



Using the Content Distribution Manager GUI

The Content Distribution Manager is the central location from which much of the work of creating and managing ACNS networks and hosted content can be controlled. Functions related to managing your ACNS network are done using the Content Distribution Manager graphical user interface (GUI). All modifications made through the Content Distribution Manager GUI are propagated to the Content Routers and Content Engines that make up your ACNS network.

This chapter explains how to use the Content Distribution Manager GUI. It contains the following sections:

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Launching the Content Distribution Manager GUI

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Step 1

`https://Name_of_Content_Distribution_Manager:8443`

Alternatively, enter this IP address:

`https://IP_address_of_Content_Distribution_Manager:`

Step 2

Yes

Step 3

User name: **admin**
Password: **<password>**

Login

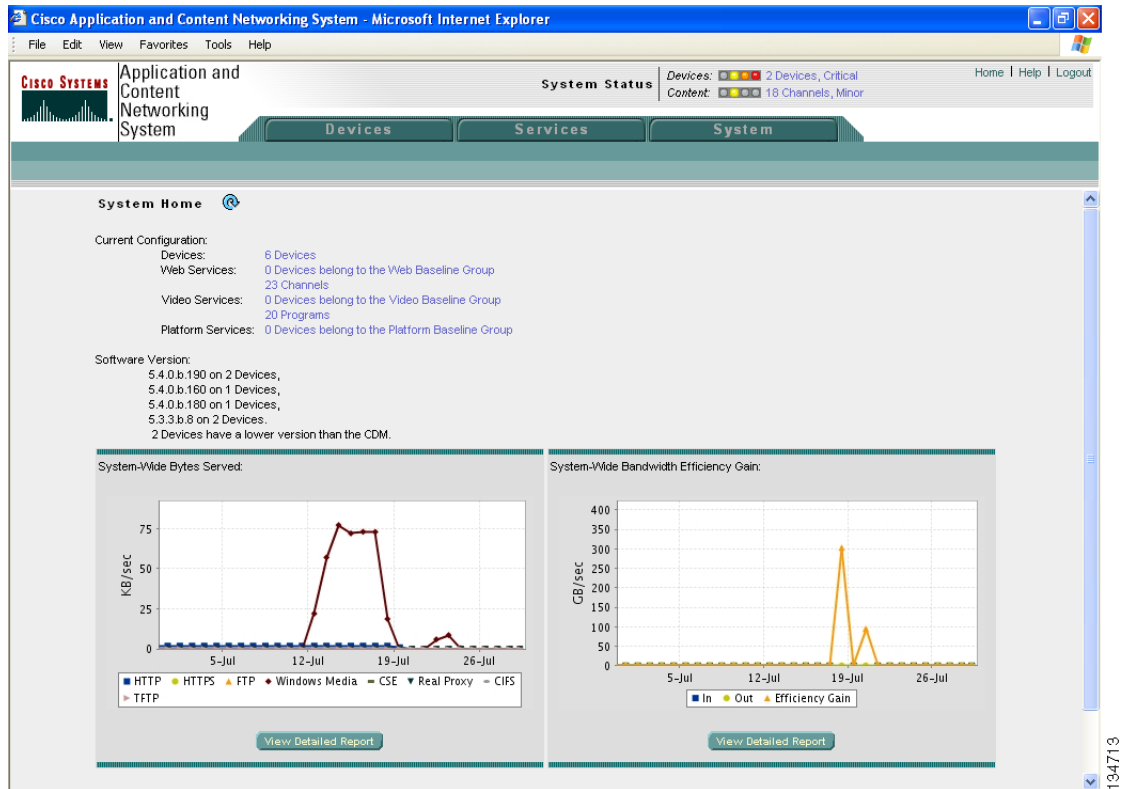


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Figure 3-1 ACNS Content Distribution Manager GUI System Home Window



The ACNS 5.5 system home window provides current configuration information about devices and service baseline settings.

