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## CHAPTER 1

# Welcome

## Welcome to WhatsUp Gold

Network and application infrastructures have become some of the most critical elements in business strategy. High reliance on network or application availability requires that all businesses—from SMBs to Enterprises—take a proactive approach to preventing or resolving outages with minimal impact to productivity and revenue. The Ipswitch WhatsUp Gold product family leverages a powerful, yet affordable, easy-to-deploy and use, network tools suite that ensures you always know the pulse of the network so you can respond quickly to changes. When combining your network hardware with the value of WhatsUp Gold, you can be confident that you have the tools to manage your network easily and reliably.

This WhatsUp Gold Getting Started guide steps through the overview process of deploying three WhatsUp Gold products—WhatsUp Gold Premium, WhatsUp Flow Monitor, and WhatsConnected—and suggests other network tools to increase visibility and access to real-time network performance data.

## About WhatsUp Gold

WhatsUp Gold monitors, reports, alerts, and takes action on the status of network devices, the system, and services. WhatsUp Gold installs, discovers, and maps network connected assets in minutes. Leveraging SNMP v1/2/3 and WMI, it enables predictive monitoring in combination with powerful alerting and notification capabilities to keep the network infrastructure running and you informed when issues arise. Intuitive web-enabled workspace reports and dashboards provide quick navigation to over 200 reports, documenting all device, bandwidth and application-related activity. WhatsUp Gold ensures network managers have 360° visibility, actionable intelligence, and complete control to make smarter decisions faster. For more information about what's new in WhatsUp Gold, see the *WhatsUp Gold release notes* (<http://www.whatsupgold.com/wug141relnotes>).

## Available editions

WhatsUp Gold is available in four editions. Each edition tailors WhatsUp Gold's features to meet the diverse needs of WhatsUp users, from small networks to those spanning multiple geographic locations.

- **WhatsUp Gold Standard Edition** manages devices and applications on a single-location network. Intuitive web-enabled workspace views provide drill-down access to alerts and issues in real-time, and access to more than 200 reports that document device, bandwidth, and application-related activity.

- **WhatsUp Gold Premium Edition** provides all of the network management capabilities of WhatsUp Gold Standard Edition, plus advanced management for Microsoft® Exchange™, Microsoft® SQL Server™, and SMTP email servers. Premium Edition also includes several features that let you monitor performance data in real time, as well as support for application monitoring using Microsoft's WMI™.
- **WhatsUp Gold MSP Edition** gives managed solution providers the ability to use all of the features of WhatsUp Gold Premium Edition to monitor their customers' remote networks from a central location in the managed solution provider's network operations center. Managing multiple companies' networks at once has never been easier.
- **WhatsUp Gold Distributed Edition** extends the features of WhatsUp Gold Premium Edition to companies whose networks are segmented across multiple geographic locations. WhatsUp Gold Distributed Edition can detect issues at any of the company's sites and can then report the issue to the effected site and to a central location.

## WhatsUp Gold optional plug-ins

**WhatsUp Gold optional plug-ins** are available for use with any of the WhatsUp Gold editions. These plug-ins broaden your monitoring and reporting capabilities to give you a more complete picture of your network and its many components. For more information, see the *WhatsUp Gold web site* (<http://www.whatsupgold.com/>).

- **WhatsUp Gold Flow Monitor** plug-in for WhatsUp Gold leverages Cisco NetFlow, sFlow, and J-Flow data from switches and routers to gather, analyze, report, and alert on LAN/WAN network traffic patterns and bandwidth utilization in real-time. It highlights not only overall utilization for the LAN/WAN, specific devices, or interfaces; it also indicates users, applications, and protocols that are consuming abnormal amounts of bandwidth, giving you detailed information to assess network quality of service and quickly resolve traffic bottlenecks. WhatsUp Flow Monitor protects network security by detecting virus and worm activity on the network. Comprehensive reporting takes the raw real-time network traffic data from routers and switches and presents you with useful information to understand trends, utilization, and where network bandwidth is consumed. For more information, see the WhatsUp Gold Flow Monitor User Guide on the *WhatsUp Gold web site* (<http://www.whatsupgold.com/products/netflow/index.aspx>).
- **WhatsUp Gold WhatsConfigured plug-in** enables effective management of one of the most critical assets on your network—device configurations. It automates the key configuration and change management tasks required to backup, compare, and upload configuration files for networking devices. WhatsConfigured maintains and controls configuration files and alerts when any configuration changes are detected.

The WhatsConfigured plug-in reduces the time and effort spent maintaining device configurations and changes while providing increased security, compliance, and visibility

- **WhatsUp Gold WhatsConnected** plug-in for WhatsUp Gold provides layer 2/3 network discovery and topology mapping to visually depict device connectivity down to the individual port. It also employs deep device scanning that provides detailed Information about discovered devices in a simple device list view, a device category view, and a detailed topology view. You can publish any of the network maps as a network diagram in Microsoft® Visio™ or export detailed device information to WhatsUp Gold to automate the creation of detailed network topology map views. WhatsConnected also includes Layer 2 Trace and IP/MAC Finder tools to validate connection paths and report real-time availability data on devices. For more information, see the *WhatsUp Gold web site* (<http://www.whatsupgold.com/products/whatsconnected/index.aspx>).
- **WhatsUp Gold VoIP Monitor** plug-in for WhatsUp Gold measures your network's ability to provide the quality of service (QoS) necessary for your VoIP calls on your LAN and WAN links. After a simple setup, the VoIP Monitor accesses Cisco IP SLA (service level agreement) enabled devices to monitor VoIP performance and quality parameters including jitter, packet loss, latency, and other performance values. The plug-in's full integration with WhatsUp Gold allows you to easily view graphs and metrics for bandwidth and interface utilization and troubleshoot network issues that affect VoIP performance. For more information, see the *WhatsUp Gold web site* (<http://www.whatsupgold.com/products/voip-monitoring/index.aspx>).

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## CHAPTER 2

# Deploying

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## Deploying WhatsUp Gold

WhatsUp Gold makes it easy to deploy and be running quickly so you can get started monitoring and managing your network. Use the following four step guideline to deploy WhatsUp Gold and begin managing your network.

### STEP 1: Prepare the network

#### Download and install WhatsUp Gold

Download WhatsUp Gold and any WhatsUp Gold plug-ins from [WhatsUpGold.com](http://WhatsUpGold.com). If you are evaluating, the installation program includes the evaluation license and activates automatically.

The installation program for WhatsUp Gold bundles and delivers all of the prerequisites of the application, including Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5, Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express Edition, and Ipswitch Web Server. For more information on specific installation steps, consult the WhatsUp Gold release notes. You can view the release notes from the first screen of the installation program.

