



Getting Started with CMS

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Note

- For system requirements and for browser and Java plug-in configuration procedures, refer to the release notes.
- For procedures for using CMS, refer to the online help.



Note

This chapter describes CMS on the Catalyst 3550 switches. Refer to the appropriate switch documentation for descriptions of the web-based management software used on other Catalyst switches.

Features

CMS provides these features (Figure 3-1) for managing switch clusters and individual switches from Web browsers such as Netscape Communicator or Microsoft Internet Explorer:

- Two views of your network that can be displayed at the same time:
 - The Front Panel view displays the front-panel image of a specific switch or the front-panel images of all switches in a cluster. From this view, you can select multiple ports or multiple switches and configure them with the same settings.

When CMS is launched from a command switch, the Front Panel view displays the front-panel images of all switches in the cluster. When CMS is launched from a noncommand switch, the Front Panel view displays only the front panel of the specific switch.



Note

CMS from a standalone switch or from a noncommand switch is referred to as *Device Manager* (also referred to as *Switch Manager*). Device Manager is for configuring an individual switch. When you select Device Manager for a specific switch in the cluster, you launch a separate CMS session. The Device Manager interface can vary between the Catalyst switch platforms.

- The Topology view displays a network map that uses icons that represent switch clusters, cluster members, cluster candidates, neighboring devices that are not eligible to join a cluster, and link types. From this view, you can select multiple switches and configure them to run with the same settings. You can also display link information in the form of link reports and link graphs.

This view is available only when CMS is launched from a command switch.

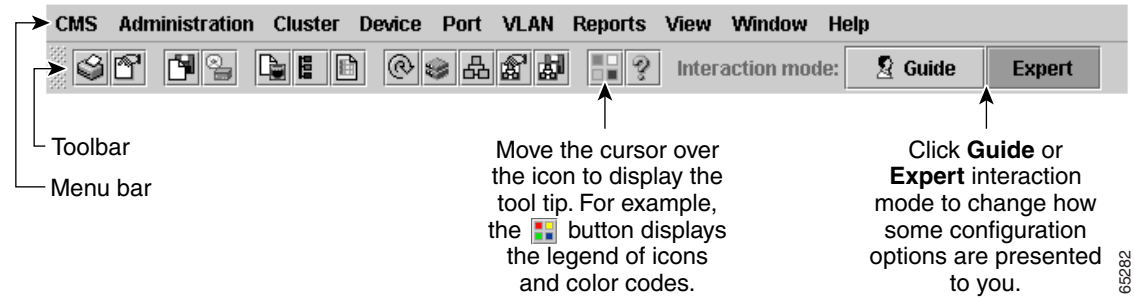
- Menus and toolbar to access configuration and management options:
 - The menu bar provides the complete list of options for managing a single switch and switch clusters.
 - The toolbar provides buttons for commonly used switch and cluster configuration options and information windows such as legends and online help.
 - The port popup menu, in the Front Panel view, provides options specific for configuring and monitoring switch ports.
 - The device popup menu, in either the Front Panel or the Topology views, provides switch and cluster configuration and monitoring options.
 - The candidate, member, and link popup menus provide options for configuring and monitoring devices and links in the Topology view.

The toolbar and popup menus provide quick ways to access frequently used menu-bar options.

- Tools to simplify configuration tasks:
 - Interactive modes—guide mode and expert mode—that control the presentation of some complex configuration options
 - Wizards that require minimal information from you to configure some complex features
 - Comprehensive online help that provides high-level concepts and procedures for performing tasks from the window

- Two levels of access to the configuration options: read-write access for users allowed to change switch settings; read-only access for users allowed to only view switch settings
- Consistent set of GUI components (such as tabs, buttons, drop-down lists, tables, and so on) for a consistent approach to setting configuration parameters

Figure 3-1 CMS Features



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Front Panel View

When CMS is launched from a command switch, the Front Panel view displays the front-panel images of all switches in the cluster ([Figure 3-2](#)). When CMS is launched from a standalone or noncommand member switch, the Front Panel view displays only the front panel of the specific switch ([Figure 3-3](#)).

Figure 3-2 Front Panel View from a Command Switch

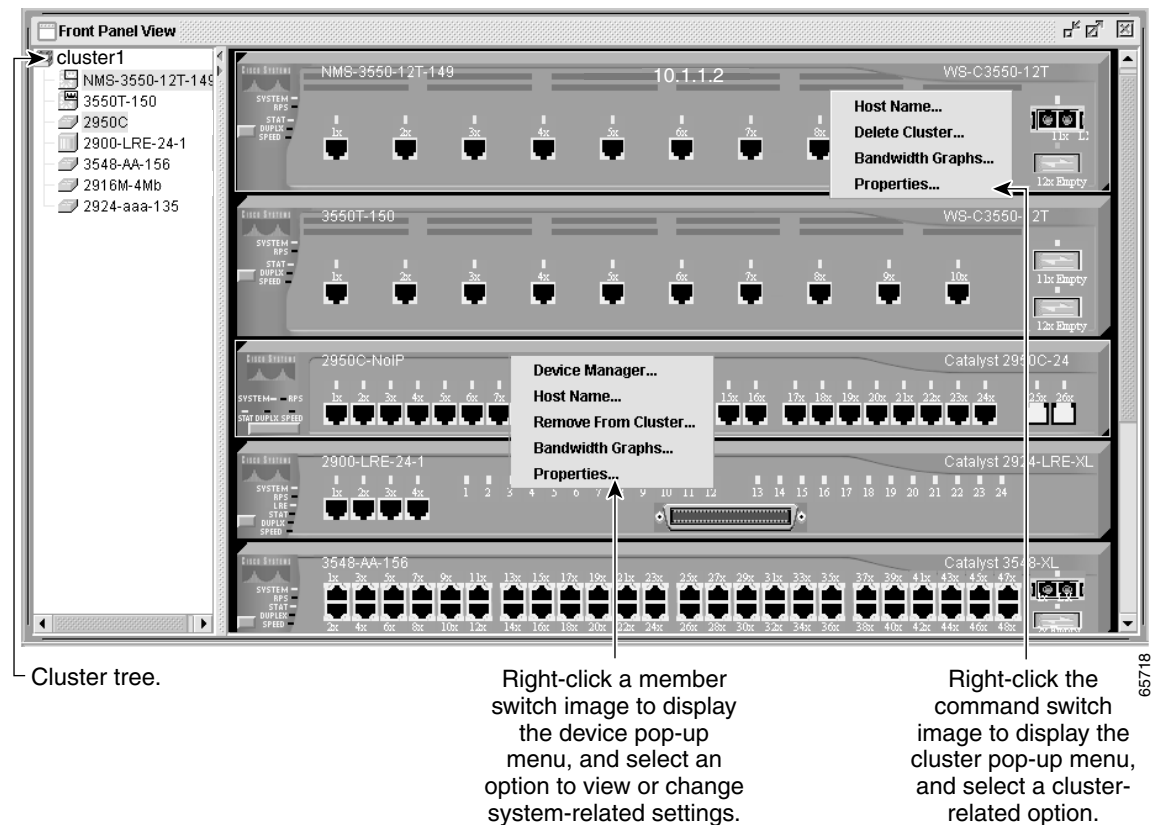
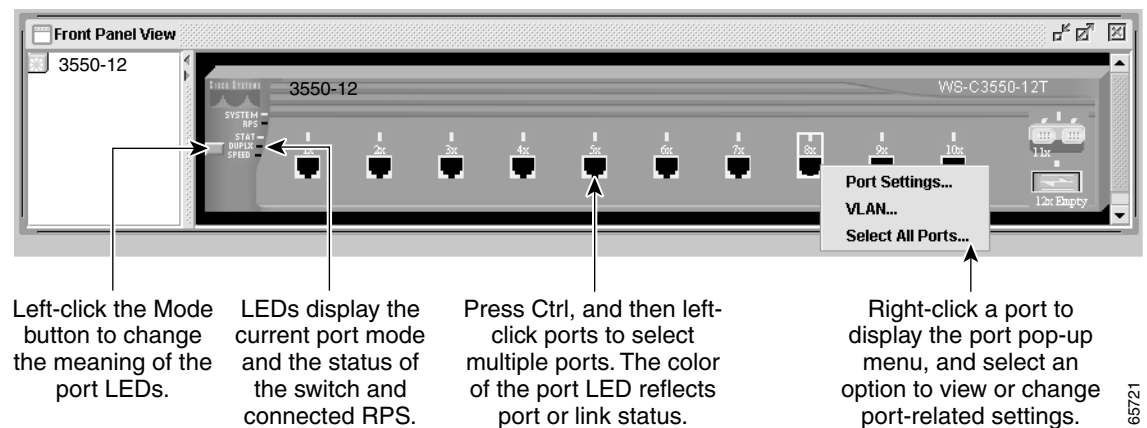


Figure 3-3 Front Panel View from a Standalone Switch



Cluster Tree

The cluster tree (Figure 3-2) appears in the left frame of the Front Panel view and shows the name of the cluster and a list of its members. The sequence of the cluster-tree icons (Figure 3-4) mirror the sequence of the front-panel images. You can change the sequence by selecting **View > Arrange Front Panel**. The colors of the devices in the cluster tree show the status of the devices (Table 3-1).

