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CHAPTER

Introduction to the Terminal Services Agent

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About the Terminal Services (TS) Agent

The Cisco Terminal Services (TS) Agent allows the Firepower Management Center to uniquely identify user traffic monitored by a Microsoft Windows Terminal Server. Without the TS Agent, the systems recognize all traffic from a Microsoft Windows Terminal Server as one user session originating from one IP address.



Note To avoid potential issues and to make sure you're using the most up-to-date software, Cisco recommends using the latest released version of the TS Agent. To find the latest version, go to the Cisco Support site.

You can't upgrade the TS Agent; you must uninstall the older version before you install the newer version. For more information, see Uninstalling the TS Agent, on page 20.

When installed and configured on your Microsoft Windows Terminal Server, the TS Agent assigns a port range to individual user sessions, and ports in that range to the TCP and UDP connections in the user session. The systems use the unique ports to identify individual TCP and UDP connections by users on the network.



Note

ICMP messages are passed without port mapping.

Traffic generated by a service running in the computer's System context is not tracked by the TS Agent. In particular, the TS Agent does not identify Server Message Block (SMB) traffic because SMB traffic runs in the System context.

The TS Agent supports up to 199 simultaneous user sessions per TS Agent host. If a single user runs several simultaneous user sessions, the TS Agent assigns a unique port range to each individual user session. When a user ends a session, the TS Agent can use that port range for another user session.

Each FMC supports up to 50 TS Agents connecting to it at the same time.

There are three primary components to the TS Agent installed on your server:

- Interface—application to configure the TS Agent and monitor the current user sessions
- Service—program that monitors the user logins and logoffs
- Driver— program that performs the port translation

The TS Agent can be used for the following:

• TS Agent data on the FMC can be used for user awareness and user control. For more information about using the TS Agent data in the System, see the *Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center Configuration Guide*.



Note To use TS Agent for user awareness and control, you must configure it to send data *only* to the FMC. For more information, see Configure the TS Agent.

Server and System Environment Requirements

You must meet the following requirements to install and run the TS Agent on your system.

Note

To avoid potential issues and to make sure you're using the most up-to-date software, Cisco recommends using the latest released version of the TS Agent. To find the latest version, go to the Cisco Support site. You can't upgrade the TS Agent; you must uninstall the older version before you install the newer version. For more information, see Uninstalling the TS Agent, on page 20.

Server Requirements

Install the TS Agent on one of the following 64-bit Microsoft Windows Terminal Server versions:

- Microsoft Windows Server 2016
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2



Note The TS Agent installation requires 614 KB of free space on your server.



Note If the TS Agent server uses anti-virus software that proxies web traffic, user traffic is typically assigned to the System user and the FMC sees those users as Unknown. To avoid the issue, disable web traffic proxying.

The TS Agent is compatible with any of the following terminal services solutions installed on your server:

- Citrix XenDesktop
- Citrix XenApp
- · Xen Project Hypervisor
- VMware vSphere Hypervisor/VMware ESXi 6.0
- Windows Terminal Services/Windows Remote Desktop Services (RDS)

This version of the TS Agent supports using a single network interface controller (NIC) for port translation and server-system communications. If two or more valid NICs are present on your server, the TS Agent performs port translation only on the address you specify during configuration. A valid NIC must have a single IPv4 or IPv6 address, or one of each type; a valid NIC cannot have multiple addresses of the same type.



Note

If router advertisements are enabled on any devices connected to your server, the devices can assign multiple IPv6 addresses to NICs on your server and invalidate the NICs for use with the TS Agent.

System Requirements

This version of the TS Agent supports connecting to standalone or high availability FMCs running Version 6.2 or later of the System.

Troubleshooting Firepower Management Center Issues with the TS Agent

See the following sections for information about troubleshooting Firepower Management Center issues with the TS Agent.

For information about known and fixed issues in this release, see Known Issues and Resolved Issues, on page 6.

FMC does not display user information for System processes

Traffic generated by a service running in the System context is not tracked by the TS Agent. In particular, note the following:

- The TS Agent does not identify Server Message Block (SMB) traffic because SMB traffic runs in the System context.
- Some anti-virus applications proxy web traffic to an on-premises or cloud gateway to catch viruses before they reach a client computer. However, this means that the anti-virus software typically uses the System account; in this case, the FMC sees the users as Unknown. To resolve the issue, disable web traffic proxying.