Content Distribution Manager GUI Primary Feature Tabs

Table 3-1 Content Distribution Manager GUI Feature Tabs

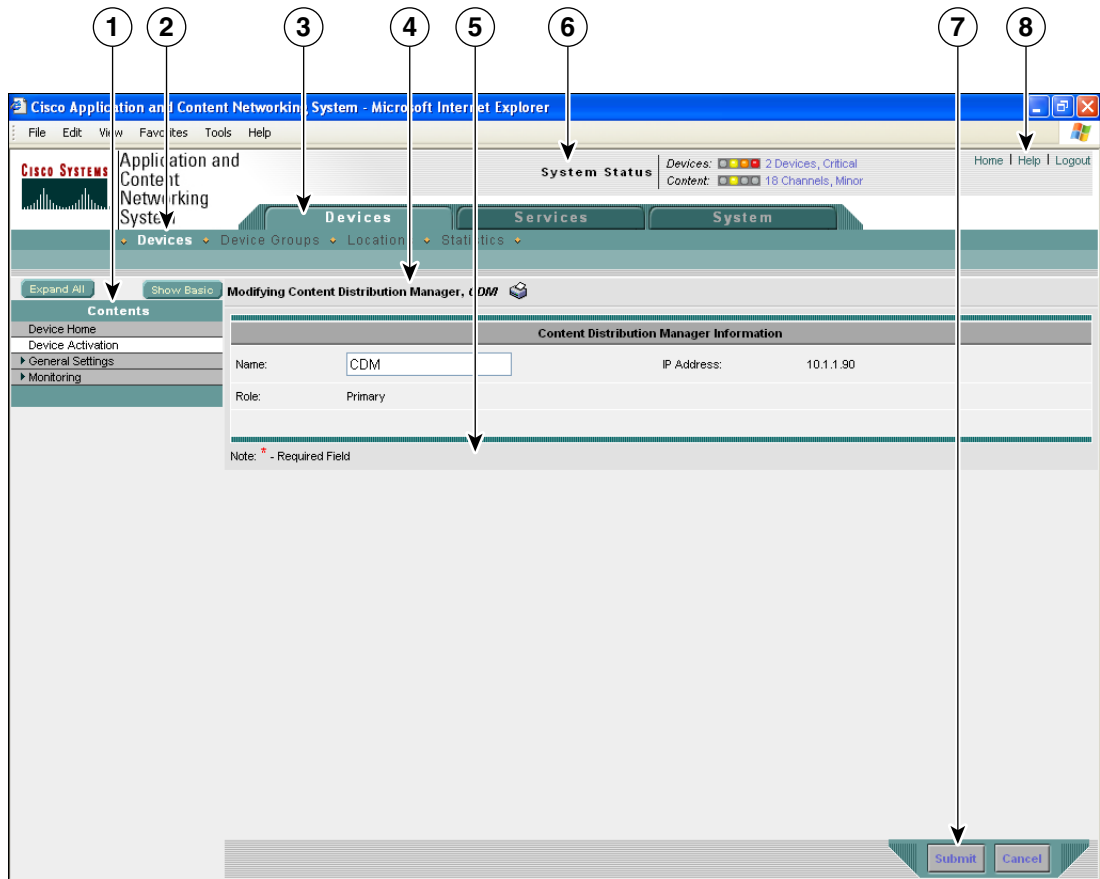
Feature Tab	Description
	<p>Lets you configure three service areas: Web, Video, and Platform.</p> <p>Web service lets you create and modify ACNS network elements such as channels, content providers, websites, and multicast clouds.</p> <p>Video service lets you configure programs and program addresses.</p> <p>Platform service lets you modify baseline settings for a baseline group and customize the table of contents so that only certain device group configuration windows are available to the user.</p> <p>Lets you define a baseline configuration for each service.</p>
System	<p>Lets you configure routing and Content Distribution Manager configurations, and add a software update file.</p> <p>Lets you configure and manage user accounts, roles, domains, and passwords.</p> <p>Lets you view audit trail logs and system messages.</p>

Understanding the Interface

Window Elements

familiarize yourself. (See [Figure 3-2](#).) (See [Table 3-2](#) for a description of each element.)

Figure 3-2 Content Distribution Manager GUI Elements



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Element	Description
	Displays available suboptions, if required.
Navigation bar	Displays the menu options available for the selected tab. The Services tab and the System tab have two levels of menu options in the navigation bar. (See Figure 3-3 .)
Tabs	Provides access to all the Content Distribution Manager product functionality. Tabs include Devices, Content, and System. (See Table 3-1 for a description of each tab.)
Taskbar	Displays available tasks for the selected option. (See Table 3-3 for a description of all the Content Distribution Manager GUI icons. Some of these icons appear in the taskbar.)
Window	Displays the area in which you perform application tasks.

