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Revision Record

The following log shows revision history (Table 1). Refer to the *NetExpert Release Notes* for a detailed list of enhancements.

Table 1 Revision History Log

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Jul. 11, 2017	10.2.1	Added CBR LOD policy template changes.
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Jun. 5, 2013	10.1.0	Added Correlation by Naming Convention. Added correlation options to the Policy Actions panel. Added client/server mismatch information. Noted that you can configure database reconnect attempts. Added a not about the use of object attribute filtering. Remove attribute references from the Correlation Alert panel.
Jul. 30, 2012	10.0.0	Initial release.

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Important Information

This notice discusses the following important information about OSI products and guides:

- [Conventions Used](#)
- [NetExpert Default Date Displays](#)
- [Avoid These Special Characters](#)
- [Entering Field Values](#)

Conventions Used

NetExpert guides use the following conventions (Table 2).

Table 2 Documentation Conventions Used (Sheet 1 of 2)

Conventions	Description
<i>Italic</i>	Italic indicates document titles and variables, such as <i>filename</i> , in computer input and output. It also indicates links to glossary terms.
Bold	Bold identifies important words.

Table 2 Documentation Conventions Used (Sheet 2 of 2)

Conventions	Description
Sans serif	Sans serif shows call outs, file names, UNIX paths, and environment variables.
Courier	Courier denotes computer input and output.
[abc]	Square brackets enclose optional syntax for computer input.
<TAB>	Angle brackets indicate actual keyboard keys, such as <ENTER> or <SPACE>.
File Save	A vertical bar separates menu options.
Ctrl+X Alt+Y	Ctrl+X means to press and hold the <CTRL> key while you press the <X> key. Alt+Y means to press and hold the <ALT> key while you press the <Y> key.
NOTE	A note gives readers special information about the product or procedure that is apart from the general discussion.

NetExpert Default Date Displays

Date displays and time formats in NetExpert systems default to a four-digit year. When a two-digit date is received as input, the NetExpert system computes years 00–68 as 2000–2068, and years 69–99 as 1969–1999.

When building NetExpert rules, events, and alerts, specify four-digit years using the @TimeFmt intrinsic. For more information about this subject, refer to the *NetExpert Rule Language Reference Guide* or *NetExpert Rule Builder User Guide*.

Avoid These Special Characters

Avoid using these special characters when creating managed object names or creating other names, such as templates, instances, events, KPIs, and so on.

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<SPACE> ` (back tick)
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CAUTION

Although the NetExpert Object Editor allows you to name managed objects using special characters, these characters can cause conflicts.

When NetExpert processes special characters in the following ways, they can be misinterpreted:

- Passing these characters to the UNIX operating system
- Passing these characters as parameters
- Interpreting or parsing the characters (delimiters)
- Creating managed objects during runtime using these characters (can place special characters into your NetExpert MIB [Management Information Base])

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Related Topics [Preparing to Configure AFM](#)
 [Creating AFM Policies](#)

The Advanced Fault Manager (AFM) application is a flexible tool for monitoring and managing faults that occur on your network elements.

The AFM application is built on the NetExpert Distributed Management Policies (*DMP*) architecture and uses *policies* to perform network fault management functions.

Correlating Sub-Trees by Relationship

Define **correlation sub-trees by relationship** policies to correlate alerts based on the count or percentage sub-trees that contain objects in an alert state.

Correlating sub-trees by relationship is similar to correlating alerts by relationship. The only difference is when correlating sub-trees by relationship:

- You specify one and only one level in the relationship tree as the sub-tree level. This must be below the correlate level in the relationship tree.
- A correlation occurs when the specified count or percentage of sub-trees with root at the sub-tree level contains at least one managed object that is in an alert state.
- The Root panel contains an option to define the sub-tree level as the current level.

From the Correlate Sub-Tree by Relationship panel, you can set the policy control parameters by:

- [Defining the Sub-Tree Relationship](#)
- [Defining Correlation Processing](#)
- [Defining Correlation Alerts](#)
- [Defining Correlation Actions](#)
- [Defining Uncorrelation Actions](#)
- [Specifying Incoming Alarm Processing](#)

Defining the Sub-Tree Relationship

The sub-tree relationship definition contains object (*MO*) and alert specifications for each level at which a relationship exists. When a correlation occurs, a **correlation alert** is generated.

