user, and then click OK.

Viewing Permissions Assigned to Users

You can view the permissions that are assigned to a user.

To view permitted operations assigned to users

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Security, click Users.
- 2. Under Users, click the user name for which you want to view the permitted operations, and then view the groups associated with the user by clicking **Assign To**.
- 3. In Groups page, for the groups associated, view the permitted operations by clicking **Modify**.

Modifying User Profiles

You can modify the user profiles you have created. You can make changes to various parameters, such as the state of a user, password to log on, password expiration, account expiration, authentication type, assigned groups, and permitted

operations.

To modify user profiles

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Security, click Users.
- 2. Under Users, click the user profile you want to modify, click **Modify**.
- 3. Under Configure User, make changes as required. To modify the authentication type of the user, select the options in Local Authentication User.
 - Note: If you modify the authentication type for a user from external to local, the default password is same as the username.
- 4. Click OK.

Changing the Root User Password

The root user account is the super user account in Command Center. The default password for the root account is public. Citrix recommends that you change the password after you install the Command Center server.

If you specify the password expiry value for the user account, the password expires after the number of days specified. When the password is about to expire, a notification is displayed when you log on to Command Center server, and you are prompted to navigate to the Change Password screen to modify the password.

In Command Center appliance, when you modify the root user credentials on the primary, the password for the root user in Command Center, SSH root user of the CentOS, SSH root user of the XenServer, and the database password in both primary and secondary devices are modified.

To change the root user password

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Security, click Users.
- 2. Under Users, select the root user name, and then click **Modify**.
- 3. Under Configure User, in New password and Re-type password, type and retype the new password you want to use, and then click OK.

Deleting Users

You can remove user accounts you do not want to use.

To delete users

- 1. On the Administration tab, under Security, click Users.
- 2. Under Users, click the user name(s) you want to delete, and then click Delete.

Viewing Audit Logs for All Users

Use audit logs to view the operations that a Command Center user has performed. The audit log identifies all operations that a user performs, the date and time of each operation, and the success or failure status of the operation. Citrix recommends that you periodically clear audit logs after reviewing them.

You can perform the following operations on audit logs:

- View the audit log details of all users or a single user.
- Sort the details by user, operation, audit time, category, AuditedObject, and status by clicking the appropriate column heading.

• Clear the audit logs when you no longer need to manage them.

To view audit logs for all users

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Security, click Audit Logs.
- 2. Under Audit Logs, you can view and do the following:
 - Name: Specifies the user name of the user for which you can view the audit logs. Click the user name to view the audit details of that user.
 - Operation: Specifies the operation the user has performed for which the audit log is available.
 - Time: Specifies the time when the audit log was generated.
 - Status: Specifies the status of the audit, such as Success or Failed.
 - Category: Specifies the category of the operation that is audited, such as Authentication.
 - Audited Object: Specifies the security administration operations, such as operations on users or groups, that are audited by Command Center.
 - Export: Click Export if you want to export all the audited information to a CSV file.

Configuring Logs

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The Command Center server implicitly generates server logs that you can use to analyze the server activity and debug any issues. You can configure the log settings to specify the number of lines each log file should contain and the log level for which you want to use the log file. You can also generate support logs for analysis.

This topic includes the following details:

- Generating Support Logs
- Viewing Server Logs
- Configuring Server Log settings

Generating Support Logs

Command Center lets you generate support archive logs for analysis.

To generate support logs

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Operations, click Generate support logs.
- 2. Under Generate support logs, click OK.

Viewing Server Logs

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The Command Center server implicitly generates server logs that you can use to analyze the server activity and debug any issues

To view server logs

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Logging, click View Logs.
- 2. Under View Logs, you can view the following:
 - Name—Name of the log file. Click a file name to view the log details.
 - Last modified—Date and time when the log file was last modified.
 - Size—Size of a log file.

Note:

To display additional details, right-click the name of the log and select Open Link in New Tab.

To display the logs on a Command Center server, use editor tools such as notepad or text pad for Windows, and vi editor or vim editor for Linux and Command Center appliances.

Configuring Server Log Settings

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The Command Center server implicitly generates server logs that you can use to analyze the server activity and debug any issues. You can configure the log settings to specify the number of lines each log file should contain and the log level for which you want to use the log file.

To configure log settings

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Logging, click Log Settings.
- 2. Under Log Settings, you can view and do the following.
 - Logger: Type of log file.
 - Max Lines / File: Specifies the maximum number of lines in a log file. Select the number of lines you want a file to contain. The possible values are: 5000, 10000, and 20000.
 - Level: Level of log you want to generate. Select the log level for a file.
 - Appender: A link to set the file appender details.

When you click on file name in the Appender column, you can modify the following settings:

- File Name: Name of the log file with which the appender is associated.
- Max Backup: Maximum number of files to be backed up when storing the logs. When this limit is reached, the log file is rolled back.
- File Size: Maximum size of the log file.

Viewing Server Details, Logged-in User Information, and License Details

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You can view the server and port information, such as the host name and IP address of the server and the TCP port. You can view the details of the users that are connected to the Command Center server at the current time. You can also view the Command Center appliance license details.

To view server information

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Information, click Server.
- 2. Under Server Details, you can view information, such as the host name and address, operating system on which the server is running, database to which the Command Center server is connected, and the total and free memory.
- 3. Under Port Details, you can view information, such as the TCP and SNMP ports.

To view logged-in user information

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Information, click Logged-in Users.
- 2. Under Logged-in Users, you can view information, such as the user name of the Command Center user that is connected to the server, the IP address of the user that is connected to the server, and the time since when the user is logged on.

To view License information

You can view the Command Center appliance license details.

Note: The license information is displayed only for Command Center appliances.

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane Information, click License Details.
- 2. Under License Details, you can view information, such as the license type of the Command Center appliances, IP Addresses, and the Company Name.

Changing the Database Password

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You can change the password that the Command Center server uses to connect to the database.

To change the database password

- 1. On the Administration tab, in the right pane, under Operations, click Change Database Password.
- 2. Under Change Database Password, in Current Password, type the current password that the Command Center server uses to connect to the database.
- 3. In New password and in Re-type password, type the new password you want to the Command Center server to use to connect to the database, and then click OK.