#### Enable SNMP on key devices

WhatsUp Gold uses SNMP to determine the manufacturer and model, components (such as fans, CPUs, and hard disks), operating system, and specific services (such as HTTP or DNS) of each device. We recommend configuring important devices to respond to SNMP requests. You can use the Welcome Center Quick Setup Assistant to enable SNMP on the network devices. The Quick Setup Assistant starts immediately following the WhatsUp Gold installation.

#### Configure Flow Monitor on key devices (optional for Flow Monitor users)



**Important:** The following information is an overview example. The process for configuring a device to export Flow data varies widely from device to device and is dependent upon your network configuration. Please see your router or switch documentation to determine the correct steps for configuring your device.

WhatsUp Flow Monitor collects NetFlow, sFlow, or J-Flow data exported from network routers and switches. If you use the WhatsUp Gold plug-in, Flow Monitor, to monitor network bandwidth utilization, the following example shows the command line interface commands required to enable NetFlow exports for devices on which you want to enable network bandwidth monitoring:

```
ip flow-export version 9
```

```
ip flow-export destination 192.168.28.4 9999
```



**Tip:** Instead of 192.168.28.4 9999, use the IP address of your WhatsUp Gold server.

In addition, configure each interface to export data to WhatsUp Flow Monitor.

```
ip flow ingress
```

- OR -

```
ip flow egress
```

If the device exporting flow data is also performing network address translation (NAT), we recommend exporting egress data from the internal interface so that private network addresses are displayed in Flow Monitor reports. Any other configuration results in all private addresses reporting as the public addresses of the device performing the network address translation.

WhatsUp Flow Monitor automatically begins tracking network bandwidth utilization when it receives flow data. For more detailed Flow Monitor configuration information, see the WhatsUp Gold Flow Monitor Help and the documentation for the router/switch that is exporting data to WhatsUp Flow Monitor.

## STEP 2: Discover and map the network

### Run the Quick Setup Assistant

The Quick Setup Assistant guides you through the initial configuration that is necessary for WhatsUp Gold to discover network devices. You can use the Quick Setup Assistant to configure the connection to your mail server and set up the default email address for email notifications.

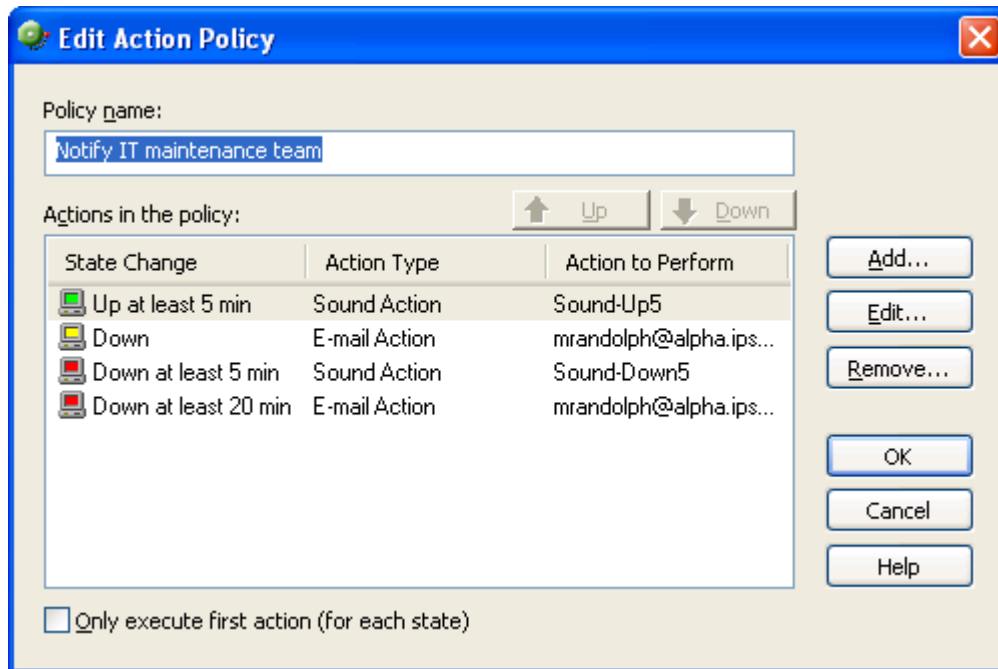


Most importantly, the Quick Setup Assistant collects information about your SNMP communities. The Quick Setup Assistant automatically generates SNMPv1 and SNMPv2 credentials for each community entered.

### Configure action policies

Action policies are sets of rules that WhatsUp Gold uses to determine what actions it takes when it detects network issues. By default, WhatsUp Gold creates an action policy that sends email notifications to the address you specified in the Quick Setup Assistant and applies it to all discovered devices.

If you want WhatsUp Gold to take other actions when issues are detected on devices, you can configure additional action policies. Action policies are primarily used to send notifications via email, SMS, and pager, but actions can also be used to write events to common logs, restart Windows services, set SNMP values, and run custom programs and scripts.



Action policies can be applied to specific devices automatically assigned to devices that match a device role (such as an action policy that is applied automatically to all routers).

### Customize device roles

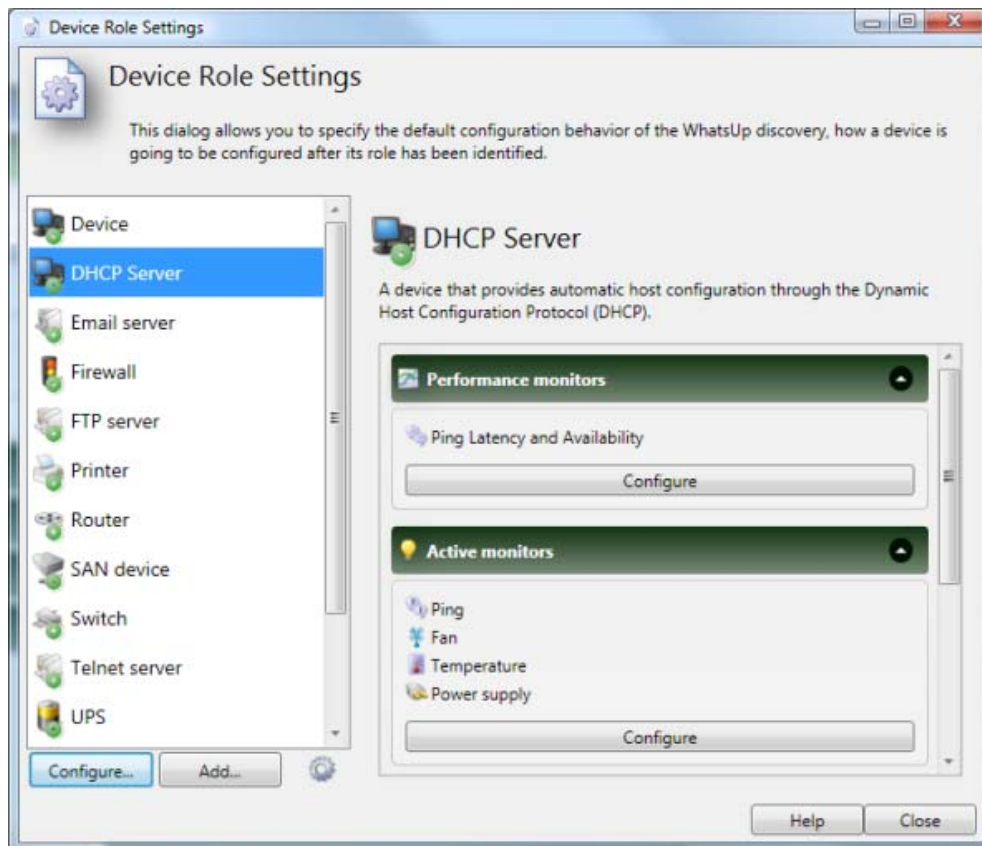
When WhatsUp Gold discovers devices, it tries to determine the type of device so that it can monitor devices appropriately. To determine the type of device, WhatsUp Gold compares the discovered attributes of the device to a set of criteria called a device role.

