



# CHAPTER 1

## Overview of QPM 4.0

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## What is QPM?

QoS Policy Manager (QPM) lets you analyze traffic throughput by application or service class, and then leverage that information to configure QoS policies. This helps you to differentiate the traffic and define the QoS functions to be applied to each type of traffic flow.

By simplifying QoS policy definition and deployment, QPM makes it easier for you to create and manage end-to-end differentiated services in your network, thus making more efficient and economical use of your existing network resources.

For example, you can deploy policies that ensure that your mission-critical applications always get the bandwidth required to run your business.

QPM is suitable for large-scale enterprise deployments, and IP telephony deployments, consisting of hundreds or thousands of devices.

QPM helps you to manage large networks by providing advanced user authorization capabilities through integration with Cisco Access Control Server (ACS).

QPM runs on the CiscoWorks Common Services server. CiscoWorks Common Services provides the infrastructure required by QPM to run from the CiscoWorks desktop environment.

It allows you to manage user roles and privileges, and control user access to specific tasks in QPM.

QPM stores policy and device information in a relational database. Reports generated by QPM are stored separately as XML files. Monitoring task data is also stored separately.

QPM uses the CiscoWorks Common Services server to backup all application data. All QPM application data can also be exported to a destination folder for migrating from one QPM server to another.

## Preparing to Install QPM

Before you install QPM, review the installation prerequisites and available installation paths to prevent problems during installation.

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## Hardware and Software Requirements

Table 1-1 shows the hardware and software requirements for the QPM server.

If the server does not meet the recommended system requirements, QPM startup and performance might be slow, or QPM might not work at all on the server.

**Table 1-1** *Server Hardware and Software Requirements*

Processor	<p>The processor requirement depends on the number of devices being monitored by QPM. This further depends on the license (or the combination of licenses) you purchased for QPM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For around 2500 devices—Sun UltraSPARC IIIi or Sun UltraSPARC IIICu processor, running Solaris 8 or Solaris 9</li> <li>• For around 10000 devices—Dual Sun UltraSPARC IIIi or Dual Sun UltraSPARC IIICu processor, running Solaris 8 or Solaris 9</li> </ul>
Monitor	Monitor with display set to High Color (16 Bit)
Memory (RAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For around 2500 devices—2 GB RAM</li> <li>• For around 10000 devices—4 GB RAM</li> </ul>
Virtual memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Double the amount of RAM</li> </ul>
Available disk drive space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 9 GB.</li> </ul> <p>CiscoWorks Common Services 3.0.5 requires 2 GB free disk space, therefore ensure that you have a minimum of 9 GB free disk space before you install CiscoWorks Common Services 3.0.5 and QPM.</p> <p>The available disk space required also depends on the tasks you want to do in QPM. The following are the recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For around 2500 devices—40 GB</li> <li>• For around 10000 devices—80 GB</li> </ul>

**Table 1-1**      **Server Hardware and Software Requirements (continued)**

Software <sup>1</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solaris 8 and Solaris 9</li> </ul> <p>We recommend that you install the Solaris Operating System in any of the following modes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entire Distribution</li> <li>• Entire Distribution plus OEM Support</li> <li>• End User System Support</li> </ul>
Browser (optional)	Netscape 7.0.

1. Common Services 3.0.5 supports only US-English and Japanese versions of Solaris Operating Systems. It does not support any other language version. Installation might proceed normally in other locales but there might be problems in the functionality of CiscoWorks.

Table 1-2 shows the requirements for client systems.

