



CHAPTER 4

Installing the Cisco Trust Agent on Windows Operating Systems

This chapter provides system requirement and installation information for installing Cisco Trust Agent (CTA) on Windows operating systems. Read this entire chapter before beginning the installation. There are advanced installation options detailed later in this chapter that you may want to use. For example, before deploying CTA on your network, you can create a custom installation package which allows you to set CTA configuration parameters and provision certificates, and posture plug-ins. Proceeding in this manner could save you configuration time during the CTA deployment process.

See these other chapters for installation instructions for different operating systems:

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System Requirements for Installation

Before installing Cisco Trust Agent on a Windows operating system, verify that the target system meets the requirements in [Table 4-1](#).



Note

CTA 2.1 does not support Windows NT 4.0 Server or Windows NT 4.0 Workstation. CTA 2.0 was the last release to support Windows NT 4.0.

Table 4-1 CTA System Requirements

System Component	Requirement
System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pentium II class processor or better• Network connection
Windows Installer (MSI)	Version 2.0 or later.
Free Hard Disk Space	20 MB minimum
Memory	256 MB of RAM
Listening Port	By default, Cisco Trust Agent listens on UDP port 21862. You can change this port number, if necessary. See the “Configuring EAP over UDP Communication” section on page 5-12.

System Component	Requirement
Windows Operating Systems on which CTA 2.1 and the CTA 802.1x Wired Client Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows 2000 Professional and Advanced Server, SP4 and Update Rollup 1• Windows XP Professional, SP1, SP2, and SP3• Windows 2003 Standard, SP1 and R2
Additional Windows operating systems on which CTA 2.1 runs but that do not support CTA 802.1x Wired Client	Windows XP Home, SP1, SP2, and SP3
Language Support for localized operating systems	<p>All available localized versions of these operating systems support this release of CTA.</p> <p>Note Support for a localized operating system is different from localized version of CTA. The CTA interface and messages are presented in English.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows 2000 Professional and Advanced Server, SP4 and Update Rollup 1• Windows XP Professional, SP1, SP2, and SP3• Windows XP Home, SP1, SP2, and SP3• Windows 2003 Standard, SP1 and R2

Optional Features You Can Install with CTA

Windows provides several options for packaging and deploying Cisco Trust Agent. CTA may be packaged with or without the Cisco Trust Agent 802.1x Wired Client (802.1x Wired Client) and Scripting Interface features.

CTA 802.1x Wired Client

CTA can be installed with or without the CTA 802.1x Wired Client feature. The 802.1x Wired Client is CTA's "supplicant." The 802.1x Wired Client sends posture and authentication information, collected by CTA, over the IEEE 802.1x transport protocol through 802.1x-enabled access devices (the Ethernet switch) to the Cisco Secure Access Control Server (ACS). Only after successful client-server authentication will the port access control on the Ethernet switch allow the end-user to connect to the network.

If the NAC deployment in your enterprise uses network routers, or if your network switches communicate with CTA using the EAPoverUDP protocol, you do not need to install CTA with the 802.1x Wired Client.

**Note**

The 802.1x Wired Client is only available for Windows installations and it only supports wired network access.

For more information about the CTA 802.1x Wired client, see [Chapter 9, "Cisco Trust Agent 802.1x Wired Client"](#).

CTA Scripting Interface

The Scripting Interface feature allows software developers to write their own scripts to relay posture information, collected on the system, to CTA. The scripts would perform the equivalent function of a posture plugin. Users will not need this feature unless they intend to write posture scripts.

The Scripting Interface is an optional Feature of CTA.

Installation Files

These are the two installation files for the CTA 2.1.103.0 release for Windows:

- CtaAdminEx-win-2.1.103.0.exe
- CtaAdminEx-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.exe

**Note**

These files are no longer available for download, starting with the 2.1 release.

- ctasetup-win-2.0.x.y.exe
- ctasetup-supPLICANT-2.0.x.y.exe

CtaAdminEx-win-2.1.103.0.exe contains the CTA end-user license agreement (EULA) and the ctasetup-win-2.1.103.0.msi installation file. By running the CtaAdminEx-win-2.1.103.0.exe file, you accept the EULA for all users and extract the ctasetup-win-2.1.103.0.msi installation file. You use the ctasetup-win-2.1.103.0.msi file to install CTA using standard MSI commands. You can use the ctasetup-win-2.1.103.0.msi file to install the CTA Scripting Interface feature, however, you can not use the file to install the 802.1x Wired Client feature.

CtaAdminex-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.exe contains the EULA and the ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi installation file. By running the CtaAdminEx-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.exe file, you accept the EULA for all users and extract the ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi installation file. By default, the ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi file installs Cisco Trust Agent with the CTA 802.1x Wired Client and provides an option to install Scripting Interface feature. If you do not intend to install the CTA 802.1x Wired Client on some end-points, that feature may also be suppressed using standard MSI commands.

Installing Cisco Trust Agent

Cisco Trust Agent installation files are standard Microsoft Windows Installation (MSI) files. Once deployed to the end-point, you can use standard MSI commands to install CTA silently, without user-interaction, or allow users to perform the installation using an installation wizard.

**Note**

The use of “ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi” in procedures refers generically to either the ctasetup-win-2.1.103.0.msi or the ctasetup-supplciant-win-2.1.103.0.msi file. “ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi” is not a real installation file.

General Installation Instructions

This is the outline of tasks required to install Cisco Trust Agent.