Device roles do two things:

- Specify the criteria that a device must match to be identified as the device role.
- Specify the monitoring configuration that is applied to the device when it is added to WhatsUp Gold.

WhatsUp Gold provides several default device roles that are used to identify most common network devices. These default roles should correctly identify the majority of devices on the network, but you can modify the device roles to customize what is monitored on each device and what action policy is applied.

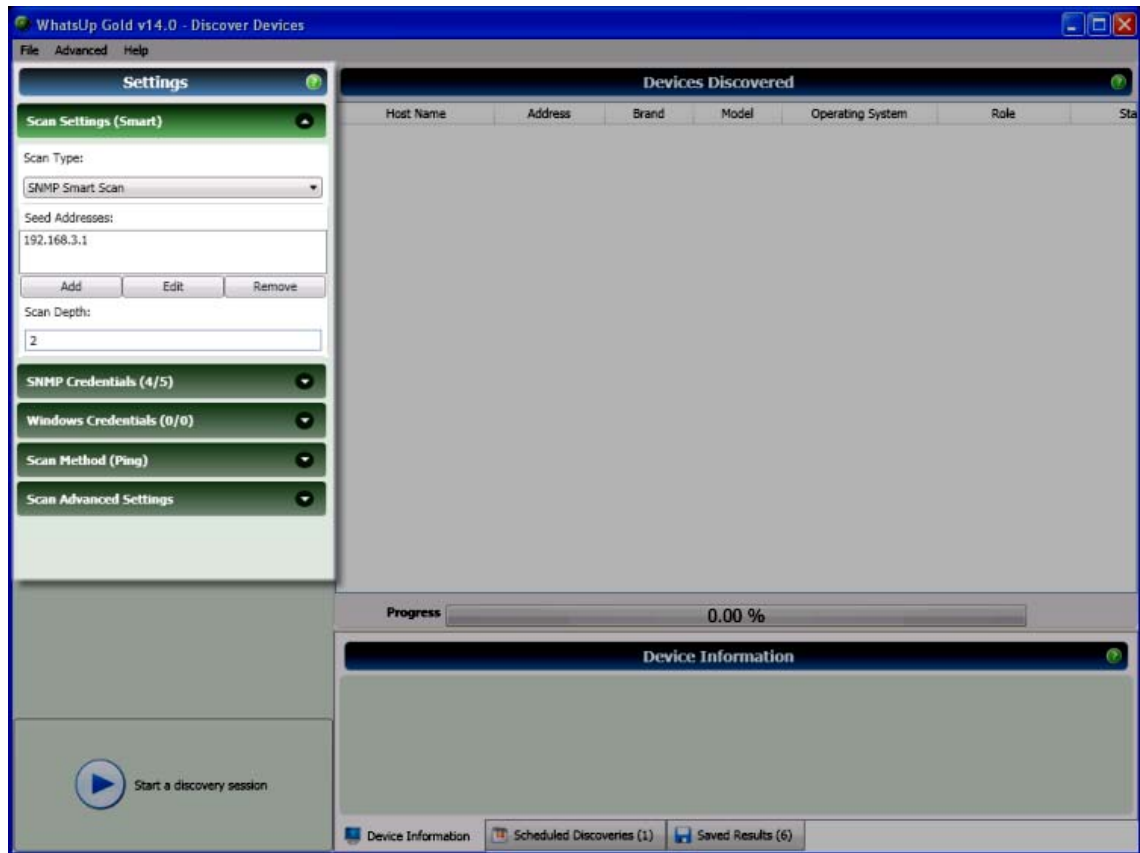
In addition, you can create new device roles to specify how WhatsUp Gold monitors and reports on devices it does not natively recognize.



