



Getting Started with Cisco Email Security

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What's New in AsyncOS 13.5.1

Table 1: Whats New in AsyncOS 13.5.1

Feature	Description
Search and Remediate Messages in the Mailboxes	You can now configure your appliance to remediate the messages manually using the Search and Remediate feature. This feature provides the capability to search for the messages using the Message Tracking filter and apply remedial action on the messages. For more information, see Remediating Messages in Mailboxes .
Improving User Experience of Cisco Email Security Gateway using Cisco Success Network	<p>You can use the Cisco Success Network (CSN) feature to send your appliance and feature usage details to Cisco. These details are used by Cisco to identify the appliance version and the features activated but not enabled on your appliance.</p> <p>The ability to send your appliance and feature usage details to Cisco helps an organization to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve the effectiveness of the product in user networks by performing analytics on collected telemetry data and suggesting users with recommendations using a digital campaign.• Improve user experience with Cisco Email Security gateway. <p>For more information, see Integrating with Cisco Threat Response.</p>

Feature	Description
New Cisco Talos Email Status Portal	<p>The Cisco Talos Email Status Portal replaces the legacy Cisco Email Submission and Tracking Portal.</p> <p>The Cisco Talos Email Status Portal is a web-based tool for monitoring the status of email submissions from Cisco users.</p> <p>Important</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users of the legacy portal can still access their previous submissions in the new portal • You will not be able to submit samples of spam/phish, ham, marketing or non-marketing emails that may have been mis-identified by your email gateway in the new portal. For more information on how to submit email samples, see the Cisco Talos Email Status Portal Help page at https://talosintelligence.com/tickets/email_submissions/help <p>For more information, see Managing Spam and Graymail.</p>
Accessing New Web Interface of Appliance in Dusk Mode	<p>Dusk Mode is a reversed color scheme that utilizes light-colored typography, UI elements, and iconography on dark backgrounds.</p> <p>You can now access the new web interface of your appliance using the dusk mode.</p> <p>For more information, see Setup and Installation.</p>
Ability to connect appliance to Cisco Threat Response using proxy server	<p>You can now connect your appliance to Cisco Threat Response using a proxy server.</p> <p>You can configure a proxy server in any one of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Services > Service Updates page in the web interface. • <code>updateconfig > setup</code> sub command in the CLI. <p>For more information, see, System Administration.</p>

Feature	Description
Integrating the Cisco Email Security Gateway with Cisco Advanced Phishing Protection cloud service	<p>The Cisco Advanced Phishing Protection engine on the Cisco Email Security Gateway checks the unique behavior of all legitimate senders, based on the historic email traffic sent to your organization. The cloud service interface of Cisco Advanced Phishing Protection provides risk analysis to distinguish good messages from potentially malicious messages.</p> <p>The Cisco Advanced Phishing Protection cloud service relies on the email gateway as a sensor engine to receive a copy of the message metadata sent inbound into your organization. This sensor engine collects metadata such as message headers from the email gateway and relays them to the Cisco Advanced Phishing Protection cloud service for analysis. After the analysis, potentially malicious messages are remediated from the recipient mailbox automatically based on the pre-configured policies on the Cisco Advanced Phishing Protection cloud service.</p> <p>The ability to use the Cisco Email Security Gateway as a sensor engine helps an organization to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify, investigate, and remediate threats, observed on the message headers from the recipient mailbox. • View the reporting data of the metadata of the message from multiple email gateways in your organization. • Send real-time alerts to the end-users about malicious messages. <p>For more information, see Integrating the Email Gateway with Cisco Advanced Phishing Protection.</p>
Improve Phishing Detection Efficacy using Service Logs	<p>The Service Logs is sent to the Cisco Talos Cloud service to improve Phishing detection.</p> <p>For more information, see Improving Phishing Detection Efficacy using Service Logs.</p>
Improved Phishing Efficacy	<p>The Cisco Email Security appliance now provides an improved IP Reputation and URL Reputation services for faster and better Phishing catch rates.</p>
Note	<p>If you have configured an HTTP proxy server, the IP Reputation and URL Reputation services, and Service Logs will directly connect to the Internet to get the IP and URL reputations. If you want to use proxy for these services, then configure the HTTPS proxy server on your email gateway.</p>
Note	<p>If you have configured an HTTPS proxy server, make sure that you do not configure the proxy server to decrypt the HTTPS traffic originating from your email gateway.</p>

