

All You Ever Wanted to Know About **Network Management in 90 Minutes**

(More or Less)

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Agenda

- Managing Network Management
- Managing via the Cisco IOS
- Syslog
- IP SLA
- NetFlow
- NBAR
- Net Mgmt Stories (as time permits)
- Summary, Q&A, References, Applause-O-Meter (if time)

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Managing Network Management

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Pete's Stages of Network Management

- 1. Gathering information to diagnose a problem (CLI, etc.)
- 2. Collecting SNMP trap & syslog information to assist
- 3. Automating configuration and IOS software management
- 4. Automated performance data gathering, reporting (baseline, capacity planning)
- 5. Performance threshold-based traps



Plan Network Management

- Plan what you buy, and don't buy several products at one time
- Try the product before buying
 - -Demos always look great, but generally don't show what the product doesn't do well, or what is hard to admin
 - -Take the class: if it doesn't work in class...
 - -Demo it in-house: if you can't make it work...
- Consider a consultant
 - -Broader exposure to NM products, what people like and don't like, what seems to work...
- Focus: What problem are you trying to solve?



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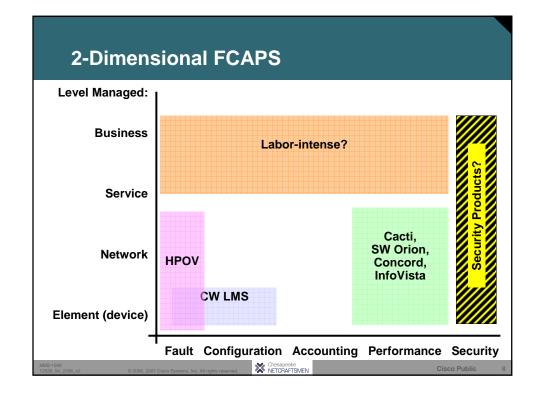
Determine Management Priorities

- You can't do it all, especially in smallmedium size organizations
- Network Management can get labor intense
 - -But staffing rarely gets larger
- Newton was right about INERTIA
 - -Existing process may focus on managing WAN links
 - -But data center, colo facility, etc. also need to be watched
 - -Services and response times, WAN SLA's, etc. also candidates for monitoring



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The New Age in Net Mgmt Tools



- 20 years ago, disks were costly
 - -Not any more, 1 TB USB drive for <\$1K soon
- 10 years ago, CPU and bandwidth were costly
 - -Getting very cheap now, e.g. Intel Dual and Quad core processors
- Impact on Net Management:
 - -Smaller scale products are scaling further and further!
 - -Older products were (are) stingy with resources, like polling for data (uses CPU and bandwidth) and storing data (uses disk space)
 - -Recent products figure out "it's a router" or "it's a switch" and go collect a lot of useful info
 - -For years, I've disliked turning on polling one router or interface or <whatever>, ONE at a time now we don't have to!
 - -Do you really want to be reading MIBs and figuring out what variables would be useful to collect? The software should already know the important variables!
- The secret of test-driving a tool
 - -Look for what the vendor made hard to do (intentionally or unintentionally)
 - -Decide if you can live with it

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Use "Sustainable" Tools

- Most organizations have had a lot of NM shelfware over time
 - -May explain current disinterest in (platform) products
- Base your tool selection on ease of product admin and size of your organization
 - -One person shop: Keep It Simple! (1-2 products)
 - -With the right mix of tools and a dedicated / good admin, you can get good value from several tools
 - -Net mgmt tool admin MUST be a tool user, not just a sys admin
- New generation of low admin hassle tools:

What's Up Gold (displacing HP OV NNM?)	Cacti
Cisco NAM	NetMRI
SolarWinds Orion	Cisco SDM, ASDM, CSM
NetQoS products	



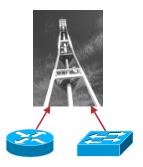


Cisco IOS Tools Help You Manage

- Companies sometimes buy cheaper equipment, particularly access switches
 - -This is a TCO issue!!
 - -When something goes wrong, it can be CCIE-hard to figure out the problem and cause, if the device gives you no info or just RMON data
- · Cisco IOS provides
 - -Broad range of show commands
 - -Show logging to see locally-retained syslog info after an event
 - -Out of band management (reverse telnet / reverse SSH)
 - -IP SLA and related show commands
 - -NetFlow and related show commands
 - -NBAR
 - -ESM for "smart syslog" in 12.3 T and later
 - -SNMP access to vast amounts of information
 - -SDM, ASDM, web tools for managing single devices
 - -CBQoS MIB (and many other SNMP MIBs are supported too!)

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Managed Network
Elements Are Waiting
to Provide Us with
Useful Information





Network Management Begins with an Understanding of How to Collect and Interpret This Information

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Methods of Gathering Information

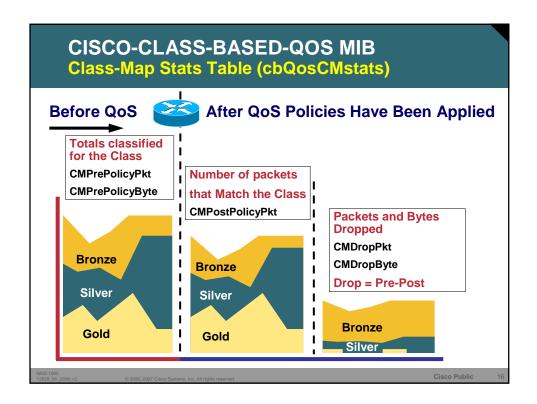
	Example	Security Options
Console	Terminal Server	Device Usernames TACACS/RADIUS
Telnet	TeraTerm, Putty	SSH
НТТР	Embedded Device Management (XML)	SSL (HTTPS)
SNMP	MRTG Multi Router Traffic Grapher	SNMPv1, 2c—Access Lists SNMPv3—Auth/Priv

