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With WhatsUp Gold Configured you can:

- Automate configuration and change management tasks to eliminate human error
- Schedule and execute configuration management changes for individual or groups of network devices to save time
- Enforce reliable policy monitoring whenever a configuration is backed up
- Alert on configuration changes or policy features and restore known good configuration as required to minimize downtime
- Compare stored startup or running configuration files to reduce troubleshooting efforts
- Maintain audit trails of all configuration changes to ensure accountability and traceability

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WhatsUp® Gold WhatsConfigured®

Automated Configuration and Change Management
for Increased Network Reliability

Fully integrated into the WhatsUp Gold product family, WhatsConfigured automates all configuration and change management tasks required to maintain and control configuration files across your network, eliminates human error, and frees up valuable IT personnel time.

With support for heterogeneous networks, WhatsConfigured provides secure SNMP v1-3, SSH2 or Telnet access as well as TFTP to download and store configuration files in a secure repository. Configuration tasks can be scheduled or manually run for downloads/uploads, file compares and backups. WhatsConfigured also allows users to view and receive real-time alerts when configuration changes occur, as well as maintain audit trails of all configuration changes.

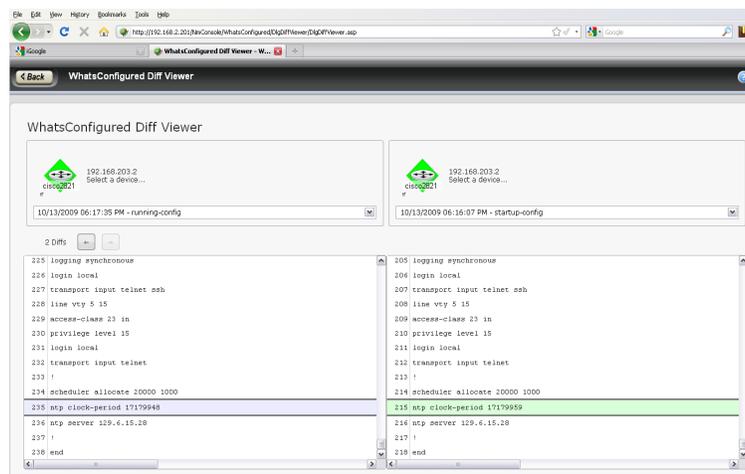
WhatsConfigured reduces the time and effort spent by network managers manually maintaining device configurations and changes while providing increased security, compliance and visibility.

Embracing Change, Controlling Configurations

Network configuration and change management, or NCCM, is the process of creating and maintaining a centralized and up-to-date record of all the configurations of key networking devices such as switches, firewalls, VPN devices, Wireless Access Points or routers.

Defining device configurations is as much of an art as it is a science, as networks continue to become more and more complex. Network management professionals spend a significant amount of time establishing and fine-tuning configurations to ensure stable network performance, protect data and secure networks from unauthorized users. With sometimes hundreds of individual devices to manage and maintain, configuration changes are made almost continuously. This makes it difficult for network managers to keep track of all of these changes.

Unfortunately, things go wrong and one of the most common causes of network outages is network device misconfiguration. Without a configuration management solution in place, recreating a device configuration from scratch or figuring out what changed when, where and by whom can be next to impossible. The ability to rapidly react to a device failure or misconfiguration is vital in a sound network management strategy. The capability to download a backup to a new device or replace an existing file can mean the difference between a network outage and a healthy infrastructure.



Rapidly view configurations side by side and quickly locate changes

WhatsConfigured Features

Configuration File Download and Storage

Configuration files can be downloaded and stored; allowing the ability to rapidly restore any backed up configuration to replacement devices, ad-hoc or on a scheduled basis.

Configuration Export

Seamless export and import critical network configuration information into existing corporate-wide archiving repository, to minimize risks and standardize internal operation processes.

Integrated Configuration Management Console

Access and manage the WhatsConfigured Task Library from a central console, schedule or customize any pre-configured tasks, or create and define custom scripts for your organization.

Authentication Credentials

The WhatsUp Gold credentials library has been enhanced to provide support for both SSH1-2 and Telnet credentials to securely access devices to download or upload configuration files in addition to SNMPv3.

Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) Server

WhatsConfigured includes a TFTP server to upload and download configuration files or operating system images that are 1MB or larger.

File Compare

When a configuration file is changed on a monitored device, either authorized or unauthorized, WhatsConfigured will download the modified configuration file from the device and automatically start the file comparison report.

Device Passwords

Manage and change device passwords as well as change/update Telnet, SSH, Enable/Secret passwords

Policy-based Monitoring and Alerting

WhatsConfigured utilizes the WhatsUp Gold Alert Center to provide alerting and notification when configuration management related events on monitored devices occur.

Reporting

WhatsConfigured offers network managers various reporting options, such as the ability to compare configuration files or reports on audit trails of all configuration changes.

Extensive Device Support

WhatsConfigured provides extensive out-of-the-box configuration management support for Cisco, HP, Foundry, Extreme, Dell and many other manufacturers.

Improve Network Reliability

One of the most important aspects of a networking professional's job is to ensure that configuration of devices is standardized, maintained and documented. Fully documented configurations are an essential element of complying with legislative initiatives, as well as ensuring adherence to Government Security Technical Implementation Guides (STIGs) and industry standards such as Payment Card Industry (PCI) and Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL). Furthermore, configuration and change management provides direct control over the most critical assets in the network and improves the ability of the IT organization to deliver quality services in an economical and effective manner.

With WhatsConfigured, network managers can leverage automated configuration and change management to eliminate common and manual repetitive tasks associated with configuration management to increase network reliability and save precious time.

Architected around an automated task execution engine and fully integrated into the WhatsUp Gold platform, WhatsConfigured allows network managers to dynamically gather configuration data about devices on their network. Network managers can choose to run various pre-defined tasks on a scheduled basis, or create custom tasks to run on the fly. With WhatsConfigured, network managers will improve overall network reliability through the ability to easily perform necessary configuration updates, or quickly recover from device failures and misconfigurations.

WhatsConfigured Key Benefits

- **Increased security and compliance**
 - » Provides traceability and accountability for configuration changes
 - » Controls access to device configurations
- **Improved control over critical infrastructure data**
 - » Alerts when device configuration changes occur
 - » Enables consistency in configurations across the network
- **Preserve investment and time creating sound configurations**
 - » Establishes known, solid baseline configurations
 - » Backup and storage of configuration files
- **Increased automation**
 - » Reduces time to generate and duplicate standardized configurations for common devices
 - » Eliminates need to access each device individually
- **Reduced risk of downtime**
 - » Faster response to events where restoring configurations is required
 - » Minimizes the impact of misconfiguration

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