



Installing, Launching, and Connecting Network Assistant

This chapter describes what you need to install Network Assistant, how to install it, how to launch it, and how to connect it to a device.

Installation Requirements

The PC on which you install Network Assistant must meet these minimum requirements:

- Processor speed: Pentium 233 MHz
- DRAM: 128 MB
- Hard-disk space: 50 MB
- Number of colors: 65536
- Resolution: 1024 x 768
- Font size: Small

Network Assistant is supported on these operating systems:

- Windows 98, second edition
- Windows NT 4.0, Service Pack 6 or later
- Windows 2000, Service Pack 3 or later
- Windows XP, Service Pack 1 or later



Note

Network Assistant on Windows 98 cannot manage Catalyst 4500 series switches.

Installing Network Assistant

To install Network Assistant on your PC, follow these steps:

1. Go to this Web address: <http://www.cisco.com/go/NetworkAssistant>.
You must be a registered Cisco.com user, but you need no access privileges.
2. Find the Network Assistant installer, cna-1_0-windows-installer.exe.

3. Download the Network Assistant installer, and run it. (You can run it directly from the Web if your browser offers this choice.)

Network Assistant is free—there is no charge to download, install, or use it.

When you run the installer, follow the displayed instructions. In the final panel, click **Finish** to complete Network Assistant installation.

Launching Network Assistant

After Network Assistant is installed, you see its icon on your desktop, a Network Assistant entry under **Start > Programs**, and a Network Assistant executable file in the installation directory. When you click any of these, you see the Network Assistant GUI (see [Figure 2-1 on page 2-1](#)) and the Connect window.

In disconnect mode, Network Assistant is not connected to a device; it cannot manage a standalone device or the command device of a cluster. Its menu bar and toolbar support only tasks that customize Network Assistant itself. The feature bar, which usually lists device features, is empty.

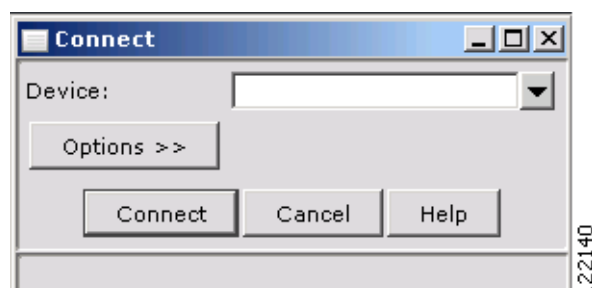
Connecting Network Assistant to a Device

To connect Network Assistant to a device, use the Connect window, shown in [Figure 3-1](#). In it, enter the IP address of the device that you want to connect to. Click **Options** if you want to

- Communicate with the device by using HTTPS (secure HTTP) instead of HTTP.
- Use an HTTP port other than 80 on the device.
- Connect with read-only access.

When you click **Connect**, you are either connected to the device directly, or you are prompted for a username and password and then connected.

Figure 3-1 Connect Window



When the connection occurs, the Network Assistant window is in *connect* mode. The toolbar adds icons that represent device features. Similarly, the feature bar fills with menus that list the device features that Network Assistant manages.