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abstract

This document is written primarily for HP customers who have deployed HP NetServer systems and are using HP Toptools to manage distributed networks. As HP transitions all its industry standard server products to the HP ProLiant product line, HP management software will transition from Toptools to Insight Manager 7. HP is committed to protecting customer investments in legacy HP hardware and Toptools and to simplifying product transitions for customers. To eliminate the need for an immediate transition and to assist customers as they begin a transition, HP has enhanced both Toptools and Insight Manager 7 to provide simpler, better device management for Netserver and ProLiant products on a network.

This document describes enhanced capabilities of Toptools Version 5.6 and of Insight Manager 7, Service Pack 2 (SP2) and provides information about where to access more useful information and files for download.

introduction

Today corporations find themselves responsible for managing a complex array of networks, clients, servers, operations systems, and applications. This task is complex, especially in an era of shrinking budgets. Long before the two companies merged in early 2002, both HP and Compaq recognized the inherent challenges in managing distributed enterprise systems; and each had developed web-based tools for monitoring and controlling the operation of distributed networks.

As HP transitions all of its industry standard server products to the ProLiant product line, HP management software will transition from Toptools to Insight Manager 7. However, HP is committed to protecting customer investments in legacy HP hardware and management software and to simplifying product transitions for customers. To assist customers in the transition process from Netserver to ProLiant servers, HP has updated both Insight Manager 7 and Toptools to provide enhanced management of Netserver and ProLiant server products.

This document describes enhanced capabilities of Toptools Version 5.6 and of Insight Manager 7 SP 2. It also provides information about the following:

- where to access Insight Manager 7 and Toptools 5.6 for download
- how to use Insight Manager 7 SP 2 to manage legacy HP Netserver systems
- how to use Toptools 5.6 to manage ProLiant servers
- tips for planning a migration from Toptools to Insight Manager 7 for server management
- information about existing enterprise management integration modules for Toptools and Insight Manager 7

using Insight Manager 7 SP2 to manage hp Netserver systems

Insight Manager 7, the core of the ProLiant Essentials Foundation Pack, is a comprehensive management tool designed specifically to monitor and control the operation of Compaq servers and clients. Insight Manager 7 consists of two components:

- management agents that monitor the health of ProLiant servers and Compaq Evo desktops and portables
- a management server that provides functionality such as a device and event database, inventory reporting, and system software version control.

The management server and the management agents for Microsoft® Windows®, NetWare, and Linux operating systems are all remotely accessible through a web browser.

Management agents monitor more than 1,000 management parameters. Key subsystems are instrumented to make health, configuration, and performance data available to the agent software. The agents act upon that data by initiating alarms in the event of faults and by

providing updated management information, such as network interface or storage subsystem performance statistics.

For best results in using Insight Manager 7 to manage Netserver systems, HP recommends that customers update to Insight Manager 7 SP2, which is available in the ProLiant Essentials Foundation Pack or on the web at:

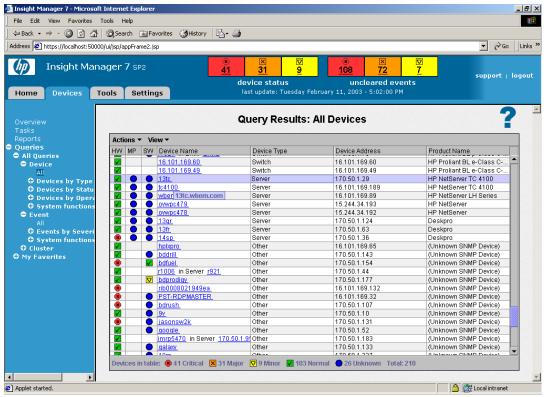
http://h18000.www1.hp.com/products/servers/management/cim7-description.html. HP also recommends that customers install version 5.50 or greater of the Netserver management agents on their Netserver systems.

management capabilities

Insight Manager 7 SP2 provides the following management capabilities for Netserver systems:

