# Service Assurance Report Pack

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User Guide



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# 1 Overview

This chapter covers the following topics:

- SAA and the Service Assurance Report Pack
- Folders and reports
- Integration with Network Node Manager (NNM)
- Ways to customize reports
- Sources for additional information

## SAA and the Service Assurance Report Pack

The following text is borrowed from a white paper from Cisco Systems:

SAA is an embedded, synthetic performance-monitoring tool to measure service performance from the network perspective. Because SAA is embedded in Cisco IOS Software, it is platform independent from all Cisco routers and switches running Cisco IOS Software.

Because SAA is an intelligent agent embedded in the router, it provides only raw statistics. The programmatic interface allows an external application to configure and retrieve performance metrics. The external application can then use the metrics to analyze and present the measurements graphically, as well as to generate service-level monitoring reports.

The raw statistics generated by SAA are stored in the CISCO-RTTMON-MIB. OpenView Performance Insight (OVPI) is an external application that polls this MIB and then processes the data it collects from the MIB in accordance with directives from the Service Assurance Report Pack. Using directives from the report pack, OVPI calculates the following statistics:

- Response time round-trip time for specific SAA tests
- Exception counts number of SAA tests that exceeded the threshold for response time
- Availability the ratio of successful SAA tests to total tests
- Jitter variation in the packet inter-arrival time
- Throughput an estimate of the bytes per second transmitted during an SAA test
- Number of transactions number of SAA tests completed
- Traffic volume number of bytes sent and received by an SAA source device
- MOS estimated Mean Opinion Score for VoIP tests

## Datapipes and NRT Reports

If you use the Cisco SAA Datapipe and only the Cisco SAA Datapipe, you will have one NRT report, the NRT Summary report in the Source-Destination-Application folder. If you use the Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe and the Cisco SAA Datapipe, you will have three NRT reports.

The Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe polls data from the Latest Test Table. How often the Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe polls the Latest Test Table is configurable. Because the Service Assurance Agent may conduct tests at a frequency that varies from test to test, the frequency of polling should not exceed the frequency of testing. The maximum rate of polling is once every 5 minutes.

## Configuring Routers for SAA Operations

The Service Assurance Agent will not operate unless someone configures it. Although the command line interface for IOS provides a way to configure SAA operations, run SAA operations, and view statistics, this approach to SAA configuration is awkward and slow, especially when multiple routers are involved. The Cisco SAA Datapipe includes a configuration utility that makes this task easier. You can use this utility to define which operations are conducted, the frequency of the operation, and the destination. For more information, see Chapter 4, Router Configuration.

## Version History

Version	Release Date	Features/Enhancements
1.0	May 2003	32 reports Sybase support
2.0	October 2003	OVPI Object Manager support MPLS VPN Aware Test Modify SAA Thresholds (form)
3.0	April 2004	<ul> <li>Oracle support</li> <li>Minor changes to property tables</li> <li>Minor changes to existing reports</li> <li>Removal of obsolete TEEL directives</li> <li>new datapipe:</li> <li>CiscoSAA_NRT_Datapipe</li> <li>new sub-package:</li> <li>Service Assurance NRT 1.0: <ul> <li>NRT - Latest Test</li> <li>Jitter NRT</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.0	August 2004	<ul> <li>new upgrade packages:</li> <li>UPGRADE_Service_Assurance_to_3</li> <li>UPGRADE_Service_Assurance_Location_to_3</li> </ul>

The following table provides details about recent enhancements to Service Assurance.

Version	Release Date	Features/Enhancements	
3.0	November 2004	<ul> <li>Service_Assurance_NRT 2.0:</li> <li>VoIP NRT - Latest Test (new report)</li> <li>Changes to NRT Latest Test: <ul> <li>Location</li> <li>ToS</li> <li>Tag</li> </ul> </li> <li>Changes to Jitter NRT: <ul> <li>Location</li> <li>ToS</li> <li>ToS</li> <li>Tag</li> </ul> </li> <li>CiscoSAA_Datapipe 5.5:</li> <li>Improved performance of stored procedures</li> <li>Support VoIP test (MOS data collection)</li> <li>CiscoSAA_NRT_Datapipe 2.0:</li> <li>Improved performance of stored procedures</li> <li>Support VoIP test (MOS data collection)</li> </ul>	
3.1	June 2005	defect fixes: Service_Assurance 3.1 Service_Assurance_Location 3.1 UPGRADE_Service_Assurance_to_31 UPGRADE_Service_Assurance_Location_to_31 CiscoSAA_Datapipe 5.6 CiscoSAA_NRT_Datapipe 2.1	

There is no upgrade path for Service\_Assurance\_NRT. If you are running version 1.0 and you want to install version 2.0, your first step is to delete version 1.0. After deleting version 1.0, restart Package Manager and install version 2.0. Although you will lose data when you delete version 1.0, OVPI will quickly recollect the data that you lost.

# Folders and Reports

Service Assurance 3.1 contains the following report folders:

- Application
- Customer
- Destination
- Jitter
- Location
- Source
- Source / Destination / Application
- NearRealTime

Folder	ports	
Application	<ul> <li>Application Exceptions by Source/Destination</li> <li>Application Forecast</li> <li>Application Forecast by Source/Destination</li> <li>Application Summary</li> <li>Application Top Ten</li> </ul>	
Customer	<ul> <li>Customer Forecast</li> <li>Customer Summary</li> <li>Customer Top Ten</li> </ul>	
Destination	<ul> <li>Destination Exceptions by Source / Application</li> <li>Destination Forecast</li> <li>Destination Forecast by Source / Application</li> <li>Destination Summary</li> <li>Destination Top Ten</li> </ul>	
Jitter	<ul> <li>Jitter Destination Summary</li> <li>Jitter Source/Destination Summary</li> <li>Jitter Source Summary</li> </ul>	
Location	<ul> <li>Application Exceptions by Location / Destination</li> <li>Application Forecast by Location / Destination</li> <li>Destination Exceptions by Location / Application</li> <li>Destination Forecast by Location / Application</li> <li>Location Summary</li> <li>Location Exceptions by Application / Destination</li> <li>Location Forecast</li> <li>Location Forecast by Application / Destination</li> <li>Location Forecast by Application / Destination</li> <li>Location Forecast by Application / Destination</li> </ul>	
Source	<ul> <li>Source Exceptions by Application / Destination</li> <li>Source Forecast</li> <li>Source Forecast by Application / Destination</li> <li>Source Summary</li> <li>Source Top Ten</li> </ul>	
Source/Dest/App	<ul> <li>Near Real Time Summary (collections once an hour)</li> <li>Source Destination Application Summary</li> </ul>	
NRT	<ul> <li>Near Real Time - Latest Test</li> <li>Jitter Near Real - Latest Test</li> <li>VoIP Near Real Time - Latest Test</li> </ul>	

The following table provides a list of the reports in each folder.

Following is a brief description of each generic report.

**Exception**. Shows elements that exceeded the predefined response time threshold during the previous day. The element can be a source, a destination, an application, or a location. Does not include jitter test results.

**Summary.** Displays aggregations of performance data for a particular perspective—a source, a destination, an application, a location, or a customer. Helps you identify anomalies and performance trends within the element group. Does not include jitter test results.

**Forecast.** Presents a summary of response time and throughput forecasts from different perspectives. Identifies the applications, sources, destinations, locations, or customers that are likely to have response time or throughput problems in the near future. Does not include jitter test results. Although some data will appear in forecast reports a few days after you install Service Assurance, reliable forecasting will not be available until the initial baseline is complete, about thirteen weeks after installation.

**Top Ten.** Identifies ten elements ranked by response time, throughput, and rate of change. Provides data tables for worst response time, projected response time, worst throughput, projected throughput, most transactions, and most traffic. Does not include jitter test results.

**Near Real Time.** Available in two flavors. The report in the Source/Destination/Application folder is produced from hourly data collected by the Cisco SAA Datapipe. This report provides a list of source/destination/application combinations with high exception counts. Updated hourly, this report also provides hourly and daily data for response time, throughput, transactions, traffic, exceptions, and availability. The three reports in the optional Service Assurance NRT module contain data collected by the Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe. These reports can be updated more frequently, as often as every 5 minutes.

**Jitter.** Displays total jitter tests and response time exceptions for each customer and deviation statistics for all devices belonging to each customer. Monitors response time, packet error types, deviation, and packet loss. Includes jitter test results only.

# Integration with Network Node Manager

If you use NNM as well as OVPI, you have the option of improving your ability to diagnose a problem by integrating OVPI with NNM. To integrate OVPI and NNM, install the Integration Module. The Integration Module contains packages for NNM and packages for OVPI.

If NNM and OVPI are integrated, you should install the optional thresholds sub-package that comes with Service Assurance. Installing the optional thresholds sub-package configures the Thresholds Module to monitor the database for threshold conditions and respond to breach conditions by taking one of several possible actions in accordance with category, severity, and destination parameters. The default response is to send a breach trap to NNM. The breach trap received by NNM becomes an alarm in the NNM alarm browser. The NNM operator responds to the alarm by launching the Near Real Time report in the Source/Destination/ Application folder.

Configuring the Thresholds Module is not necessary. You do not need to define an action or specify a destination for breach traps. However, you are free to modify category, severity, and destination parameters at any time. For details about these options, refer to the *Thresholds Module 5.0 User Guide*.

# Ways to Customize Reports

Service Assurance reports can be customized by applying group filters, by importing properties (customers and locations), by applying constraints, and by editing tables and graphs. If you intend to share reports with customers, you will use group filters to produce customer-specific reports. Any user can apply constraints to a report, or edit tables and graphs. For more information about view options for tables and graphs, see Chapter A, .

## **Group Filters**

If you intend to share your reports with customers, you will need to produce customer-specific reports. Creating customer-specific reports involves the following tasks:

- Importing customers and locations using Common Property Tables
- Creating a group account for all of the users affiliated with a particular customer
- Creating a group filter for the group account

For more information about group filters, refer to the OVPI 5.1 Administration Guide.

## Importing Property Data

The Cisco SAA Datapipe populates Service Assurance reports with SAA tests and IP addresses (or DNS names) for source and destination routers. Tests, addresses, and DNS names appear automatically. If you want to associate a customer and a location with a device, you must import this information yourself. To do that, use the change forms that come with Common Property Tables, or use the property import utility that comes with the Common Property Tables.

## **Editing Parameters**

Editing a parameter applies a constraint. The constraint filters out data you are not interested in seeing. If you edit Customer Name, data for every customer except the customer you typed in the Customer Name field drops from the report. If you edit Destination Location, data for all destination locations except the destination location you typed in the field drops from the report.

You can apply multiple constraints at once. Service Assurance supports the following parameters:

- Customer Name
- Customer ID
- Source Name
- Source Location
- Destination Name
- Destination Location
- Application (SAA test type)
- ToS (Type of Service)
- Tag (Test Tag defined in the source router)

If you are using the Web Access Server to view reports remotely, edit parameters by clicking the Edit Parameters icon at the bottom right-hand corner of the report. When the Edit Parameters window opens, enter the constraint in the field and click **Submit**.

If you are using Report Viewer, select **Edit > Parameter Values** from the menu bar. When the Modify Parameter Values window opens, click the **Current Value** field. Type a new value and click **OK**.

# Sources for Additional Information

This user guide provides samples of some of the reports in Service Assurance. The demo package that comes with Service Assurance contains a sample of every report in the package. If you have access to the demo package and you want to know what fully-populated reports look like, install the demo package. Like real reports, demo reports are interactive. Unlike real reports, demo reports are static.

For information regarding the latest enhancements to Service Assurance, any known issues affecting this package, and any known issues affecting the two datapipes associated with this package, refer to the *Service Assurance Report Pack 3.1 Release Statement*. You may also be interested in the following documents:

- Common Property Tables 3.5 User Guide
- Thresholds Module 5.0 User Guide
- NNM/OVPI Integration Module 2.0 User Guide
- OVPI Report Packs, Version 8.0: Release Notes, June 2005

Manuals for OVPI, and manuals for the reporting solutions that run on OVPI, can be downloaded from the following web site:

#### http://www.managementsoftware.hp.com

Select **Support** > **Product Manuals** to reach the **Product Manuals Search** page. The user guides for OVPI are listed under **Performance Insight**. The user guides for report packs and datapipes are listed under **Performance Insight Reporting Solutions**.

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# 2 The Upgrade Install

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Guidelines for a smooth upgrade to version 3.1
- Datapipes and remote pollers
- Custom table views
- Upgrading in a distributed environment
- Installing upgrade packages and the new datapipes

# Guidelines for a Smooth Upgrade

The June 2005 report pack CD contains the latest report packs and datapipes. When you insert the report pack CD in the CD-ROM drive and start the package extraction program, the install script extracts every package from the CD to the Packages directory on your system. When the extract finishes, the install script prompts you to launch OVPI and start Package Manager. Before using Package Manager, review the following guidelines.

## Prerequisites for the Upgrade

The following software must already be installed before upgrading to Service Assurance 3.1:

- OVPI 5.0 or higher
- Any available service pack for the version of OVPI (5.0 or 5.1) you are running
- Service Assurance 1.0, 2.0, or 3.0
- Cisco SAA Datapipe (version 5.5 or earlier)
- Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe 1.0

You can find information about OVPI service packs, including installation instructions, in the release notes issued with the service pack.

## Upgrading Common Property Tables

If you are running an older version of Service Assurance on any server, you are probably running an older version of Common Property Tables. Service Assurance requires Common Property Tables 3.0 or higher. Upgrading to version 3.5 is recommended. Do not install the "to\_3.5" upgrade package for Common Property Tables *and* other packages at the same time. Install the upgrade package for Common Property Tables and *only* the upgrade package for Common Property Tables.

## **Datapipes and Remote Pollers**

When you uninstall an existing datapipe, the following information is lost:

- Single polling policy for a remote poller
- Cloned polling policies for multiple remote pollers
- Customized polling groups

To prevent this information from being lost, you can export existing polling policy configurations and customized polling groups by using the following commands:

- collection\_manager
- group\_manager

### **Exporting Polling Policy Configurations**

If your environment contains polling policies for remote pollers, use the collection\_manager command to export existing policy configurations to a file.

UNIX: As user trendadm, run the following command:

#### cd \$DPIPE\_HOME

#### ./bin/collection\_manager -export -file /tmp/savePollingPolicy.lst

*Windows:* As Administrator, launch a command window. Navigate to the OVPI install directory and execute the following command:

#### bin\collection\_manager -export -file \temp\savePollingPolicy.lst

### **Exporting Polling Group Configurations**

If your environment contains customized polling groups, use the group\_manager command to export groups to individual .xml files.

UNIX: As user trendadm, execute the following command:

#### cd \$DPIPE\_HOME

#### ./bin/group\_manager -export\_all -outfile /tmp/savePollingGroups

*Windows:* As Administrator, launch a command window, then navigate to the OVPI install directory and execute the following command:

#### bin\group\_manager -export\_all -outfile \temp\savePollingGroups

### Custom Table Views

If you created one or more custom table views, the views you created may interfere with the report pack upgrade process, causing the process to fail. Whether your custom table views interfere with the upgrade process depends on how you created them. If you created them using SQL, the upgrade will succeed, however, your custom views will not be available once the upgrade is complete. If you created them using Datapipe Manager, the upgrade is likely to fail. To prevent the upgrade from failing, delete custom table views before you upgrade the report pack, then recreate them after the report pack is upgraded.