Content Distribution Manager GUI Elements (continued)

System status bar	Displays device and content alarms and presents the overall device and content health of the system.
Submit button	Saves the entries made in the window.
Cancel button	Returns to the previous window without saving entries. Use this button instead of the browser Back button.
Tools	Contains the following links: Home—Returns you to the System Home window. Quick Start—Launches the Quick Start tool. Help—Opens a new window that displays context-sensitive help information. Logout—Logs you out of the Content Distribution Manager.

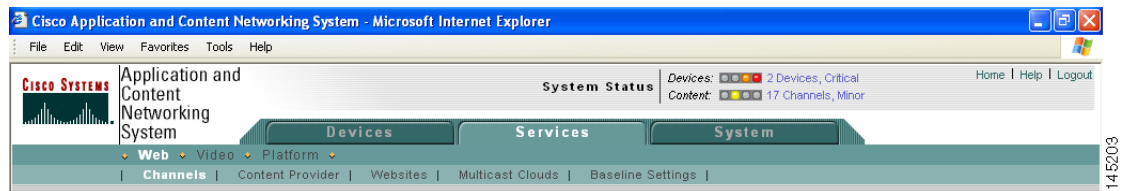


within the GUI. Web browser buttons, such as the Back and Refresh buttons, are not supported and do not allow you to navigate to the correct GUI window.

Navigation

Services > Web > Channels

Two-Tiered Options Menu in the Services Navigation Bar

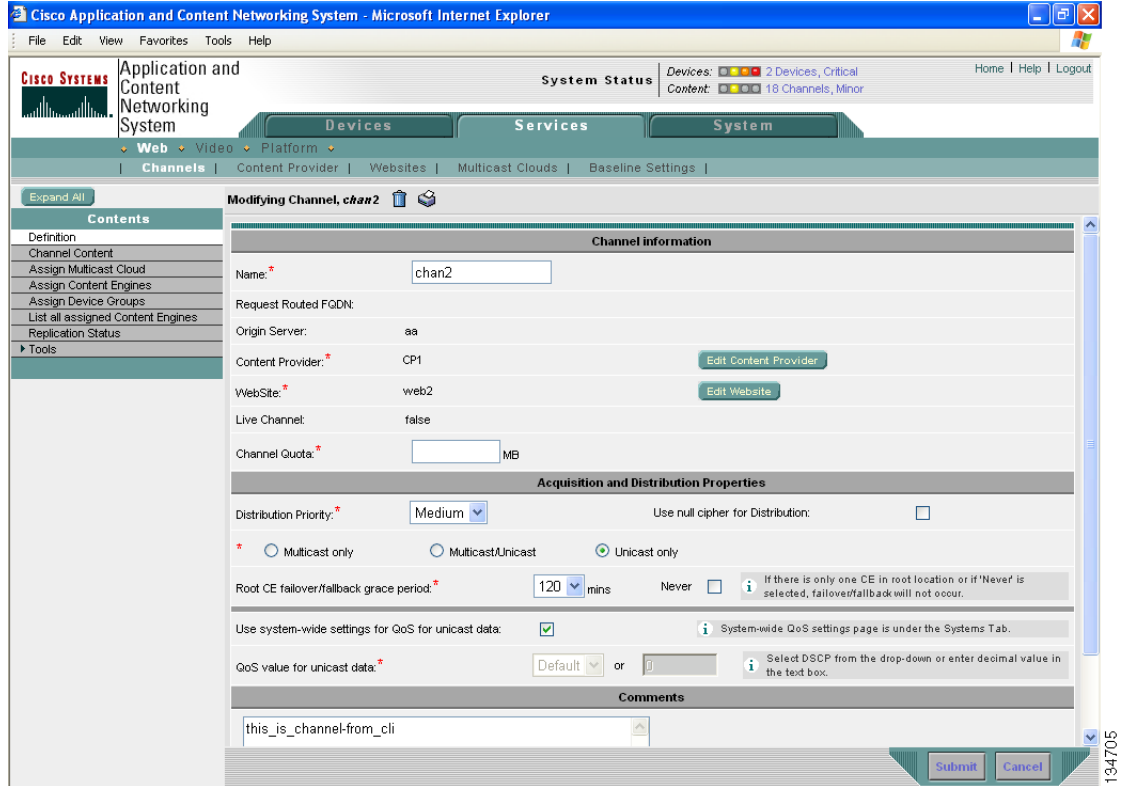


Create New
Edit

Expand

Figure 3-4.)

