Standard Customer Smart Account Structure

Best Practices

Intended Audience: For Internal and External Audiences

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Small or Medium Business Company

Operating in one Country or State, with Local Presence

**Company Type:** Small or Medium Business Company operating in one Country or State, local presence

**Company Information/Structure:** 1 office location

**Number of Smart Accounts:** 1 Customer Smart Account

**Number of Virtual Accounts:** 1 Virtual Account (Default)

**Structure of Virtual Accounts:** N/A

**Number of Users/Admins:**
- 1 Smart Account Approver
- 2 Smart Account Administrators and Approvers
- Delegate Smart Account access to 1 Partner Admin of choice
Global or Regional Enterprise Company

Company Type: Regional Enterprise Company
Typical enterprise operating at a global or regional level.

Company Information/ Structure: 20+ locations (offices, production sites or logistic/ distribution sites). Global presence (e.g. Americas, Europe, Asia), or Regional presence (e.g. Europe or US).

Number of Smart Accounts: 1 Customer Smart Account

Number of Virtual Accounts: 20-60 VAs

Structure of Virtual Accounts: by Location (City, Country)

Number of Users/ Admins:
• 2-5 Account Admins and Approvers, 2-5 Admins,
• 1-2 Approvers
• 5-10 Account Users
• 5-10 Virtual Account Admins, 5-10 Virtual Account Users
Service Provider
Global or Regional Presence

Company Type: Service Provider operating at a global or regional level, providing Internet, Phone and TV services.

Company Information/Structure: Company operating at a global or regional level. Offices in multiple locations.

Number of Smart Accounts: 1 Customer Smart Account, 1 Partner Holding Account (only necessary if operating as Reseller).

Number of Virtual Accounts: 20–100 VAs

Structure of Virtual Accounts: by Country, City, Metropolitan Area, Department, Business Line, another organizational unit.

Number of Users/Admins:
- 2–5 Account Admin and Approver,
- 2–5 Account Admins, 2–10 Account Users,
- 10–20 Virtual Account Admins
- 10–20 Virtual Account Users

KEY:
- Smart Account
- Virtual Account
- SA Role
- VA Role
- Holding Account
Regional IT Services Company

Regional Presence

**Company Type**: Global or Regional IT Services Company

**Company Information/ Structure**: 1-5 offices in a specific Region (e.g. North America or Europe)

**Number of Smart Accounts**: 1 Customer Smart Account, 1 Partner Holding Account (only if operating as Reseller)

**Number of Virtual Accounts**: 20-25 VAs

**Structure of Virtual Accounts**:
- by End Customer Company, or by location (City, Metropolitan Area).

**Number of Users/ Admins**:
- 2-5 Account Admins and Approvers
- 1-2 SA Approvers
- 2-5 Account Users,
- 2-5 Virtual Account Admins
- 2-5 Virtual Account Users

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Cloud Services Company

Global or Regional Presence

Company Type: Cloud Services Company

Company Information/ Structure: 5+ global (or regional) locations (ex. in the Americas and/or in Europe).

Number of Smart Accounts: 1 Customer Smart Account, 1 Partner Holding Account (only if operating as Reseller)

Number of Virtual Accounts: 40–80 VAs

Structure of Virtual Accounts: by End Customer Company

Number of Users/ Admins:
• 2–5 Account Admins and Approvers
• 2 Account Approvers
• 2–10 Account Admins
• 20–30 Virtual Account Admins
• 20–30 Virtual Account Users
Public Sector: Regional / National Department of IT
Region, State, Country

Company Type: Public Sector – Regional Department of IT

Company Information/ Structure: Regional or National Department of Information Technology

Number of Smart Accounts: 1 Customer Smart Account
Number of Virtual Accounts: 20–30 VAs

Structure of Virtual Accounts:
by Department (of Commerce, of Environment, of Education, of Transportation, etc.)

Number of Users/ Admins:
• 2 Account Approvers
• 5 Account Admins
• 2–5 Virtual Account Admins
• 2–5 Virtual Account Users
Public Sector – Military
Region, State, Country

Company Type: Public Sector – Military

Company Information/ Structure: Military

Number of Smart Accounts: 1 Customer Smart Account

Number of Virtual Accounts: 50-100 VAs

Structure of Virtual Accounts: by State, Region or City

Number of Users/ Admins:
- 2-5 Account Admins and Approvers
- 2-5 Virtual Account Admins
- 20-50 Virtual Account Users
Global Business Process Services

Global Presence

**Company Type:** Global Leader in Business Process Services

**Company Information/ Structure:** Global leader for business process outsourcing services. 10+ locations (10+ countries) and delivery centers.