Comparison of Web Interfaces, New Web Interface with Legacy Web Interface

The following table shows the comparison of the new web interface with the legacy interface:

Table 2: Comparison of New Web Interface with legacy interface

Web Interface Page or Element	New Web Interface	Legacy Web Interface
Landing Page	After you log in to the appliance , the Mail Flow Summary page is displayed.	After you log in to the appliance, the My Dashboard page is displayed.
Reports Drop-down	You can view reports for your appliances from the Reports drop-down.	You can view reports for your appliance from the Monitor menu.
My Reports Page	Choose My Reports from the Reports drop-down.	You can view the My Reports page from Monitor > My Dashboard .
Mail Flow Summary Page	The Mail Flow Summary page includes trend graphs and summary tables for incoming and outgoing messages.	The Incoming Mail includes graphs and summary tables for the incoming and outgoing messages.
Advanced Malware Protection Report Pages	The following sections are available on the Advanced Malware Protection report page of the Reports menu: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary • AMP File Reputation • File Analysis • File Retrospection • Mailbox Auto Remediation 	The appliance has the following Advanced Malware Protection report pages under Monitor menu: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Malware Protection • AMP File Analysis • AMP Verdict Updates • Mailbox Auto Remediation
Outbreak Filters Page	The Past Year Virus Outbreaks and Past Year Virus Outbreak Summary are not available in the Outbreak Filtering report page of the new web interface.	The Monitor > Outbreak Filters page displays the Past Year Virus Outbreaks and Past Year Virus Outbreak Summary.

Web Interface Page or Element	New Web Interface	Legacy Web Interface
Spam Quarantines (Administrative and End Users)	<p>Click Quarantine > Spam Quarantine > Search in the new web interface.</p> <p>The end users can access the spam quarantine using the URL:</p> <p><code>https://example.com:<https-api-port>/eqr-login</code></p> <p>where <code>example.com</code> is the appliance hostname and <code><https-api-port></code> is the AsyncOS API HTTPS port opened on the firewall.</p>	You can view spam quarantine from the Monitor > Spam Quarantine menu.
Policy, Virus and Outbreak Quarantines	<p>Click Quarantine > Other Quarantine in the new web interface.</p> <p>You can only view Policy, Virus and Outbreak Quarantines in the new web interface.</p>	You can view, configure and modify the Policy, Virus and Outbreak Quarantines on the appliance using the Monitor > Policy, Virus and Outbreak Quarantines .
Select All Action for Messages in Quarantine	You can select multiple (or all) messages and perform a message action such as delete, delay, release, move, etc.	You cannot select multiple messages to perform a message action.
Maximum Download Limit for Attachments	The maximum limit for downloading attachments of a quarantined message is restricted to 25 MB.	-
Rejected Connections	To search for rejected connections, click Tracking > Search > Rejected Connection tab on the .	-
Query Settings	The Query Settings field of the Message Tracking feature is not available on the .	You can set the query timeout in the Query Settings field of the Message Tracking feature.
Message Tracking Data Availability	Click the gear icon on the upper right side of the page the web interface to access Message Tracking Data Availability page.	You can view the missing-data intervals for your appliance .
Show Additional Details of Messages	You can view additional details of a message such as Verdict Charts, Last State, Sender Groups, Sender IP, IP Reputation Score and Policy Match details.	-

