



CHAPTER 1

Overview

The *User Guide for Cisco Video Assurance Management Solution 1.0* is a reference tool that provides a complete overview of the hardware and software products that comprise the Cisco Video Assurance Management Solution (Cisco VAMS). This guide describes key benefits and advantages, key features, and technical specifications for the products that make up the Cisco VAMS. The guide also describes installation, configuration, and troubleshooting tasks.

Network administrators can use the Cisco VAMS to configure, diagnose, and facilitate the tasks of managing the transport section of a multicast video network. You can use these tools to:

- Simplify and automate configuration tasks
- Gain visibility into the health and performance of the network
- Analyze and troubleshoot faults and exceptions
- Ensure security, accountability and compliance to organizational policies and regulatory requirements

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License Information

See [Appendix B, “End User License Agreement Supplement.”](#)

Introduction to Cisco VAMS

The successful deployment of video over IP creates new challenges for the service provider. Because video is sensitive to packet loss and jitter, the service provider must carefully monitor bandwidths to ensure that network resources are not overwhelmed. When potential problems are detected, the service provider must quickly determine the source of the problem and take corrective action. Therefore, video service assurance is a primary concern of cable and wireline video service providers.

The Cisco VAMS 1.0 delivers to service providers real-time, centralized monitoring of backbone, regional, and aggregation networks for broadcast video transport. The Cisco VAMS 1.0 provides the framework for a flexible end-to-end assurance platform for video.

The Cisco VAMS 1.0 uses Cisco ANA 3.6 Service Pack 2 (ANA 3.6.2) to build an abstracted network model through a set of virtual network elements (VNEs). Each VNE represents an element in the managed network. The Cisco VAMS 1.0 extends the base functions of Cisco ANA 3.6.2 VNEs for Cisco 7600s Series routers, Cisco Catalyst 4948 switches, and Cisco Carrier Routing System (CRS-1) devices. These VNE extensions address the specific requirements of video delivery across the IP network.

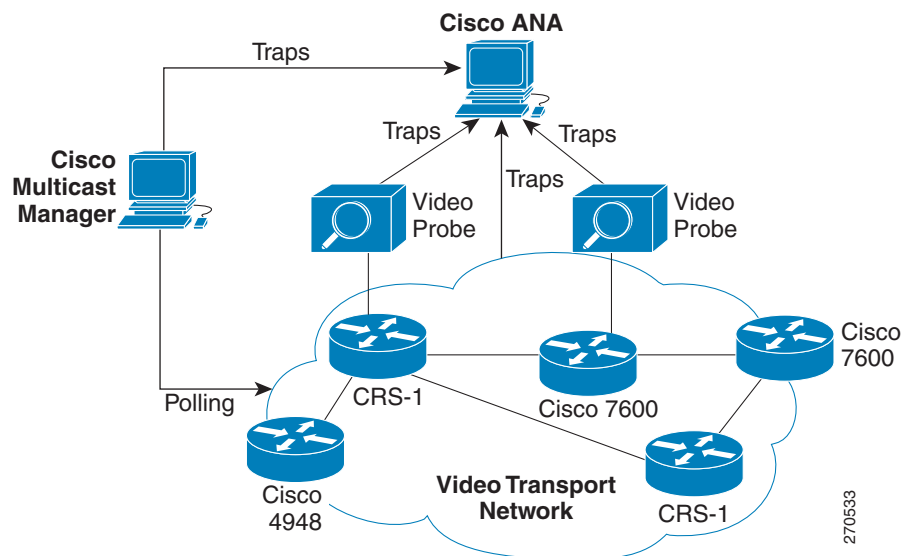
The Cisco VAMS 1.0 uses the Cisco Multicast Manager 2.4 for multicast monitoring and troubleshooting functions. The Cisco Multicast Manager notifies Cisco ANA of any changes in multicast or threshold events on elements in the multicast trees that may affect video performance. The ANA displays device and multicast fault information in the ANA NetworkVision, ANA EventVision, and ANA Manage software tools.

In addition, the Cisco VAMS 1.0 includes dedicated VNEs supporting specific video probes; this release includes VNEs for Ineoquest, Mixed Signals, and Tektronics video probes.

