



CHAPTER 10

Viewing Network Topology



Note

The web interface does not support viewing the network topology. You can view the network topology in the MWTM client interface only.

In addition to tabular (text) views of your network, the Cisco Mobile Wireless Transport Manager (MWTM) client provides a topological (graphical) view of the objects in your ITP or RAN-O network, including:

- Nodes
- RAN-O service modules
- Interfaces
- ITP signaling points
- ITP application servers
- ITP application server process associations
- ITP linksets
- Adjacent legacy nodes



Note

The MWTM does not manage legacy nodes (such as BSC, BTS, RNC, or Node B objects), but displays them in the topology map to help you visualize the interconnections between network objects.

Any associated alarms also appear in the topology window. You can use the MWTM to customize the topological view (for details, see [Chapter 6, “Managing Views”](#)).

To view the topology of your network, use one of these procedures:

- Choose **View > Topology** from the MWTM main menu.
- Right-click an object, then choose **View > Center in Topo** in the right-click menu.

The topology window appears.

The topology window shows tabular information about MWTM objects in the left pane and the graphical topology map in the right pane. Alarms associated with the chosen object appear in the bottom pane.

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Topology Menu

The topology window is identical to the MWTM main menu. For detailed descriptions of the options it provides, see [Using the MWTM Main Menu, page 3-18](#).


















Note




The menu option Go does not display in the Topology window, instead you can view Topology Tools menu command. The Topology Tools menu contains the options as in the table under [Topology Right-Click Menu: Map, page 10-13](#).

Topology Toolbar Buttons

The topology window contains these toolbar buttons:

Button	Description
 Close view tab	Closes the currently visible view in the topology window. This option is dimmed if the currently visible view is the highest-level parent view.
 Open parent view	Opens the parent view of the currently visible view in the topology window. This option is dimmed if the currently visible view is the highest-level parent view.
 Lay out nodes in a circle	Shows the map in a circular layout.
 Lay out nodes in a spring	Shows the map in a spring layout. That is, the MWTM draws nodes with the most lines closer to the center of the map, and draws nodes with fewer lines farther away. This is the default setting the first time the map appears. Note You can change how far apart to space the nodes when the MWTM draws the spring layout (see Changing Topology Settings, page 5-13).
 Zoom in by a factor of 200%	Makes the map twice as large.
 Zoom out by a factor of 50%	Makes the map half as large.
 Zoom by percentage	Zooms the map by a chosen percentage. You can choose a percentage from the drop-down list box; or, enter a percentage and click Enter . Valid values are integers in the range 5 through 400.
 Zoom in on an area	Zooms in on the selected area of the map. Click the button, then click in the topology map and drag a rectangle around the area on which you want to zoom. The MWTM expands the selected area to fill the topology map.
 Zoom to fit window	Adjusts the size of the map to fit in the window. This is the default setting the first time the map appears.
 Find objects	Opens the Find Objects dialog box, which you use to find and highlight an object in the topology window.

Button	Description
 Set magnetic grid properties	Opens the Magnetic Grid Settings dialog box, which you use to activate and deactivate the magnetic topology grid, and modifies how it appears. With the grid activated, when you move objects on the topology map they automatically align with the grid.
 Align objects on map	Opens the Align Objects dialog box, which you use to align two or more objects on the topology map.
 Hiding/Showing non-ITP nodes (ITP only)	Hides or shows all non-ITP signaling points and linksets on the topology map. (Hidden signaling points and linksets still appear in the left pane.) The process determines whether the node's parent (visible on the topology maps) has an ITP MIB or not. If not, it is classified as a non-ITP node and it will be hidden or visible when the button is toggled. The MWTM automatically saves this setting (with non-ITP nodes and linksets either hidden or visible) with your preferences.
Node Dragging Optimizer 	Turns the Node Dragging Optimizer on or off: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the Node Dragging Optimizer is On, the MWTM hides linkset lines as you drag an object around the topology map. The MWTM draws the linkset lines when you drop the object in its final position. This is the default setting. • When the Node Dragging Optimizer is Off, the MWTM continually redraws linkset lines as you drag an object around the topology map. The MWTM automatically saves this setting (with the Node Dragging Optimizer on or off) with your preferences.
Hiding/Showing Dangling Connections 	Hides or shows connections to objects that are not visible in the current view, which are called dangling connections. When the Hiding Dangling Connections is set to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hide, the MWTM hides dangling connections. This is the default setting. • Show, the MWTM shows dangling connections, drawing the objects in shades of gray to distinguish them from actual objects in the current view. The MWTM does not save this setting (with the Hiding Dangling Connections set to Show or Hide) when you save the view. To include a dangling connections in the current view, select the connection, then select Include In View .

