

Using News Reader with CiscoRemote Plus

You can use the News Reader application to access articles and information posted on the Internet as part of USENET. You'll find articles organized under specific topics called newsgroups.

Most newsgroups are forums for the exchange of information and discussion for Internet users around the world. Newsgroups focus on many topics, such as sports, science, recreation, hobbies, technology, and literature.

Each newsgroup has many articles that you can read with News Reader. You can also reply to articles or create your own and post them for participants in the newsgroup to read.

Connecting to a Newsgroup

Before connecting to a news server, you need to know its name or IP address. You can obtain this information from your network administrator or Internet service provider.

Connecting to a Newsgroup

Take the following steps to connect to a news server:

Step 1 Click on the **News** icon in Net Launcher.

The News window opens. (See Figure 7-1.)

Figure 7-1 News Window



Step 2 Select **News Reader Setup** from the Options menu.

The News Reader Configuration window opens.

Step 3 Enter the name or IP address of the news server you want in the Name field.

Step 4 Click **OK**.

Step 5 Select **Connect** from the Connect menu.

News Reader establishes a connection with the news server.

Note If you check the **Autologin** field in the News Reader Configuration window, News Reader automatically establishes a connection with the news server when you start the application.

Subscribing to Newsgroups

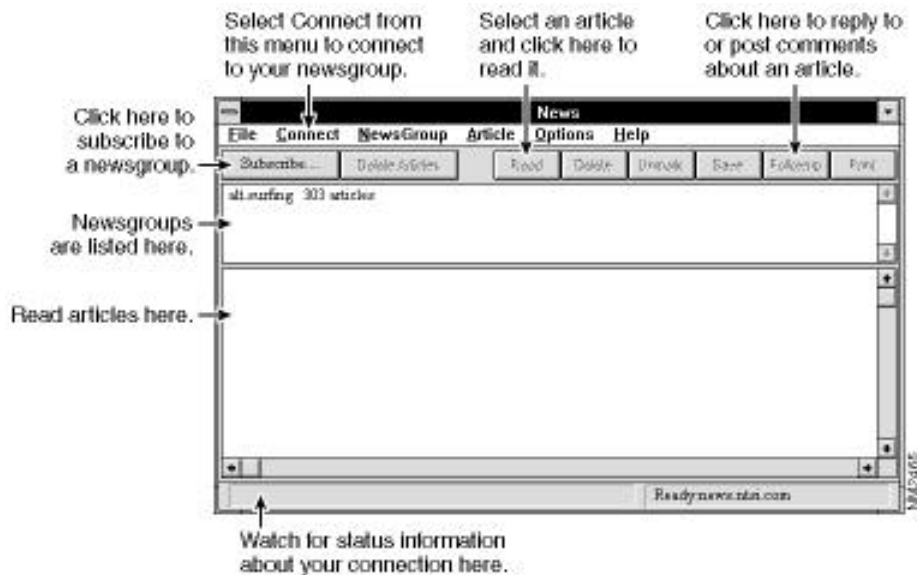
To read articles on USENET, you must first subscribe to one or more newsgroups. Subscribing merely creates a list of newsgroups that you intend to review frequently. You can subscribe to as many newsgroups as you want.

Take the following steps to subscribe to a newsgroup:

Step 1 Click on the **News** icon in Net Launcher.

The News window opens. (See Figure 7-2.)

Figure 7-2 News Window



Reading Articles

Step 2 Select **Subscribe** from the NewsGroup menu, or click on **Subscribe** in the toolbar.

The List News Groups window opens.

Step 3 To see a list of newsgroups on a specific topic, enter in the Filter field a topic name that you're interested in or newsgroup name, for example penpal.

(For a list of the main news categories, refer to Subscribe in the online help or refer to the document *CiscoRemote Plus Administrator Guide*, which is available on the CiscoRemote Plus CD.)

Step 4 Click **OK**.

The Add a Newsgroup window opens listing newsgroups that correspond to the topic or newsgroup name you specified. For example, if you entered penpal, the following might appear:

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alt.kids-talk.penpals  
fidonet.penpal  
relcom.penpals  
soc.penpals
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Step 5 Select the newsgroups to which you want to subscribe.

You can select more than one newsgroup at a time by holding down the **Shift** key as you click on the name of each newsgroup.

Step 6 Click **OK**.

The newsgroups you selected will display in the News window.

Reading Articles

When you have subscribed to a newsgroup, you can read the articles posted in it. Many newsgroups contain hundreds or thousands of articles.

You select a newsgroup in the News window and open it to see a list of articles. You can then select from that list the article(s) you want to read.

Take the following steps to open a newsgroup:

Step 1 Double-click on the newsgroup name.

A list of articles appears.

Step 2 Double-click on the article title to open the article.

The text of the article appears. If the article is long, use the scroll bar to scroll through the text.

If the article is too long to fit in the News window, you can save the article as a file, which you can later open with another application, such as a text editor or word processor.

You can post comments or a reply to an article by clicking on **Followup** in the toolbar or by selecting **Followup** from the Article menu; composing your message, and clicking on **Send**.

Posting an Article

You can post your own information in a newsgroup for others to read.

Take the following steps to post an article:

Step 1 Double-click on the newsgroup name to open the newsgroup.

A list of articles appears.

Step 2 Select **Post Article** from the NewsGroup menu to post an article.

Step 3 Compose your article.

Step 4 Click on **Send**.

Disconnecting from the News Server

To disconnect from the news server, select **Disconnect** from the Connect menu. You can also exit News Reader to disconnect and close the application.

Other Features

For more information about the other features of News Reader, refer to the document *CiscoRemote Plus Administrator Guide*, which is available on the CiscoRemote Plus CD. News Reader's additional features allow you to do the following:

- Save, print, and post a reply to any article by selecting commands from the Article menu.
- Customize the News window by selecting **News Reader Setup** from the Options menu. You can also change the font used to display information in the News window by selecting **Font** from the Options menu.
- Suppress the display of articles that contain certain subjects or that originate from certain authors by selecting **Kill File Setup** from the Options menu.
- Delete unread articles that have accumulated over time in a newsgroup by selecting **Catch-up Articles** from the NewsGroup menu.