## Installing Service Assurance NRT 2.0

The Service Assurance NRT 2.0 sub-package includes one new report and modifications to two existing reports. There is no upgrade path. If you want to install version 2.0, first delete version 1.0, then install version 2.0.

# **Distributed Environments**

If you are running Service Assurance as a distributed system, the central server, every satellite server, and every remote poller must be running the same version of OVPI and all available Service Packs. Follow these steps to upgrade a distributed system:

- 1 Disable trendcopy on the central server.
- 2 Install the upgrade package for the report pack; deploy reports.
- 3 Install the upgrade package for locations.
- 4 Remove Cisco SAA Datapipe (version 5.5 or earlier) and Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe 1.0 from the central server.
- **5** Install the following datapipes:
  - Cisco SAA Datapipe 5.6
  - Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe 2.1
- **6** For each satellite server:
  - Install the "to\_31" upgrade package for the report pack
  - Install the "to\_31" upgrade package for locations.
  - Remove these packages:
    - Cisco SAA Datapipe (version 5.0 or earlier)
    - Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe 1.0
  - Install the following datapipes:
    - Cisco SAA Datapipe 5.6
    - Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe 2.1
- 7 Re-enable trendcopy on the central server.

## Installing Upgrade Packages and New Datapipes

Perform the following tasks to upgrade to Service Assurance 3.1:

- Task 1: Stop OVPI Timer and extract packages from the product CD
- Task 2: Upgrade to the latest release of Common Property Tables
- Task 3: Install the "to\_31" upgrade package for the report pack
- Task 4: Install these packages:
  - UPGRADE\_Service\_Assurance\_Location\_to\_31

- Service Assurance Thresholds (optional)
- Service Assurance NRT (optional)
- Task 5: Uninstall old datapipes:
  - Cisco SAA Datapipe (version 5.5 or earlier)
  - Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe 1.0.
- Task 6: Install new datapipes:
  - Cisco SAA Datapipe 5.6
  - Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe 2.1

Task 1: Extract packages from the product CD to the Packages directory

- 1 Log in to the system. On UNIX systems, log in as root.
- 2 Stop OVPI Timer and wait for processes to terminate.

*Windows*: Select Settings > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services

UNIX: As root, type one of the following:

HP-UX: sh /sbin/ovpi\_timer stop

Sun: sh /etc/init.d/ovpi\_timer stop

- 3 Insert the June 2005 report pack CD in the CD-ROM drive. On Windows, a main menu appears automatically. On UNIX, mount the CD, navigate to the top level directory on the CD, and run the */setup* command.
- 4 Type 1 in the choice field and press **Enter**. The install script displays a percentage complete bar. When the copy is complete, the install script starts Package Manager. The Package Manager welcome window opens.

Once the copy to the Packages directory is complete, you have the option of navigating to the Packages directory to see the results. The Packages directory contains separate folders for Service Assurance and each datapipe. The following folders appear under Service Assurance:

- Service\_Assurance.ap
- Service\_Assurance\_Demo.ap
- Service\_Assurance\_Location.ap
- Service\_Assurance\_NRT.ap
- Service\_Assurance\_Thresholds.ap
- UPGRADE\_Service\_Assurance\_to\_31.ap
- UPGRADE\_Service\_Assurance\_Location\_to\_31.ap

The following folder appears under Cisco SAA Datapipe:

• Cisco\_SAA\_Datapipe.ap

The following folder appears under Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe:

• Cisco\_SAA\_NRT\_Datapipe.ap

#### Task 2: Upgrade to Common Property Tables 3.5

Service Assurance 2.0 required Common Property Tables 2.2. If you have not already upgraded to Common Property Tables 3.5, do this now. When you upgrade Common Property Tables, do not install other packages at the same time. Install the "to\_3.5" upgrade package for Common

Property Tables and *only* the upgrade package for Common Property Tables. If you need help with the upgrade, refer to the *Common Property Tables 3.5 User Guide*.

Task 3: Install the upgrade package for the report pack

- 1 Start Package Manager. The Package Manager welcome window opens.
- 2 Click Next. The Package Location window opens.
- **3** Click **Install**. Approve the default installation directory, or select a different directory if necessary.
- 4 Click **Next**. The Report Deployment window opens. Accept the default for Deploy Reports; accept the defaults for application server name and port. Type your user name and password for the OVPI Application Server.
- 5 Click Next. The Package Selection window opens.
- 6 Click the check box next to the following package:

UPGRADE\_Service\_Assurance\_to\_31

- 7 Click Next. The Type Discovery window opens. Disable the default.
- 8 Click Next. The Selection Summary window opens.
- **9** Click **Install**. The Installation Progress window opens and the install begins. When installation finishes, an install complete message appears.
- **10** Click **Done**.



Do not be surprised if the upgrade package you just installed seems to have disappeared. The install wizard displays what you just installed as *Service Assurance 3.1*. This is not an error.

Task 4: Install UPGRADE Service Assurance Location and optional packages (thresholds and NRT)

- 1 Start Package Manager. The Package Manager welcome window opens.
- 2 Click Next. The Package Location window opens.
- 3 Click Install.
- 4 Click **Next**. The Report Deployment window opens. Accept the default for Deploy Reports; accept the defaults for application server name and port. Type your user name and password for the OVPI Application Server.
- 5 Click Next. The Package Selection window opens.
- 6 Click the check box next to the following packages:
  - UPGRADE\_Service\_Assurance\_Location\_to\_31
  - Service\_Assurance\_Thresholds
  - Service\_Assurance\_NRT
- 7 Click Next. The Type Discovery window opens. Disable the default.
- 8 Click Next. The Selection Summary window opens.
- **9** Click **Install**. The Install Progress window opens. When installation finishes, an install complete message appears.
- 10 Click Done.

#### Task 5: Remove old datapipes

- 1 Start Package Manager. The Package Manager welcome window opens.
- 2 Click Next. The Package Location window opens.
- 3 Click Uninstall.
- 4 Click **Next**. The Report Undeployment window opens. Accept the default for Undeploy Reports; also accept the defaults for application server name and port. Type your user name and password for the OVPI Application Server.
- 5 Click Next. The Package Selection window opens.
- 6 Click the check box next to the following package:

Cisco\_SAA\_Datapipe Cisco\_SAA\_NRT\_Datapipe

- 7 Click Next. The Type Discovery window opens. Disable the default.
- 8 Click Next. The Selection Summary window opens.
- **9** Click **Uninstall**. The Progress window opens and the removal process begins. When removal finishes, a package removal complete message appears.
- **10** Click **Done**.

#### Task 6: Install new datapipes and restart OVPI Timer

- 1 Start Package Manager. The Package Manager welcome window opens.
- 2 Click Next. The Package Location window opens.
- **3** Click **Install**. Approve the default installation directory or select a different directory if necessary.
- 4 Click **Next**. The Report Deployment window opens. Accept the default for Deploy Reports; accept the defaults for application server name and port. Type your user name and password for the OVPI Application Server.
- 5 Click Next. The Package Selection window opens.
- 6 Click the check box next to the following packages:
  - Cisco\_SAA\_Datapipe 5.6
  - Cisco\_SAA\_NRT\_Datapipe 2.1
- 7 Click Next. The Type Discovery window opens. Disable the default.
- 8 Click Next. The Selection Summary window opens.
- **9** Click **Install**. The Install Progress window opens. When installation finishes, an install complete message appears.
- 10 Click Done.
- 11 Restart OVPI Timer.

*Windows*: Select Settings > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services

UNIX: As root, type one of the following:

HP-UX: sh /sbin/ovpi\_timer start

Sun: sh /etc/init.d/ovpi\_timer start

# 3 The New Install

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Guidelines for a smooth install of Service Assurance 3.1
- Installing the report pack
- Accessing deployed reports
- New object categories in the object model
- Package removal

## Guidelines for a Smooth Install

When you insert the June 2005 report pack CD in the CD-ROM drive and launch the package extraction program, the install script extracts every package from the CD and copies the results to the Packages directory on your system. When the extract finishes, the install script prompts you to launch OVPI and start Package Manager. Before running Package Manager, review the following guidelines.

### Prerequisites for a New Install

The following software must be installed before installing Service Assurance 3.1:

- OVPI 5.0 or OVPI 5.1
- Any service pack available for the version of OVPI (5.0 or 5.1) you are running

You will find information about each service pack, including installation instructions, in the release notes issued with the service pack.

## Upgrading Common Property Tables

If you are running an older version of Common Property Tables, version 2.2 or 3.0, upgrade to 3.5. Installing the "to\_3.5" upgrade package is no different from installing other upgrade package, however, you cannot install the upgrade for Common Property Tables *and* other packages at the same time. Install the upgrade package for Common Property Tables and *only* the upgrade package for Common Property Tables.

### Integration with NNM: Threshold Alarms

If OVPI and NNM are integrated, you have the option of launching Service Assurance reports from NNM in response to threshold breaches detected by OVPI. To take advantage of this feature, install the thresholds sub-package, Service\_Assurance\_Thresholds.

Service\_Assurance\_Thresholds provides default threshold settings. The thresholds sub-package cannot operate without the Threshold and Event Generation Module, commonly known as the Thresholds Module. If you select the thresholds sub-package for installation, Package Manager will install the Thresholds Module for you, automatically.

## **Distributed Environments**

If you are running Service Assurance as a distributed system, the central server, every satellite server, and every remote poller must have OVPI 5.0 installed. Following is an overview of the installation procedure for distributed environments:

- 1 Disable trendcopy on the central server.
- 2 Install the following packages on the central server:
  - Service Assurance 3.1; deploy reports.
  - Service Assurance Location 3.1
  - Service Assurance Thresholds (optional)
  - Service Assurance NRT (optional)
  - Cisco SAA Datapipe 5.6
  - Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe 2.1
- **3** Install the following packages on each satellite server:
  - Service Assurance 3.1
  - Service Assurance Location 3.1
  - Service Assurance Thresholds (optional)
  - Service Assurance NRT (optional)
  - Cisco SAA Datapipe 5.6
  - Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe 2.1
- 4 Re-enable trendcopy on the central server.

After the installation is complete, you must set up connections with satellite server databases, configure trendcopy pull commands, and switch off daily aggregations at each satellite server. These steps are covered in Chapter 5, Package Configuration.

# Installing Service Assurance 3.1

Perform the following tasks to install Service Assurance 3.1:

- Task 1: Extract packages from the report pack CD
- Task 2: If necessary, upgrade to Common Property Tables 3.5
- Task 3: Install the following packages:
  - Service\_Assurance 3.1
  - Cisco\_SAA\_Datapipe 5.6
  - Cisco\_SAA\_NRT\_Datapipe 2.1

If desired, install the optional sub-packages when you install the report pack.

Task 1: Extract packages from the report pack CD to the Packages directory

- 1 Log in to the system. On UNIX systems, log in as root.
- 2 Stop OVPI Timer and wait for processes to terminate.

Windows: Select Settings > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services

UNIX: As root, type one of the following:

HP-UX: sh /sbin/ovpi\_timer stop

Sun: sh /etc/init.d/ovpi\_timer stop

- **3** Insert the report pack CD in the CD-ROM drive. On Windows, a Main Menu displays automatically. On UNIX, the CD may or may not mount automatically; if it does not mount automatically, navigate to the top level directory on the CD, and run the *./setup* command.
- 4 Type 1 in the choice field and press **Enter**. The install script displays a percentage complete bar. When the copy is complete, the install script starts Package Manager. The Package Manager install wizard opens.

When the copy to the Packages directory is complete, you can navigate to the Packages directory to see the results. The Packages directory contains separate folders for Service Assurance and each datapipe. The following folders appear under Service Assurance:

- Service\_Assurance.ap
- Service\_Assurance\_Demo.ap
- Service\_Assurance\_Location.ap
- Service\_Assurance\_NRT.ap
- Service\_Assurance\_Thresholds.ap
- UPGRADE\_Service\_Assurance\_to\_31.ap
- UPGRADE\_Service\_Assurance\_Location\_to\_31.ap

The following folder appears under Cisco SAA Datapipe:

• Cisco\_SAA\_Datapipe.ap

The following folder appears under Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe:

• Cisco\_SAA\_NRT\_Datapipe.ap

You may ignore the upgrade packages. Installing the demo package is optional. You may install the demo package by itself, with no other packages, or you may install the demo package along with everything else.

#### Task 2: Upgrade to Common Property Tables 3.5

If you are not running any version of Common Property Tables, let Package Manager install Common Property Tables for you. If you are running an earlier version, 2.2 or 3.0, upgrade Common Property Tables by installing the "to\_3.5" upgrade packages. Do not install other packages when you do this; install the upgrade package for Common Property Tables and *only* the upgrade package for Common Property Tables. When Package Manager indicates that installation is complete, click **Done** to return to the Management Console.

Task 3: Install Service Assurance 3.1, the datapipes, and optional sub-packages

- 1 Start Package Manager. The Package Manager install wizard opens.
- 2 Click Next. The Package Location window opens.

- **3** Click **Install**. Approve the default installation directory, or select a different directory if necessary.
- 4 Click **Next**. The Report Deployment window opens. Accept the default for Deploy Reports; accept the defaults for application server name and port. Type your user name and password for the OVPI Application Server.
- 5 Click **Next**. The Package Selection window opens. Click the check box next to the following packages:

Service\_Assurance Service\_Assurance\_Location Service\_Assurance\_NRT Service\_Assurance\_Thresholds Cisco\_SAA\_Datapipe 5.6 Cisco\_SAA\_NRT\_Datapipe 2.1



If your system is distributed, the Location and Thresholds sub-packages belong on the central server *only*, not on satellite servers.

- 6 Click Next. The Type Discovery window opens. Keep the default.
- 7 Click Next. The Selection Summary window opens.
- 8 Click Install. The Install Progress window opens and the installation begins. When the installation finishes, an install complete message appears.
- 9 Click **Done** to return to the Management Console.
- 10 Restart OVPI Timer.

Windows: Select Settings > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services

UNIX: As root, type one of the following:

HP-UX: sh /sbin/ovpi\_timer start

Sun: sh /etc/init.d/ovpi\_timer start

### Accessing Deployed Reports

When you installed this report pack, you enabled the Deploy Reports option. As a result, the reports in this package (as well as any forms that come with this package) were deployed to the OVPI Application Server. Once reports and forms reside on the OVPI Application Server, you have two ways to view them:

- OVPI client applications
- Web browser

If you have the client applications, you have access to Report Viewer, Report Builder, and the Management Console. If you don't have the client applications, using a web browser to view reports is the only way you can view reports.

For more information about the clients, refer to the *OVPI 5.1 Installation Guide*. For details about the Management Console, including how to use the Object/Property Management view to launch reports specific to a selected object, refer to the *OVPI 5.1 Administration Guide*.

## New Object Categories in the Object Model

An object is any item that has performance data associated with it. Devices, customers, and locations are object categories that belong to OVPI's default object model. When you select an object in the object model, the right side of the Object/Property Management window refreshes, showing a list of forms under **General Tasks**, a list of forms under **Object Specific Tasks**, and a list of reports under **Object Specific Reports**.

The object tree changes each time you install a new report pack. Some report packs will add a new class of objects or services that do not fit within the default model. When this happens, the report pack adds a new view. To open the new view, select **View > Change View**.

Service Assurance adds the following object categories to the OVPI object model:

- SAA\_Source
- SAA\_Destination
- SAA\_Application

# Package Removal

Follow these steps to uninstall Service Assurance and the Cisco SAA Datapipe.