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- Step 1** Run the CtaAdminex-win-2.1.103.0.exe or CtaAdminex-supplciant-win-2.1.103.0.exe files and accept the EULA. The ctasetup-win-2.1.103.0.msi or ctasetup-supplciant-win-2.1.103.0.msi file is extracted. See the [“Installation Files” section on page 4-5](#) for an explanation of these files.
- Step 2** (Optional) Create a custom installation package which could contain ACS root certificate, posture plugins, or a customized CTA configuration file. See the [“Installing CTA Using a Custom Installation Package” section on page 4-22](#) for an explanation of these procedures.
- Step 3** Install CTA by distributing ctasetup-win-2.1.103.0.msi or ctasetup-supplciant-win-2.1.103.0.msi files to end-users alone or as part of a custom installation package. You can use standard MSI commands to specify the features installed with CTA and the level of user interaction.
- See the [“Installing CTA Using MSI Commands” section on page 4-7](#) and [“Installing CTA Using an Installation Wizard” section on page 4-13](#) for descriptions of the different installation methods.
- Step 4** Install Cisco Secure Access Control Server (ACS) root certificate on the end-point if not distributed as part of a custom installation package. See [“About The ACS Server Root Certificate” section on page 8-3](#) for information about installing this certificate separately.
- Step 5** Verify CTA installation.

Installing CTA Using MSI Commands

Standard MSI commands can be passed to the Microsoft Windows Installer through command-line options. These commands determine what features to install as well as the level of user interaction.

This section describes the most common MSI commands.

**Note**

For more information on MSI installation commands see the Microsoft Windows Installer SDK at http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/msi/setup/about_windows_installer.asp

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Installation Command

To install CTA using MSI command line options, you must know the name and path of the ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi installation file and use the “/I” option with the Msiexec.exe command. The command can be entered from any prompt. See the following example:

```
Msiexec.exe /I "C:\Path_To_MSI\ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi"
```

This command installs CTA using an installation wizard. Users accept the EULA, choose what features to install, and the installation directory.

Uninstallation Command

To uninstall the CTA using MSI command line options, you must know CTA's ProductCode or "GUID."

To find the GUID, follow this procedure:

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- Step 1** Open the Windows Registry Editor.
- Step 2** Navigate to **HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Cisco Systems\Cisco Trust Agent**.

The value of the **ProductCode** registry key, including the curly brackets, is the GUID.

To uninstall Cisco Trust Agent, use the /X option with Msiexec.exe command. The command can be entered from any prompt. See the following example:

```
Msiexec.exe /X {GUID}
```

Reinstalling or Repairing CTA

To reinstall or repair CTA from using MSI command line options, run the MSI installation file using the MSI "/F" option. The full command can be run from any prompt. See the following example:

```
Msiexec.exe /fmosu "C:\Path_To_MSI\ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi"
```

The /fmosu argument performs these actions:

- f – Reinstalls package
- m - Rewrites all required computer-specific registry entries.
- o - Reinstalls if file is missing or if an older version is installed.
- s - Overwrites all existing shortcuts.
- u - Rewrites all required user specific registry entries

Using this command users see messages asking them to wait while CTA is being configured.

Creating a Log File While Installing CTA

To create a log file during installation, run the MSI installation file using the MSI “/L” option. The full command can be entered from any prompt. This logging option requires that the log directory exist and is writable. The log file itself may not exist but the file name must be specified in the command.

See the following example:

```
Msiexec.exe /I "C:\Path_To_MSI\ctasetup-win-2.1.103.0.msi" /L*V  
"C:\ctalogfile.txt"
```

The /L*V option performs these actions:

L – Creates a log file

*V – Specifies verbose logging.

Installing Optional Features During CTA Installation

The ADDLOCAL option allows you to specify which features will be installed along with CTA.

The ctasetup-win-2.1.103.0.msi installs CTA by default. Using the ADDLOCAL command you can install the CTA Scripting Interface as well.

The ctasetup-supplciant-win-2.1.103.0.msi installs CTA and the CTA 802.1x Wired Client by default. However, when using the ADDLOCAL command, CTA is installed but the CTA 802.1x Wired Client interface is not installed by default. When using the ADDLOCAL command you must specify if you are installing either or both the CTA 802.1x Wired Client feature or CTA Scripting Interface feature.

When using the ADDLOCAL command the Scripting Interface features is referred to as “Scripting_Interface” and the CTA 802.1x Wired Client feature is referred to as “8021x_Wired_Client.”

This example shows using the ADDLOCAL option to install only the Scripting Interface feature and not the CTA 802.1x Wired Client feature:

```
Msiexec.exe /I "C:\Path_To_MSI\ctasetup-supplciant-win-2.1.103.0.msi"  
ADDLOCAL=Scripting_Interface
```

This example shows using the ADDLOCAL command to install only the CTA 802.1x Wired Client feature and not the Scripting Interface feature:

```
Msiexec.exe /I "C:\Path_To_MSI\ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi"  
ADDLOCAL=8021x_Wired_Client
```

These examples show using the ADDLOCAL command to install both features. These examples would be entered on one line.

**Note**

The features are separated by a comma only. There are no spaces before or after the comma.

```
Msiexec.exe /I "C:\Path_To_MSI\ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi"  
ADDLOCAL=Scripting_Interface,8021x_Wired_Client
```

```
Msiexec.exe /i "C:\Path_To_MSI\ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi"  
ADDLOCAL=ALL
```

**Note**

The ADDLOCAL command can be used with an interactive installation or a silent installation. (See the [“Setting User Interface Mode” section on page 4-11](#) for information about “silent” and “interactive” installations.) When used with an interactive installation, users are not given the opportunity to choose what features to install.

