



Cisco Configuration Engine Server



Note

The Cisco Configuration Engine Server is referred to as IE2100 throughout the Prime Provisioning user interface. The IE2100 appliance referenced within Prime Provisioning represents any server configured to run the Cisco Configuration Engine software. This server can be either the IE2100 appliance itself for all supported software versions prior to 2.0 or a Solaris workstation for all supported software versions from 2.0 and beyond.

Prime Provisioning supports the Cisco CNS IE2100 Device Access Protocol for communication with any Cisco IOS device, such as uploading a configuration file from a device, downloading a configlet to a device, or executing a command on a device and obtaining a result. Prime Provisioning also supports CNS Plug-and-Play.

To use the Cisco CNS IE2100 functionality on Prime Provisioning, you must first set up the Cisco CNS IE2100 appliance and the Prime Provisioning workstation as explained in an appendix in the [Cisco Prime Provisioning 6.5 Installation Guide](#).

This appendix includes the following sections. Implement these sections in sequence:



Note

The “[Using Plug-and-Play](#)” section on page A-3 is optional.

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2. [Creating a Cisco IOS Device Using the Cisco CNS Device Access Protocol](#), page A-2
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Creating a Cisco CNS IE2100 Appliance

Prime Provisioning supports multiple Cisco CNS IE2100 appliances. To create a Cisco CNS IE2100 appliance, follow these steps:



Note

For more information, see the [Devices, page 2-1](#) section of [Chapter 2, “Before Setting Up Prime Provisioning.”](#)

Step 1

Choose **Inventory > Physical Inventory > Devices**.

The Device window appears.

- Step 2** Click the **Create** button.
- Step 3** From the **Create** menu, click **IE2100**.
The Create IE2100 Device window appears.
- Step 4** Enter the **Device Host Name** and if applicable, the **IE2100 Device Domain Name**. The **Description** field is optional. If the Cisco CNS IE2100 appliance is not registered with DNS, then you *must* enter the **IP Address** of the Cisco CNS IE2100 appliance. Click **Save**.
The Device window reappears with the IE2100 listed as a device.

Creating a Cisco IOS Device Using the Cisco CNS Device Access Protocol

Each Cisco CNS IE2100 appliance can serve multiple Cisco IOS devices. A Cisco IOS device can only be served by one Cisco CNS IE2100 appliance. To create a Cisco IOS device using the Cisco CNS Device Access Protocol, follow these steps:



Note

For more information, see the [Devices, page 2-1](#) section of [Chapter 2, “Before Setting Up Prime Provisioning.”](#)

- Step 1** Choose **Inventory > Physical Inventory > Devices**, and the Device window appears.
- Step 2** Click the **Create** button.
- Step 3** From the **Create** menu, click **Cisco Device**.
The Create Cisco Device window appears.
- Step 4** In the **General** section, enter the **Device Host Name** and **Device Domain Name**.
For **CNS Device Access Protocol**, you do not need to define the parameters in the **Login User** and **Login Password** sections.
For the **Device and Configuration Access Information** section, you must choose **CNS** for the **Terminal Session Protocol**.
For the **Device and Configuration Access Information** section, the only valid **OS** selection is **IOS**. **IOS XR** is not supported for Cisco CNS IE2100 appliances with Prime Provisioning.
- Step 5** Click the **Show** button for **Additional Properties** at the bottom of the window and this window expands to add the additional information.
The following steps pertain to the **Terminal Server** and **CNS Options** section.
- Step 6** Check the **Fully Managed** check box if you want the device to become a fully managed device. For fully managed devices, Prime Provisioning sends e-mail notifications upon receipt of device configuration changes originated outside Prime Provisioning and schedules enforcement audit tasks upon detection of possible intrusion.



Note

Be sure to set the DCPL parameters for e-mail and Fully Managed, as explained in the [Cisco Prime Provisioning 6.5 Administration Guide](#). Choose **Administration > Control Center > Hosts**. Choose a Host and then click **Config**. Then in the TOC in the left column, be sure to enter appropriate

information in the following fields: **SYSTEM > email > from**; **SYSTEM > email > smtpHost**; **SYSTEM > fullyManaged > auditableCommandsFileLocation** (if information is not given here, all commands are audited); **SYSTEM > fullyManaged > enforcementAuditScript**; and **SYSTEM > fullyManaged > externalEventsEmailRecipients**.

