



Cisco Application Networking for BEA WebLogic Portal Deployment Guide

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Preface

Document Purpose

To address challenges associated with today's mission critical enterprise application deployments, Cisco offers an enterprise network architecture for the ANS WebLogic solution with best practices and implementation guidance that optimizes application availability, performance, and security and lowers application ownership costs.

Featuring the Cisco Application Control Engine (ACE) and Cisco Wide Area Application Services (WAAS) product families, collectively known as Cisco Application Networking Services (ANS), that provide data center, branch, and remote end user application optimization services, the solution addresses the following challenges for ANS WebLogic deployments:

- Recovery time and point objectives for business continuity
- End user performance over limited Wide Area Network (WAN) connections
- Security for service-oriented application architectures (SOA)
- Reduced capital and operational costs

The purpose of this document is to describe the ANS WebLogic Solution enterprise network architecture and deployment best practices and guidance.

Prerequisites

The following prerequisites are required to deploy the BEA WebLogic Solution:

- Working knowledge of the WebLogic application



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- Experience with basic networking and troubleshooting
- Experience installing the Cisco products covered by this network design, including the Cisco ACE and WAAS product families
- Working knowledge of Cisco's Internetworking Operating System (IOS)

Document Organization

Section	Description
Network Management	Describes the network management software used in the ANS WebLogic Solution.

Solution Overview

Solution Description

- - Application health monitoring—Continuously and intelligently monitors application and database availability.
 - Server load balancing—Efficiently routes end user and Web services requests to the best available server.
 - Network platform health monitoring—Ensures continuity of business operations through mirroring end user transaction states across pairs of network devices.
- Application performance
 - Cisco ACE and WAAS product family application optimization services for WebLogic high performance:
 - WAN optimization—Provides intelligent caching, compression, and protocol optimization.

Layer termination, and traffic compression, which frees up to 50 percent of application server processing and memory to focus on business logic computations.

Server load balancing—Substitutes for WebLogic load balancing.

Secure Socket Layer (SSL) termination—Terminates 15,000 connections per second.

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) connection management—Reduces the number

Traffic compression—Scalable LZ compression functionality.

Object caching—Reduce requests to server.

Application security

Cisco ACE product family application optimization services for optimized WebLogic data security:

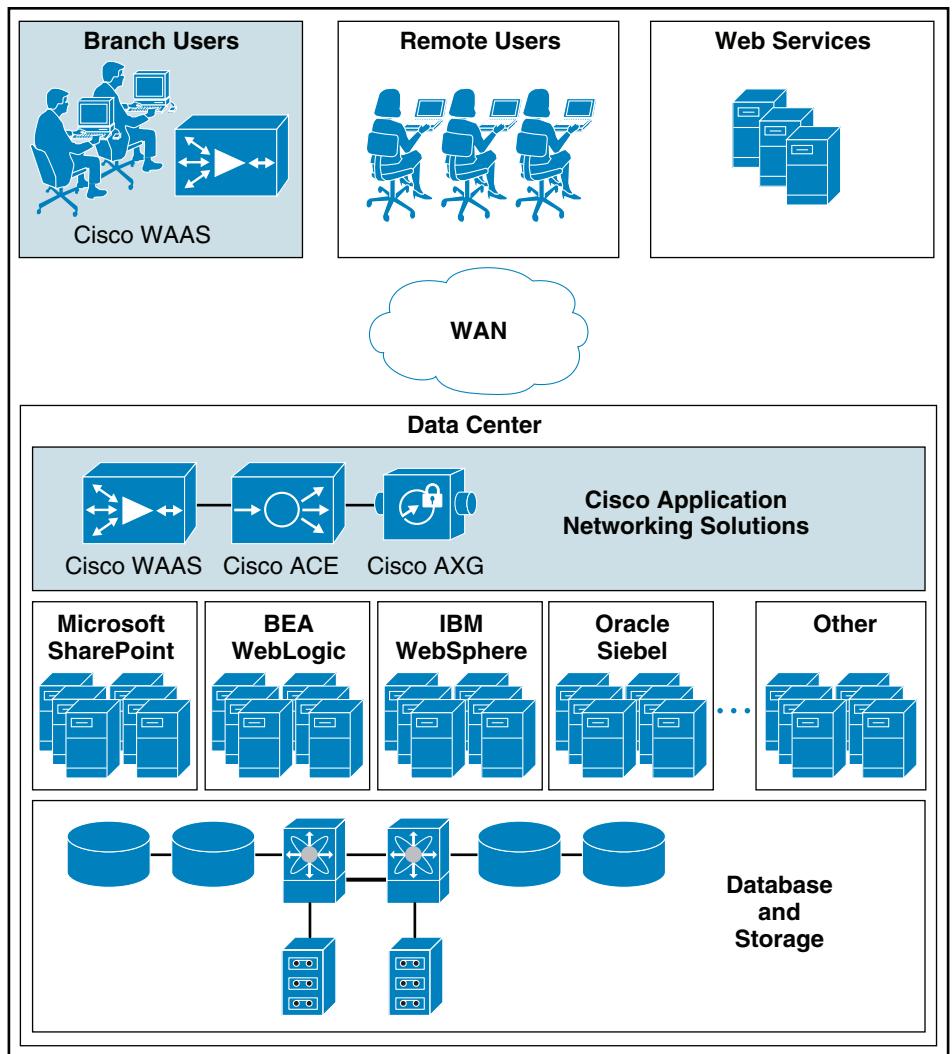
SSL termination—Efficiently encrypts and decrypts SSL enabled traffic, which facilitates the use of intrusion detection and prevention solutions before traffic reaches the servers.

End user access control—Provides Access Control Lists (ACLs) to protect client-to-server traffic from worms and intruders that attack vulnerable open server ports not used by the application.

Virtualization of application optimization services

Virtualization of application optimization services supplies such services for multiple WebLogic instances as well as other enterprise applications (see [Figure 1](#)). Specifically, a single physical Cisco ACE can be virtualized into multiple logical Cisco ACEs in which application traffic can traverse between virtualized Cisco ACEs. This virtualization of load balancing is an exclusive Cisco feature.

Figure 1 Virtualization of Application Optimization Services



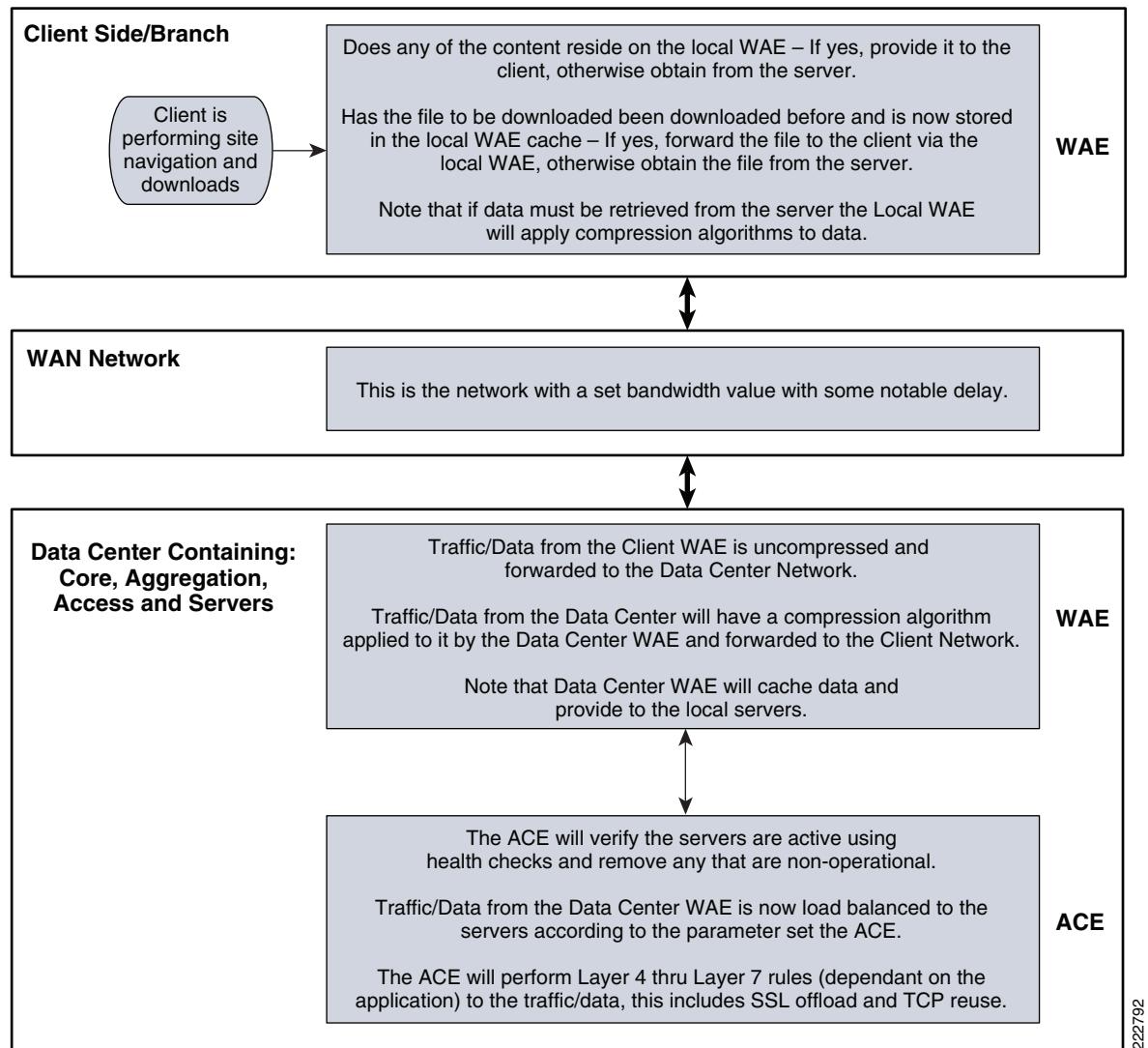
configuration tools for business experts. GroupSpace is a WebLogic Portal application built entirely on Portal's new community framework. GroupSpace provides an environment for collaboration of like-minded individuals, who come together in a "community" to share information. Because it is built on Portal, GroupSpace is an enterprise-level application, leveraging Portal's security and content management system.



