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About This Guide

If you are responsible for configuring and managing Wellfleet® routers, you need to read this guide.

This guide describes how to customize Wellfleet router software for LNM® services. The LNM Servers are Wellfleet's implementation of the five LAN management servers described in the IBM Token Ring Architecture Reference.

Refer to this guide for

- An overview of the LNM servers and their IBM® LAN Network Manager clients (see the “LNM Overview” chapter)
- Implementation notes that may affect how you configure LNM services on the router (see the “LNM Servers Implementation Notes” chapter)
- Instructions on editing LNM parameters (see the “Editing LNM Server Parameters” chapter)

For information and instructions about the following topics, see Configuring Wellfleet Routers.

- Initially configuring LNM Servers
- Retrieving a configuration file
- Rebooting the router with a configuration file
Before You Begin

Before using this guide, you must complete the following procedures:

- Create and save a configuration file that contains at least one set of LNM Servers and a Source Routing Bridge interface
- Retrieve the configuration file in local, remote, or dynamic mode.

Refer to Configuring Wellfleet Routers for instructions.

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Conventions

angle brackets (< >) Indicate that you choose the text to enter based on the description inside the brackets. Do not type the brackets when entering the command. Example: if command syntax is ping <ip_address>, you enter ping 192.32.10.12

arrow character (⇒) Separates menu and option names in instructions. Example: Protocols⇒AppleTalk identifies the AppleTalk option in the Protocols menu.

brackets ([ ]) Indicate optional elements. You can choose none, one, or all of the options.

user entry text Denotes text that you need to enter. Example: Start up the Windows environment by entering the following after the prompt: win

command text Denotes command names in text. Example: Use the xmodem command.
**italic text** Indicates variable values in command syntax descriptions, new terms, file and directory names, and book titles.

**screen text** Indicates data that appears on the screen. Example: Set Trap Monitor Filters

**ellipsis points** Horizontal ( . . . ) and vertical ( : ) ellipsis points indicate omitted information.

**quotation marks (“ ”)** Indicate the title of a chapter or section within a book.

**vertical line (|)** Indicates that you enter only one of the parts of the command. The vertical line separates choices. Do not type the vertical line when entering the command.

Example: If the command syntax is

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show at routes | nets,
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you enter either

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show at routes or show at nets,
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but not both.

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<td>Common Management Information Protocol</td>
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<td>IEEE</td>
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LNM Servers are the Wellfleet implementation of the five LAN management servers described in the *IBM Token Ring Architecture Reference*. The Servers provide a means for an IBM LAN Network Manager application to monitor and control stations attached to a locally attached token-ring LAN.

**Note:** Wellfleet System Software does not support the use of IBM LAN Network Manager to manage or monitor 802.3/Ethernet LAN segments or adapters through a Source-Routing-Translating Bridge.

This chapter provides
- A brief overview of the IBM LAN Network Manager application program
- An overview of the Wellfleet LNM Servers
- A list of additional technical resources
IBM LAN Network Manager is a PC application that allows a network administrator to manage multisegment 802.5/token-ring networks. The administrator of a building or campus network can use IBM LAN Network Manager to monitor a single LAN or a group of LANs.

IBM LAN Network Manager can also communicate with the IBM NetView® host-based network management product. This enables a NetView administrator to gain access to certain operating capabilities of the IBM LAN Network Manager application.

IBM LAN Network Manager provides facilities for managing the media and adapters within a LAN, and for managing source routing bridges that interconnect LAN segments.

When using an IBM LAN Network Manager workstation, a network administrator can

- Display alerts and recommended actions
- Generate event log reports
- Query, remove, or monitor adapters within the network
- Establish a communications link with an IBM bridge for the purposes of LAN management
- Query and configure IBM bridges
- Monitor token-ring network status and errors
- Perform token-ring path tests and LAN segment tests

When accessing IBM LAN Network Manager via IBM NetView, a network administrator can

- Display IBM LAN Network Manager alerts and recommended actions
- Generate IBM LAN Network Manager event log reports
- Issue commands to IBM LAN Network Manager
Within a token-ring LAN environment, IBM LAN Network Manager can access two different levels of management:

- Local services
- Network-wide services

**Local Services**

Local services provided by the LNM Servers enable you to control each station attached to a token-ring segment.

Some examples of local services provided by the LNM Servers are:

- Initializing new stations with the same parameters used to initialize all other stations attached to the same ring
- Noting the address of the Next Active Upstream Neighbor for each station on a ring
- Collecting error detection messages placed on a specified ring by stations already attached to the same ring

**Network-Wide Services**

Network-wide services provided by the LNM Servers enable you to configure and monitor, from a central site, the operation of each segment of a token-ring LAN.

