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Cisco Secure Access Control Server for Windows 4.0

Cisco® Secure Access Control Server (ACS) is a highly scalable, high-performance access control server that provides a comprehensive identity networking solution. As an important component of the [Cisco Identity-Based Networking Services \(IBNS\)](#) architecture, Cisco Secure ACS extends access security by combining authentication, user or administrator access, and policy control from a centralized identity networking framework. This allows enterprise networks to have greater flexibility and mobility, increased security, and user productivity gains. Cisco Secure ACS supports a wide array of access connection types, including wired and wireless LAN, dialup, broadband, content, storage, voice over IP (VoIP), firewalls, and VPNs.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Cisco Secure ACS is also an important component of [Cisco Network Admission Control](#). Cisco Network Admission Control (NAC) is a multiple vendor program led by Cisco Systems® that focuses on limiting damage from emerging security threats such as viruses and worms. With NAC, customers can allow network access only to compliant and trusted endpoint devices (such as PCs, servers, and personal digital assistants [PDAs]) and can restrict the access of noncompliant devices. This innovation helps enable compliant endpoints or other system elements to report misuse emanating from rogue or infected systems during an attack. Cisco expects to use this intelligence to dynamically quarantine infected systems from the rest of the network and significantly reduce virus, worm, and blended threat propagation.

Cisco Secure ACS is available in two options: Cisco Secure ACS for Windows and the Cisco Secure ACS Solution Engine. For more information on the Cisco Secure ACS Solution Engine please see <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/sw/secursw/ps5338/index.html>.

NEW FEATURES

Cisco Secure ACS 4.0 offers the following new features:

- Cisco NAC Phase 2 support
- Profile-based policies
- Scale and performance improvements, with the introduction of a standards-based RDBMS as the internal repository
- Extensible Authentication Protocol-Flexible Authentication via Secure Tunneling (EAP-FAST) support for wireless authentication
- Performance improvements in Certification Revocation List (CRL) comparison for EAP-Transport Layer Security (EAP-TLS) authentication
- Exception lists to machine access restriction, complementing 802.1X machine authentication
- Cisco Security Agent integration in the Cisco Secure ACS Solution Engine
- Replication enhancements that allowing more granular replication selections

For more detailed information on these new capabilities, please refer to the Cisco Secure ACS for Windows data sheet at <http://www.cisco.com/go/acs>

UPGRADE PATHS

Cisco Secure ACS for Windows 3.x customers can purchase the major release update kit through normal Cisco Direct, partner, and reseller sales channels, via CSACS-4.0-WINUP-K9.

AVAILABILITY

Cisco Secure ACS for Windows 4.0 will be available November 28, 2005. Customers interested in purchasing these products can place orders through their normal sales channels.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Table 1. Ordering Information for Cisco Secure ACS for Windows 4.0

Part Number	Description
CSACS-4.0-WIN-K9	Cisco Secure ACS for Windows 4.0
CSACS-4.0-WINUP-K9	Upgrade to Cisco Secure ACS 4.0 for Windows from versions 1.x, 2.x, 3.x, and Cisco Secure ACS for UNIX 2.x

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Cisco Secure ACS for Windows 4.0, visit <http://www.cisco.com/go/acs>, or contact your local account representative or ACS-MKT@cisco.com.



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