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Process Flow

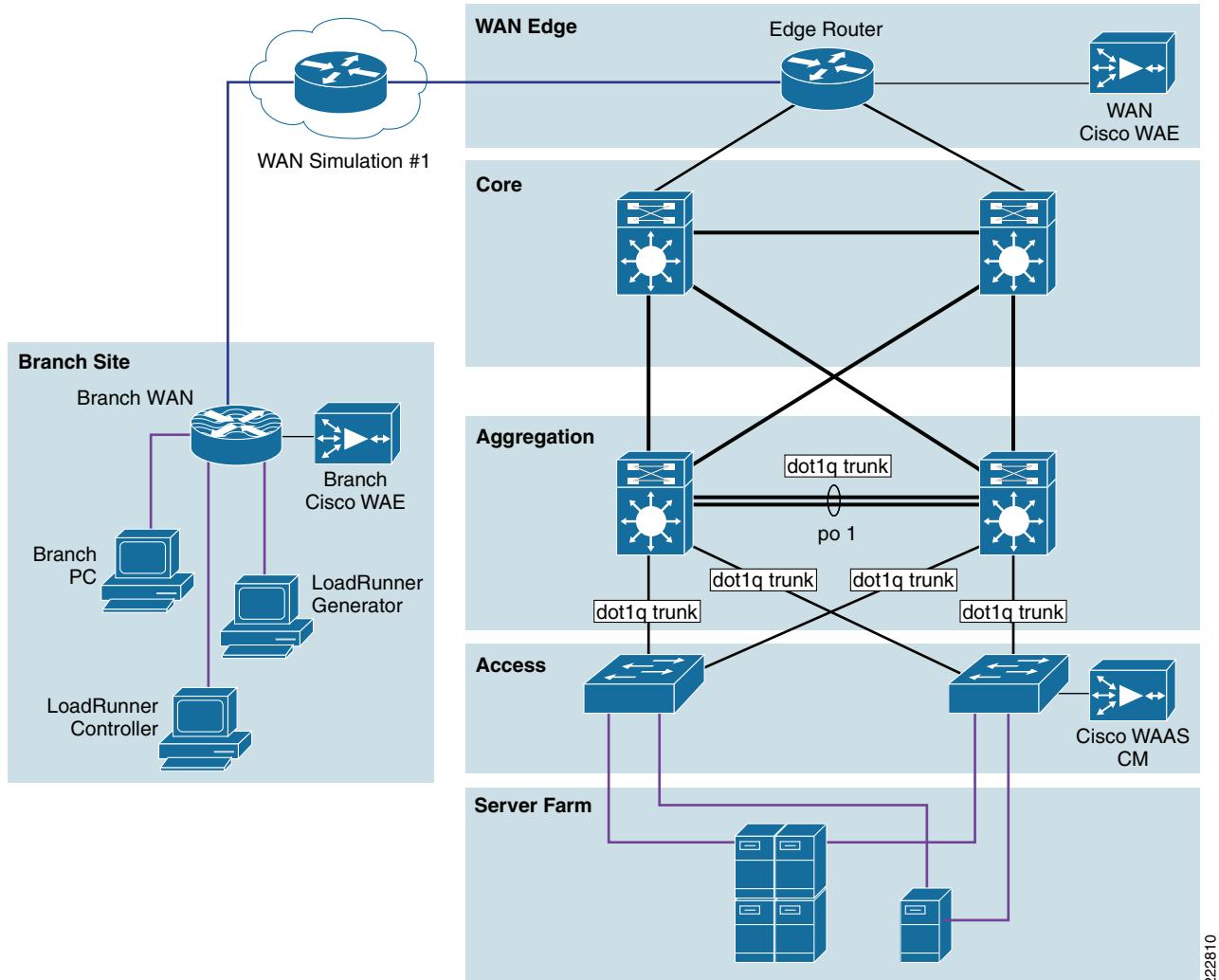
Figure 2 **Process Flow**



Solution Architecture

Application and Application Networking Architecture

Figure 3 Application and Application Networking Architecture



Enterprise Branch

HP Mercury LoadRunner, running on a personal computer in the branch, simulates users that would perform certain tasks in the application.

The traffic is redirected to the Cisco WAE via Web cache communications protocol (WCCP) from the branch router. The Cisco WAE performs the following functions:

- Locally cached—if the data that is being requested is locally cached, the Cisco WAE responds to the requestor with the cached data and requests only required data from the server farm. This allows the WAN to become more efficient as only “needed data” requested.
- New data—if the data that is being forwarded to the server farm or coming from the server farm, the Cisco WAE performs compression algorithms on the data allowing for the WAN to become more efficient.

WAN Simulation

1.
 - a. Bandwidth - 1.544 Mbps, ESF, B8ZS, Delay - 100 mS, Loss - drop one packet in every 1000 packets (0.1%)
2.
 - a. Bandwidth - 512 Kbps, ESF, B8ZS, Delay - 200 mS, Loss - drop one packet in every 500 packets (0.2%)

Data Center

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- be configured for different applications and is independent of any others. In the Joint Solution, Cisco ACE is configured with the Admin context and the SharePoint context. Note that the Cisco ACE can support up to 250 contexts.
- Session persistence—Session persistence is the ability to forward client requests to the same server for the duration of the session. MOSS requires either source Internet Protocol (IP) based session persistence or Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) cookie based session persistence.
- Transparent interception—Transparent interception performs a Network Address Translation (NAT) function to conceal the real server IP address that is residing in the server farm. The SharePoint context is configured with a Virtual IP (VIP) that provides a single address that users use to connect to the server farm. This allows users to access the MOSS application by placing a single IP in the Web browser.
- Allowed server connections—Allowed server connections is the maximum number of active connections value on a per-server basis and/or globally to the server farm.
- Health monitoring—Health monitoring is used to track the state of the server and determine its ability to process connections in the server farm. The SharePoint context used a compound probe to determine if servers are operational and responding to HTTP requests.
- Cisco ACE provides load balancing of the traffic to the server farm using one of the following methods: Round Robin, Weighted Round Robin, Least Connections, Hash address, Hash cookie, Hash Header, and Hash URL. In the Joint Solution, Least Connections was used, which selects the server with the fewest number of server connections. Cisco ACE is also used to provide SSL offload and TCP reuse.
- Inter-chassis Cisco ACE redundancy was used, in which a Cisco ACE module in one Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series Switch chassis is protected by a Cisco ACE module in a peer Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series Switch chassis connected by a fault tolerant (FT) VLAN. The FT VLAN is used to transmit flow-state information, configuration synchronization information, and the redundancy heartbeat.

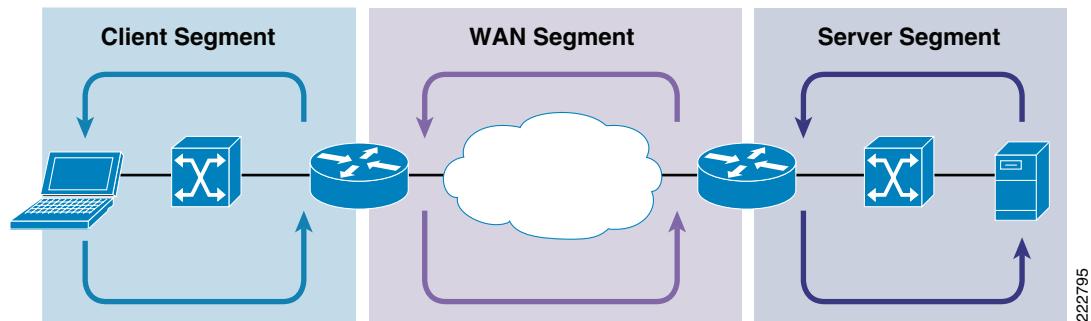
Server Farm

WebLogic Portal resides on the Windows 2003 enterprise server operating system. Dual Xeon processors running at 2.33 Ghz with 4 G of RAM and 4 80 G SATA hard drives were used.

The IBM DB2 database version is 8.1.7. The IBM DB2 resides on the Windows 2003 enterprise server operating system. Dual Xeon processors running at 2.33 Ghz with 4 G of RAM and 4 80 G SATA hard drives were used. The gigabit network interface cards are “nic-teamed” for redundancy.

Packet Flow Without Cisco WAAS and Cisco ACE

Figure 4 **Normal Packet Flow**



Client Segment

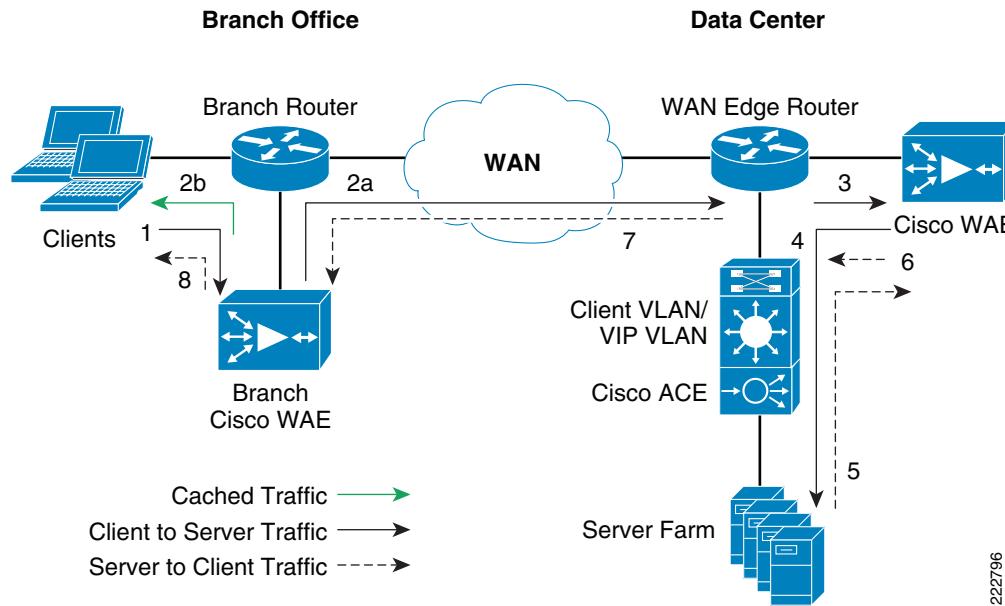
WAN Segment

Server Segment

Response Times

Packet Flow with Cisco WAAS and Cisco ACE

Figure 5 *Packet Flow with Cisco WAAS and Cisco ACE*



The client sends a TCP SYN (synchronize) packet to the server farm VIP address. The packet is forwarded to the branch router. The branch router intercepts the packet with WCCP and forwards it to the branch Cisco WAE appliance.

a.) The branch Cisco WAE applies a new TCP option (0x21) to the packet if the application is identified for optimization by an application classifier. The branch Cisco WAE adds its device ID and application policy support to the new TCP option field. This option is examined and understood by other Cisco WAEs in the path as the ID and policy fields of the initial Cisco WAE device. The initial ID and policy fields are not altered by another Cisco WAE. The packet is forwarded to the branch router and then to the WAN. b.) During the data transfer phase, if the requested data are in its cache, the branch Cisco WAE returns its cached data to the client. Traffic does not travel through the WAN to the server farm. Hence both response time and WAN link utilization are improved.