- 1 Log in to the system. On UNIX systems, log in as root.
- 2 Stop OVPI timer and wait for processes to terminate.

*Windows*: Select Settings > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services

UNIX: As root, type one of the following:

HP-UX: sh /sbin/ovpi\_timer stop

Sun: sh /etc/init.d/ovpi\_timer stop

- 3 Launch Performance Insight and start Package Manager. The Package Manager welcome window opens.
- 4 Click Next. The Package Location window opens.
- 5 Click the Uninstall radio button.
- 6 Click Next. The Report Undeployment window opens.
- 7 Click the check box next to the following packages:

Service\_Assurance Service\_Assurance\_Locations (if installed) Service\_Assurance\_NRT (if installed) Service\_Assurance\_Thresholds (if installed) Service\_Assurance\_Demo (if installed) Cisco\_SAA\_Datapipe Cisco\_SAA\_NRT\_Datapipe (if installed)

8 Click Next. The Uninstall Packages window opens.

**9** Click **Uninstall.** The Progress window opens. When the removal finishes, a removal complete message appears.

- **10** Click **Done** to return to the Management Console.
- 11 Restart OVPI Timer.

*Windows*: Select Settings > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services *UNIX*: As root, type one of the following:

HP-UX: sh /sbin/ovpi\_timer start

Sun: sh /etc/init.d/ovpi\_timer start

# 4 Router Configuration

The Cisco SAA Datapipe 5.0 supports the following SAA tests:

- Echo
- udpEcho
- tcpConnect
- HTTP
- DNS
- DLSw
- DHCP
- FTP
- Jitter
- MPLS VPN Aware Cisco IOS 12.2(2)T or later
- VoIP UDP (Cisco IOS 12.3(4)T or later

Although you can configure SAA tests using the Cisco IOS Command Line Interface and the SNMPSET command, these techniques are not that easy to use, especially when multiple routers are involved. To make this task easier and faster, use CiscoSAA\_Config. This is a Perl module that functions as a batch-mode SAA test configuration utility for source routers.

# CiscoSAA\_Config

CiscoSAA\_Config resides inside the Cisco SAA Datapipe package. The full path is:

\$DPIPE\_HOME/packages/CiscoSAA\_Datapipe/CiscoSAA\_Config

CiscoSAA\_Config consists of two perl scripts and one XML file.

**CiscoSAAConfig.pl.** Perl script that reads an XML configuration file and sets SAA operations in a router.

**CiscoSAADelete.pl.** Perl script that deletes the SAA operations that were set by the CiscoSAAConfig script.

**CiscoSAAConfig.xml.** XML file that defines MIB values in the CISCO-RTTMON-MIB; includes some examples of SAA operations with nominal IP address.

The following Perl modules are required to run this utility:

- Getopt::Std
- Cwd
- File::Spec

- Net::SNMP
- XML::Simple

You should have no problem running CiscoSAA\_Config on the OVPI server. To verify that no modules are missing and that all modules are correctly installed, run the following command:

perl -e "use Getopt::Std;use Cwd; use File::Spec; use Net::SNMP; XML::Simple"

# Using an XML Block to Define an Operation

Each SAA operation is defined by an XML block. For each operation, only basic arguments are defined. Additional arguments can be defined based on the CISCO-RTTMON-MIB. The value of some arguments (excluding MIBName and ValueType) should be modified to fit your network and SAA target information. These arguments are located in the last few arguments in each operation block.

For example, the following block defines an Echo operation:

```
<Operation Name="ECHO">
<!-- Following arguments cannot be modified -->
<OperationArg MIBName="rttMonCtrlAdminRttType" ValueType="i">1</
OperationArg>
<OperationArg MIBName="rttMonEchoAdminProtocol" ValueType="i">2</
OperationArg>
<!-- Following arguments are required and must be modified -->
<OperationArg MIBName="rttMonEchoAdminTargetAddress"
ValueType="d">192.15.115.22</OperationArg>
<!-- Following arguments are optional and could be modified -->
<OperationArg MIBName="rttMonCtrlAdminTag" ValueType="s">SNMP_ECHO
OperationArg>
<OperationArg MIBName="rttMonCtrlAdminThreshold" ValueType="i">1000
OperationArg>
<OperationArg MIBName="rttMonCtrlAdminFrequency" ValueType="i">600
OperationArg></Operation>
```

When you configure an Echo operation in your router using this example, you have to change the value of the rttMonEchoAdminTargetAddress to the IP address of your target device.

# **Configuration Script Syntax**

Use the main configuration script as follows:

```
Perl CiscoSAAConfig.pl -a router_address [-c community] [-f
XML_config_file] [-m] [-h]
```

where:

- -a Cisco Router IP address, required argument
- -c read/write community string, default is *private*
- -f name of XML configuration file, default is CiscoSAAConfig.xml

• **-m** enable writing the SAA probes into the non-volatile memory, default is 0 (false)



If this option is set to 1, you must log in to the source router and enter the command write after this script runs.

• -h help

# **Delete Script Syntax**

The configuration script will hard-code the lifetime of all operations as *forever*. If you want to delete the SAA operations that have been set in the router, run the CiscoSAADelete.pl script. Use this script as follows:

```
Perl CiscoSAADelete.pl -a <router address> [-c <community>] [-b] [<SAA
Test Index> ...] [-h]
```

Where:

- -a Cisco Router IP address, a required argument
- -c community string, default is *private*
- -b delete all SAA tests
- <SAA Test Index> delete one or more SAA tests
- -h help

If you do not enter an SAA index or use the **-b** option, the script will return all SAA indexes in the router. This is one way to find out which SAA tests have been configured. Once you know which SAA tests have been configured, you can use the SAA index value (the number after the last "dot" sign) to delete the SAA test you want to stop.

# Other Approaches to Configuring SAA Tests

You have three other approaches to SAA test configuration:

- Command Line Interface (CLI)
- Cisco's VPN Solution Center
- Cisco Works

For more information about using the CLI, go here:

http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios120/120newft/120t/ 120t5/saaoper.htm

For more information about the VPN Solution Center, go here:

http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/779/servpro/operate/csm/nemnsw/vpn/prodlit/

For more information about Cisco Works, go here:

http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/cc/pd/wr2k/index.shtml

# 5 Package Configuration

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Default thresholds in the Service\_Assurance\_Thresholds sub-package
- Using the Modify SAA Thresholds form to change default values
- Distributed Systems

You can modify the exception thresholds for all the devices owned by one customer, for all the devices in one location, for all the test operations initiated from one device, or for a subset of test operations initiated by one device belonging to one customer.

# Defaults in Service\_Assurance\_Thresholds

The Service\_Assurance\_Thresholds sub-package imposes thresholds for two MIB counters:

- Number of response time exceptions
- Number of test failures

The actual threshold for response time is controlled by Cisco IOS. To configure the threshold, use CiscoSAA\_config, the test configuration utility described in the previous chapter. You will probably want to set this parameter on a test-by-test basis. For any one test, the threshold can vary from destination to destination.

The thresholds sub-package monitors the response time exceptions counter and the test failures counter. When either counter breaches the threshold, the thresholds sub-package sends a trap to the network management system. (If OVPI is currently integrated with Network Node Manager, the Thresholds Module will, by default, send threshold traps to your NNM server.) The following table indicates the default for each threshold category and the severity level for each threshold breach.

MIB Counter	OVPI Threshold	Condition for NNM Alarm	Severity
Response Time	Exception Hour	75% of tests exceed the threshold for response time.	Minor
	Exception Day	50% of tests exceed the threshold for response time.	Major
Test Failures Failed Hour		100% of tests failed.	Warning
	Failed Day	100% of tests failed.	Critical



For details about the Thresholds Module, such as how to enable multiple types of traps or how to set up multiple trap destinations, refer to the *Thresholds Module 5.0 User Guide*.

# The Thresholds Form

Service Assurance provides a form for modifying the default thresholds for:

- Exception Hour
- Exception Day

The other two fields in this form, Failed Hour and Failed Day, cannot be modified. Although there is only one form, the contents of the form will change depending on where you are in the object tree. The object tree provides these objects:

- Default [Device]
- Customer
- Location

You may apply your modification to all the devices belonging to one customer, to selected devices belonging to one customer, or to one device belonging to one customer. If you are modifying the thresholds for one device, you may apply the modification to every application (test operation) or to selected applications.

Follow these steps to open the form:

- 1 Start the Management Console.
- 2 Click **Objects**. In the **Object/Property Management** pane, navigate to a customer, a location, or a device. For each customer, your options are:
  - Device
  - SAA\_Application
  - SAA\_Destination
  - SAA\_Source
- 3 Highlight an object. You will see the Modify SAA Thresholds form listed under Object Specific Tasks.

**4** Double-click **Modify SAA Thresholds**. The form opens.

	ues and close the window	v. Click the Apply butto	-	er the new threshold values. Cli the database and leave the win
urther modificat	ions. Click the Cancel b Hold Ct	SAA Test Sel rl or Shift key to se		
Source	Destination	Application	HourlyThreshold	DailyThreshold
default	default	ALL	75.00	50.00
Cisco448	192.15.96.2	diswApp1:0	75.00	50.00
Cisco448	192.15.115.2	ipUdpEchoAppl:1	75.00	50.00
Cisco446	192.15.115.22	iplompEcho:5	75.00	50.00
Cisco448	192.15.115.22	ipTcpConn:2:80	75.00	50.00
Cisco448	192.15.115.22	ipUdpEchoAppl:1	75.00	50.00
Cisco448	192.15.128.31	dhopAppl:0	75.00	50.00
Cisco448	192.15.128.51	dnsApp1:0	75.00	50.00
Cisco448	ultra/README.bd	ftpApp1:0	75.00	50.00
Cisco1700	192.15.115.22	iplompEcho:0	75.00	50.00
	ExceptionThreshold	75.0 se	Hourly ExceptionRate is gr nd a trap to NNM. Daily ExceptionRate is grea nd a trap to NNM.	

**5** Modify one or both defaults.

If you want to modify multiple, contiguous test operations, hold down the **SHIFT** key and use the mouse to highlight multiple test operations. If you want to modify individual test operations, hold down the **CTRL** key and use the mouse to select individual test operations.

6 Click **Apply** to save changes, **OK** to save changes and close the form, or **Cancel** to close the form without saving changes.

# **Distributed Systems**

If you intend to run Service Assurance as a distributed system, you need to configure every server in the system. Before doing that, use the following table to verify that datapipes and optional packages are installed where they need to be installed.

Central Server	Satellite Server
Service Assurance	Service Assurance
Common Property Tables	Common Property Tables

Central Server	Satellite Server
Thresholds Module	Thresholds Module
Service_Assurance_Thresholds	Service_Assurance_Thresholds
	Cisco SAA Datapipe
	Cisco NRT SAA Datapipe

Typically, the central server does not poll. If you want the central server in your system to poll, then you must install one or both datapipes on the central server.

If you are only interested in setting thresholds on hourly data or rate data, you do not need to install the thresholds sub-package on the central server. If you are interested in setting thresholds for aggregated data (for example, summary data of any kind, or a forecast) then you need to install Service\_Assurance Thresholds on the central server.

## Configuring the Central Server

This task involves the following steps:

- Task 1: Set up connections with satellite server databases
- Task 2: Disable the hourly trendsum process
- Task 3: Configure trendcopy pull commands for hourly data
- Task 4: Configure trendcopy pull commands for rate data (optional)

In addition to performing these tasks, it is important to verify that the system clock on the central server is synchronized with system clocks on the satellite servers.



The following steps apply to new installations only. If you just upgraded to Service Assurance 3.1 and your servers were already configured for operation as a distributed system, those settings are still in effect.

#### Task 1: Set up connections with satellite server databases

- 1 Start the Management Console.
- 2 Click the Systems icon on the lower left. The System/Network Administration pane opens.
- **3** Right-click the **Databases** folder. When prompted, select **Add OVPI Database**. The Add Database Wizard opens.
- 4 Click Next.
- 5 Type the hostname and port number for the database you want to add; click Next.
- 6 Review the Summary. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 for each additional database.
- 7 Click Finish.

#### Task 2: Disable the hourly trendsum process

1 Modify the hourly process file; open the following file:

\$DPIPE\_HOME/scripts/Service\_Assurance\_Hourly.pro

2 Comment out block1 by adding the comment sign ("#") before the word **begin** and the word **end**.

#### Task 3: Configure trendcopy pull commands for hourly data

- 1 Configure trendcopy pull commands for each satellite server; open the following file: \$DPIPE\_HOME/scripts/Service\_Assurance\_Hourly.pro
- **2** Modify block2 as follows:
  - Remove "#" before the word **begin** and before the word **end**
  - Replace *SATELLITE\_SERVER\_1\_DATABASE* with the satellite server name
  - Replace THIS\_MACHINE\_DATABASE with the central server name
- **3** If there is more than one satellite server, create a copy of block2 for each satellite server and repeat step 2 for each copy of block2.

#### Task 4: Configure trendcopy pull commands for rate data (optional)

If you want to view the Near Real Time report from the central server, you must copy rate data from each satellite server to the central server. To do that, configure trendcopy pull commands from the central server for each satellite server.

Pulling rate data from satellite servers has two side-effects. It increases the traffic between satellite servers and the central server, and it increases the processing load on the central server.

1 Open the following file:

\$DPIPE\_HOME/scripts/Service\_Assurance\_Hourly.pro

- 2 Modify block3 as follows:
  - Remove "#" before the word **begin** and before the word **end**
  - Replace the SATELLITE\_SERVER\_1\_DATABASE with the satellite server name
  - Replace THIS\_MACHINE\_DATABASE with the central server name
- **3** If there is more than one satellite server, create one copy of block3 for each satellite server and repeat step 2 for each copy of block3.

## Configuring a Satellite Server

Follow these steps to configure a satellite server:

- 1 Switch off daily aggregations. Do this by commenting out the lines referencing *Service\_Assurance\_Daily.pro* in the \$DPIPE\_HOME/lib/trendtimer.sched file.
- 2 In the same file, modify the start time in the Service\_Assurance\_Hourly.pro file. By default, hourly summarizations start 40 minutes after the hour. Since you want the satellite server to complete hourly summarizations before the central server copies the data, make the start time earlier. Change it from 1:00+40 to 1:00+25.

Configure polling policies for the Cisco SAA Datapipe. Make sure that each SAA router is polled by only one satellite server.

# 6 Ranking Exception Counts

The exception reports rank elements according to yesterday's exception count. Use the exception reports to drill down from elements with relatively high exception counts to the specific element pairs that are causing the exceptions. There are six exception reports:

- Source Exception Report, by Application/Destination
- Destination Exception Report, by Source/Application
- Destination Exception Report, by Location/Application
- Application Exception Report, by Source/Destination
- Application Exception Report, by Location/Destination
- Location Exception Report, by Source/Destination

The customer selection table ranks customers by number of exceptions. The next table is a list of elements, also ranked by number of exceptions. The third selection table provides a list of element pairs, for example, source and destination pairs, or location and destination pairs, that contributed to the exception total. The history graphs to the right compare yesterday's activity to the previous 30 days.

The bottom table and the graphs below the bottom table focus on one specific element pair, from one perspective, for one customer. The graphs provide hourly data for yesterday and daily data for the previous 90 days. The following table outlines the scope of each graph.

