



Manage External Devices

How-to Guide

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About Managing External Devices

CounterACT provides powerful tools that let you quickly and continuously track and control external devices connected to your network hosts.

Follow the step-by-step procedures in this guide to:

- Use a wizard-based policy template to detect and classify hosts that have any of the following external device types connected to them:
 - Wireless communication devices
 - Windows portable devices
 - Windows CE USB devices
 - Printers
 - PCMCIA and flash memory devices
 - Other devices (devices that CounterACT cannot classify)
 - Network adapters
 - Modems
 - Infrared devices
 - Imaging devices
 - Disk drives
 - DVD/CD-ROM drives
 - Bluetooth radios

Hosts are automatically organized into groups, based on the type of external device connected.

- Use CounterACT tools to review an extensive range of information about each external device, the hosts connected to them, and the users who are logged into them.
- Generate real-time and trend reports that evaluate external device connections.

 *This How-to guide provides basic configuration instructions designed for a quick setup. For more information on the extended configuration options, refer to the Console User Manual or the Console Online Help.*

Prerequisites

- Verify that your CounterACT system was set up using the Initial Setup Wizard. Refer to the Console Online Help for details.
- Verify that the *Windows* group appears in the Console, Filters pane. If not, run the *Asset Classification* template policy to create this group. Refer to the Console Online Help for details.

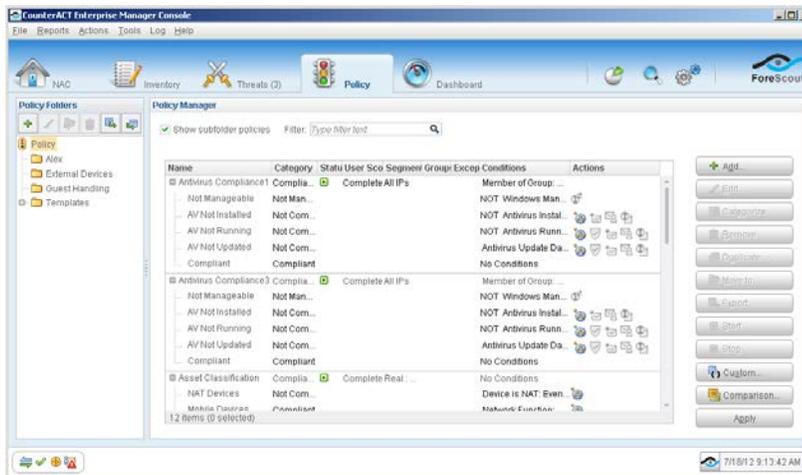


Create and Apply an External Device Classification Policy

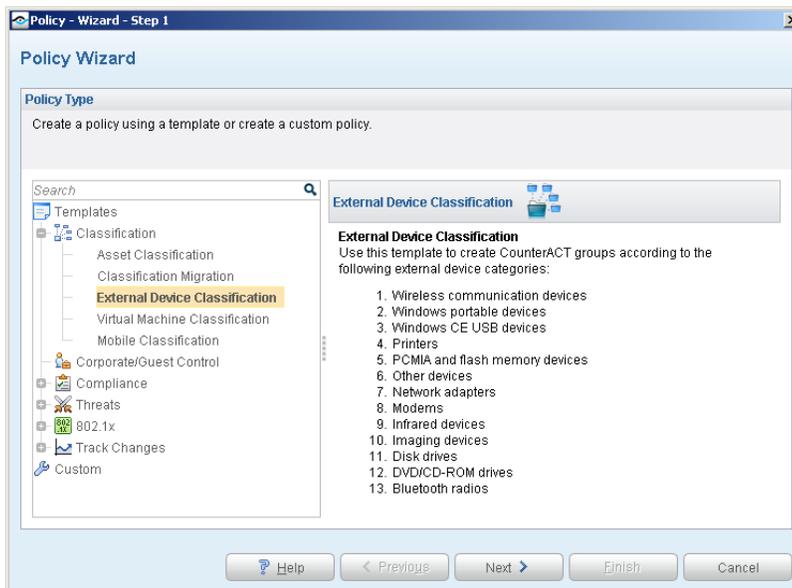
Follow these steps to detect and classify external devices using a policy template.