**Note**

Verify that the **cns config notify** command is configured for the IOS device. This command ensures that configuration change events, which are the basis of the fully-managed feature, are sent out on the event bus. If this command is not configured on the device, the fully-managed feature will not work, because there will be no config-changed events reaching Prime Provisioning.

Step 7 Specify the **Device State**, as follows:

- Choose **ACTIVE** (the default)—If the router is physically present on the network.
- Choose **INACTIVE**—If the router is not yet physically present on the network.

Step 8 Specify the **Device Event Identification**, as follows:

- Choose **HOST_NAME**—If the **Device Host Name** as defined in [Step 4](#) is to be used as the **CNS Identification** for this device.
- Choose **CNS_ID**—If the device CNS Identification string is other than the **Device Host Name**.
- If you have selected **CNS_ID** as the **Device Event Identification**, you must enter the **CNS Identification** parameter in the field labeled **CNS Identification**. This must be a unique argument. It is used to create the device in the corresponding Cisco CNS IE2100 repository and to listen to events pertaining to this device.

**Note**

Verify that the **cns id string {CNS_ID} event** command is configured for the IOS device. If this command is not present on the device, the IE2100 will not send out any events on the bus using this CNS ID, and hence communication with the device will fail.

- Step 9** Select the Cisco CNS **IE2100** appliance that serves this Cisco IOS device. Select one entry from the drop-down list of IE2100 devices already defined in the repository.
- Step 10** Use the drop-down list for **CNS Software Version** to choose the version of Cisco CNS Configuration Engine that manages the IOS device (1.3, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0, or 3.5).
- Step 11** Use the drop-down list for **CNS Device Transport** to choose HTTP or HTTPS as the transport mechanism used by Prime Provisioning to create, delete, or edit devices in the IE2100 repository. If HTTPS is used, the Cisco CNS Configuration Engine must be running in secure mode.
- Step 12** Click **Save**. The Device window reappears with the Cisco IOS device listed.

Using Plug-and-Play

Prime Provisioning supports the Plug-and-Play device configuration through a Cisco CNS IE2100 appliance. Prime Provisioning supports devices not physically present on the network.

The procedures for using Plug-and-Play when the Cisco IOS device is not physically present on the network vary depending on whether there is an initial configuration file for the device.

Follow these steps if the Cisco IOS device *does not* have an initial configuration file:

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- Step 1** Create a Cisco IOS Device as described in the “[Creating a Cisco IOS Device Using the Cisco CNS Device Access Protocol](#), page A-2” section.
- Step 2** Define the Cisco IOS device properties.
- Be sure to specify the **Device State** as **INACTIVE** because the device is not physically present on the network
- Step 3** Click **Save**.
- A Cisco IOS Device entry is created in the Prime Provisioning repository and in the corresponding Cisco CNS IE2100 appliance repository.
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If the Cisco IOS device *does* have an initial configuration file, import the initial configuration file into Prime Provisioning using the Inventory Manager functionality, explained in [Chapter 13, “Using Inventory Manager”](#) in this manual.

Be sure to specify the **Device State** as **INACTIVE** because the device is not physically present on the network.

The Inventory Manager create a Cisco IOS Device entry in the Prime Provisioning repository. Also, it creates an entry in the corresponding Cisco CNS IE2100 repository, and associates the specified initial configuration file with this new device in the Cisco CNS IE2100 repository.

You can provision the newly created inactive Cisco IOS Device for different services. Because the device is not physically present on the network, Prime Provisioning saves the configlets associated with these services in its repository and tries to download them to the device only after the device has come up. Until the device is physically present on the network, the service request goes into the **WAIT_DEPLOY** state. The service requests are explained in the user guides for each of the services.

After the device comes up and connects to its corresponding Cisco CNS IE2100 appliance, the device retrieves and applies its initial configuration if there is one waiting for it in the Cisco CNS IE2100 repository.

Prime Provisioning detects that the device has come onto the network and performs the following actions:

- Changes the Cisco IOS Device state from **INACTIVE** to **ACTIVE**.
Prime Provisioning performs a collect config of the IOS device and stores it in the Prime Provisioning repository.
- Verifies whether any Prime Provisioning service has been waiting for this device to come up and tries to download the corresponding configlets to the device to complete the service request.