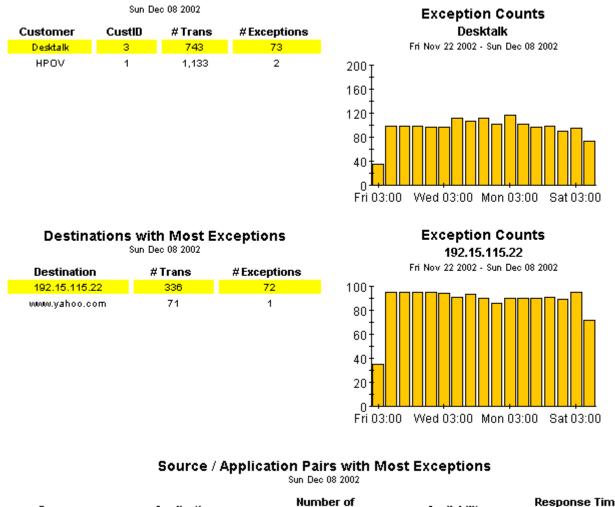
Hourly/Daily Graph	What it Tracks
Response time	Minimum, average, and maximum response time.
Throughput	Minimum, average, and the maximum throughput.
HTTP Response Time	DNS lookup time + TCP connection time + HTTP transaction time. Applies to HTTP tests only.
Exception Counts	Total number of response time exceptions.
Number of Transactions	Total number of transactions.
Availability	The end user's perception of destination availability.

Samples of three exception reports follow: (1) Destination by Source/Application, (2) Source by Application/Destination, and (3) Application by Source/Destination.

### **Destination Exception by Source/Application**

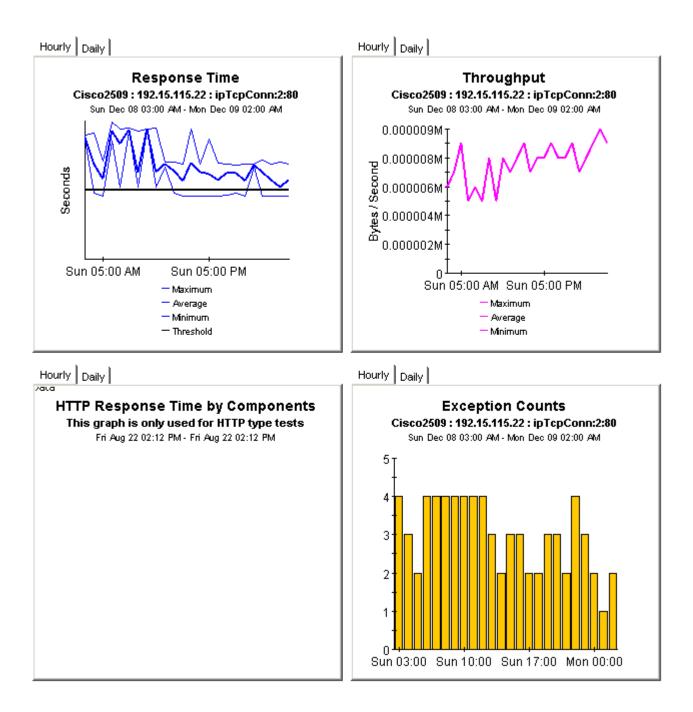


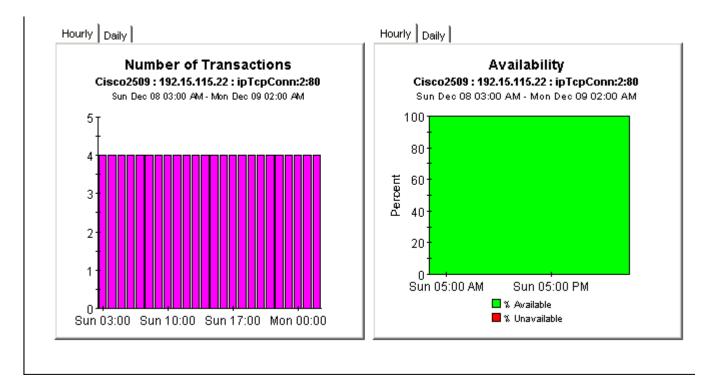
The Destination Exception by Source / Application Report allows the users to quickly identify the destination devices which are experiencing the worst performance. Once a destination device is selected, the performance of individual source / application pairs can be investigated in detail.



Source	e Application	Number of Transactions	Availability	Exceptions	
Cisco25	i09 ipTcpConn:2:80	96	100.0	72	



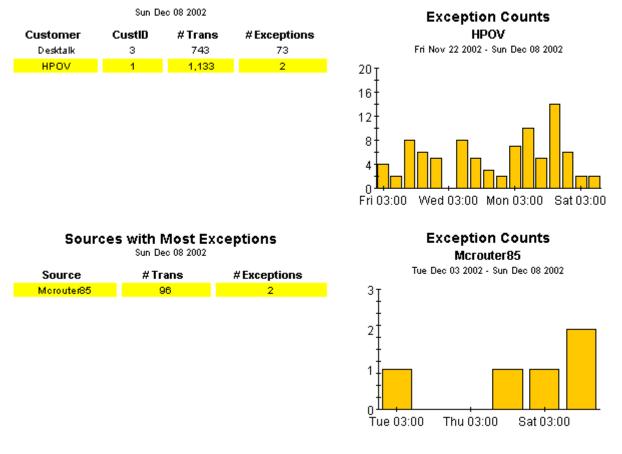




### Source Exception by Application/Destination



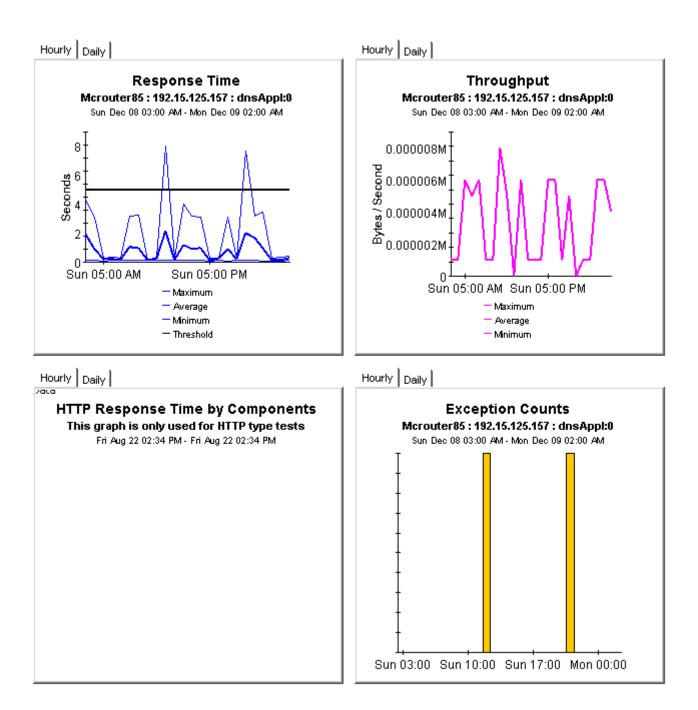
The Source Exception by Application / Destination Report allows the users to quickly identify the source devices which are experiencing the worst performance. Once a source device is selected, the performance of individual application / destination pairs can be investigated in detail.

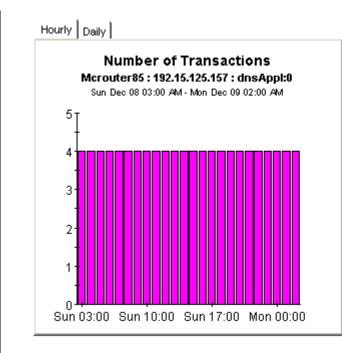


### Application / Destination Pairs with Most Exceptions

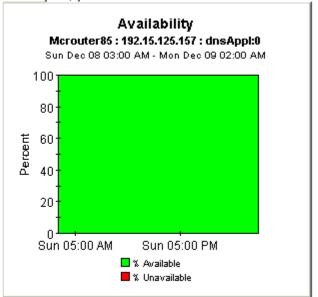
Sun Dec 08 2002	
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Application	Destination	tination Number of Transactions		Response Time Exceptions
dnsApp1:0	192.15.125.157	96	100.0	2







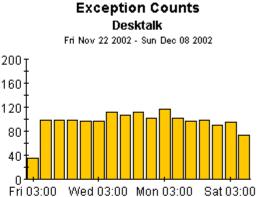


### **Application Exception by Source/Destination**

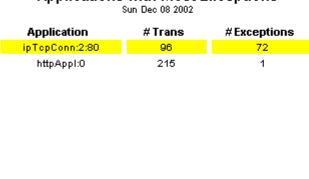


The Application Exception by Source/Destination Report allows the users to quickly identify the applications which are experiencing the worst performance. Once an application is selected, the performance of individual source / destination pairs can be investigated in detail.

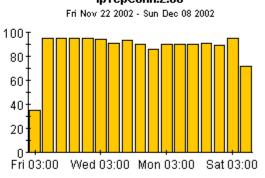




**Applications with Most Exceptions** 



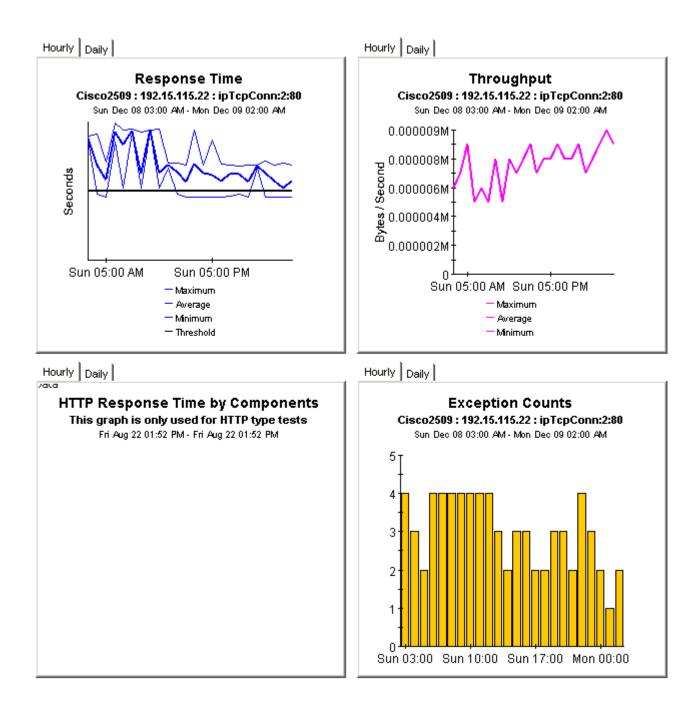
Exception Counts ipTcpConn:2:80

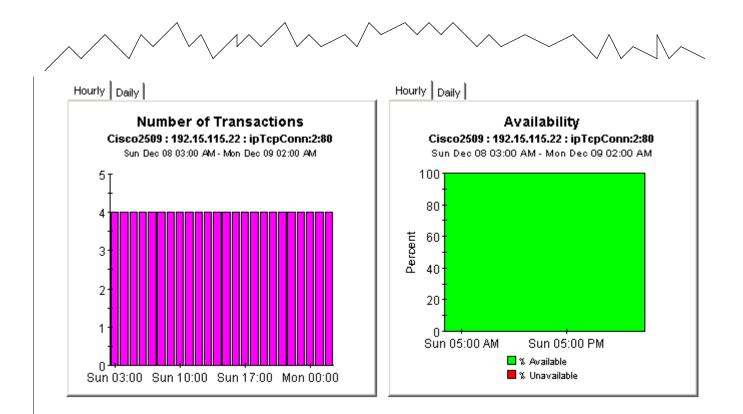


### Source / Destination Pairs with Most Exceptions

Sun Dec 08 2002

Source	Destination	Number of Transactions	Availability	Response Time Exceptions
Cisco2509	192.15.115.22	96	100.0	72





# 7 Aggregating Performance Data

Summary reports look at aggregations of data. For example, if you are looking at the destination summary, the statistics for each destination bring together individual statistics for each source and each SAA test that was initiated by the source. The data that is brought together for the destination is either a total or an average. These are totals compiled from multiple sources:

- Number of transactions
- Number of bytes

These are averages based on results from multiple sources:

- Response time
- Throughput
- Availability

Use summary reports to find out whether recent activity appearing in a Top Ten report is a temporary condition with no history behind it, or a longer term trend that you may need to investigate more closely. The Service Assurance package includes one summary report for each of the following perspectives:

- Source
- Destination
- Application
- Location
- Customer
- Source / Destination / Application

Most summary reports have two selection tables. The Customer Summary has one selection table and the Source Summary by Application/Destination has three selection tables. The third selection table lists all application/destination pairs associated with the selected source. The Source Summary by Application/Destination provides the greatest amount of detail, since it is looking at performance from the source-destination-application perspective.

See below for samples of the following reports:

- Destination Summary
- Application Summary
- Source Summary by Application/Destination



### **Destination Summary**

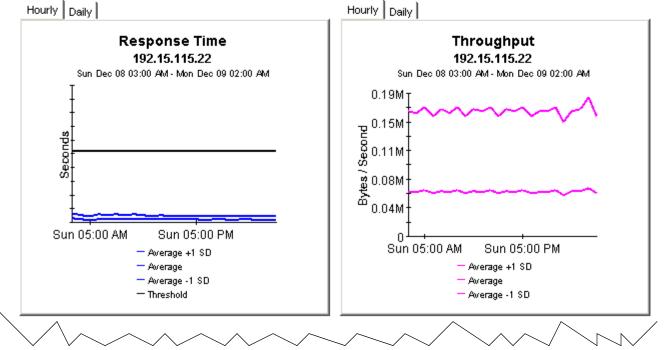
The Destination Summary Report presents destination device performance metrics aggregated over all sources and applications for a given customer. This report can be used to view historical destination device performance to identify devices with degrading performance.

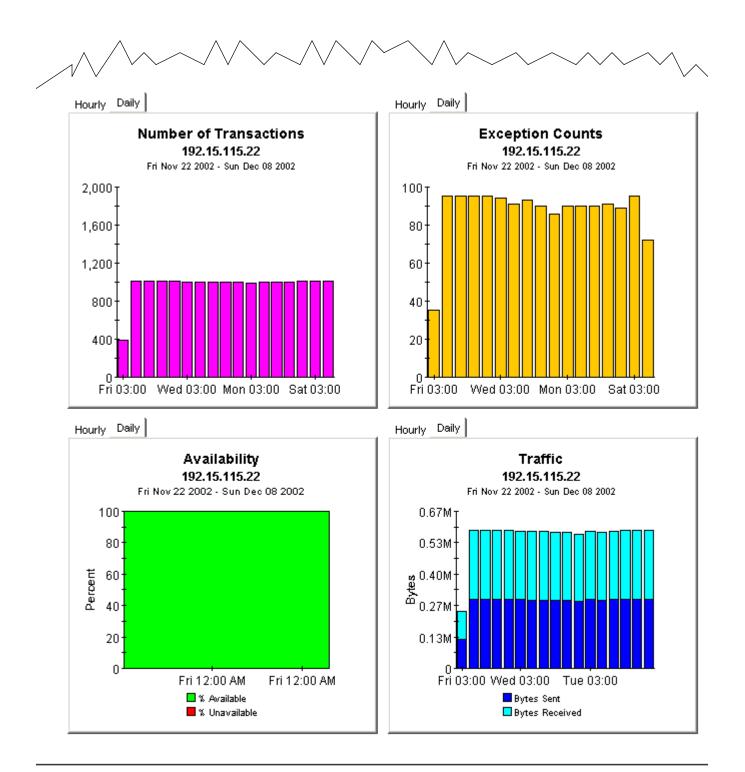
Sun Dec 08 2002						
	Customer	Customer ID	Number of Transactions	Number of Exceptions		
	All Customers	-1	2,308	75		
	Desktalk	3	743	73		
	upmir	4	4 400	2		

#### **Destination Device Selection Table** Sun Dec 08 2002

Destination	# Trans	Avg Resp. Time (Seconds)	Avg Throughput (Bps)	Availability (Percent)	Traffic (Bytes)	
192.15.115.22	1,008	0.040	62.20 k	100.00	614.59 k	
athp.hp.com	480	0.330	1050.9	83.33	81.12 k	
www.yahoo.com	148	1.612	21.12 k	77.08	4218.4 k	
ultra/README.txt	96	0.841	1.54	100.00	192.00	
192.15.125.157	96	0.737	3.29	100.00	192.00	
www.aol.com	96	0.435	11.26 k	100.00	229.39 k	
192.15.128.51	96	0.152	7.50	100.00	192.00	
192.15.96.2	96	0.120	0.00	100.00	0.00	
192.15.160.51	96	0.037	29.00	100.00	192.00	-

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### **Application Summary**



The Application Summary Report presents application performance metrics aggregated over all sources and destinations for a given customer. This report can be used to view historical application performance and identify applications with degrading performance.