1 Select the External Device Classification Template

1. Log into the CounterACT Console.
2. On the Console toolbar, select the Policy tab. The Policy Manager opens.



3. In the Policy Manager, select **Add**. The Policy Wizard opens, guiding you through policy creation.
4. Under **Templates**, expand the **Classification** folder and select **External Device Classification**.

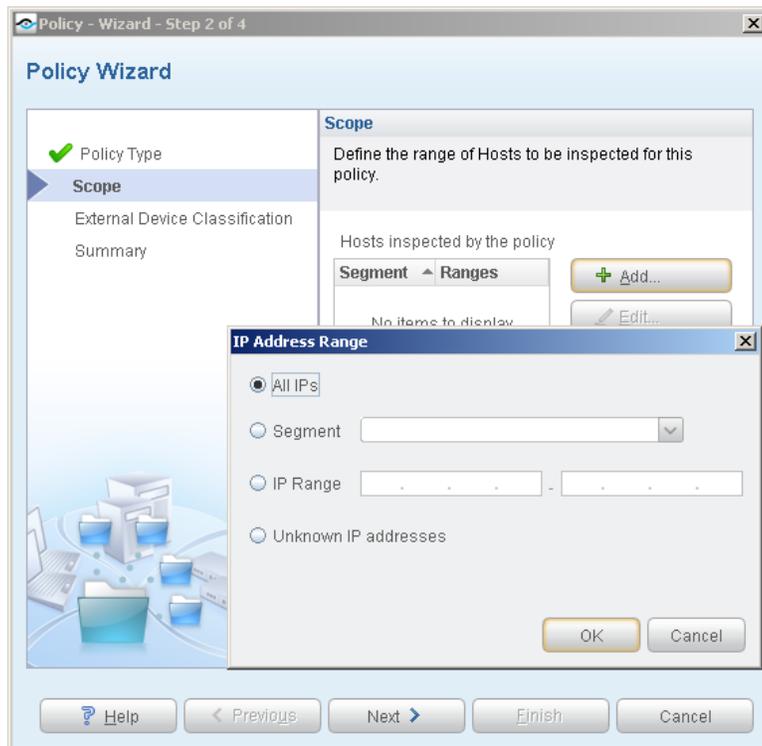




5. Select **Next**. The Scope pane and the IP Address Range dialog box open.

2 Choose the Hosts to Inspect

1. Use the IP Address Range dialog box to define the IP addresses you want to inspect.



The following options are available:

- **All IPs** lets you inspect all addresses in the Internal Network range, initially defined when CounterACT was set up.
- **Segment** lets you select a previously defined segment of the network. To specify multiple segments, select **Cancel** to close the IP address range dialog box, and select **Segments**  from the Scope pane.
- **IP Range** lets you define a range of IP addresses. These addresses must be within the Internal Network.
- **Unknown IP addresses** applies the policy to hosts whose IP addresses are not known. Not applicable for this policy template.

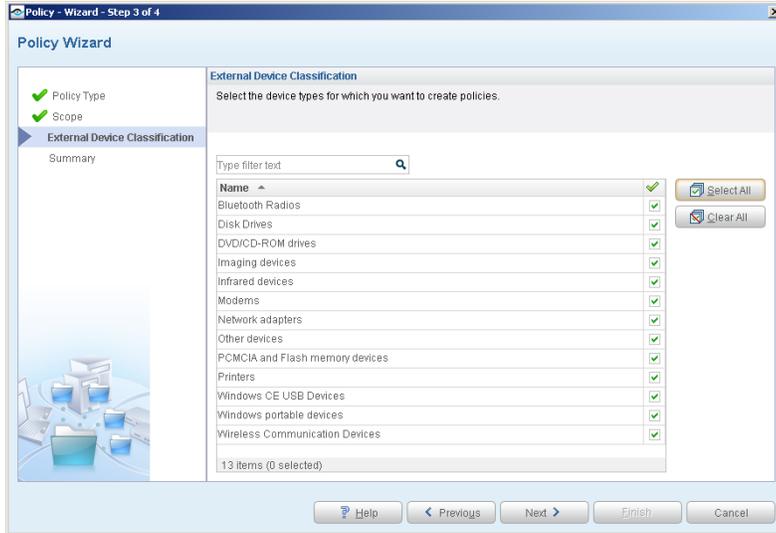
 *Viewing or modifying the Internal Network is performed separately. Select **Tools>Options>Internal Network**.*

2. Select **OK**. The added range appears in the Scope list.
3. Select **Next**. The External Device Classification pane opens.