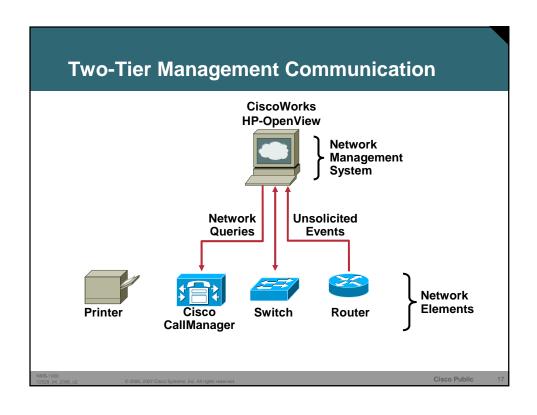
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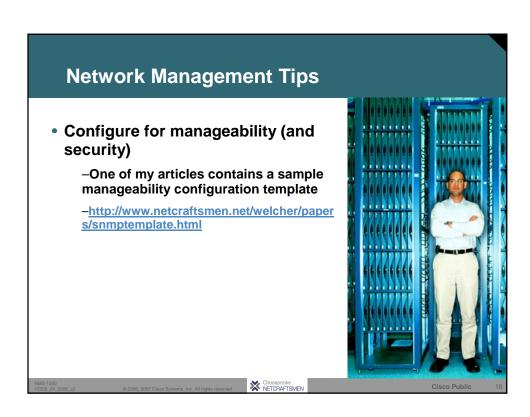
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Cacti updates MRTG

Meth	ods of Comm	unication (Event D	Priven)
	Example	Function	
	Syslog	Operation Changes Change audit	
	Netflow	Usage Flow reporting Accounting	
	Embedded Event Manager	Scriptable Event Driven Reporting	
	SNMP Traps	Event Driven or Threshold Driven	
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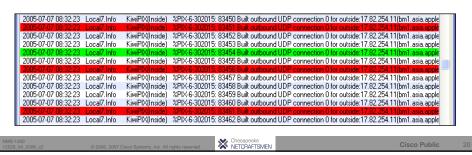






Syslog

- Very basic reporting mechanism, "standard" (esp. on UNIX)
- Text messages on UDP port 540
- Easy to implement clients
- All ASCII (easy to manipulate)
- Think of it as a Flight Recorder: maximize the STP and other info captured when you have a problem



Syslog Problems

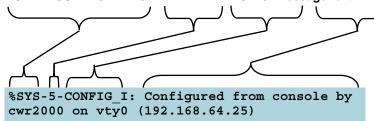
- It's not reliable (yet)
- It's not secure (yet)
 - -Not much worse than SNMPv1/v2c notifications
- One way: no query capability
- · Priority isn't consistently used
 - -Fairly accurate on Cisco routers, PIX maybe not
- Can be verbose
 - -No argument there! Especially security devices!!!
- Tools: Syslog-NG, Kiwi Syslog, freeware...

For New Smart Ways to Process Syslogs on Device, See NMS-3011: Getting the Right Events from Network Elements

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There Is a Cisco IOS Message Standard for Syslog

%FACILITY-SUBFACILITY-SEVERITY-MNEMONIC: Message-text

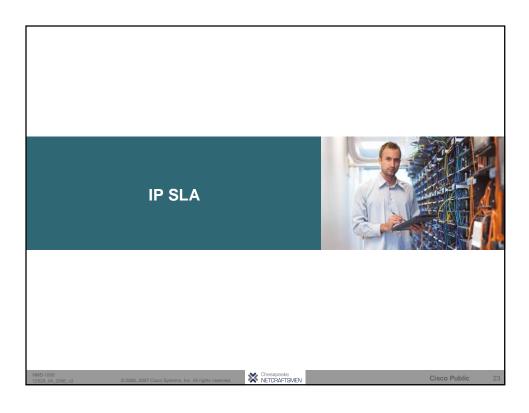


- Documentation for each release explains the meaning of many of these events
- Severity maps to Syslog level—i.e., how critical of a message it is
- Facility here is not the same as Syslog facility; e.g., local7

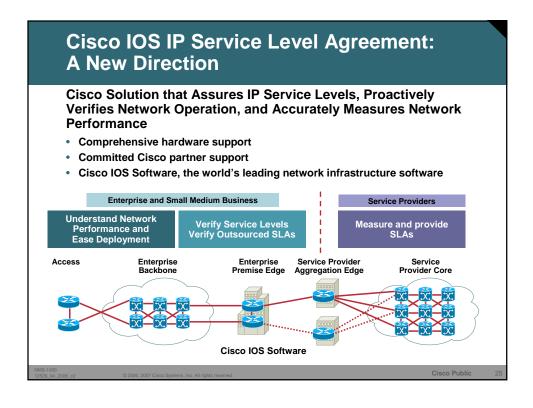
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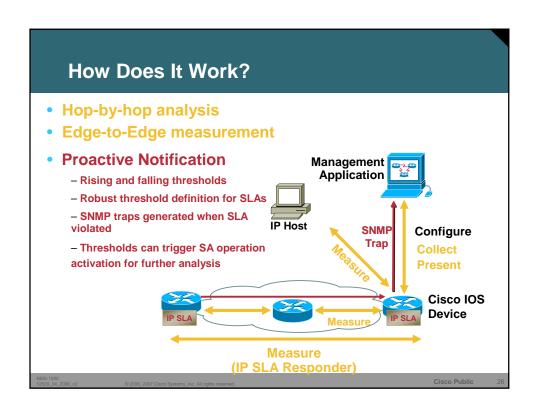
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Traffic Type	Maximum Packet Loss	Maximum One-Way Latency	Max. Jitter
/oIP	1 %	200 ms	30 ms
/ideo- conferencing	1 %	200 ms	30 ms
Streaming video	2 %	5 s	N/A





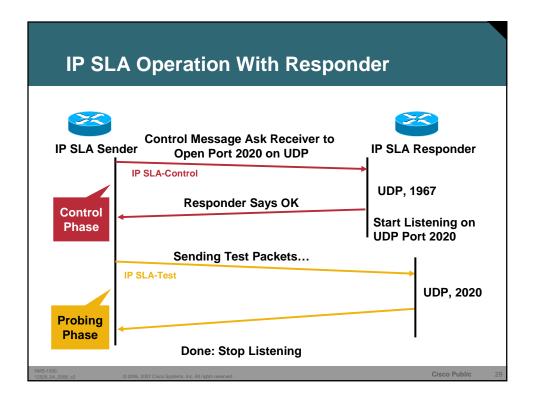
IP SLA Sender

- Cisco IOS device that sends probe packets
- Operation configuration takes place on the sender only
- Once the operation is finished, all the results are to be polled off the sender
- Target is another host (IP Host, or IP SLA Responder)
- Some operations require the target to run the IP SLA responder (Jitter for instance), some other are working with a simple IP Host (ICMP Ping)