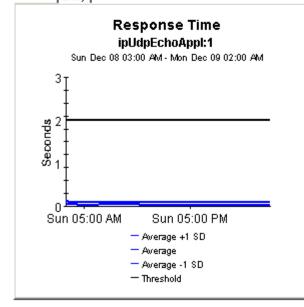
Sun Dec 08 2002						
Customer	Customer ID	Number of Transactions	Number of Exceptions			
All Customers	-1	2,308	75			
Desktalk	3	743	73			
upmr	4	4 400	2			

### Application Selection Table

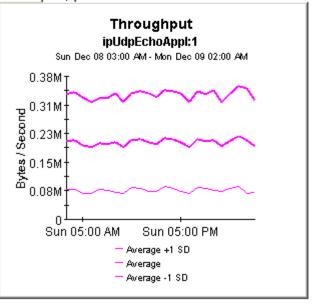
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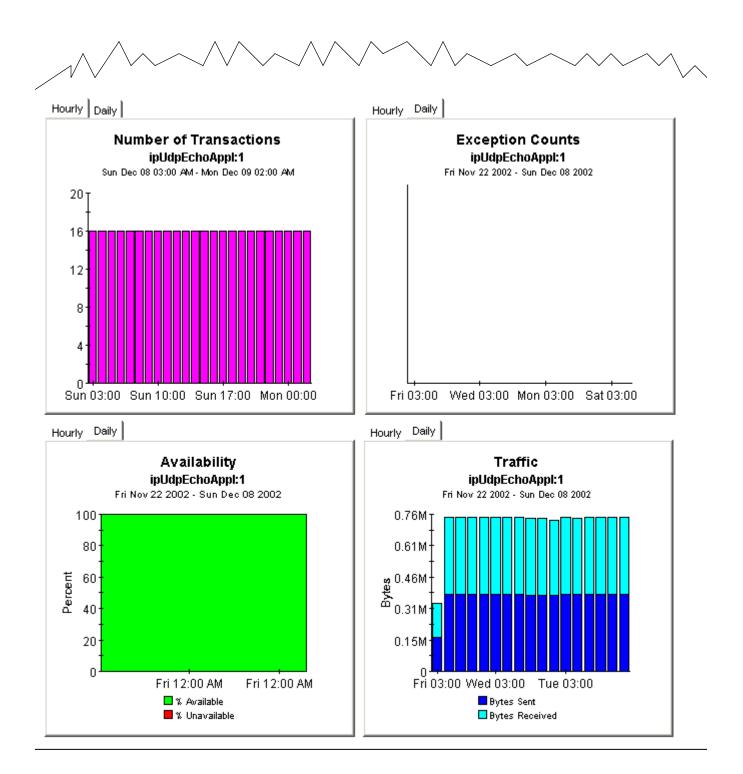
Application	# Transactions	Avg Resp. Time (Seconds)	Avg Throughput (Bps)	Availability (Percent)	Traffic (Bytes)	
httpApp1:0	532	0.708	8464.7	92.36	4496.5 k	
ipUdpEchoAppl:1	384	0.034	214.59 k	100.00	786.43 k	
dnsApp1:0	288	0.309	13.26	100.00	576.00	
iplompEcho:0	288	0.049	14.15 k	100.00	16.13 k	
ipTcpConn:2:80	288	0.047	324.22	100.00	576.00	
httpApp1:2	192	0.323	1079.8	66.67	32.45 k	
iplompEcho:5	144	0.001	24.55 k	100.00	8064.0	
ftpApp1:0	96	0.841	1.54	100.00	192.00	
OthorAwelb	96	0 120	0.00	100 00	0.00	<b>v</b>

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### Source Summary by Application/Destination



The Source Summary by Application / Destination Report presents hourly and daily source / application / destination performance metrics. Source devices are listed first, followed by a list of application / destination pairs utilized by the selected source device. Both lists are sorted by number of transactions. The charts below present historical performance metrics for the source / application / destination combination selected in the tables.

Sun Dec 08 2002							
	Customer	CustID	Number of Transactions	Number of Exceptions			
	Desktalk	з	743	73			
	HPOV	1	1,133	2			
	Trinagy	2	432	0	$\bullet$		

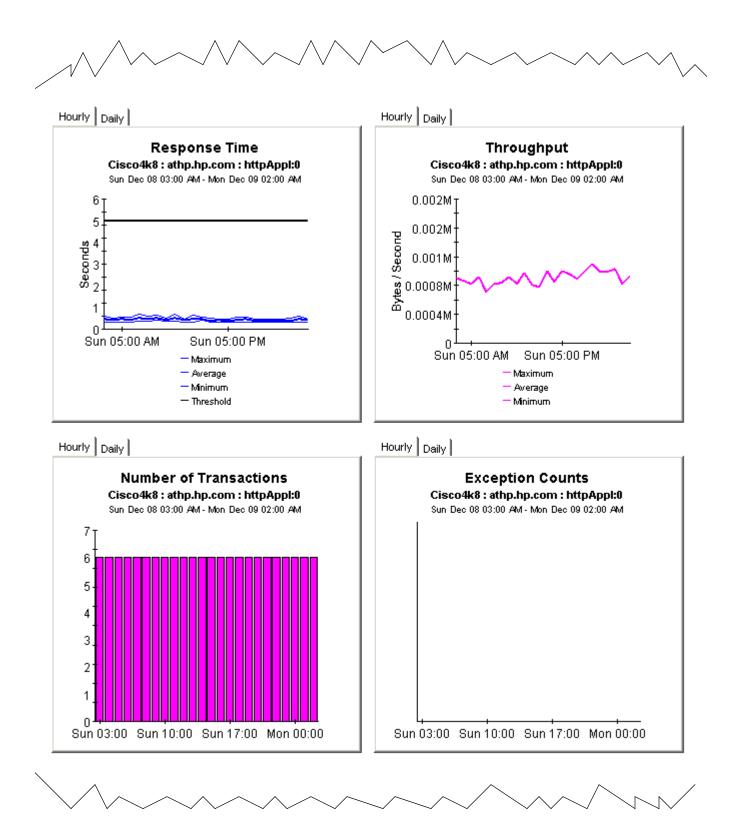
#### Source Device Selection Table Sun Dec 08 2002

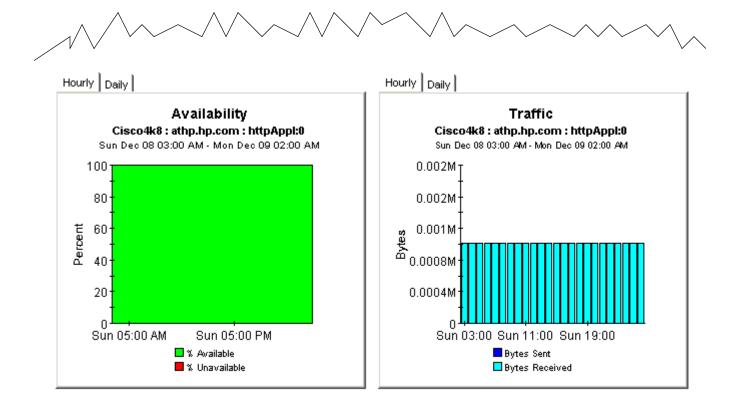
Source	# Transactions	Resp. Time (seconds)	Throughput (Bps)	Availability (Percent)	Traffic (bytes)
Cisco4k8	1,037	0.322	51.63 k	98.20	2637.2 k
Mcrouter85	96	0.737	3.29	100.00	192.00

### Application / Destination Pair Selection Table

Sun Dec 08 2002

Application	Destination	# Trans	Resp. Time (seconds)	Throughput (Bps)	Availability (Percent)	Traffic (Bytes)	
httpApp1:0	athp.hp.com	144	0.428	902.08	100.00	24.34 k	
iplompEcho:5	192.15.115.22	144	0.001	24.55 k	100.00	8064.0	
ftpApp1:0	ultra/README.txt	96	0.841	1.54	100.00	192.00	
httpApp1:2	athp.hp.com	96	0.430	910.04	100.00	16.22 k	
dnsApp1:0	192.15.128.51	96	0.152	7.50	100.00	192.00	
diswApp1:0	192.15.96.2	96	0.120	0.00	100.00	0.00	
ipUdpEchoAppl:1	192.15.115.22	96	0.005	214.97 k	100.00	196.61 k	
ipUdpEchoAppl:1	192.15.115.2	96	0.004	285.46 k	100.00	196.61 k	
ipTcpConn:2:80	192.15.115.22	96	0.002	436.29	100.00	192.00	$\bullet$





# 8 Forecasting Future Performance

Forecast reports alert you to elements (customers, applications, sources, destinations, and locations) that may be headed for response time or throughput problems. This report comes in two styles: short and long. The following short-version reports let you drill down from customers to elements that belong to a particular customer:

- Application Forecast
- Source Forecast
- Destination Forecast
- Location Forecast
- Customer Forecast

The following long-version reports let you drill down to specific element pairs:

- Application Forecast by Source/Destination
- Application Forecast by Location/Destination
- Source Forecast by Application/Destination
- Destination Forecast by Source/Application
- Destination Forecast by Location/Application
- Location Forecast by Application/Destination

The first table sorts customers by F90 Response Time, highest to lowest. The second table sorts elements by the rate at which response time is increasing or the rate at which throughput is decreasing. The graphs provide three views of response time and throughput:

- Bar chart that compares F30 to F60 and F90
- Table showing aggregations by day of week
- Line graph tracking historic trends

See below for samples of the following reports:

- Destination Forecast
- Application Forecast
- Application Forecast by Source/Destination



### **Destination Forecast**

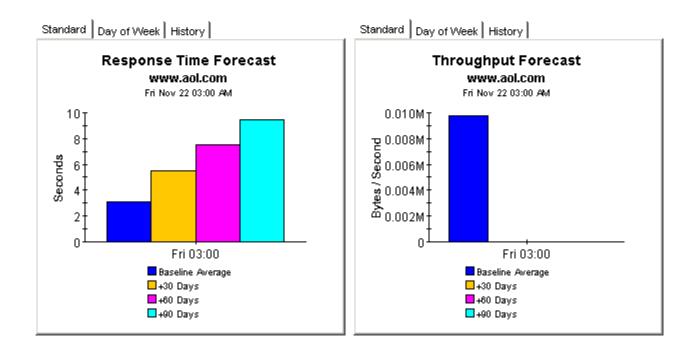
The Destination Forecast Report enables the user to quickly identify destination devices with the greatest projected degradation in performance. The list of destination devices are sorted by rate of increase in response time or decrease in throughput. Drill down charts present forecasted overall performance metrics for the selected device.

#### Fri Nov 22 03:00 AM

Customer	Response Time Baseline (sec)	F90 Response Time (sec)	Throughput Baseline (Bps)	F90 Throughput (Bps)	
Desktalk	0.696	2.058	2984.98	0.00	
Trinagy	0.686	2.103	80.67 k	0.00	
HPOV	0.706	0.000	47.80 k	0.00	
AU C. 4	0 505	0.550	00 05 L	40.07.5	

#### Destination Devices with Greatest Rate of Change in Response Time or Throughput Fri Nov 22 03:00 AM

Destination	Response Time Baseline (sec)	F90 Response Time (sec)	Throughput Baseline (Bps)	F90 Throughput (Bps)
www.aol.com	3.080	9.450	9784.88	0.00
192.15.115.22	0.003	0.006	99.54 k	0.00
athp.hp.com		0.000	0.00	0.00
192.15.128.51		0.000	0.00	0.00





### **Application Forecast**

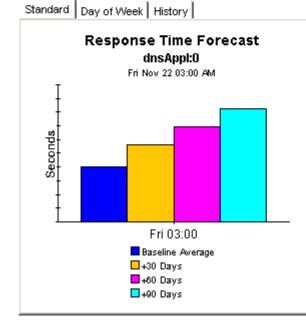
The Application Forecast Report enables the user to quickly identify applications with the greatest projected degradation in performance. The list of applications are sorted by rate of increase in response time or decrease in throughput. Drill down charts present forecasted overall performance metrics for the selected application.

Customer	Response Time Baseline (sec)	F90 Response Time (sec)	Throughput Baseline (Bps)	F90 Throughput (Bps)	
Desktalk	0.696	2.058	2984.98	0.00	
Trinagy	0.686	2.103	80.67 k	0.00	
HPOV	0.706	0.000	47.80 k	0.00	
AU 0	0 505	0.550	20.051	40.071	¥.

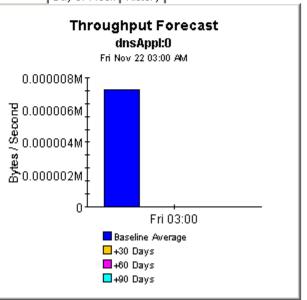
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#### Applications with Greatest Rate of Change in Response Time or Throughput Fri Nov 22 03:00 AM

Application	Response Time Baseline (sec)	F90 Response Time (sec)	Throughput Baseline (Bps)	F90 Throughput (Bps)
dnsApp1:0	0.800	1.653	7.25	0.00
httpApp1:2	1.165	1.723	606.06	0.00
ipTcpConn:2:80	0.874	6.401	2.88	0.00
httpApp1:0	1.453	3.973	5971.08	0.00
iplompEcho:0	0.130	0.410	224.94	0.00
ipUdpEchoAppl:1	0.155	0.331	6765.75	0.00



Standard Day of Week History



### **Application Forecast by Source/Destination**



The Application Forecast by Source / Destination Report enables the user to quickly identify applications with the greatest projected degradation in performance. The list of applications are sorted by rate of increase in response time or decrease in throughput. Source / Destination pairs utilizing the selected application can be selected to retrieve forecasted performance metrics.