Button	Description
 Show/Hide alarm pane	Shows or hides the alarm pane at bottom.
 Lock position or  Unlock position	<p>Locks or unlocks the position of an icon on the topology map. Locking the position of an icon can be useful if you want to keep the icon in its position, and you want to ensure you do not move it inadvertently. Locked icons do not appear in the circular or spring layouts. To lock the position of an icon, select:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An unlocked icon, then select Lock position. • A locked icon, then select Unlock position. This is the default setting. <p>The MWTM automatically saves this setting (with icon positions locked or unlocked) with your view.</p>

Topology Panes

In the topology window, you can access:


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- [Topology Map, page 10-8](#)

View Objects and Connections Panes

The View Objects pane in the left pane of the topology window shows information about the MWTM objects that are currently visible in the topology map. The Connections pane shows information about the connections associated with the object that you chose in the View Objects table, or the object currently chosen in the topology map.



Tip

If you cannot see the View Objects or Connections tables, click on the arrow bar  to expand.

- To redraw the topology map centered on a specific object, double-click the object in this table.
- You cannot select more than one object at a time in this table.
- To see the tooltip for each column in the table, place the cursor over a column heading.
- If a cell is too small to show all of its data, place the cursor over the cell to see the full data in a tooltip.

You can resize each column, or sort the table based on the information in one of the columns. By default, the MWTM sorts this table by Severity.




To:

- Display hidden columns, right-click in the table heading and check the check boxes for the columns you want to display.
- Hide columns, right-click in the table heading and uncheck the check boxes for the columns you want to hide.

For more information about resizing, sorting, displaying, or hiding columns, see [Navigating Table Columns, page 5-23](#).

The View Objects or Connections table contains:

Column	Description
Internal ID	Internal ID of the object. The internal ID is a unique ID for every object, that MWTM assigns for its own internal use. It can also be useful when the TAC is debugging problems.
Type (View Objects)	<p>Object types can be ITP only, RAN-O only, or General to all types of networks.</p> <p>General object types include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Node—Any interconnecting node that is not an ITP node. • View—Custom view (if one exists). <p>ITP only object types include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASP—An application server process. • SP—A signaling point. <p>RAN-O only object types include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSR—Cell Site Router (CSR) node. • RAN SVC Node—A RAN service card in an Optical Networking System (ONS) node.
Type (Connections)	<p>Connection types can be ITP only, RAN-O only, or General to all types of networks.</p> <p>ITP only object types include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkset—A linkset associated with a signaling point. • ASPA—An application server process association associated with a signaling point. <p>RAN-O only object types include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAN Backhaul—Virtual RAN backhaul associated with a RAN node or RAN SVC node. • PWE3 Backhaul • GSM Interface—GSM interface associated with a RAN node or RAN SVC node. • Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) Interface—UMTS interface associated with a RAN node or RAN SVC node.
Name	Name of the object.
Node	Name of the node associated with the object.
Notes	Indicates whether a note is associate with the object.

Column	Description
Events	<p>Indicates whether the object has a recent event. (Even if the server purges all of the events associated with the object, the MWTM continues to display the event icon  in this field.)</p> <p>During discovery, the MWTM might flag most objects with an event icon . If the event icons are too distracting, choose Edit > Clear All Events from the MWTM main menu to remove them.</p>
Last Status Change	Date and time that the status of the object last changed.
Severity	<p>Severity of the alarm. Possible severities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Critical  Major  Minor  Warning  Informational  Indeterminate  Unmanaged  Normal <p>You can customize this field (see Right-Click Menu for a Specific Alarm or Event, page 9-11).</p>
Status	<p>Current status of the object. Possible values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •  Active •  Unknown •  Unmanaged •  Warning <p>For detailed definitions of each status, see the “Status Definitions” section on page E-1.</p>

Column	Description
Status Reason	<p>Reason for the current status of the object.</p> <p>For a full list of possible reasons, see the <i>stateReasons.html</i> file. If you installed MWTM in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The default directory, <i>/opt</i>, then the file resides at <i>/opt/CSCOs/gm/apache/share/htdocs/eventHelp</i> directory. A different directory, then the help directory and file reside in that directory. <p>If the cell is too small to show all of the status reason, place the cursor over the cell to see the full status reason in a tooltip.</p> <p>The MWTM lists status reasons in order of decreasing magnitude. If two or more reasons apply, the reason of greatest magnitude appears.</p> <p>If the status reason is Unsupported Configuration, correct the configuration and enter the mwtm cleandiscover command to delete all current network data and begin a discovery of the network. If the status reason remains Unsupported Configuration, enter the mwtm clean command to restore the MWTM server to a state that would exist after a new installation of the MWTM, excluding the log files, which the MWTM retains. To also remove the log files, enter the mwtm cleanall command. For more information on the use of these commands, see Appendix B, “Command Reference.”</p>
Ignored	<p>Indicates whether the object should be included when aggregating and displaying MWTM status information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncheck the check box to include the object. This is the default setting. Check the check box to exclude the object. <p>Users with authentication level Power User (level 2) and higher can edit this field.</p>

Topology Map

The topology map in the right pane of the topology window shows the objects and views in your network in an easy-to-read graphical format.