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IP SLA Responder

- Runs on Cisco IOS
- Configure 'ip sla monitor responder', or set rttMonApplResponder.0=1 with SNMP
- Sender uses the IP SLA Control Protocol to communicate with responder before sending the test packets
- Responder knows the type of operation, the port used, the duration
- Communication can be authenticated with MD5, not encrypted (offers integrity)
- Responder inserts in/out timestamps in packet payload (measures CPU time spent)



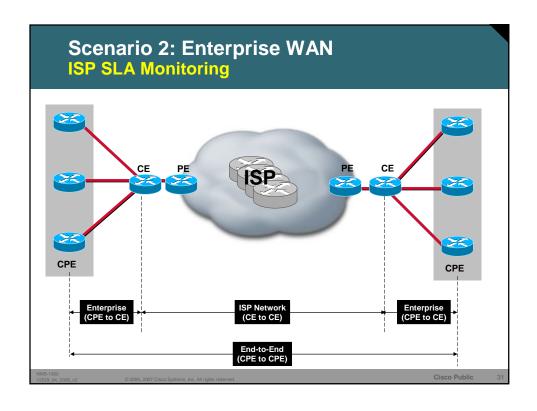
Cisco IOS IP SLAs and CISCO-RTTMON-MIB

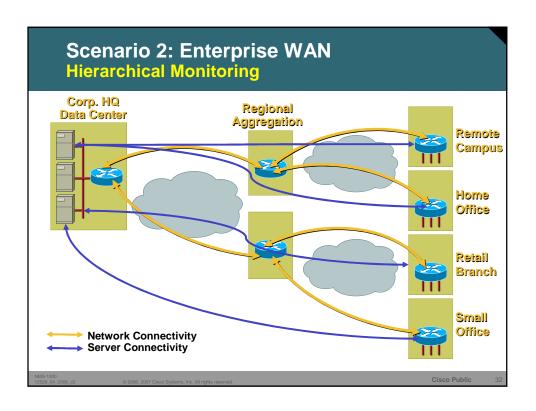
- IP SLAs (a.k.a. Service Assurance Agent—SAA, formerly RTR)
- IP SLAs is an active measurement tool, unlike NetFlow which is passive
- Generates availability and threshold traps
- Also collects statistics
- Information can be retrieved by SNMP



http://www.cisco.com/go/ipsla/

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Cisco IOS IP SLA Uses and Metrics

	*Data Traffic	*VoIP	*Service Level Agreement	**Streaming Video	
Requirement	Minimize delay, packet loss Verify QoS	Minimize delay, packet loss, jitter	Measure delay, packet loss, jitter One-way	Connectivity testing	Minimize delay, packet loss
IP SLA Measurement	Jitter Packet loss Latency Per QoS	Jitter Packet loss Latency MOS voice Quality score	Jitter Packet loss Latency One-way Enhanced accuracy NTP	Connectivity tests to IP devices	Jitter packet loss Latency

Benefits of Using IP SLA

- Flat learning curve (Cisco IOS technology)
- No additional equipment, nor vendor
- Can be deployed on customer site (CPE) and measure end-to-end SLAs
- Activate at the production router (CPE, CE, PE) or as a dedicated "shadow-router"
- Can be managed with existing router management tools (e.g. CiscoWorks IPM)

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IP SLA Technical Overview

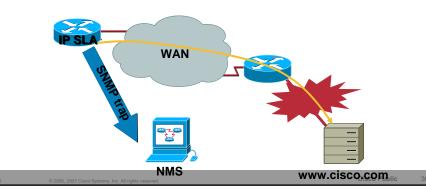
- Wide measurement capabilities (UDP, TCP, ICMP,...)
- Near millisecond precision
- Accessible using CLI and SNMP
- Proactive notification
- Historical data storage
- Flexible scheduling options
- Already in Cisco IOS (available on most platforms)
- Almost all interfaces supported, physical, and logical

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Proactive Notification

- Can send SNMP traps when certain "triggering" events occur (e.g., when rising and falling thresholds are passed)
- Can trigger another IP SLA operation for further analysis (e.g., when ping fails, a path echo operation starts)

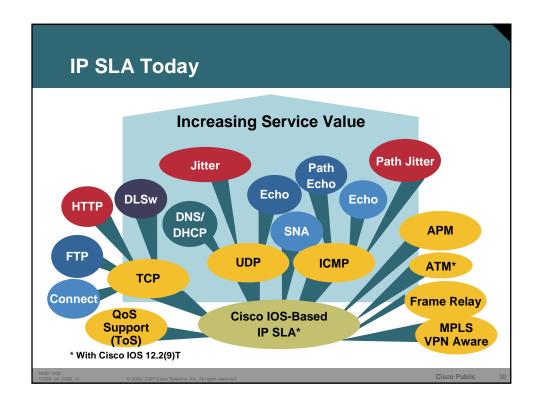


Historical Data Storage

- Stores previous results
- Not supported on all operations
- New enhanced history enables configuration of IP SLA to store aggregated measurements in "buckets"

-e.g., store 48 buckets, and each bucket maintains 15 minutes of the aggregated measurements; with this configuration, it can store 12 hours of performance information

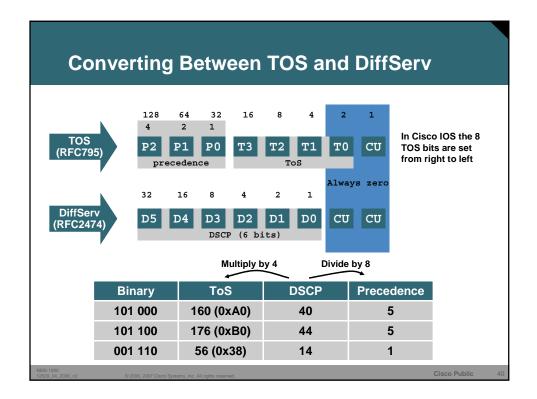
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TOS Marking

- Probes can be TOS marked to match the target class
- Only TOS setting is supported, no diffserv (see next slide to perform translation)