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Implementing and Configuring the Cisco ACE Solution

Implementation

Implementation Overview

What Was Implemented

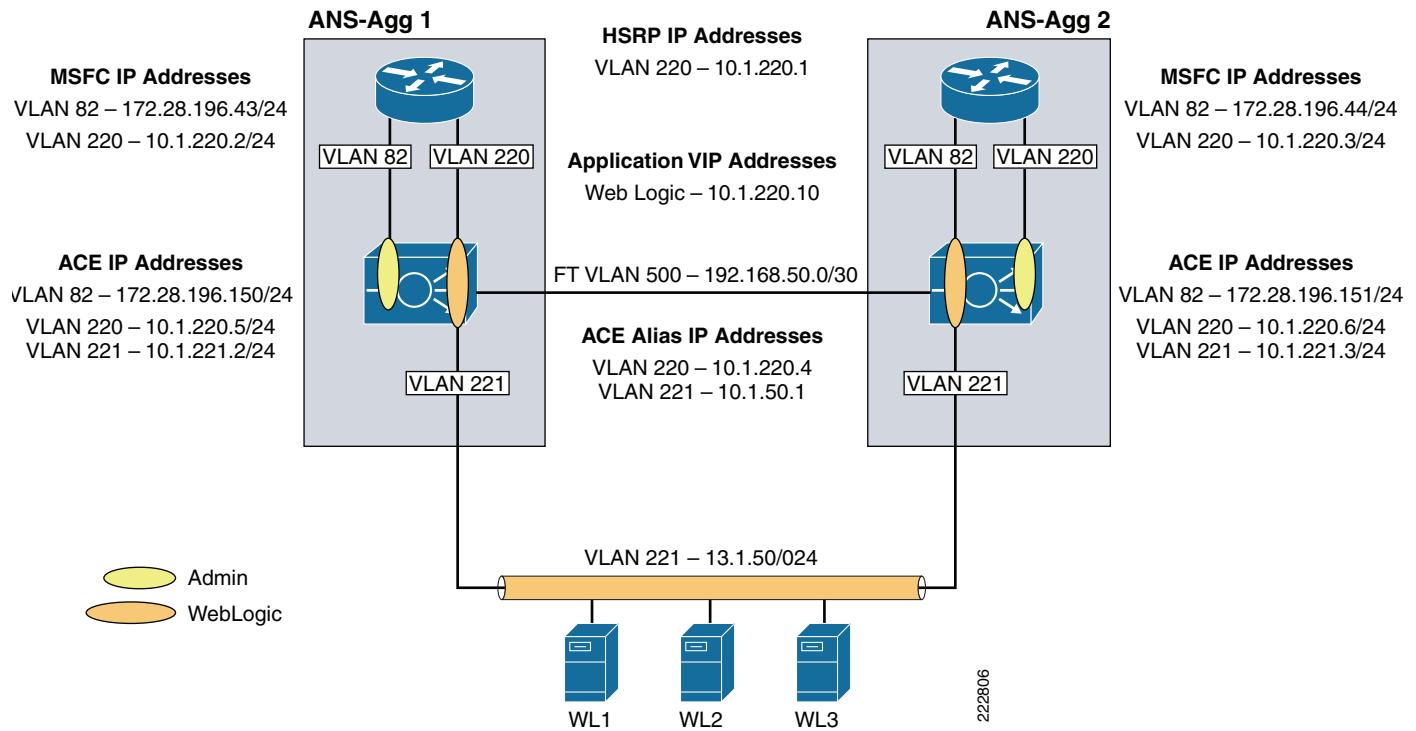
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What Was Not Implemented/Tested

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Network Topology

Figure 6 Network Topology



Hardware or Components

Table 1 Hardware

Product	Chassis	Modules	Interfaces	Memory



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Software

Product	Software/Code Version
	c6ace-t1k9-mz.3.0.0_A1_6_1.bin
ACE-VIRT-250	ACE-VIRT-250
ACE-SSL-20K-K9	ACE-SSL-20K-K9
ACE10-16G-LIC	ACE10-16G-LIC
ACE-08G-LIC	ACE-08G-LIC

Features and Functionality

Product	Features and Functionality Used in the Solution
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Features, Services, and Application Design Considerations

High Availability, Scalability, and Redundancy

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Configuration Task Lists

Installing Cisco ACE and MSFC Configuration

Step 1

```
vlan 220
  name ACE-CLIENT
!
vlan 221
  name ACE-SERVER
!
vlan 500
  name ACE-FT-VLAN
!
```

```
svclc multiple-vlan-interfaces
svclc module 3 vlan-group 1
svclc vlan-group 1 220,221,500
```

```
interface Vlan220
  description ACE Client Side VLAN
  ip address 10.1.220.2 255.255.255.0
```

```
standby 220 ip 10.1.220.1
standby 220 Priority 120
```

Virtualization

Context Configuration

Step 1

```
ACE_1/Admin(config)# resource-class Gold
<cr> Carriage return.

ACE_1/Admin(config-resource)# limit-resource ?
acl-memory      Limit ACL memory
all             Limit all resource parameters
buffer          Set resource-limit for buffers
conc-connections Limit concurrent connections (thru-the-box traffic)
mgmt-connections Limit management connections (to-the-box traffic)
proxy-connections Limit proxy connections
rate            Set resource-limit as a rate (number per second)
regexp          Limit amount of regular expression memory
sticky           Limit number of sticky entries
xlates          Limit number of Xlate entries

context weblogic
  description Web Logic Testing
  allocate-interface vlan 220-221
  member Gold

ACE_1/Admin# changeto weblogic
```

Redundancy/High Availability

```
ft interface vlan 500
ACE_1/Admin(config-ft-intf)# ip address 192.168.50.1 255.255.255.252
                                peer ip address 192.168.50.2 255.255.255.252
                                no shutdown
ft peer 1
    ft-interface vlan 500
    heartbeat count 10
    heartbeat interval 300
ft group 1
    peer 1
    priority 200
    preempt
    associate-context Admin
    inservice
ft group 3
    peer 1
    priority 200
    associate-context Weblogic
    inservice
```

REMOTE-MGMT

```
10 match protocol ssh any
20 match protocol telnet any
30 match protocol icmp any
40 match protocol http any
50 match protocol https any
```

```
policy-map type management first-match REMOTE-ACCESS
class REMOTE-MGMT
    permit
```

```
interface vlan 220
    service-policy input REMOTE-ACCESS
```

```
interface vlan 221
service-policy input REMOTE-ACCESS
```

Configuring Interface(s) and Default Gateway

Step 1

```
ANYONE line 10 extended permit icmp any any
access-list ANYONE line 20 extended permit ip any any
```

Step 2

```
interface vlan 220
  ip address 10.1.220.5 255.255.255.0
  peer ip address 10.1.220.6 255.255.255.0
  alias 10.1.220.4 255.255.255.0
```

```
interface vlan 221
  ip address 10.1.50.2 255.255.255.0
  peer ip address 10.1.50.3 255.255.255.0
  alias 10.1.50.1 255.255.255.0
```

```
interface vlan 220
  access-group input ANYONE
  access-group output ANYONE
  service-policy input REMOTE-ACCESS
  no shutdown
interface vlan 221
  access-group input ANYONE
  access-group output ANYONE
  service-policy input REMOTE-ACCESS
  no shutdown
```

```
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 10.1.220.1
```

show interface

```
Hardware type is VLAN
MAC address is 00:1b:d5:9b:88:ed
Virtual MAC address is 00:0b:fc:fe:1b:02
Mode : routed
IP address is 10.1.220.5 netmask is 255.255.255.0
FT status is active
Description:Client side vlan
MTU: 1500 bytes
```

```
Last cleared: never
Alias IP address is 10.1.220.4 netmask is 255.255.255.0
Peer IP address is 10.1.220.6 Peer IP netmask is 255.255.255.0
Assigned from the Supervisor, up on Supervisor
    53808467 unicast packets input, 17900167965 bytes
    7331701 multicast, 7776 broadcast
    0 input errors, 0 unknown, 0 ignored, 0 unicast RPF drops
    91028995 unicast packets output, 5455629020 bytes
        4 multicast, 5202 broadcast
        0 output errors, 0 ignored

vlan221 is up
Hardware type is VLAN
MAC address is 00:1b:d5:9b:88:ed
Virtual MAC address is 00:0b:fc:fe:1b:02
Mode : routed
IP address is 10.1.221.2 netmask is 255.255.255.0
FT status is active
Description:Server side vlan
MTU: 1500 bytes
Last cleared: never
Alias IP address is 10.1.221.1 netmask is 255.255.255.0
Peer IP address is 10.1.221.3 Peer IP netmask is 255.255.255.0
Assigned from the Supervisor, up on Supervisor
    83222640 unicast packets input, 95861661879 bytes
    1118208 multicast, 47974 broadcast
    0 input errors, 0 unknown, 0 ignored, 0 unicast RPF drops
    53089290 unicast packets output, 4304456323 bytes
        4 multicast, 14950 broadcast
        0 output errors, 0 ignored
```

Probes

```
ACE_1/Admin(config)# probe ?
```

HTTP return code expected; it has to be explicitly configured.

expect regex—A regex can be configured to parse a specific field in the response data.

This parameter is only applicable to HTTP/HTTPS probes.

SSL—Configured to define what cipher and SSL version Cisco ACE should use when sending an HTTPS probe. Ciphers and SSL versions supported on Cisco ACE are:

```
RSA_EXPORT1024_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA  EXP1024-DES-CBC-SHA Cipher  
RSA_EXPORT1024_WITH_RC4_56_MD5  EXP1024-RC4-MD5 Cipher
```

```
RSA_EXPORT1024_WITH_RC4_56_SHA      EXP1024-RC4-SHA Cipher
RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA       EXP-DES-CBC-SHA Cipher
RSA_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5          EXP-RC4-MD5 Cipher
RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA          3DES-EDE-CBC-SHA Cipher
RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA           AES-128-CBC-SHA Cipher
RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA           AES-256-CBC-SHA Cipher
RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA               DES-CBC-SHA Cipher
RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5              RC4-MD5 Cipher
RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA               RC4-SHA Cipher

ssl versions:
SSLv2   SSL Version 2.0
SSLv3   SSL Version 3.0
TLSv1   TLS Version 1.0
```

```
probe tcp PROBE-TCP
interval 2
faildetect 2
passdetect interval 10
passdetect count 2
```

```
probe icmp PING
interval 2
faildetect 2
```

```
rserver host WL1
ip address 10.1.50.51
inservice
```

<1-65535> Specify slowstart duration in seconds

roundrobin—Load balance in a roundrobin fashion (default).

probe—Allows a probe to be applied to the server farm. Multiple probes can be applied to the same server farm.

retcode—Used to configure server health-checks based on the HTTP return code. The configuration allows you to define a range of HTTP return codes and take an action once a threshold is reached.

```
retcode <min> <max> check <remove|count|log> <threshold value> resume-service <value  
in seconds>
```

rserver—Used to associate real server(s) with a server farm. Port address translation, maximum and minimum connections, and weight are some common configurations that can be done in rserver sub-configuration mode.

transparent—When configured, Cisco ACE does not NAT Layer 3 IP address from VIP to real server's IP address.