### Discover the network

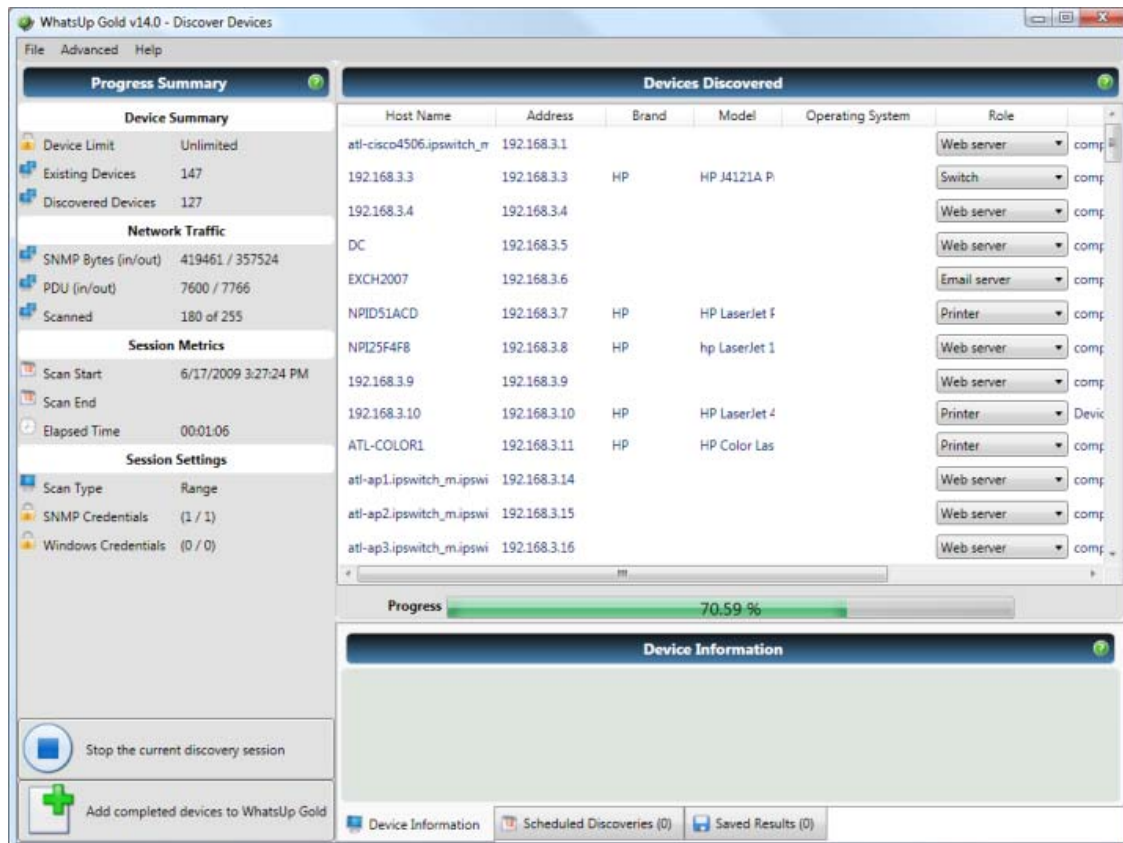
After you have completed the configuration of network devices and the customization of device roles, you can discover the network using WhatsUp Gold.

We recommend using the SNMP Smart Scan option to discover the network. Enter an IP address of the Core router and an IP address of each Branch router as seed addresses, and specify a Scan Depth. We recommend a Scan Depth of 2.



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When you start the discovery session, WhatsUp Gold begins scanning the network and identifying devices. Discovered devices are added to the list in the Devices Discovered pane. As each device is scanned, additional information about it becomes available, such as its brand, model, and operating system. Based on what it discovers about each device, WhatsUp Gold designates a device role.



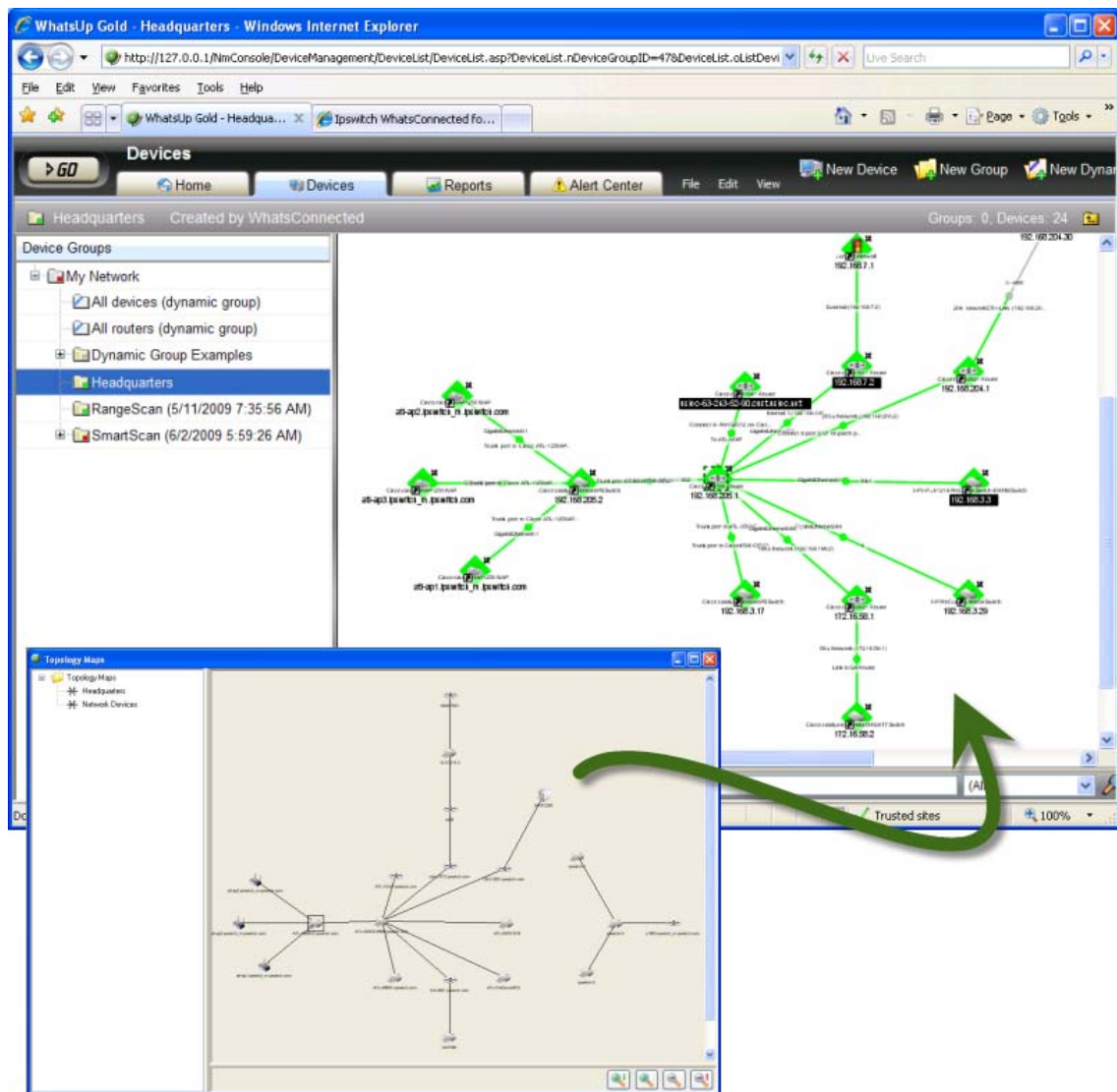
After all devices are discovered, click **Add completed devices to WhatsUp Gold** to add the discovered devices to a device group and map.



**Tip:** You can add devices to the WhatsUp Gold database as they are discovered and before the discovery has finished identifying all devices.

## Map the network

If you use the WhatsConnected plug-in with WhatsUp Gold, after devices are added to WhatsUp Gold, you can configure a topology map with WhatsConnected. First, run a layer 2 discovery in WhatsConnected, then right-click the topology map to export the map to WhatsUp Gold to monitor the mapped devices or to export the map to Visio to document the network. Network topology maps provide an easy and fast way to browse the network infrastructure and display physical connections between devices, simplifying the day-to-day complexities of managing and quickly resolving network issues.