Views

If you have defined custom views, you can view them in the topology map. The MWTM shows a tab for each visible view. Each tab shows a colored ball that indicates the current status of that view:

-  Active
-  Warning



Note

For detailed definitions of each status, see [Appendix E, “Status Definitions.”](#)

Excluded and Unmanaged Objects

The MWTM removes from the topology map any objects and their associated objects (including adjacent legacy nodes) that you exclude from the current view and [Creating a New View, page 6-7](#).






If you unmanage an object from the topology map right-click menu (see [Topology Right-Click Menu: Object, page 10-13](#)) the MWTM marks the object status as Unmanaged and removes any adjacent legacy nodes from the topology map.

Tooltips

To see a tooltip, place the cursor over an object. For details on turning off tooltips, see [Changing Topology Settings, page 5-13](#).

Viewing Associated Objects

To view objects associated with a chosen object, in the:

- Tabs in the View Objects pane, click an object. Any associated objects (such as signaling points with associated linksets) appear in the Connections pane.
- Content area, click a single line, a heavy line , a diamond , circle , arrowhead , or double-triangle  to:
 - Highlight the closest associated node in the View Objects pane in a tab. For example, if a line connects node **sgm-2600a** and node **sgm-2600b**, and you click the line closer to node **sgm-2600a**, then the MWTM highlights that node in the View Objects pane.
 - Display all objects (if any) associated with that node in the Connections pane in a tab.
 - Highlight the clicked object (if it is configured) in the Connections pane in a tab.

Viewing Details for an Object

To display the Details tab for any object in the map, double-click it. If multiple options are possible, the Selection dialog box appears. Highlight the object, then click **Select**.

Navigating and Scrolling

To:

- Scroll around in the topology map using keyboard options, click anywhere in the map, then click the arrow, **Page Up**, and **Page Down** keys.
- Redraw the topology map centered on a specific object, double-click the object in the View Objects pane in a tab.
- Activate or change the magnetic topology grid, which can help you align objects when you move them, use the Magnetic Grid Settings dialog box (see [Activating a Magnetic Grid on the Topology Map, page 10-18](#)).
- Align two or more objects on the topology map, use the Align Objects dialog box (see [Aligning Objects on the Topology Map, page 10-22](#)).

Saving the Topology Map

To save the topology map as a JPEG file, use the Save as JPEG dialog box (see [Saving the Topology Map as a JPEG File, page 10-16](#)).

Hiding or Showing Dangling Connections

To hide objects that connect to objects that are not in the current view (called dangling connections), click the **Hiding/Showing Dangling Connections** button to set it to **Hide**. To show dangling connections, click the **Hiding/Showing Dangling Connections** button to set it to **Show**. The MWTM draws the objects in shades of gray to distinguish them from actual objects in the current view. The MWTM does not save this setting (with the Hiding Dangling Connections set to **Show** or **Hide**). To include a dangling object in the current view, right-click the object and select **Include In View**.

Locking and Unlocking Icon Positions

To lock the position of an icon on the topology map, select an unlocked icon, then select **Lock position**.

Locking the position of an icon can be useful if you want to keep the icon in its position, and you want to ensure that you do not move it inadvertently. The MWTM does not include locked icons in the circular or spring layouts.

To unlock the position of an icon on the topology map, click a locked icon, then select **Unlock position**.












Object Types in the Topology Map


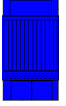






The topology map might contain graphical elements for any of these objects, which the MWTM automatically assigns:










Note




Icon colors vary. The color of a graphical element indicates its current severity. If more than one object is configured on the connection, the color associated with the object that is in the most compromised state represents the severity color of the connection.