If you want to configure switch or cluster settings on one or more switches, select the appropriate front-panel images.

- To select a front-panel image, click either the cluster-tree icon or the corresponding front-panel image. The front-panel image is then highlighted with a yellow outline.
- To select multiple front-panel images, press the **Ctrl** key, and left-click the cluster-tree icons or the front-panel images. To deselect an icon or image, press the **Ctrl** key, and left-click the icon or image.

If the cluster has many switches, you might need to scroll down the window to display the rest of front-panel images. Instead of scrolling, you can click an icon in the cluster tree, and CMS then scrolls and displays the corresponding front-panel image.

Figure 3-4 Cluster-Tree Icons

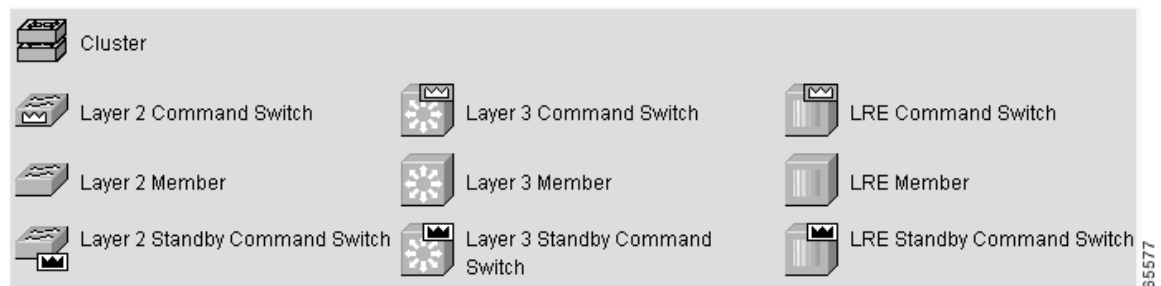


Table 3-1 Cluster Tree Icon Colors

Color	Device Status
Green	Switch is operating normally.
Yellow	The internal fan of the switch is not operating, or the switch is receiving power from an RPS.
Red	Switch is not powered up, has lost power, or the command switch is unable to communicate with the member switch.

Front-Panel Images

You can manage the switch from a remote station by using the front-panel images. The front-panel images are updated based on the network polling interval that you set from **CMS > Preferences**.

This section includes descriptions of the LED images. Similar descriptions of the switch LEDs are provided in the switch hardware installation guide.



Note

The Preferences window is not available if your switch access level is read-only. For more information about the read-only access mode, see the [“Access Modes in CMS” section on page 3-30](#).

[Figure 3-5](#) shows the port icons as they appear in the front-panel images. To select a port, click the port on the front-panel image. The port is then highlighted with a yellow outline. To select multiple ports, you can:

- Press the left mouse button, drag the pointer over the group of ports that you want to select, and then release the mouse button.
- Press the **Ctrl** key, and click the ports that you want to select.
- Right-click a port, and select **Select All Ports** from the port popup menu.

Figure 3-5 Port Icons

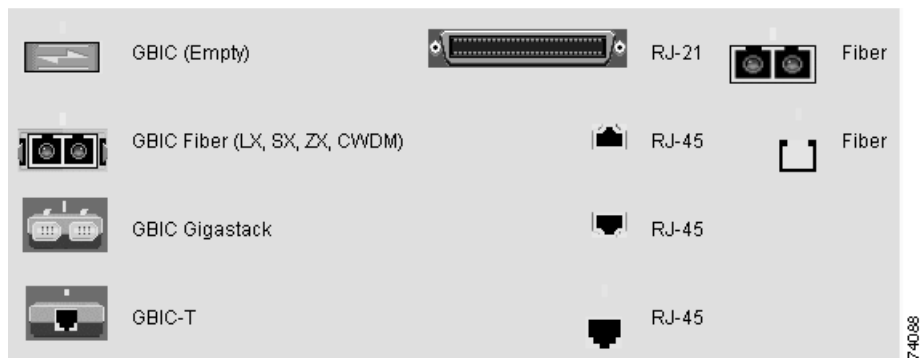


Table 3-2 describes the colors representing the wavelengths on the CWDM GBIC modules. For port status LED information, see the “Port Modes and LEDs” section on page 3-8.

Table 3-2 Port Icon Colors for the CWDM GBIC Module Ports

Wavelength	Color
1470 nanometers (nm)	Gray
1490 nm	Violet
1510 nm	Blue
1530 nm	Green
1550 nm	Yellow
1570 nm	Orange
1590 nm	Red
1610 nm	Brown

Redundant Power System LED

The Redundant Power System (RPS) LED shows the RPS status (Table 3-3). Certain switches in the switch cluster use a specific RPS model:

- Cisco RPS 300 (model PWR300-AC-RPS-N1)—Catalyst 2900 LRE XL, Catalyst 2950, Catalyst 3524-PWR XL, and Catalyst 3550 switches
- Cisco RPS 600 (model PWR600-AC-RPS)—Catalyst 2900 XL and Catalyst 3500 XL switches, except the Catalyst 2900 LRE XL and Catalyst 3524-PWR XL switches

Refer to the appropriate switch hardware documentation for RPS descriptions specific for the switch.

Table 3-3 RPS LED

Color	RPS Status
Black (off)	RPS is off or is not installed.
Green	RPS is connected and operational.
Blinking green	RPS is providing power to another switch in the stack.
Amber	<p>RPS is connected but not functioning.</p> <p>The RPS could be in standby mode. To put the RPS in Active mode, press the Standby/Active button on the RPS, and the LED should turn green. If it does not, one of these conditions could exist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the RPS power supplies could be down. Contact Cisco Systems. • The RPS fan could have failed. Contact Cisco Systems.
Blinking amber	Internal power supply of the switch is down, and redundancy is lost. The switch is operating on the RPS.

Port Modes and LEDs

The port modes (Table 3-4) determine the type of information displayed through the port LEDs. When you change port modes, the meanings of the port LED colors (Table 3-5) also change.



Note

The bandwidth utilization mode (UTL LED) does not appear on the front-panel images. Select **Reports > Bandwidth Graphs** to display the total bandwidth in use by the switch. Refer to the switch hardware installation guide for information about using the UTL LED.

To select or change a mode, click the Mode button until the desired mode LED is green.

Table 3-4 Port Modes

Mode LED	Description
STAT	Link status of the ports. Default mode.
DUPLX	Duplex setting on the ports. The default setting on the 10/100 and 10/100/1000 ports is auto.
SPEED	Speed setting on the ports. The default setting on the 10/100 and 10/100/1000 ports is auto.

Table 3-5 Port LEDs

Port Mode	Port LED Color	Description
STAT	Cyan (off)	No link.
	Green	Link present.
	Amber	Link fault. Error frames can affect connectivity, and errors such as excessive collisions, CRC errors, and alignment and jabber errors are monitored for a link-fault indication. Port is not forwarding. Port was disabled by management, by an address violation, or was blocked by Spanning Tree Protocol (STP). Note After a port is reconfigured, the port LED can remain amber for up to 30 seconds as STP checks the switch for possible loops.
	Brown	No link and port is administratively shut down.
DUPLX	Cyan (off)	Port is operating in half-duplex mode.
	Green	Port is operating in full-duplex mode.
SPEED	Cyan (off)	Port is operating at 10 Mbps (10/100 ports) or no link (10/100/1000 ports and GBIC module ports).
	Green	Port is operating at 100 Mbps (10/100 ports) or 1000 Mbps (GBIC module ports).
	Blinking green	Port is operating at 1000 Mbps (10/100/1000 ports).

VLAN Membership Modes

Ports in the Front Panel view are outlined by colors ([Table 3-6](#)) when you click **Highlight VLAN Port Membership Modes** on the Configure VLANs tab on the VLAN window (VLAN > VLAN > **Configure VLANs**). The colors show the VLAN membership mode of each port. The VLAN membership mode determines the kind of traffic the port carries and the number of VLANs it can belong to. For more information about these modes, see the “[VLAN Port Membership Modes](#)” section on [page 10-3](#).

**Note**

This feature is not supported on the Catalyst 1900 and Catalyst 2820 switches.