Customer	CustID	Response Time Baseline (sec)	F90 Response Time (sec)	Throughput Baseline (Bps)	F90 Throughput (Bps)
Desktalk	3	0.696	2.058	2984.98	0.00
Trinagy	2	0.686	2.103	80.67 k	0.00
HPOV	1	0.706	0.000	47.80 k	0.00

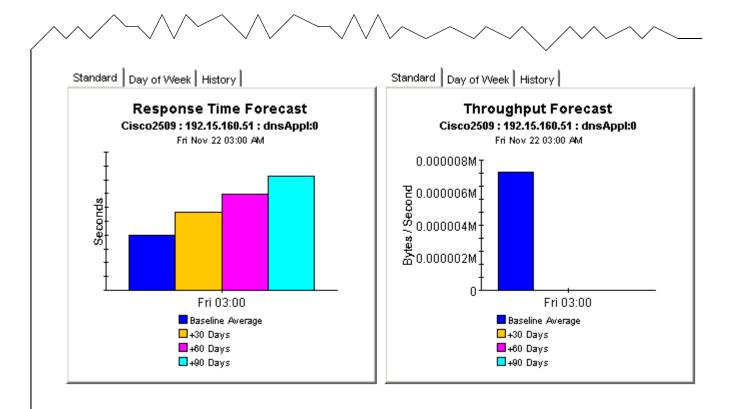
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#### Applications with Greatest Rate of Change in Response Time or Throughput Fri Nov 22 03:00 AM

Application	Response Time Baseline (sec)	F90 Response Time (sec)	Throughput Baseline (Bps)	F90 Throughput (Bps)
dnsApp1:0	0.800	1.653	7.25	0.00
httpApp1:2	1.165	1.723	606.06	0.00
ipTcpConn:2:80	0.874	6.401	2.88	0.00
httpApp1:0	1.453	3.973	5971.08	0.00
iplompEcho:0	0.130	0.410	224.94	0.00
ipUdpEchoAppl:1	0.155	0.331	6765.75	0.00

#### Source / Destination Pairs with Greatest Rate of Change in Response Time or Throughput Fri Nov 22 03:00 AM

Source	Destination	Response Time Baseline (sec)	F90 Reponse Time (sec)	Throughput Baseline (Bps)	F90 Throughput (Bps)
Cisco2509	192.15.160.51	0.800	1.653	7.25	0.00



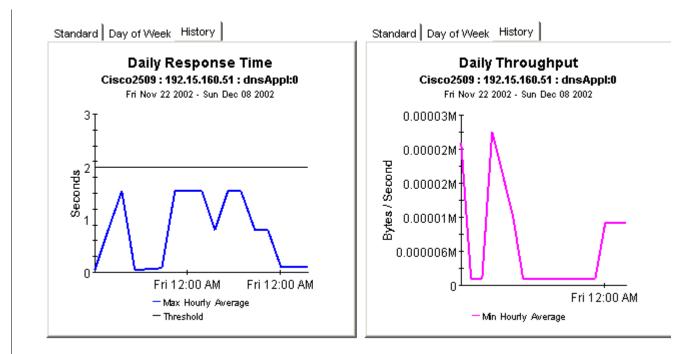
Standard Day of Week History	
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Resp	onse Time Forecast			
Cisco2509 : 192.15.160.51 : dnsAppl:0				
	Thu Nov 28 03:00 AM			
Baseline	+ 30 / 60 / 90 Days			

Dave	baseline	+ 30 / 60 / 90 Days
Day	(sec)	(sec)
Sun	1.16	0.000 / 0.000 / 0.000
Mon	0.79	8.016 / 14.485 / 20.954
Tue	0.80	7.938 / 14.333 / 20.729
Wed	0.44	3.825 / 6.858 / 9.892
Thu	1.17	0.000 / 0.000 / 0.000
Fri	0.56	0.690 / 0.797 / 0.905
Sat	0.80	0.000 / 0.000 / 0.000

Standard Day of Week History

	Throughput Forecast (Bytes/Second) Cisco2509 : 192.15.160.51 : dnsAppl:0 Thu Nov 28 03:00 /M						
	Day	Baseline	+ 30 / 60 / 90 Days				
	Sun	1.00	1.00 / 1.00 / 1.00				
	Mon	14.00	0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00				
	Tue	10.50	0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00				
	Wed	6.50	0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00				
	Thu	1.00	1.00 / 1.00 / 1.00				
	Fri	12.33	0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00				
	Sat	4.33	30.76 /52.19 /73.62				
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# 9 Ranking the Worst Performers

A top ten report performs a ranking function for yesterday's collection of test results. Use this type of report to identify potential problems related to response time, throughput, transaction counts, or traffic volume. Service Assurance contains five top ten reports:

- Application
- Customer
- Destination
- Location
- Source

Except for the Customer Top Ten, which is slightly different, each reports contains a customer table followed by ten tables with ten entries in each table. The tables are:

- Worst response time
- Response time increase
- Worst throughput
- Throughput increase
- Most transactions
- Most traffic

See below for samples of the following reports:

- Application Top Ten
- Destination Top Ten



The Application Top Ten Report provides lists of applications which had the worst performance (response time and throughput) or highest volume (transactions and total bytes) during the previous day. Applications are also listed by the projected rate of change for each metric.

Customer	Customer Id
All Customers	-1
HPOV	1
Trinagy	2
Desktalk	3

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### Worst Response Time (Seconds)

Sun Dec 08 03:00 AM

	Application	Average Response Time
1	ftpApp1:0	0.841
2	httpApp1:0	0.708
з	httpApp1:2	0.323
4	dnsApp1:0	0.309
5	dlswApp1:0	0.120
6	iplompEcho:0	0.049
7	ipTcpConn:2:80	0.047
8	ipUdpEchoAppl:1	0.034
9	iplompEcho:5	0.001
10	dhopApp1:0	0.000

#### **Response Time Increase (Seconds)** Thu Dec 05 03:00 AM

Application	Baseline	+ 30 / 60 / 90 Days
ipTopConn:2:80	0.307	1.016 / 1.583 / 2.150
dnsApp1:0	0.791	1.607 / 2.259 / 2.911

2	dnsApp1:0	0.791	1.607 / 2.259 / 2.911
з	iplompEcho:0	0.065	0.119/0.162/0.205
4	httpApp1:0	1.369	1.994 / 2.495 / 2.995
5	iplompEcho:5	0.002	0.002 / 0.003 / 0.003
6	ipUdpEchoAppl:1	0.041	0.049 / 0.056 / 0.063
7	httpApp1:2	0.983	1.086 / 1.167 / 1.249
8	diswAppi:0	0.127	0.104/0.082/0.059
9	ftpApp1:0	3.382	0.000 / 0.000 / 0.000
10	dhopApp1:0		0.000 / 0.000 / 0.000

### Worst Throughput (Bytes/Second)

Sun Dec 08 03:00 AM

	Application	Average Throughput
1	diswApp1:0	0.00
2	ftpApp1:0	1.54
3	dnsApp1:0	13.26
4	ipTcpConn:2:80	324.22
5	httpApp1:2	1079.75
6	httpApp1:0	8464.67
7	iplompEcho:0	14.15 k
8	iplompEcho:5	24.55 k
9	ipUdpEchoAppl:1	214.59 k
10	dhopApp1:0	0.00

### Throughput Decrease (Bytes/Second)

Thu Dec 05 03:00 AM

	Application	Baseline	+ 30 / 60 / 90 Days
1	dnsApp1:0	6.03	0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00
2	httpApp1:0	8472.06	454.55 / 0.00 / 0.00
з	httpApp1:2	724.53	60.92 /0.00 /0.00
4	iplompEcho:0	11.67 k	6770.3 /-1068 /0.00
5	ipTcpConn:2:80	258.21	199.98 / 106.81 / 106.
6	iplompEcho:5	15.12 k	12.46 k/ 10.34 k/ 8217
7	ipUdpEchoAppl:1	191.57 k	165.33 k / 144.34 k / 123.
8	ftpApp1:0	0.13	0.13 / 0.13 / 0.13
9	dhopApp1:0	0.00	0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00
10	diswApp1:0	0.00	0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00





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# Traffic (Bytes) Sun Dec 08 03:00 AM

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Application	Total Traffic
httpApp1:0	4496.51 k
ipUdpEchoAppl:1	786.43 k
httpApp1:2	32.45 k
iplompEcho:0	16.13 k
iplompEcho:5	8064.00
dnsApp1:0	576.00
ipTopConn:2:80	576.00
ftpApp1:0	192.00
dhopApp1:0	0.00
diswApp1:0	0.00

# Most Transactions Sun Dec 08 03:00 AM

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Application	Number of Transactions
httpApp1:0	532
ipUdpEchoAppl:1	384
dnsApp1:0	288
ipTcpConn:2:80	288
iplompEcho:0	288
httpApp1:2	192
iplompEcho:5	144
ftpApp1:0	96
diswApp1:0	96
dhopApp1:0	0



### **Destination Top Ten**

The Destination Top Ten Report provides lists of destination devices which had the worst performance (response time and throughput) or highest volume (transactions and total bytes) during the previous day. Destination devices are also listed by the projected rate of change for each metric.

Customer	Customer Id
All Customers	-1
HPOV	1
Trinagy	2
Desktalk	3

# Worst Response Time (Seconds) Sun Dec 08 03:00 AM

	Worst Response Time (Seconds) Sun Dec 08 03:00 AM		Response Time Increase (Seconds) Thu Dec 05 03:00 AM			
	Destination	Average Response Time	1	Destination 192.15.115.22	Baseline 0.119	+ 30 / 60 / 90 Days 0.326 / 0.491 / 0.657
1	www.yahoo.com	1.612	2	www.aol.com	3.080	5.530 / 7.490 / 9.450
2	ultra/README.txt	0.841	з	192.15.160.51	0.800	1.128 / 1.391 / 1.653
з	192.15.125.157	0.737	4	www.yahoo.com	2.376	3.219 / 3.894 / 4.569
4	www.aol.com	0.435	5	192.15.115.2	0.004	0.006 / 0.006 / 0.007
5	athp.hp.com	0.330	6	athp.hp.com	0.805	0.998 / 1.153 / 1.307
6	192.15.128.51	0.152	7	192.15.128.51	1.166	1.129 / 1.100 / 1.071
7	192.15.96.2	0.120	8	192.15.96.2	0.127	0.104/0.082/0.059
8	192.15.115.22	0.040	9	ultra/README.txt	3.382	0.000 / 0.000 / 0.000
9	192.15.160.51	0.037	10	192.15.125.157	2.137	0.000 / 0.000 / 0.000
10	192.15.115.2	0.004				

# Worst Throughput (Bytes/Second) Sun Dec 08 03:00 AM

#### Throughput Decrease (Bytes/Second) Tue Dec 03 03:00 AM

	Destination	Average Throughput	1	Destination 192.15.160.51	Baseline 7.25	+ 30 / 60 / 90 Days 0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00
1	192.15.96.2	0.00	2	www.aol.com	9784.88	0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00
2	ultra/README.txt	1.54	з	www.yahoo.com	18.52 k	6344.1 / 0.00 / 0.00
з	192.15.125.157	3.29	4	athp.hp.com	827.67	418.08 /-237.3 /0.00
4	192.15.128.51	7.50	5	192.15.115.2	235.50 k	168.88 k / 115.59 k / 62.29 k
5	192.15.160.51	29.00	6	192.15.115.22	56.02 k	46.41 k / 38.72 k / 31.03 k
6	athp.hp.com	1050.92	7	ultra/README.txt	0.13	0.13 / 0.13 / 0.13
7	www.aol.com	11.26 k	8	192.15.125.157	0.60	0.60 / 0.60 / 0.60
8	www.yahoo.com	21.12 k	9	192.15.128.51	1.19	4.66 / 10.22 / 10.22
9	192.15.115.22	62.20 k	10	192.15.128.31	0.00	0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00
10	192.15.115.2	285.46 k				

### Most Transactions Sun Dec 08 03:00 AM

	Destination	Number of Transactions
1	192.15.115.22	1,008
2	athp.hp.com	480
з	www.yahoo.com	148
4	ultra/README.txt	96
5	www.aol.com	96
6	192.15.96.2	96
7	192.15.115.2	96
8	192.15.128.51	96
9	192.15.160.51	96
10	192.15.125.157	96

### Traffic (Bytes) Sun Dec 08 03:00 AM

Destination	Total Traffic
www.yahoo.com	4218.45 k
192.15.115.22	614.59 k
www.aol.com	229.39 k
192.15.115.2	196.61 k
athp.hp.com	81.12 k
ultra/README.txt	192.00
192.15.128.51	192.00
192.15.160.51	192.00
192.15.125.157	192.00

# 10 Sample Data in Near Real Time

The reports in previous chapters look backward in time, to what happened yesterday, last week, last month — and forward in time, to what is expected to happen in the future. The Near Real Time (NRT) reports looks at sample data collected over the last six hours.

If you install the Cisco SAA Datapipe only, you have one NRT report, NRT Summary inside the Source/Destination/Application folder. The contents of this report come from data stored by SAA in the MIB History Table. This report changes once an hour. Use this report to identify:

- Source / destination / application combinations with high exception counts
- Availability percentage for each combination

The NRT Summary includes *any* combination that experienced activity during the last six hours, not just combinations that reported exceptions. If an exception count looks unusual, and you want to know how NRT performance compares with past performance, inspect the following graphs, tabbed Last 24 Hours and Last 30 Days:

- Response time
- Throughput
- Transactions
- Exception Counts
- Availability
- Traffic

If you install the Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe, you will have three additional NRT reports:

- Near Real Time Latest Test
- Jitter Near Real Time Latest Test
- VoIP Near Real Time Latest Test

The contents of these reports are derived from data stored by SAA in the Latest Test Table. How often the contents of these reports are updated depends on how frequently the Cisco SAA NRT Datapipe polls the Latest Test Table. The maximum frequency is once every 5 minutes.

See below for samples of the following reports:

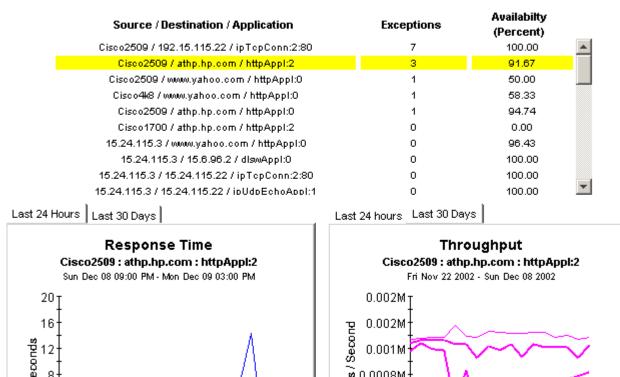
- NRT Summary
- Jitter NRT Latest Test
- VoIP NRT Latest Test

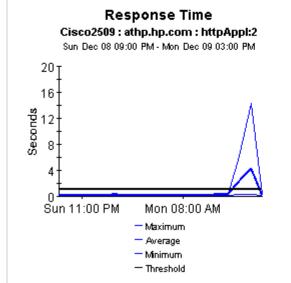
### Near Real Time Summary

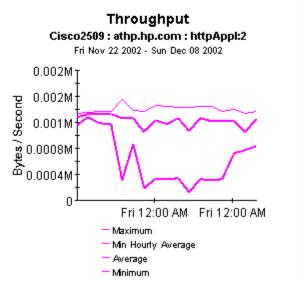
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The Near Real Time Summary Report presents the most recent performance statistics available. Data is presented for each source / destination / application combination that had activity within the last 6 hours. By selecting a source / destination / application combination, performance data for both the last 24 hours and the last 30 days can be analyzed.

