

End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco IPS Version 5.0 Sensor Software

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Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for Cisco® IPS Sensor Software Version 5.0. The last day to order the affected product is July 17, 2006. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until July 16, 2011. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the IPS Version 5.1 Sensor Software which delivers both promiscuous and inline intrusion detection and prevention system (IDS/IPS) capabilities to Cisco IDS/IPS sensor appliances. Information about Cisco IPS Sensor Software Version 5.1 can be found at <http://www.cisco.com/go/ips>. Customers who have a valid Cisco Services for IPS service contract on Cisco IDS/IPS sensors will be able to upgrade from Cisco IPS Sensor Software Version 5.0 to Version 5.1. Customers who do not have a valid Cisco Services for IPS contract on Cisco IDS/IPS sensors may purchase Cisco IPS Sensor Software Version 5.1 using part number IPS•SW-K9-U.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for Cisco IPS Sensor Software Version 5.0

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	16-JAN-2006
End-of-Sale Date	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	17-JUL-2006
Last Shipment Date	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	15-OCT-2006
End of Software Maintenance Releases Date	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.	17-JUL-2007
End of Signature Updates	The last date that Cisco will release signature updates.	30-SEP-2006
End of Routine Failure Analysis Date	The last-possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of product failure or defect.	17-JUL-2007
End of New Service Attachment Date	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.	17-JUL-2007
End of Service Contract Renewal Date	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	12-OCT-2010
Last Date of Support	The last date to receive service and support for the product. After this date, all support services for the product are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	16-JUL-2011

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description
IPS-SW-K9-U	Upgrade CD for Cisco IPS Sensor Software, without Cisco Services for IPS service contract	IPS-SW-K9-U	Upgrade CD for Cisco IPS Sensor Software, without Cisco Services for IPS service contract
IPS-SW-K9-UPE	Upgrade entitlement for Cisco IPS Sensor Software	IPS-SW-K9-UPE	Upgrade entitlement for Cisco IPS Sensor Software

Product Migration Options

The recommended replacement for Cisco IPS Sensor Software Version 5.0 is Cisco IPS Sensor Software Version 5.1. Cisco IPS Sensor Software Version 5.1 delivers both promiscuous-based IDS and inline-based IPS capabilities to Cisco IDS/IPS sensors. Version 5.1 also delivers new capabilities that are not supported on the Version 5.0 software train, including threat rating for false alarm reduction; “inline-on-a-stick” to allow IPS services on multiple VLANs using a single interface on the IPS sensor; dynamic service port shutdown response actions; rate limiting response actions on managed devices (routers and switches); inspection of encapsulated traffic, including generic routing encapsulation (GRE) and Mobile IP in IP tunneling; signatures to protect from policy violation in SCADA networks; enhancements to network antivirus capabilities; Cisco EtherChannel® load balancing (used with Cisco Catalyst® 6500 Series switches) to scale IPS performance and to delivery IPS redundancy; and enhanced embedded management (IPS Device Manager). Cisco IPS Sensor Software Version 5.1 will operate only on Cisco IDS/IPS sensors with the following part numbers: IDS-4210, IDS-4210-K9, IDS-4215•4FE-K9, IDS-4235-K9, IDS-4250-SX-K9, IDS-4250-TX-K9, IDS-4250-XL-K9, IPS-4240-K9, IPS-4255-K9, and NM-CIDS-K9 (promiscuous mode only), IDSM2, ASA-SSM-AIP-10-K9= and ASA-SSM-AIP-20-K9=.

For More Information

For more information about Cisco IPS Sensor Software Version 5.1, visit <http://www.cisco.com/go/ips> or contact your local account representative.

For more information on End-of-Sale Policy for Signature File Release on Intrusion Detection and Prevention (IDS/IPS) Sensors, visit

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/vpndevc/ps5729/ps5713/ps4077/prod_bulletin0900aec80358daa.html.

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

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_end_of_life.html.

To subscribe to receive end-of-life/end-of-sale information for Cisco products, go to:

<http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/FieldNoticeTool/field-notice>.



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