Specifying Installation Directory

By default, ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi installation files install CTA in the “\ProgramFiles\Cisco Systems\” directory of the local drive. You can use the “INSTALLDIR” MSI command to specify a different directory. The directory does not have to exist before you issue the command. See the following example:

```
Msiexec.exe /I "C:\Path_To_MSI\ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi"  
INSTALLDIR="D:\NewDirectory"
```

This command shows users the installation wizard. During the installation, users will still have an opportunity to change the destination directory.

Specifying Reboot Options

By default the Microsoft Windows Installer determines when a reboot of the system is necessary and automatically prompts the user to reboot at the end of the installation. You can customize this action by using the Microsoft Windows Installer property called “REBOOT.” This property forces or suppresses certain system prompts for a reboot. The behavior of the REBOOT option also depends on whether the end-user is following an installation wizard or the installation is being performed silently.

The REBOOT property has three options:

- **Force** - If end-users perform the installation using an installation wizard, they will be prompted to reboot the system after the installation. If the installation is silent, the system reboots automatically without prompting the user.
- **Suppress** - If end-users perform the installation using an installation wizard, they will not be prompted to reboot the system at the end of the installation. If a reboot is required in the middle of an installation, end-users will be prompted to reboot system. If the installation is silent, end-users will not be prompted to reboot at the end of the installation, however, if a reboot is required in the middle of an installation, the system will be rebooted automatically without prompting the user.
- **ReallySuppress** - All prompts to reboot the system at the end or during an installation, whether the installation is being performed with an installation wizard or is silent, are suppressed

This is an example of using the REBOOT property with the Force option:

```
Msiexec.exe /I "C:\ctasetup-suppllicant-win-2.1.103.0.msi" REBOOT=Force
```

Setting User Interface Mode

By default, CTA’s MSI files provide the users with an installation wizard. Using various MSI commands, you can control how much the user is involved in the CTA’s installation.

For a full description of how the installation wizard works, see the [“Installing CTA Using an Installation Wizard”](#) section on page 4-13.

These command options specify the amount of end-user interaction with the CTA installation:

Table 4-2 User Interface MSI Command Line Options

Command Option	Description
/q, /qn	There is no user interaction. This provides a silent installation. Example: <code>Msiexec.exe /I "C:\ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi" /q</code>
/qb	Users see messages alerting them that CTA is being configured, however, users are not prompted perform any action. Example: <code>Msiexec.exe /I "C:\ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi" /qb</code>
/qr	Users see some of the installation wizard windows including a progress bar showing installation, however, users are not prompted perform any action. Example: <code>Msiexec.exe /I "C:\ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi" /qr</code>
/qf	Users are fully involved in the installation of CTA. They install CTA using the installation wizard. Example: <code>Msiexec.exe /I "C:\ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi" /qf</code>
/qn+	Users receive a pop-up message at the end of the installation specifying the success or failure of the installation. Example: <code>Msiexec.exe /I "C:\ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi" /qn+</code>
/qb+	Users see messages alerting them that CTA is being configured, however, users are not prompted perform any action during the installation. At the end of the installation users receive a pop-up message that specifies the success or failure of the installation. Example: <code>Msiexec.exe /I "C:\ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi" /qb+</code>

**Tip**

When combining MSI options, specify the user interface command at the end of the entire command. For example, the following command installs CTA with the Scripting Interface, logging would be turned on, and users would experience basic user interaction with a final pop-up message.

```
Msiexec.exe /I "C:\ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi"  
ADDLOCAL=Scripting_Interface /L*V "C:\logfile.txt" /qb+
```

Installing CTA Using an Installation Wizard

This section describes installing CTA and its other features by following an installation wizard. The You must have administrator privileges on the network client to install CTA.

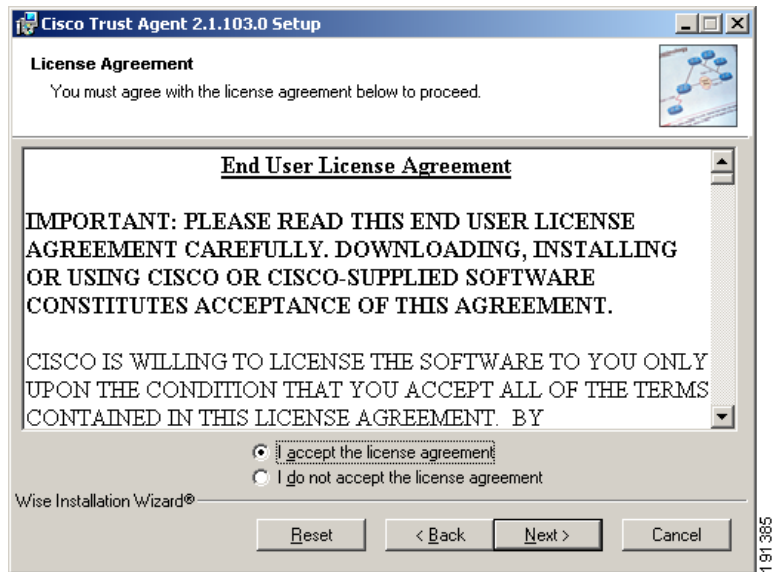
**Note**

If the group policy for the target system allows for elevated privileges for the MSI, then users with Standard or Restricted privileges can install CTA. To use the elevated privileges, MSI 2.0 must be installed before you begin the CTA installation. You cannot use a custom installation package to install the MSI unless you have administrator privileges.