Components of Cisco VAMS

Figure 1-1 shows the components of the Cisco VAMS (the topology is an example).

Figure 1-1 Cisco Video Assurance Management Solution Components

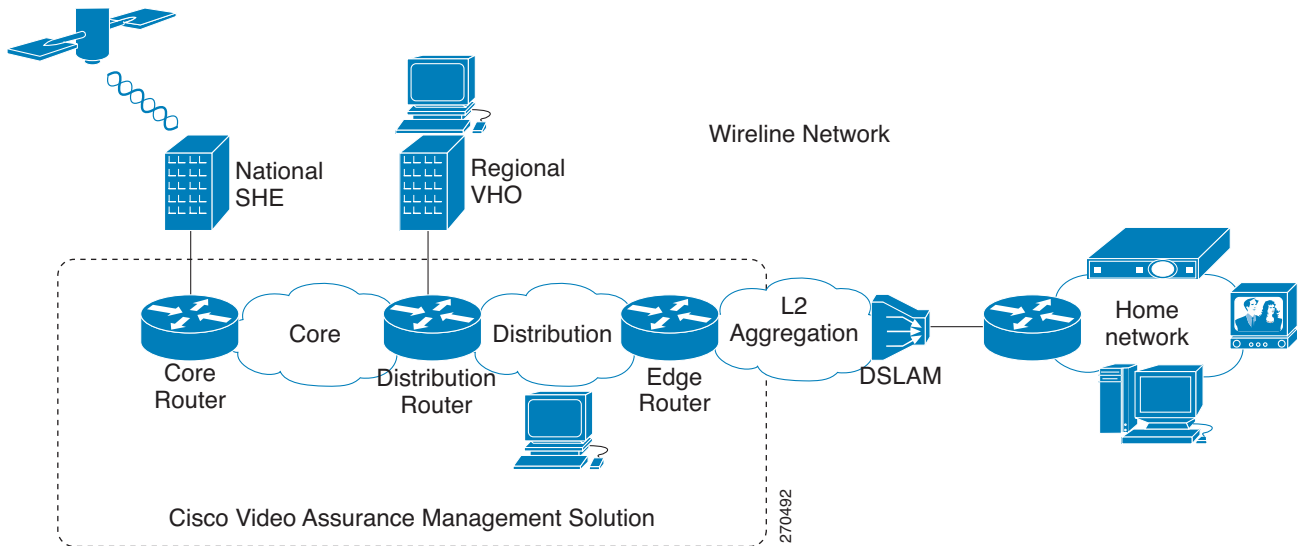


See [Solution Components, page 1-5](#), for descriptions of the Cisco VAMS components shown in Figure 1-1.

Cisco VAMS in a Wireline Network

Figure 1-2 shows the Cisco VAMS in a wireline network.

Figure 1-2 Cisco Video Assurance Management Solution in Wireline Network



The Super Head End (SHE) is the network location for live feeds for the broadcast video service. This site contains the real-time encoders used for the broadcast video service, along with the asset distribution systems for on-demand services. This site may also contain back-office systems such as the subscriber database.

The Video Hub Office (VHO) is the network location of the video server complex, which includes the video sources for on-demand services and real-time encoders for local television stations.

The Cisco VAMS covers the video transport network and focuses on the core and distribution networks shown in Figure 1-2. The Cisco VAMS manages the Cisco devices shown in Figure 1-1 on page 1-2.

A Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM) connects digital subscriber lines to the network by multiplexing the traffic onto one or more network trunk lines.

