



Cisco ISE-PIC Install and Upgrade Overview

This guide describes how to:

- Install and configure any of the Cisco ISE-PIC releases for the first time. Refer to [Install Cisco ISE-PIC](#).
- Upgrade from an older release to a newer release. Refer to [Upgrade Cisco ISE-PIC](#).

The rest of this chapter provides an overview of the ISE-PIC terminology and infrastructure. For additional information and detail about configuring and using ISE-PIC, refer to *Identity Services Engine Passive Identity Connector (ISE-PIC) Administrator Guide*.

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Cisco ISE-PIC Terminology

This guide uses the following terms when discussing Cisco ISE-PIC:

| Term | Definition |
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| GUI | Graphic user interface. GUI refers to any of the screens and tabs in the software installation of ISE-PIC. |
| NIC | Network interface card. |
| Node | An individual physical or virtual Cisco ISE-PIC appliance. |
| PAN | The main node in your ISE-PIC deployment is the primary administration node (PAN) and this is the node from which you can perform all available actions. In ISE-PIC, you can install up to two nodes. If you install the second node, it is referred to as the secondary administration node (secondary PAN). |

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| Parser | The ISE-PIC backend component that receives syslog messages and breaks that input up into parts that can then be managed, mapped and published to ISE-PIC. The parser goes through each line of information of a syslog message as it arrives, looking for key information. For example, if a parser is configured to look for “mac=”, the parser then parses each line while looking for that phrase. The parser is set up to then communicate the defined information to ISE once it has found the key phrase that was configured. |
| Primary node | The main node in your ISE-PIC deployment is the primary administration node (PAN) and this is the node from which you can perform all available actions. In ISE-PIC, you can install up to two nodes. If you install the second node, it is referred to as the secondary administration node (secondary PAN). |
| Probe | Probes are mechanisms that collect data from a given source. Probe is a generic term that describes any mechanism, but does not specifically describe how the data is collected or what is collected. For example, an Active Directory (AD) probe helps ISE-PIC collect data from AD while a syslog probe collects data from a parser that reads syslog messages. |
| Provider | Clients or sources from which ISE-PIC receives, maps and publishes user identity information. |
| Secondary node | The main node in your ISE-PIC deployment is the primary administration node (PAN) and this is the node from which you can perform all available actions. In ISE-PIC, you can install up to two nodes. If you install the second node, it is referred to as the secondary administration node (secondary PAN). |
| Subscriber | Systems that subscribe to the ISE-PIC services in order to receive user identity information. |

Cisco ISE-PIC Architecture, Deployments, and Nodes

Cisco ISE-PIC architecture includes the following components:

- Nodes—in a Cisco ISE-PIC deployment, up to two nodes can be configured as described below
- Network resources
- Endpoints

A deployment that has a single Cisco ISE-PIC node is called a *standalone deployment*.

A deployment that has two Cisco ISE-PIC nodes is called a *high availability deployment*, where one node functions as the primary appliance (the primary administration node, or the PAN). A high availability deployment improves service availability.

The PAN provides all the configuration capabilities that are required for this network model, and the secondary Cisco ISE node (the secondary PAN) functions in a backup role. The secondary node supports the primary node and resumes functionality whenever connectivity is lost with the primary node.

Cisco ISE-PIC synchronizes or replicates all of the content that resides on the primary Cisco ISE-PIC node with the secondary Cisco ISE-PIC node in order to ensure that your secondary node is current with the state of your primary node (and therefore can be used as a backup).

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For information about deployment and scaling, see [ISE Deployment Journey](#).

Prerequisites and Virtual Appliance Requirements

ISE-PIC supports only virtual machines. Virtual machines should be based on the Cisco SNS 3500 or 3600 series appliance specifications.

For SNS-3500 series appliances, see [Cisco SNS-3500 Series Appliance Hardware Installation Guide](#).

For SNS-3600 series appliances, see [Cisco SNS-3600 Series Appliance Hardware Installation Guide](#).

Additional prerequisites and system requirements for installation of Cisco ISE-PIC are as outlined in the following table.

Table 1: Virtual Appliance Requirements and Prerequisites

| Type | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| Virtual Appliance | <p>Virtual machine requirements, prerequisites, and associated procedures for Cisco ISE-PIC node are same as that of normal Cisco ISE node.</p> <p>Cisco ISE-PIC supports Small, Medium, and Large deployment models similar to Cisco ISE. To achieve optimal performance, ensure that you assign the equivalent resource reservations when you manually install Cisco ISE-PIC using the ISO image.</p> <p>Cisco ISE-PIC can be installed on the following virtual platforms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VMware virtual machine • Linux KVM • Microsoft Hyper-V <p>For more information about the virtual machine requirements, see Cisco Identity Services Engine Installation Guide.</p> <p>It is essential that you follow the prerequisite configuration and setup procedures outlined in the Cisco Identity Services Engine Installation Guide to ensure proper installation of ISE or ISE-PIC.</p> |

| Type | Description |
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| Software | There are no special operating system or software requirements. The ISO images for ISE-PIC include all necessary software items. |

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