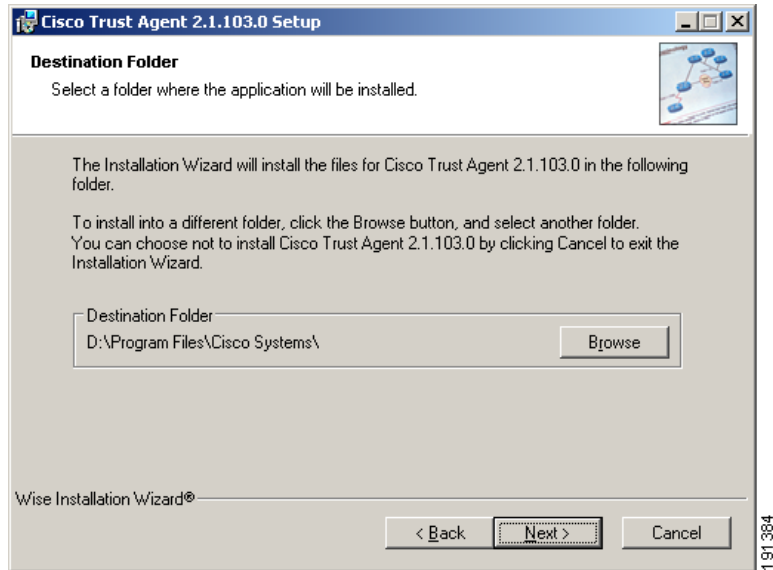
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- Step 1** Read the [“General Installation Instructions”](#) section on page 4-6.
 - Step 2** Exit all Windows programs and disable any antivirus programs running on the network client.
 - Step 3** Launch the appropriate ctasetup-2.1.103.0.msi file by issuing the proper MSI command line option or by double-clicking the file. The Cisco Trust Agent **Installation Wizard** opens as shown in [Figure 4-1](#).

Figure 4-1 *The Cisco Trust Agent Installation Wizard*

Step 4 Click **Next**. The **License Agreement** window opens as shown in [Figure 4-2](#).

Figure 4-2 *The License Agreement on Windows*

- Step 5** Accept the license agreement by selecting the **I accept the license agreement** radio button and by clicking **Next**. The Destination Folder window opens as shown in [Figure 4-3](#).

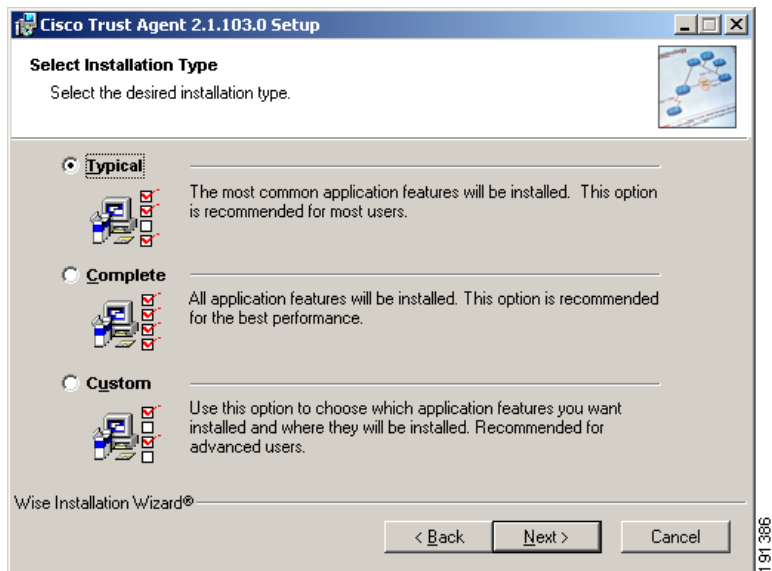
Figure 4-3 *The Destination Window*

Step 6 To change the installation directory:

- a. Click **Browse** to the desired drive and folder, and then click **OK**. The new install location appears in the **Destination Folder** pane.
- b. Click **Next**.

Step 7 The **Select Installation Type** dialog box opens (Figure 4-4).

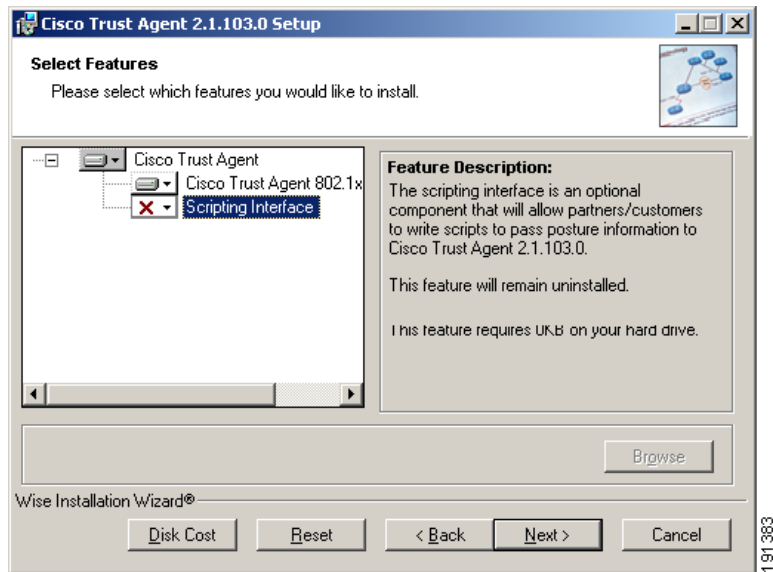
Figure 4-4 Selecting an Installation Type