For detailed information about this supported architecture, see the *Cisco Wireline Video/IPTV Solution Design and Implementation Guide, Release 1.1*:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6902/products_implementation_design_guide_book_09186a00806b5b4c.html

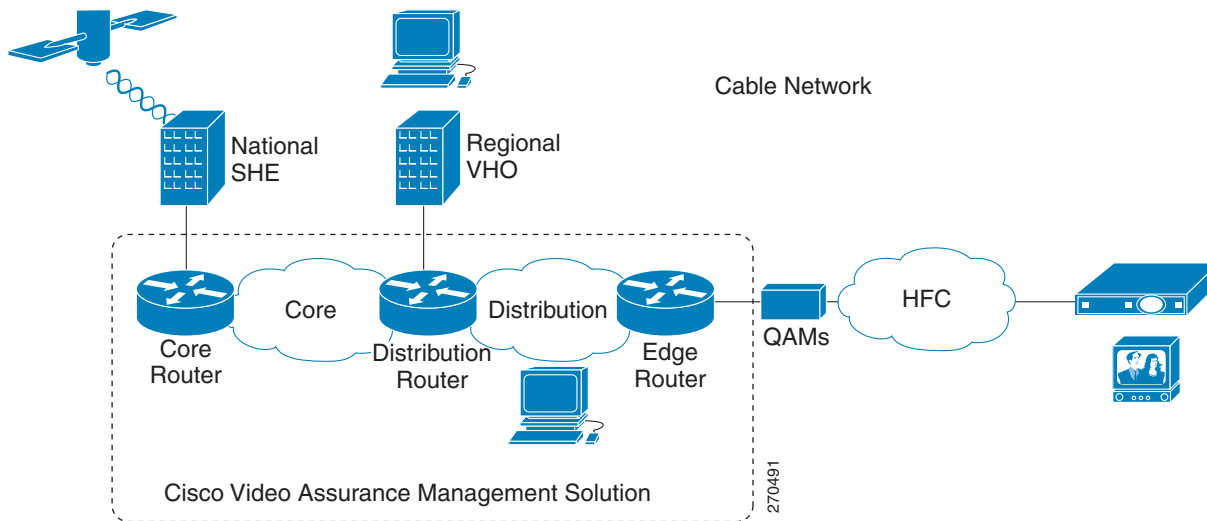
More information about Cisco IPTV solutions for wireline carriers is available here:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/netsol/ns610/networking_solutions_solution_category.html

Cisco VAMS in a Cable Network

Figure 1-3 shows the Cisco VAMS in a cable network.

Figure 1-3 Cisco Video Assurance Management Solution in Cable Network



Most components of the cable network are the same as those shown in the wireline network (Figure 1-2) except for the home access portion. Hybrid Fiber-Coax technology provides two-way, high-speed data access to the home using a combination of fiber optics and traditional coaxial cable.

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For detailed information about this supported architecture, see the *Cisco Gigabit-Ethernet Optimized Video Networking Solution for Cable Design and Implementation Guide, Release 3.0*:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6902/products_implementation_design_guide_book09186a00806470d8.html

More information about Cisco cable video solutions is available here:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/netsol/ns457/networking_solutions_solution_category.html

Solution Components

This solution includes several software and hardware components:

- [Network Elements in the Video Transport Network, page 1-5](#)
- [Cisco ANA, page 1-5](#)
- [Cisco Multicast Manager, page 1-12](#)
- [Third-Party Video Probes, page 1-12](#)

Network Elements in the Video Transport Network

The Cisco VAMS manages these NEs, which form the core of the video transport network ([Figure 1-1 on page 1-2](#)):

- Cisco 7600 Series—A carrier-class edge router that offers integrated, high-density Ethernet switching, carrier-class IP/MPLS routing, and 10-Gbps interfaces.
- Cisco Carrier Routing System (CRS-1)—A carrier routing system that service providers use to deliver data, voice, and video services over a highly available and scalable IP network.
- Cisco Catalyst 4948—A low-latency, Layer 2-4, switch that offers performance and reliability for low-density, multilayer aggregation of high-performance servers and workstations.

**Note**

You must equip these NEs with IOS software that enables the NEs to monitor multicast video flows in the network. See [Solution Components and Versions, page 1-13](#), for a list of the required IOS software.

Cisco ANA

The Cisco ANA provides mediation and abstraction between NEs and OSS applications, and supports fault collection and root cause analysis for the transport network. The Cisco ANA manages the NEs listed in [Network Elements in the Video Transport Network, page 1-5](#). The Cisco ANA features for the Cisco VAMS include:

- Soft properties and activation scripts (also called, command-builder scripts) to extend VNEs for monitoring multicast and video flows.
- Unique VNEs to support the Cisco NEs in the video transport network (Cisco 7600, Catalyst 4948, Cisco CRS-1).
- Generic VNEs to support Cisco Multicast Manager and video probes.
- Event-handling and threshold-crossing alerts (TCA) for video-affecting conditions.
- New trap and syslog support through event configuration and customization.