Table 3-6 VLAN Membership Modes

Mode	Color
Static access	Light green
Dynamic access	Pink
ISL trunk	Orange
802.1Q trunk	Peach
Negotiate trunk	White

Topology View

The Topology view displays how the devices within a switch cluster are connected and how the switch cluster is connected to other clusters and devices. From this view, you can add and remove cluster members. This view provides two levels of detail of the network topology:

- When you right-click a cluster icon and select **Expand Cluster**, the Topology view displays the switch cluster in detail. This view shows the command switch and member switches in a cluster. It also shows candidate switches that can join the cluster. This view does not display the details of any neighboring switch clusters ([Figure 3-6](#)).
- When you right-click a command-switch icon and select **Collapse Cluster**, the cluster is collapsed and represented by a single icon. The view shows how the cluster is connected to other clusters, candidate switches, and devices that are not eligible to join the cluster (such as routers, access points, IP phones, and so on) ([Figure 3-7](#)).

**Note**

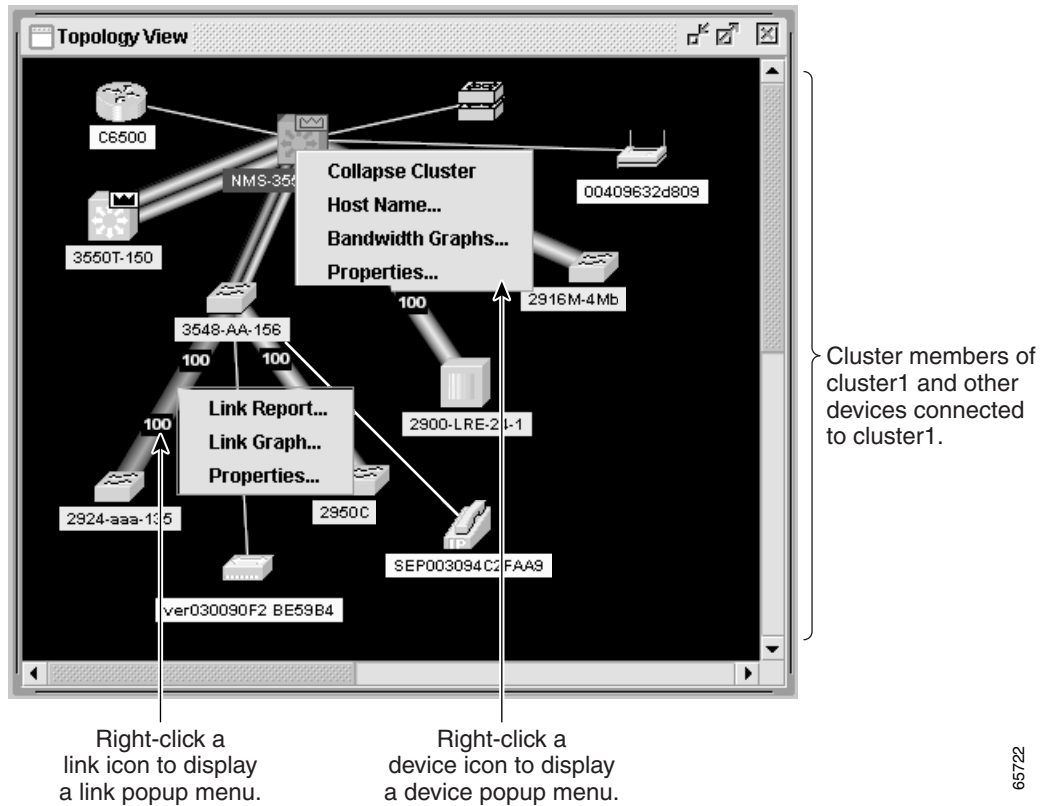
The Topology view displays only the switch cluster and network neighborhood of the specific command or member switch that you access. To display a different switch cluster, you need to access the command switch or member switch of that cluster.

You can arrange the device icons in this view. To move a device icon, click and drag the icon. To select multiple device icons, you can either:

- Press the left mouse button, drag the pointer over the group of device icons that you want to select, and then release the mouse button.
- Press the **Ctrl** key, and click the device icons that you want to select.

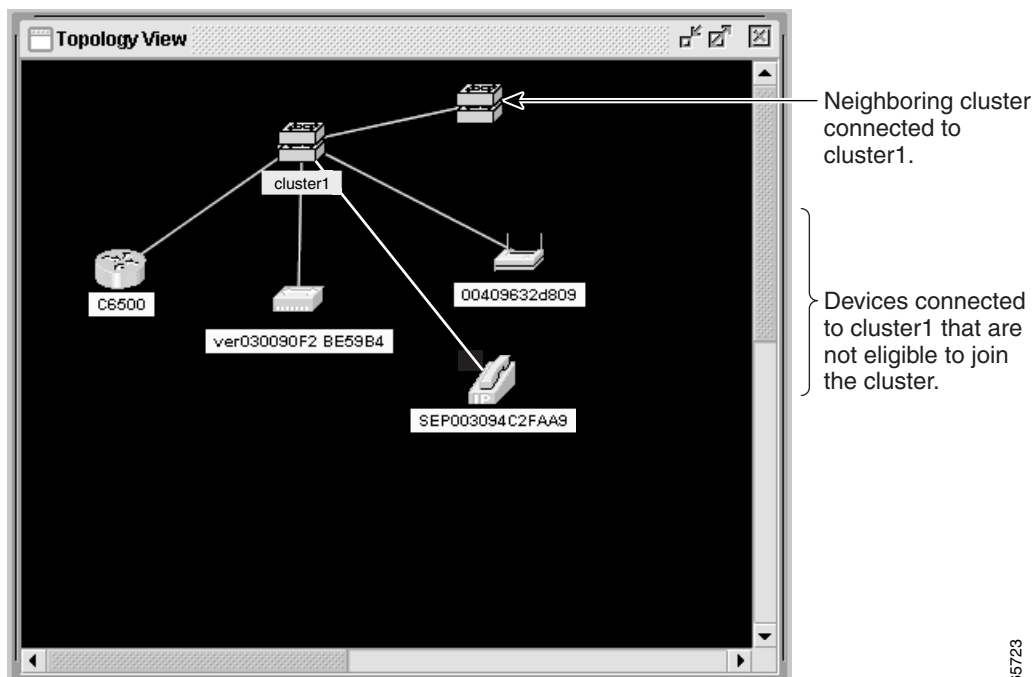
After selecting the icons, drag the icons to any area in the view.

Figure 3-6 Expand Cluster View



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Figure 3-7 Collapse Cluster View



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Topology Icons

The Topology view and the cluster tree use the same set of device icons to represent clusters, command and standby command switches, and member switches (Figure 3-8). The Topology view also uses additional icons to represent these types of neighboring devices:

- Customer premises equipment (CPE) devices that are connected to Long-Reach Ethernet (LRE) switches
- Devices that are not eligible to join the cluster, such as Cisco IP phones, Cisco access points, and Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP)-capable hubs and routers
- Devices that are identified as *unknown* devices, such as some Cisco devices and third-party devices



Note

Candidate switches are distinguished by the color of their device label. Device labels and their colors are described in the “Colors in the Topology View” section on page 3-13.



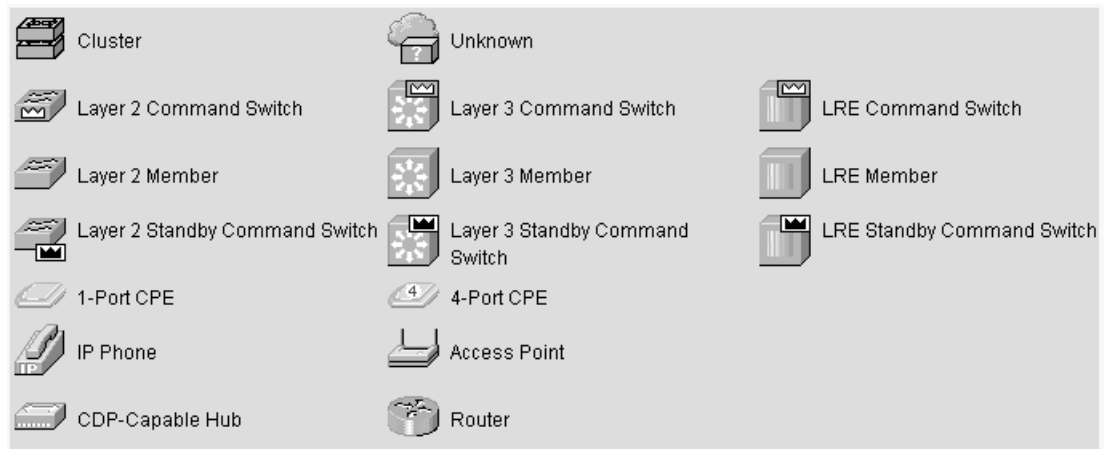
Tip

Neighboring devices are only displayed if they are connected to cluster members. To display neighboring devices in the Topology view, either add the switch to which they are connected to a cluster, or enable that switch as a command switch.