**Number of Smart Accounts:** 1 Customer Smart Account

**Number of Virtual Accounts:** 10-50

**Structure of Virtual Accounts:** by City, globally (cities in the US, Mexico, LATAM, India, Europe).

**Number of Users/ Admins:**
- 2-5 Account Admins and Approvers
- 2 Account Approvers
- 5-10 Virtual Account Admins
- 5-10 Virtual Account Users
Smart Account Roles
Smart and Virtual Account User Roles

**Smart Account Administrator**
- Edit Smart Account properties, add and edit users and Virtual Accounts, view event logs, and manage licenses for the entire Smart Account.

**Smart Account Approver**
- Edit Smart Account properties, view all users, and view event logs. Approvers cannot manage licenses.

**Smart Account User**
- Access all Virtual Accounts and perform licensing activities but cannot create new Virtual Accounts or manage users.

**Virtual Account Administrator**
- Add and edit users to assigned Virtual Accounts, view event logs for assigned Virtual Accounts, view account agreements, and manage licenses for the assigned Virtual Accounts.

**Virtual Account User**
- Manage licensing for Virtual Accounts they are assigned to, but they cannot add new users.

**Smart / Virtual Account Viewer**
- Access the Licensing tools and view the content or data but may not have the ability to add, delete, transact or modify.

*Note:* This role is used less and less, as Admin and User roles are more preferred.
How Partner and Customer Internal Roles can be mapped to Smart Account Roles
Partner Holding Smart Account – Roles

Access to Holding Account and Partner Roles Involved
The access to the Partner Holding Account provides the following options:
• Visibility to the orders assigned to a Partner Holding Account in Cisco Commerce.
• Ability to re-assign the license on the order from the Partner Holding Account to the Customer Smart Account.
• Option to set up email notification settings: receive an email when orders are provisioned to the Holding Account

Examples of Partner Roles that should have access to the Partner Holding Account:

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<td>Post-Sales Specialist</td>
<td>Anyone who is reassigning an order from a Partner Holding Account to an End Customer’s Smart Account.</td>
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<td>Purchasing Team Manager</td>
<td>Person managing the Purchasing Team.</td>
<td>Smart Account Admin</td>
<td>Virtual Account Admin</td>
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<tr>
<td>IT Admin Specialist</td>
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*A Smart Account Admin or User has access to the entire Smart Account, while a Virtual Account Admin or User has access only to selected Virtual Account(s).

**Local/Department Role: the Partner may want separate Virtual Accounts by Organizational Unit * (ex. business line, product family, department, region, country, etc.) to allow separate access/visibility to different purchasing departments and post-sales departments.
### Customer Smart Account – Roles

**Access to Customer Smart Account and Customer Roles Involved**

1. The access to the Customer Smart Account provides the following options:
   - License Management in SSM, LRP, EA Workspace (for Users and Admins)
   - Smart Account Administration: Users, Virtual Accounts, Agreements (for Admins)

2. Examples of Customer Roles that should have access to the Customer Smart Account:

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<td>License Management Specialist</td>
<td>Person managing licenses in SSM, LRP and EA Workspace.</td>
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| License Management Supervisor          | a) Person managing the Smart Account: accepting the Smart Licensing Agreement, adding/deleting Users, adding/deleting Virtual Accounts.  
                                         | b) Person supervising the team of License Management Specialists and/or managing licenses in SSM, LRP and EA Workspace. | Smart Account Admin                | Virtual Account Admin                     |
| Systems Engineer                       | Person who configures (registers) products in SSM.                               | Smart Account User                | Virtual Account User                      |
| Purchasing Specialist or Manager       | Person purchasing licenses from Cisco or the Partner. May need to verify that the licenses purchased are available in the Smart Account. May need to check if there are license shortages and purchase more licenses if needed. | Smart Account User                | Virtual Account User                      |
| Legal Department Specialist or Manager | Person from the legal department in charge of accepting the Smart Licensing Agreement. This role can also edit account properties. No access to SSM, EA Workspace, LRP. | Smart Account Approver            | N/A                                        |
| IT Admin Specialist                    | Person managing the IT Administration                                            | Smart Account Admin                | Virtual Account Admin                      |

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**Local/Department Role: the Customer may want separate Virtual Accounts to segment licenses by Organizational Unit * (ex. business line, product family, department, region, country, etc.) and/or to allow separate access control to different sets of licenses.*