- device discovery: Discovers IP/IPX devices, including HP Netserver systems (Figure 1). Discovery filters can be enabled to discover only ProLiant and HP Netserver devices.
- **device identification:** Properly identifies (by product model) HP Netserver systems running Netserver agents. For best results, Netserver systems should be running version 5.50 agents or greater.
- Toptools Remote Control Card and HP Server Remote Management Card:
 Discovers these cards as "Management Processors." These cards will be automatically associated with their host servers. The Toptools Remote Control Card and HP Server Remote Management Card provide remote administration capabilities, such as power on/power off for HP Netserver systems.

figure 1. discovery of HP Netservers



- detailed device configuration and health: Discovers Instant Toptools running on port 280 under the latest versions of Windows, NetWare, and Linux operating systems. Insight Manager 7 will launch instant Toptools, allowing customers to view the configuration and status of key server subsystems.
- detailed inventory information: Executes detailed data collection for both ProLiant and HP Netserver systems. Key inventory information for these servers is accessible through the inventory reporting tool.
- **SNMP traps:** Netserver MIBS are pre-compiled into the management server, allowing end users to receive and correctly interpret Netserver SNMP events.
- DMI indications: Insight Manager 7 receives and logs Netserver DMI indications in its
 event database.
- Web-enabled devices: Discovers Web-enabled devices that are running on port 80.
 This capability enables management of devices with built-in web servers (such as printers and hubs).
- version control: Insight Manager 7 version control cannot be used to update Netserver system software.

web-enabled device discovery

HP recommends installing Instant Toptools (see Figure 2) when managing Netserver systems with Insight Manager 7. Instant Toptools is a web-enabled management agent that allows system administrators to remotely view the health and configuration of their HP Netserver systems. Insight Manager 7 SP1.1 or greater can launch the Insight Toptools user interface from server device lists and from the server device page.

Insight Manager 7 SP2 support | logo: Home Devices Tools Settings HP Instant Toptools For Serv _ 🗆 × hp netserver system _{NC8} Model: HP NetServer TC 3100 Location: Contact: Serial #: SG20802588 Address: 15.75.201.94 MAC Address: 00 30 6E 1E FF 06 Instant Toptools 5.52 build 8 Version: NOS Name: Microsoft Windows 2000 NOS Version: (Build 2195: Service Pack 2) BIOS Version: 4.06.12 RH NC8 Up Time: 0 days 01:10:57 seconds HP NetServer TC 3100 WEBSERVER Insight Manager 7 m devices and receives about those devices. display an <u>overview</u> of and events or quickly reports from the man database.

figure 2. link to Insight Toptools from Insight Manager 7 device list

Instant Toptools is available for free download. To download Instant Toptools over the Internet, follow these steps:

- 1. From the HP website at www.hp.com, select **Support & Drivers**.
- 2. Select HP software & drivers.
- 3. Enter the Netserver model name, and click on the adjacent search arrow.
- 4. On the Smart Driver Download screen, scroll down to the **Utility HP Instant Toptools** section.
- Click on the download link provided for the operating system running on the Netserver system.

discovering other web server applications

Insight Manager 7 discovers web servers running on common ports. For example, devices with a built-in web server running on port 80 are discovered with a link to the built-in web server. This link launches to the default web server, allowing device management. Some printers and networking equipment ship with embedded web servers for their management interface.

adding Web Jetadmin

Insight Manager 7 also enables systems administrators to add web-enabled applications and to assign a different or new port number for a web-enabled device by simply adding or updating entries in the additionalWsDisc.props file located in the INSTALLDIR\config\directory.

For example, Insight Manager 7 can discover the Web Jetadmin utility. Since the port for Web Jetadmin is configurable, an entry must be added to the additionalWsDisc.props file to tell Insight Manager 7 where to discover Web Jetadmin (that is, on which port it is running). The format for adding additional entries is described in the file. Below are two sample entries:

8008=Default Home Page, ,true,false, ,http 8000=Web JetAdmin, ,true,false, ,http

discovery of Toptools remote control card

Insight Manager 7 SP2 will correctly identify the Toptools Remote Control Card and the HP Server Remote Management Card as a Management Processor and associate them with the proper host server (Figure 4). To link to the Remote Control Card, click the Management Processor status icon from any Insight Manager 7 query showing an HP server, or browse to the specific device page of the server in question.