Some examples of network-wide services are:

- Requesting statistics or configuration information from the LNM Servers
- Removing a ring station from a designated ring
- Collecting error information on the operation of a designated ring
- Permitting manual intervention where necessary to resolve certain operational problems existing on a designated ring
LAN Management Servers

The *IBM Token Ring Architecture Reference* defines five servers that provide local, network-wide, or both types of services to the IBM LAN Network Manager application.

The servers are

- LAN Reporting Mechanism (LRM)
- Ring Error Monitor (REM)
- Ring Parameter Server (RPS)
- Configuration Report Server (CRS)
- LAN Bridge Server (LBS)

REM, RPS, and CRS are MAC sublayer servers, and each has its own *functional address* on the physical LAN it helps to observe or control, as follows:

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<td>CRS</td>
<td>C00000000010</td>
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LRM and LBS are not MAC sublayer servers, and hence have no MAC functional address. LRM and LBS are addressed by means of LLC2 sessions and a protocol internal to the LNM Servers interface.

Ring stations send frames onto the ring to report various conditions. These are MAC frames, and are sent to a particular functional address. The functional addresses of the management servers REM, RPS, and CRS are reserved by IBM for this purpose. For more information on functional addresses, refer to the *IBM Token Ring Network Architecture Reference*. 
Figure 1-1 shows the five servers as LLC and MAC sublayer components configured on a token-ring circuit. The servers are configured on the same circuit as the source routing bridge interface for the locally attached ring.

Figure 1-1. The LNM Servers

The following sections provide an overview of the five management servers.
LAN Reporting Mechanism (LRM)

The Wellfleet implementation of LRM is one of five LAN management servers you configure on a token-ring circuit. LRM supplies network-wide services to the IBM LAN Network Manager application. (The services do not extend beyond the topology of the local token ring.) To supply these services, LRM manages all communications between the IBM LAN Network Manager application and the other management servers.

LRM supports the following major functions:
- Reporting Link Maintenance Function
- Control Function
- Routing Function
- Notification Function
- Security Function
- Protocol Boundary Function

Reporting Link Maintenance Function

The LRM Reporting Link Maintenance Function maintains a separate LLC2 connection (called a *reporting link*) to each IBM LAN Network Manager workstation. Other management servers (REM, RPS, CRS, and LBS) use the reporting links managed by LRM to communicate with the IBM LAN Network Manager, rather than having each server manage its own independent links with the IBM LAN Network Manager workstation.

If a Wellfleet router becomes the only station on a token ring segment, the router removes and reinserts itself on the ring. As a result,

- Any reporting link established between a remote IBM LAN Network Manager and the LNM Servers on that segment fails
- The IBM LAN Network Manager Events Log receives an alert message indicating the failure of the reporting link

If you want to ensure that the IBM LAN Network Manager maintains a reporting link to the LNM Servers on the local Wellfleet bridge, you can enable auto-linking on the IBM LAN Network Manager. It can
then reopen the failed reporting link when the Wellfleet LNM Servers interface becomes active on the ring.

You can also set the "Auto-link time interval" in the IBM LAN Network Manager System Parameters to a value that achieves the best balance between the amount of time in which you require access to the Wellfleet LNM Servers on the desired segment and the potential traffic generated by periodic attempts to reestablish the failed reporting link. You can also disable auto-linking on an unnecessary reporting link.

Control Function

The LRM Control Function allows the LAN reporting mechanism to define

- One IBM LAN Network Manager as the controlling manager
- One or more IBM LAN Network Managers as noncontrolling or observing IBM LAN Network Managers

LRM maintains communication between its local management servers and all authorized IBM LAN Network Manager entities. (The LNM Servers include authorization password functionality, described later in this chapter.)

Figure 1-2 shows one LRM server reporting to multiple IBM LAN Network Manager clients, with only one client controlling the functions and actions of the management servers. Figure 1-2 also shows three Observing LAN Network Managers, which are described later in this chapter.
Routing Function

The LRM Routing Function forwards frames from an IBM LAN Network Manager to the appropriate management server (REM, RPS, CRS, or LBS). The routing function also forwards responses and unsolicited notifications from the management servers to selected remote IBM LAN Network Manager applications.
Notification Function

The LRM Notification Function notifies an IBM LAN Network Manager when requests for new reporting links are accepted or rejected.

Security Function

The LRM Security Function maintains and checks ASCII passwords that are used to authenticate users of reporting links.

Protocol Boundary Function

The LRM Protocol Boundary Function allows communication between LRM and its associated management servers. The protocol boundary function also provides a means for management servers to inform LRM about their state (active or inactive).