The following is an example of basic server farm configuration:

```
serverfarm host Weblogic  
  predictor leastconns  
  probe ICMP  
  rserver WL1  
    inservice  
  rserver WL2  
    inservice
```

Layer 4 Load Balancing



Step 1

```
2 match virtual-address 10.1.220.10 tcp eq 7041
```

Step 2

```
sticky-serverfarm SRC-IP-STICKY
```

Step 3

```
policy-map multi-match LB-VIP
  class VIP-HTTP-10
    loadbalance vip inservice
    loadbalance policy VIP-POLICY-10
    loadbalance vip icmp-reply
```

Step 4

```
interface vlan 220
  service-policy input LB-VIP
```

Layer 7 Load Balancing

Step 1

url .*.htm

```
parameter-map type http L7-map
  case-insensitive

class-map match-all VIP-HTTP-10
  2 match virtual-address 10.1.220.10 tcp eq 7041
```

```
policy-map type loadbalance first-match L7-match
  class L7-URL
  sticky-serverfarm STICKY-INSERT-COOKIE
  class class-default
    serverfarm WEBLOGIC
```

```
policy-map multi-match LB-VIP
  class VIP-HTTP-10
    loadbalance vip inservice
    loadbalance policy L7-match
    loadbalance vip icmp-reply
```

```
interface vlan 220  
    service-policy input LB-VIP
```

Stickiness (Session Persistence)

Cisco ACE Inserted Cookie Stickiness

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

SSL Termination

Front End SSL Termination

Step 1

```

crypto generate key 512 testkey.key
show crypto key all
Filename                                         Bit  Size Type
-----                                           ----- -----
testkey.key                                         512   RSA

crypto csr-params testparams
country US
state California
locality SJ
organization-name AS
organization-unit TAS
common-name www.testssl.com
serial-number cisco123

ACE_1/testfeature#
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
MIIBHjCBYQIBADkMQswCQYDVQQGEwJVUzETMBEGA1UECBMKQ2FsaWZvcm5pYTEL
MAkGA1UEBxMCU0oxCzAJBgNVBAoTAKFTMQwwCgYDVQQLEwNUQVMxGDAWBgNVBAMT
D3d3dy50ZXN0c3NsLmNvbTBcMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA0sAMEgCQQC+xphqQJn9
EOzOhkFFVCVO5SYJj7nVjWmaslVZOi7TYKzFgXtJexMt0Y1Vy07XY+U5XdZuvoxE
cO4rdAGzo84HAgMBAAGgADANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQFAANBAAL9EzKcYyOrL3XYc7YG
STgpa1B8tTpCpJIVwrHwolyK3OzvfudLTbF7CQ2V3jUYS//sf2Cei8fe+voKIQE9
nI4=
-----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----

OS-CA-SERVER#crypto pki server CDN-CA request pkcs10 terminal pem
% Enter Base64 encoded or PEM formatted PKCS10 enrollment request.
% End with a blank line or "quit" on a line by itself.
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
MIIBHjCBYQIBADkMQswCQYDVQQGEwJVUzETMBEGA1UECBMKQ2FsaWZvcm5pYTEL
MAkGA1UEBxMCU0oxCzAJBgNVBAoTAKFTMQwwCgYDVQQLEwNUQVMxGDAWBgNVBAMT
D3d3dy50ZXN0c3NsLmNvbTBcMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA0sAMEgCQQC+xphqQJn9
EOzOhkFFVCVO5SYJj7nVjWmaslVZOi7TYKzFgXtJexMt0Y1Vy07XY+U5XdZuvoxE
cO4rdAGzo84HAgMBAAGgADANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQFAANBAAL9EzKcYyOrL3XYc7YG
STgpa1B8tTpCpJIVwrHwolyK3OzvfudLTbF7CQ2V3jUYS//sf2Cei8fe+voKIQE9
nI4=
-----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
Quit

```

```
% Granted certificate:
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIB6TCCAVKgAwIBAgIBCTANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQQFADARMQ8wDQYDVQQDEwZDRE4t
Q0EwHhcNMDYwNDI2MTgxNjQzWhcNMDcwNDI2MTgxNjQzWjBkMQswCQYDVQOGewJV
UzETMBEGA1UECBMKQ2FsaWZvcm5pYTELMAkGA1UEBxMCU0oxCzAJBgNVBAoTAKFT
MQwwCgYDVQQLEwNUQVMxGDAWBgNVBAMTD3d3dy50ZXN0c3NsLnNvbTBcMA0GCSqG
S1b3DQEBAQUAA0sAMEgCQC+xphqQJn9EOzOhkFfVCVO5SYJj7nVjWmas1VZOi7T
YKzFgXtJexMt0Y1Vy07XY+U5XdZuvoxEc04rdAGzo84HAgMBAAGjQjBAMB8GA1UD
IwQYMBaAFNkc5JGHmabT17tofs9CUD8mxVURMB0GA1UdDgQWBBQAL2ptyfn85SoV
NdEiGRav8nI81TANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQQFAAOBgQAUHyfbs+aMapSEFXmd1KPh8F67
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zdPhaZ1838qgZ1Fn+1XPtCrayto1PitWeuPbCwLTxmE2vWWLw6lwEzguVbF+6t0n
mLAkyiYsuz/Moiql/g==
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
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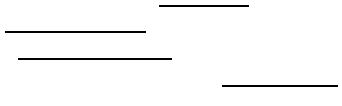
IOS-CA-SERVER#

```
ACE_1/testfeature#
Please enter PEM formatted data. End with "quit" on a new line.
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIB6TCCAVKgAwIBAgIBCTANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQQFADARMQ8wDQYDVQQDEwZDRE4t
Q0EwHhcNMDYwNDI2MTgxNjQzWhcNMDcwNDI2MTgxNjQzWjBkMQswCQYDVQOGewJV
UzETMBEGA1UECBMKQ2FsaWZvcm5pYTELMAkGA1UEBxMCU0oxCzAJBgNVBAoTAKFT
MQwwCgYDVQQLEwNUQVMxGDAWBgNVBAMTD3d3dy50ZXN0c3NsLnNvbTBcMA0GCSqG
S1b3DQEBAQUAA0sAMEgCQC+xphqQJn9EOzOhkFfVCVO5SYJj7nVjWmas1VZOi7T
YKzFgXtJexMt0Y1Vy07XY+U5XdZuvoxEc04rdAGzo84HAgMBAAGjQjBAMB8GA1UD
IwQYMBaAFNkc5JGHmabT17tofs9CUD8mxVURMB0GA1UdDgQWBBQAL2ptyfn85SoV
NdEiGRav8nI81TANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQQFAAOBgQAUHyfbs+aMapSEFXmd1KPh8F67
gGuYBdyWxmXjR7KVERDxde+4UqJCKNP4R2m11g30j6UveG2wLiP7C4IZHzGfFXUb
zdPhaZ1838qgZ1Fn+1XPtCrayto1PitWeuPbCwLTxmE2vWWLw6lwEzguVbF+6t0n
mLAkyiYsuz/Moiql/g=
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
quit
```

```
ACE_1/testfeature#
_____
Keypair in testkey.key matches certificate in testcert.pem.
```