Object Type	Notes
 ASP	N/A
 BSC	Base Station Controller
 BTS	Base Transceiver Station
 Cisco 2600 series router	Cisco 2650, Cisco 2650XM, Cisco 2651, Cisco 2651XM
 Cisco 2811 series router	N/A
 Cisco 7202 series router	N/A
 Cisco 7204 series router	Cisco 7204, Cisco 7204VXR
 Cisco 7206 series router	Cisco 7206, Cisco 7206VXR
 Cisco 7301 series router	N/A
 Cisco 7304 series router	N/A
 Cisco 7505 series router	N/A

Object Type	Notes
 Cisco 7507 series router	Cisco 7507, Cisco 7507mx, Cisco 7507z
 Cisco 7513 series router	Cisco 7513, Cisco 7513mx, Cisco 7513z
 Cisco 7600 series router	Cisco 7603, Cisco 7603s, Cisco 7604, Cisco 7606, Cisco 7606s, Cisco 7609, Cisco 7609s, Cisco 7613
 Cisco MWR 1900 series router	N/A
 Cloud	A collection of objects, called a submap. A submap can also contain other submaps.
 IP device	Other than those listed previously (if assigned by a user; see Editing Properties, page 7-49)
 PGW	Cisco Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Gateway (PGW) 2200 Softswitch
 Signaling point	An SCP, SSP, or STP, or an ITP instance (if the ITP is configured for multi-instance)

- A line indicates a single logical connection configured between two nodes. A line that:
 - Ends in a diamond  indicates that the connection has at least one configured interface or linkset associated with the node.
 - Ends in a circle  indicates that the connection is a virtual linkset, associated with a signaling point.
 - Does not end in a diamond  or circle  indicates that the interface or linkset is not configured on the node or cannot be shown because the MWTM is not managing the node.
 - Ends in an arrowhead  indicates that the connection is an application server process association.
 - Ends in a double-triangle  indicates a connection to a view that has multiple interfaces.
- A heavy line  indicates that two or more interfaces or linksets exist between two nodes, or between views and other objects.

In addition, users can assign graphical elements for these objects (see [Editing Properties, page 7-49](#)):

Object Type	Description
 Building	Icon representing a collection of objects in a building.
 City	Icon representing a collection of objects in a city.
 Database	Icon representing a database object.

Object Type	Description
 MatedPair	Mated pair of signaling points.
 MSC	Mobile switching center.
 Node-B	Radio transmission (or reception) unit for communication between radio cells in a UMTS network (Node-B resides at the cell site). Note The MWTM does not manage the Node B but displays the object in the topology window to help you visualize the network.
 RAN SVC Node	RAN service module card.
 RNC	Radio Network Controller used in a UMTS network to aggregate multiple Node-B units. Note The MWTM does not manage the RNC but displays the object in the topology window to help you visualize the network.
 SCP	Service control point.
 SSP	Service switching point.
 STP	Signal transfer point.
 Tower	Icon representing a PC tower.
 TrafficGenerator	Icon representing a device or emulator used to generate traffic, usually in a test environment.
 SS7	Node that does not respond to SNMP requests for supported MIBs.
 Workstation	Icon representing a workstation.
 Workstation2	Icon representing a different workstation.

The topology map also provides right-click menus for elements. For more information, see these sections:

- [Topology Right-Click Menu: Map, page 10-13](#)
- [Topology Right-Click Menu: Object, page 10-13](#)

Topology Right-Click Menu: Map

The topology window provides a subset of the MWTM main menu as a right-click menu. To see this menu for a map, right-click in a blank area of the topology map. The topology map right-click menu displays:

Command	Description
Zoom > Zoom In (Ctrl=)	Makes the map twice as large.
Zoom > Zoom Out (Ctrl-- or Ctrl-Minus)	Makes the map half as large.
Zoom > Zoom Area	Zooms in on the selected area of the map.
Zoom > Zoom Fit	Adjusts the size of the map to fit in the window. This is the default setting the first time the map appears.
Layout > Circular	Shows the map in a circular layout.
Layout > Spring	Shows the map in a spring layout. That is, the MWTM draws nodes with the most links closer to the center of the map, and draws nodes with fewer links farther away. This is the default setting the first time the map appears.
Find (Ctrl-F)	Opens the Find Objects dialog box, which you use to find and highlight an object in the topology window.
Restore Positions	Restores the view to the last saved view.
Save As JPEG (Ctrl-J)	Opens the Save as JPEG dialog box, enabling you to save the topology map to a JPEG file.
Magnetic Grid	Opens the Magnetic Grid Settings dialog box.
Change Background Color	Opens the Select Background Color dialog box, which you use to select a color for the background of the topology map.
Align	Opens the Align Objects dialog box, which you use to align two or more objects on the topology map.
Open Parent View	Opens the parent view of the currently visible view in the topology window. This option is dimmed if the currently visible view is the highest level parent view.
Close View	Closes the currently visible view in the topology window. This option is dimmed if the currently visible view is the highest level parent view.