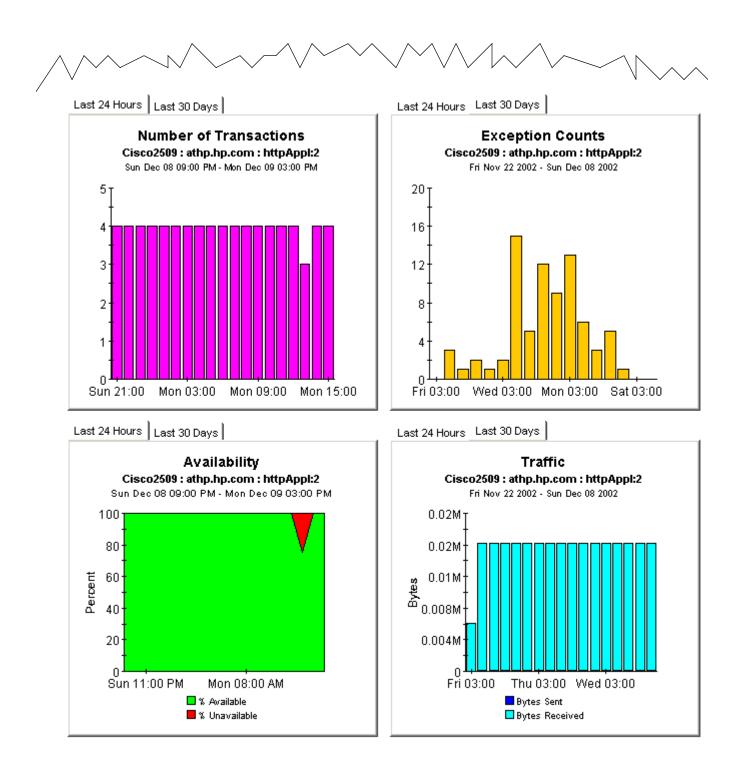
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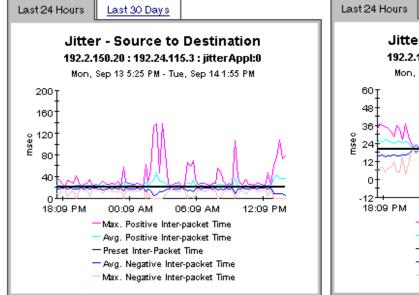


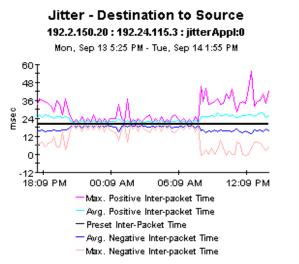


### Jitter Near Real Time - Latest Test

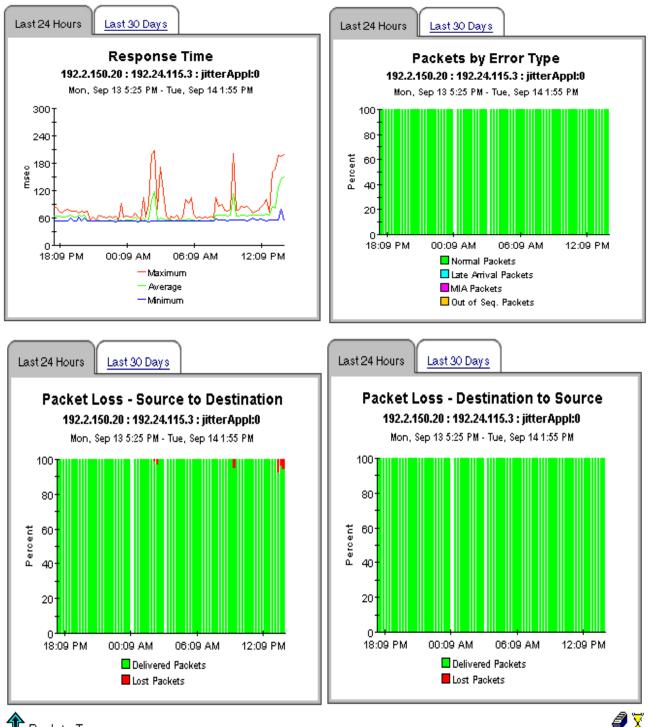
The Jitter Near Real Time - Latest Test Report presents the most recent performance statistics available for Jitter tests. Data is presented for each source / destination combination that had activity within the last 6 hours. By selecting a source / destination combination, performance data for both the last 24 hours and the last 30 days can be analyzed.

Source	Destination	Tag	Avg Response Time (msec)	Avg SD Dev (msec)	Avg DS Dev (msec)	Avg PacketLoss (SD/DS,%)		
92.2.150.20	192.24.115.3	SNMP_JITTER	77.1	-8.0 / +8.8	-4.6 / +5.7	1.0 / 0.0		
92.24.115.3	192.24.115.7	SNMP_JITTER	1.5	-1.0 / +1.0	-1.0 / +1.0	0.0 / 0.0	-9	
92.2.150.20	192.2.150.1	VoIPG711ulaw	1.0	-2.1 / +2.1	-1.0 / +1.0	0.0 / 0.0	-9	
92.2.150.20	192.2.150.1	VoIPG711alaw	1.0	-1.7 / +1.8	-1.0 / +1.0	0.0 / 0.0	-9	
92.2.150.20	192.2.150.1	VoIPG729a	1.0	-2.0 / +2.1	-1.0 / +1.0	0.0 / 0.0	-9	
92.2.150.20	192.2.150.1	V61PG729a2	1.0	-1.0 / +1.0	-1.0 / +1.0	0.0 / 0.0	≫	
92.2.150.20	192.2.150.1	voiceCalcImpairm	1.0	-1.0 / +1.0	-1.0 / +1.0	0.0 / 0.0	≫	
92.24.115.3	192.24.115.2	SNMP_JITTER	1.0	-1.0 / +1.0	-1.0 / +1.0	0.0 / 0.0	≫	
		More	Information for S	elected Test				
Source Location Ft. Collins		Destination L	ocation	n TOS				
		Reston	I	0	2377			





Last 30 Days



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### VoIP Near Real Time - Latest Test

The VoIP Near Real Time - Latest Test Report presents the most recent MOS values for VoIP tests. The average MOS (Mean Opinion Score) data is presented for each VoIP test between source / destination pair that had activity within the last 6 hours. By selecting a VoIP test between the source / destination pair, MOS data for the last 24 hours are displayed. The corresponding Jitter statistics of VoIP test can be viewed from the Jitter Near Real Time - Latest Test Report.

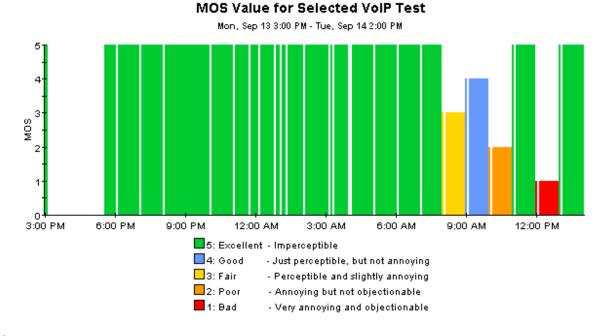
### Near Real Time VoIP Test Performance

### For Last Six Hours Tre, Sep 14200 PM Destination Tag TOS

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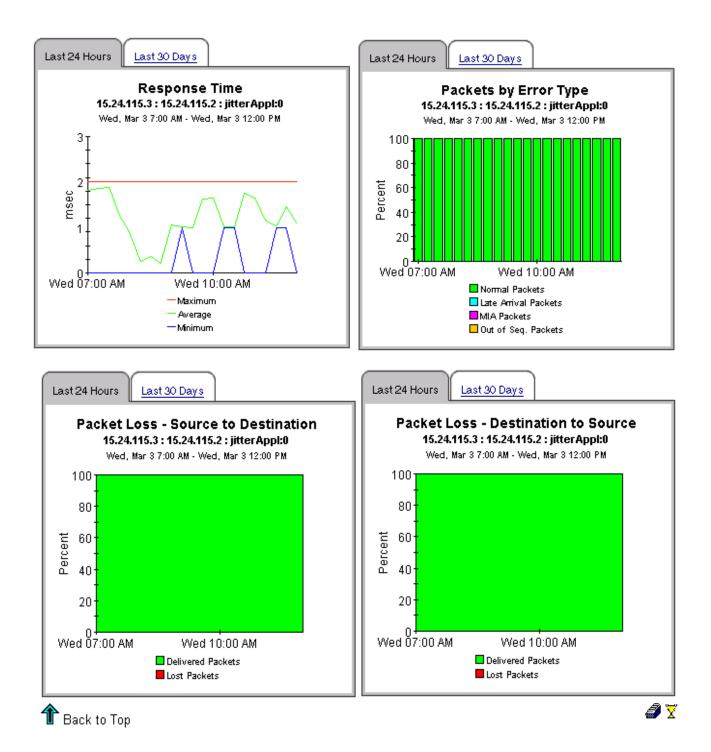
ALL MAC

Source	Location	Destination	Location	Tag	105	Codec	AVG MOS	
192.2.150.20	Ft. Collins	192.2.150.1	Cupertino	VolPG711ulaw	0	g711ulaw	3.36	
192.2.150.20	Ft. Collins	192.2.150.1	Cupertino	VoIPG729a	D	g729a	4.00	-9
192.2.150.20	Ft. Collins	192.2.150.1	Cupertino	V61PG729a2	D	g729a	4.00	-9
192.2.150.20	Ft. Collins	192.2.150.1	Cupertino	VoIPG711alaw	0	g711alaw	5.00	-9
192.2.150.20	Ft. Collins	192.2.150.1	Cupertino	voiceCalcImpairm	0	g711alaw	5.00	-9



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# 11 Monitoring Jitter

When a Service Assurance Agent conducts a jitter test, it sends synthetic UDP traffic from the source device to a destination device and back again to the source device. A jitter test produces the following statistics:

- Variation in the inter-packet delay in each direction
- Number of lost packets in each direction
- Number of packet sequence errors in each direction
- Round trip time

Service Assurance contains the following jitter reports:

- Jitter Source Summary
- Jitter Destination Summary
- Jitter Source-Destination Summary

Jitter reports highlight the number of jitter tests that took place yesterday and the number of response time exceptions that were recorded for each customer. From the customer table you can drill down to investigate delay variance and response time on a device-by-device basis. If the deviation or the response time for a device looks suspicious, you can investigate further by viewing hourly and daily data graphs for response time, types of packet errors, deviation, and packet loss.

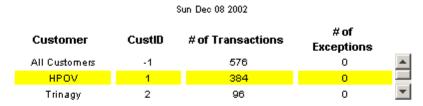
Samples of all three jitter reports follow.

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### Jitter Destination Summary

The Jitter Destination Summary Report presents hourly and daily jitter performance metrics aggregated by the destination device. A selection list of destination devices is presented which drills down to charts of historical performance metrics aggregated over all jitter tests where the selected device is defined as the destination.

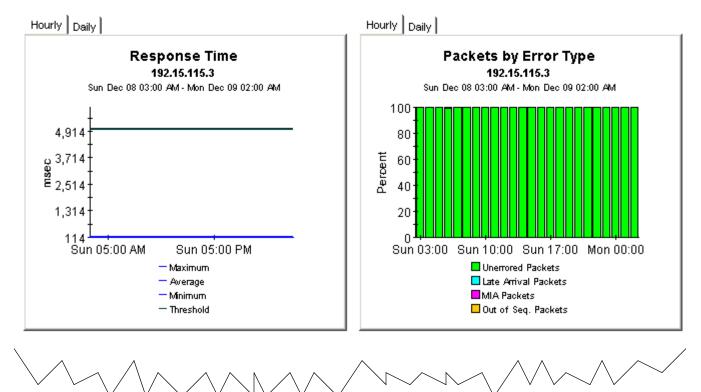


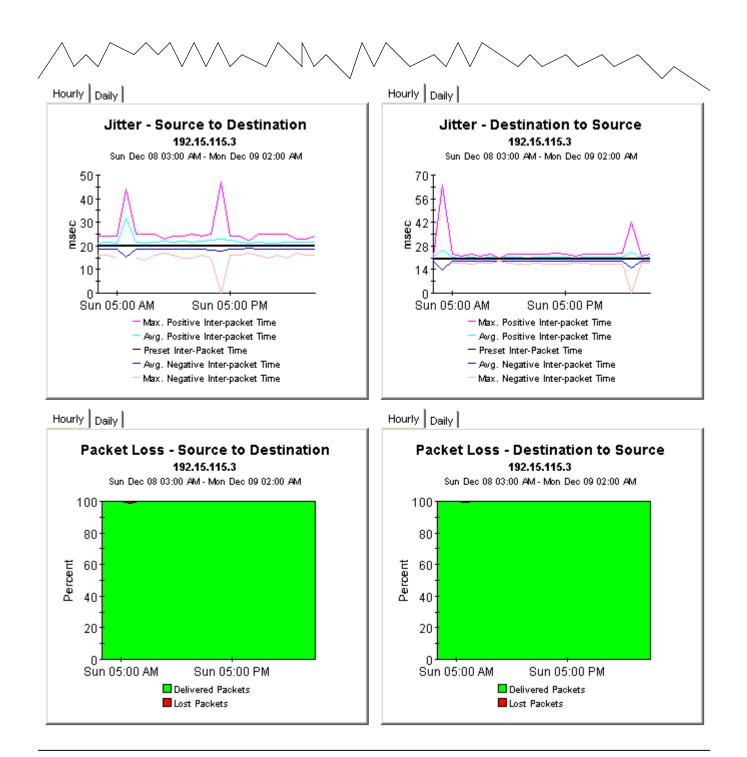
#### Destination Device Selection Table

S2D: Source to Destination, D2S: Destination to Source

Sun Dec 08 2002

Destination	# of Transactions	Avg Response Time (msec)	S2D Avg Dev (msec)	D2S Avg Dev (msec)	S2D Max Dev (msec)	D2S Max Dev (msec)
192.15.115.3	96	119	-17+2	-27+2	-21 / +27	-21/+44
192.15.117.63	96	94	-2/+2	-2/+2	-20 / +45	-23 / +33
192.15.115.2	288	79	-2/+2	-1/+1	-20 / +37	-16 / +42





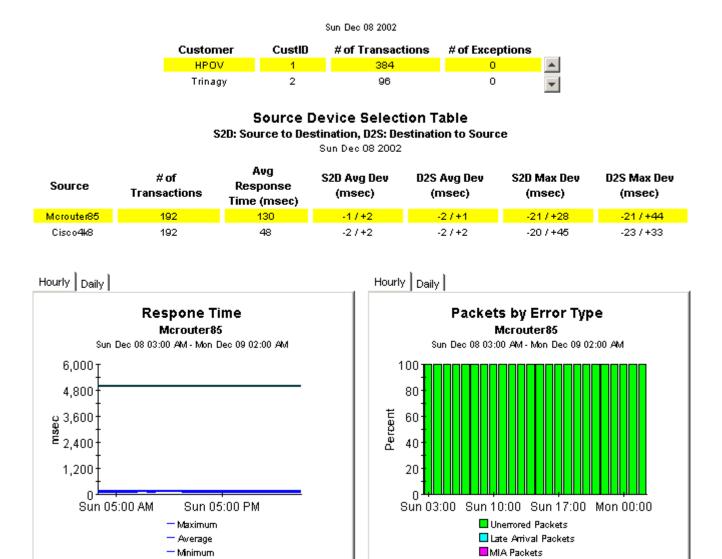
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### Jitter Source Summary

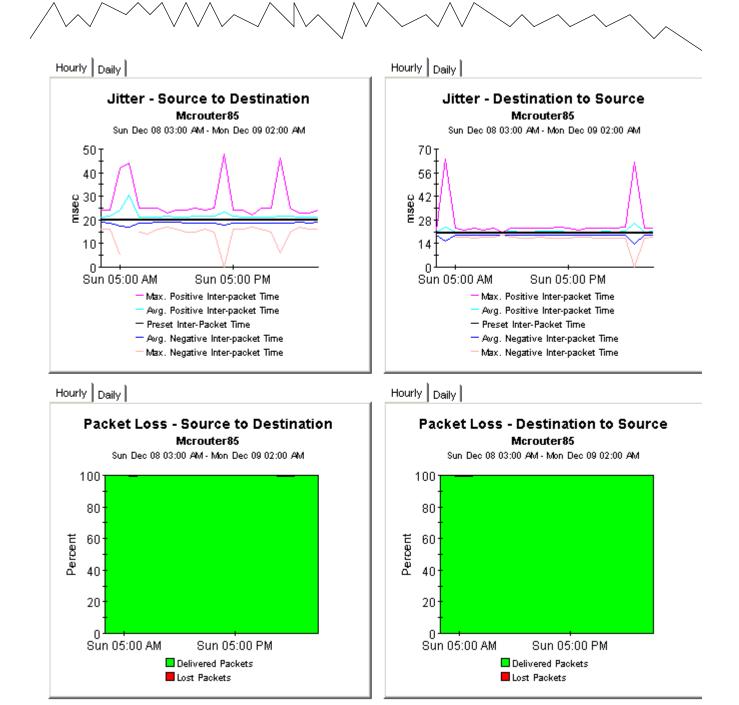
- Threshold

The Jitter Source Summary Report presents hourly and daily jitter performance metrics aggregated by the source device. A selection list of source devices is presented which drills down to charts of historical performance metrics aggregated over all jitter tests where the selected device is defined as the source.





