

# McAfee Network Security Central Manager

Manage McAfee® Intrusion Prevention System with confidence, even on a global scale. McAfee Network Security Central Manager eliminates policy maintenance bottlenecks to support compliance and improve efficiency. Capable of managing multiple McAfee Network Security Manager systems, this solution is ideal for global enterprise and service provider networks with large, distributed deployments.

### Key Advantages

- Superior policy control**  
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Control policies for hierarchies of intrusion prevention managers from a single system
- Fast, easy compliance**  
Balanced policy distribution  
eliminates slow, serial updates
- Significantly reduce management costs**  
Offload policy management duties from local IPS administrators

Take charge of your global intrusion prevention system (IPS) deployment. Ensure that it consistently enforces your security policies. Change policies in minutes, rather than days. Pinpoint with confidence when new policies take effect and know that they're working exactly as intended.

Daily operations consume limited local resources, yet regulations mandate consistent, efficient support for evolving policies at every site. To ensure that each site on your global network stays safe and compliant, you need a solution to reinforce local operations with a lightweight layer of centralized policy management. McAfee Network Security Central Manager provides centralized policy management, improves compliance, and increases administrator efficiency. It works with McAfee Network Security Manager and McAfee Network Intrusion Prevention System appliances to ease management of large IPS networks.

### Consistent, Efficient Compliance

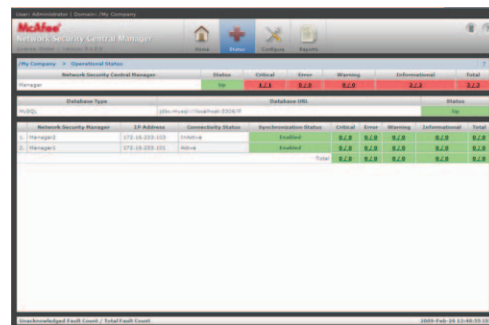
Network Security Central Manager offloads policy management from regional and local administrators to a central control point. Policies are implemented consistently, while the local team

is relieved from the burden of complying with policy updates. Network Security Central Manager automates the process—driving and monitoring policy changes to ensure they take effect.

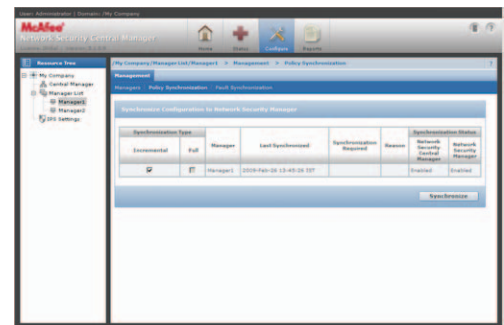
Working across multiple Network Security Managers, Network Security Central Manager creates a management hierarchy that centralizes IPS policy creation, distribution, and maintenance. This flexible solution connects and centralizes administration of all your Network Security Managers to eliminate policy silos, improve implementation consistency, and eliminate bottlenecks in policy deployment.

Network Security Central Manager simplifies compliance, allowing you to view multiple Network Security Manager environments to monitor compliance and demonstrate enforcement of policies across the enterprise.

An easy-to-use graphical interface streamlines policy definition. Single sign-on speeds policy distribution to multiple Network Security Managers. And when changes occur, you can automatically synchronize policies to ensure consistency across sites.



Network Security Central Manager Dashboard



### System Requirements

#### Number of Network Security Managers supported

- Up to six (Standard version)
- Up to 100 (Global version)

#### Operating system

- Windows 2003 Server (Standard Edition) SP2

#### Minimum hardware

- 2 GHz Pentium 4 processor
- 2 GB RAM

#### Disk space

- 40 GB free disk space

#### Client requirements

- Internet Explorer 6.0
- 32-bit color, 1024x768 display setting
- Network 100Mbps card

### Balance Local Control with Central Visibility

Each local Network Security Manager retains direct management of its local IPS sensors and local alerts. When individual alerts must be investigated, a simple right-click instantly reveals rich event details. If necessary, the Network Security Central Manager operator can remotely manage and mitigate events in order to document compliance with required processes or support forensics.

*“Management and control capabilities are outstanding, and provide extremely powerful and flexible means of controlling anything from a single device to a large, enterprise-wide deployment.”*

*—Bob Walder, president,  
The NSS Group, NSS IPS Group Test, Edition 3*

To ensure always-on management of these critical protections, both Network Security Manager and Network Security Central Manager support high-availability configurations, and monitoring can be performed from more than one site.

### Absolute Security Confidence

Network Security Central Manager makes it easy to consistently create, manage, and enforce IPS policies across a distributed deployment, providing the extra measure of management and compliance support you need to keep your non-stop global network healthy and productive.