Topology Right-Click Menu: Object

The topology window displays a subset of the MWTM main menu as a right-click menu. To see this menu for any object in the topology window, right-click on an object in the topology map in the right pane. Options may vary depending on the chosen object type.

For a list of right-click menu options, see [Viewing the Right-Click Menu for an Object, page 8-2](#).

Topology Alarm Pane

The Alarm pane at the bottom of the topology window shows any current alarms on the chosen object. For details about the buttons and fields in the Alarm pane, see [Chapter 9, “Managing Alarms and Events.”](#)

Creating a Custom Layout

You can use the MWTM to create a custom layout for the topology map by manually moving objects on the map and by grouping them or isolating them to meet your needs. To move:


- A single object, click and drag the object to its new position.
- More than one object at the same time, press the Shift key and at the same time, select the objects and drag them. Objects keep their positions relative to one another.

When you are satisfied with the new topology map layout, choose **File > Save View** from the MWTM main menu. The MWTM saves the changes you have made to the network view, including any changes you have made to the topology map layout.

Finding an Object

Some topology maps are so large and complex that it can be difficult to find a specific object.

If the object appears in the tabs in the left pane, select the object, and the MWTM highlights it in the topology map.

If the object does *not* appear in the tabs in the left pane, click the **Find objects** button  in the topology window; or, choose **Edit > Find** from the MWTM main menu. The Find Object dialog box appears.

You can search by using the:

- Name
- Point code (for ITP signaling points)
- IP address (for RAN-O nodes)

The Find Object dialog box contains:

Field or Button	Description
Search string	Character string for which the MWTM should search.
OK	Launches the search. If: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No matching object is found, the MWTM shows an appropriate message. Exactly one object is found that matches the Search string, the MWTM highlights the object in the Tables pane of the topology window, and zooms in on the chosen object in the topology map. More than one object is found that matches the Search string, the Choose dialog box appears, in which you can select from a list of the found objects (see Using the Selection Dialog, page 10-15).
Cancel	Closes the Find Objects dialog box without launching the search.

Using the Selection Dialog

If more than one object matches the Search string in the Find Objects dialog box, the Selection dialog box appears.

The Selection dialog box contains:






Field or Button	Description
Select one in list	Type, Name, or Status of the found objects. Select the object you want to find.
Select	Highlights the chosen object in the left pane of the topology window, and zooms in on the chosen object in the topology map.
Cancel	Closes the Selection dialog box without selecting an object.

Centering the Topology Map on an Object

To redraw the topology map centered on a specific object, double-click the object in one of the tabs.

Displaying Detailed Information About a Topology Map Element

To display detailed information about an element in the map, double-click it in the map, then respond to the prompts. Double click:

- An object to view the Details tab in the MWTM main menu for that object.
- A single line, or a diamond , circle , or arrowhead  at the end of a single line, to display the MWTM main window details for that linkset or application server process association.
- A double-triangle  at the end of a heavy line  to display the Selection dialog box. (A heavy line indicates that two or more interfaces or linksets exist between two objects, or between views and other objects.) Then, select one of the interfaces or linksets to display the Selection dialog box for that interface or linkset.

Printing the Topology Map

To print the topology map, see [Printing Windows, page 5-24](#).

Saving the Topology Map as a JPEG File

You can use the MWTM to save the topology map to a JPEG file. You can save the entire topology map, or just the current window.

To save the topology map to a JPEG file, choose **Topology Tools > Save as JPEG** from the topology window.

The Save as JPEG dialog box appears. The Save as JPEG dialog box contains:

Field or Button	Description
All	Saves the entire topology map as a JPEG file. This check box is checked by default.
Current Window	Saves just the portion of the topology map visible in the current window as a JPEG file. This check box is unchecked by default, which saves the entire map; not just the current window.
Quality	Specifies the quality of the JPEG file, from 0 (lowest quality) to 1.0 (highest quality). The default setting is 0.7, which is sufficient for most JPEG files.
Max. Size	Specifies the size of the JPEG file, in pixels. Choose a value from the drop-down list box. The valid range is 400-2400 pixels. The default value is 400 pixels, which is sufficient for most JPEG files.



Field or Button	Description
Name	<p>Enter a name for the JPEG file, or accept the default filename, <i>out.jpg</i>.</p> <p>The default directory for the JPEG file is the directory in which you installed the MWTM client:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Solaris/Linux, the default installation directory for the MWTM client is <i>/opt/CSCOsgmClient</i>. • In Windows, the default installation directory for the MWTM client is <i>C:\Program Files\SGMClient</i>. • If you installed the MWTM client in a different directory, then the installation directory resides in that directory. <p>If you do not want to save the JPEG file to the default directory, click Browse to select a different directory.</p>
Browse	Opens the Save dialog box for a topology map, which you use to specify or select a name when you save the JPEG file. If you do not want to save the JPEG file to the default directory, click Browse to select a different directory.
Save	Saves the JPEG file and closes the Save as JPEG dialog box.
Cancel	Closes the Save as JPEG dialog box without saving the JPEG file.