The ANA automatically detects and manages the network elements in its domain, including their physical and logical inventories. In addition, VNEs provide support for the Cisco Multicast Manager (see [Cisco Multicast Manager, page 1-12](#)) and several third-party probes ([Third-Party Video Probes, page 1-12](#)) that monitor the video quality of the transport network.

This section of the guide contains these topics:

- [VNEs, page 1-6](#)
- [Activation Scripts, page 1-6](#)
- [Soft Properties and Threshold-Crossing Alerts, page 1-7](#)
- [Configuration Management and Inventory, page 1-7](#)
- [Fault Management, page 1-7](#)
- [Security Management, page 1-9](#)
- [Multicast and Video Management, page 1-9](#)
- [Cisco ANA Software Tools, page 1-10](#)

VNEs

The Cisco ANA provides a VNE mediation layer between the managed network elements and the network management applications in the ANA. Generally, a one-to-one correspondence exists between an NE in the managed network and the VNE that depicts it within the Cisco ANA. The VNEs collect information from their corresponding NEs for management purposes.

The Cisco VAMS uses VNEs to represent the solution components in [Table 1-1](#).

Table 1-1 *VNEs for the Cisco VAMS*

Solution Component	VNE Description
Cisco 7600 Series routers	7600 VNE ¹
Cisco Catalyst 4948 switches	4948 VNE ¹
Cisco CRS-1 routers	CRS-1 VNE ¹
Cisco Multicast Manager	Generic Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) VNE
Tektronix Video Probe	Generic Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) VNE
IneoQuest Video Probe	Generic SNMP VNE
Mixed Signals Video Probe	Generic ICMP VNE

1. Cisco ANA activation scripts and soft properties created for the Cisco VAMS enable this VNE to monitor multicast video flows.

Activation Scripts

The Cisco VAMS introduces activation scripts (created in the ANA Command Builder tool) that configure managed devices to collect, calculate, and analyze multicast and video data and notify the ANA when preconfigured conditions occur. These activation scripts utilize the Event MIB and a rules engine to provide support for multicast alarms in the ANA.

The Cisco VAMS provides an IPTV activation script for the Cisco 7600, CRS-1, and Catalyst 4948 VNEs. The script runs at installation time and whenever managed devices reload. In addition, the operator can run the IPTV activation script on demand. See [Run the Setup for IPTV Script, page 3-7](#).

Soft Properties and Threshold-Crossing Alerts

Soft properties are attributes that appear in the inventory of managed VNEs but are not kept in the database. You can configure these properties to be polled on a regular basis. You can also configure TCAs to raise events based on preset threshold values. You can associate soft properties with a specific VNE, all instances of a VNE type, or all managed elements.

**Note**

Soft properties and TCAs are already configured in the IPTV activation script (see [Activation Scripts, page 1-6](#)) delivered as part of this solution.

Configuration Management and Inventory

The Cisco ANA automatically detects managed network elements (NEs) in the video transport network along with their physical and logical inventories. The Cisco ANA also detects changes in the NEs and automatically synchronizes its archived physical and logical inventories with those changes. Support for traps, syslogs, and polling (SNMP and Telnet) enables this functionality.

The Cisco ANA also supports discovery of the network topology (automatically and manually).

The Cisco ANA monitors and reports interface and operational status for these Cisco NEs in the video transport network:

- Cisco 7600 Series routers
- Cisco Carrier Routing System-1 (CRS-1)
- Cisco Catalyst 4948 switch

This support includes:

- Logical inventory (for example, subinterfaces, VLANs, and routing tables)
- Physical inventory (for example, chassis, cards, and serial numbers).

See [Network Elements in the Video Transport Network, page 1-5](#), for details about the Cisco NEs.