Unlike other topology mapping solutions that simply overlay devices on a topology bitmap or Visio drawing, WhatsConnected scans your network using industry-standard protocols (such as ICMP, SNMP and LLDP) to automatically create Layer 2 topology maps of your network segments. You can then export these maps from WhatsConnected to WhatsUp Gold, providing a simple solution to actively monitor network devices from a topology map view. You can also export the topology maps to Microsoft Visio, making documenting your network topology nearly effortless.

## STEP 3: Customize reports

### Set up workspace views

From the WhatsUp Gold web interface, you can group collections of reports into pages called Workspace Views. Workspace Views give you quick and personalized dashboard-style overviews of the health of portions of your network.



We recommend creating Workspace Views to show the health of the network. In addition, you may want to create Workspace Views that show the statuses of devices of different types, such as a Routers, Switches, or VoIP devices Workspace View.

## Customize device status reports

The Device Status Report gives you a detailed look at the health of a single device by aggregating multiple reports that apply to that device. You can view the Device Status Report for any device you are managing using WhatsUp Gold.

The Device Status Report is automatically configured to display the most commonly viewed information about a device, but you can customize it to your specific requirements. For more information, see *About the Device Status workspace* in the Help.

The screenshot displays the 'Device Status' workspace in the WhatsUp Gold application. The browser window title is 'WhatsUp Gold - Device Status - Windows Internet Explorer'. The address bar shows a URL starting with 'http://127.0.0.1/WinConsole/Workspace/DeviceStatus/DeviceStatus.asp?\_nDeviceID=2088\_nReportID=225&DeviceStatus.nWorkspaceID=...'. The interface includes a navigation bar with tabs for 'Home', 'Devices', 'Reports', 'Alert Center', and 'Device Status'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Device Performance Monitor Summary:** A table showing various performance metrics and their polling intervals.
 

Performance Monitor Type	Polling Collection	Polling Interval
APC UPS	ON	10min.
CPU Utilization	All CPUs	10min.
Disk Utilization	All disks	10min.
Interface Utilization	Active interfaces	10min.
Memory Utilization	All memory items	10min.
Ping Latency and Availability	Default interface	10min.
- Device Active Monitor States:** A table showing the status of various monitors.
 

Monitor	State
Interface (3) - 3 - eth0	Unknown
HTTP	Up at least 5 min
Ping	Up at least 5 min
Telnet	Up at least 5 min
- Tail of State Change Log:** A table showing the history of state changes.
 

Start Time	Monitor	State
Mon 06/22 2:24 PM	Telnet	Up at least 5 min
Mon 06/22 2:24 PM	HTTP	Up at least 5 min
Mon 06/22 2:23 PM	Ping	Up at least 5 min
Mon 06/22 2:19 PM	Telnet	Up
Mon 06/22 2:19 PM	HTTP	Up
Mon 06/22 2:18 PM	Ping	Up
Sat 06/20 8:16 PM	HTTP	Down at least 20 min
Sat 06/20 8:16 PM	Telnet	Down at least 20 min
Sat 06/20 8:16 PM	Ping	Down at least 20 min
Sat 06/20 8:01 PM	HTTP	Down at least 5 min
- Device Attributes:** A table showing various attributes of the device.
 

Name	Value
Brand:	
Category:	linux
Contact:	Sebastien
Description:	Linux MRTG200 2.6.5-7.257-default #1 Mon May 15 14:14:14 U...
Location:	Dev Lab
MACAddress:	
MACAddressVendor:	
Model:	
Name:	MRTG200
OID:	1.3.6.1.4.1.8072.3.2.10
- Device SNMP Details:** A section for SNMP-related information.

The bottom of the interface features a footer with the Ipswitch logo and navigation links for 'Knowledge Base', 'Training', and 'Ipswitch Inc.'. The footer also includes the text 'Ipswitch WhatsUp Gold Premium Edition v14.0 Technical Preview 3 Build 483' and a 'Trusted sites' status indicator.

## Configure Alert Center Thresholds

As soon as WhatsUp Gold is installed and your network is discovered, Alert Center begins monitoring and alerting on a variety of thresholds for devices across the network. Disk, CPU, interface, and memory utilization are tracked for all devices, as are ping response time and availability. If you are using Flow Monitor, additional thresholds are keyed to Flow Monitor data, exposing and alerting on network traffic that could indicate a problem.

**Alert Center Home**

View: All Filter by: No Filter Sort by: Items out of threshold

**Running Notification Policies**

Policy Name	Notification Progress	Triggered by	Time Created
There are currently no Running Notification Policies.			

**Performance Ping Availability Falls Below 95% (36 items)**

Description: Average Ping Availability during the past 30 minutes falls below 95%

Device	Interface	Percent packet Loss	Time Alerted
atl-sprecoff.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.133	66.7 %	Mon 05/01 2:58 PM
atl-build.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.42	66.7 %	Sat 05/00 12:26 PM
atl-build.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.39	66.7 %	Sat 05/00 12:26 PM
nmwld.servers.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.48	66.7 %	Sat 05/00 11:37 AM
EXCH2007	192.168.3.6	66.7 %	Sat 05/00 3:18 AM
DC	192.168.3.5	66.6 %	Sat 05/00 3:18 AM
atl-install-v14.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.253	66.6 %	Sat 05/00 3:18 AM
INSTALL.WND3	192.168.3.69	66.6 %	Sat 05/00 3:18 AM
atl-ci-main.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.62	66.6 %	Sat 05/00 3:18 AM
CINN03	192.168.3.204	66.7 %	Sat 05/00 3:18 AM
atl134.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.134	66.7 %	Fri 05/09 1:07 PM
atl-jhao3.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.131	66.7 %	Fri 05/09 10:29 AM
WKS116TEST	192.168.3.187	66.7 %	Wed 05/07 11:15 AM
ATL-QA64Btl	192.168.3.30	66.6 %	Fri 05/02 1:35 PM
ATL-QA2K8-64btl	192.168.3.214	0.0 %	Fri 05/02 9:05 AM
ATL132	192.168.3.132	66.7 %	Thu 05/01 8:18 AM
ATL103	192.168.3.103	66.7 %	Wed 05/00 5:07 PM
atl-brancheau.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.142	66.6 %	Wed 05/00 4:27 PM
d500-1.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.219	66.7 %	Wed 05/00 9:48 AM
ATL-JZ4A02-W2K8	192.168.3.114	66.6 %	Wed 05/00 9:18 AM
atl-jindemann.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.99	66.7 %	Tue 05/19 7:45 AM
atl-jindemann2.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.100	66.7 %	Tue 05/19 7:45 AM
SERVER03INSTALL	192.168.3.93	66.7 %	Mon 05/18 11:57 AM
ATL-QA2K3-64BIT	192.168.3.240	66.6 %	Mon 05/18 10:57 AM
JLWUGSQL	192.168.3.224	66.7 %	Mon 05/18 10:36 AM
atl-tphung.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	192.168.3.82	66.7 %	Mon 05/18 10:05 AM
JB-XP-VEEM	192.168.3.213	66.7 %	Mon 05/18 9:17 AM