To select a device, click the icon. The icon is then highlighted. To select multiple devices, you can either:

- Press the left mouse button, drag the pointer over the group of icons that you want to select, and then release the mouse button.
- Press the **Ctrl** key, and click the icons that you want to select.

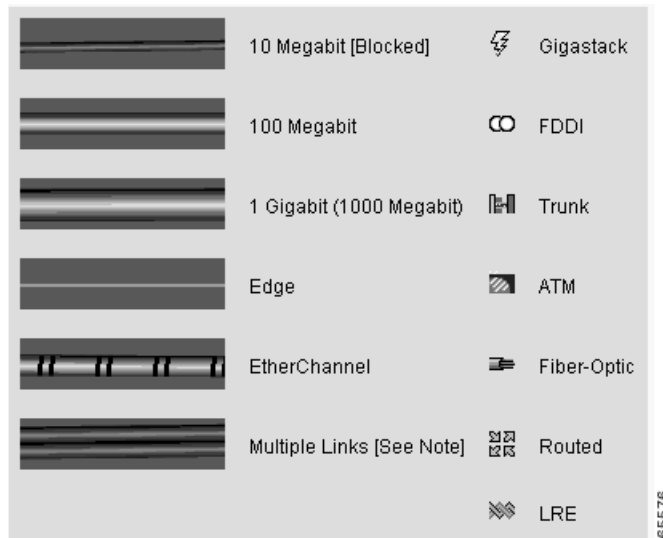
Figure 3-8 Topology-View Device Icons



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The Topology view also uses a set of link icons (Figure 3-9) to show the link type and status between two devices. To select a link, click the link that you want to select. To select multiple links, press the Ctrl key, and click the links that you want to select.

Figure 3-9 Topology-View Link Icons



Device and Link Labels

The Topology view displays device and link information by using these *labels*:

- Cluster and switch names
- Switch MAC and IP addresses
- Link type between the devices
- Link speed and IDs of the interfaces on both ends of the link

When using these labels, keep these considerations in mind:

- The IP address displays only in the labels for the command switch and member switches.
- The label of a neighboring cluster icon only displays the IP address of the command-switch IP address.
- The displayed link speeds are the actual link speeds except on the LRE links, which display the administratively assigned speed settings.

You can change the label settings from the Topology Options window, which is displayed by selecting **View > Topology Options**.

Colors in the Topology View

The colors of the Topology view icons show the status of the devices and links ([Table 3-7](#), [Table 3-8](#), and [Table 3-9](#)).

Table 3-7 Device Icon Colors

Icon Color	Color Meaning
Green	The device is operating.
Yellow ¹	The internal fan of the switch is not operating, or the switch is receiving power from an RPS.
Red ¹	The device is not operating.

1. Available only on the cluster members.

Table 3-8 Single Link Icon Colors

Link Color	Color Meaning
Green	Active link
Red	Down or blocked link

Table 3-9 Multiple Link Icon Colors

Link Color	Color Meaning
Both green	All links are active.
One green; one red	One link is active, and at least one link is down or blocked.
Both red	All links are down or blocked.

The color of a device label shows the cluster membership of the device ([Table 3-10](#)).

Table 3-10 Device Label Colors

Label Color	Color Meaning
Green	A cluster member, either a member switch or the command switch
Cyan	A candidate switch that is eligible to join the cluster
Yellow	An unknown device or a device that is not eligible to join the cluster

Topology Display Options

You can set the type of information displayed in the Topology view by changing the settings in the Topology Options window. To display this window, select **View > Topology Options**. From this window, you can select:

- Device icons to be displayed in the Topology view
- Labels to be displayed with the device and link icons

Menus and Toolbar

The configuration and monitoring options for configuring switches and switch clusters are available from menus and a toolbar.

Menu Bar

The menu bar provides the complete list of options for managing a single switch and switch cluster. The menu bar is the same whether or not the Front-Panel or Topology views are displayed.

Options displayed from the menu bar can vary:

- Access modes affect the availability of features from CMS. The footnotes in [Table 3-11](#) describe the availability of an option based on your access mode in CMS: read-only (access level 1–14) and read-write (access level 15). For more information about how access modes affect CMS, see the “Access Modes in CMS” section on page 3-30.
- The option for enabling a command switch is only available from a CMS session launched from a command-capable switch.
- Cluster management tasks, such as upgrading the software of groups of switches, are available only from a CMS session launched from a command switch.
- If you launch CMS from a specific switch, the menu bar displays the features supported only by that switch.
- If you launch CMS from a command switch, the menu bar displays the features supported on the switches in the cluster, with these exceptions:
 - If the command switch is a Layer 3 switch, such as a Catalyst 3550 switch, the menu bar displays the features of all Layer 3 and Layer 2 switches in the cluster.
 - If the command switch is a Layer 2 switch, such as a Catalyst 2950 or Catalyst 3500 XL switch, the menu bar displays the features of all Layer 2 switches in the cluster. The menu bar does not display Layer 3 features even if the cluster has Catalyst 3550 Layer 3 member switches.



Note

The menu-bar options on a Catalyst 3550 switch change depending on whether the switch is running the enhanced multilayer software image or the standard image. The footnotes in [Table 3-11](#) list the options available if the switch is running the enhanced multilayer software image.

**Note**

- We strongly recommend that the highest-end, command-capable switch in the cluster be the command switch:
 - If your switch cluster has a Catalyst 3550 switch, that switch should be the command switch.
 - If your switch cluster has Catalyst 2900 XL, Catalyst 2950, and Catalyst 3500 XL switches, the Catalyst 2950 should be the command switch.
 - If your switch cluster has Catalyst 1900, Catalyst 2820, Catalyst 2900 XL, and Catalyst 3500 XL switches, either the Catalyst 2900 XL or Catalyst 3500 XL should be the command switch.
- Standby command switches must meet these requirements:
 - When the command switch is a Catalyst 3550 switch, all standby command switches must be Catalyst 3550 switches.
 - When the command switch is a Catalyst 2950 switch running Release 12.1(9)EA1 or later, all standby command switches must be Catalyst 2950 switches running Release 12.1(9)EA1 or later.
 - When the command switch is a Catalyst 2950 switch running Release 12.1(6)EA2 or later, all standby command switches must be Catalyst 2950 switches running Release 12.1(6)EA2 or later.
 - When the command switch is running Release 12.0(5)WC2 or earlier, the standby command switches can be these switches: Catalyst 2900 XL, Catalyst 2950, and Catalyst 3500 XL switches.

We strongly recommend that the command switch and standby command switches are of the same switch platform.

- If you have a Catalyst 3550 command switch, the standby command switches should be Catalyst 3550 switches.
- If you have a Catalyst 2950 command switch, the standby command switches should be Catalyst 2950 switches.
- If you have a Catalyst 2900 XL or Catalyst 3500 XL command switch, the standby command switches should be Catalyst 2900 XL and Catalyst 3500 XL switches.

Refer to the release notes for the Catalyst switches that can be part of a switch cluster.

**Note**

Unless noted otherwise, [Table 3-11](#) lists the menu-bar options available from a Catalyst 3550 command switch and when the cluster contains *only* Catalyst 3550 member switches. The menu bar of the command switch displays all menu-bar options available from the cluster, including options from member switches from other cluster-capable switch platforms.

Table 3-11 Menu Bar

Menu-Bar Options	Task
CMS	
Page Setup	Set default document printer properties to be used when printing from CMS.
Print Preview	View the way the CMS window or help file will appear when printed.
Print	Print a CMS window or help file.
Guide Mode/Expert Mode ¹	Select which interaction mode to use when you select a configuration option.
Preferences ²	Set CMS display properties, such as polling intervals, the default views to open at startup, and the color of administratively shutdown ports.
Administration	
IP Addresses ²	Configure IP information for a switch.
SNMP ²	Enable and disable Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), enter community strings, and configure end stations as trap managers.
System Time ²	Configure the system time or configure the Network Time Protocol (NTP).
HTTP Port ²	Configure the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) port.
Console Baud Rate ²	Change the baud rate for the switch console port.
MAC Addresses ²	Enter dynamic, secure, and static addresses in a switch address table. You can also define the forwarding behavior of static addresses.
ARP ²	Display the device Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) table, and configure the ARP cache timeout setting.
Save Configuration ¹	Save the configuration for the cluster or switch to Flash memory.
Software Upgrade ¹	Upgrade the software for the cluster or a switch.
System Reload ¹	Reboot the switch with the latest installed software.
Cluster	
Cluster Manager ³	Launch a CMS session from the command switch.
Create Cluster ^{1 4}	Designate a command switch, and name a cluster.
Delete Cluster ^{1 5}	Delete a cluster.
Add to Cluster ^{1 5}	Add a candidate to a cluster.
Remove from Cluster ^{1 5}	Remove a member from the cluster.
Standby Command Switches ^{2 5}	Create a Hot Standby Router Protocol (HSRP) standby group to provide command-switch redundancy.
Hop Count ^{2 5}	Enter the number of hops away that a command switch looks for members and for candidate switches.