Selecting a Directory for the JPEG File

You can use the MWTM to specify or select a name or directory when you save a topology map to a JPEG file. You can save the entire topology map, or just the current window.

To specify a name or directory for the JPEG file, click **Browse** in the Save as JPEG dialog box.

The Save dialog box appears for a topology map. The Save dialog box for a topology map contains:

Field or Button	Description
Save In	Selects the directory in which you want to save the topology map JPEG file. You can accept the default directory, or select a new directory from the drop-down list box.
File Name	Enter a name for the JPEG file, or select a file from those listed in the Save In field.
Files of Type	<p>Specifies the type of file to save, and shows all files of that type in the chosen directory. Choose a file type from the drop-down list box:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All files—Shows all files in the chosen directory, and saves the topology map file as a JPEG file. • jpg files—Shows only JPEG files in the chosen directory, and saves the topology map file as a JPEG file. This is the default value.
 Up One Level	Shows the subfolders and files that are in the folder that is up one level from the currently visible folder.
 Desktop	Shows the subfolders and files that are on your workstation desktop.

Field or Button	Description
 Create New Folder	Creates a new subfolder in the currently visible folder.
 List	Shows only icons for subfolders and files.
 Details	Shows detailed information for subfolders and files, including their size, type, date they were last modified, and so on.
Save	Saves the file and closes the Save dialog box for a topology map. When you are satisfied with the settings, click Save . The MWTM closes the Save dialog box for a topology map and populates the Name field in the Save as JPEG dialog box with the new name and directory.
Cancel	Closes the Save dialog box for a topology map without saving the file.

Activating a Magnetic Grid on the Topology Map

You can use the MWTM to activate the magnetic topology grid and change how it appears. With the grid activated, when you move objects on the topology map they align with the grid.



Note

Magnetic grid settings are *not* saved when you save the view.

To activate or change the magnetic topology grid, choose **Topology Tools > Magnetic Grid** from the topology window. The Magnetic Grid Settings dialog box appears. The Magnetic Grid Settings dialog box contains:

Field or Button	Description
Grid Activated	Specifies whether the magnetic topology grid is activated. To: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activate the grid, check this check box. • Deactivate the grid, uncheck this check box. This is the default setting.
Display Grid	Specifies whether the grid should be visible on the topology map. To: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display the grid, check this check box. This is the default setting. • Hide the grid, uncheck this check box. <p>If Grid Activated is not checked, this check box is dimmed.</p>
Grid Spacing	Specifies the spacing between lines on the grid, in pixels. To specify the spacing between lines on the grid, in pixels, check the Grid Activated check box, then select a Grid Spacing level. The valid range is 0-150 pixels. The default setting is 50 pixels, which is sufficient for most topology maps.

Field or Button	Description
Grid Color	Opens the Select Grid Color dialog box. To specify a color for the grid, check the Grid Activated check box, then click Change Color in the Grid Color field. The MWTM opens the Select Grid Color dialog box.
OK	Sets the new grid settings and closes the Magnetic Grid Settings dialog box. When you are satisfied with the magnetic grid settings, click OK .
Cancel	Closes the Magnetic Grid Settings dialog box without changing any settings.

Specifying a Color for the Magnetic Grid

You can use the MWTM to customize the color of the magnetic topology grid.



Note

The grid color is *not* saved when you save the view.

To specify a color for the grid, check the Grid Activated check box in the Magnetic Grid Settings dialog box, then click **Select** in the Grid Color field.

The Select Grid Color dialog box opens. The Select Grid Color dialog box contains:

- [Swatches Pane \(Recommended\), page 10-19](#)
- [HSB Pane, page 10-19](#)
- [RGB Pane, page 10-20](#)
- [Select Grid Color Field and Buttons, page 10-20](#)

Related Topic:

[Activating a Magnetic Grid on the Topology Map, page 10-18.](#)

Swatches Pane (Recommended)

You can use the Swatches pane of the Select Grid Color dialog box to select a grid color from a set of color swatches. This is the recommended method for selecting a grid color.

To display the Swatches pane, click the Swatches tab in the Select Grid Color dialog box.

To select a grid color, select a swatch. The chosen color appears in the Preview field. When you are satisfied with the color, click **OK**.

HSB Pane

You can use the HSB pane of the Select Grid Color dialog box to select a grid color based on color hue, saturation, and brightness (HSB).