figure 4. link to Toptools Remote Control from Insight Manager 7 device list

Netserver event management

The NetServer MIBs listed in Table 1 have been compiled into Insight Manager 7 SP2 by default, and the trap definitions in the MIBs are loaded into the database. This provides event translation and extra event information from NetServer systems. Systems administrators can receive e-mail or pager notifications based on Netserver events using Insight Manager 7 e-mail and pager notification tasks.

table 1. NetServer MIBs compiled into Insight Manager 7 SP2

adaptec.mib	cageagt.mib	hpeccmib.mib	hpn.mib
hpnetctz.mib	hpnr.mib	hpprfmib.mib	hpswa.mib
hptat.mib	mlxraid.mib	nsaasr.mib	nsadimm.mib
nsaevent.mib	nsainfo.mib	nsapci.mib	nsarps.mib
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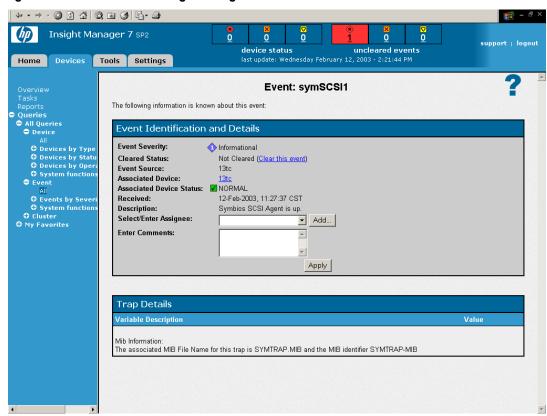
Notes:

- Hptrap.mib is shipped only with Insight Manager 7 SP1.1 and SP2. It provides event support for traps defined in MIBs or other files that are no longer distributed or that are incompatible with Insight Manager 7. For best event support, ensure that the SP2 update is applied and that hptrap.mib is compiled.
- Insight Manager 7 places all traps defined by the MIBs listed in Table 1 into the NETSERVER category. To find one of these events to configure a query by event type, look for it in the NETSERVER category (Figure 5).

 Systems administrators can compile additional MIBs to manage events on other HP devices. The Insight Manager 7 compiler only supports SNMP v1, so this may limit the number of other MIBs that can be compiled.

Insight Manager 7 does not support the import and compilation of Trap Definition files from OpenView or similar management platforms (trapd.conf).

figure 5. HP Server Alarm in Insight Manager 7 SP2



Insight Manager 7 can receive DMI indications from systems, if the DMI indications function is enabled. Follow these steps to determine if the function is enabled:

- 1. Browse to **Settings** in Insight Manager 7.
- 2. Click on Server.
- 3. Select Protocols.
- 4. Verify that the **Receive DMI Indications** box is checked

To do additional DMI configuration on the Insight Manager 7 server, go to the Control Panel and select **Compaq DMI Indications.** From this point, for example, systems administrators can modify the DMI subscription refresh interval.

compiling new HP MIBs

To enhance Insight Manager 7 event capabilities for other HP devices, system administrators can compile new MIBs into the system using the graphical interface or the command line.

To compile new MIBs using the graphical interface, complete the following steps:

- 1. In Insight Manager 7, browse to **Tools**.
- 2. Click on Tools.
- 3. Select the MIB Manager.
- 4. Upload the new MIB if it is not already present on the Insight Manager 7 server.
- 5. After uploading, register the MIB to receive new events.

The MIB Manager command line interface offers comparable features.

installing Insight Manager 7 SP2 on a Netserver system

To install Insight Manager 7 SP2 on a Netserver system running a Windows operation system, one must be logged into Windows as a user with administrator rights. HP recommends installing Insight Manager 7 on a Windows NT® File System (NTFS) partition. For installing Insight Manager 7 on a Netserver system, HP recommends installation on a clean operating system image. Table 2 lists system requirements for proper operation of Insight Manager 7 on an HP Netserver system.