By defining a sub-tree relationship, you identify the objects to consider when establishing the correlation and generating the correlation alert.

A correlation occurs when the specified count or percentage of sub-trees with root at the sub-tree level contains at least one managed object that is in an alert state.

When defining the sub-tree relationship, you must do the following:

- Define two or more levels.
- Generate the correlation alert at **one and only one** level.
- Define at least one relationship at each level that specifies a child level. You need not define a relationship at the last (bottom) level.
- Define a class name or object name for at least one level of the tree.
- Specify **one and only one** level in the relationship tree as the sub-tree level.

If you defined the following sub-tree relationship (Figure 7) and defined the correlation threshold with a count of two, a correlation does not occur involving the A managed object because only one of its sub-trees contains objects in an alert state. However, a correlation does occur involving the B managed object because two of its sub-trees contain objects in an alert state.

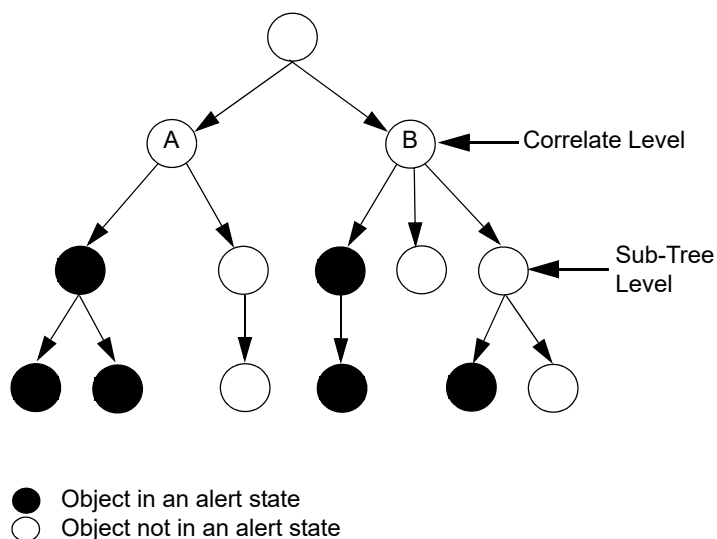


Figure 7 Correlation Relationship Sub-Trees

NOTE

Correlation by relationship policies recognize **all** MO relationship trees described by the policy, regardless of whether an alarm was directed to the policy.

Access the Root panel by selecting the Correlation Tree tab (Figure 8). Define the relationship tree, starting at the root level panel by:

- [Defining the Correlation](#)
- [Including Child Relationships](#)

Figure 8 Root Panel

Object Identification Panel

Use the Object Identification panel (Figure 75) to define patterns that identify objects. The object class and name parameters are different for the naming convention policies than for the other policies by pattern.

The figure displays two overlapping screenshots of the 'Pattern List Entry' dialog box, illustrating the 'Object Identification' panel. The top screenshot shows the 'Object Identification' tab with three checked options: 'Identify Objects by Class Name', 'Identify Objects by Object Name', and 'Identify Objects by Attribute Filter'. The 'Object Class' section has 'Subordinate Classes' and 'Root Classes' tabs, with 'Root Classes' selected and a 'Root Class Name' field. The 'Object Name' section has 'Root Object' and 'Subordinate Objects' tabs. The 'Object Attribute Filter' section is empty. The bottom screenshot shows the same dialog box with the 'Object Identification' tab selected. The 'Object Class' section has a 'Class Name' field. The 'Object Name' section has a 'Name / Regular Expression' field. The 'Object Attribute Filter' section has an 'Edit' button and a 'Free Form' checkbox. A label 'Naming Convention Policies' points to the 'Object Attribute Filter' section in the top screenshot. A label 'Policies by Pattern' points to the 'Object Class' section in the bottom screenshot.

Figure 75 Object Identification Panel

Property Designation

Use the Property Designation window (Figure 83) to define alert properties and values used to identify or filter alerts properly. The property value parameters available depend on the identification type selected. Access the Property Designation window from the following policies by selecting the Identify Alerts by Alert Property option, selecting the Alert Identification tab, and then clicking the alert properties Add Row button.