Table 3-11 Menu Bar (continued)

Menu-Bar Options	Task
Device	
Device Manager ⁵	Launch Device Manager for a specific switch.
Host Name ¹	Change the host name of a switch.
STP ²	Display and configure STP parameters for a switch.
IGMP Snooping ²	Enable and disable Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) snooping and IGMP Immediate-Leave processing on the switch. Join or leave multicast groups, and configure multicast routers.
802.1X ¹	Configure 802.1X authentication of devices as they are attached to LAN ports in a point-to-point infrastructure.
ACL ² (guide mode available ¹)	Create and maintain access control lists (ACLs), and attach ACLs to specific ports.
Security Wizard ¹	Filter certain traffic, such as HTTP traffic, to certain users or devices.
QoS ² (guide mode available on some options ¹)	Display submenu options to enable and disable quality of service (QoS) and to configure or modify these parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable/disable² • Trust settings² • Queues² • Maps² • Classes²(guide mode available¹) • Aggregate policers² (guide mode available¹) • Policies² (guide mode available¹) • Statistics²
IP Routing ^{2 6} (guide mode available ¹)	Display submenu options to configure or modify these parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocols^{2 6}(guide mode available¹) • Static routing^{2 6}(guide mode available¹) • Equal- and unequal-cost routing^{2 6}(guide mode available¹)
IP Multicast Wizard ^{1 6}	Provide minimum information to configure IP multicast routing on a device so that it can forward multicast packets as a part of a multicast tree.
IP Multicast Routing ^{2 6}	Enable and configure multicast routing.
Router Redundancy ^{2 6} (guide mode available ¹)	Add a switch to or remove a switch from an HSRP group.
Fallback Bridging ^{2 6}	Create a fallback bridging group, modify a group, delete a group, or view its details.
AVVID Wizards ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice Wizard¹—Configure a port to forward voice traffic with an 802.1P priority and to configure the port as an access port and as a member of the voice VLAN (VVID). • Video Wizard¹—Optimize multiple video servers for sending video traffic. • Data Wizard¹—Provide a higher priority to specific applications.

Table 3-11 Menu Bar (continued)

Menu-Bar Options	Task
Port	
Port Settings ²	Display and configure port parameters on a switch.
Port Search	Search for a port through its description.
Port Security ¹	Enable port security on a port.
EtherChannels ²	Group ports into logical units for high-speed links between switches.
SPAN ²	Enable Switch Port Analyzer (SPAN) port monitoring.
Protected Port ²	Configure a port to prevent it from receiving bridged traffic from another port on the same switch.
Flooding Control ²	Block the normal flooding of unicast and multicast packets, and enable the switch to block packet storms.
VLAN	
VLAN ² (guide mode available ¹)	Display VLAN membership, assign ports to VLANs, and configure Inter-Switch Link (ISL) and 802.1Q trunks. Display and configure the VLAN Trunking Protocol (VTP) for interswitch VLAN membership.
VMPS ²	Configure the VLAN Membership Policy Server (VMPS).
VLAN Maps ²	Configure VLAN maps.
Voice VLAN ²	Configure a port to use a voice VLAN for voice traffic, separating it from the VLANs for data traffic.
Reports	
Inventory	Display the device type, software version, IP address, and other information about a switch.
Port Statistics	Display port statistics.
Bandwidth Graphs	Display graphs that plot the total bandwidth in use by the switch.
Link Graphs	Display a graph showing the bandwidth being used for the selected link.
Link Reports	Display the link report for two connected devices. If one device is an unknown device or a candidate, only the cluster-member side of the link displays.
QoS Reports	Display QoS reports of incoming or outgoing traffic for specific device interfaces.
QoS Graphs	Display QoS graphs of incoming or outgoing traffic for specific device interfaces.
Router Reports ⁶	Display reports with an excerpt from the routing table on the switch and the attributes of the HSRP group in which the switch participates.
Fallback Bridging ⁶	Display a report of all fallback bridging groups and their attributes.
System Messages	<p>Display the most recent system messages (IOS messages and switch-specific messages) sent by the switch software.</p> <p>This option is available on the Catalyst 2950 or Catalyst 3550 switches. It is not available from the Catalyst 2900 XL and Catalyst 3500 XL switches. You can display the system messages of the Catalyst 2900 XL and Catalyst 3500 XL switches when they are in a cluster where the command switch is a Catalyst 2950 switch running Release 12.1(6)EA2 or later or a Catalyst 3550 switch running Release 12.1(8)EA1 or later. For more information about system messages, refer to the switch system message guide.</p>

Table 3-11 Menu Bar (continued)

Menu-Bar Options	Task
View	
Refresh	Update the views with the latest status.
Front Panel	Display the Front Panel view.
Arrange Front Panel ^{1 5}	Rearrange the order in which switches appear in the Front Panel view.
Topology ⁵	Display the Topology view.
Topology Options ⁵	Select the information to be displayed in the Topology view.
Automatic Topology Layout ⁵	Request CMS to rearrange the topology layout.
Save Topology Layout ^{1 5}	Save the presentation of the cluster icons that you arranged in the Topology view to Flash memory.
Window	List the open windows in your CMS session.
Help	
Overview	Obtain an overview of the CMS interface.
What's New	Obtain a description of the new CMS features.
Help For Active Window	Display the help for the active open window. This is the same as clicking Help from the active window.
Contents	List all of the available online help topics.
Legend	Display the legend that describes the icons, labels, and links.
About	Display the CMS version number.

1. Not available in read-only mode. For more information about the read-only and read-write access modes, see the [“Access Modes in CMS” section on page 3-30](#).
2. Some options from this menu option are not available in read-only mode.
3. Available only from a Device Manager session on a cluster member.
4. Available only from a Device Manager session on a command-capable switch that is not a cluster member.
5. Available only from a cluster management session.
6. Available only from a switch running the enhanced multilayer software image.

Toolbar

The toolbar buttons display commonly used switch and cluster configuration options and information windows such as legends and online help. Hover the cursor over an icon to display the feature. [Table 3-12](#) describes the toolbar options, from left to right on the toolbar.

Table 3-12 Toolbar Buttons

Toolbar Option	Keyboard Shortcut	Task
Print	Ctrl-P	Print a CMS window or help file.
Preferences ¹	Ctrl-R	Set CMS display properties, such as polling intervals, the views to open at CMS startup, and the color of administratively shutdown ports.
Save Configuration ²	Ctrl-S	Save the configuration for the cluster or switch to Flash memory.
Software Upgrade ²	Ctrl-U	Upgrade the software for the cluster or a switch.
Port Settings ¹	–	Display and configure port parameters on a switch.
VLAN ¹	–	Display VLAN membership, assign ports to VLANs, and configure ISL and 802.1Q trunks.
Inventory	–	Display the device type, the software version, the IP address, and other information about a switch.
Refresh	–	Update the views with the latest status.
Front Panel	–	Display the Front Panel view.
Topology ³	–	Display the Topology view.
Topology Options ³	–	Select the information to be displayed in the Topology view.
Save Topology Layout ^{2 3}	–	Save the presentation of the cluster icons that you arranged in the Topology view to Flash memory.
Legend	–	Display the legend that describes the icons, labels, and links.
Help For Active Window	F1 key	Display the help for the active open window. This is the same as clicking Help from the active window.

1. Some options from this menu option are not available in read-only mode.
2. Not available in read-only mode. For more information about the read-only and read-write access modes, see the [“Access Modes in CMS”](#) section on page 3-30.
3. Available only from a cluster-management session.

Front Panel View Popup Menus

These popup menus are available in the Front Panel view.

Device Popup Menu

You can display all switch and cluster configuration windows from the menu bar, or you can display commonly used configuration windows from the device popup menu ([Table 3-13](#)). To display the device popup menu, click the switch icon from the cluster tree or the front-panel image itself, and right-click.

Table 3-13 Device Popup Menu

Popup Menu Option	Task
Device Manager ¹	Launch Device Manager for the switch.
Delete Cluster ^{2 3 4}	Delete a cluster.
Remove from Cluster ^{3 4}	Remove a member from the cluster.
Bandwidth Graphs	Display graphs that plot the total bandwidth in use.
Host Name ⁴	Change the name of the switch.
Properties	Display information about the device and port on either end of the link and the state of the link.