LLC Requirements

To provide enterprise-wide services for the IBM LAN Network Manager application, LRM requires the presence of an LLC2 sublayer on the same source routing bridge. LLC2 services are necessary to support reporting links to the IBM LAN Network Manager application (Figure 1-3).
LAN Management Servers

Net Management Station (PC)

Wellfleet Router

Wellfleet Router

Ring Station (e.g., a PC)

LAN Network Manager

LLC2

MAC

PHYS

Source Routing

LLC

MAC

PHYS

Source Routing

LLC

MAC

PHYS

Note: LLC Session A communicates information about TR LAN 2
LLC Sessions B and C communicate information about TR LAN 3
Network Management Station collects information about TR LAN 1, 2, and 3.

Figure 1-3. Reporting Links via Multiplexed LLC2 Sessions

Note: For more information on LLC support for the LNM Servers, refer to Customizing LLC Services.

You initially establish the reporting link through the “Bridge Link” function of the IBM LAN Network Manager application software. (For more information on how to use the Bridge Link function, refer to the IBM LAN Network Manager User’s Guide.)
Ring Error Monitor (REM)

The Wellfleet implementation of REM is one of five LAN management servers you configure on a token-ring circuit. REM observes, collects, and analyzes hard-error and soft-error reports sent by ring stations on a single ring, and assists in fault isolation and correction. The REM functional address on the ring is the destination address for all soft-error reports generated by ring stations. Hard-error reports are sent to the all-stations MAC address and examined by the REM hard-error analysis program.

REM supports the following functions:

- Hard-Error Processing Function
- Soft-Error Processing Function

Hard-Error Processing Function

The REM Hard-Error Processing Function detects and reports hard errors. Hard errors are permanent or temporary faults, usually in equipment attached to a ring. Permanent hard errors cannot be corrected by software; temporary hard errors can be corrected by software.

Hard errors typically cause a ring to cease operating. A ring station downstream from the faulty station recognizes a hard error, and transmits Beacon MAC frames at specified intervals, until the faulty station removes itself from the affected ring.

Soft-Error Processing Function

The REM Soft-Error Processing Function determines whether a nonrandom or excessive soft-error condition is occurring on the ring to which REM is attached. If possible, REM isolates the most probable source of the soft errors to a single fault domain, where fault domain consists of a ring station, its Next Active Upstream Neighbor, and the media between them.
The REM Soft Error Processing includes the following additional functions:

- Soft-Error Reporting Function
- Nonisolating Soft-Error Processing Function
- Isolating Soft-Error Processing Function
- Intensive Mode Reporting Function
- Receiver-Congestion Error Reporting Function
- Status Request Function
- Set Parameters Function

**Soft-Error Reporting Function**

REM performs error detection and isolation by analyzing soft-error MAC frames that are periodically sent by ring stations experiencing errors. These MAC frames are sent to the functional address assigned to REM. REM analyzes the soft-error frames as they arrive and determines whether soft errors are occurring at a rate that potentially or currently degrades the performance of the ring. When REM detects such a condition, it notifies the IBM LAN Network Manager and, when possible, provides data indicating the probable source of the error.

The error counters included in a soft-error MAC frame sent by a station are divided into two types: *isolating* and *nonisolating*, which correspond to the type of error being reported. The source of an isolating error can be isolated to a fault domain; the source of nonisolating errors cannot be isolated to a domain smaller than the ring.

**Nonisolating Soft-Error Processing Function**

Nonisolating errors can be isolated only to the ring on which they occur. A counter is kept for each type of nonisolating error that is reported to REM in soft-error MAC frames. Some internal error counters are also treated as nonisolating errors. If one of these counters exceeds a threshold value, a notification is sent (through LRM) to the IBM LAN Network Manager application, and the REM
soft-error counter is reset. No other analysis is performed by REM for
nonisolating errors.

Isolating Soft-Error Processing Function

When REM receives a soft-error MAC frame, the accumulated
isolating error count is interpreted as a weight. The weight associated
with a particular station indicates the likelihood that station is
causin excessive soft errors on the local ring. REM stores information
on stations having nonzero weights in a table.

REM watches for an excessive-soft-error threshold in the table.
Exceeding the threshold indicates that

- A problem exists on the local ring
- Ring performance is eroding as a result of this problem

Exceeding the threshold causes REM to notify the IBM LAN Network
Manager of the error/ring-performance condition. The notification
appears as a Weight Threshold event that you can view and interpret
with the Wellfleet Events Manager tool.

Once you have determined the typical (noncritical or tolerable) error
characteristics of the local ring, you can set a value for the Error Rate
Threshold, which is an LNM interface parameter. The threshold you
set provides for adequate warning of legitimate (performance-
degrading) problems on the locally attached ring. (Until you make this
determination, you can use the default Error Rate Threshold setting
provided by the Wellfleet LNM Servers software.)