table 2. system requirements for installing Insight Manager 7 SP 2

system	ProLiant server, Deskpro, EVO and IPAQ Desktops, and Professional & EVO Workstation, Netserver LX Pro, LC3, LC4 and Vectra XA6/200	
processor	400-MHz Pentium® III Processor or faster	
memory	 base requirement: 192 MB of RAM with Microsoft SQL Server or MSDE installed on the same server 	
	 256 MB of RAM with Version Control Repository Manager installed and Microsoft SQL Server or MSDE installed on the same server with Insight Manager 7 	
	Note: Performance will vary based on the number of devices being managed.	
operating system	Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 or Enterprise Edition, SP6a or later	
	 Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional, Server, or Advanced Server, SP2 or later 	
	Microsoft Windows XP Professional, SP1 or later	
	Microsoft Windows .NET Standard or Enterprise Server	
other requirements	Microsoft Desktop Engine (MSDE) 2000 with SP2 or later (local database only)	
	 Microsoft SQL Server 7 Standard or Enterprise Edition with SP4 or later (local or remote database supported) 	
	SQL Server 2000 Standard, Personal, or Enterprise Edition, SP4 or later (local or remote database supported)	
	TCP/IP and SNMP Services installed and active	
	Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.5 with SP2 or later	

Before installing Insight Manager 7 SP2 on a Netserver system, system administrators should do the following:

- Using the Add/Remove Programs function, uninstall any version of the Java 2
 Runtime Environment that is not version 1.3.1_02. This will eliminate having multiple or
 unsupported copies of the plug-in on the system.
- When upgrading from a version of Insight Manager 7 prior to SP1.1, first uninstall any Netserver or Itanium2-based server MIBs that may have been added manually.

Insight Manager 7 is not supported on a Netserver system already running legacy HP management agents. Conflicts occur when Netserver DMI agents and Instant Toptools run on the same system as Insight Manager 7.

For Insight Manager 7 to properly identify Netserver systems, HP Blades or HP Remote Control Cards, HP Netserver Agent 5.50 or greater must be installed on the managed devices to ensure best integration.

Insight Manager 7 SP2 will run on a Netserver system with no loss of functionality—with the following caveats:

- The Netserver system running the Insight Manager 7 service will be discovered as an "Unknown HP SNMP device." The Insight Manager 7 installation process will automatically install the HP Insight Management agents; however, these agents cannot retrieve instrumentation from Netserver hardware.
- When a systems administrator drills down on the device page for a Netserver system, the link "Subsystem Status Information (using SNMP)" may be present. Depending on the instrumentation present on the system and the level of agents installed, the information displayed when clicking this link may be minimal. To view detailed information, users should select the HP Instant Toptools for Servers link (if present) or the Data Collection Report.

For more information about installing and using Insight Manager 7, see the "Insight Manager 7 Technical Reference Guide" and other documents available at this website: http://h18013.www1.hp.com/products/servers/management/cim7-documentation.html

migrating from Toptools to Insight Manager 7

To plan a migration from Toptools to Insight Manager 7, systems administrators should refer to the Management CD for Insight Manager 7 documentation. The Management CD is a component of the ProLiant Essentials Foundation Pack. It is available as part of a SmartStart subscription (see the following link):

http://h18013.www1.hp.com/products/servers/management/smartstart/subscription.html)

Downloadables on the CD are also available online from the HP software and drivers website: http://h18007.www1.hp.com/support/files/server/us/index.html

Table 3 identifies basic items that systems administrators should consider when migrating from Toptools to Insight Manager 7.

table 3. considerations for migrating from Toptools to Insight Manager 7

	Toptools	Insight Manager 7 SP2	migration	notes
user accounts	Windows login accounts. Groups are used for access rights.	Windows login accounts.	Migrate Windows accounts from Toptools system to Insight Manager system.	Additional configuration in Insight Manager 7 Setup Accounts page for access rights.
discovery parameters			Copy settings from Toptools setup into Insight Manager 7 setup.	
web-enabled management	Instant Toptools runs on port 280.	ProLiant web- enabled agents run on ports 2301 and 2381.		
reports	Provides predefined reports.	Provides predefined and customizable reports for ProLiant and Netserver systems.	Based on the Toptools report list, create new Insight Manager 7 reports.	See Table 4 for a list of pre-defined reports.
receiving SNMP traps	SNMP trap destinations are configured for Toptools.		Add SNMP trap destination for Insight Manager 7.	