TS Agent user timeouts do not occur when expected

You must synchronize the time on your server with the time on the FMC.

TS Agent does not translate user session ports

The TS Agent does not perform port translation in the following cases:

- A user session exceeds the set **Max User Sessions** value. For example, if the **Max User Sessions** is set to 29, the TS Agent does not perform port translation on the 30th user session.
- All available ports are in use. For example, if your **User Ports Range** value designates 1000 ports per user session, the TS Agent does not perform port translation on the 1001st TCP/UDP connection until the user ends another TCP/UDP connection and releases a port.
- A user session does not have an associated domain. For example, if a server administrator's session is authenticated by the local system and not by an external Active Directory server, the server administrator logs in to the server but cannot access the network and the TS Agent does not assign ports to the user session.

TS Agent port translation is not performed as expected

If you manually edit the IP address of the server, you must edit the **Server NIC** on the TS Agent. Then, save your TS Agent configuration and reboot your server.

User sessions are not reported to the FMC as expected

If you update the TS Agent configuration to connect to a different FMC, you must end all current user sessions before saving the new configuration. For more information, see Ending a Current User Session, on page 19.

Client application traffic is reported to the FMC as user traffic

If there is a client application installed on your server and the application is configured to bind to a socket that uses a port that falls outside of your **System Ports**, you must use the **Exclude Port(s)** field to exclude that port from translation. If you do not exclude the port and it falls within your **User Ports**, the TS Agent may report traffic on that port as unrelated user traffic.

To prevent this, configure your client application to bind to a socket that uses a port that falls within your **System Ports**.

Server application timeout, browser timeout, or TS Agent-FMC connection failure

If an application on the TS Agent server ends a TCP/UDP connection but incompletely closes the associated port, the TS Agent cannot use that port for translation. If the TS Agent attempts to use the port for translation before the server closes the port completely, the connection fails.



Note You can use the netstat command (for summary information) or the netstat -a -o -n -b command (for detailed information) to identify incompletely closed ports; these ports have a state of TIME_WAIT or CLOSE_WAIT.

If you see this issue, increase the TS Agent port range affected by the issue:

- Server application or browser timeout occurs if an incorrectly closed port falls within the User Ports range.
- TS Agent-FMC connection failure occurs if an incorrectly closed port falls within the **System Ports** range.

TS Agent-FMC connection failure

If the TS Agent fails to establish a connection with the FMC when you click the **Test** button during configuration, check the following:

- Make sure no more than 50 TS Agent clients are attempting to connect to the FMC at the same time.
- Confirm that the Username and Password you provided are the correct credentials for a FMC user with REST VDI privileges as discussed in Creating the REST VDI Role, on page 14.

You can view the audit logs on the FMC to confirm that the user authentication from the TS Agent succeeded.

• If the connection to the secondary FMC in a high availability configuration fails immediately after configuration, this is expected behavior. The TS Agent communicates with the active FMC at all times.

If the secondary is the active FMC, the connection to the primary FMC fails.

System processes or applications on the server are malfunctioning

If a system process on your server is using or listening in on a port that is not within your **System Ports** range, you must manually exclude that port using the **Exclude Port(s)** field.

If an application on your server is using or listening in on your Citrix MA Client (2598) or Windows Terminal Server (3389) port, confirm that those ports are excluded in the **Exclude Port(s)** field.

FMC shows Unknown users from the TS Agent

The FMC shows Unknown users from the TS Agent in the following situations:

- If the TS Agent driver component fails unexpectedly, user sessions seen during the downtime are logged as Unknown users on the FMC.
- Some anti-virus applications proxy web traffic to an on-premises or cloud gateway to catch viruses before they reach a client computer. However, this means that the anti-virus software typically uses the System account; in this case, the FMC sees the users as Unknown. To resolve the issue, disable web traffic proxying.
- If the primary FMC in a high availability configuration fails, logins reported by the TS Agent during the 10 minutes of downtime during failover are handled as follows:
 - If a user was not previously seen on the FMC and the TS Agent reports user session data, the data is logged as Unknown user activity on the FMC.
 - If the user was previously seen on the FMC, the data is processed normally.

After the downtime, the Unknown users are reidentified and processed according to the rules in your identity policy.

NICs are not displayed in the Server NIC list

You must disable router advertisement messages on any devices connected to your server. If router advertisements are enabled, the devices can assign multiple IPv6 addresses to NICs on your server and invalidate the NICs for use with the TS Agent.