**Performance CPU Utilization Exceeds 90% (7 items)**

Description: Average CPU Utilization during the past 30 minutes exceeds 90%

Device	CPU	Average Utilization	Time Alerted
atl-jbenton-lap.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	Intel (1)	97.7 %	Tue 06/02 2:00 PM
atl-jbenton-lap.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	Intel (2)	94.7 %	Tue 06/02 2:00 PM
JB-XP-VEEM	Intel (1)	91.0 %	Fri 05/29 1:35 PM
ATL132	Intel (1)	92.7 %	Tue 05/26 11:08 AM
atl-rdp1.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	Intel (1)	91.0 %	Fri 05/15 6:21 PM
atl-sayon3.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	Intel (1)	100.0 %	Fri 05/15 9:50 AM
ARENAMEDXPPRO	Intel (1)	100.0 %	Fri 05/15 9:20 AM

**Performance Disk Utilization Exceeds 95% (4 items)**

Description: Average Disk Utilization during the past 1 days exceeds 95%

Device	Disk	Average Utilization	Time Alerted
atl-brancheau.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	C:\	95.5 %	Sat 05/23 6:44 AM
atl-sayon3.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	C:\	95.6 %	Sat 05/16 6:41 AM
JJ-TEST	C:\	95.5 %	Sat 05/16 6:41 AM
atl-rdp1.ipswitch_m.ipswitch.com	C:\	96.2 %	Sat 05/16 6:41 AM

**NetFlow Conversation Partners Exceeds 1000**

Description: Hosts that sent or received data with more than 1000 conversation partners in the last 15 minutes

Host	Conversation Partners	Time Alerted
No Conversation Partner alert detail records.		

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You can create myriad of other thresholds to monitor other types of performance, passive, and Flow Monitor data, which can be applied to all devices collecting that type of data or to a select group of devices. For more information, see *Using the Alert Center* in the Help.

**Edit Disk Utilization Threshold**

Name: Performance Disk Utilization Exceeds 95%

**Threshold**  
The threshold will alert when:  
disk utilization exceeds 95 %  
for more than 1 days

**Devices to Monitor**  
Monitor all devices with disk performance data by default  
Select...

**Notification**  
IT Maintenance Team

**Threshold Check**  
Check threshold every 60 minutes.  
☐ Automatically resolve items no longer out of threshold

OK Cancel

Beginning in version 14.1, you can associate thresholds with WhatsConfigured plug-in tasks. Data for task thresholds is displayed in a workspace report on the Alert Center tab and can be emailed via Alert Center Notification Policies. For more information, see *Using Alert Center with WhatsConfigured* in the Help.

**WCF AC 2 (2 items)**

Description: WhatsConfigured scheduled task Backup Running Task running task Backup Running  
Config checking for configuration changes or failed configuration attempts or successful runs

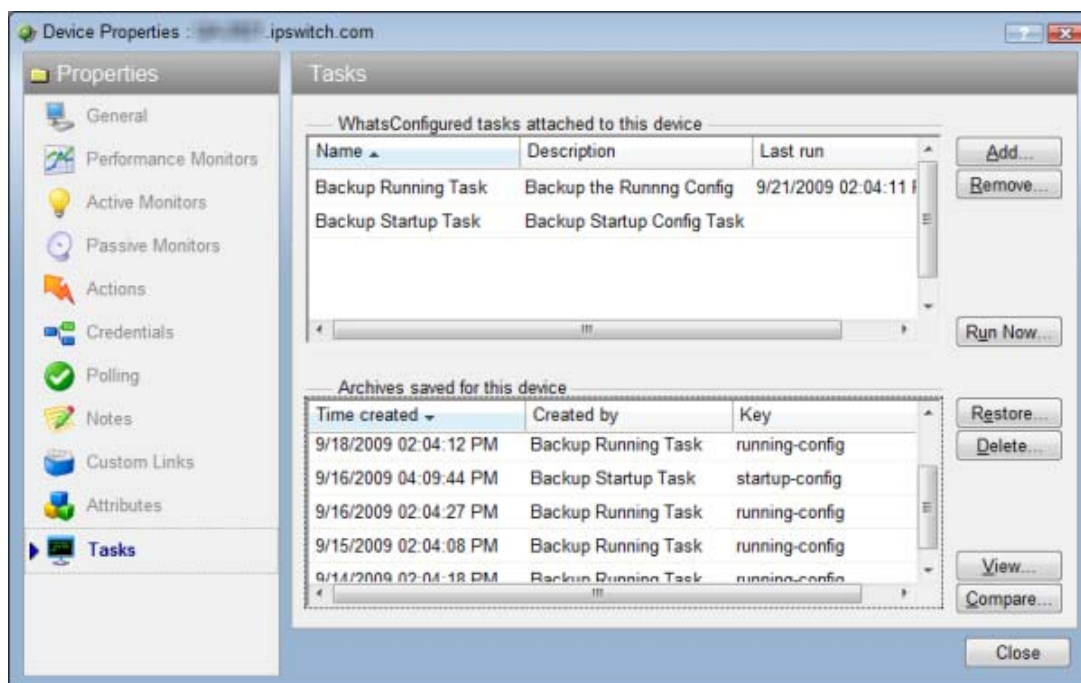
Device	Configuration Result	Time Alerted
QA-2821.ipswitch.com	Successful run	Mon 08/24 2:15 PM
QA-2821.ipswitch.com	Successful run	Mon 08/24 2:15 PM

## STEP 4: Manage the network

### Configure network devices (optional for WhatsConfigured users)

If you use the WhatsConfigured plug-in, you need to configure and assign credentials to communicate with devices you plan to manage on your network, configure task scripts and tasks, and assign tasks to the appropriate devices.

WhatsConfigured enables effective management of one of the most critical assets on your network—device configurations. As a fully integrated plug-in for WhatsUp Gold, WhatsConfigured automates the key configuration and change management tasks required to maintain and control configuration files for networking devices, reducing the risk of network outages caused by misconfigured devices. You can leverage this automated configuration to reduce the amount of time spent ensuring network devices are configured correctly, freeing valuable time.