Fault Management

The Cisco ANA provides fault management for the video transport network:

- [Event and Alarm Management, page 1-8](#)
- [Polling and CPU Utilization, page 1-8](#)
- [GUIs for Fault Management, page 1-8](#)

See the *Cisco ANA Fault Management User Guide* for a description of the Cisco ANA fault management system:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/active_network_abstraction/3.6_sp2/fault/user/guide/chp1.html

Event and Alarm Management

The Cisco ANA also provides the following event-related features:

- A log of the events.
- Rules-based event processing (for example, to support changing event severities or customize problem descriptions).
- Correlation of events and removal of duplicated events.
- Suppression of events from a particular device or interface.
- Viewing and sorting events (by time and date, severity, or device), switching between multiple event views, and viewing detailed event data.
- Viewing syslog events.
- Changing severity of alarms in the Cisco VAMS.

Polling and CPU Utilization

The Cisco ANA monitors CPU utilization of the supported NEs in the Cisco VAMS. You can define polling groups and designate polling intervals for the ANA-managed NEs. The ANA uses an adaptive polling mechanism to ensure that the NEs are not overpolled.

For more information about ANA polling and its interaction with the CPU utilization of managed NEs, see the *Cisco ANA Administrator User Guide*:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/active_network_abstraction/3.6_sp2/administrator/administration/guide/global.html#wp1041531

The Cisco ANA also supports Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) to verify that supported NEs are reachable. The ANA VNEs send the ICMP packets to the NEs at a designated rate. You specify the polling rate when you define the VNEs for the Cisco VAMS.

For more information about ICMP polling, see the *Cisco ANA Administrator User Guide*:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/active_network_abstraction/3.6_sp2/administrator/administration/guide/manavm.html#wp1041967

The Cisco ANA also provides dynamic, on-demand polling of specific object identifiers (OIDs) using the ANA Command Builder, a tool which you use to create and run activation scripts.

See the *Cisco ANA Command Builder User Guide*:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/active_network_abstraction/3.6_sp2/command_builder/developer/guide/cmdbuild-Book-Wrapper.html

GUIs for Fault Management

The Cisco ANA provides GUIs that show NE:

- Status information on the components that this solution supports (See [Network Elements in the Video Transport Network, page 1-5](#), for descriptions of the supported NEs.)
- Events, including severity levels and timestamps



Note

[Cisco ANA EventVision, page 1-11](#), and [Cisco ANA NetworkVision, page 1-11](#) are the software tools that provide these GUIs.

Security Management

The Cisco ANA provides user identification and authentication for accessing the ANA to perform configuration and fault management tasks on the supported NEs. For more information about security information in the Cisco ANA, see:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/active_network_abstraction/3.6/administrator/mansec.html

Multicast and Video Management

The Cisco VAMS provides these multicast and video metrics:

- [PIM Alarms, page 1-9](#)
- [Multicast Routes, page 1-9](#)
- [Non-RPF Drops, page 1-10](#)

PIM Alarms

The Cisco VAMS creates alarms for events related to Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) status changes. The video transport network uses PIM to build a video-specific multicast topology. Therefore, PIM alarms are important for monitoring the status of the solution.

You can view PIM alarms in the ANA EventVision tool. The Cisco VAMS creates alarms for the following multicast-related SNMP traps:

- `pimNeighborLoss`—Signifies the loss of an adjacency with a neighbor. This trap is generated when the neighbor timer expires, and the router has no other neighbors on the same interface with a lower IP address than itself.
- `ciscoPimInterfaceUp`—Signifies the restoration of a PIM interface.
- `ciscoPimInterfaceDown`—Signifies the loss of a PIM interface.

Multicast Routes

The Cisco VAMS uses a VNE soft property to display the number of multicast routes in the device (Cisco 7600, Catalyst 4948, and Cisco CRS-1). ANA NetworkVision displays the number of multicast routes on the selected device.

The Cisco VAMS uses the Event MIB to monitor changes in the number of multicast routes. When the number of multicast routes changes (indicating a possible problem in the video flow), the Event MIB sends an SNMP trap. The ANA receives the trap and creates an event in the ANA EventVision.