3 Choose Devices to Detect

1. Select the external device types you want to detect, or select **Select All**.



2. Select **Next**. The Summary pane opens.



The Summary pane provides a summary of the device types that you have instructed CounterACT to detect. A separate policy is created for each device type selected.

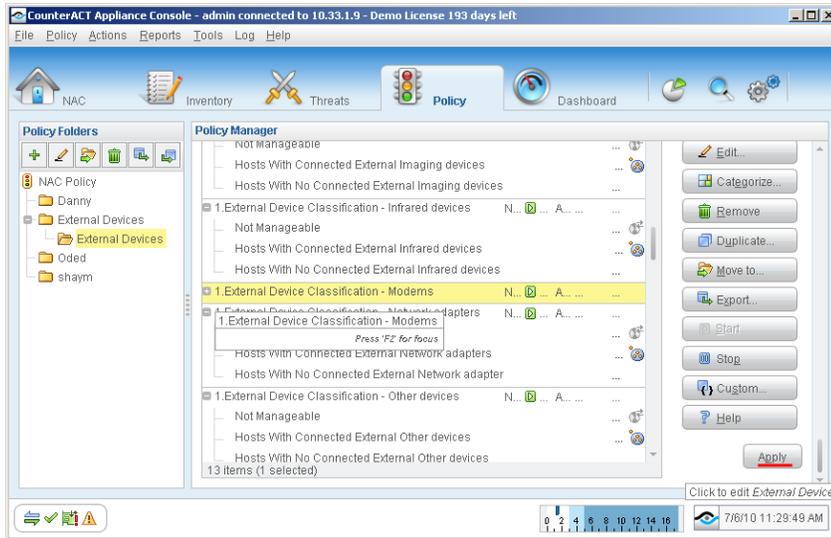
3. Select **Finish**. The policies automatically appear in the Policy Manager, where they can be activated.

4 Activate the Policies

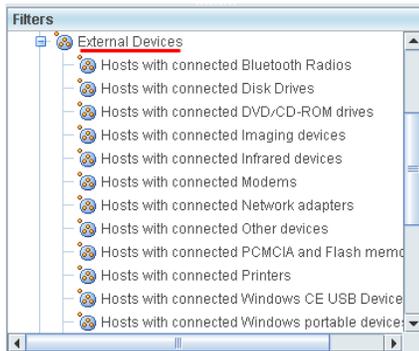
1. On the Console toolbar, select the Policy tab.



2. For each of the policies you created, perform the following:
 - a. In the Policy Manager, select the policy.



- b. Select **Apply**. The policy is activated. CounterACT detects external devices connected to the addresses you specified in the Scope pane, and adds the devices to the External Devices group.
3. On the Console toolbar, select the NAC tab.
4. In the Filters pane, expand the **Groups** folder and scroll to view the External Devices group.