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Uses for IP SLA Operations								
What can it be used for ?								
For IP Backbones that carry voice traffic								
Accurate measurement of UDP response time								
For IP Backbones that carry voice/video traffic								
Server and Application performance monitoring								
DNS performance monitoring & troubleshooting								
Response time to a DHCP server								
FTP get performance monitoring								
Web site performance monitoring								
Trouble-shooting and availability measurement								
Trouble-shooting								
Trouble-shooting								
DLSw peer tunnel performance monitoring								
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ICMP Echo	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
ICMP Echo Path	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х
UDP Echo		Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х
TCP Connect		Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х
UDP Jitter			X	Х	X	X	Х	Х
НТТР			Х	Х	Х	X	X	Х
DNS			Х	Х	Х	X	X	Х
DHCP			Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х
DLSw+			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
SNMP Support			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
UDP Jitter With One Way Latency				X	Х	х	Х	Х
FTP Get				Х	X	X	Х	Х
MPLS/VPN Aware					X	X	X	Х
Frame-Relay (CLI)					X	X	X	Х
ICMP Path Jitter					Х	X	Х	Х
APM					Х	X	Х	Х
Voice with MOS/ICPIF Score							Х	х



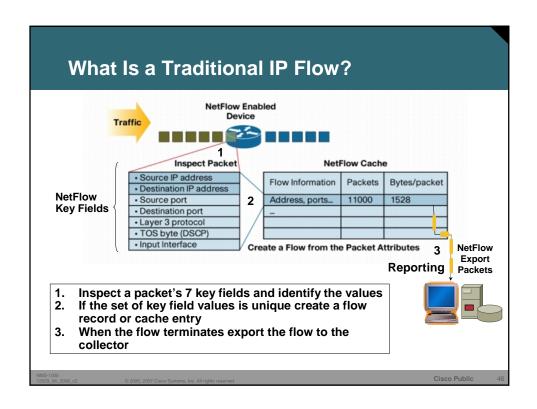
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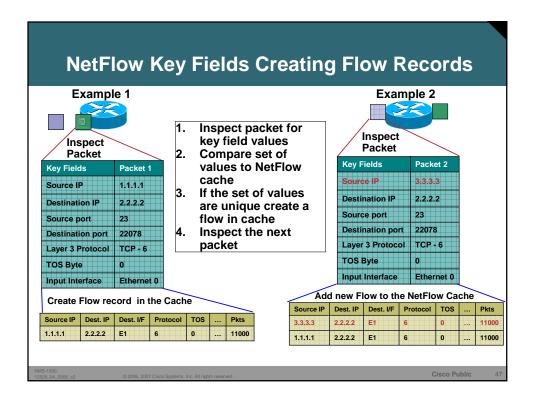
- Provisioning
 - -Does the tool provision IP SLA (easily), or do you have to do it via CLI?
 - -Don't assume: some of the costly products may not do provisioning all that well
 - -How much effort in turning on many IP SLA measurements?
- Reporting
 - -What does the tool do for IP SLA data collection and reports?
 - -Easy to set up and maintain?
- Hierarchy
 - -Does the tool allow aggregate of hierarchical measurements for a more scalable set of measurements?
 - -Not aware of any products that do this yet ...

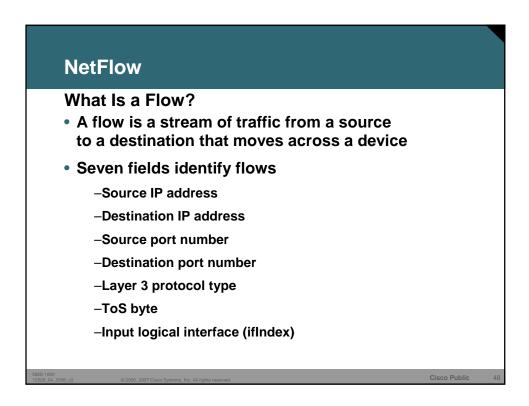
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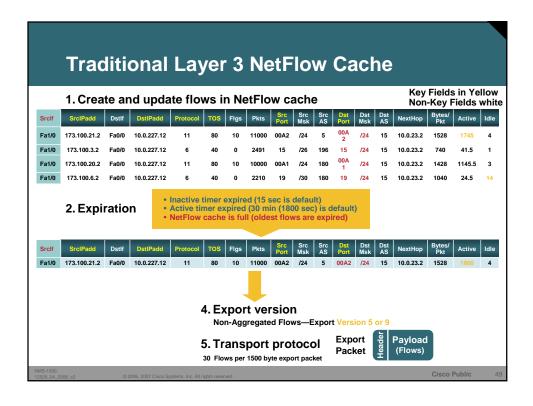
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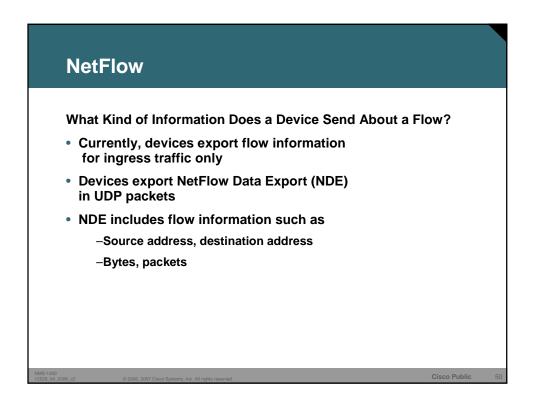












NetFlow

NDE Versions

Static versions

	src addr	dst addr	src port	dst port	nexthop	SNMP input	SNMP output	prot	tos	flags	flows	octets	packets	start time	end time	src as	dst as	src mask	dst mask	router sc	src prefix	dst prefix
Version 1	X	X	x	x	X	X	X	x	X	X		X	x	X	X							
Version 5	X	X	x	x	X	X	X	x	X	X		X	x	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Version 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Version 8—AS						X	X				X	X	x	X	x	x	X					
Version 8—ProtoPort			x	x				x			X	X	x	X	x							
Version 8—DstPrefix							X				X	X	x	X	X		X		X			X
Version 8—SrcPrefix						X					X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	
Version 8—Prefix						X	X				X	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X

Version 9 Templates define NDE fields and lengths

-NetFlow version 9 is the IETF standard mechanism for information export: IPFIX

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NetFlow

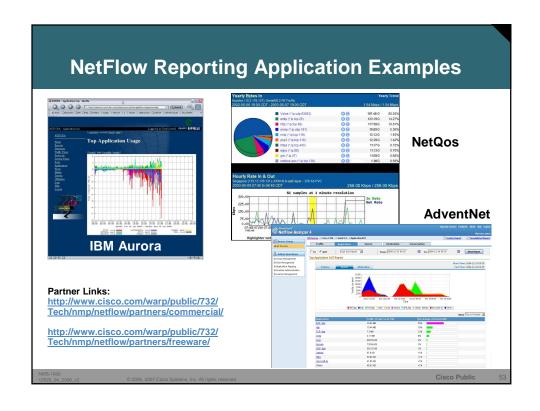
What Do Customers Do with NetFlow?