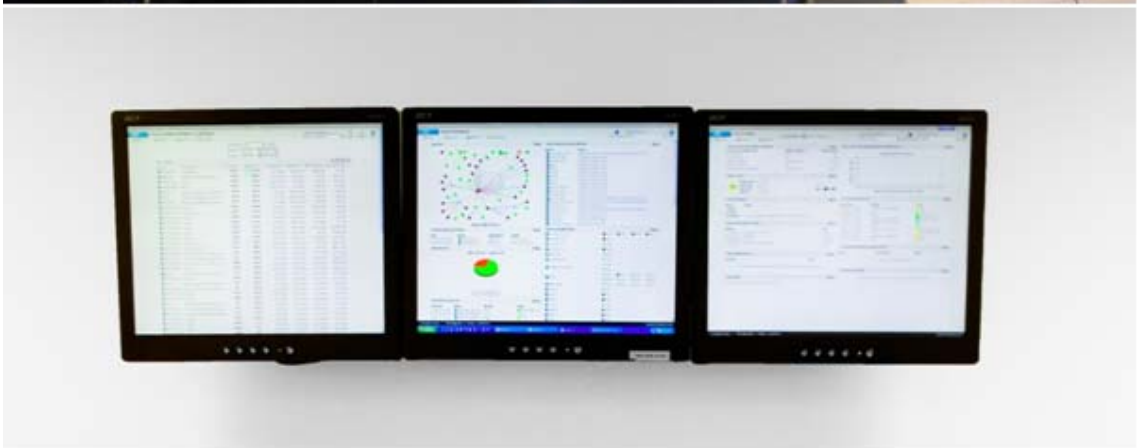
Configuration tasks can be scheduled to run on a regular basis or can be manually ran as needed to upload, download, and backup configuration files, manage device credentials, and more.

For more information, see the WhatsUp Gold WhatsConfigured Help.

## Configure a NOC display

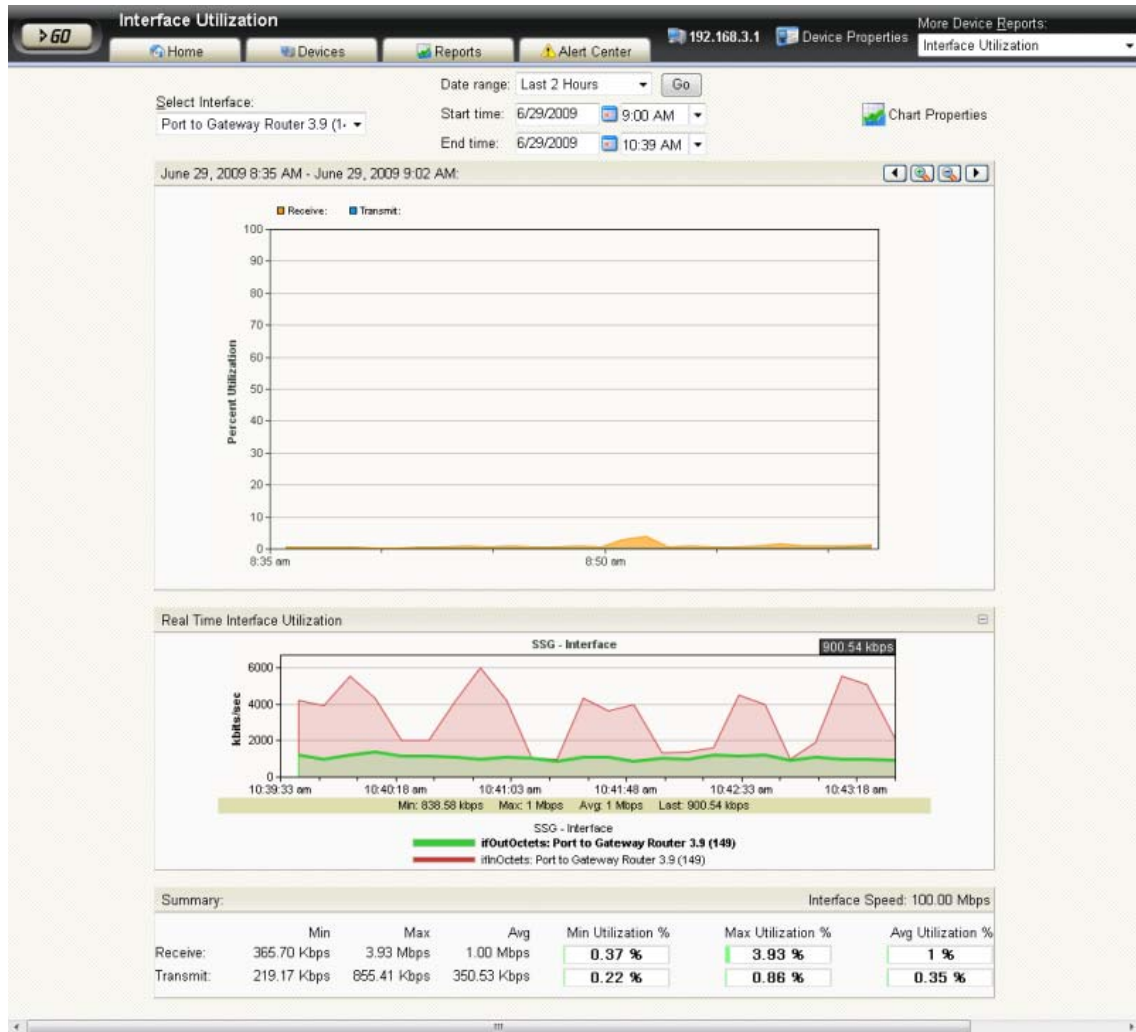
After you have discovered your network, configured WhatsUp Gold and other plug-ins, you can optionally extend the visibility WhatsUp Gold provides to your Network Operations Centers (NOC) using Dashboard.

Dashboard is a standalone utilitarian application included with WhatsUp Gold Premium, Distributed, and MSP editions. Dashboard cycles through report pages on the WhatsUp Gold web interface, providing network administrators with constant insight into network health. For more information, see *About the Dashboard Screen Manager* in the Help.