- Correlate by Relationship
- Correlate Sub-Trees by Relationship

If you specify a property filter, the filter is applied only to active alerts.

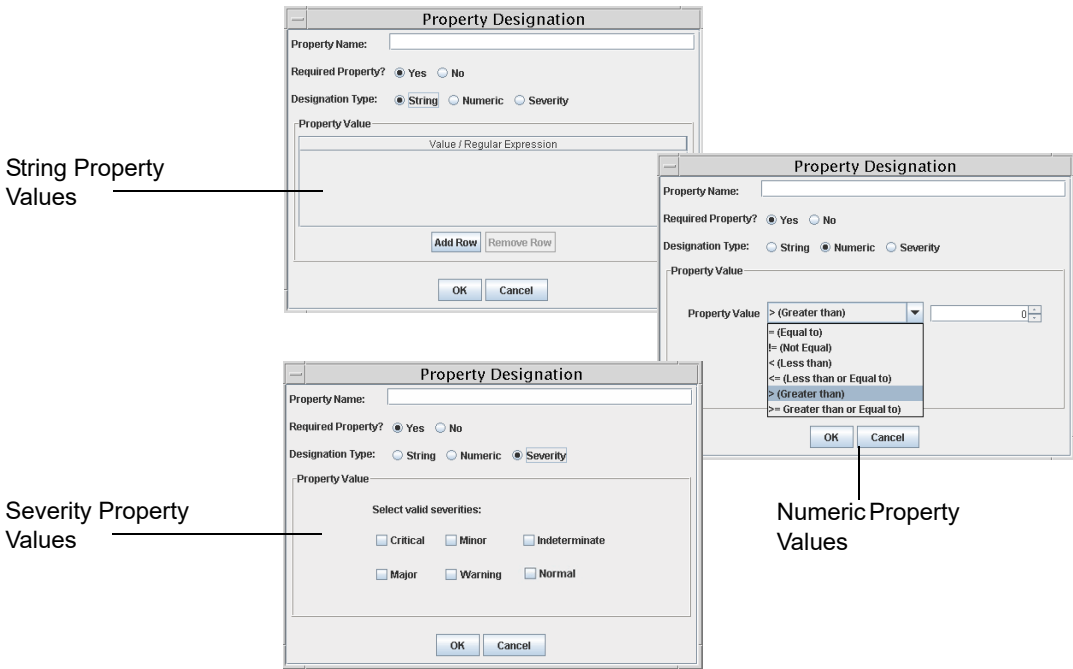


Figure 83 Property Identifier Window

The Property Designation window has the following alert property identifier control parameters (Table 86).

Table 86 Alert Property Identifier Parameters (Sheet 1 of 2)

Parameter	Description
Property Name	Specifies the name for the property. Type the property name. Right-clicking the field displays a list of properties to choose from.
Required Property	Indicates whether the alert must have this property with the appropriate value for the alert to be included in the correlation.



Glossary

This glossary defines the terms used to describe the policy-based applications, such as DMP, AFM, IPM, AD, APM, and Trouble Ticket Adapter.

Action	The final processing that a policy performs. One or more actions initiates trigger responses, or responses based on the result of a condition, such as generating an alert, updating an MO, or sending an email.
Admin Agent	A process that manages policy servers running on the agent's host. Admin agents are responsible for starting and stopping, identifying policies, performing heartbeat and health checks, and other administrative functions on policy servers. Admin agents use a centralized admin manager to report policy server failures and locate policies running on remote hosts.
Admin Manager	A process that supports admin agents in managing policy servers. While there are multiple admin agents, there is only one centralized admin manager. This process stores policy server configuration information, provides an interface to the DMP Administration Tool, coordinates the system-wide start up and shut down of policy servers with the admin agents, and performs other centralized functions for the admin agents.
Admin Repository	A set of database tables for storing DMP runtime configuration information accessed from the admin manager. You can also store the repository in the local file system where the AdminMgr process is running. The configuration information includes the number of policy servers and the policies running on a specific host.
Administration Tool	The DMP tool used to configure the system, deploy policies, administer and monitor the runtime system, and perform troubleshooting tasks.
Administrator	A person responsible for installing, configuring, and maintaining the NetExpert system. The administrator is often a NetExpert developer.

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