A valid NIC must have a single IPv4 or IPv6 address, or one of each type; a valid NIC cannot have multiple addresses of the same type.

Troubleshoot Issues with the TS Agent

TS Agent reports users as Unknown and rules not matched

If other vendors' Terminal Services agents are running on the same server as the Cisco Terminal Services (TS) Agent, port numbers for user connections might not be in the assigned User Ports range. As a result, users can be identified as Unknown and therefore identity rules do not match for users.

To resolve this issue, disable or uninstall the other Terminal Services agents running on the same server as the Cisco TS Agent.

Exceptions when saving the TS Agent IP address

In rare circumstances, exceptions are displayed when you attempt to save the TS Agent configuration with an invalid IP address. An invalid IP address can be any of the following:

- The same IP address as another device on the network.
- · Changing the static IP address in Windows while the TS Agent application is open.

Exceptions include the following:

- System.ArgumentException: An item with the same key has already been added.
- System.NullReferenceException: Object reference not set to an instance of an object.

Workaround: Set the TS Agent server's IP address to a valid IP address, save the TS Agent configuration, and reboot the server.

Troubleshoot Issues with the User Agent

If you use both the TS Agent and the user agent, you can avoid non-critical errors in the logs by excluding the TS Agent IP address from the user agent. If the same user is detected by both the TS Agent and the user agent, non-critical errors are written to logs.

To prevent this, exclude the TS Agent's IP address from being logged by the user agent. For more information, see the *Firepower User Agent Configuration Guide*.

Known Issues and Resolved Issues

Known Issues

Caveat ID Number	Description
CSCvf25546	Fewer ports are available for connections when both IPv4 and IPv6 are configured on the monitored NIC.

Caveat ID Number	Description
CSCvf63615	At debug level 6, some incorrect function names display in the logs.
CSCvf65188	In some cases, connections are not released when expected after a user logs out of the TS Agent server. Sometimes the TCP protocol allows a stale connection to persist longer than expected. This behavior can be confirmed by the following message in the Windows Event Log:
	Event 4227: TCP/IP failed to establish an outgoing connection because the selected local endpoint was recently used to connect to the same remote endpoint.
	Workarounds:
	• Increase the number of ports in the range.
	• Decrease the time TCP stack has to wait until such connections are fully released: TcpTimedWaitDelay, found in the following location in the Windows registry: HKEY_LOCAL-MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\Tcpip\Parameters
	For more information, see the description of TcpTimedWaitDelay on MSDN.
CSCvg65253	User IP bindings are not being sent to the Firepower Management Center, and both TS Agent event viewer log and the Status column on the TS Agent's Monitor tab page show: FMC_STATS_TO_BE_CONNECT .
	Workaround : Wait until system has completed rebooting and is stable, then restart the TS Agent service. Data should then be reported to the Firepower Management Center.

Resolved Issues

Caveat ID Number	Description	
CSCve54339	UDP traffic is getting blocked, especially if the port is allocated in the operating system's ephemeral range (ports 49152 to 65535).	
	Workaround: Either reboot the server or uninstall the TS Agent.	
CSCve49682	Connections to services or applications listening on ports are established successfully when the TS Agent is installed.	
	An example is the Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) service, which depends on remote procedure calls (RPC), which binds to random ports.	
CSCve56307	Users can log in to the server using Remote Desktop and users authenticating to the xenapp server can authenticate.	
CSCve61048, CSCvf16287	The number of user ports was increased, enabling more connections and in turn reducing the possibility that internet connectivity is blocked.	

History for TS Agent

Feature	Version
• Default maximum number of max user sessions changed from 200 to 30.	1.1
• Port range changed from 200 or more to 5000 or more	
These changes are all discussed in TS Agent Configuration Fields, on page 11.	
TS Agent	1.0
Feature introduced. The TS Agent enables administrators to track user activity using port mapping. The TS Agent, when installed on a Terminal Server, assigns a port range to individual user sessions, and ports in that range to the TCP and UDP connections in the user session. The systems use the unique ports to identify individual TCP and UDP connections by users on the network.	



Install and Configure the TS Agent

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Install the TS Agent

Before you begin

- Confirm that the TS Agent is supported in your environment, as described in Server and System Environment Requirements, on page 2.
- If you previously installed the TS Agent, uninstall the TS Agent as described in Uninstalling the TS Agent, on page 20.
- End all current user sessions as described in Ending a Current User Session, on page 19.
- **Step 1** Log in to your server as a user with Administrator privileges.
- **Step 2** If you have an earlier version of the TS Agent installed, uninstall it using the Windows Control Panel as discussed in Uninstalling the TS Agent, on page 20.