```
parameter-map type ssl sslparams
    cipher RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5
    version SSL3
```

b.



Step 8

Step 9

Configuration and Menus

Troubleshooting Configuration

- - **show service-policy *policy_name***

show serverfarm *name* detail

show rserver *rserver_name*

show probe

show arp

show arp statistics

show context

show ft group status

- show ft peer detail
- show resource usage
- show np *NP_number*

name

Figure 7 SSL Direct to Server

Color	Scale	Measurement	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Std. Deviation
purple	1	% Committed Bytes In Use (Memory):10.1.50.51	32.252	32.296	32.557	0.053
green	1	% Processor Time (Processor_Total):10.1.50.51	6.51	67.992	92.821	20.705
red	0.01	Available MBytes (Memory):10.1.50.51	1323	1335.793	1341	3.036

Figure 8 SSL Offload

Color	Scale	Measurement	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Std. Deviation
purple	1	% Committed Bytes In Use (Memory):10.1.50.51	32.271	32.309	32.572	0.045
green	1	% Processor Time (Processor_Total):10.1.50.51	0.13	58.412	94.43	22.604
red	0.01	Available MBytes (Memory):10.1.50.51	1316	1328.681	1337	3.095

Implementing and Configuring the Cisco WAAS Solution

Implementation

Implementation Overview

What Was Implemented

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What Was Not Implemented

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Network Topology

Figure 9 Network Topology

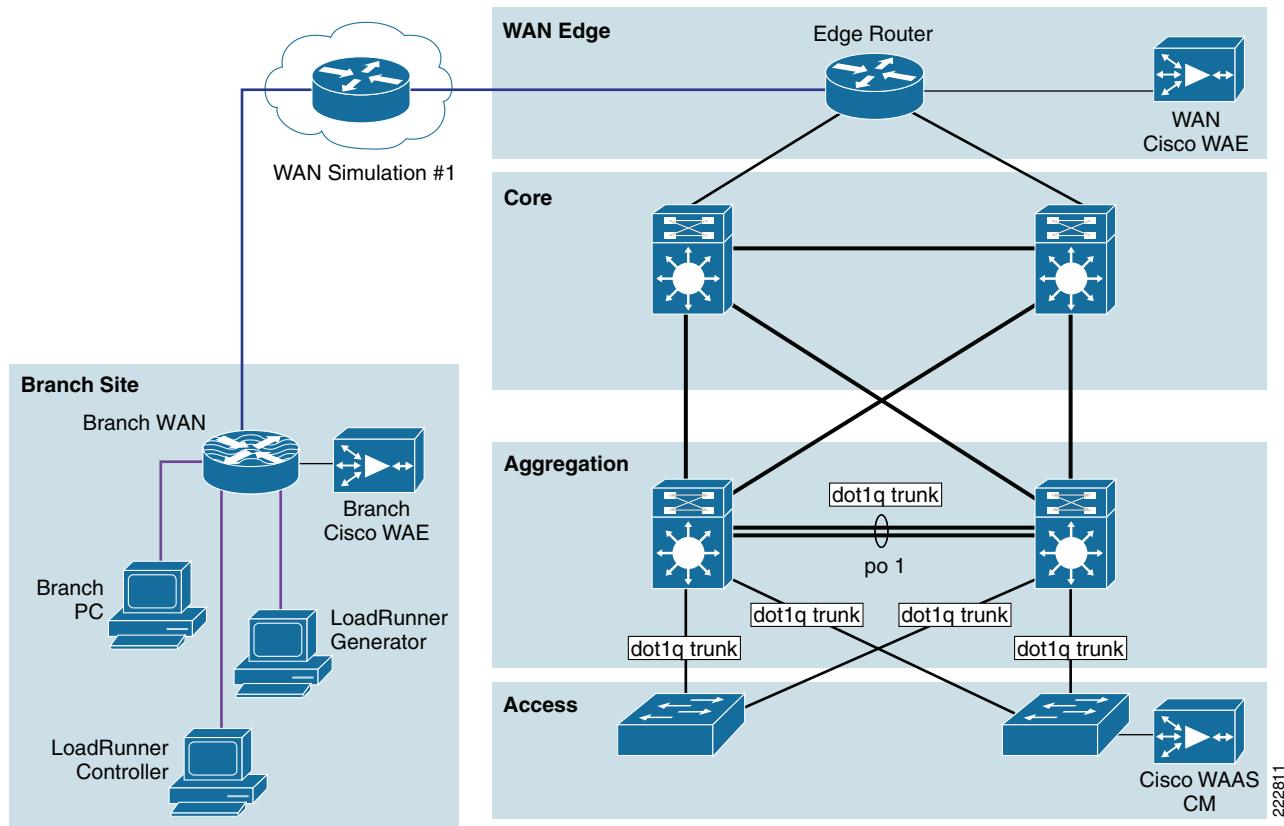


Table 4 Hardware

Enterprise Data Center Wide Area Application Services (WAAS) Design Guide