For information on how to access and edit the Error Rate Threshold
parameter, refer to Chapter 3.

Intensive Mode Reporting Function

The REM Intensive Mode Reporting Function is a facility that enables
an IBM LAN Network Manager to request a Ring Error Monitor to
forward selected soft-error MAC frames. The requesting IBM LAN
Network Manager receives the requested frames.
Receiver-Congestion Error Reporting Function
The REM Receiver Congestion Error Reporting Function identifies stations that cannot receive a significant number of frames from the ring because their input buffers are full.

Status Request Function
The REM Status Request Function accepts and responds to requests for status from IBM LAN Network Manager.

Set Parameters Function
The REM Set Parameters Function accepts and executes requests from the controlling IBM LAN Network Manager to set REM's parameters.

Ring Parameter Server (RPS)
The Wellfleet implementation of RPS is one of five LAN management servers you configure on a token-ring circuit. RPS provides the following main services:

- Sends initialization information to new stations that are attaching to the ring
- Ensures that stations on the ring have consistent values for operating parameters
- Forwards registration information from stations attaching to the ring to the IBM LAN Network Manager application

RPS also supports the following functions:
- Status Request Function
- Ring Station Parameters Maintenance Function
- Registration Function
- RPS Activation Function
Status Request Function

The RPS Status Request Function accepts and executes requests for status from the IBM LAN Network Manager application.

Ring Station Parameters Maintenance Function

The RPS Ring Station Parameters Maintenance Function issues commands to set parameter values in ring stations. The ring station operational parameters controlled by RPS are

- Ring number
- Soft-error report timer

Registration Function

The RPS Registration Function accepts unsolicited registration information from ring stations and forwards this information to the IBM LAN Network Manager application through LRM. RPS also responds to the station’s request for registration by sending the current values for the ring’s operational parameters to the requesting station.

RPS Activation Function

When a Ring Parameter Server becomes active on a ring, it determines if another RPS is already active on the ring. If another RPS is not active on the same ring, the RPS in the attaching station activates its ring station parameters maintenance function. It then broadcasts an Initialize Ring Station MAC frame a predetermined number of times to all stations on the same ring. This mechanism facilitates the establishment of default ring operational parameters.

If another RPS is already active on the same ring, the new RPS compares the values received for the ring’s operational parameters with its own stored values. If the values match, the RPS activates its RPS function. If the values do not match, the new RPS reports that its parameters are inconsistent with the existing parameters for the ring. The RPS then disables its own functional address, to prevent it from receiving requests for initialization from stations attaching to the ring.
Configuration Report Server (CRS)

The Wellfleet implementation of CRS is one of five LAN management servers you configure on a token-ring circuit. CRS accepts commands from the IBM LAN Network Manager application to get station information, set station parameters, and remove stations on the locally attached ring. CRS also collects and forwards configuration reports generated by stations on the local ring to the IBM LAN Network Manager application.

CRS supports the following functions:

- Station Status Request Function
- Set Station Parameters Function
- Remove Station Function
- Notification Function
- Communication Function

Station Status Request Function

The CRS Station Status Request Function accepts and executes requests from the IBM LAN Network Manager application to get the status of stations on CRS’s ring and returns the results to the IBM LAN Network Manager application through LRM.

Set Station Parameters Function

The CRS Set Station Parameters Function accepts and executes requests from the IBM LAN Network Manager application to set the values of operational parameters in stations on CRS’s ring. The success or failure of this operation is reported to the IBM LAN Network Manager application through LRM.
Remove Station Function

The CRS Remove Station Function accepts and executes requests from the IBM LAN Network Manager application to force a station to leave CRS's ring. The success or failure of this operation is reported to the IBM LAN Network Manager application through LRM.

Notification Function

The CRS Notification Function forwards information about configuration changes on CRS's ring to the IBM LAN Network Manager application through LRM. The configuration changes reported are new active monitor and new Next Active Upstream Neighbor.

Communication Function

The CRS Communication Function determines the types of frames sent between CRS and the IBM LAN Network Manager application, using the LRM reporting link.

LAN Bridge Server (LBS)

The Wellfleet implementation of LBS is one of five LAN management servers you configure on a token-ring circuit. LBS keeps statistical information about frames forwarded between two rings (through a source routing bridge) and sends this information to selected IBM LAN Network Managers (through LRM).

LBS supports the following functions:

- Status Request Function
- Set Parameters Function
- Notification Function
- Bridge Performance Monitoring Function
LAN Management Servers

Status Request Function

The LBS Status Request Function accepts and responds to requests for status from the IBM LAN Network Manager application.

Set Parameters Function

The LBS Set Parameters Function accepts and executes commands from a controlling IBM LAN Network Manager. The commands change the operational parameters of LBS.