Step 3 Download the TS Agent package from the Support site: TSAgent-1.1.0.exe.

Note Download the update directly from the site. If you transfer the file by email, it might become corrupted.

Step 4 Right-click TSAgent-1.1.0.exe and choose **Run as Administrator**.

Step 5Click Install and follow the prompts to install the TS Agent.You are required to reboot the computer before you can use the TS Agent.

What to do next

• Confirm the TS Agent is running as discussed in Viewing the Status of the TS Agent Service Component, on page 19.

- Start the TS Agent as discussed in Starting and Stopping the TS Agent Processes, on page 20.
- Configure the TS Agent as discussed in Configure the TS Agent, on page 10.

Note If the TS Agent installer reports that the .NET Framework failed, run Windows Update and try installing the TS Agent again.

Start the TS Agent Configuration Interface

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If there is a TS Agent shortcut on your desktop, double-click on the shortcut. Otherwise, use the following procedure to launch the TS Agent configuration interface.

Step 1 Log in to your server as a user with Administrator privileges.

Step 2 Open C:\Program Files (x86)\Cisco\Terminal Services Agent.

Step 3 View the program files for the TS Agent.

Note The program files are view-only. Do not delete, move, or modify these files.

Step 4 Double-click the TSAgentApp file to start the TS Agent.

Configure the TS Agent

Use the TS Agent interface to configure the TS Agent. You must save your changes and reboot the server for your changes to take effect.

Before you begin

- If you are connecting to the System, configure and enable one or more Active Directory realms targeting the users your server is monitoring, as described in the *Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center Configuration Guide*.
- If you are connecting to the System, configure a user account with REST VDI privileges.

You must create the REST VDI role in the FMC as discussed in Creating the REST VDI Role, on page 14.

- If you are already connected to the System and you are updating your TS Agent configuration to connect to a different FMC, you must end all current user sessions before saving the new configuration. For more information, see Ending a Current User Session, on page 19.
- Synchronize the time on your TS Agent server with the time on your System.
- Review and understand the configuration fields, as described in TS Agent Configuration Fields, on page 11.

Step 1	On the server where you installed the TS Agent, start the TS Agent as described in Start the TS Agent Configuration Interface, on page 10.	
Step 2	Click Configure .	
Step 3	Navigate to the General settings section of the tab page.	
Step 4	Enter a Max User Sessions value.	
Step 5	Choose the Server NIC to use for port translation and communications.	
Step 6	Enter System Ports and User Ports values. In a valid configuration, the system and user port ranges do not overlap.	
Step 7	Enter Exclude Port(s) values as a comma-separated list.	
	Exclude Port(s) is automatically populated with expected values for the Citrix MA Client (2598), and Windows Terminal Server (3389) ports. You must exclude the Citrix MA Client and Windows Terminal Server ports.	
Step 8	Navigate to the REST API Connection settings section of the tab.	
Step 9	Enter Hostname/IP Address and Port values.	
	The FMC requires Port 443.	
Step 10	Enter the Username and Password.	
Step 11	Optionally, repeat steps 9 and 10 in the second row of fields to configure a standby (failover) connection.	
Step 12	Click Test to test the REST API connection between the TS Agent and the system.	
	If you have a primary and secondary FMC configured, the test connection to the secondary fails. This is expected behavior. The TS Agent communicates with the active FMC at all times. If the primary fails over and becomes the inactive FMC, the TS Agent communicates with the secondary (now active) FMC.	
Step 13	Click Save and confirm that you want to reboot the server.	

TS Agent Configuration Fields

The following fields are used to configure the settings on a TS Agent.