Figure 3-4 Contents Pane for a Channel Configuration Window



The Device Home Window

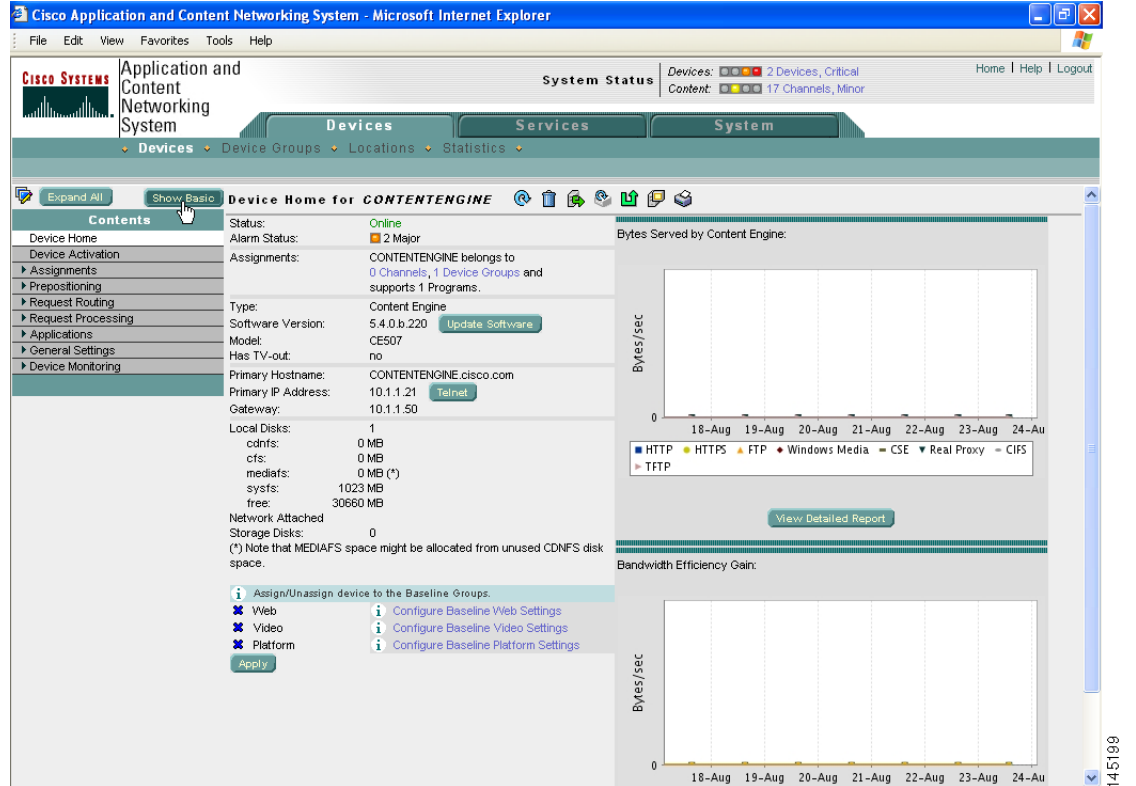
Show All

Show All









Show Basic



























Figure 3-5 Device Table of Contents in Extended Mode





Taskbar Icons

Taskbar Icon	Function
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	

Taskbar Icon	Function
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	

Using Online Help

Help

Help



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Logging On Following a Session Timeout

[“Modifying System Default Properties” section on page 20-18](#) for instructions on changing the length of time that must pass before your session times out.)

When a session has timed out, you immediately lose access to the Content Distribution Manager web interface, which is replaced with this message:

Your session has expired.

File

Close

Exit



Step 2

Manager. You are prompted to log on to the Content Distribution Manager web interface.

Exiting the Content Distribution Manager GUI

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Step 1 Click **Submit** to s

Step 2

Step 3 **OK.**

Step 4

Close

Close