Enterprise Branch Wide Area Application Services Design Guide (Version 1.1)

balancing. Cisco WAAS services scale linearly in a N+1 configuration. In addition to the Max Optimized TCP connections, the fan out ratio between the DC Cisco WAE and branch Cisco WAE have to be considered. The fan out ratio is determined by a number of factors, such as the number of Cisco WAEs in the branch offices, amount of network traffic, and number of TCP connections. A sizing tool is available internally that can help automate sizing decisions. NetFlow, NetQoS, and other network analysis tools can provide additional traffic flow information for increased accuracy in scalability and capacity planning.

Device	Max Optimized TCP Connections	Max CIFS Sessions	Single Drive Capacity [GB]	Max Drives	RAM [GB]	Max Recommended WAN Link [Mbps]	Max Optimized Throughput [Mbps]	Max Core Fan-out [Peers]	CM Scalability [Devices]

Branch devices range from the NME-WAE-302 for very small offices to the 612-4GB or even higher models for bigger branch sites. WAE 7326 and up are designed for data center installations.

Cisco WAAS deployments are transparent to the application. The application client and server do not know Cisco WAAS is optimizing traffic flows. High availability is built into the WCCP interception. When WCCP is not active or if Cisco WAAS devices are not functioning, WCCP does not forward traffic to the Cisco WAEs, resulting in un-optimized traffic flow. This is the worse case scenario; traffic flow continues but is not optimized.

Device High Availability

N+1 Availability

Configuration Task Lists

Central Manager



Note