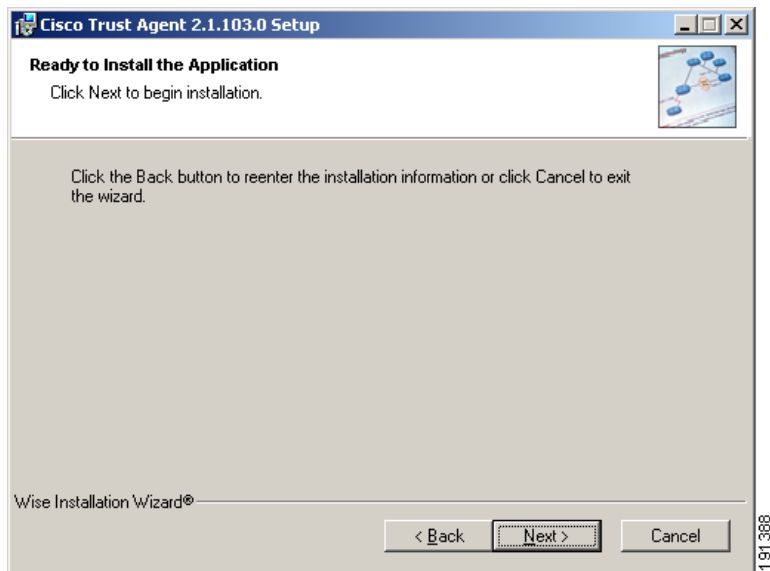
Selecting **Typical** will install the default features included in the installation file. If you are running a ctasetup file which includes the 802.1x Wired Client, that feature will be installed. The Scripting Interface is an optional feature and it is not installed during a **Typical** installation.

Selecting **Complete** installation will install all features available in the installation file. If you are running a ctasetup file which includes the 802.1x Wired Client, that feature will be installed. The Scripting Interface will also be installed during a **Complete** installation.

Selecting **Custom** installation will allow you to include or exclude any features available with the installation file. Figure 4-5 shows how you can select the features to install during a **Custom** installation. You can see that the Scripting Interface is not installed by default when you click **Custom**.

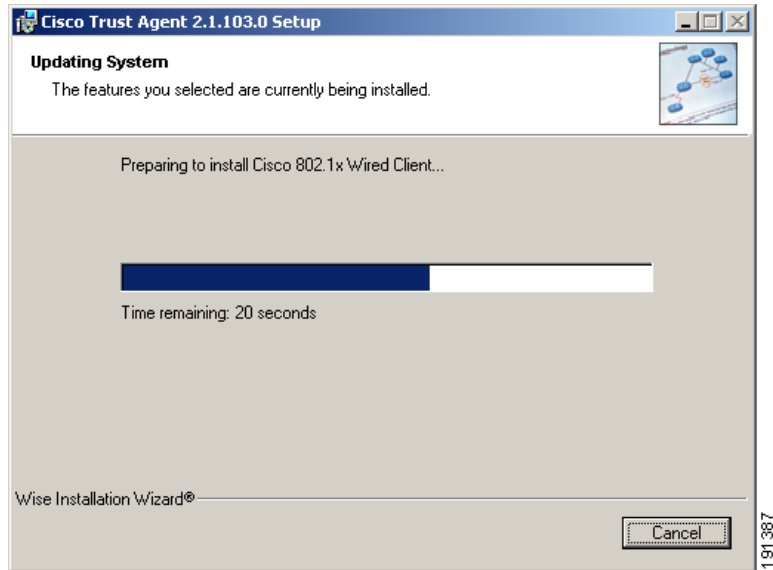
Figure 4-5 Choose Application Features

After choosing an installation type and selecting CTA features, click **Next**. The **Installing the Application** window opens as shown in [Figure 4-6](#).

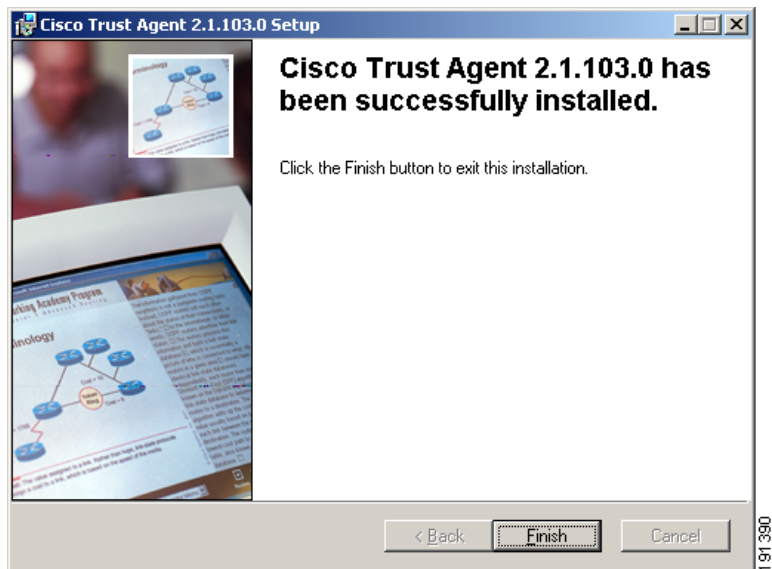
Figure 4-6 *Installing the Application*

Step 8 Click **Next**. The application installs to the selected directory. [Figure 4-7](#) illustrates the window that shows the progress of the installation.