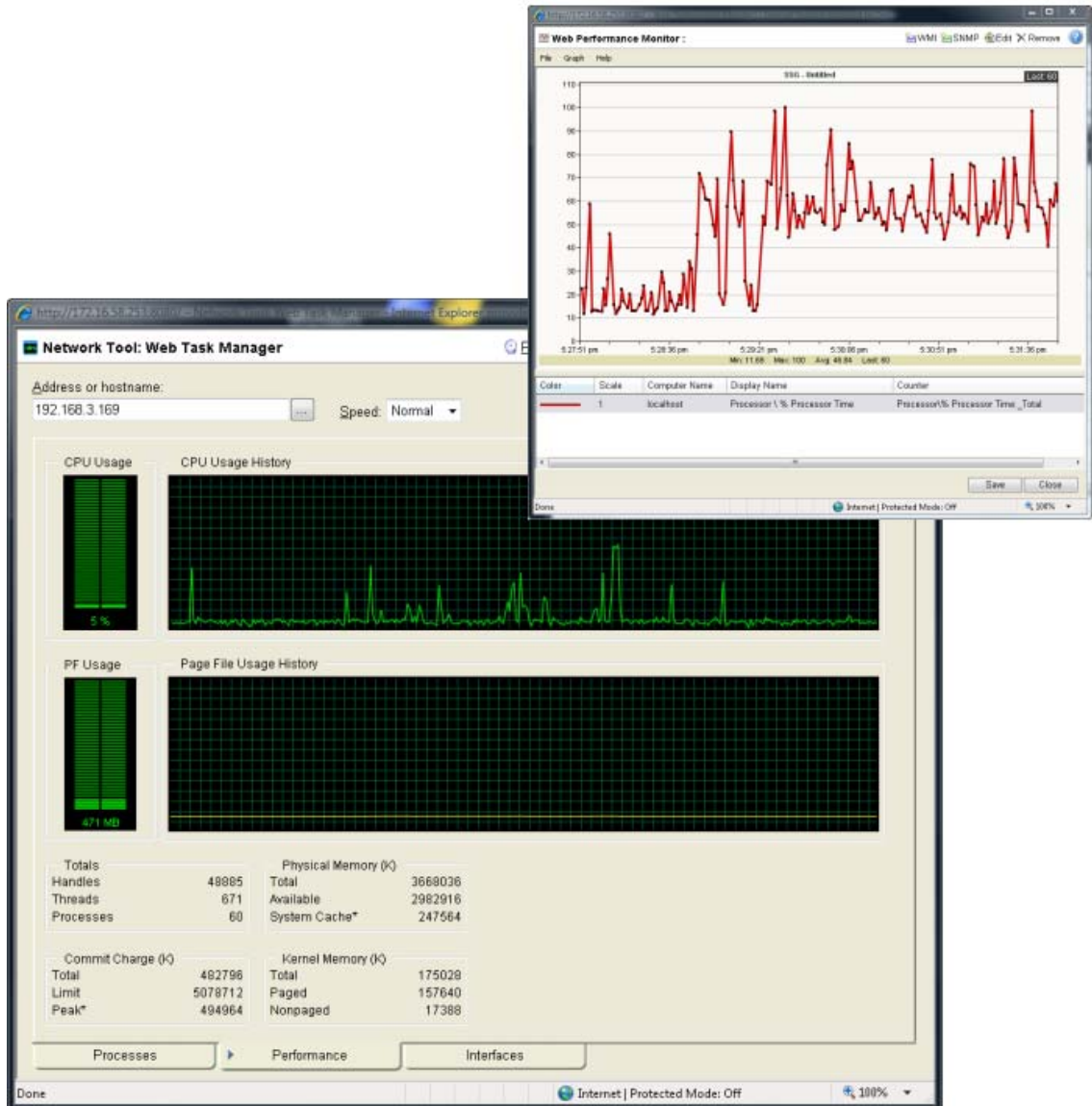
## Assess issues with real-time tools

Throughout reports in WhatsUp Gold, you can view InstantInfo popups, which let you see, in real-time, how the metric shown on a report is performing. For example, if you're viewing an interface utilization report for a device, InstantInfo popups allow you to see the real-time interface utilization. This helps you to quickly evaluate the health of the device.



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Similarly, you can use two network tools to view real-time data on network devices: the Web Task Manager and Web Performance Manager. Bringing the power of the Microsoft Windows Task Manager and Microsoft Windows Performance Monitor tools to the Web, these tools let you view real-time device data directly from the web interface.



### View reports on the go

With many network management solutions, the most information you can get from your cell phone is a notification of an issue. With WhatsUp Gold's mobile interface, you don't have to run to the computer every time you get a message about network health. The mobile web interface lets you view thirty-five WhatsUp Gold and Flow Monitor reports from virtually any modern mobile device, so you can troubleshoot issues as soon as you find out about them. For more information, see *Using WhatsUp Gold Mobile Access* in the Help.



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## CHAPTER 3

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## Common network management tasks

Use the information below to learn more about common network management tasks in WhatsUp Gold and the sections in the Help that pertain to those tasks.

To:	See:
Monitor performance (CPU, disk, memory, and interface use) for critical devices	Using Performance Monitors
Monitor standard IP services on a device, such as HTTP, FTP, or SMTP	Using Active Monitors
Listen for device events, such as authentication failures and Syslog messages.	Using Passive Monitors
Use reports to troubleshoot and monitor performance and historical data collected in WhatsUp Gold.	Using Full Reports
Set up workspace views for your users.	Understanding and Using Workspaces
Set up users and role-based security access.	Using the WhatsUp Gold Web Interface
Set up and route alerts to the appropriate network administrator.	Using Actions
Customize network maps to reflect your company's network topology.	Using Maps
Group devices by type, location, services, or some other attribute.	Managing Devices, Dynamic Groups
Set up user-configured thresholds and notification policies on performance monitors, passive monitors, WhatsUp Gold system health, the Flow Monitor plug-in, and the WhatsConfigured plug-in.	Using the Alert Center

## For more information and updates

Following are information resources for WhatsUp Gold. This information may be periodically updated and available on the *WhatsUp Gold web site* (<http://www.whatsupgold.com/support/index.aspx>).

- **Release Notes.** The release notes provide an overview of changes, known issues, and bug fixes for the current release. The notes also contain instructions for installing, upgrading, and configuring WhatsUp Gold. The release notes are available at **Start > Programs > Ipswitch WhatsUp Gold > Release Notes** or on the *WhatsUp Gold web site* (<http://www.whatsupgold.com/wug141relnotes>).
- **Application Help for the console and web interface.** The console and web help contain dialog assistance, general configuration information, and how-to's that explain how to use the features. The Table of Contents is organized by functional area, and can be accessed from the main menu or by clicking **Help** in the console, or the **?** icon in the web interface.
- **Additional WhatsUp Gold guides.** For a listing of current and previous guides and help files available for WhatsUp Gold's multiple versions, see the *WhatsUp Gold web site* (<http://www.whatsupgold.com/wug14guides>).
- **WhatsUp Gold optional plug-ins.** You can extend the core features of WhatsUp Gold by installing plug-ins. For information on available plug-ins and to see release notes for each plug-in, see *WhatsUp Gold plug-ins documentation* (<http://www.whatsupgold.com/wug14guides>).
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