



Preface

Purpose

This Internetworking Solutions Guide (ISG) describes how to implement and operate a dial network management system (NMS) that provides management functions for a dial Internet access service (DIAS).

Audience

This guide is intended for network engineers and operators who implement and operate dial NMS systems.

This guide assumes that you have the following level of knowledge and experience:

- An understanding of NMS protocols, such as Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), Network Time Protocol (NTP), and syslog.
- Hands-on experience working with Cisco routers, IOS technologies, and UNIX.
- Success configuring a Cisco network access server (NAS) for basic IP modem services.
- A Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certificate or equivalent level of experience.

Scope

This guide provides guidelines and a case study for:

- Designing a dial NMS.
- Collecting and using data-management streams to operate a dial access network.
- Managing important connection events and alarms for statistical analysis.
- Reporting on the performance of a DIAS.
- Addressing the perception problems that are commonly associated with dial access networks.

Conventions

This guide describes the following network protocols, functions, and NMS applications:

- **Protocols**—SNMP and NTP.
- **Functions**—Syslog, modem call records, Cisco IOS command-line interface (CLI), Log File Rotator, Device Navigator, web-based management, and War Dialer.
- **NMS applications**—UCD-SNMP, Multi Router Traffic Grapher (MRTG), HP OpenView (HPOV), and CiscoWorks 2000 Resource Manager Essentials (CW2000 RME).

This guide *does not* provide the following information:

- Descriptions about the basics of network management.
http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios121/121cgcr/fun_c/index.htm
- Windows NT-based management of Cisco routers.
<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/rtrmgmt/index.htm>
- Detailed authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA).
http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios121/121cgcr/secur_c/index.htm
- Basic access server configurations.
http://www.cisco.com/pcgi-bin/Support/PSP/index.pl?i=Products#Access_Products
- Information about integrating high-end NMS systems in to a dial access environment.
<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/cisintwk/intsolns/index.htm>

Conventions

Convention	Description
bold	Command or keyword that you must enter.
<i>italic</i>	File names, directory paths to files, user names, and arguments for which you supply values.
[x]	Optional keyword or argument that you enter.
{x y z}	Required keyword or argument that you must enter.
[x {y z}]	Optional keyword or argument that you enter with a required keyword or argument.
string	Set of characters that you enter. Do not use quotation marks around the character string, or the string will include the quotation marks.
screen	Information that appears on the screen.
^ or Ctrl	Control key—for example, ^D means press the Control and the D keys simultaneously.
< >	Nonprinting characters, such as passwords.
!	Comment line at the beginning of a line of code.

**Caution**

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

**Note**

Means reader take note. Notes contain helpful suggestions or reference to materials not contained in this manual.

**Timesaver**

Means the described action saves time. You can save time by performing the action described in the paragraph.

**Tips**

Means the information might help the reader solve a problem.

Related Documentation and Sites

See the following related documentation and web sites for more information:

- Technical References and Support
- Internetworking Solutions Guides
- Freeware
- Cisco Product Documentation

Technical References and Support

- Center of Excellence Internet Access Engineering—A site dedicated to developing lightweight tools and techniques for supporting the implementation and operation of Internet access services. This site is an educational endeavor of the University of Texas at Austin and Cisco Systems, Inc.
<http://mccain.ots.utexas.edu/index.html>
- Wholesale Dial Resources—Provides links to technical documents related to wholesale dial Internet access services.
<http://mccain.ots.utexas.edu/coe/wholesaledial/index.html>
- Technical Assistance Center—Provides technical support information about Cisco technologies. Locate your technology of interest from a list of available technology pages, which are continually updated by Cisco TAC engineers.
<http://www.cisco.com/pcgi-bin/ibld/view.pl?i=support&m=GUEST>
- SNMP Technology Support Pages—Provides an overview of SNMP, network design tips, implementation and operation guidelines, and links to suggested reading.
http://www.cisco.com/pcgi-bin/Support/PSP/psp_view.pl?p=Internetworking:SNMP
<http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/535/3.html>
<http://www.faqs.org/faqs/snmp-faq/>
- CiscoWorks 2000 TAC Support Page—Describes how to implement, operate, and troubleshoot Cisco Works 2000.
http://www.cisco.com/pcgi-bin/Support/PSP/psp_view.pl?p=Software:CiscoWorks2000

■ Related Documentation and Sites

- Access Technology Software Center—Provides the firmware for modem upgrades.
<http://www.cisco.com/kobayashi/sw-center/sw-access.shtml>
- Increasing Security on IP Networks—Addresses network-layer security issues.
<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/cisintwk/ics/cs003.htm>
- Carnegie Mellon CERT® Security Improvement Modules—Provides information about security management.
<http://www.cert.org/security-improvement/>

Internetworking Solutions Guides

- *Cisco AS5x00 Case Study for Basic IP Modem Services*—Describes how to configure, verify, and troubleshoot basic IP modem services.
<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/cisintwk/intsolns/as5xipmo/index.htm>
- *Cisco AAA Implementation Case Study*—Describes how to design, implement, and operate basic Cisco IOS AAA security and accounting functions.
<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/cisintwk/intsolns/aaaisg/index.htm>
- *Access VPN Solutions Using Tunneling Technology*—Describes how to configure, verify, and troubleshoot access VPN solutions. See also *Access VPDN Dial-in Using L2TP*.
<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/cisintwk/intsolns/index.htm>

Freeware

- Sunfreeware.com—A repository of freeware programs and news for Solaris.
<http://www.sunfreeware.com/>
- The UCD-SNMP Home Page—Provides an overview of UCD-SNMP, links to the FTP site, recent news, documentation, bug reports, mailing lists, and where to go for more information.
<http://ucd-snmp.ucdavis.edu/>
- Multi Router Traffic Grapher (MRTG) Product Site—Provides an overview of MRTG, links to the FTP site, documentation, frequently asked questions, mailing lists, and contact information.
<http://ee-staff.ethz.ch/~oetiker/webtools/mrtg/mrtg.html>

Cisco Product Documentation

- *Modem Router Connection Guide*—A starting point for understanding basic modem cabling and configuration. To view this guide, you must be a CCO member.
<http://cio.cisco.com/warp/customer/76/9.html>
- *AT Command Sets and Register Summaries*—A list of AT commands for configuring and operating MICA and Microcom modems. Most modems function well with their default settings; however, AT commands are required for special features and troubleshooting modems.
http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/access/acs_serv/5300/mod_info/at/index.htm

- *Managing Modems* (Cisco IOS 12.1)—Describes configuration and troubleshooting tasks for dial access environments.
http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios121/121cgcr/dialts_c/dtsprt2/dcdm_odmg.htm
- *Modem Management Commands* (Cisco IOS 12.1 and 12.0)—Provides two lists of Cisco IOS modem commands used for configuring and troubleshooting modems.
http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios121/121cgcr/dial_r/drdshom.htm
http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios120/12cgcr/dial_r/drprt1/drmodmg_t.htm
- *CiscoWorks 2000 Documentation Set*—A collection of configuration guides and reference manuals.
<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/rtrmgmt/cw2000/index.htm>

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- WWW: <http://www.cisco.com>
- WWW: <http://www-europe.cisco.com>
- WWW: <http://www-china.cisco.com>
- Telnet: cc0.cisco.com
- Modem: From North America, 408 526-8070; from Europe, 33 1 64 46 40 82. Use the following terminal settings: VT100 emulation; databits: 8; parity: none; stop bits: 1; and connection rates up to 28.8 kbps.

For a copy of CCO's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), contact cco-help@cisco.com. For additional information, contact cco-team@cisco.com.



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Documentation CD-ROM

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