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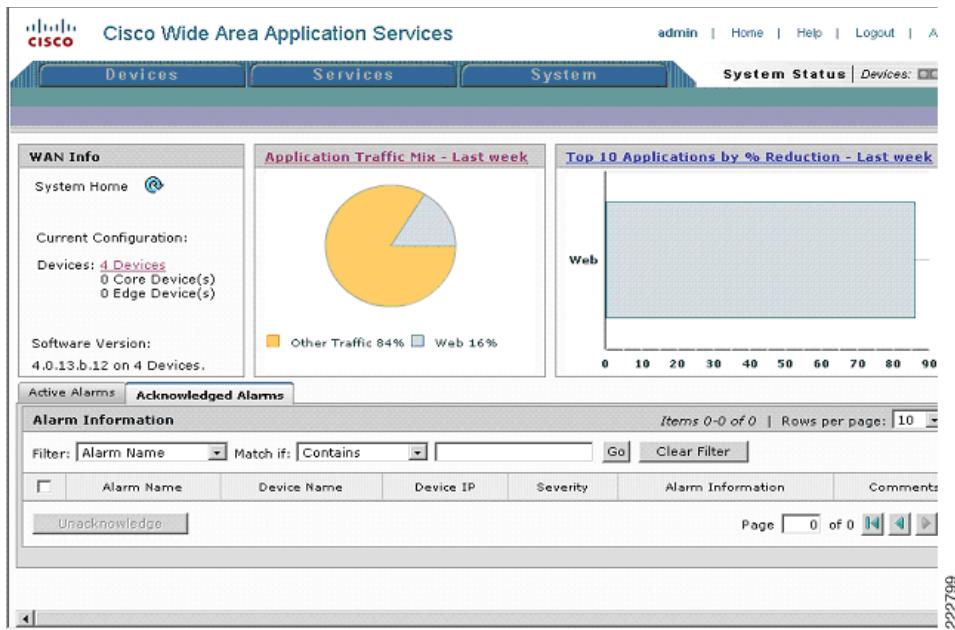
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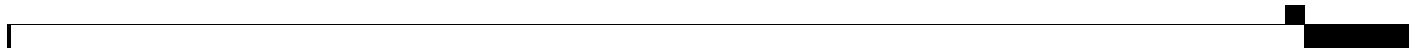
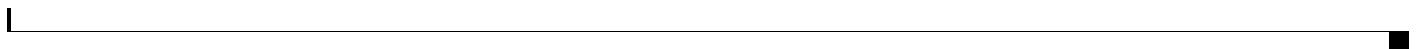
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Figure 10 Cisco WAAS Central Manager





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WAE-612-K9, WAE-7326-K9

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Configuration and Menus

Troubleshooting Configuration

Cisco WAE Commands

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Router Commands

- **sh ip wccp 61**

sh ip wccp 61 detail

sh ip wccp interface detail

sh ip wccp 61 view

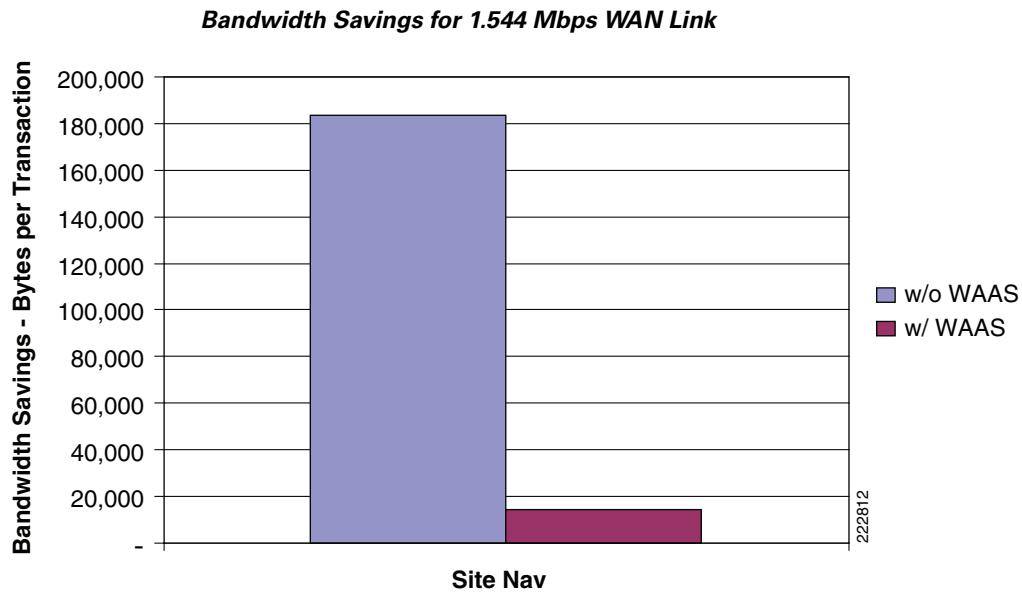


Figure 12 Response Time for 1.544 Mbps WAN Link

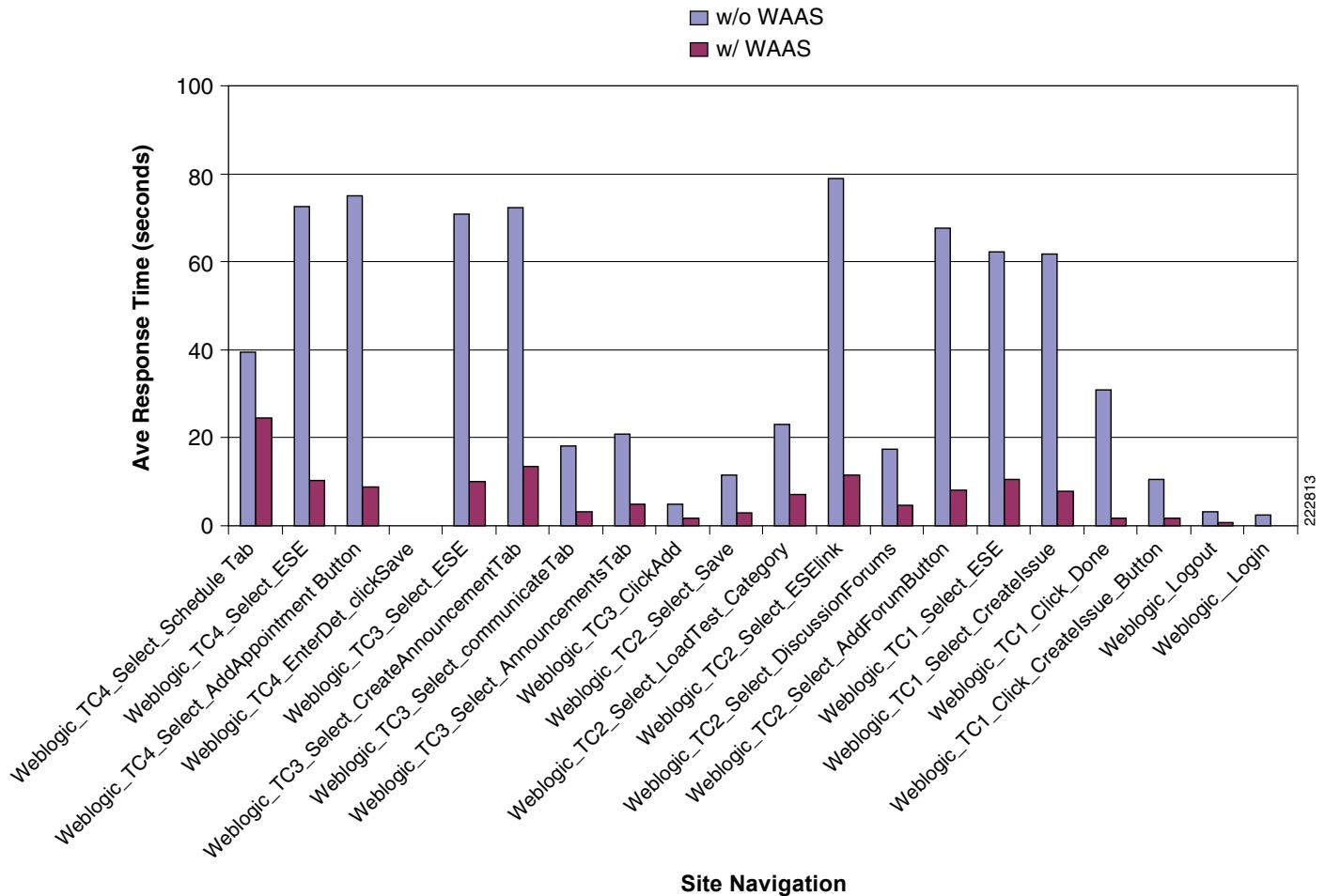
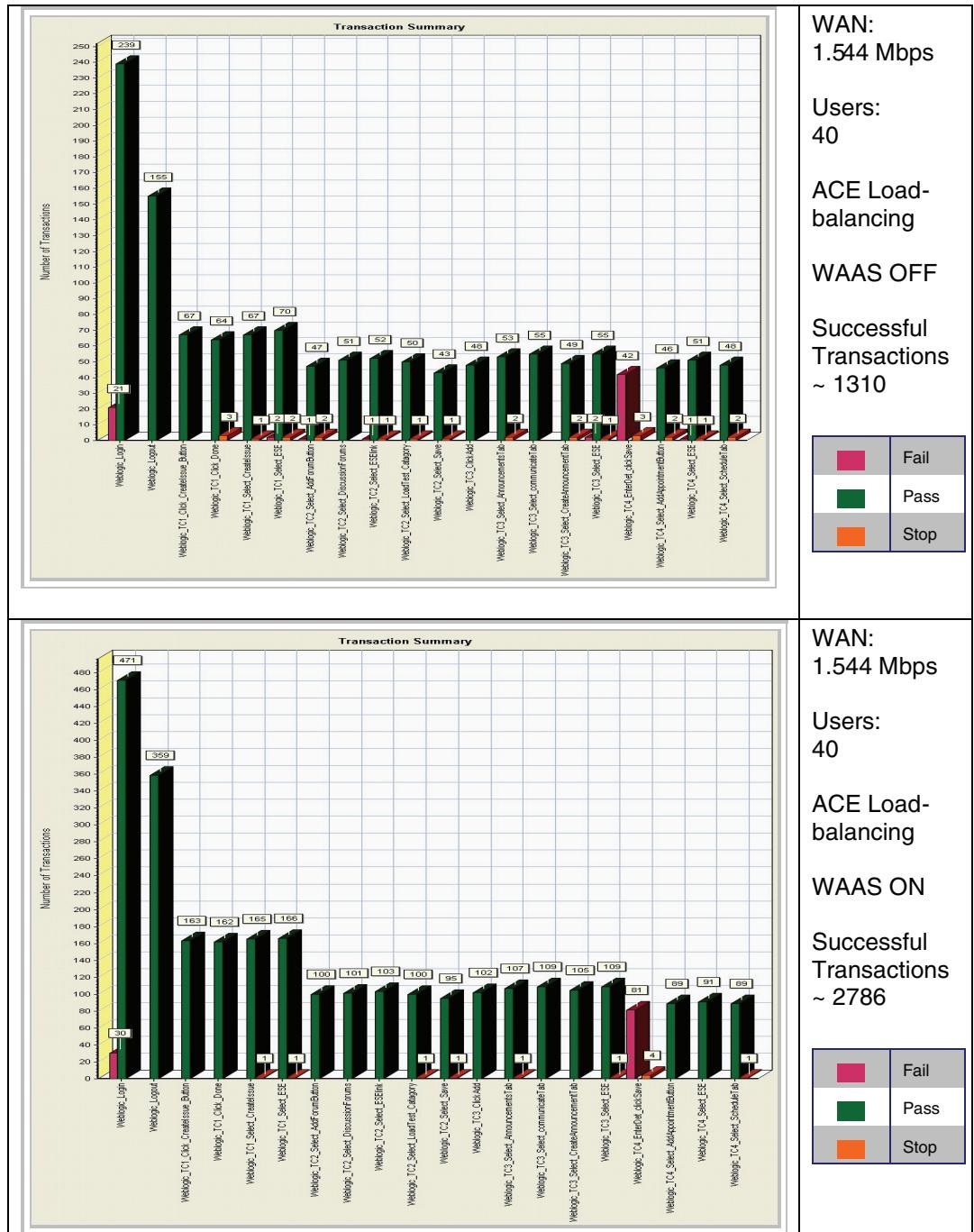


Figure 13 Number of Transactions for 1.544 Mbps WAN Link—With and Without Cisco WAAS



WAN:
1.544 Mbps

Users:
40

ACE Load-
balancing
WAAS OFF

Successful
Transactions
~ 1310

■	Fail
■	Pass
■	Stop

WAN:
1.544 Mbps

Users:
40

ACE Load-
balancing

WAAS ON
Successful
Transactions
~ 2786

■	Fail
■	Pass
■	Stop

Figure 14 **Bandwidth Savings for 512 Kbps WAN Link**

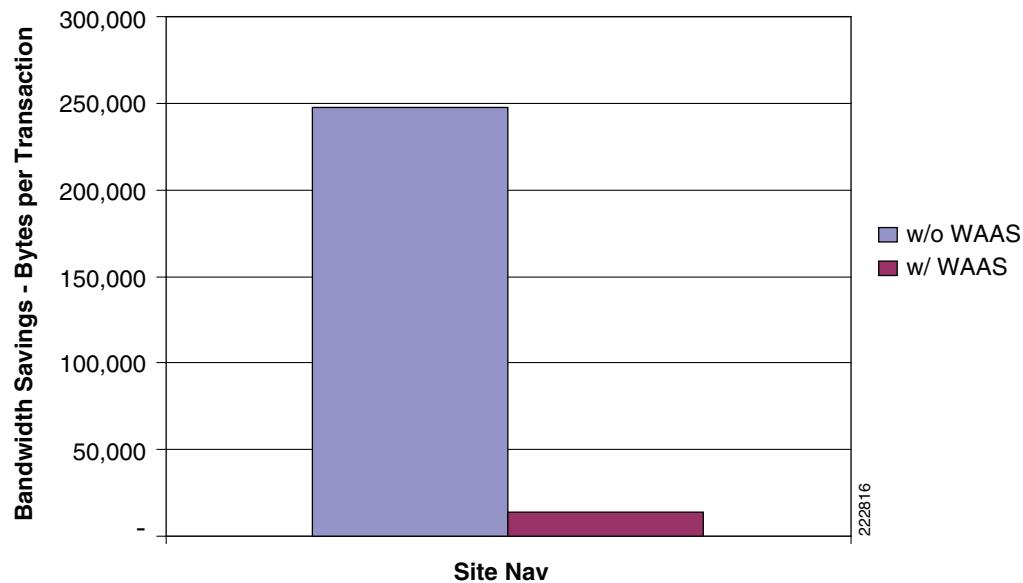
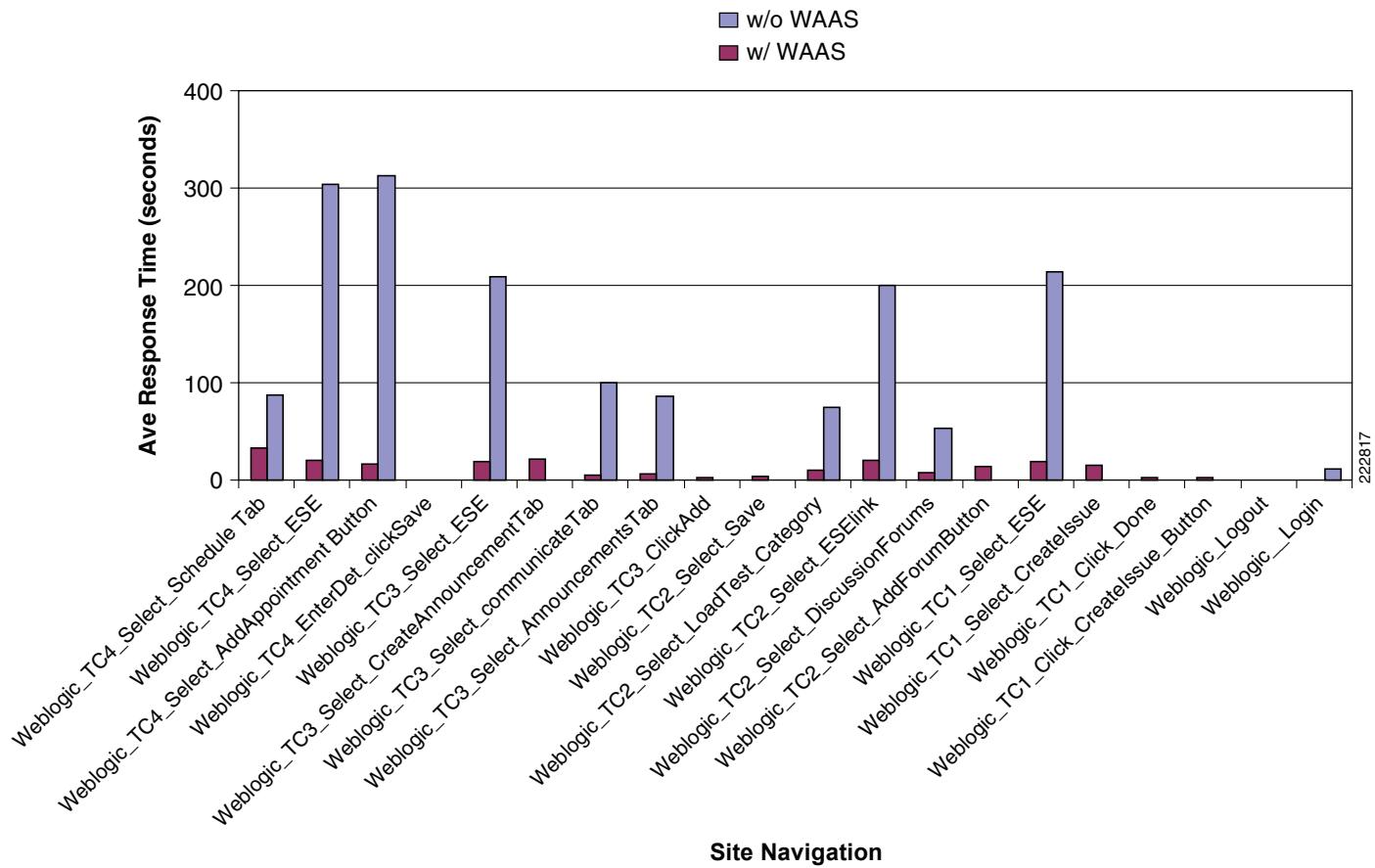


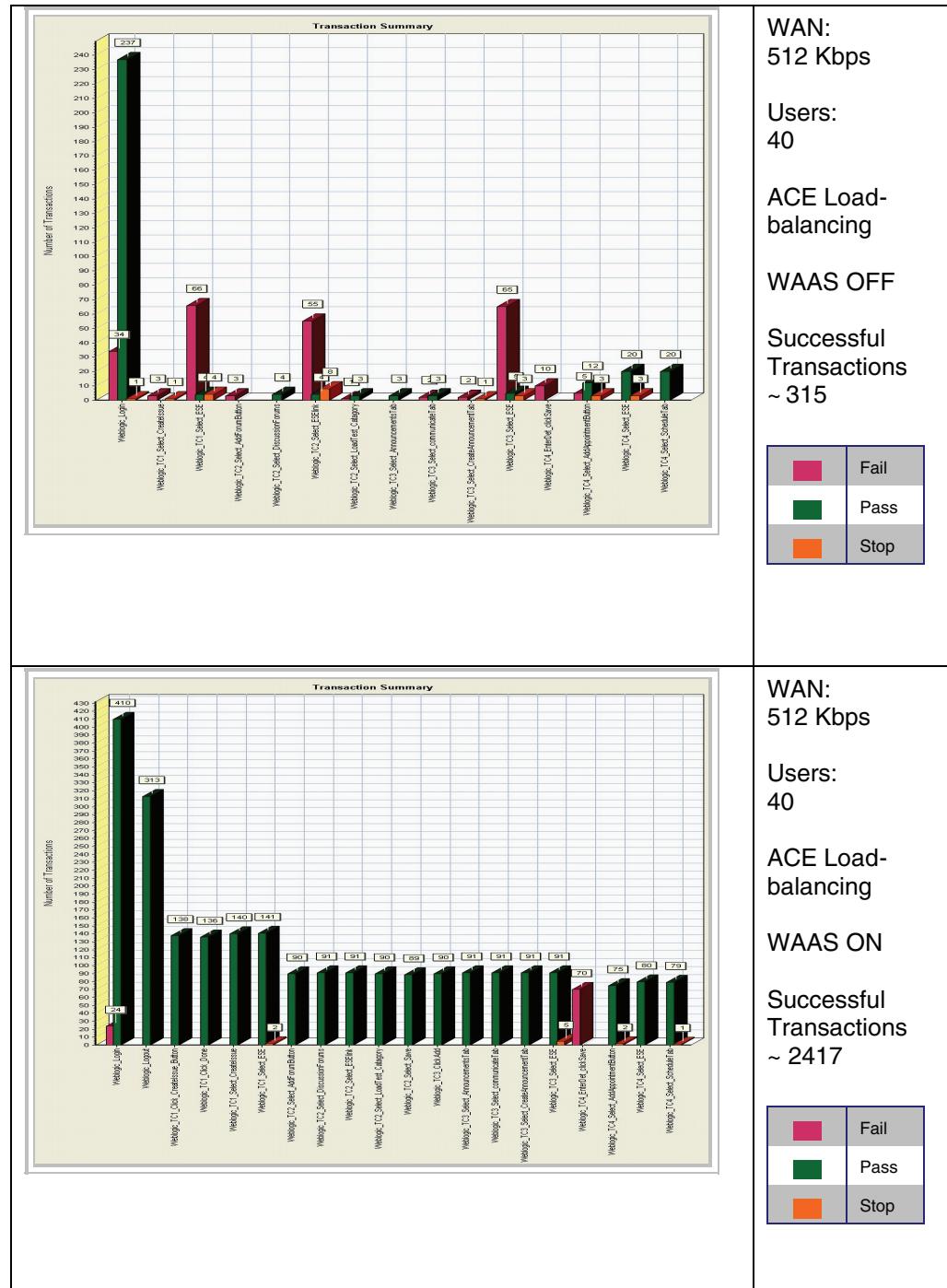
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Response Time for 512 Kbps WAN Link



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Figure 16 Number of Transactions for 512 Kbps WAN Link—With and Without Cisco WAAS

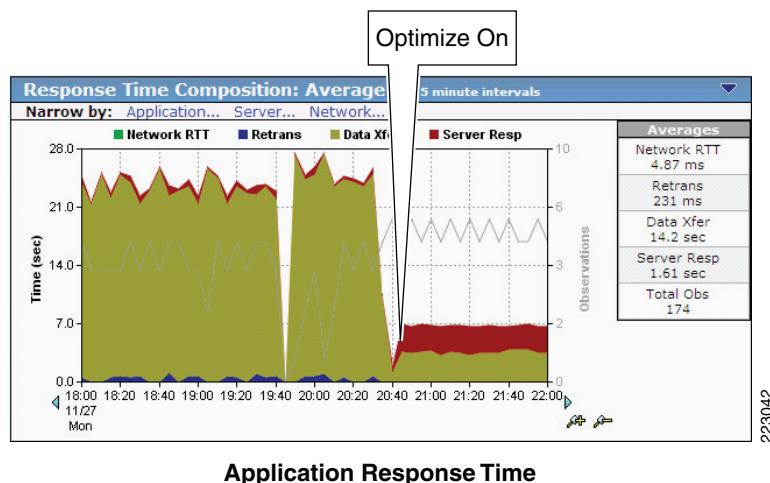


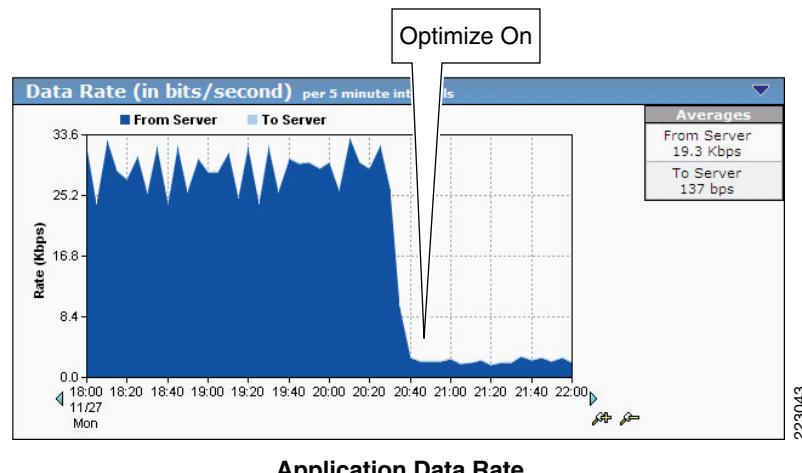