Notification Function

The LBS Notification Function collects inter-ring traffic statistics and forwards this information to the IBM LAN Network Manager application. This function also notifies IBM LAN Network Manager of LBS state changes.

Bridge Performance Monitoring Function

The LBS Bridge Performance Monitoring Function maintains counters for

- The number of frames and bytes forwarded through the bridge
- The number of frames not received by a bridge station because the station was congested

Periodically the percentage of frames lost or discarded by the bridge because of anomalies is calculated and, if the percentage exceeds a predefined threshold, LBS sends a notification to the IBM LAN Network Manager application.

LBS can also be configured to periodically send its error and traffic counters to the IBM LAN Network Manager application to allow for trend analysis by the application.
For More Information about the LAN Management Servers

The following publications provide technical detail on Token Ring LANs, Source Routing Bridges, the IBM LAN Network Manager application, and the LAN Network Management Servers, LRM, REM, RPS, CRS, and LBS:


IBM Corporation, SA21-9994-0. *IBM 8209 Local Area Network Bridge*.


Chapter 2
LNM Servers Implementation Notes

This chapter provides basic guidelines on configuration and use of the Wellfleet LNM Servers, and on using IBM LAN Network Manager versus the Wellfleet Site Manager for LNM Server operations.

Initial Configuration

When you configure the LNM Servers on a Wellfleet router, both the Wellfleet Site Manager and IBM LAN Network Manager require specific configuration information, as described in this chapter.

Site Manager

When you select the LNM Servers in the Protocols Selection window, the Configuration Manager tool automatically selects Source Routing and LLC2. You must supply information to Site Manager through the Configuration Manager tool in the following categories:

- Source Routing global parameters (Internal LAN ID, Bridge ID, Group LAN ID)
- Source Routing interface parameters (Ring Number)
- LNM Servers interface parameters (refer to “Internal MAC Address”)
- Line parameters (refer to “External MAC Address”)
Refer to the following sources for information on how to access and edit these parameters:

- Chapter 3 (for Internal MAC Address, an LNM Servers interface parameter)
- *Customizing Bridging Services* (for Source Routing Bridge global and interface parameters)
- *Configuring Wellfleet Routers* (for the MAC address specified as a Circuit/Line-Detail parameter)

**IBM LAN Network Manager**

To acquire knowledge of LNM Servers on a Wellfleet router, the IBM LAN Network Manager program requires you to

- Define source routing bridges in your network. (You supply the MAC address on each side of any source routing bridge configured with LAN management servers.)
- Link to source routing bridges in your network. (You use the Bridge Linking function of the IBM LAN Network Manager program.)

Each MAC address must be unique within the associated source routing network. For the purpose of explanation, the two MAC addresses you need to supply to IBM LAN Network Manager are called

- Internal MAC Address (associated with the Internal LAN of the router)
- External MAC Address (associated with the token-ring circuit you wish to monitor or control by means of IBM LAN Network Manager workstations)

Figure 2-1 shows a Wellfleet router configured with several Source Routing Bridge interfaces, each of which supports a set of LNM Servers. Each set of Servers in turn monitors activity on a locally attached token ring segment. The diagram shows the locations logically associated with the (Internal and External) MAC addresses required by an IBM LAN Network Manager workstation for each LNM-capable bridge on a router. The diagram also shows the locations
logically associated with the Internal LAN ID and the external Ring IDs.

Note: IBM LAN Network Manager displays the ID of the Wellfleet Internal LAN as a segment on its Segment List.

The IBM LAN Network Manager 1.1 graphical representation of your network does not display source routing bridges not defined with associated Wellfleet LNM Servers.

**Figure 2-1. Source Routing, LNM, and Line Parameters**
Internal MAC Address

Internal MAC Address is an LNM Servers interface-level parameter. You must enter an internal MAC address when you initially add an LNM Servers interface to the router configuration.

The only requirement for the Internal MAC Address parameter is that its value always must be unique within the associated source routing network. For information on how to access or edit this parameter, refer to Chapter 3, under “Editing LNM Servers Interface Parameters.”

External MAC Address

Each circuit on which you need to configure an LNM Servers interface has an associated MAC address on the locally attached token-ring segment. You set this address by means of the MAC Address Select parameter of the circuit associated with that segment. You can access the MAC Address Select parameter by means of the following procedure:

1. Select the Circuits→Edit_Circuit menu option from the Configuration Manager window. (This invokes a Circuits list window.)