Web Interface Page or Element	New Web Interface	Legacy Web Interface
Verdict Charts and Last State Verdicts	Verdict Chart displays information of the various possible verdicts triggered by each engine in your appliance . Last State of the message determines the final verdict triggered after all the possible verdicts of the engine.	Verdict Charts and Last State Verdicts of the messages are not available.
Message Attachments and Host Names in Message Details	Message attachments and host names are not displayed in the Message Details section of the message on the appliance.	Message attachments and host names are displayed in the Message Details section of the message.
Sender Groups, Sender IP, IP Reputation Score and Policy Match in Message Details	Sender Groups, Sender IP, IP Reputation Score, and Policy Match details of the message is displayed in the Message Details section, on the appliance.	Sender Groups, Sender IP, IP Reputation Score, and Policy Match of the message is not available in the Message Details section of the message.
Direction of the Message (Incoming or Outgoing)	Direction of the message (incoming or outgoing) is displayed in the message tracking results page, on the appliance.	Direction of the message (incoming or outgoing) is not displayed in the message tracking results page.

Where to Find More Information

Cisco offers the following resources to learn more about your appliance :

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Documentation

You can access the online help version of this user guide directly from the appliance GUI by clicking Help and Support in the upper-right corner.

The documentation set for the Cisco Email Security appliances includes the following documents and books:

- Release Notes

- Quick Start Guide for your Cisco Email Security Appliance model
- Hardware Installation or Hardware installation and maintenance guide for your model or series
- *Cisco Content Security Virtual Appliance Installation Guide*
- *User Guide for AsyncOS for Cisco Email Security Appliances* (this book)
- *CLI Reference Guide for AsyncOS for Cisco Email Security Appliances*
- AsyncOS API for Cisco Email Security Appliances - Getting Started Guide

Documentation for all Cisco Content Security products is available from:

Documentation For Cisco Content Security Products	Location
Hardware and virtual appliances	See the applicable product in this table.
Cisco Email Security	http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/security/email-security-appliance/tsd-products-support-series-home.html
Cisco Web Security	http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/security/web-security-appliance/tsd-products-support-series-home.html
Cisco Content Security Management	http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/security/content-security-management-appliance/tsd-products-support-series-home.html
CLI reference guide for Cisco Content Security appliances	http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/security/email-security-appliance/products-command-reference-list.html
Cisco IronPort Encryption	http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/security/email-security-appliance/products-command-reference-list.html

Training

More information about training is available from:

- <http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/training-events/training-certifications/supplemental-training/email-and-web-security.html>
- <http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/training-events/training-certifications/overview.html>

Cisco Notification Service

Sign up to receive notifications relevant to your Cisco Content Security Appliances, such as Security Advisories, Field Notices, End of Sale and End of Support statements, and information about software updates and known issues.

You can specify options such as notification frequency and types of information to receive. You should sign up separately for notifications for each product that you use.

To sign up, visit <http://www.cisco.com/cisco/support/notifications.html>

A Cisco.com account is required. If you do not have one, see [Registering for a Cisco Account](#), on page 9.

Knowledge Base

Procedure

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- Step 1** Go to the main product page (<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/security/email-security-appliance/tsd-products-support-series-home.html>)
- Step 2** Look for links with **TechNotes** in the name.
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Cisco Support Community

The Cisco Support Community is an online forum for Cisco customers, partners, and employees. It provides a place to discuss general email and web security issues, as well as technical information about specific Cisco products. You can post topics to the forum to ask questions and share information with other Cisco users.

Access the Cisco Support Community on the Customer Support Portal at the following URLs:

- For email security and associated management:
<https://supportforums.cisco.com/community/5756/email-security>
- For web security and associated management:
<https://supportforums.cisco.com/community/5786/web-security>

Cisco Customer Support

Cisco TAC: <http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/web/tsd-cisco-worldwide-contacts.html>

Support site for legacy IronPort: <http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/services/acquisitions/ironport.html>

For non-critical issues, you can also access customer support from the appliance. For instructions, see the User Guide or online help.