- Network traffic analysis
- Billing and accounting
- Anomaly detection
- Capacity planning

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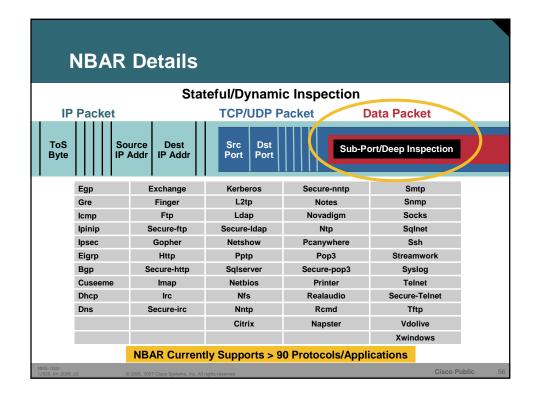


NBAR Principles

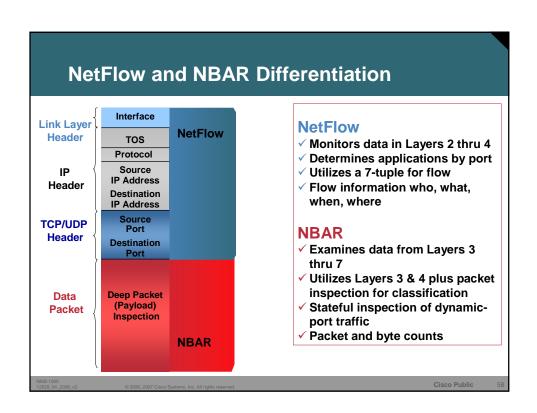
- Network-Based Application Recognition classifies traffic by protocol (layer 4–7)
- . NBAR supports the following QoS features:
 - -Guaranteed bandwidth with Class-Based Weighted Fair Queuing (CBWFQ)
 - -Policing and limiting bandwidth
 - -Marking (ToS or IP DSCP)
 - -Drop policy with weighted random early detection (WRED)
- Accounting functionality is enabled via NBAR feature "protocol discovery"
- Protocol discovery analyzes Application Traffic patterns in real time and discovers which traffic is running on the network
- Per interface, per application, bidirectional (input and output)
 Statistics: bit rate (bps), packet counts, byte counts

Information: http://www.cisco.com/go/nbar

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NBAK S	how Command	
uter# show ip nbar p	protocol-discovery interface FastEthernet 6/0	
FastEthernet6/0		
	Input	Output
Protocol	Packet Count	Packet Count
	Byte Count	Byte Count
	5 minute bit rate (bps)	5 minute bit rate (bps
http	316773	0
-	26340105	0
	3000	0
рор3	4437	7367
	2301891	339213
	3000	0
snmp	279538	14644
	319106191	673624
	0	0
ftp	8979	7714
	906550	694260
	0	0
 Total	17203819	151684936
10041	19161397327	50967034611
	4179000	6620000



NBAR and AutoQoS

- Cisco IOS AutoQos feature has two flavors
 - 1. AutoQoS for VoIP: one stage mechanism, creates pre-defined policy maps for voice traffic
 - 2. AutoQoS Enterprise
 - -I) Turn on the discovery mode and gather traffic statistics (config-if)# "auto discovery gos"
 - II) A policy map is created based on the detected traffic with suggested bandwidth settings per class
 - -Two modes
 - "Trusted mode" in case DSCP has been set correct
 - "Untrusted mode" discovers applications by leveraging NBAR
- Introduced in 12.3 T

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Cisco AutoQoS for Enterprise

Procedure

1. Invoke "auto discovery qos" on the applicable link

Use "show auto discovery qos" to view data collection in progress

2. Automatically configure the link with "auto qos" command

Use "show auto qos" to display the QoS policy settings deployed

3. Use "auto discovery trust" in the core if DSCP values are already assigned at the edge

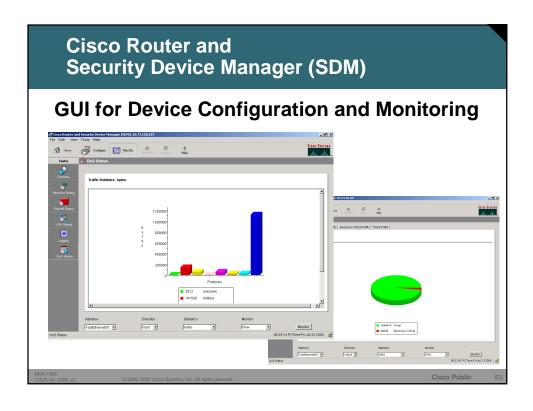
Traffic Class	DSCP
IP Routing	CS6
Interactive Voice	EF
Interactive Video	AF41
Streaming Video	CS4
Telephony Signaling	CS3
Transaction/Interactive	AF21
Network Management	CS2
Bulk Data	AF11
Best Effort	0
Scavenger	CS1

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Cisco AutoQoS: Discovery in Progress

