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Just as Proxy Server was considered a member of the Microsoft BackOffice Family, ISA Server also belongs to a new Microsoft "family," the members of which are designed to work with Windows 2000 in an enterprise environment. This group of enterprise servers is now called the Microsoft.Net family, or simply ".Net" (pronounced dot-net) servers.

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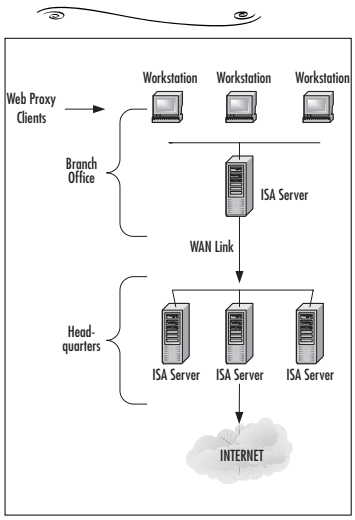

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- The Web Proxy Service listens on Port 8080 and Web proxy client implications.
- The Winsock client is not required on published servers.
- The Web cache is stored as a single file.
- There is no SOCKS service.
- The firewall client doesn't support 16-bit operating systems.
- There are incompatibilities between ISA and IIS on same machine.

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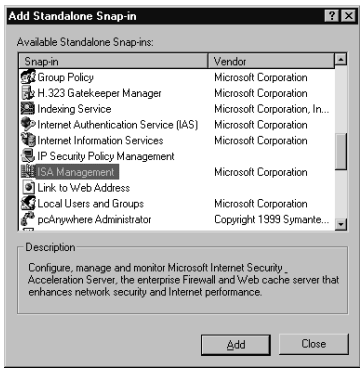

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SECURITY ALERT!

SecureNAT clients must be configured with the address of a DNS server that can resolve Internet names. You can use a DNS server located on the Internet (such as your ISP's DNS server), or you can configure an internal DNS server to use a forwarder on the Internet. Unlike the RRAS NAT Service, the ISA server does not perform DNS Proxy Services for the SecureNAT clients.

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Q: I want to prevent users from gaining access to .MP3 files from the Napster site. Is there an easy way to do this?

A: Yes. Configure a site and content rule that prevents downloading of .MP3 files. If you are interested in blocking only .MP3 files, you can create a new content group in the Policy Elements node and then use this content group to create the site and content rule to limit the download of .MP3s.

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Filter type: Custom
IP protocol: TCP
Direction: Outbound
Local port: Dynamic
Remote port: Fixed Port
Remote port number: 21331

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