Out of Seq. Packets



## Service Assurance



### Jitter Source/Destination Summary

The Jitter Source/Destination Summary Report presents hourly and daily jitter performance metrics. A selection list of source devices is presented followed by the destination divices utilized by the selected source device. Both lists are sorted by number of tests. The charts below present historical performance metrics for the jitter tests performed between the selected source and destination.

Sun Dec 08 2002						
Customer	CustID	# of Transactions	# of Exceptions			
HPOV	1	384	0			
Trinagy	2	96	0			
Desktalk	3	96	0			

#### Source Device Selection Table

S2D: Source to Destination, D2S: Destination to Source

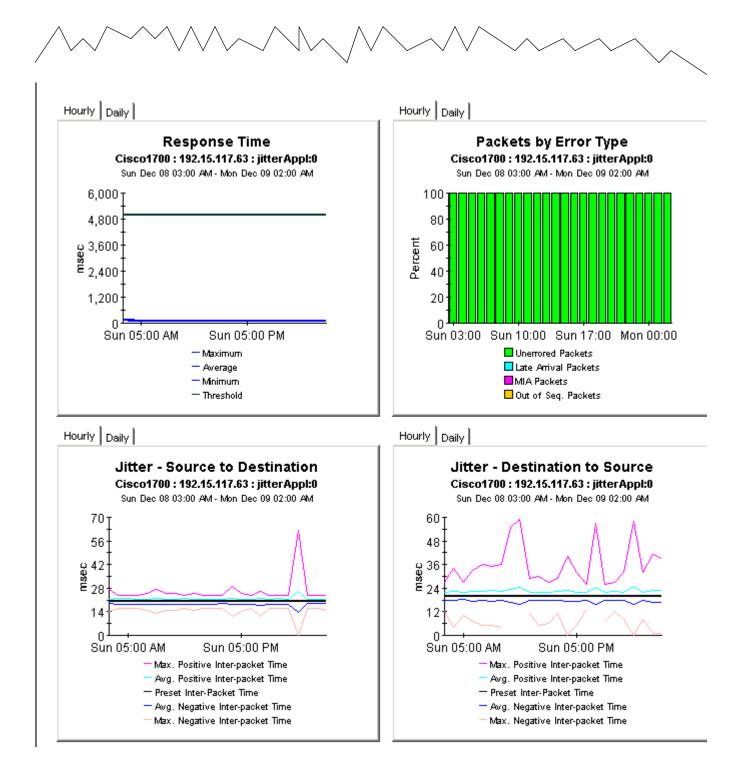
Sun Dec 08 2002

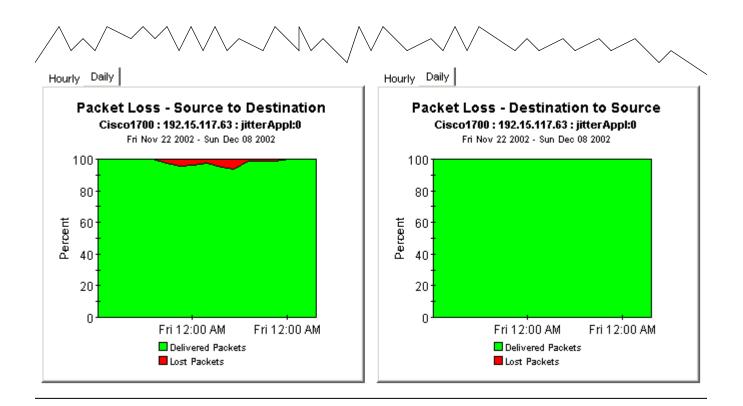
Source	# of Transactions	Avg Response Time (msec)	S2D Avg Dev (msec)	D2S Avg Dev (msec)	S2D Max Dev (msec)	D2S Max Dev (msec)
Cisco1700	96	94	-27+2	-37+3	-20 / +42	-21/+39

#### **Destination Device Selection Table**

Sun Dec 08 2002

Destination	TOS	# of Transactions	Response Time (msec)	S2D Avg Dev (msec)	D2S Avg Dev (msec)	S2D Max Dev (msec)	D2S Max Dev (msec)
192.15.117.63	0	96	94.487	-27+2	-37+3	-20 / +42	-21/+39





# A Editing Tables and Graphs

Any table or graph can be viewed in several ways. While the default view is usually adequate, you can easily change to a different view. If you are using the Report Viewer application, right-click the object to display a list of view options. If you are looking at a report using the Web Access Server, follow these steps to change the default view of a table or graph:

- 1 Click **Preferences** on the links bar.
- 2 Expand **Reports** in the navigation frame.
- 3 Click Viewing.
- **4** Select the Allow element editing box.
- 5 Click Apply.
- 6 Click 🦉 (the Edit icon) next to the table or graph.

### View Options for Tables

Right-clicking a table, or selecting the Edit Table icon if you are using the Web Access Server, opens a list of table view options.

Set Time Period	
Change Constraint Values	
Select Nodes/Interfaces	
Change Max Rows	
View in new Frame	
Print Table	
Export Element as CSV	
Delete Table	

Select **Set Time Period** to alter the relative time period (relative to now) or set an absolute time period. The Set Time Period window opens.

You may shorten the period of time covered by the table from, for example, 42 days to 30 days or to 7 days. If you are interested in a specific period of time that starts in the past and stops *before* yesterday, click **Use Absolute Time** and select a Start Time and an End Time.

Select **Change Constraint Values** to loosen or tighten a constraint, thereby raising or lowering the number of elements that conform to the constraint. The Change Constraint Values window opens. To loosen a constraint, set the value lower; to tighten a constraint, set the value higher.

The **Select Nodes/Interfaces** allows you to change the scope of the table by limiting the table to specific nodes, specific interfaces, or a specific group of nodes or interfaces. The Select Node Selection Type window opens.

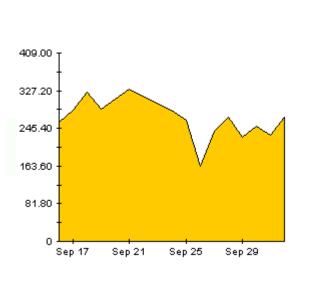
**Change Max Rows** increases or decreases the number of rows in a table. The default is 50. If you expand the default, the table may take more time to open. If you are trending a large network, using the default ensures that the table opens as quickly as possible.

View in new Frame opens the table in a Table Viewer window, shown below. If necessary, make the data in the table more legible by resizing the window.

💷 Table Viewer					-D×				
Polled IP QoS Statistics Data - Input Over Previous 6 Hours									
Direction	IpPrecedence	Switched Bytes	Switched Pkts	Time Period					
Input	0	105,688	675	Tue Oct 29 07:00 AM					
Input	1	0	0	Tue Oct 29 07:00 AM					
Input	2	0	0	Tue Oct 29 07:00 AM					
Input	3	0	0	Tue Oct 29 07:00 AM					
Input	4	0	0	Tue Oct 29 07:00 AM					
Input	5	0	0	Tue Oct 29 07:00 AM					
Input	6	600	5	Tue Oct 29 07:00 AM					
Input	7	0	0	Tue Oct 29 07:00 AM					
Input	0	98,334	638	Tue Oct 29 06:45 AM					
Input	1	0	0	Tue Oct 29 06:45 AM					
Input	2	0	0	Tue Oct 29 06:45 AM					
Input	3	0	0	Tue Oct 29 06:45 AM					
Input	4	0	0	Tue Oct 29 06:45 AM					
Input	5	0	0	Tue Oct 29 06:45 AM					

### View Options for Graphs

Right-clicking a graph, or clicking the Edit Graph icon if you are using the Web Access Server, opens the following list of view options.



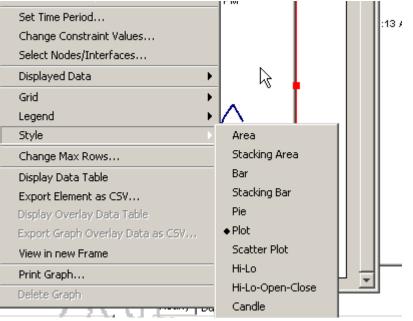
A	dd Overlay
R	emove Overlay
S	et Time Period
C	hange Constraint Values
S	elect Nodes/Interfaces
D	visplayed Data
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Ŀ	egend 🕨
S	ityle 🕨 🕨
C	hange Max Rows
D	visplay Data Table
E	xport Element as CSV
D	isplay Overlay Data Table
E	xport Graph Overlay Data as CSV
V	iew in new Frame
Р	rint Graph
D	elete Graph
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Option	Function
Set Time Period	Same as the table option shown above.
Change Constraint Values	Same as the table option shown above.
Select Nodes/Interfaces	Same as the table option shown above.
Displayed Data	For every point on a graph, display data in a spreadsheet.
Grid	Add these to the graph:
	X axis grid lines
	Y axis grid lines
	X and Y axis grid lines
Legend	Delete or reposition the legend.
Style	See the illustrations below.
Change Max Rows	Same as the table option shown above.
Display Data Table	See below.
Export Element as CSV	Same as the table option shown above.
View in New Frame	Opens graph in a Graph Viewer window.
Print Graph	Same as the table option shown above.

The following table provides details about each option.

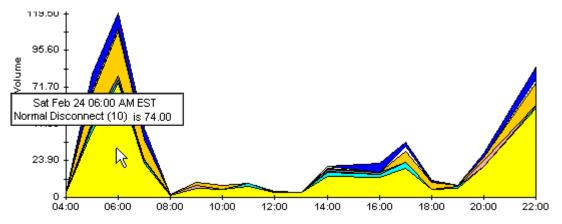
### Style Options

Select **Style** to display a list of seven view options for graphs.



#### Style > Area

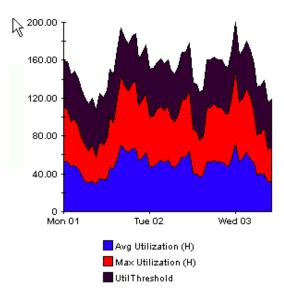
The plot or bar chart changes to an area graph. While relative values and total values are easy to view in this format, absolute values for smaller data types may be hard to see. Click anywhere within a band of color to display the exact value for that location



To shorten the time span of a graph, press SHIFT+ALT and use the left mouse button to highlight the time span you want to focus on. Release the mouse button to display the selected time span.

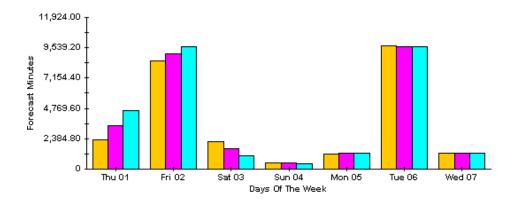
### Style > Stacking Area

The area or plot graph changes to a stacking area graph. This view is suitable for displaying a small number of variables.



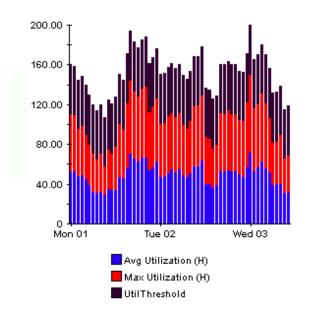
### Style > Bar

The graph changes to a bar chart. This view is suitable for displaying relatively equal values for a small number of variables. There are three variables in the graph below.



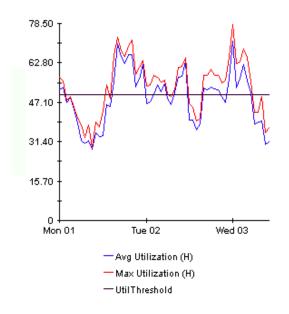
### Style > Stacking Bar

The plot or area graph changes to a stacking bar chart. If you increase the width of the frame, the time scale becomes hourly. If you increase the height of the frame, the call volume shows in units of ten.



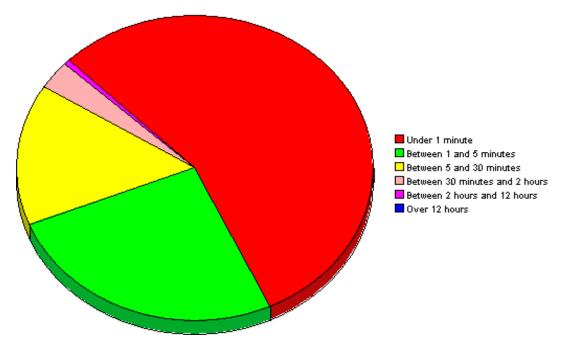
### Style > Plot

Bands of color in an area graph change to lines. If you adjust the frame width, you can make the data points align with hour; if you adjust the frame height, you can turn call volume into whole numbers.



### Style > Pie

An area graph becomes a pie chart. Bands in an area graph convert to slices of a pie and the pie constitutes a 24-hour period. This view is helpful when a small number of data values are represented and you are looking at data for one day.



If you are looking at data for more than one day, you will see multiple pie graphs, one for each day.

### Display Data Table

This option changes a graph into a spreadsheet.

📕 Data table	for 8.1
X Axis	Average
Tue Feb 19	0.809
Tue Feb 19	0.621
Tue Feb 19	1.026
Tue Feb 19	0.362
Tue Feb 19	1.171
Tue Feb 19	1.051
Tue Feb 19	0.284
Tue Feb 19	0.826
Tue Feb 19	1.483
Tue Feb 19	0.967
Tue Feb 19	1.471
Tue Feb 19	1.308
Tue Feb 19	1.123
Tue Feb 19	0.93
Tue Feb 19	1.497
Tue Feb 19	0.806
Tue Feb 19	0.725

### View in New Frame

The graph opens in a Graph Viewer window. Improve legibility by resizing the window.

🦉 Graph Viewer	
Network Response Ti	me
Cisco_04	
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Tue 05:00 AM Tu – Average	e 11:00 PM

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