



## End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x

Cisco Systems® announces the end of life of the Cisco® IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x for Cisco IDS 4200 Series sensors. The last day to order the Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x is February 28, 2004. Customers will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until February 28, 2006. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x.

Customers are encouraged to upgrade their software to Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 4.0 for the Cisco IDS 4200 Series Sensor. Cisco IDS 4.0 supports a scalable communications infrastructure and provides a common code base across IDS platforms that results in feature/function parity throughout the product line. In addition, there are numerous usability enhancements, provision of a full-featured command-line interface, extensions to sensor response actions, advanced event filtering capabilities, advanced diagnostic engines, and enhancements to secure communications.

Table 1 End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x

Milestone	Definition	Date
<b>End-of-life announcement date</b>	The date the end-of-sale and end-of-life announcement is distributed to the general public.	May 12, 2003
<b>End of sale date</b>	The last date to order Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale.	February 28, 2004
<b>Last shipment date</b>	The last possible date that Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers will ship Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x.	May 31, 2004
<b>End of software maintenance releases date</b>	The last date that Cisco Engineering may release any final software maintenance releases or bug fixes. After this date, Cisco Engineering will no longer develop, repair, maintain, or test the product software.	February 28, 2005
<b>End of new service attachment date</b>	For equipment and software that is not covered by a service-and-support contract, this is the last date to order a new service-and-support contract or add the equipment and/or software to an existing service-and-support contract.	February 28, 2005
<b>End of service contract renewal date</b>	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product. The extension or renewal period cannot extend beyond the last date of support.	February 28, 2006
<b>Last date of support</b>	The last date to receive service and support for Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x. After this date, all support services for Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	February 28, 2007

Table 2 Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description
IDS-SW-K9-U (for version 3.x) <sup>1</sup>	Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x for Cisco IDS 4200 Series Sensor

1. Note that future sensor software versions will also use this part number. At the end-of-sale date, the inclusion of the Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.1 CD with this part number will be discontinued.

### Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x Upgrade Options

The upgrade from Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 3.x to Version 4.0 requires a CD. Customers with Cisco SMARTnet<sup>®</sup> maintenance contracts can obtain the CD at no charge. CD requests can be made at:

<http://www.cisco.com/public/ordsum.html>.

Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 4.0 will operate only on Cisco IDS sensors with the following part numbers (and newer):

- IDS-4210
- IDS-4210-K9
- IDS-4220-E
- IDS-4230-FE
- IDS-4235-K9
- IDS-4250-TX-K9
- IDS-4250-SX-K9
- IDS-4250-XL-K9

Signature updates for Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 4.0 are available for download at:

<http://www.cisco.com/kobayashi/sw-center/ciscosecure/ids/crypto/>

Documentation for Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 4.0 is available for download at:

<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/iaabu/csids>

Note: CiscoWorks VPN/Security Management Solution 2.1 is the minimum version of the Cisco Management Console required to support the Cisco IDS Sensor Software Version 4.0.

Information about CiscoWorks VMS 2.1, which includes the CiscoWorks Management Center for IDS Sensors and the CiscoWorks Monitoring Center for Security, is available at:

<http://www.cisco.com/go/vms>

CiscoWorks VMS is the recommended management solution for customers. Additional Information

For more information about Cisco products, contact your Cisco account manager and/or Cisco Channel Partner.

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, go to:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod\\_end\\_of\\_life.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_end_of_life.html)



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