

The Cisco Email Security Appliance (ESA) is a SMTP gateway appliance – it listens on port 25 by default.

The appliance can be configured to listen on another port for smtp traffic instead of 25.

(GUI>Network>Listeners>Edit Listener>Port setting)

Should your appliance be listening for mail on a non–standard port, you can perform a telnet test specifying the optional port in place of 25. In our example below our mail host is listening on port 80.

In order to use a port other than 25 when using telnet to connect to a remote host, simply specify the port number following the hostname from the CLI:

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esa.example.com> telnet mail2.example.com 80
Trying 172.19.0.94...
Connected to mail2.example.com.
Escape character is '^['.
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Alternately, the AsyncOS CLI will prompt you to enter a host and port if you simply enter *telnet*, then follow the prompts.

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