The latest released **Capsa Network Analyzer** supports monitoring instant message activity, which not only gives us real time monitoring, but also auto-saving instant messages details to local disk. Whether a parent who has teenager kid, monitoring his teenager kids' online activities like whom are they chatting with, what they are talking about are of great importance to make sure the kids are safe and will not be misled. Or a company policy requires taking some measures to guarantee the employees' working efficiency, one of the measures is to find out who is chatting on MSN or Yahoo Messenger about some non-working stuffs. This article is to talk about how to monitor instant message activities with Capsa 7.2 as well as save the messages to local disk.

To monitor instant messages, we need first to enable the IM analysis modules in the analysis profiles, because none of them are enabled by double-clicking an analysis profile to change the profile settings.

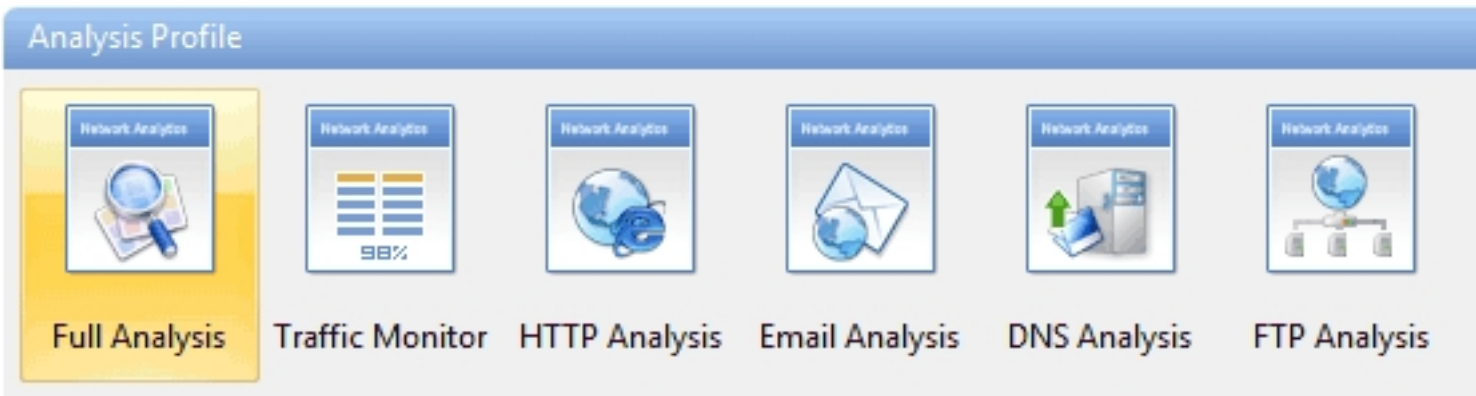
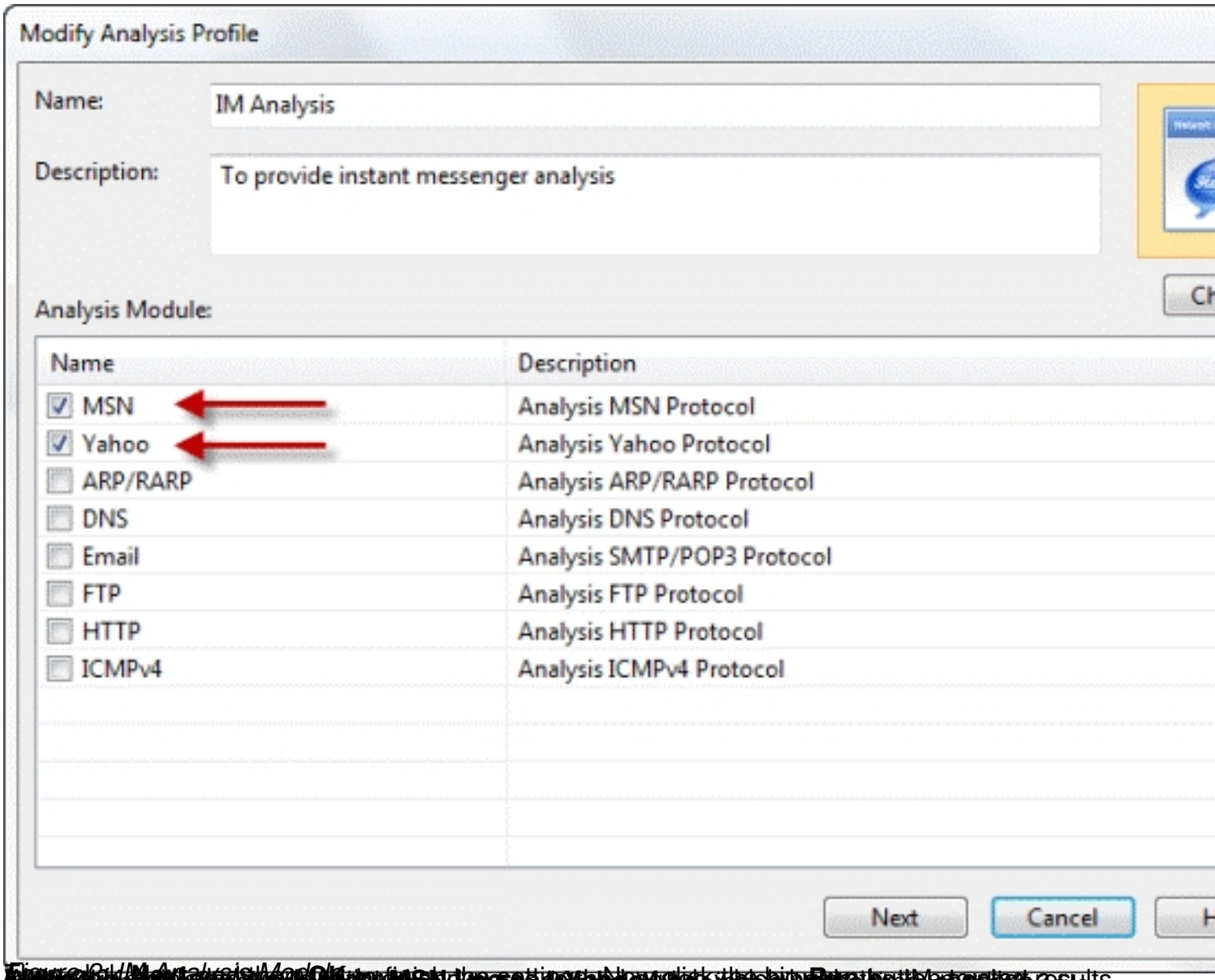