1. Available from a cluster member switch but not from the command switch.
2. Available only from the command switch.
3. Available only from a cluster-management session.
4. Not available in read-only mode. For more information about the read-only and read-write access modes, see the [“Access Modes in CMS”](#) section on page 3-30.

Port Popup Menu

You can display all port configuration windows from the **Port** menu on the menu bar, or you can display commonly used port configuration windows from the port popup menu ([Table 3-14](#)). To display the port popup menu, click a specific port image, and right-click.

Table 3-14 Port Popup Menu

Popup Menu Option	Task
Port Settings ¹	Display and configure port settings.
VLAN ¹	Define the VLAN mode for a port or ports and add ports to VLANs. Not available for the Catalyst 1900 and Catalyst 2820 switches.
Port Security ^{1 2}	Enable port security on a port.
Link Graphs ³	Display a graph showing the bandwidth used by the selected link.
Select All Ports	Select all ports on the switch for global configuration.

1. Some options from this menu option are not available in read-only mode.
2. Available on switches that support the Port Security feature.
3. Available only when there is an active link on the port (that is, the port LED is green when in port status mode).

Topology View Popup Menus

These popup menus are available in the Topology view.

Link Popup Menu

You can display reports and graphs for a specific link displayed in the Topology view ([Table 3-15](#)). To display the link popup menu, click the link icon, and right-click.

Table 3-15 Link Popup Menu

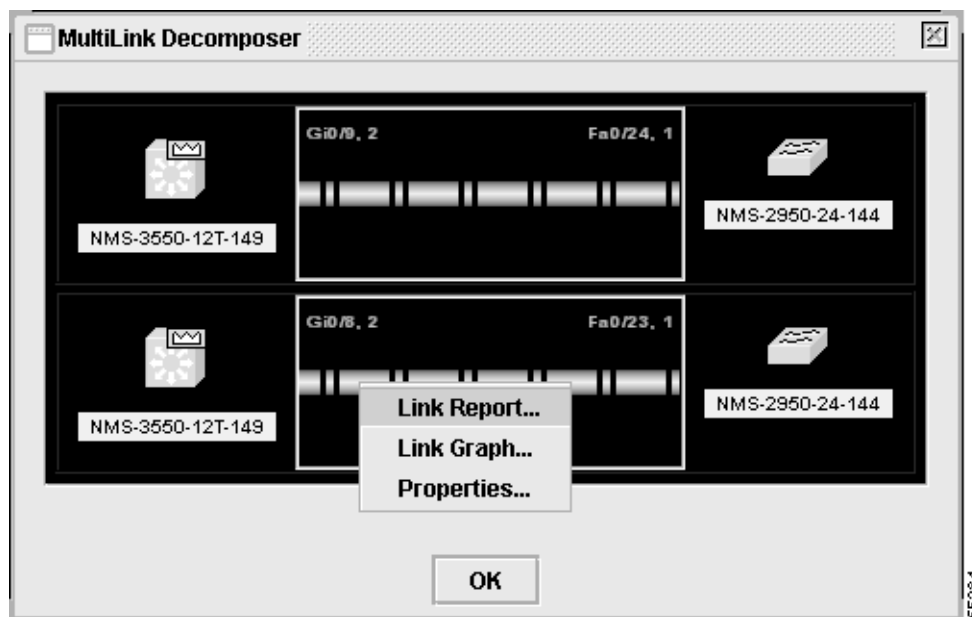
Popup Menu Option	Task
Link Report	Display the link report for two connected devices. If one device is an unknown device or a candidate, only the cluster member side of the link displays.
Link Graph	Display a graph showing the bandwidth used by the selected link.
Properties	Display information about the device and port on either end of the link and the state of the link.

The Link Report and Link Graph options are not available if at both ends of the link are

- Candidate switches
- Catalyst 1900 and Catalyst 2820 switches
- Devices that are not eligible to join the cluster

If multiple links are configured between two devices, when you click the link icon and right-click, the Multilink Content window appears ([Figure 3-10](#)). Click the link icon in this window, and right-click to display the link popup menu specific for that link.

Figure 3-10 Multilink Decomposer Window



Device Popup Menus

Specific devices in the Topology view display a specific popup menu:

- Cluster ([Table 3-16](#))
- Command switch ([Table 3-17](#))
- Member or standby command switch ([Table 3-18](#))
- Candidate switch with an IP address ([Table 3-19](#))
- Candidate switch without an IP address ([Table 3-20](#))
- Neighboring devices ([Table 3-21](#))



Note

The Device Manager option in these popup menus is available in read-only mode on Catalyst 2900 XL and Catalyst 3500 XL switches running Release 12.0(5)WC2 and later. It is also available on Catalyst 2950 switches running Release 12.1(6)EA2 and later and on Catalyst 3550 switch running Release 12.1(8)EA1 or later. It is not available on the Catalyst 1900 and Catalyst 2820 switches.

To display a device popup menu, click an icon, and right-click.

Table 3-16 Device Popup Menu of a Cluster Icon

Popup Menu Option	Task
Expand cluster	View a cluster-specific topology view.
Properties	Display information about the device and port on either end of the link and the state of the link.

Table 3-17 Device Popup Menu of a Command-Switch Icon

Popup Menu Option	Task
Collapse cluster	View the neighborhood outside a specific cluster.
Host Name ¹	Change the host name of a switch.
Bandwidth Graphs	Display graphs that plot the total bandwidth in use by the switch.
Properties	Display information about the device and port on either end of the link and the state of the link.

1. Not available in read-only mode. For more information about the read-only and read-write access modes, see the [“Access Modes in CMS”](#) section on page 3-30.

Table 3-18 Device Popup Menu of a Member or Standby Command-Switch Icon

Popup Menu Option	Task
Remove from Cluster ¹	Remove a member from the cluster.
Host Name ¹	Change the host name of a switch.
Device Manager ²	Launch Device Manager for a switch.
Bandwidth Graphs	Display graphs that plot the total bandwidth in use by the switch.
Properties	Display information about the device and port on either end of the link and the state of the link.

1. Available only from a cluster-management session.

2. Available from a cluster member switch but not from the command switch.

Table 3-19 Device Popup Menu of a Candidate-Switch Icon (When the Candidate Switch Has an IP Address)

Popup Menu Option	Task
Add to Cluster ¹	Add a candidate to a cluster.
Device Manager ²	Launch Device Manager for a switch.
Properties	Display information about the device and port on either end of the link and the state of the link.

1. Not available in read-only mode. For more information about the read-only and read-write access modes, see the [“Access Modes in CMS” section on page 3-30](#).
2. Available from a cluster member switch but not from the command switch.

Table 3-20 Device Popup Menu of a Candidate-Switch Icon (When the Candidate Switch Does Not Have an IP Address)

Popup Menu Option	Task
Add to Cluster ¹	Add a candidate to a cluster.
Properties	Display information about the device and port on either end of the link and the state of the link.

1. Not available in read-only mode. For more information about the read-only and read-write access modes, see the [“Access Modes in CMS” section on page 3-30](#).

Table 3-21 Device Popup Menu of a Neighboring-Device Icon

Popup Menu Option	Task
Device Manager ¹	Access the web management interface of the device. Note This option is available on Cisco access points, but not on Cisco IP phones, hubs, routers and on <i>unknown</i> devices such as some Cisco devices and third-party devices.
Disqualification Code	Display the reason why the device could not join the cluster.
Properties	Display information about the device and port on either end of the link and the state of the link.

1. Available from a cluster member switch but not from the command switch.

Interaction Modes

You can change the interaction mode of CMS to either guide or expert mode. Guide mode steps you through each feature option and provides information about the parameter. Expert mode displays a configuration window in which you configure the feature options.

Guide Mode

**Note**

Guide mode is not available if your switch access level is read-only. For more information about the read-only access mode, see the [“Access Modes in CMS” section on page 3-30](#).

Guide mode is for users who want a step-by-step approach for completing a specific configuration task. This mode is not available for all features. A menu-bar option that has a person icon means that guide mode is available for that option.

When you click **Guide Mode** and then select a menu-bar option that supports guide mode, CMS displays a specific parameter of the feature with information about the parameter field. To configure the feature, you provide the information that CMS requests in each step until you click **Finish** in the last step. Clicking **Cancel** at any time closes and ends the configuration task without applying any changes.

If **Expert Mode** is selected and you want to use guide mode, you must click **Guide Mode** before selecting an option from the menu bar, tool bar, or popup menu. If you change the interaction mode after selecting a configuration option, the mode change does not take effect until you select another configuration option.

