



# CPU Thresholding Notification

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The CPU Thresholding Notification feature notifies users when a predefined threshold of CPU usage is crossed by generating a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) trap message for the top users of the CPU.

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## Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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## Restrictions for CPU Thresholding Notification

CPU utilization averages are computed by Cisco IOS software using a 4-millisecond Network-to-Management Interface (NMI) tick. In the unlikely event where the traffic rate is a multiple of this tick rate over a prolonged period of time, the CPU Thresholding Notification feature may not accurately measure the CPU load.



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## Information About CPU Thresholding Notification

The CPU Thresholding Notification feature allows you to configure CPU utilization thresholds that, when crossed, trigger a notification. Two types of CPU utilization threshold are supported:

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### Rising Threshold

A rising CPU utilization threshold specifies the percentage of CPU resources that, when exceeded for a configured period of time, triggers a CPU threshold notification.

### Falling Threshold

A falling CPU utilization threshold specifies the percentage of CPU resources that, when CPU usage falls below this level for a configured period of time, triggers a CPU threshold notification.

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### Enabling CPU Thresholding Notification

To specify the recipient of SNMP notification operations and enable CPU thresholding notification, perform these steps:

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **snmp-server enable traps cpu threshold**
4. **snmp-server host *host-address* [traps | informs] [version {1 | 2c | 3 [auth | noauth | priv]}] *community-string* [udp-port *port*] cpu[*notification-type*] [vrf *vrf-name*]**

#### DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b> <b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b>  Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 2</b> <code>configure terminal</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enables global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b> <code>snmp-server enable traps cpu threshold</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config)# snmp-server enable traps cpu threshold</pre>	Enables CPU thresholding violation notification as traps and inform requests.
<b>Step 4</b> <code>snmp-server host host-address [traps   informs] [version {1   2c   3 [auth   noauth   priv]]] community-string [udp-port port] cpu[notification-type] [vrf vrf-name]</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config)# snmp-server host 192.168.0.0 traps public cpu</pre>	Sends CPU traps to the specified address.

## Defining CPU Thresholding Notification

To define a rising and a falling CPU threshold notification, perform these steps:

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `process cpu threshold type {total | process | interrupt} rising percentage interval seconds [falling percentage interval seconds]`

### DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b> <code>enable</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router&gt; enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 2</b> <code>configure terminal</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b> <code>process cpu threshold type {total   process   interrupt} rising percentage interval seconds [falling percentage interval seconds]</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config)# process cpu threshold type total rising 80 interval 5 falling 20 interval 5</pre>	Sets the CPU thresholding notifications types and values. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In this example, the CPU utilization threshold is set to 80 percent for a rising threshold notification and 20 percent for a falling threshold notification, with a 5-second polling interval.</li> </ul>

## Setting the Entry Limit and Size of CPU Utilization Statistics

To set the process entry limit and the size of the history table for CPU utilization statistics, perform these steps:

### SUMMARY STEPS

- enable
- configure terminal
- process cpu statistics limit entry-percentage *number* [*size seconds*]

### DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b> <code>enable</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router&gt; enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 2</b> <code>configure terminal</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.

Command or Action	Purpose
<p><b>Step 3</b> <code>process cpu statistics limit entry-percentage number [size seconds]</code></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Router(config)# process cpu statistics limit entry-percentage 40 size 300</pre>	<p>Sets the process entry limit and the size of the history table for CPU utilization statistics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In this example, to generate an entry in the history table, a process must exceed 40 percent CPU utilization.</li> <li>In this example, the duration of time for which the most recent history is saved in the history table is 300 seconds.</li> </ul>

## Configuration Examples for CPU Thresholding Notification

### Setting a Rising CPU Thresholding Notification Example

The following example shows how to set a rising CPU thresholding notification for total CPU utilization. When total CPU utilization exceeds 80 percent for a period of 5 seconds or longer, a rising threshold notification is sent.

```
Router(config)# process cpu threshold type total rising 80 interval 5
```



**Note**

When the optional **falling** arguments (*percentage* and *seconds*) are not specified, they take on the same values as the **rising** arguments (*percentage* and *seconds*).

### Setting a Falling CPU Thresholding Notification Example

The following example shows how to set a falling CPU thresholding notification for total CPU utilization. When total CPU utilization, which at one point had risen above 80 percent and triggered a rising threshold notification, falls below 70 percent for a period of 5 seconds or longer, a falling threshold notification is sent.

```
Router(config)# process cpu threshold type total rising 80 interval 5 falling 70 interval 5
```



**Note**

When the optional **falling** arguments (*percentage* and *seconds*) are not specified, they take on the same values as the **rising** arguments (*percentage* and *seconds*).

## Additional References

For additional information related to the CPU Thresholding Notification feature, refer to the following references:

**Related Documents**

Related Topic	Document Title
SNMP traps	<i>Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference</i>

**Standards**

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	--

**MIBs**

MIBs	MIBs Link
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RFCs	Title
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## Feature Information for CPU Thresholding Notification

**Table 1**      **Feature Information for CPU Thresholding Notification**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
CPU Thresholding Notification	12.0(26)S 12.3(4)T 12.2(25)S	<p>The following commands were introduced or modified:</p> <p><b>process cpu statistics limit entry-percentage, process cpu threshold type, snmp-server enable traps cpu, snmp-server host.</b></p>

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