General Settings

Table 1: General Settings Fields

Description
The port(s) you want the TS Agent to ignore. Enter the ports you want to exclud comma-separated list.
The TS Agent automatically populates Exclude Port(s) with default port values MA Client (2598), and Windows Terminal Server (3389). If you do not exclude ports, applications requiring those ports might fail.
NoteIf a process on your server is using or listening in on a port that is r System Ports range, you must manually exclude that port using the Port(s) field.
NoteIf there is a client application installed on your server and the applic configured to bind to a socket using a specific port number, you mu Exclude Port(s) field to exclude that port from translation.
The maximum number of user sessions you want the TS Agent to monitor. A sir run several user sessions at a time.
This version of the TS Agent supports 29 user sessions by default, up to a maximuser sessions.
This version of the TS Agent supports using a single network interface controlle port translation and server-system communications. If two or more valid NICs a your server, the TS Agent performs port translation only on the address you spe configuration.
The TS Agent automatically populates this field with the IPv4 address and/or IPv each NIC on the server where the TS Agent is installed. A valid NIC must have or IPv6 address, or one of each type; a valid NIC cannot have multiple addresse type.
Note If you manually edit the IP address of the server, you must edit the on the TS Agent. Then, save your TS Agent configuration and reboo
Note You must disable router advertisement messages on any devices co your server. If router advertisements are enabled, the devices may as IPv6 addresses to NICs on your server and invalidate the NICs for TS Agent.

Field	Description
System Ports	The port range you use for system processes. The TS Agent ignores this active Start port to indicate where you want to begin the range. Configure a Range the number of ports you want to designate for each individual system process.
	Cisco recommends a Range value of 5000 or more. If you notice the TS Agen out of ports for system processes, increase your Range value.
	Note If a system process requires a port that falls outside your designate add the port to the Exclude Port(s) field. If you do not identify system processes in the System Ports range or exclude it, system fail.
	The TS Agent automatically populates the End value using the following for
	([Start value] + [Range value]) - 1
	If your entries cause the End value to exceed the Start value of User Ports , your Start and Range values.
User Ports	The port range you want to designate for users. Configure a Start port to ind want to begin the range. Configure a Range value to indicate the number of p designate for TCP or UDP connections in each individual user session.
	Note ICMP traffic is passed without being port mapped.
	Cisco recommends a Range value of 1000 or more. If you notice the TS Agen out of ports for user traffic, increase your Range value.
	Note When the number of ports used exceeds the value of Range , user the value of Range .
	The TS Agent automatically populates the End value using the following for
	[Start value] + ([Range value] * [Max User Sessions value]) -
	If your entries cause the End value to exceed 65535, you must adjust your S values.

FMC Settings

You can configure a connection primary and, optionally, standby (failover) system appliances:

- If your system appliance is standalone, leave the second row of the FMC Connection fields blank.
- If your system appliance is deployed with a standby (failover) appliance, use the first row to configure a connection to the primary appliance and the second row to configure a connection to the standby (failover) appliance.

Table 2: FMC Settings Fields

Field	Description
Hostname / IP Address	The hostname or IP address for the primary FMC.
	The port the FMC uses for REST API communications. The TS Agent automathis field to 443 , the REST API port on the FMC.

Field	Description
	The System username and password for a user with REST VDI privileges on the more information about configuring this user, see Creating the REST VDI Role,

Creating the REST VDI Role

To connect the TS Agent to the FMC, your user must have the REST VDI role. The REST VDI is not defined by default. You must create the role and assign it to any user that is used in the TS Agent configuration.

For more information about users and roles, see the *Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center Configuration Guide*.

- **Step 1** Log in to the FMC as a user with permissions to create roles.
- Step 2 Click System > Users.
- Step 3 Click the User Roles tab.
- **Step 4** On the User Roles tab page, click **Create User Role**.
- **Step 5** In the Name field, enter REST VDI.

The role name is not case-sensitive.

- Step 6 In the Menu-Based Permissions section, check **REST VDI** and make sure **Modify REST VDI** is also checked.
- Step 7 Click Save.
- **Step 8** Assign the role to the user that is used in the TS Agent configuration.



View TS Agent Data

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View Information About the TS Agent

Use the following procedure to view the current user sessions on the network and the port ranges assigned to each session. The data is read-only.

Step 1 On the server where you installed the TS Agent, start the TS Agent interface as described in Start the TS Agent Configuration Interface, on page 10.