Both Insight Manager 7 SP2 and Toptools 5.6 come with a variety of default, pre-defined reports and allow systems administrators to create customized reports. Table 4 identifies the default, pre-configured reports each tool provides.

Insight Manager 7 reporting capabilities are built on an SQL-compatible repository containing information for discovered devices, alarms, assets, and status reporting. In addition to the predefined reports, Insight Manager 7 contains a standard data collection report that is accessible from the Device Information page. This report provides the default information that Insight Manager 7 has on a particular device.

Insight Manager 7 SP2 capabilities for customizing reports are quite extensive. A detailed guide for producing customized reports is available in the white paper "Creating Custom Reports from the Insight Manager 7 Database," Document Number 5981-4755ENA1, at ttp://ftp.compaq.com/pub/products/servers/management/cim7/Reports.pdf. Review Table 4 to determine which Toptools reports you will need to create in Insight Manager 7.

table 4. predefined reports provided by Insight Manager 7 SP2 and Toptools 5.6

Insight Manager 7 reports	Toptools reports
Array controllers – all servers	Advanced PC hardware
Community strings – all servers	Class issues checker
ProLiant BL server rack – all servers	HP9000 server hardware and OS
CPU – all clients	Hubs
CPU – all servers	HP server hardware and OS
DIMM slots – all servers	PC asset location
ILO license information – all servers	PC companions
Installed controllers – all clients	PC drivers
Installed controllers – all servers	PC hardware and OS
Inventory – all servers	PC system passwords
Logical disk drives – all servers	Printers
Network interface – all servers	Racked systems
Operating system information – all clients	Remote control cards
Operating system information – all servers	Routers
Physical disk drives – all servers	Servers
Power supply – all servers	Server drivers
System software – all servers	Server firmware
	Switches
	UNIX workstations
	Windows 2000 migration
	Windows 2000 supported PCs
	Windows XP migration
	Windows XP supported PCs

user accounts

Both Toptools and Insight Manager 7 use Windows Domain/Machine accounts for access to the management application. If the system on which Insight Manager 7 is installed is in the same domain as the Toptools system, then the accounts used for Toptools are available to Insight Manager 7.

Insight Manager 7 and Toptools have roughly equivalent concepts of user groups. When migrating from Toptools to Insight Manager 7, map the Toptools user groups to the equivalent Insight Manager user groups as identified in Table 5.

table 5. equivalent user groups in Toptools and Insight Manager 7

Toptools		Insight Manager 7
user group	access rights	user group
Toptools (users)	Members can view HP Toptools device information.	users
Toptools admins	Members have full access to all functions in HP Toptool	administrators
Toptools operators	Members can manage any device via Toptools, but cannot configure Toptools itself.	operators
		paging only

Note: Paging-only user accounts in Insight Manager 7 are set up to allow notification to a specific user, but not to allow the user to log in. Toptools does not have an equivalent user group.

setting up Toptools accounts for use in Insight Manager 7

In Toptools, the user rights are determined by the Toptools user group in which the account is a member. In Insight Manager 7, the user rights are configured on the Settings – Accounts page, not through group membership.

On the Accounts page of Insight Manager 7, systems administrators need to configure each Toptools account to have the appropriate access rights and permissions. Administrators can also configure security and paging information for each user.

If Insight Manager 7 is installed on a system that is not in the same domain as the Toptools system, then systems administrators must add the accounts from the Toptools machine/domain to the machine/domain where Insight Manager 7 is installed (that is, they must create new user accounts). After creating the accounts accessible to the Insight Manager 7 server, administrators should configure the access rights for each user.

using Toptools 5.6 to manage Proliant servers

HP Toptools is a collection of applications and agents designed to provide inventory, fault, asset, performance, and security management of HP devices from anywhere on a network through a web browser. For customers who do not wish to transition immediately from Toptools to Insight Manager 7, HP released Toptools Version 5.6 in June 2002. It is available for free download at https://www.hp.com/toptools/.

management capabilities

Into Toptools 5.6, HP compiled (that is, preloaded) ProLiant MIBs (Management Information Bases) to provide the following management capabilities for ProLiant hardware with no user intervention:

- discovery: Through use of various agents, discovers the device name, type, and supported protocols for IP/IPX devices, including ProLiant servers.
- **SNMP discovery:** Classifies ProLiant servers as "server, hp ProLiant" in the Type field (Figure 6).
- **DMI discovery:** Classifies Evo systems as "pc, hp Evo" in the Type field. (ProLiant servers do not have DMI.)
- Web-enabled devices: Discovers and can launch Web-enabled Insight Manager agents.