The Cisco VAMS creates soft properties on VNEs to support viewing:

- Whether an NE is enabled for multicast.
- PIM configurations on an interface (whether PIM is enabled, the PIM mode, and the designated router (DR) address for the PIM interface).
- IGMP configurations on an interface for a Cisco 7600 router or Catalyst 4948 switch (whether IGMP leave is enabled, the IGMP protocol version, and the number of IGMP interface groups).

**Note**

The current Cisco VAMS release does not support viewing IGMP status on Cisco CRS-1 NEs.

Non-RPF Drops

The Cisco VAMS monitors non-Reverse Path Forwarding (non-RPF) drops on each multicast stream. Non-RPF packets, also called RPF failure packets, are RPF packets that have been transmitted backwards, against the flow from the source. Multicast streams include video and nonvideo streams. If the number of non-RPF drops on a multicast stream exceeds 5 during a polling period, the device sends an SNMP notification. The ANA receives the notification and generates an alarm. The ANA correlates subsequent alarms and generates subalarms.

Troubleshooting

You perform most fault management tasks through the ANA software tools. You perform advanced troubleshooting of the multicast video network by using the Cisco Multicast Manager 2.4. See [Chapter 4, “Troubleshooting with the Cisco Video Assurance Management Solution.”](#)

Cisco ANA Software Tools

Cisco ANA includes several application suites that are built on top of the virtual network as the mediation layer. The Cisco ANA applications are:

- [Cisco ANA Manage, page 1-10](#)
- [Cisco ANA NetworkVision, page 1-11](#)
- [Cisco ANA EventVision, page 1-11](#)

Cisco ANA Manage

You use the ANA Manage to add, delete, or modify the Cisco NEs in the Layer 2 transport sections of multicast video networks.

Cisco ANA Manage is the GUI tool that you use to perform system administration activities including:

- Adding and removing Cisco ANA units, Autonomous Virtual Machines (AVMs), and VNEs.
- Starting and stopping VNEs.
- Setting polling information per VNE.
- Customizing polling groups and protection groups.
- Managing static and persistent topology links.
- Installing and managing Cisco ANA client licenses.
- Defining and managing user accounts.

See the *Cisco ANA Administrators Guide*:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/active_network_abstraction/3.6_sp2/administrator/administration/guide/Admin-Book-Wrapper.html

Cisco ANA NetworkVision

Cisco ANA NetworkVision is the main GUI for Cisco ANA. Cisco ANA NetworkVision is a user interface for viewing the network inventory and topology. The ANA NetworkVision also displays events. The mediation layer collects information from the network elements and displays the objects in a topology map. ANA NetworkVision displays status and event information (including severities and timestamps) for supported NEs.

You use Cisco ANA NetworkVision to:

- View network inventory and multilayer connectivity.
- Troubleshoot, monitor, and manage NEs.
- Model and view network maps maintaining up-to-date topological information on device connections, traffic, and routes.

The NetworkVision maps provide a graphical display of active faults and alarms and serves as an easy access point for activation of services. See the *Cisco ANA NetworkVision User Guide*:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/active_network_abstraction/3.6_sp2/networkvision/user/guide/nvug.html

Cisco ANA EventVision

The Cisco ANA EventVision is a GUI for browsing the events in the system. You can use EventVision to view and manage alarms, traps, syslog, provisioning, and system and security events. Monitoring EventVision helps predict and identify the sources of network problems, which may prevent future problems.

You can configure EventVision to display:

- Number of events per page
- Number of events to be exported to a file
- Filter options
- Information that appears in EventVision tabs

Administrators periodically review and manage the events list by using EventVision. In addition, when an event occurs in the Cisco ANA system, EventVision displays the details.

See the *Cisco ANA EventVision User Guide*:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/active_network_abstraction/3.6_sp2/eventvision/user/guide/Event-Book-Wrapper.html

Cisco Multicast Manager

The Cisco Multicast Manager (CMM) is a web-based multicast troubleshooting tool that uses SNMP MIB polling to monitor devices and traffic in the network. The Cisco Multicast Manager also provides metrics and alerts, which it then forwards to ANA as SNMP traps. These traps are based on the unique requirements of the network environment and are user-configured.