Third Party Contributors

See Open Source licensing information for your release on this page:

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/security/email-security-appliance/products-release-notes-list.html> .

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https://support.ironport.com/3rdparty/AsyncOS_User_Guide-1-1.html.

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If you do not have a Cisco.com User ID, you can register for one here: <https://idreg.cloudapps.cisco.com/idreg/register.do>

Related Topics

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Cisco Email Security Appliance Overview

The AsyncOS™ operating system includes the following features:

- **Anti-Spam** at the gateway, through the unique, multi-layer approach of SenderBase Reputation Filters and Cisco Anti-Spam integration.
- **Anti-Virus** at the gateway with the Sophos and McAfee Anti-Virus scanning engines.
- **Outbreak Filters™**, Cisco's unique, preventive protection against new virus, scam, and phishing outbreaks that can quarantine dangerous messages until new updates are applied, reducing the window of vulnerability to new message threats.
- **Policy, Virus, and Outbreak Quarantines** provide a safe place to store suspect messages for evaluation by an administrator.
- **Spam Quarantine** either on-box or off, providing end user access to quarantined spam and suspected spam.
- **Email Authentication**. Cisco AsyncOS supports various forms of email authentication, including Sender Policy Framework (SPF), Sender ID Framework (SIDF), and DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM) verification of incoming mail, as well as DomainKeys and DKIM signing of outgoing mail.
- **Cisco Email Encryption**. You can encrypt outgoing mail to address HIPAA, GLBA and similar regulatory mandates. To do this, you configure an encryption policy on the appliance and use a local key server or hosted key service to encrypt the message.
- **Email Security Manager**, a single, comprehensive dashboard to manage all email security services and applications on the appliance. Email Security Manager can enforce email security based on user groups, allowing you to manage Cisco Reputation Filters, Outbreak Filters, Anti-Spam, Anti-Virus, and email content policies through distinct inbound and outbound policies.

- **On-box message tracking.** AsyncOS for Email includes an on-box message tracking feature that makes it easy to find the status of messages that the Eappliance processes.
- **Mail Flow Monitoring** of all inbound and outbound email that provides complete visibility into all email traffic for your enterprise.
- **Access control** for inbound senders, based upon the sender's IP address, IP address range, or domain.
- Extensive **message and content filtering** technology allows you to enforce corporate policy and act on specific messages as they enter or leave your corporate infrastructure. Filter rules identify messages based on message or attachment content, information about the network, message envelope, message headers, or message body. Filter actions allow messages to be dropped, bounced, archived, blind carbon copied, or altered, or to generate notifications.
- **Message encryption via secure SMTP over Transport Layer Security** ensures messages traveling between your corporate infrastructure and other trusted hosts are encrypted.
- **Virtual Gateway™** technology allows the appliance to function as several email gateways within a single server, which allows you to partition email from different sources or campaigns to be sent over separate IP addresses. This ensures that deliverability issues affecting one IP address do not impact others.
- **Protection against malicious attachments and links** in email messages, provided by multiple services.
- Use **Data Loss Prevention** to control and monitor the information that leaves your organization.

AsyncOS supports RFC 2821-compliant Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) to accept and deliver messages.

Most reporting, monitoring, and configuration commands are available through both the web-based GUI via HTTP or HTTPS. In addition, an interactive Command Line Interface (CLI) which you access from a Secure Shell (SSH) or direct serial connection is provided for the system.

You can also set up a Security Management appliance to consolidate reporting, tracking, and quarantine management for multiple Eappliances .

Related Topics

- [Supported Languages, on page 10](#)

Supported Languages

AsyncOS can display its GUI and CLI in any of the following languages:

- English
- French
- Spanish
- German
- Italian
- Korean
- Japanese
- Portuguese (Brazil)
- Chinese (traditional and simplified)
- Russian