- RILOE discovery: Discovers a Remote Insight Lights-Out Edition (RILOE) card as another device on the network. The device is not classified as a RILOE card; it may be classified as a server.
- **RILOE-II card discovery:** Discovers RILOE-II card as "management device, RILOE-II card" in the Type field.
- **status information:** Monitors status by alert reception and up/down polling.
- detailed SNMP and DMI information: Provides drill-down functionality via the web-enabled agents. Some information is provided in the native Toptools device information pages.
- **SNMP traps:** Receives raw SNMP traps from ProLiant servers.
- **DMI indications:** Receives DMI indications.
- **predefined reports:** Built-in reports show basic asset information.
- **software revision management:** This function is not available on ProLiant servers.

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figure 6. ProLiant devices discovered by Toptools 5.6

If a device supports a web agent technology plus another technology such as WMI (Windows Management Instrument), Toptools creates a link to the management home page (webagent) and generates a generic Toptools property page. Toptools automatically discovers webagents (or web servers) listening on port 80 (Device Home Page) or on ports 280, 411, 2301, or 6500 (Management Home Page). Device Communication Settings are used to configure polling parameters and set alternate Management URL addresses for managed devices. Systems administrators can manually set the management URL for a specific device using Device Communication settings

If the system discovered is a ProLiant server running the HP Insight Management Agents, Toptools provides the ability to launch directly to the web-enabled management agents that provide information about the hardware status of the ProLiant system (Figure 7). This provides extensive hardware information about the device and access to the other web-based management components that may be running on the system. Other tools, such as the

Version Control Agents¹ or the Survey Utility,² may also be running on the system.

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figure 7. launching ProLiant Management Agents from Toptools

If the system discovered is a Compaq Evo, Armada, or Deskpro PC running the desktop management agents, Toptools provides the ability to launch directly to the web-enabled management agents. The desktop agents provide extensive hardware information about the device, as well as access to other web-based components such as remote diagnostics.

event management

Toptools can provide alerting services (Figure 8) for the following management protocols:

- SNMP MIB-II
- DMI 2.0
- WMI

Toptools uses the standard DMI 2.0 mechanism to "subscribe" for DMI alerts. If a PC or server has a DMI agent using DMI to send alerts, Toptools discovers the DMI agent and sets an alert destination to be the Toptools server. DMI alerts targeted to the Toptools server are automatically received, processed, and added to the Alerts list.

¹ Insight Manager 7 works in concert with the Version Control Repository Manager and the Version Control Agents to provide comprehensive system software maintenance of ProLiant servers running Microsoft Windows 2000 or Microsoft Windows NT. Version Control pinpoints systems running out-of-date software.

² The Survey Utility is an information-gathering agent that runs on ProLiant and Prosignia servers. The Survey Utility helps maximize server availability by streamlining the configuration analysis and troubleshooting processes. It gathers both critical hardware and operating system information. The Survey Utility is available for Windows NT, Windows 2000, NetWare, and Linux Intel environments.

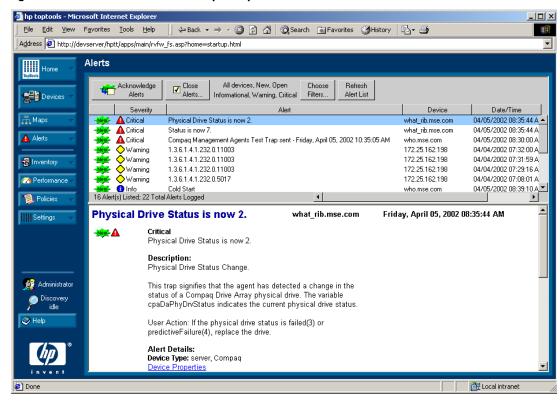


figure 8. translated ProLiant SNMP trap in Toptools 5.6

status polling

The Toptools Configure Polling page allows system administrators to select networks or devices to poll, to set the frequency of polling, and to toggle polling on or off. The settings for Timeouts and Retries are used for all device communications, regardless of protocol: SNMP, DMI, WMI, or HTTP (hypertext transport protocol). By default, Polling is set to ON only for servers, personal computers running server software, and networking devices. For other device types, administrators must manually set Polling to ON to enable polling of the device.