**Table 1-2**      **Client Requirements**

System hardware and software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any of these systems:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– IBM PC-compatible computer with 1GHz Pentium IV processor, running Windows</li> <li>– Sun UltraSPARC IIIi, running Solaris 8 or Solaris 9</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Monitor with display set to High Color (16 Bit)</li> <li>• Any of the following OS             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Windows 2000 Professional with Service Pack 3 or Service Pack 4</li> <li>– Windows 2000 Server with Service Pack 3 or Service Pack 4</li> <li>– Windows 2000 Advanced Server with Service Pack 3 or Service Pack 4</li> <li>– Windows XP SP1</li> <li>– Windows XP SP2</li> <li>– Windows 2003 Server and Enterprise Edition</li> <li>– Windows 2003 Server and Enterprise Edition with Service Pack 1</li> <li>– Windows 2003 R2 Server (Standard and Enterprise versions)</li> <li>– Windows 2003 Server Standard and Enterprise Editions with SP2</li> <li>– Windows 2003 R2 Server Standard and Enterprise Editions with SP2</li> <li>– Solaris 8 or Solaris 9</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**Table 1-2**      **Client Requirements (continued)**

Memory(RAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 512 MB</li> </ul>
Browser	<p>Any of these browsers:</p> <p>On Windows and Windows XP clients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 (version 6.0.2600)</li> <li>• Internet Explorer 6.0 with Service Pack 1 (version 6.0.2800)</li> <li>• Internet Explorer 6.0 with Service Pack 2 (version 6.0.2900) for Windows XP</li> <li>• Internet Explorer 6.0 with Service Pack 1 (version 6.0.3790.1830) for Windows 2003 R2</li> <li>• Netscape Navigator 7.1</li> </ul> <p>On Solaris clients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netscape Navigator 7.0 for Solaris 8 and Solaris 9</li> </ul>

## Installation Prerequisites

We recommend that you use a dedicated server for QPM for maximum performance.

If you cannot use a dedicated server for QPM, you can install QPM on a Common Services server with LAN Management Solution (LMS) 2.6.

## Prerequisites for Installing QPM

Before you install QPM, ensure the following:

- The machine on which you are going to install QPM meets the requirements for running QPM. See [Hardware and Software Requirements, page 1-3](#).
- CiscoWorks Common Services 3.0.5 must be installed on the machine before you begin to install QPM.

The QPM installation DVD contains Common Services 3.0.5 installation files. For more information, see [Chapter 2, “Installing and Uninstalling QPM.”](#)

- Set the desktop display to High Color (16 Bit). You can set the color depth under **Display Properties > Settings** on your desktop.

## Prerequisites for Installing Common Services

Before you install CiscoWorks Common Services, ensure that you download and install the latest required and recommended patches for Solaris 8 and Solaris 9 from [www.sun.com](http://www.sun.com).

- The required patches are mandatory for all Common Services features to function properly.
- The recommended patches are optional. Some of the Common Services features may not work if these patches are not installed on your system.

Table 1-3 lists the required and recommended patches for Solaris 8 and Solaris 9.

**Table 1-3** *Solaris Patches<sup>1</sup>*

Operating System	Required		Recommended	
	Server	Client	Server	Client
Solaris 8	111327-05	111626-03	110951-05	110286-11 109324-05
	110945-08	108652-81	110662-12	
	110934-16	108921-21	110615-11	
	110898-09	108940-62	108964-06	
	109326-14			
	108827-40			
	108528-29			
Solaris 9	114224-01	112771-14	113326-01	112808-06
	113580-01	112661-06	112998-03	
	112839-04	113244-05	113713-14	
	112233-12		112964-07	
	114006-01		113575-05	
			112970-07 112874-31	

1. Use the `showrev -p` command to verify that these patches have been applied.

## Installation Paths

If you have other CiscoWorks products installed on your server, review the information in [Table 1-4](#) to determine the installation path required for QoS Policy Manager to successfully operate.

**Table 1-4**      *Recommended Installation Paths*

If You are Installing QoS Policy Manager on a System That...	Then You...
Has no other CiscoWorks products	Install: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Common Services 3.0.5 (from the QPM 4.0 DVD)</li> <li>2. QoS Policy Manager 4.0</li> </ol>
Has LMS 2.6	Install QoS Policy Manager 4.0

## Further Resources

For further information see the following:

- For information on installing CS 3.0.5 and QPM 4.0, see [Chapter 2, “Installing and Uninstalling QPM.”](#)