2. In the Circuits list window, click on the name of a circuit on which you want to configure an LNM Servers interface.

3. Click on the Edit button in the Circuits list window. (This invokes the Circuit Definition window.)

4. From the Circuit Definition window, select the Lines→Edit_Line menu option to access the MAC Address Select parameter.
The MAC Address Select parameter allows three options:

- BOXWIDE
- PROM (Default setting)
- CNFG

**Caution:** Do not use the BOXWIDE option of the MAC Address Select parameter associated with any circuit on which you wish to configure an LNM Servers interface. Otherwise, the IBM LAN Network Manager application is unable to differentiate between LNM Servers on different circuits of a Wellfleet router.

If you use the PROM-based MAC address (default) option for a given circuit, you must subsequently use the Quick Get function of the Wellfleet Statistics Manager tool to discover the actual address written into the LNM interface record for that circuit. (For information on how to use the Wellfleet Quick Get tool, refer to *Managing Wellfleet Routers.*) Once you obtain the address supplied by the PROM associated with that circuit, you can enter the value into the appropriate parameter field of the IBM LAN Network Manager application.

If you choose the CNFG (user-configured) option, you must also enter a unique value into the MAC Address Override parameter field associated with that circuit. As with the PROM-based option, the address you enter into the MAC Address Override parameter field must be unique within the associated source routing network.

**Using IBM LAN Net Manager to Set Wellfleet LNM Parameters**

Wellfleet Router Software does not allow the Controlling IBM LAN Network Manager application to set MIB values on a Wellfleet router. The LNM “Set” Privilege global parameter has a default setting of Disable for this reason. Site Manager allows you to change the setting of this parameter to Enable, but you must use only the default Disable setting.
If you attempt to use IBM LAN Network Manager to set the value of a parameter in the Wellfleet MIB, you receive an error message such as the following one from LAN Network Manager:

Bridge parameters could not be set for the listed reason (n)

Reporting Link 0-8

DFIPD456E

In this example, the Reporting Link number is 0, and the Reason Code is 8, which means that the Wellfleet router rejected the SET operation. For more information on messages of this type, refer to the IBM LAN Network Manager User's Guide.

Number of RPS Servers per Ring

The IBM Token Ring Network Architectural Reference specifies that only one RPS server should exist on each token-ring segment. You must ensure that among all Wellfleet bridges and other bridges on a given segment, only one RPS server is enabled.

Redundant Servers on a Ring

The IBM LAN Network Manager workstation might have its own set of management servers monitoring the segment locally attached to that workstation. Refer to Figure 2-1. If this is true, then you need not enable the LNM Servers on the Wellfleet source routing bridge interface to the same segment.

Passwords

Wellfleet System Software includes ASCII password functionality for the Controlling and Observing IBM LAN Network Manager applications. You can use the password parameters of the LNM Servers Interfaces screen to support password-only access for up to four (authorized) Reporting Links to the LRM Server for a given bridge. (LRM can communicate with the Controlling IBM LAN Network Manager...
Network Manager and up to three Observing IBM LAN Network Managers.)

This capability is defined as a Security Function in the *IBM Token Ring Network Architectural Reference*. This Security Function maintains and checks passwords that are used to authenticate users of Reporting Links, usually network administrators who are using the IBM LAN Network Manager application.

The designated Controlling and Observing IBM LAN Network Manager applications automatically receive notification when LRM in a given source routing bridge rejects an attempt by an unauthorized IBM LAN Network Manager to establish a Reporting Link to that LRM server.
Chapter 3
Editing LNM Servers Parameters

This chapter describes how you use the Wellfleet Site Manager software to

- Access LNM Servers parameters
- Edit LNM Servers global parameters
- Edit LNM Servers interface parameters
- Delete LNM Servers from a circuit
- Delete all LNM Servers from the router

Once you successfully enable a set of LNM Servers on the router, you can use Site Manager to edit parameters associated with the servers. Note that you can add only one set of LNM Servers per physical circuit.

This section assumes that you have already added one or more source routing bridges and LNM default interfaces to a router configuration file you wish to edit. (Refer to Configuring Wellfleet Routers if you need to add LNM Servers to the configuration file.)

When you configure the LNM Servers on a token-ring attachment circuit, you supply information required by lower layer protocols (MAC, LLC, and Source Routing). These protocols together support local session-termination, connection, and source-routing services for the LNM Servers on that physical circuit.
Accessing LNM Servers Parameters

To edit LNM Servers global or interface parameters, you begin from the Configuration Manager window. Select the Protocols→LNM Servers option to invoke the LNM Servers options submenu.

Wellfleetfig_1: Figure 3-1. Configuration Manager Window.

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**Figure 3-1.** Configuration Manager Window
Editing LNM Servers Global Parameters

To edit the LNM Servers Global (box-wide) parameters, begin at the Configuration Manager (Figure 3-1) and proceed as follows:

1. Select the Protocols→LNM Servers→Global option.

The Edit LNM Global Parameters window appears (Figure 3-2).