To determine if devices are connected and operational, the Polling function sends periodic requests to devices asking them to respond. When a device responds to a poll, Toptools displays a green icon in the Polling column. If a polling has not occurred for a particular device, Toptools displays an unknown icon in the Polling column to indicate that polling for the device is turned on but the first poll has not yet occurred. The polling process may have been delayed by a discovery process.

If a device responds to a poll, it is considered up; if it does not respond, it is considered down. In the latter case, the device may be not connected or not operating. When a device fails to respond to a poll, Toptools places a red critical icon in the Polling column of the Devices Informational page for the device and a yellow warning alert in the Alert Log.

configuring a device for status polling

To set Toptools polling parameters, complete the following steps:

- From the Toptools Navigation frame, click Settings and then Device Communication.
- 2. In the Devices list, select the device(s) for which you wish to configure polling
- 3. Set the State for the selected device(s):
 - To retain the previous setting, make no change.
 - To turn polling on for the selected devices, click On.
 - To turn polling Off, click Off.
- 4. Set Retries to the desired threshold. This threshold value determines the number of times Toptools polls a non-responding device before registering an alert.
- 5. Set the Interval to the desired value in seconds. This value determines the time interval between polls.
- 6. Set Timeout to the number of milliseconds you want Toptools to wait for a response before retrying. The Timeout period is a multi-purpose value used for polling and also for the device Discovery cycle. Adjust this value to conform with varied networking needs (slow link or fast link).
- 7. Click Save Settings.

suspending and resuming polling

The button that controls polling is a toggle:

- To stop the polling of all devices, click Suspend All Polling. The button label will
 change to Resume Polling.
- To begin polling all devices, click Resume Polling. The button label will change to Suspend All Polling.

configuring the management URL field

Defining the management URL determines which URL Toptools will use to communicate with the selected managed device(s). The check box allows systems administrators to review which management port Toptools has detected for the device or to associate a management home page or application with the device. The format of the Management URL field is:

http://<IP Address>:<port>/

Here is an example of a Management URL:

http://20.123.123.33:411/

Configuring the Management URL field is important if:

- a managed device allows a systems administrator to configure a port that Toptools does not automatically detect.
- a managed device uses a port that Toptools does not detect, and it cannot be changed to one that Toptools does detect.
- a systems administrator wants to specify a web application or management tool to be
 used with the device. For example, an administrator may enter the address of an Insight
 Manager 7 station for a ProLiant server or a Web Jetadmin server for a LaserJet printer.

Note: Toptools will overwrite the management URL field if, in subsequent discovery cycles, Toptools detects a new or different management URL based on discovered ports. Table 6 lists ports that Toptools 5.6 detects automatically.

table 6. ports detected automatically by Toptools 5.6

port number	port definition
80	standard web server application
280	primarily HP networking management port
411	IBM NetFinity agents
2301	ProLiant web agents
6500	IBM UMS agents

conclusion

As a result of the HP/Compaq merger, HP is transitioning all its industry-standard servers to the ProLiant product line and its management software from Toptools to Insight Manager 7. HP is committed to protecting customer investments in legacy HP hardware and software and to making necessary product transitions as convenient and cost-effective as possible for customers.

To assist Netserver customers in making this transition gradually, HP has enhanced both Toptools and Insight Manager 7 to provide simpler, better device management for customers deploying both Netserver and ProLiant products on a network. For best results, HP recommends the following:

- All customers now using Toptools to manage industry-standard servers should update to Toptools Version 5.6, which is available for free download at http://www.hp.com/toptools/.
- All customers using Insight Manager 7 to manage Netserver systems should update to
 Insight Manager 7 SP2, which is available free for downloading from this URL:
 http://h18000.www1.hp.com/products/servers/management/cim7-description.html.
 Customers should also check this URL periodically for updates to Insight Manager 7.

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