

## Using Templates and Configuration Groups in NSM Overview

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Use templates to define an IDP device configuration and then reuse that configuration information across multiple IDP devices. In a template, you need to define only those configuration parameters that you want to set; you do not need to specify a complete device configuration.

Templates provide these benefits:

- You can configure parameter values for an IDP device by referring to one or more templates when configuring the device.
- When you change a parameter value in a template and save the template, the value also changes for all the IDP device configurations that refer to that template, unless specifically overridden in the device object.

For complete details on using device templates and configuration groups, see the *Network and Security Manager Administration Guide*.

- Related Topics**
- NSM and Intrusion Detection and Prevention Device Management Overview
  - Intrusion Detection and Prevention Services and Device Configurations Supported in NSM