Evaluate External Device Information

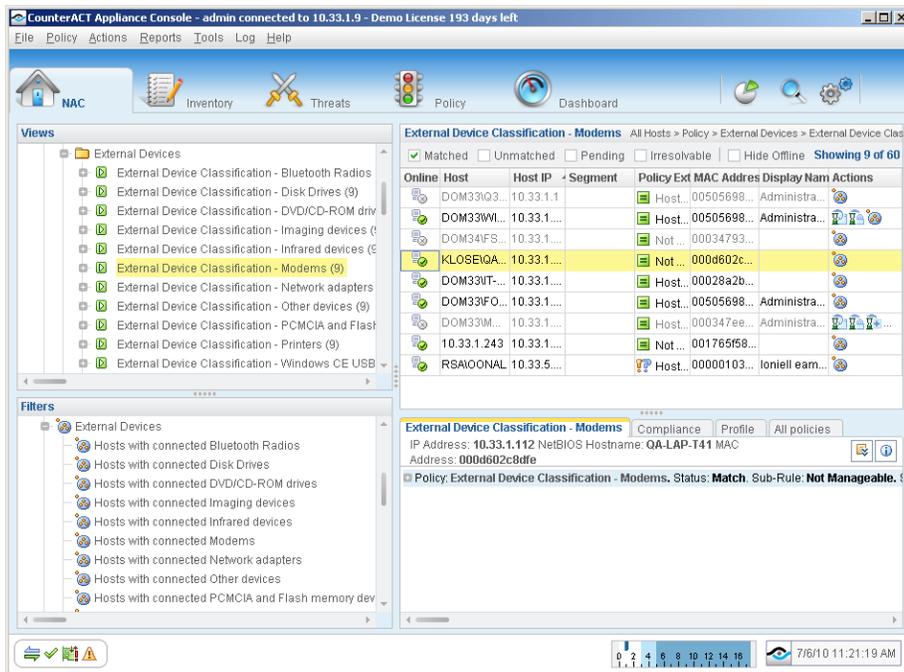
After activating the policy, you can view an extensive range of details about external devices, as well as hosts and users connected to them.

To view details about external devices:

1. On the Console toolbar, select the NAC tab.
2. Perform one of the following:



- In the Views pane, expand the **Policy** folder and scroll to the External Devices policy.
 - In the Filters pane, expand the **Groups** folder and select the External Devices group.
3. In the Detections pane, select a host. Host information is displayed in the Details pane.



4. To customize the information displayed about external devices and users connected to external devices, right-click a column heading, select **Add/Remove Columns**, and select the information of interest to you. You can also reorder the columns.

Generate Reports

After the policy runs, you can generate reports with real-time and trend information about hosts and users connected to external devices. You can generate and view the reports immediately, or schedule report generation.

 *The Reports tool provides tools to customize reports and schedule automatic report generation. For more information about the Reports tool, see the CounterACT Console User Guide.*

To generate a report:

1. Select **Web Reports** from the Console **Reports** menu. The Reports portal opens.
2. Select **Add**. The Add Report Template dialog box opens.
3. Select a report template, and select **Next**. A report configuration page opens.



4. Define the report specifications in each field.
5. Schedule report generation (optional).
6. Select **Save** (optional) to save the report settings and assign them a name. The report name appears in the **Reports** list for future use.
7. Select **Run** to generate and display the report.

In the following example, the Policy Compliance Summaries report was selected. This report gives you a breakdown of hosts connected to external devices, and provides details about each host depending on the information fields you selected to view.

Policy Compliance Summaries ForeScout			
Report Details			
Hosts: All IP's			
Generated By: Administrator			
Generated At: Mon Jun 08 18:32:33 IDT 2009			
Current compliance summaries for all NAC Policies			
NAC Policy Name	Match	Unmatch	Irresolvable
1.External Devices			
1.External Device Classifier - Bluetooth Radios	1959	891	0
Not manageable	608	1351	0
Hosts With Connected External Bluetooth Radios	0	0	1351
Hosts With No Connected External Bluetooth Radios	0	0	0
1.External Device Classifier - Disk Drives	1959	891	0
Not manageable	608	1351	0
Hosts With Connected External Disk Drives	0	0	1351
Hosts With No Connected External Disk Drives	0	0	0
1.External Device Classifier - DVD/CD-ROM drives	1959	891	0
Not manageable	608	1351	0
Hosts With Connected External DVD/CD-ROM drives	0	0	1351
Hosts With No Connected External DVD/CD-ROM drives	0	0	0
1.External Device Classifier - Imaging devices	1959	891	0
Not manageable	608	1351	0
Hosts With Connected External Imaging devices	0	0	1351
Hosts With No Connected External Imaging devices	0	0	0
1.External Device Classifier - Infrared devices	1959	891	0
Not manageable	608	1351	0
Hosts With Connected External Infrared devices	0	0	1351
Hosts With No Connected External Infrared devices	0	0	0
1.External Device Classifier - Modems	1959	891	0
Not manageable	608	1351	0
Hosts With Connected External Modems	0	0	1351



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