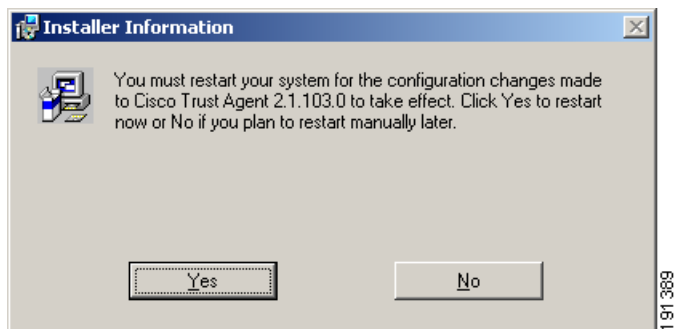
Figure 4-7 *The System is Being Updated*



When the installation is completed, the installer displays the **Installation Completed** window as shown in [Figure 4-8](#).

Figure 4-8 *The Installation is Complete***Step 9** Click **Finish**.

- The installation application closes. If you installed CTA with the 802.1x Wired Client, you will be prompted to restart your system and you will see the Installer Information window as in [Figure 4-9](#).

Figure 4-9 *Restart after Installation*

- If you did not install CTA with the 802.1x Wired Client, enable any antivirus programs you disabled in step 1. You will not be prompted to restart your machine.

Step 10 For CTA to establish a secure form of communication with the Cisco Secure ACS server, you must have either a CA certificate or a matching root certificate from the Cisco Secure ACS server installed on the system. Refer to [“About The ACS Server Root Certificate”](#) section on page 8-3 for information.

Installing CTA Using a Custom Installation Package

Use this section as an example of how to create a customized CTA installation on a Windows operating system.

The CTA install application is a single executable file. To create a custom installation package, you create a directory structure which includes the desired CTA installation file, .ini files, plugin subdirectories and certificate subdirectories. This directory structure can then be distributed by a software deployment mechanism, such as a script or a software deployment tool.

After the software deployment mechanism distributes the directory structure to the remote network clients, it runs the CTA installation file with the desired MSI command line options. The CTA installation file copies the contents of the directory structure to the proper locations on the remote network client. The software deployment mechanism does not need to recompile the CTA installation file to create a custom installation.

Please read this entire procedure before beginning. There are options detailed later in the instructions that you should be aware of before beginning.

There are three procedures you need to follow to create a custom installation package:

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- Step 1** [Install CTA and 802.1x Wired Client on the Administrator's Client](#)
 - Step 2** [Create the Custom Installation Directory Structure](#)
 - Step 3** [Customize the Installation Directory](#)
 - Step 4** [Run the CTA Installation File to Install the Custom Package](#)

Install CTA and 802.1x Wired Client on the Administrator's Client

Before you create the custom installation package, install CTA and the 802.1x Wired client on the client you will use to create the custom installation package. This will install the template ctad.ini file, give you ready-access to the 802.1x Wired Client for when you create the authentication policies, and familiarize you with CTA's installation process. Use the [“Installing CTA Using an Installation Wizard” section on page 4-13](#) to install CTA and the 802.1x Wired Client.

Create the Custom Installation Directory Structure

For the sake of this and the following two procedures, we describe installing CTA along with the 802.1x Wired Client (the supplicant). To create a custom installation of CTA without the 802.1x Wired Client, the instructions would be the same except that you would start with the CtaAdminEx-win-2.1.103.0.exe file.

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- Step 1** Create an empty directory on your network client. For example, D:\CTA\Custom_Package
 - Step 2** Open a command prompt.
 - Step 3** CD to the directory which contains the **CtaAdminEx-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.exe** file. (See the [“Installation Files” section on page 4-5](#) for a description of this file.)
 - Step 4** After the prompt, on one line, type the name of the CtaAdminEx-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.exe file followed by a -p switch and the path to the directory you created at the beginning of this procedure. This will extract the ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi file to the new directory. For example:

```
D:\CTA>CtaAdminEx-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.exe -p D:\CTA\Custom_Package
```



Note If you do not use the -p switch in the command, the ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi is extracted to the same directory that contains the CtaAdminEx-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.exe file.



Note If you want to create a custom installation package for a wizard-driven installation, copy the ctasetup-win-2.1.103.0.msi or ctasetup-supplciant-win-2.1.103.0.msi file to the Custom_Package directory.

- Step 5** When prompted, read and accept the End User License Agreement (EULA) on behalf of all users by typing **Y** and pressing **<Enter>**. After the CTA installation file has been extracted, a message is returned showing the path to which the installation file was extracted. In our example, you should now have a D:\CTA\Custom_Package directory with one file in it:
ctasetup-supplciant-win-2.1.103.0.msi
- Step 6** Proceed to “[Customize the Installation Directory](#).”

Customize the Installation Directory

The customization choices in this procedure are optional. However, you will find that including some of these customizations is worthwhile. CTA is not a centrally managed product. If you do not plan to use the product defaults, it is to your benefit to pre-configure all available product settings before deploying CTA.