Expert Mode

Expert mode is for users who prefer to display all the parameter fields of a feature in a single CMS window. Information about the parameter fields are provided from **Help**.

Wizards

**Note**

Wizards are not available if your switch access level is read-only. For more information about the read-only access mode, see the [“Access Modes in CMS” section on page 3-30](#).

Wizards simplify some configuration tasks on the switch. Similar to the guide mode, wizards provide a step-by-step approach for completing a specific configuration task. Unlike guide mode, a wizard does not prompt you to provide information for all of the feature options. Instead, it prompts you to provide minimal information and then uses the default settings of the remaining options to set up default configurations.

Wizards are not available for all features. A menu-bar option that has *wizard* means that selecting that option launches the wizard for that feature.

Tool Tips

CMS displays a popup message when you move your mouse over these devices:

- A yellow device icon in the cluster tree or in Topology view—A popup displays a fault message, such as that the RPS is faulty or that the switch is unavailable because you are in read-only mode.
- A red device icon in the cluster tree or in Topology view—A popup displays a message that the switch is down.

If you move your mouse over a table column heading, a popup displays the full heading.

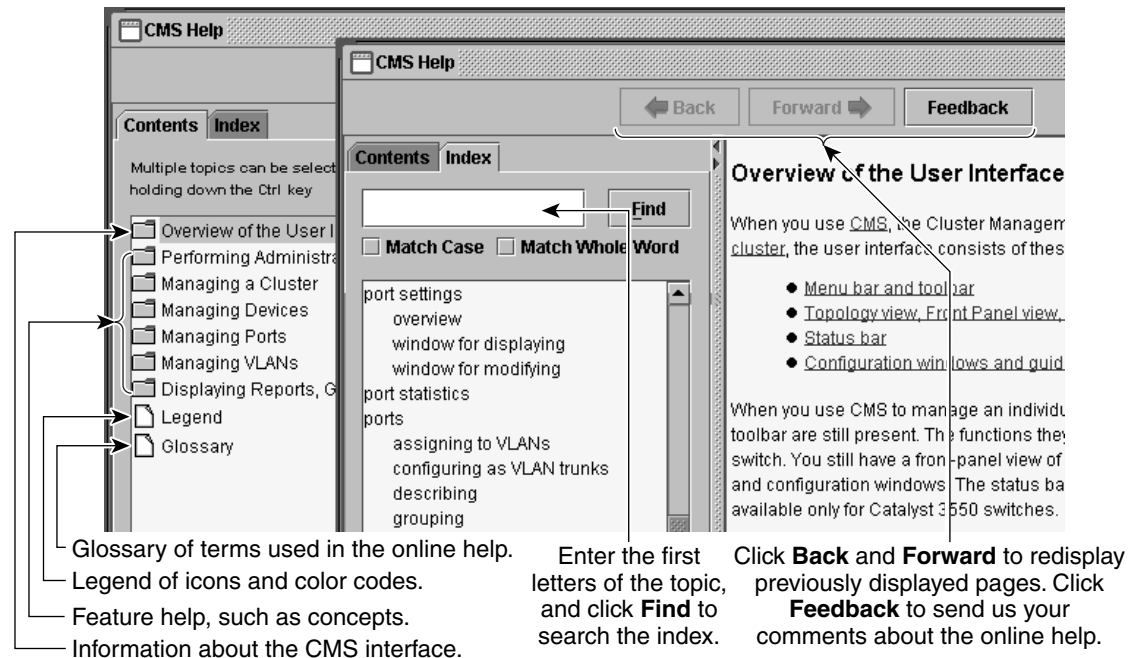
Online Help

CMS provides comprehensive online help to assist you in understanding and performing configuration and monitoring tasks from the CMS windows (Figure 3-11).

- Feature help, available from the menu bar by selecting **Help > Contents**, provides background information and concepts on the features.
- Dialog-specific help, available from **Help** on the CMS windows, provides procedures for performing tasks.
- Index of help topics.
- Glossary of terms used in the online help.

You can send us feedback about the information provided in the online help. Click **Feedback** to display an online form. After completing the form, click **Submit** to send your comments to Cisco. We appreciate and value your comments.

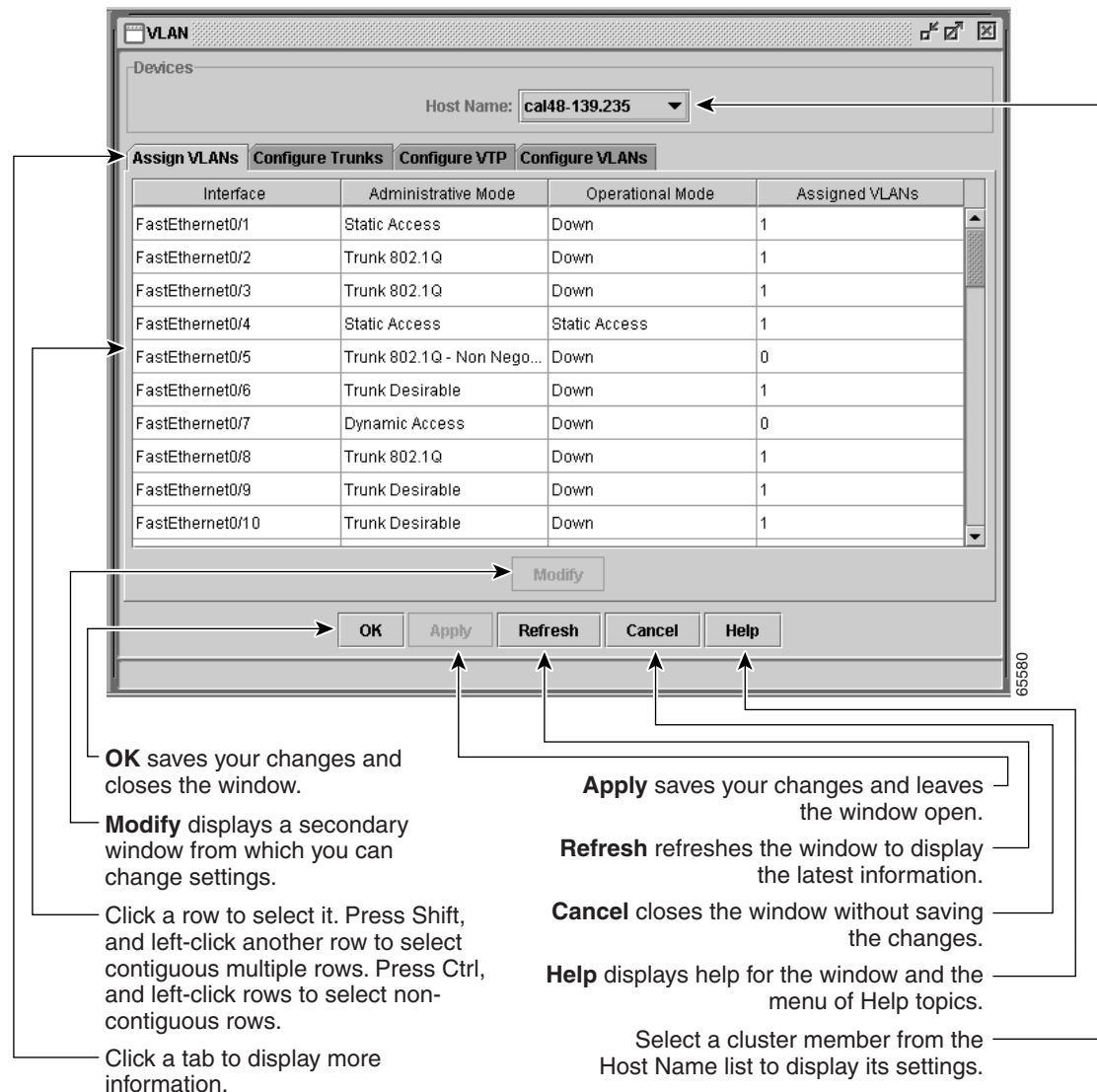
Figure 3-11 Help Contents and Index



CMS Window Components

CMS windows consistently present configuration information. [Figure 3-12](#) shows the components of a typical CMS window.

Figure 3-12 CMS Window Components



Host Name List

To display or change the configuration of a cluster member, you need to select the specific switch from the Host Name drop-down list. The list appears in the configuration window of each feature and lists only the cluster members that support that feature. For example, the Host Name list on the VLAN window does not include Catalyst 1900 and Catalyst 2820 switches even though they are part of the cluster. Similarly, the Host Name list on the LRE Profiles window only lists the LRE switches in the cluster.

Tabs, Lists, and Tables

Some CMS windows have *tabs* that present different sets of information. Tabs are arranged like folder headings across the top of the window. Click the tab to display its information.