The Cisco Multicast Manager can monitor multicast-specific data such as:

- Rendezvous points (RP).
- Designated routers (DR).
- Multicast traffic (Layer 2 and Layer 3).
- Multicast bandwidth (Layer 2 and Layer 3).
- L3 multicast trees.

The Cisco Multicast Manager also provides detailed diagnostics and health-check capability.

You use the Cisco Multicast Manager to set thresholds, generate notifications, and forward them to the Cisco ANA. See [Chapter 3, “Configuring the Components of the Cisco Video Assurance Management Solution.”](#)

Third-Party Video Probes

The Cisco VAMS supports the IneoQuest, Mixed Signals, and Tektronix video probes. These video quality monitoring probes are added to key points within the transport network. Their function is to detect impairments and validate the integrity of the Moving Pictures Expert Group (MPEG) transport stream, which carries video.

The ANA discovers physical and logical inventories for the video probes through standard inventory MIBs (depending on the level of support that the probes provide for these MIBS).

Generic VNEs in Cisco ANA support the video-monitoring probes. Generic SNMP VNEs handle the IneoQuest and Tektronix probes. A Generic ICMP VNE (no inventory support) handles the Mixed Signals probe.

The Cisco VAMS receives events from the probes based on thresholds that you configure in the video probes. See [Configure Video Probes, page 3-6](#). The Cisco VAMS associates probe events with a severity level in the ANA.

The video probe VNEs enable the ANA to receive SNMP traps from the video probes. See [Appendix A, “Trap Definitions.”](#)

Prerequisites

You must have these prerequisites in place before installing the Cisco VAMS:

- [Solution Components and Versions, page 1-13](#)
- [ANA Hardware and Software Requirements, page 1-14](#)
- [Prerequisite Tasks, page 1-16](#)

Solution Components and Versions

The Cisco VAMS requires these components and version levels:

Table 1-2 **Solution Components and Version Information**

Solution Component	Version Information
Active Network Abstract (ANA) ¹	3.6 Service Pack 2 (3.6.2)
Cisco VAMS	1.0
Cisco Multicast Manager	2.4
Cisco 7600 (7600-SUP720-3BXL with redundant SUP720-3BXL) Line cards: WS-X6704-10GE, WS-X6748-SFP, WS-X6748-GE-TX, WS-X6724-SFP, and optional WS-F6700-DFC3BXL	12.2(33)SRB2
Cisco CRS-1 Line cards: CRS-MSC, CRS1-SIP-800 (with SPA-8X1GE), 8-10GE	IOS-XR 3.4.2
Cisco Catalyst 4948 (CAT4948-10GE)	12.2(31)SG
Tektronix video probe	MTM400 Application Firmware Version: 3.1.061.000 FPGA Logic Firmware Version: 4 BIOS Version: 2.0.7 SNMP Interface Version: 2.6.0 Hardware Version: 5 QA Build: Alpha 01 Build Timestamp: Dec 19 2007 22:22:42
IneoQuest video probe	Singulus GT-1 Media Analyzer Firmware Version: TB-2.3a-011707
Mixed Signals video probe	Sentry 136 Digital Content Monitor ² Sentry Engine Version: PDM (build 1455.38) Sentry Database Version: 2.7.0.25 Sentry Configuration: TRANSPORT

1. You must purchase base VNEs before installing the VNE extensions. For example, you must acquire the 7600 group VNE license to use the 7600 VNE extensions.
2. The Cisco VAMS 1.0 does not support carousel-related traps for Mixed Signals Sentry 136.

ANA Hardware and Software Requirements

See these sections for more information:

- [ANA Gateway Requirements, page 1-14](#)
- [ANA Unit Requirements, page 1-14](#)
- [ANA Client Requirements, page 1-15](#)



Note

Cisco ANA requires an Oracle database. Steps for installing the Oracle database are in the *Cisco Active Network Abstraction Installation Guide, Version 3.6 Service Pack 2*.

ANA Gateway Requirements

[Table 1-3](#) lists the hardware and software requirements for the ANA gateway.

Table 1-3 ANA Gateway Requirements

Item	Specification
Sun Fire V490	• 4 UltraSPARC IV processors • 16 Gb memory • 2 36 Gb HDD space • 1 CD Rom drive
Operating system	Solaris 10
Third-party tools	• Java v1.3.1_08 • Active Perl v5.6.