To display the HSB pane, click the HSB tab in the Select Grid Color dialog box.

To select a grid color, use one of these procedures:

- Select a color range on the vertical color bar, then select a specific color by moving the cursor around on the color square.
- Enter specific values in the hue (H), saturation (S), and brightness (B) fields.

The chosen color appears in the Preview field. When you are satisfied with the color, click **OK**.

RGB Pane

You can use the RGB pane of the Select Grid Color dialog box to select a grid color based on the red, green, and blue (RGB) content of the color.

To display the RGB pane, click the RGB tab in the Select Grid Color dialog box.

To select a grid color, select values for the Red, Green, and Blue fields. The chosen color appears in the Preview field. When you are satisfied with the color, click **OK**.

Select Grid Color Field and Buttons

The Select Grid Color dialog box contains:

Field	Description
Preview	Shows a preview of the currently chosen grid color. Whichever method you choose to select a grid color, the chosen color appears in the Preview field. When you are satisfied with the color, click OK .
OK	Sets the grid color as shown in the Preview field, and closes the Select Grid Color dialog box.
Cancel	Closes the Select Grid Color dialog box without selecting a grid color.
Reset	Resets the grid color to its initial setting.

Specifying a Background Color for the Topology Map

You can use the MWTM to customize the background color of the topology map.



Note

The background color is *not* saved when you save the view.

To specify a background color for the topology map, right-click in a blank area of the topology map, then select **Change Background Color** from the right-click menu.

The Select Background Color dialog box contains:

- [Swatches Pane \(Recommended\)](#), page 10-21
- [HSB Pane](#), page 10-21
- [RGB Pane](#), page 10-21
- [Select Background Color Field and Buttons](#), page 10-21

Swatches Pane (Recommended)

You can use the Swatches pane of the Select Background Color dialog box to select a background color from a set of color swatches. This is the recommended method for selecting a background color.

To display the Swatches pane, click the Swatches tab in the Select Background Color dialog box.

To select a background color, select a swatch. The chosen color appears in the Preview field. When you are satisfied with the color, click **OK**.

HSB Pane

You can use the HSB pane of the Select Background Color dialog box to select a background color based on color hue, saturation, and brightness (HSB).

To display the HSB pane, click the HSB tab in the Select Background Color dialog box.

To select a grid color, use one of these procedures:

- Select a color range on the vertical color bar, then select a specific color by moving the cursor around on the color square.
- Enter specific values in the hue (H), saturation (S), and brightness (B) fields.

The chosen color appears in the Preview field. When you are satisfied with the color, click **OK**.

RGB Pane

You can use the RGB pane of the Select Background Color dialog box to select a background color based on the red, green, and blue (RGB) content of the color.

To display the RGB pane, click the RGB tab in the Select Background Color dialog box.

To select a background color, select values for the Red, Green, and Blue fields. The chosen color appears in the Preview field. When you are satisfied with the color, click **OK**.

Select Background Color Field and Buttons

The Select Background Color dialog box contains:

Field	Description
Preview	Shows a preview of the currently chosen background color. Whichever method you choose to select a background color, the chosen color appears in the Preview field. When you are satisfied with the color, click OK .
OK	Sets the background color as shown in the Preview field, and closes the Select Background Color dialog box.
Cancel	Closes the Select Background Color dialog box without selecting a background color.
Reset	Resets the background color to its initial setting.

Aligning Objects on the Topology Map


Note

To unalign objects, drag and drop the object to move it on the topology map.

You can use the MWTM to align two or more objects on the topology map. You can align the objects based on their left, right, top, or bottom edges, or you can center them in the map. The MWTM saves the alignment when you save the view.

To align objects, choose the objects that you want to align, then choose **Topology Tools > Align** from the topology window. The Align dialog box appears. The Align dialog box contains:

Field	Description
Vertically: None	Does not align the chosen objects vertically.
Vertically: Left	Aligns the chosen objects vertically, aligned with the left edge of the left chosen object.
Vertically: Center	Aligns the chosen objects vertically, with centers aligned.
Vertically: Right	Aligns the chosen objects vertically, aligned with the right edge of the right chosen object.
Vertically: Side by side	Aligns the chosen objects vertically, aligned side-by-side, with no horizontal space between the objects. (There might still be vertical space between the objects.)
Horizontally: None	Does not align the chosen objects horizontally.
Horizontally: Top	Aligns the chosen objects horizontally, aligned with the top edge of the top chosen object.
Horizontally: Center	Aligns the chosen objects horizontally, with centers aligned.
Horizontally: Bottom	Aligns the chosen objects horizontally, aligned with the bottom edge of the bottom chosen object.
Horizontally: Side by side	Aligns the chosen objects horizontally, aligned side-by-side, with no vertical space between the objects. (There might still be horizontal space between the objects.)
Apply	Aligns the chosen objects and keeps the Align dialog box open, enabling you to continue aligning objects.
OK	Aligns the chosen objects and closes the Align dialog box.
Cancel	Closes the Align dialog box. Changes you applied are saved; other changes are not saved.
Help	Opens the Help window for this object.

