

Turnkey management application suite offering advanced monitoring and control features to IT managers of up to midsize enterprise networks

OVERVIEW

3Com® Network Director offers IT managers of up to midsize enterprise networks a self-contained, standalone software suite with all the features necessary to monitor and control a secure, converged network infrastructure. While optimized for 3Com network environments, it also provides limited support for a range of non-3Com products.

To simplify the work of IT staff and improve network operation and reliability, functionality includes advanced capabilities such as automated quarantine of infected devices, discovery and mapping of network devices, bulk configuration tools with backup and restore, device set-up wizards, troubleshooting tools that can rapidly locate and fix network problems, and tools that simplify managing 3Com routers or switches.

3Com Network Director also includes 3Com Network Access Manager. Designed for users of Microsoft Active Directory, it simplifies the job of managing network access when using IEEE 802.1X or RADIUS desktop authentication.

KEY BENEFITS

OFFERS TURNKEY MANAGEMENT FOR DIVERSE NETWORKS

3Com Network Director delivers enhanced features for turnkey management on a Windows platform. It is ideal for midsize and smaller sites needing comprehensive network discovery, monitoring, and control. Optimized for 3Com network environments, it provides advanced capabilities to simplify the work of IT staff and improve the network's operation and reliability.

AUTOMATES BULK TASKS

Advanced capabilities—bulk configuration backup and restore, and software agent update for 3Com LAN and WAN products—simplify the work of IT staff and improve the operation and reliability of the network. Wizard-driven operations allow fast network-wide management of VLANs and switch-port settings.

DELIVERS FAST AND EFFECTIVE PROBLEM HANDLING

IT staff can proactively monitor all network devices, including switches, routers, wireless access points, IP telephony components, end stations, and servers. A comprehensive event log and data path analysis give a clear description and indicate the severity of network problems; sophisticated event logs help identify root causes for these detected network anomalies.

AUTOMATICALLY AND RAPIDLY REMOVE INFECTED DEVICES FROM THE NETWORK

“Find and Remove” searches for rogue devices by MAC or IP address or 802.1X user, finding where a device is connected to the network and simply isolating it. When used in conjunction with a TippingPoint™ Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) and its Security Management System v2.5, 3Com Network Director can automatically remove the PC from the network, or alternatively move it into a quarantine VLAN where it can be safely repaired before being allowed back on the network.

KEY BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

EASILY CONTROL NETWORK ACCESS AT THE EDGE

3ND simplifies the deployment of RADA and IEEE 802.1X Network Login at the edge of a 3Com network. All devices (via RADA) or users (via 802.1X) can be authenticated before allowed access to the network. In addition, IP phones can be authenticated and automatically placed in the appropriate voice VLAN when connected to the network.

PROVIDES DETAILED PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Easy-to-use performance-monitoring capabilities detect bottlenecks and other network problems. Historical data indicates trends and helps predict future network performance. For advanced troubleshooting, displays show industry-standard RMON data from switches.

ACCURATELY DISCOVER AND MAP NETWORK DEVICES

Automatic network discovery and mapping includes detailed views at Layer 2 and Layer 3 levels. Highly accurate, detailed depictions—with real-time status updates— show discovered data, voice, and wireless networking equipment, all connecting links, end stations and servers, and VLAN associations of ports and devices.

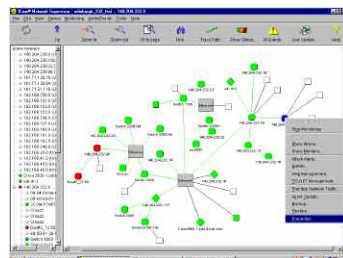
FLEXIBLE REPORTING

Information on network inventory, misconfigurations, optimization suggestions, and device history can be generated in pre-defined reports and in customized versions to meet specific requirements.

GRAPHICAL ELEMENT MANAGEMENT

Switches and routers can be viewed via a graphical interface to simplify element management.

FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS



3Com Network Director topology interface

Automatic Discovery and Mapping

3Com Network Director automatically discovers and maps—at both a Layer 3 subnet view or a Layer 2 flat view—all IP devices and links on local or specified subnets, gathering additional management details for 3Com equipment and some common third-party devices.

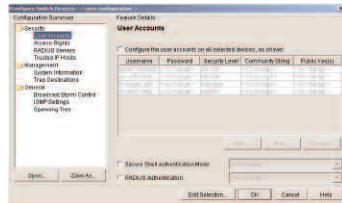
Real-Time Network Stress Monitoring

The software automatically monitors network stress for all key switches and links on the network, as well as the stress levels of end stations, servers, and their links to the core devices. Easy-to-view graphs give users an instant look at network performance data. Experienced users can choose a more detailed view of important parameter values. To make trouble-shooting faster, trace paths clearly show network traffic routes between managed entities.

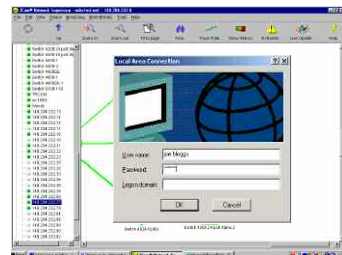
Efficient Backup and Restore

Bulk backup and restore of 3Com switch configurations saves administrative time and effort.

FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)



For time-saving and flexible bulk configuration, templates for configuring one or multiple features can be created and applied across similar device types in one operation.



Managers can see at a glance the names of people logged onto the network using 802.1X Network Login.

Advanced Performance RMON Monitoring

Bottlenecks and network problem areas are easily detected using real-time graphical tools based on industry-standard remote monitoring (RMON) data. The software collects historical information and logs it for analysis.

Optimized VLAN Management

Viewing the network map by VLAN with a single interface facilitates creation and deletion of VLANs across multiple switches and simplifies the creation of network reports that include VLAN data.

Bulk Agent Updates

To assure that agent software on 3Com devices is always current, 3Com Network Director simplifies agent version auditing and lets them perform bulk agent updates as needed. They can select to update all of their 3Com products, all products of a certain type, or make custom selections from the current map for maximum management flexibility.

Converged Network Support

3Com data and voice products can be managed from one interface. The Network Director map shows how IP phones are connected into the wired network and which handsets are managed where—regardless of physical network location.

Enhanced Security

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Element Management for Routers and Switches

Device-by-device configuration is intuitive with Network Director’s accurate graphical representation of 3Com routers and switches on the network.

Flexible Task Scheduling

Key tasks—network discovery, agent upgrade, configuration backup, bulk port or switch settings—can be scheduled to run at regular intervals or at convenient times in the future. If desired, they can run nightly to provide refreshed content every morning.

Live Updates

With a single button click, 3Com Network Director checks the 3Com website for new Network Director upgrades and available device support for the equipment in the managed network. A simple interface assists in downloading service packs and agent versions for devices.

SPECIFICATIONS

WORKSTATION

PC with CD drive and Network Adapter Card (Pentium III 500 MHz minimum; 1 GHz or higher recommended)

MEMORY

512 MB minimum (1 Gb or higher recommended)

FREE HARD DISK SPACE

300 MB minimum (1 Gb or higher recommended)

OPERATING SYSTEMS

Windows XP Pro SP1a, minimum
Windows 2000 Professional SP4

3COM NETWORK ACCESS MANAGER

3Com Network Director also includes 3Com Network Access Manager. A plug-in for Microsoft Active Directory and Microsoft Internet Authentication Service (IAS) users, it simplifies the complexity and associated administrative costs for businesses taking advantage of the security benefits of Network Login (IEEE 802.1X) and RADIUS Authenticated Device Access (RADA).

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ORDERING INFORMATION

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