- **Step 2** Click the **Monitor** tab. The following columns are displayed:
 - **REST Server ID**: Host name or IP address of the FMC that is reporting the information. This information is useful if you have a high availability configuration.
 - Source IP: Displays the user's IP address value in IPv4 and/or IPv6 format. When both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses are configured and a new session is just created, both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses are displayed in separate rows.
 - **Status**: Displays the status of assigning ports to the user. For more information, see View Connection Status, on page 16.
 - Session ID: Number that identifies the user's session. A user can have more than one session at a time.
 - Username: Username associated with the session.
 - Domain: Active Directory domain in which the user logged in.
 - **Port Range**: Port range assigned to the user. (A value of 0 indicates an issue assigning ports; for more information, see View Connection Status, on page 16).
 - Login Date: Date the user logged in.
- **Step 3** The following table shows the actions you can perform:

ltem	Description
Click column heading	Sort data in the table by that column.
	Enter a portion of a username or a complete username in the Filter by Username search field.

ltem	Description
Ø	Click to refresh sessions displayed on this tab page.

View Connection Status

When users have logged into Terminal Services where TS Agent is installed, a new system session is created, a port range is allocated for this session, and the results are sent to FMC for propagation to managed devices.

The Monitor tab page enables you to confirm that the port range was successfully sent to the FMC. Among the reasons why the process might have failed include:

Network connectivity issues

Invalid VDI credentials

- Token expiration
- · Incorrect domain name configured for the realm
- **Step 1** On the server where you installed the TS Agent, start the TS Agent interface as described in Start the TS Agent Configuration Interface, on page 10.
- **Step 2** Click the **Monitor** tab.
- **Step 3** The Status column has one of the following values:
 - Pending: The action is pending but not yet completed.
 - Failed: The action failed. Click the word Failed to view an error message.
 - Success: The action completed successfully.

View TS Agent User, User Session, and TCP/UDP Connection Data on the FMC

Use the following procedure to view data reported by the TS Agent. For more information about the FMC tables, see the *Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center Configuration Guide*.

Step 1 Log in to the FMC where you configured the realms targeting the users your server is monitoring.

- Step 2 To view users in the Users table, choose Analysis > Users > Users. The FMC populates the Current IP, End Port, and Start Port columns if a TS Agent user's session is currently active.
- Step 3 To view user sessions in the User Activity table, choose Analysis > Users > User Activity. The FMC populates the Current IP, End Port, and Start Port columns if the TS Agent reported the user session.

Step 4To view TCP/UDP connections in the Connection Events table, choose Analysis > Connections > Events. The FMC
populates the Initiator/Responder IP field with the IP address of the TS Agent that reported the connection and the
Source Port/ICMP Type field with the port the TS Agent assigned to the connection.



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Ending a Current User Session

Use the following procedure to log off a user from the network and end their session.

- **Step 1** Log in to your TS Agent server as a user with administrator privileges.
- Step 2 Open Start > > [All Programs] > Task Manager.
- **Step 3** Expand the window by clicking **More Details**.
- **Step 4** Click the Users tab.
- **Step 5** (Optional) To notify a user that you are ending their session, right-click on the user session and choose **Send message**.
- Step 6 Right-click on the user session and choose Sign off.
- **Step 7** Click **Sign out user** to confirm the action.

Viewing the Status of the TS Agent Service Component

Use the following procedure to confirm that the TS Agent service component is running. For more information about the service component, see About the Terminal Services (TS) Agent, on page 1.

- **Step 1** Log in to your server as a user with administrator privileges.
- Step 2 Open Start > Tools > Services.
- **Step 3** Locate CiscoTSAgent and view the **Status**.
- **Step 4** (Optional) If the TS Agent service component is stopped, start the TS Agent service as described in Starting and Stopping the TS Agent Processes, on page 20.

Starting and Stopping the TS Agent Processes

Use the following procedure to start or stop the TS Agent service component.

- **Step 1** Log in to your server as a user with administrator privileges.
- Step 2 Open Start > Administrative Tools > Services.
- **Step 3** Navigate to the CiscoTSAgent and right-click to access the context menu.
- **Step 4** Choose **Start** or **Stop** to start or stop the TS Agent Service.

Viewing TS Agent Activity Logs on the Server

If prompted by Support, use the following procedure to view the activity logs for the service component.

Open Tools > Event Viewer > Applications and Services Log > Terminal Services Agent Log.

Uninstalling the TS Agent

Use the following procedure to uninstall the TS Agent from your server. Uninstalling the TS Agent removes the interface, service, and driver from your server. The strong cryptography modification is not removed.

Before you begin

• End all current user sessions as described in Ending a Current User Session, on page 19.

- **Step 1** Log in to your server as a user with administrator privileges.
- Step 2 Open Start > Control Panel.
- Step 3 Click All Control Panel Items > Programs and Features.
- Step 4 Right-click Terminal Services Agent and choose Uninstall.