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- Step 1** Create a **certs** subdirectory. For example: D:\CTA\Custom_Package\certs
- Copy the root certificate for your Cisco Secure ACS server to this directory. During installation, any certificates in this directory are added to the systems root certificate store.
- If your Cisco Secure ACS server uses self-signed certificates, see the Cisco Secure ACS documentation for information about obtaining the certificate; if you use a CA server, refer to your CA server documentation.



Note This step is optional if a CA certificate or ACS root certificate have already been distributed to the network clients receiving this customized CTA installation. If these certificates have not been distributed, this step is required.

- Step 2** Create a **plugins** subdirectory. For example: D:\CTA\Custom_Package\plugins

Copy any third-party plugins that you want to provision at installation time into this directory.

- Step 3** Create a new **ctad.ini** file and store it in the D:\CTA\Custom_Package directory. This file is used to configure CTA communication settings, user notifications, and certificate validation rules. If you want to change the default communication settings, such as the port number CTA listens over, the maximum number of sessions, and session time-out values, include this file. Refer to [Chapter 5, “Configuring Cisco Trust Agent”](#) for instructions on how you should create and format this file.
- Step 4** Create a new **ctalogd.ini** file and store it in the D:\CTA\Custom_Package directory. This file is used to enable and disable CTA logging. Refer to [Chapter 6, “Cisco Trust Agent Event Logging”](#) for instructions on how you should create and format this file.
- Step 5** If you are installing the 802.1x Wired Client, create the **802_1x** subdirectory; this directory allows you to customize the 802.1x Wired Client settings, for example: D:\CTA\Custom_Package\802_1x. See the [“Creating Deployment Packages” section on page 9-36](#), for information about creating the authentication policies described in this step.
- a. Create the D:\CTA\Custom_Package\802_1x\policies\ directory and include the .xml policy file that defines the machine and user authentication settings for the client.
 - b. Create the D:\CTA\Custom_Package\802_1x\networks\ directory and include the .xml policy file that defines the machine and user authentication settings for the client.
- Step 6** Proceed to [“Run the CTA Installation File to Install the Custom Package.”](#)

Run the CTA Installation File to Install the Custom Package

For the sake of this procedure, we assume that the custom package is deployed to the appropriate network clients by a software deployment mechanism such as a software deployment tool or script.



Note

The custom package consists of the customized installation directories and the CTA installation .msi file. The installation .msi does not recompile the customized files into a new installation .msi file, it installs CTA and the customized files you created in the previous procedure.

- Step 1** The software deployment mechanism deploys the custom package to the appropriate network clients and saves it to a local directory. For the sake of this example, we assume that the custom installation package is saved to the C:\Temp directory. There would now be a C:\Temp\Custom_Package directory on the client.
- Step 2** The software deployment mechanism can then run the CTA installation file and employ whatever MSI command line options you choose. (See the [“Installing CTA Using MSI Commands” section on page 4-7](#) for a summary of common MSI commands and examples of how they are used with the CTA installation files.)

Here are two different examples of the CTA installation:

Run the CTA installation file as it is. This installs CTA, the 802.1x Wired Client, and your customizations. To do so, the software deployment mechanism would run the following commands:

- a. CD to the C:\Temp\Custom_Package directory.
- b. From the prompt, run the **ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi** file. For example:

```
C:\Temp\Custom_Package>ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi
```

Run the CTA installation file with MSI command line options. The command in the procedure installs CTA with the Scripting Interface and CTA 802.1x Wired Client features, it logs the installation and stores the log file in “C:\Custom_Package\logfile.txt, and it is silent installation.

- a. CD to the C:\Temp\Custom_Package directory.
- b. From the prompt, run the **ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi** file with the MSI command line options. For example:

```
C:\Temp\Custom_Package>Msiexec.exe /I ctasetup-supPLICANT-win-2.1.103.0.msi  
ADDLOCAL=Scripting_Interface,8021x_Wired_Client /L*V "C:\Custom_Package\logfile.txt" /qn
```



Note

System administrators should be aware that after if the 802.1x Wired Client was installed with CTA, the system needs to be rebooted in order to activate the 802.1x Wired Client.

Upgrading to Cisco Trust Agent, Release 2.1

Cisco Trust Agent supports upgrade installations from versions 1.0, 2.0, 2.0.1, and Selective Availability and Beta 2.1 releases to CTA 2.1.103.

The behavior of an upgrade reflects the kind of installation being used. If the upgrade is performed using an installation wizard, CTA 2.1.103.0 recognizes the previous installation of CTA and prompts users to upgrade. In the case of a silent installation, it is assumed that the user intends to perform an upgrade and the installation proceeds without prompting the user.

**Note**

When upgrading a version of CTA along with the CTA 802.1x Wired Client, to CTA 2.1 with the CTA 802.1x Wired Client, the computer is disconnected from the network at the end of the software upgrade process. The final step of the upgrade procedure is to reboot the computer; rebooting restores the network connection and it is a required step in the upgrade process.

In the case of a silent upgrade, administrators should use MSI commands which limit interruptions to users but still prompt users to reboot their computers at the end of the software upgrade.

When upgrading a version of CTA without the CTA 802.1x Wired Client to the latest version of CTA without the CTA 802.1x Wired Client, you are not required to reboot the computer for the upgrade to take affect. There is no loss of network connectivity during the upgrade process.

Upgrading from Cisco Trust Agent, Release 1.0

During an upgrade installation of CTA from 1.0 to CTA 2.1, existing certificates remain in the certificate store in which they were installed during the CTA 1.0 installation. Posture plugins and the ctalogd.ini file are moved to their new location in the CTA 2.1.103.0 directory structure. The ctad.ini file used in CTA 1.0 remains in the directory in which it was originally installed and CTA 2.1.103.0 recognizes the file in its original location.