Listed information can often be changed by selecting an item from a list. To change the information, select one or more items, and click **Modify**. Changing multiple items is limited to those items that apply to at least one of the selections.

Some CMS windows present information in a table format. You can edit the information in these tables.

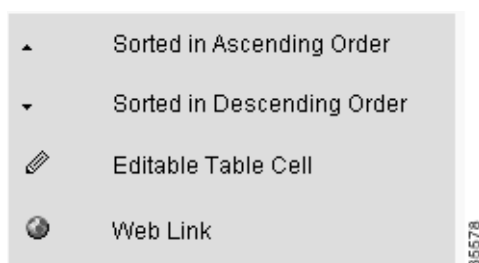
**Note**

You can resize the width of the columns to display the column headings, or you can hover your cursor over the heading to display a popup description of the column.

Icons Used in Windows

Some window have icons for sorting information in tables, for showing which cells in a table are editable, and for displaying further information from Cisco.com (Figure 3-13).

Figure 3-13 Window Icons



Buttons

These are the most common buttons that you use to change the information in a CMS window:

- **OK**—Save any changes and close the window. If you made no changes, the window closes. If CMS detects errors in your entry, the window remains open. For more information about error detection, see the [“Error Checking” section on page 3-31](#).
- **Apply**—Save any changes made in the window and leave the window open. If you made no changes, the Apply button is disabled.
- **Refresh**—Update the CMS window with the latest status of the device. Unsaved changes are lost.
- **Cancel**—Do not save any changes made in the window and close the window.
- **Help**—Display procedures on performing tasks from the window.
- **Modify**—Display the secondary window for changing information on the selected item or items. You usually select an item from a list or table and click **Modify**.

Accessing CMS

This section assumes the following:

- You know the IP address and password of the command switch or a specific switch. This information is either:
 - Assigned to the switch by following the setup program, as described in the release notes.
 - Changed on the switch by following the information in the [“Assigning Switch Information” section on page 4-2](#) and [“Preventing Unauthorized Access to Your Switch” section on page 7-1](#). Considerations for assigning IP addresses and passwords to a command switch and cluster members are described in the [“IP Addresses” section on page 6-17](#) and the [“Passwords” section on page 6-18](#).
- You know your access privilege level to the switch.
- You have referred to the release notes for system requirements and have followed the procedures for installing the required Java plug-ins and configuring your browser.

**Caution**

Copies of the CMS pages you display are saved in your browser memory cache until you exit the browser session. A password is not required to redisplay these pages, including the Cisco Systems Access page. You can access the CLI by clicking **Monitor the router - HTML access to the command line interface** from a cached copy of the Cisco Systems Access page. To prevent unauthorized access to CMS and the CLI, exit your browser to end the browser session.

To access CMS, follow these steps:

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- Step 1** Enter the switch IP address and your privilege level in the browser **Location** field (Netscape Communicator) or Address field (Microsoft Internet Explorer). For example:
- ```
http://10.1.126.45:184/level/14/
```
- where 10.1.126.45 is the switch IP address, 184 is the HTTP port, and level 14 is the privilege level. You do not need to enter the HTTP port if the switch is using HTTP port 80 (the default) or enter the privilege level if you have read-write access to the switch (privilege level is 15). For information about the HTTP port, see the [“HTTP Access to CMS” section on page 3-30](#). For information about privilege levels, see the [“Access Modes in CMS” section on page 3-30](#).
- Step 2** When prompted for a username and password, enter only the switch enable password. CMS prompts you a second time for a username and password. Enter only the enable password again.
- If you configure a local username and password, make sure you enable it by using the **ip http authentication** global configuration command. Enter your username and password when prompted.
- Step 3** Click **Web Console**.
- If you access CMS from a standalone or member switch, Device Manager appears. If you access CMS from a command switch, you can display the Front Panel and Topology views.
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## Access Modes in CMS

CMS provides two levels of access to the configuration options: read-write access and read-only access. Privilege levels 0 to 15 are supported.

- Privilege level 15 provides you with read-write access to CMS.
- Privilege levels 1 to 14 provide you with read-only access to CMS. Any options in the CMS windows, menu bar, toolbar, and popup menus that change the switch or cluster configuration are not shown in read-only mode.
- Privilege level 0 denies access to CMS.

If you do not include a privilege level when you access CMS, the switch verifies if you have privilege-level 15. If you do not, you are denied access to CMS. If you do have privilege-level 15, you are granted read-write access. Therefore, you do not need to include the privilege level if it is 15. Entering zero denies access to CMS. For more information about privilege levels, see the [“Preventing Unauthorized Access to Your Switch”](#) section on page 7-1.



### Note

- If your cluster has these member switches running earlier software releases and if you have read-only access to these member switches, some configuration windows for those switches display incomplete information:
  - Catalyst 2900 XL or Catalyst 3500 XL member switches running Release 12.0(5)WC2 or earlier
  - Catalyst 2950 member switches running Release 12.0(5)WC2 or earlier
  - Catalyst 3550 member switches running Release 12.1(6)EA1 or earlier

For more information about this limitation, refer to the Catalyst 3550 release notes.

- These switches do not support read-only mode on CMS:
  - Catalyst 1900 and Catalyst 2820
  - Catalyst 2900 XL switches with 4-MB CPU DRAM

In read-only mode, these switches appear as unavailable devices and cannot be configured from CMS.

## HTTP Access to CMS

CMS uses Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), which is an in-band form of communication with the switch through any one of its Ethernet ports and that allows switch management from a standard web browser. The default HTTP port is 80.

If you change the HTTP port, you must include the new port number when you enter the IP address in the browser **Location** or **Address** field (for example, `http://10.1.126.45:184` where 184 is the new HTTP port number).

Do not disable or otherwise misconfigure the port through which your management station is communicating with the switch. You might want to write down the port number to which you are connected. Changes to the switch IP information should be done with care.

For information about connecting to a switch port, refer to the switch hardware installation guide.

# Verifying Your Changes

CMS provides notification cues to help you track and confirm the changes you make.

## Change Notification

A green border around a field or table cell means that you made an unsaved change to the field or table cell. Previous information in that field or table cell is displayed in the window status bar. When you save the changes or if you cancel the change, the green border disappears.

## Error Checking

A red border around a field means that you entered invalid data in the field. An error message also displays in the window status bar. When you enter valid data in the field, a green border replaces the red border until you either save or cancel the change.

If there is an error in communicating with the switch or if you make an error while performing an action, a popup dialog notifies you about the error.

## Saving Your Changes



### Note

The Save Configuration option is not available if your switch access level is read-only. For more information about the read-only access mode, see the [“Access Modes in CMS” section on page 3-30](#).



### Tip

As you make cluster configuration changes (except for changes to the Topology view and in the Preferences window), make sure that you periodically save the configuration from the command switch. The configuration is saved on the command and member switches.

The front-panel images and CMS windows always display the *running configuration* of the switch. When you make a configuration change to a switch or switch cluster, the change becomes part of the running configuration. The change *does not* automatically become part of the config.txt file in Flash memory, which is the *startup configuration* used each time the switch restarts. If you do not save your changes to Flash memory, they are lost when the switch restarts.

To save all configuration changes to Flash memory, you must select **Administration > Save Configuration**.



### Note

Catalyst 1900 and Catalyst 2820 switches automatically save configuration changes to Flash memory as they occur.

## Using Different Versions of CMS

When managing switch clusters through CMS, remember that clusters can have a mix of switch models using different IOS releases and that CMS in earlier IOS releases and on different switch platforms might look and function differently from CMS in this IOS release.

When you select **Device > Device Manager** for a cluster member, a new browser session is launched, and the CMS version for that switch is displayed.

Here are examples of how CMS can differ between IOS releases and switch platforms:

- On Catalyst switches running Release 12.0(5)WC2 or earlier or Release 12.1(6)EA1 or earlier, the CMS versions in those software releases might appear similar but are not the same as this release. For example, the Topology view in this release is not the same as the Topology view or Cluster View in those earlier software releases.
- CMS on the Catalyst 1900 and Catalyst 2820 switches is referred to as *Switch Manager*. Cluster management options are not available on these switches. This is the earliest version of CMS.

Refer to the documentation specific to the switch and its IOS release for descriptions of the CMS version you are using.

## Where to Go Next

Before configuring the switch, refer to these places for start-up information:

- Switch release notes on Cisco.com:
  - CMS software requirements
  - Procedures for browser configuration
  - Procedures for accessing CMS
- [Chapter 7, “Administering the Switch”](#)
- [Chapter 4, “Assigning the Switch IP Address and Default Gateway”](#)

The rest of this guide provides information about and CLI procedures for the software features supported in this release.

For CMS procedures and window descriptions, refer to the online help.