Hiding and Displaying Non-ITP Nodes and Linksets

**Note**

This function applies only to ITP objects. If you have not discovered ITP objects in your network, the Hiding/Showing Non-ITP Nodes button does not appear.

To hide all non-ITP nodes and linksets on the topology map (the default setting), click the **Hiding/Showing Non-ITP Devices** button. (The hidden signaling points and linksets are still visible in the left pane.)

To display all hidden nodes and linksets on the topology map, click the **Hiding/Showing Non-ITP Devices** button again.

The MWTM automatically saves this setting (with non-ITP nodes and linksets either hidden or visible) with your preferences.

Locking and Unlocking the Position of an Icon

You can use the MWTM to lock the position of an icon on the topology map. Locking the position of an icon can be useful if you want to keep the icon in its position, and you want to ensure that you do not move it inadvertently. The MWTM does not include locked icons in the circular or spring layouts.

- To lock the position of an icon on the topology map, right-click an unlocked icon, then select **Lock Position**.
- To unlock the position of an icon on the topology map, right-click a locked icon, then select **Unlock Position**. This is the default setting.

The MWTM saves this setting (with icon positions locked or unlocked) when you save the view.

Improving Topology Performance

In certain cases, you can enhance topology performance by:

- [Turning Off Antialiasing, page 10-23](#)
- [Connecting Locally for Large Networks—Solaris Clients Only, page 10-24](#)
- [Hiding and Redrawing Connections When Redrawing, page 10-24](#)
- [Hiding and Showing Connections When Redrawing, page 10-24](#)

Turning Off Antialiasing

Antialiasing, which is on by default, improves the appearance of the icons and connections in the topology map. However, antialiasing can cause an unexpected delay in the MWTM client on a remote workstation (that is, a Solaris/Linux workstation using xhost, or a Windows workstation by using an X-Window system emulator such as eXceed or Reflection X).

You can use the MWTM to turn off antialiasing to improve the performance of the MWTM client on a remote workstation. To do so, check the **X Performance Enhancer (AntiAliasing Off)** check box in the Topology settings in the Preferences window (see [Changing Topology Settings, page 5-13](#)).

To turn antialiasing back on, uncheck the check box.

**Tip**

Keep in mind that for small networks, performance is always better if you access the MWTM by installing the MWTM client on the remote workstation.

Connecting Locally for Large Networks—Solaris Clients Only

If you are using a remote Solaris client and you have a large network, use a local Solaris client with a graphics card and an attached monitor, rather than remote access, to improve topology performance.

**Note**

This issue might also cause an unexpected delay in the unsupported Linux client.

Hiding and Redrawing Connections When Redrawing

To aid performance, you can use the MWTM to hide connection lines as you drag an object around the topology map, then re-draw the connection lines when you drop the object in its final position. To do so, click the **Node Dragging Optimizer** button to turn it on. This is the default setting.

To have the MWTM continually redraw connection lines as you drag an object around the topology map, click the **Node Dragging Optimizer** button to turn it off.

The MWTM automatically saves this setting (with the Node Dragging Optimizer on or off) with your preferences.

Hiding and Showing Connections When Redrawing

To aid performance, you can use the MWTM to hide connections linked to objects that are not in the current view, called dangling connections. To do so, click the **Hiding/Showing Dangling Connections** button to set it to Hide. This is the default setting.

To show dangling connections, click the **Hiding/Showing Dangling Connections** button to set it to Show. The MWTM draws the connections in shades of gray to distinguish them from actual objects in the current view.

The MWTM does *not* save this setting (with the Hiding Dangling Connections set to Show or Hide) when you save the view.

To include a dangling connection in the current view, right-click the connection and select **Include In View**.

Saving the Topology Map

When you are ready to close the topology window, choose **File > Save View** from the MWTM main menu. The MWTM prompts you to save any changes you made to the network view, including any changes you have made to the topology map layout, and closes the window (see [Closing the View Editor Window, page 6-13](#)).

Restoring the Topology Map

You can use the MWTM to restore the topology map to the way it looked in the last saved view. To do so, choose **Topology Tools > Restore Positions** from the topology window. The MWTM restores the view.