Figure 1: Network Profile

If we'd like to create a new analysis profile only used to monitor IM messages. Right-click anywhere in this section, and choose **New** from the context menu and only enable the **MSN** and
Yahoo
analysis modules.



Date Time	Content
2010/06/29 13:...	[redacted]@gmail.com joined in the chat.
2010/06/29 13:...	[redacted]@hotmail.com joined in the chat.
2010/06/29 13:...	[redacted]@gmail.com said:hello, buddy, how are you doi...
2010/06/29 13:...	[redacted]@gmail.com said:i'm testing the im monitor
2010/06/29 13:...	[redacted]@gmail.com said:it works good.
2010/06/29 13:...	[redacted]@gmail.com said:all the messages are recorded.

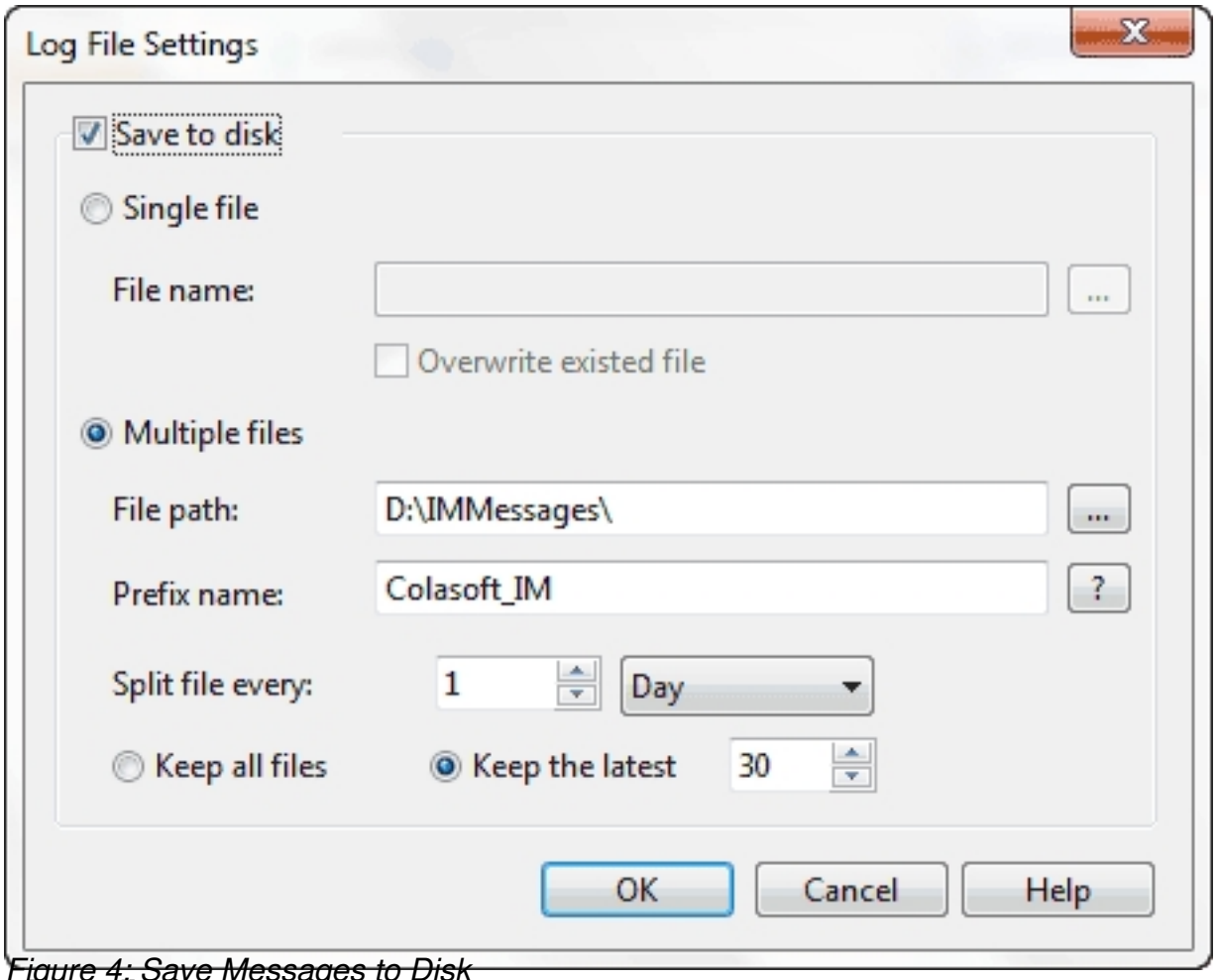


Figure 4: Save Messages to Disk

Benefits:

- No need to purchase another IM monitor;
- Monitor all IM activities in real time;
- Save all IM messages for future reference;
- Prevent business secretes from leaking out via IM activities;
- Learn how much time your employees are spending in personal chatting during working hours.