

End-of-Life for Cisco IDS 2.5 Sensor Software

Software release 2.5 for the Cisco IDS Appliance Sensor has reached its End-of-Life (EOL) milestone. This software release is being removed from Cisco.com, effective February 28, 2003.

This EOL serves several purposes:

- Simplifies the task of selecting software for customers and account managers by reducing the number of releases concurrently available
- Encourages customers to operate their intrusion detection system (IDS) sensors with more current software releases
- Improves software support by reducing the number of versions currently available
- Allows customers to access the latest available signature updates for their IDS sensor

Cisco recommends that all customers currently running Cisco IDS Release 2.5 upgrade their software to version 3.1.

Product Substitution

EOL Product	Replacement Product	Replacement Product Description
Cisco IDS 2.5 Sensor Software	Cisco IDS 3.1 Sensor Software	Cisco IDS 3.1 Sensor Software is application software for Cisco IDS 4200 Series Sensors

Cisco IDS 2.5 Sensor Software Upgrade

The upgrade from the 2.5 sensor to the 3.1 sensor software requires a CD-ROM, which can be requested at no charge for customers with sensor SMARTnet™ maintenance contracts at:

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

The 3.1 software will only operate on Cisco manufactured sensors. Customers running existing WheelGroup appliances or software only need to refer to the product bulletin at:

http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/cc/pd/sqsw/sqidsz/prodlit/1077_pp.htm

Signature updates for version 3.1 is available for download at:

<http://www.cisco.com/pcgi-bin/tablebuild.pl/ids30-appsens-updt>

Documentation for version 3.1 is available for download at:

<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/iaabu/csids/csids6/index.htm>



Note: The minimum version of the Management Console that will be required to support the 3.1 sensor is CSPM 2.3.2i, UNIX Director 2.2.3, or VMS 2.1.

The latest versions of the CSPM and the UNIX Director are available for download at:

<http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/tablebuild.pl/cspm> (CSPM)

<http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/tablebuild.pl/ids221-dir-update> (Unix Director)

Information on VMS 2.1, which contains the Management Center for IDS sensors and the Monitoring Center for Security, is available at:

<http://www.cisco.com/go/vms> (VMS 2.1)

VMS is the recommended management solution for customers, because it also supports future sensor updates.

Support

Cisco will continue to support this release until November 29, 2002, through the SMARTnet service program. After this date, technical assistance might require an upgrade to a later release. Customers with SMARTnet service contracts are entitled to 24-hour phone support through the TAC and advance replacement of hardware. Cisco is committed to supporting this release for a period of three years after the EOL announcement.

End-of-Life Schedule

Last Cisco.com Download Date: February 28, 2003

Last Support Date: February 28, 2003

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