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Network Management

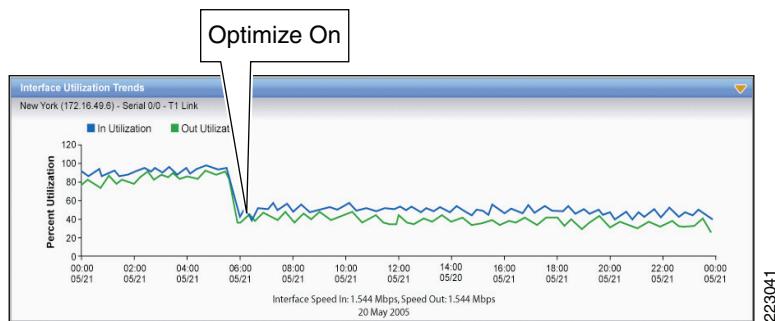
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Benefit of Optimization Using the Cisco WAAS—Application Response Time





Application Data Rate



Link Utilization

Appendix A—Cisco ACE Configuration

Cisco ACE Admin Context

Cisco ACE WebLogic Context

Appendix B—Cisco WAE Configurations

Branch Cisco WAE Configuration

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Data Center Cisco WAE Configuration

Appendix C—Implementing and Configuring the ACE Appliance Solution

Implementation

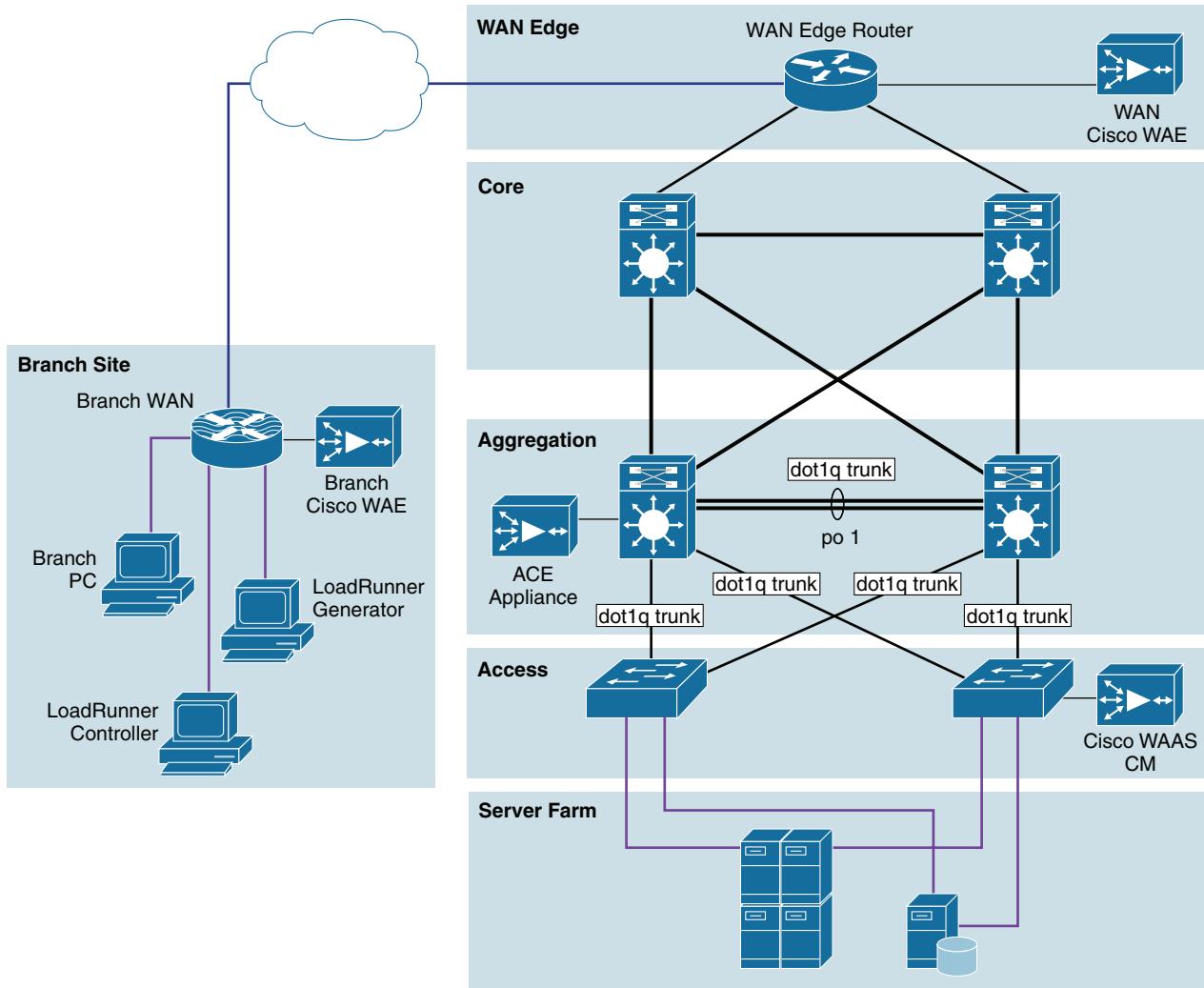
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What Was Not Implemented/Tested

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Configuration Task Lists

Configuring the ACE Appliance to the Catalyst 6509 Configuration

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Results and Conclusions

SSL Results

SSL Direct

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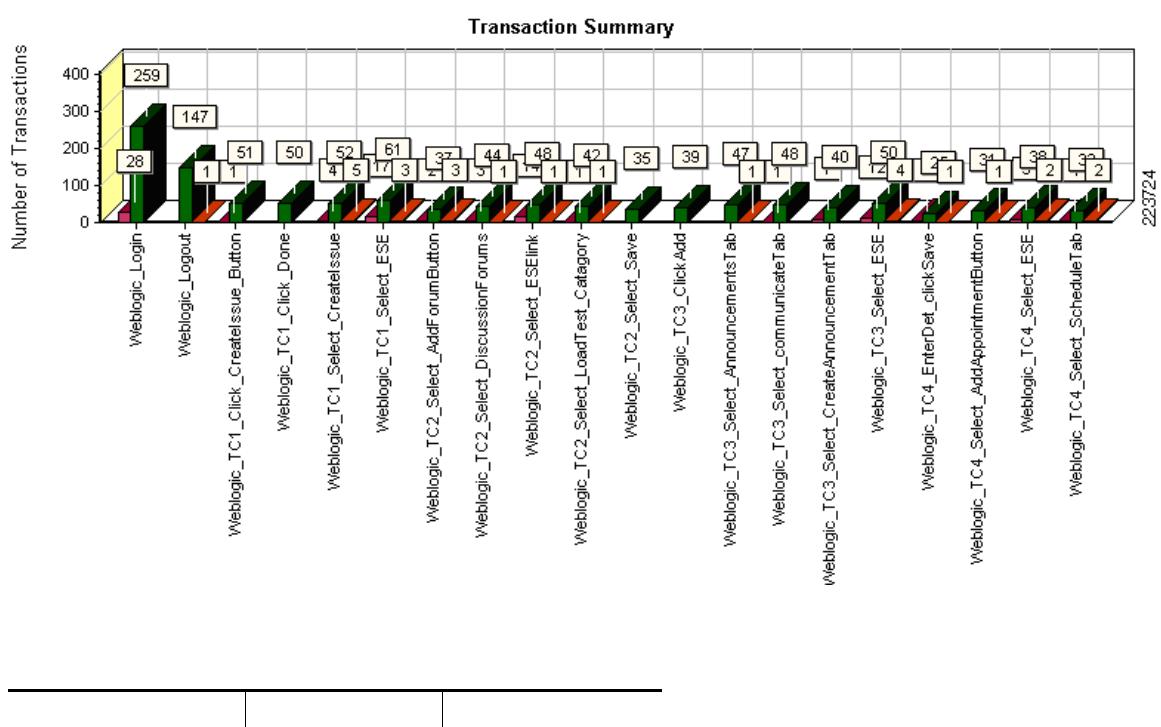
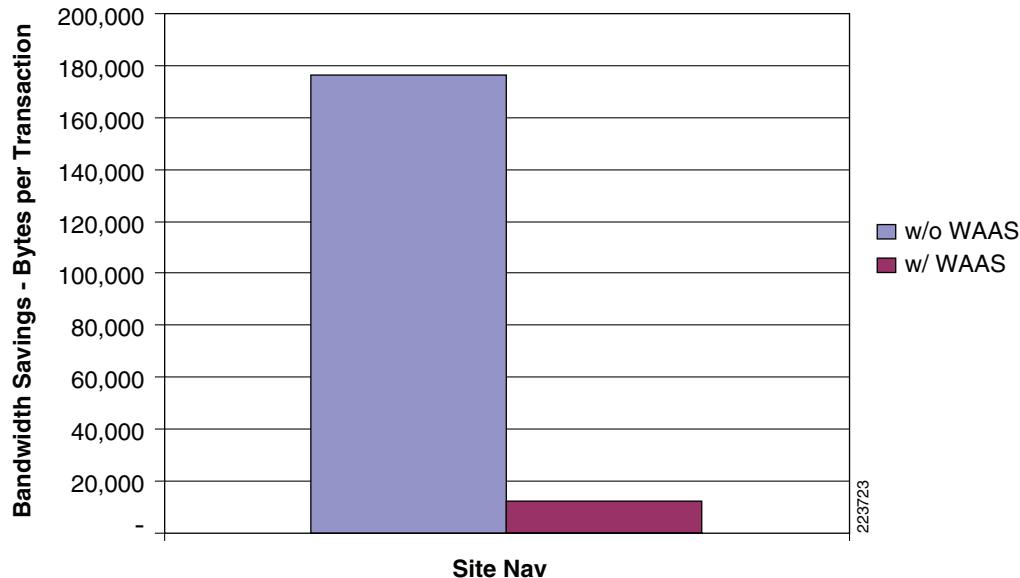
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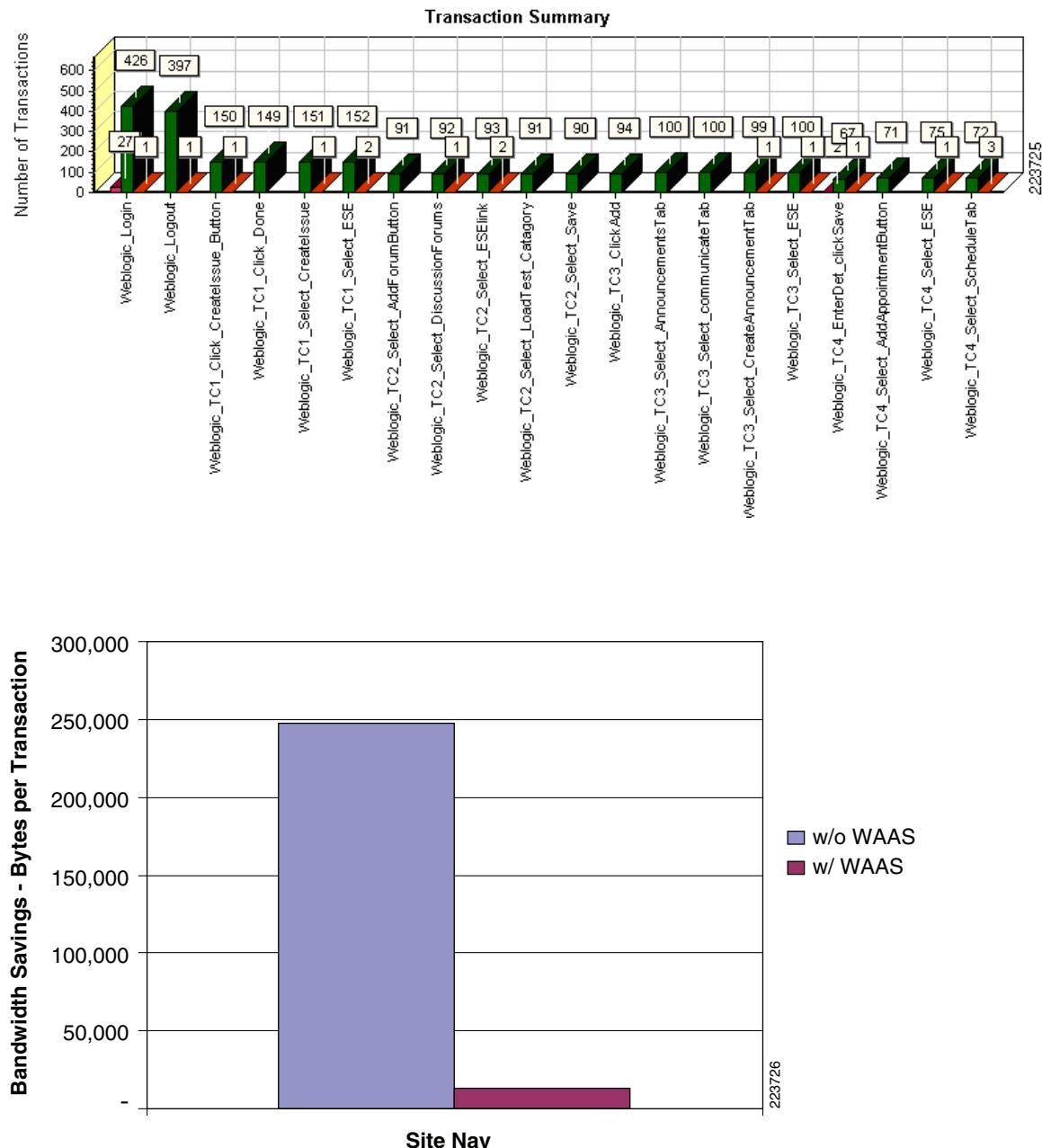
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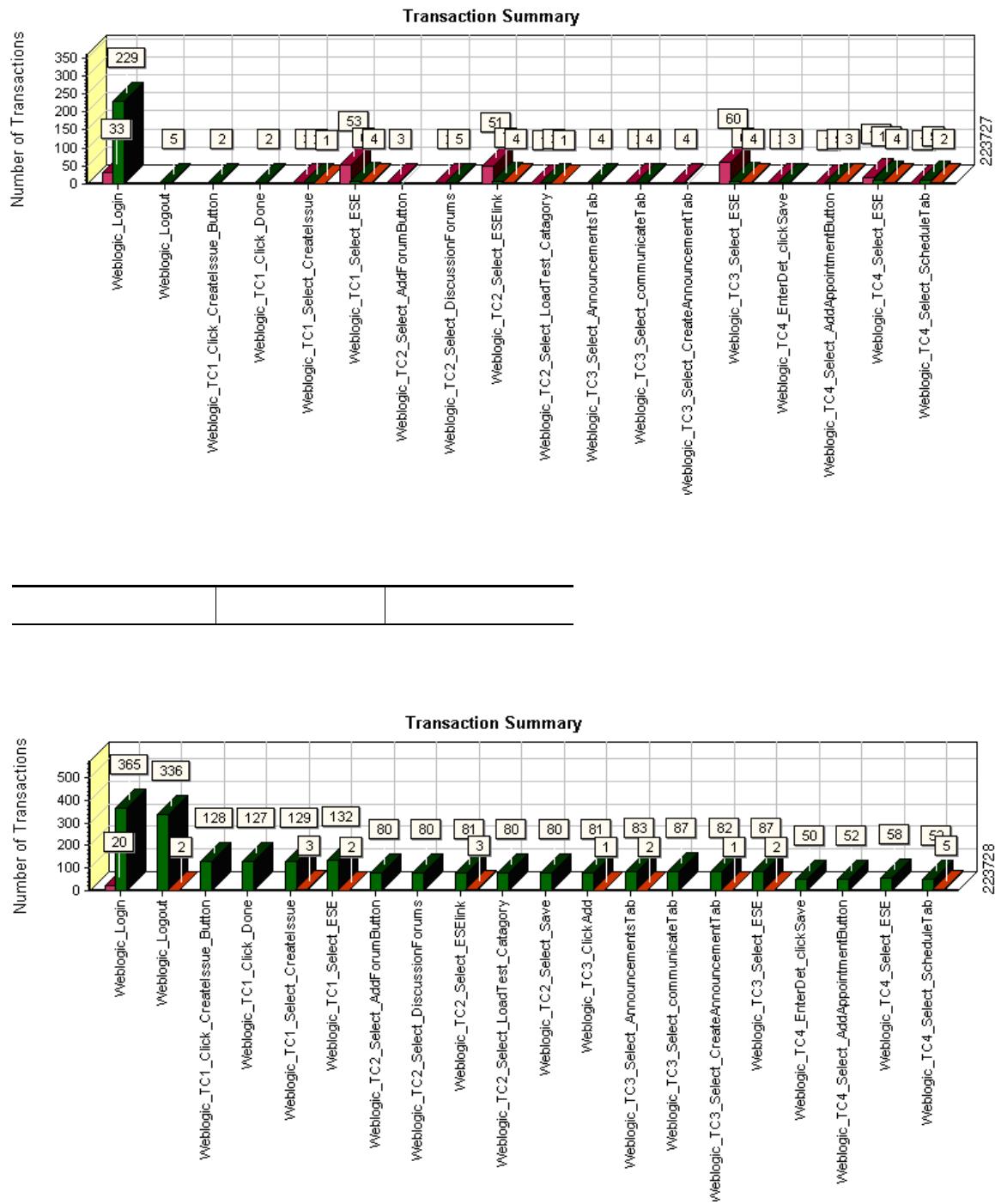
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red	0.01	Available MBytes (Memory):10.1.50.51	1134	1149.698	1157	3.315

WAAS and ACE Appliance Results







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Cisco Advanced Services

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