2. Change one or both of the LNM global parameters, as appropriate for your current IBM LAN Network Manager observation or control requirements.

3. Click on the OK button to save your changes and exit the window.
The LNM global parameters displayed in Figure 3-2 are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter: LNM Servers</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Default: Enable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Options: Enable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Function: Globally enables or disables the system software mechanisms that allow users to add LNM Servers to any physical circuit. Other significant actions performed by the system software when you choose a setting are</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable– Forces every LNM Server existing on this slot into the “down” (inoperative) state.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable– Reinitializes every LNM Server existing on this node, with each subsystem maintaining the most recent setting of its own Interface Enable/Disable parameter. The actual up/down operating state of each subsystem at the time of global reinitialization further depends on the current operational state of the associated circuit.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Instructions: Select Disable to force every LNM Server existing on this node into the “down” (inoperative) state. Select Enable only when existing LNM Servers are in the Disabled state. You can globally reinitialize all local LNM Servers, with each Server maintaining the most recent setting of its own Interface Enable/Disable parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIB Object ID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.1.2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Parameter:** IBM LNM “SET” Privilege

Default: Disable

Options: Enable | Disable

Function: Grants or denies the Controlling IBM LAN Network Manager application the ability to set MIB values that affect the operation of any target LNM Servers configured on this node.

Instructions: For version 7.60 (or later) of the router system software, leave the setting of this parameter to Disable. The Disable setting prevents the Controlling IBM LAN Network Manager application from setting MIB variables for any target LNM Servers configured on this router.

MIB Object ID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.1.4

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**Editing LNM Servers Interface Parameters**

Any LNM Servers interface you add to a token-ring physical circuit inherits from the LNM Servers Global facility a default set of LNM Servers parameter values. You can use the Configuration Manager to access and modify parameters pertaining to the LNM Servers for a specific ring. To do so, begin at the Configuration Manager window (Figure 3-1) and proceed as follows:

1. Select the Protocols→LNM Servers→Interfaces option to display the LNM Interface Configuration window (Figures 3-3 and 3-4).
Figure 3-3. LNM Interface Configuration Window
Figure 3-4. LNM Interface Configuration Window (Scrolled)

2. Select/highlight the interface you wish to modify. The parameters associated with that interface appear in the parameter value windows.

3. Modify the values of those parameters you wish to change.

4. Click on the Apply button to save your changes.

5. Click on Done to exit the LNM Interface Configuration window.
The LNM Servers Interface parameters displayed in Figures 3-3 and 3-4 are as follows:

**Parameter:** Enable

**Default:** Enable (the Configuration Manager automatically sets this parameter to Enable for any LNM Servers you add to the node)

**Options:** Enable/Disable

**Function:** Enables or disables the LNM Servers on this interface.

*Enable* – Initializes the LNM Servers you added to a physical circuit. Use the Enable setting also to reinitialize an existing LNM Server disabled earlier. The actual operating state of an interface, once enabled, further depends on:

- The current state of the associated circuit
- The current state of the LNM Servers slot-wide protocol process

*Disable* – Forces LNM Servers on this slot into the “down” (inoperative) state.

**Instructions:** Select Enable if you previously set this parameter to Disable and now wish to re-enable LNM Server operation on the associated physical circuit.

Select Disable only if you wish to disable LNM Server operation on the associated circuit. Disabling this parameter does not interfere with the ability of the IBM LAN Network Manager application to communicate with other management servers in the same source-routing network.

**MIB Object ID:** 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.2.1.2
### Parameter: LRM Active

- **Default:** Enable
- **Options:** Enable/Disable
- **Function:** Use this parameter to switch the LAN Reporting Mechanism on (Enable) or off (Disable).
- **Instructions:** Select Disable to switch LRM off. Switching off this LRM server breaks off the local reporting links to the Controlling and Observing IBM LAN Network Manager applications. This action has no effect on the reporting links associated with other rings in the same source-routing network. Select Enable to switch LRM on.

- **MIB Object ID:** 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.2.1.6

### Parameter: Internal MAC Addr

- **Default:** None
- **Options:** Any valid, unique, 48-bit MAC address in MSB (Token Ring) format
- **Function:** Specifies a MAC address on the Internal LAN for source routing bridges configured on this router. The IBM LAN Network Manager application uses this destination address for communication with the LNM Servers enabled on this circuit.
- **Instructions:** Enter as hexadecimal characters a unique, 48-bit MAC address in MSB (Token Ring) format. For example, enter 0x followed by 12 hexadecimal digits.

- **MIB Object ID:** 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.2.1.5
Parameter: REM Active
Default: Enable
Options: Enable/Disable
Function: Switches the Ring Error Monitor on (Enable) or off (Disable). Switching REM off curtails any further collection of error information from stations on the local ring. The system purges any data collected by REM up to the moment you chose to disable.