ANA Unit Requirements

[Table 1-4](#) lists the hardware and software requirements for the ANA unit.

Table 1-4 ANA Unit Requirements

Item	Specification
Sun Fire V480	• 4 1 GHz UltraSPARC® IIIi processors • 16 Gb memory • 2 36 Gb HDD space • 1 CD Rom drive
Operating system	Solaris 10
Third-party tools	• Java v1.3.1_08 • Active Perl v5.6.

ANA Client Requirements

Table 1-5 lists the hardware and software requirements for the ANA client.

Table 1-5 ANA Client Requirements

Item	Specifications
IBM or PC compatible work station	- Pentium IV, 2.66 GHz processor or better 1 GB RAM 2 GB of free disk space - DVD drive 512 MB of free nonvirtual memory
Monitor	- Minimum screen resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels - True color (32-bit) setting
Operating system	Microsoft Windows 2000 or Windows XP
Internet connection (minimum)	A fast internet connection with a minimum bandwidth of 1.5 MB

Cisco Multicast Manager Requirements

Table 1-6 lists the hardware and software requirements for the Cisco Multicast Manager.

Table 1-6 Cisco Multicast Manager Unit Requirements¹

Item	Specification
Sun Fire V440 or Linux	1 GB RAM 300 MB disk space
Operating system	Solaris 8, Solaris 9, Solaris 10 Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4

1. For complete hardware and software requirements, see the *Installation Guide for Cisco Multicast Manager 2.4*: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6337/products_installation_guide_chapter09186a0080841bec.html#wp1044006.

Prerequisite Tasks

Before you install the Cisco VAMS (Chapter 2, “Installing the Cisco Video Assurance Management Solution”), ensure that you complete the following tasks:

Table 1-7 *Prerequisite Tasks*

Tasks	Reference
1. Install Cisco 7600 routers, CRS-1 routers, and Catalyst 4948 switches for the supported cable or wireline architecture.	Cisco 7600 Series installation guides: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/routers/ps368/prod_installation_guides_list.html Cisco CRS-1 installation guides: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps5763/prod_installation_guides_list.html Cisco Catalyst 4948 installation guides: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/lan/catalyst4900/4948-10ge/4948_10.html
2. Configure the Cisco 7600 routers, CRS-1 routers, and Catalyst 4948 switches for the supported cable or wireline architecture.	Cisco 7600 Series configuration guides: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/routers/ps368/products_installation_and_configuration_guides_list.html Cisco CRS-1 configuration guides: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps5763/products_installation_and_configuration_guides_list.html Cisco Catalyst 4948 configuration guides: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/lan/catalyst4500/12.2/25ewa/configuration/guide/conf.html http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/lan/catalyst4500/12.2/31sg/configuration/guide/conf.html Also, consult configuration tasks documented in Cisco IPTV Solutions, page -ix.
3. Install multicast-enabled IOS images: ¹	Cisco 7600 release notes: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6922/prod_release_note09186a00806c096f.html • Cisco 7600 with 12.2(33)SRB2 image • Cisco CRS-1 with IOS-XR 3.4.2 image • Cisco Catalyst 4948 with 12.2(31)SG image Cisco CRS-1 release notes: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios_xr_sw/iosxr_r3.4/general/release/notes/reln_342.html Cisco Catalyst 4948 release notes: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/lan/catalyst4500/release/note/OL_9592.html
4. Install Cisco Multicast Manager 2.4 on a dedicated server.	Cisco Multicast Manager installation guides: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6337/prod_installation_guides_list.html

1. Download IOS software from <http://www.cisco.com/public/sw-center/index.shtml>.

Performance Metrics

For the Cisco VAMS, the Cisco ANA supports a:

- Sustained trap rate of 35 traps per second
- Cut-off rate of 5 traps per second per VNE

Cisco ANA drops traps that exceed the cut-off rate. For example, if a VNE receives six traps per second, the ANA drops the sixth trap. Also, the cut-off rate is cumulative. For example, for two VNEs, the cut-off rate is 10 traps per second.