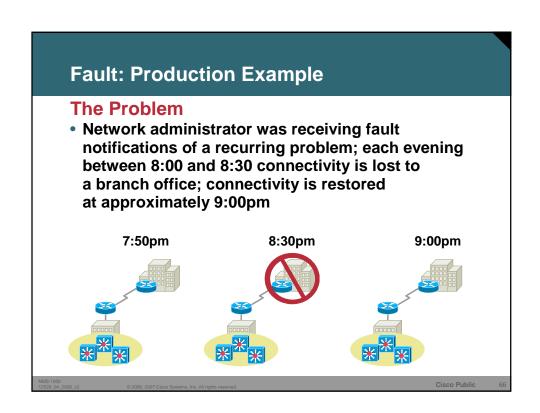
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router# show auto discovery qos
AutoQoS Discovery enabled for applications
Discovery up time: 2 days, 55 minutes
AutoQoS Class information:
Class VoTP:
Recommended Minimum Bandwidth: 517 Kbps/50% (PeakRate)
Detected applications and data:
Application/ AverageRate PeakRate Total Protocol (kbps/%) (kbps/%) (bytes) rtp audio 76/7 517/50 703104
Class Interactive Video:
Recommended Minimum Bandwidth: 24 Kbps/2% (AverageRate)
Detected applications and data:
Application/ AverageRate PeakRate Total
Apprical (kbps/
Protocol (kbps/
24/2
              (kbps/%) (kbps/%)
24/2 5337/52 704574
                             (kbps/%) (bytes)
Class Transactional:
Recommended Minimum Bandwidth: 0 Kbps/0% (AverageRate)
Detected applications and data:
Application/ AverageRate
                                PeakRate
               (kbps/%) (kbps/%) (bytes)
Protocol
              36/3
                           74/7
citrix
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                                                Note: Review Recommendations
sqlnet
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Cisco AutoQoS: **Suggested Policy** Recommended Policy Is Suggested AutoQoS Policy for the current uptime: **Based on AutoDiscovery** class-map match-any AutoQoS-Voice-Et3/1 match protocol rtp audio **Statistics** class-map match-any AutoQoS-Inter-Video-Et3/1 match protocol rtp video **Options** • Continue AutoDiscovery (policy class-map match-any AutoQoS-Signaling-Et3/1 may change) match protocol sip • Copy and change the policy (offline) match protocol rtcp class-map match-any AutoQoS-Transactional-Et3/1 match protocol citrix class AutoOoS-Transactional-Et3/1 bandwidth remaining percent 1 class-map match-anv AutoOoS-Bulk-Et3/1 random-detect dscp-based match protocol exchange set dscp af21 policy-map AutoQoS-Policy-Et3/1 class AutoQoS-Bulk-Et3/1 class AutoQoS-Voice-Et3/1 class AutoQoS-Voice-Et3/1 priority percent 1 set dscp ef class AutoQoS-Inter-Video-Et3/1 bandwidth remaining percent 1 set dscp af41 ${\tt bandwidth\ remaining\ percent\ 1}$ random-detect dscp-based set dscp af11 class class-default fair-queue class AutoQoS-Signaling-Et3/1 bandwidth remaining percent 1 set dscp cs3 **Note: Review Recommendations**









Fault: Production Example

- Considerations
 - -Is an entire device failing? If so, what device?
 - -Is a link failing? If so, which link?
 - -How can this be prevented in the future?
- Management processes in place
 - -Actively polling critical devices for availability
 - -Notification tool to alert administrator

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Fault: Production Example

The Remedy

- The loss of connectivity was linked to the late night janitor unplugging the WAN router to plug in his vacuum cleaner
- The fix was to provide the late night janitor with his own power outlet



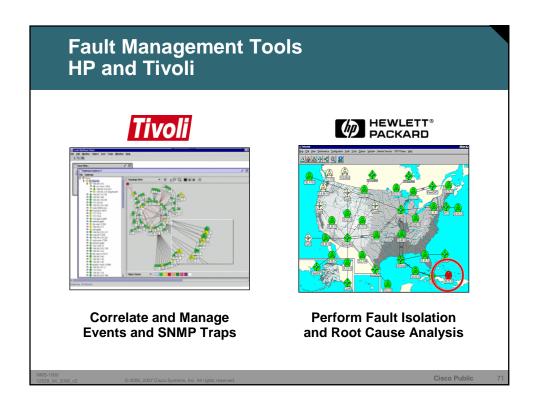
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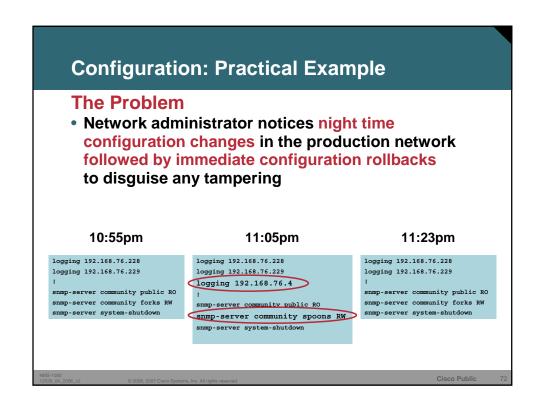
Fault Management Device Fault Manager

- Administrator was notified of failure via a notification tool (email, page, etc.)
- Notification shows up on the console as an unresponsive router
- Device level fault and root cause analysis for Cisco products
- Monitor for high availability
- MIBs, polling intervals and thresholds set by default out of the box

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Configuration: Practical Example

- Considerations
 - -What changes were made?
 - -When were the changes made?
 - -Who made them?
 - -How can this be prevented in the future?
- Management processes in place
 - -Devices configured to send config change syslog messages to NMS
 - -User authentication tool
 - -Configuration archiving

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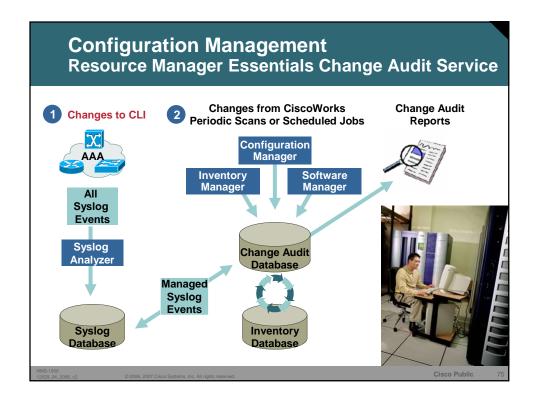
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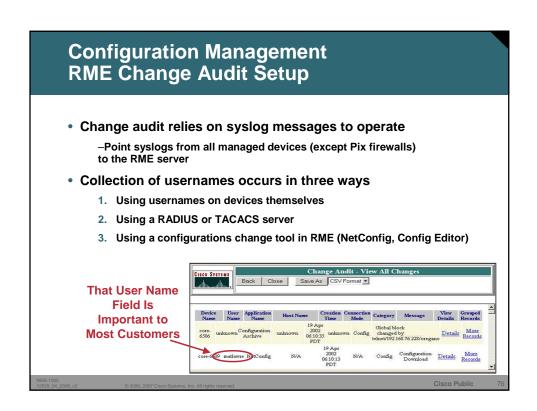
Configuration: Practical Example