Switching REM on resumes the collection of error information from stations on the local ring.

Instructions: Select Disable to switch REM off.
Select Enable to switch REM on, if previously disabled.

MIB Object ID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.2.1.9

Parameter: RPS Active
Default: Enable
Options: Enable/Disable
Function: Use this parameter to switch the Ring Parameter Server (RPS) on (Enable) or off (Disable). Switching RPS off prevents RPS from automatically providing parameter information to new stations attaching to the local ring. Switching RPS on restores its operation on the local ring.

Instructions: Select Disable to switch RPS off.
Select Enable to switch RPS on, if previously disabled.

MIB Object ID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.2.1.11
**Parameter:** CRS Active  
Default: Enable  
Options: Enable/Disable  
Function: Switches the Configuration Report Server (CRS) on (Enable) or off (Disable).

Switching CRS off curtails the maintenance of information on the configuration of its local ring. With CRS off, the IBM LAN Network Manager application cannot remove stations from the ring associated with that CRS.

Switching CRS on restores its operation on the local ring.

**Instructions:**  
Select Disable to switch CRS off.  
Select Enable to switch CRS on, if previously disabled.

**MIB Object ID:** 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.2.1.13
Parameter: **Error Rate Threshold**

- Default: 128 (initial error threshold)
- Options: 10 (minimum error threshold) 256 (maximum error threshold)

**Function:** Specifies when an *excessive-soft-error threshold* condition exists on the local ring. An exceeded threshold indicates that

- At least one significant problem exists on the local ring
- Ring performance is eroding as a result of this problem

Exceeding the threshold causes REM to notify the IBM LAN Network Manager of the error/ring-performance condition. The notification appears as a Weight Threshold event you can view and interpret through the Wellfleet Events Manager.

**Instructions:** Once you determine the typical (noncritical or tolerable) error characteristics of a ring, you can set an Error Rate Threshold that provides adequate warning of legitimate (performance-degrading) problems on that ring. Until you make this determination, you can use the default error threshold setting provided by the Wellfleet LNM Servers software.

**MIB Object ID:** 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.2.1.23
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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| Control Manager Password | - Default: None  
|                     | - Options: Any valid password, consisting of up to eight ASCII characters.  
|                     | - Function: Use this parameter to specify a password that allows the Controlling Manager access to the LNM Servers for the locally attached ring.  
|                     | - Instructions: Enter any valid, unique password.                           
|                     | - MIB Object ID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.2.1.15                                |
| OB1 Manager Password | - Default: None  
|                     | - Options: Any valid password, consisting of up to eight ASCII characters.  
|                     | - Function: Use this parameter to specify a password that allows Observing IBM LAN Network Manager workstation number 1 to have noncontrolling access to the LNM Servers for a given ring.  
|                     | - Instructions: Enter any valid, unique password, consisting of up to eight ASCII characters.  
|                     | - MIB Object ID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.2.1.16                                |
Parameter: OB2 Manager Password
Default: None
Options: Any valid password, consisting of up to eight ASCII characters.
Function: Use this parameter to specify a password that allows Observing IBM LAN Network Manager workstation number 2 to have noncontrolling access to the LNM Servers for a given ring.
Instructions: Enter any valid, unique password, consisting of up to eight ASCII characters.
MIB Object ID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.2.1.17

Parameter: OB3 Manager Password
Default: None
Options: Any valid password, consisting of up to eight ASCII characters.
Function: Use this parameter to specify a password that allows Observing IBM LAN Network Manager workstation number 3 to have noncontrolling access to the LNM Servers for a given ring.
Instructions: Enter any valid, unique password, consisting of up to eight ASCII characters.
MIB Object ID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.18.3.5.12.2.1.18

Deleting LNM Servers from a Circuit

To delete LNM Servers from their associated physical circuit:

1. Select from the LNM Interface Configuration list window the LNM Server interface you wish to delete from the node configuration.
2. Click on the Delete button in the LNM Interface Configuration window. Refer to Figure 3-4.
The system software deletes the LNM Servers entry you selected. The entry disappears from the list of LNM Servers in the LNM Interface Configuration window.

Deleting the LNM Servers from the Wellfleet Node

You can delete all LNM Servers from a Wellfleet node in two steps.

Begin at the Configuration Manager window (Figure 3-1) and complete the following steps:

1. Select the Protocols→LNM Servers→Delete LNM Servers option.
   A confirmation window appears.
2. Select OK.
   The Configuration Manager window appears.

The Wellfleet LNM Servers for IBM's LAN Network Manager ring observation and control application are no longer configured on the Wellfleet node.
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