



CHAPTER 7

Preparing To Use Security Manager

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Client System Browser Best Practices

Complete the following checklist to avoid problems with the client system browser that you use to:

- Download software installers from your server.
- Open certain applications on your server.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	1. If they are not enabled, enable Java and JavaScript. See your browser documentation for instructions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Make sure the browser cache is not set to zero. See your browser documentation for instructions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Disable popup blockers. The method varies according to your installed popup blocker. See Configuring Required Client Settings To Open Browser Windows, page 5-1 , see your popup blocker documentation for more information, or contact the manufacturer for technical support.

Using Security Manager Client To Log In to a Server

To connect to the Security Manager server from a system on which you have installed Security Manager Client:

- Step 1** Double-click the **Cisco Security Manager Client** icon on your Windows desktop or select **Start > Programs > Cisco Security Manager > Cisco Security Manager Client**.



Note The Security Manager Client GUI appears after a short delay, during which no progress indicator is visible. The delay might last a few seconds.

- Step 2** Verify that your entries and selections are correct in the Cisco Security Manager Enterprise Edition window:

- **Server Name**—Contains the IP address or DNS-resolvable hostname of the server to which you will connect. You can edit the text to specify a different server or you can select an option from the list of server names.
- **HTTPS** check box—Is required so that the server can use SSL to communicate with the client software. You must *not* deselect the HTTPS check box.
- **User ID**—Contains the correct username for an account on the Security Manager server. To learn how to create a user account, see the Common Services documentation on Cisco.com.
- **Password**—Contains the correct password for the account that you specified.

- Step 3** Click a button:

- To log in to the server with the specified credentials, click **Login**.
- To exit the client without connecting to the server, click **Cancel**.
- To understand how to log in, click **Help**.

**Note**

- If the server prompts you to download and install a client software update, see [Patching a Client, page 5-10](#).
- The client software automatically remembers the names of all servers to which you have logged in successfully. Each of those server names is added to the list of server names.

Where To Go Next

If you want to:	Do this:
Understand the basics	See the interactive <i>JumpStart</i> guide that opens automatically when you start Security Manager.
Get up and running with the product quickly	See the “Checklist for Getting Started with Security Manager” topic in the online help, or see Chapter 1 of <i>User Guide for Cisco Security Manager 3.1</i> .
Define essential settings	See the “Define These Settings First” topic in the online help, or see Chapter 2 of <i>User Guide for Cisco Security Manager 3.1</i> .
Manage user authentication and authorization	See the following topics in the online help, or see Chapter 2 of <i>User Guide for Cisco Security Manager 3.1</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting Up User Permissions • Integrating Security Manager with Cisco Secure ACS
Bootstrap your devices	See the “Preparing the Devices for Security Manager to Manage” topic in the online help, or see Chapter 5 of <i>User Guide for Cisco Security Manager 3.1</i> .
Install entitlement applications	Your Security Manager license grants you the right to install certain other applications—including specific releases of RME and Performance Monitor—that are not installed when you install Security Manager. You can install these applications at any time. See Introduction to Component Applications, page 1-1 .