- The Diagnosis
 - -The network configuration changes were being made by a colleague "upgrading their skills" after hours using the production network
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 - -The remedy was to provide the culprit with an unused 1841 router to be used in their home



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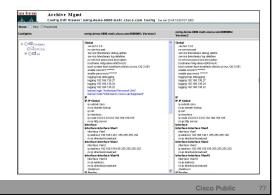
Configuration Management Cisco IOS and Catalyst OS Upgrades

 Use a dedicated TFTP server to store and distribute software images

core-6506-msfc#copy tftp flash
Address or name of remote host []? 19.16.76.175
Source filename []? 12.1.8a
Destination filename []? 12.1.8a

Or

 Resource Manager Essentials includes Software Image Manager to automate the upgrade process

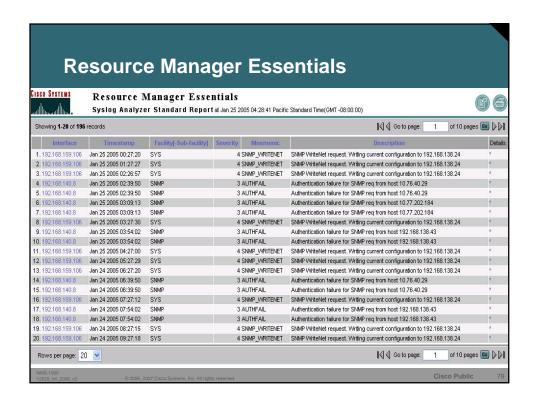


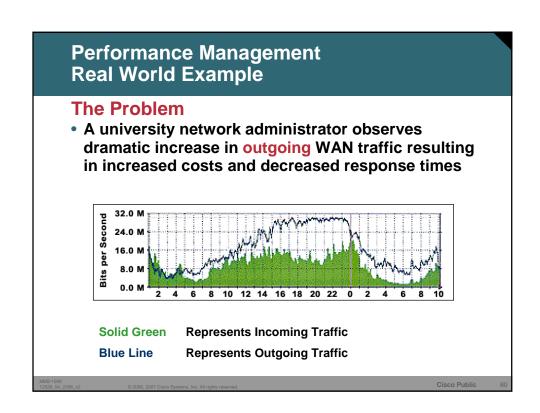
Resource Manager Essentials

- Syslog Analyzer
 - -Distributed collection, flexible reporting, and action scripts to pinpoint network incidents
- Diagnostics and Tools
 - -Troubleshoot device connectivity
 - -Desktop integration of partner and customer applications
 - User customizable Network-wide show command tool









Performance Management Real World Example

- Considerations
 - -What traffic type is leaving the university?
 - -Why is the traffic being generated?
 - -Who is generating the traffic?
 - -How can this be prevented in the future?
- Management processes in place
 - -Link usage trending software
 - -Traffic capture and analysis capability
 - -Scalable QoS policy deployment software

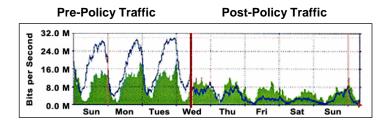
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Performance Management Real World Example

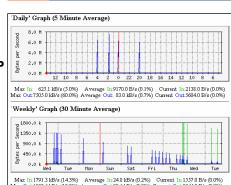
- The network congestion was being caused by file sharing applications
- The remedy was to deploy quality of service policies to edge devices



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Performance Management Link Usage Trending

- University was logging incoming and outgoing usage over time with MRTG
- Monitors traffic load on network links based on SNMP statistics
- Generates real-time HTML traffic reports
- Can be used to monitor any **SNMP** variable you choose
- It's FREE! www.mrtg.org
- See also Cacti: www.cacti.net



Performance Management Traffic Analysis

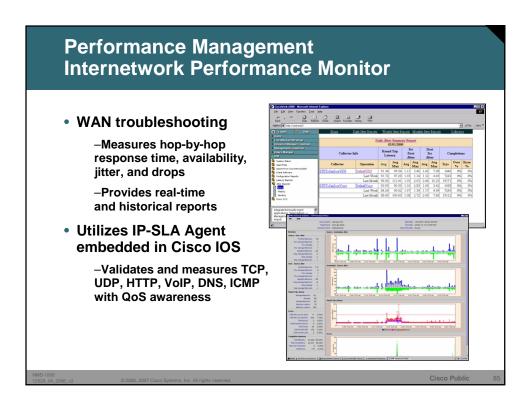
Network Analysis Module

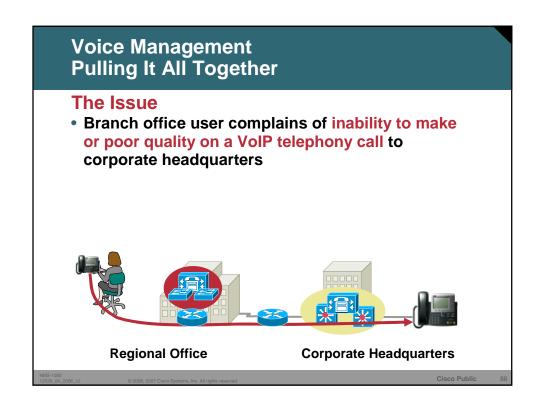
- · Enables full traffic monitoring
 - -Real-time traffic analysis
 - -Performance monitoring
 - -Troubleshooting
- Web-based embedded traffic analyzer
 - -VoIP, QoS(DSMON), ART, VLAN(SMON), RMON 1 and 2 monitoring
 - -Data capture and decode, alarms
- Supported by other applications
 - -nGenius Real-Time Monitor, CiscoView, Concord eHealth