Upgrading from Cisco Trust Agent, Release 2.0.0.30

During an upgrade installation of CTA from 2.0.0.30 to CTA 2.1.103.0, certificates, third-party posture plugins, ctad.ini, ctalogd.ini, and log files remain in the directories in which they were installed and they are used by CTA 2.1.103.0.

During an upgrade installation of CTA from 2.0.0.30 to CTA 2.1.103.0, where the 802.1x Wired Supplicant is also being upgraded, certificates, third-party posture plugins, ctad.ini, ctalogd.ini, and log files remain in the directories in which they were installed and they are used by CTA 2.1.103.0.

Deployment profile files used by the 802.1x Wired Client in CTA 2.0.0.30 **are not compatible** with those used by the 802.1x Wired Client in CTA 2.1.103.0. The deployment profile files that define user and machine authentication requirements will need to be recreated and reinstalled after an upgrade from CTA 2.0 with the 802.1x Wired Client to CTA 2.1 with the 802.1x Wired Client.

During an upgrade from CTA 2.0 with the 802.1x Wired Client to CTA 2.1 with the 802.1x Wired Client the **\Program Files\Cisco Systems\Cisco Trust Agent 802_1x Wired Client** directory and all of its contents are deleted and replaced with the upgraded CTA 802.1x Wired Client software.



Note

If, when you created the deployment profile for use with CTA 2.0.0.30, you saved the deployment profile files in a directory outside of \Program Files\Cisco Systems\Cisco Trust Agent 802_1x Wired Client the files will not be deleted by the upgrade procedure, however, you will not be able to use them with CTA 2.1 and its new 802.1x Wired Client. Likewise, there is no advantage in backing-up the deployment profile files used in CTA 2.0.0.30 before you upgrade to CTA 2.1.103.0. The security profiles in CTA 2.0 are not compatible with those used in CTA 2.1.103.0.

For instructions on how to deploy end-user 802.1x Wired Clients which are compatible with Cisco Trust Agent 2.1.103.0, see [“Deploying End-User 802.1x Wired Clients” section on page 9-35](#).

Upgrading from Cisco Trust Agent, Release 2.0.1

Cisco Trust Agent 2.0.1 was a release supported on Windows XP platforms only. During an upgrade installation of CTA from 2.0.1 to CTA 2.1, certificates, third-party posture plugins, ctad.ini, ctalogd.ini, and log files remain in the directories in which they were installed and they are used by CTA 2.1.

During an upgrade installation of CTA from 2.0.1 to CTA 2.1, where the 802.1x Wired Supplicant is also being upgraded, certificates, third-party posture plugins, ctad.ini, ctalogd.ini, log files, and the deployment profile files remain in the directories in which they were installed and they are used by CTA 2.1. These deployment profile files are stored here:

- Drive:\CTA\Custom_Package\802_1x\policies*policy.xml
- Drive: \CTA\Custom_Package\802_1x\networks*networks.xml

For more information about the deployment profile files see, [“Understanding Policies and Profiles” section on page 9-24.](#)

Upgrading from CTA 2.1 Selective Availability and Beta Releases to CTA 2.1.103.0

Some customers of Cisco’s Network Admission Control program participated in testing “selective availability” or “limited availability” releases and Beta releases of CTA 2.1 to test its functionality in their NAC environments.

These builds, numbered 2.1.18.0, 2.1.100.0, 2.1.101.0, and 2.1.102.0 may be upgraded to CTA 2.1.103.0 without being uninstalled first. The certificates, third-party posture plugins, ctad.ini, ctalogd.ini, log files, and the deployment profile files remain in the directories in which they were installed and they are used by CTA 2.1.103.0.

Verifying the Cisco Trust Agent Installation

After Cisco Trust Agent has been installed you will find the following directory structures containing CTA's executable files:

- \Program Files\Cisco Systems\CiscoTrustAgent
- \Program Files\Common Files\PostureAgent

If you installed the CTA 802.1x Wired Client along with CTA you will also find the \Program Files\Cisco Systems\Cisco Trust Agent 802_1x Wired Client directory.

After installing CTA, to verify that CTA is running, follow this procedure:

Step 1 Open a command prompt window on the target system.

Step 2 Type **net start** and then click **Enter**.

Step 3 Verify that the following services are running:

Current Service Names:

- Cisco Posture Server Daemon
- Cisco Systems Inc. CTA Posture State Daemon
- Cisco Trust Agent EoU Daemon
- Cisco Trust Agent Logger Daemon

If you installed the CTA 802.1x Wired Client (the supplicant) then you should also see these services running.

- Cisco Trust Agent 802.1x wired client
- Cisco Trust Agent 802.1x wired client log

If these services are not running, try rebooting the system and checking again. If the services still do not run, try reinstalling the application.

Uninstalling Cisco Trust Agent on Windows

To uninstall Cisco Trust agent, follow these steps:

Step 1 Choose **Start > Settings > Control Panel > Add/Remove Programs**.

Step 2 Choose **Cisco Trust Agent** from the list of installed applications.

Step 3 Click **Remove**.

A confirmation dialog box appears.

Step 4 Click **Yes** to continue the removal.



Note

Certificates and plugin files are not deleted when CTA is uninstalled; they remain on the client.