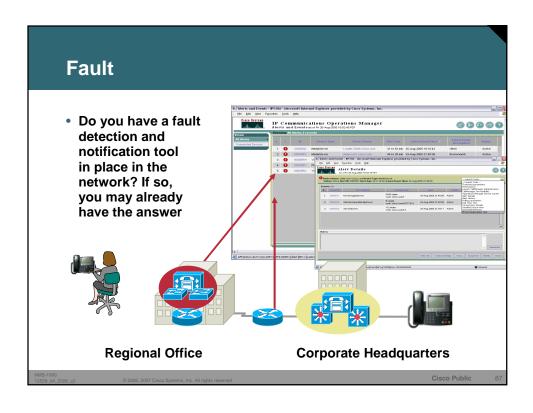


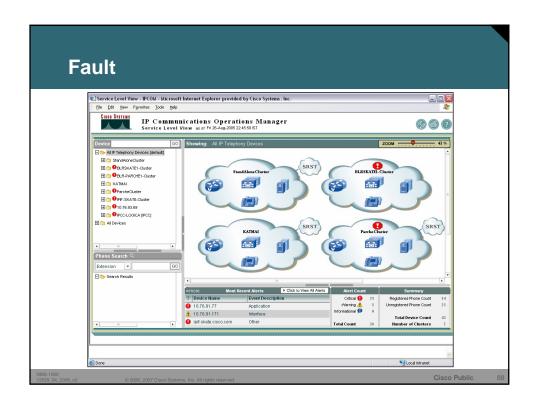


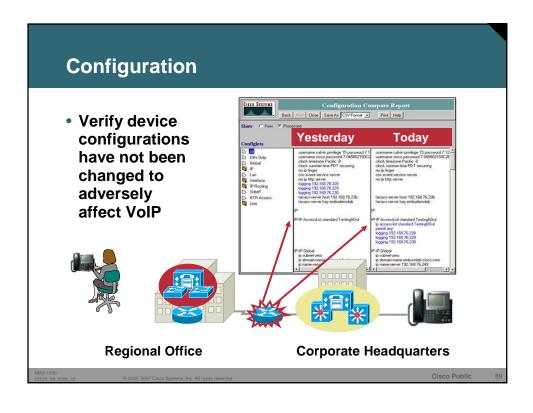


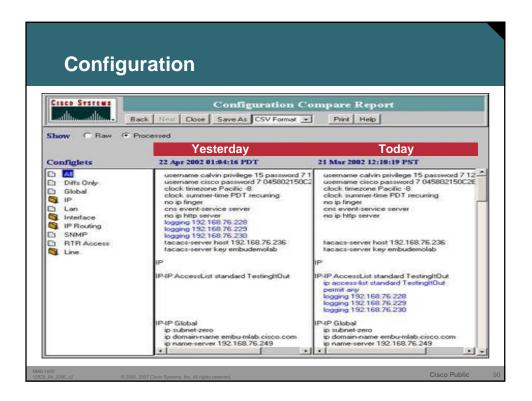


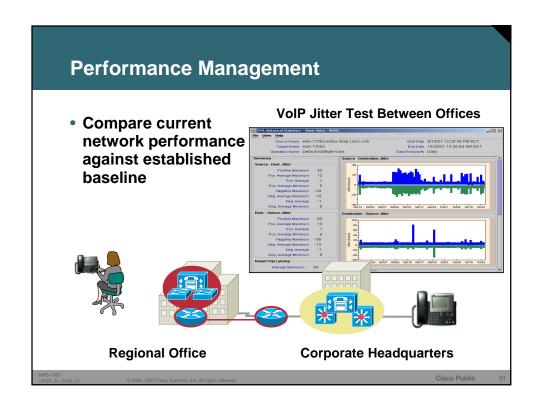


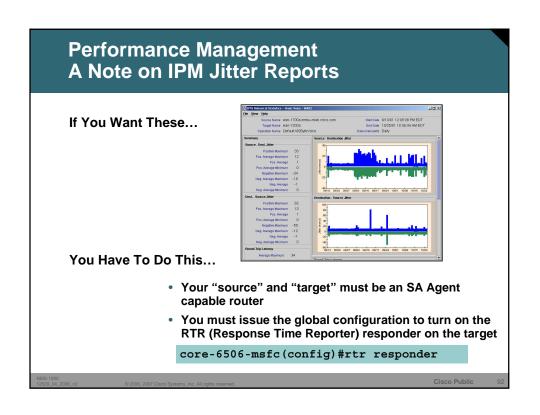






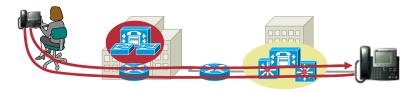








 When faced with a network problem regarding downtime or significant degradation, many different components of proper management must be in place to simplify the troubleshooting process



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Summary

- Stop driving with your eyes closed!
- Find good network management software
 - -Easy to install and use, doesn't keep breaking
 - -Don't want to have to set up data collection one interface or router at a time
- Use the management capabilities in Cisco IOS software!
- Don't just manage the WAN
 - -The Data Center has become just as or more critical
 - -Application / Service measurements are useful
 - -SLA verification is useful

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Getting More Information

- For more about IP SLA, see Networkers 2006 presentation NMS-1204
 - -See also http://www.cisco.com/go/ipsla
- For more about IP Accounting and NetFlow, see NMS-1532
 - -See also http://www.cisco.com/go/netflow
- For NBAR, see NMS-3361
 - -See also http://www.cisco.com/go/nbar
 - -See also AutoQoS for the Enterprise (via the search tool at Cisco)

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Recommended Reading

Network Administrators
Survival Guide

The all-in-de practical guide to supporting
your Clace network

Apractical guide to effectively managing
Clace network devices

Annual Devertys, CCET No. 1001

Applause-O-Meter: Net Management Products

- HPOV NNM
- Tivoli Netview
- Tivoli TEC
- MRTG or Cacti
- SolarWinds Orion
- CiscoWorks LMS
- Concord
- InfoVista
- NetQoS ReporterAnalyzer
- NetQoS SuperAgent
- NetQoS NetVoyant

- Network General
- NAM
- NetMRI
- Audience suggestions?
 - -NetFlow reporting
 - -IP SLA provisioning/reporting
 - -Voice / IPT management



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