

Cisco Secure Client

Technical Deep Dive

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Abstract

- We have all heard the complaints or did the complaining ourselves: "Cisco has too many agents". Come learn from Bill Yazji, while he shows you that Cisco has listened to the complaints and delivered a unified security agent called Cisco Secure Client.
- Cisco Secure Client (CSC) provides a modular framework allowing for AnyConnect VPN, Cisco Secure Endpoint (formerly AMP for Endpoints), Network Visibility Module, Umbrella Cloud Security, ISE Posture, Secure Firewall Posture (formerly Hostscan) and the Network Access Module (NAM) to all exist together; with a modern cloud-based management coming from Cisco XDR connected intimately with XDR device insights.
- In this session, we will dive into the technology behind the Secure Client, how things really work and how they do not. We will cover deployments models from the cloud and using your own software deployment mechanisms. We will learn all about the seamless upgrade flows from existing AnyConnect and Secure Endpoint (AMP) agents. We will talk about scenarios where it makes sense to upgrade to CSC and scenarios where it truly benefits you to stay with the existing AnyConnect and Secure Endpoint (AMP) agents at least for now.



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- Technical Security Solutions Architect
- Over 14 years with Cisco and nearly 25 years of security, cloud and networking experience
- Global lead for Secure Client Technical Advisory Group
- Prior to Cisco...
 - Cisco competitor in Web Security space
 - · Network and Security Consultant on the customer side
 - · Large design, deployment, integration and troubleshooting focus









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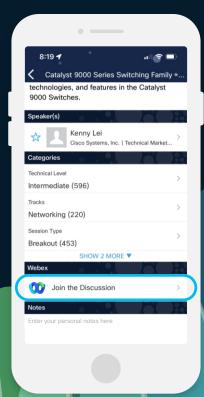
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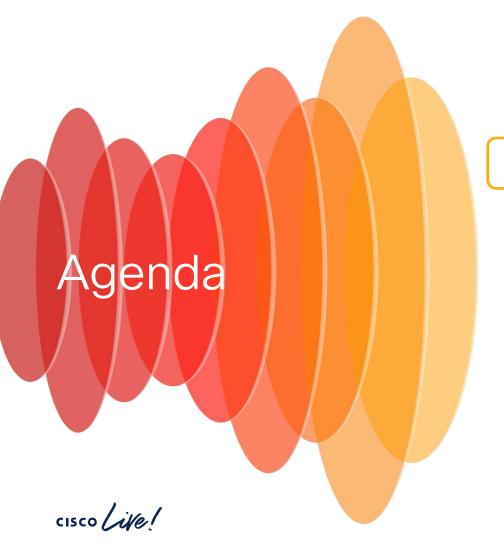


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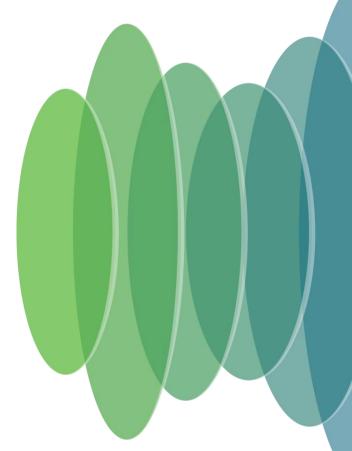


- CSC Overview
- CSC Architecture
- Deploying / Managing from Cloud
- Upgrading to CSC
- FAQs and Nuggets

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"I want to install & support another agent on my end user workstations"

- No one, ever...

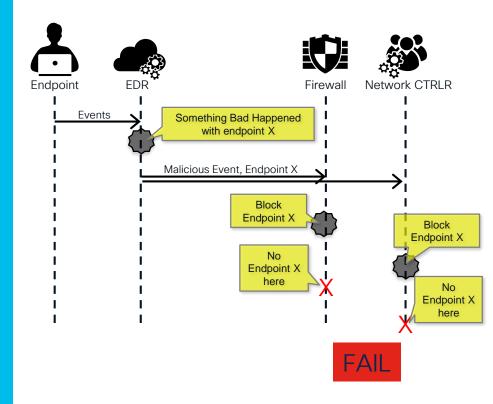


Why build a unified security agent?

- Our customers have identified operational challenges with deploying multiple endpoint agents (e.g., AnyConnect, AMP4E, Orbital, Umbrella, Duo, Tetration, Meraki SM, Thousand Eyes, etc.)
- These operational challenges limit ability to deploy and consume various endpoint security functions
- Delivering a unified endpoint agent addresses a key customer operational pain point and meets customer demand

But also...

- SIEM & SOAR are guilty as well
- Each product views endpoint in its own way.
 - GUID (specific to product)
 - IP Address (ephemeral & changes all the time)
 - MAC Address (ephemeral, private, unavailable, duplicative)
 - Hostnames, serial number, more more more...
- Making the products work together is a challenge



We need a common endpoint "object"



We are doing two things about this

1. Cisco Secure Client

 Bringing together Cisco Security tools in a single managed package

2. Device Insights

 Normalizes, De-duplicates and correlates to create a common endpoint object from integrated sources





Shameless plug...

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Distinguished Engineer

Making XDR Investigations and SOAR Automation Work by Unifying Assets

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Our current endpoint security offering is confusing

	Windows	macOS	Android	iOS	Linux
RA VPN Connectivity	AnyConnect / DuoConnect	AnyConnect / DuoConnect	AnyConnect	AnyConnect	AnyConnect / DuoConnect
Malware Protection / EDR	AMP4E / Tetration Agent	AMP4E	AMP4E	-	AMP4E / Tetration Agent
Visibility / Telemetry	AnyConnnect NVM / Tetration Agent / 1KEyes	AnyConnnect NVM / Tetration Agent / 1KEyes	AnyConnnect NVM (Knox)	Cisco Security Connector (CSC)	AnyConnnect NVM / Tetration Agent / 1KEyes
Posture	AnyConnnect / Duo Health	AnyConnnect / Duo Health	Duo (limited)	Duo (limited)	AnyConnect (ASA) not ISE
Umbrella (DNS)	ERC / AnyConnect	ERC / AnyConnect	AnyConnect	Cisco Security Connector (CSC)	-
Umbrella (SWG)	AnyConnect	AnyConnect	-	-	-



Some basics/history









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 - Configurable UI
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We used to go around the world stating:





End of Life Announcement

AnyConnect 4.x

- Software maintenance for 4.x software releases ended March 31, 2024.
 No patches or maintenance releases will be provided for AnyConnect 4.x releases after this date.
- Application software support will not be available beyond March 31, 2027.
- Software maintenance and application software support requires an active term license or active service contract for perpetual licenses. After these dates, all support services for the product are unavailable and the product becomes obsolete.
- https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/security/anyconnect-secure-mobility-client-v4x-eol.html

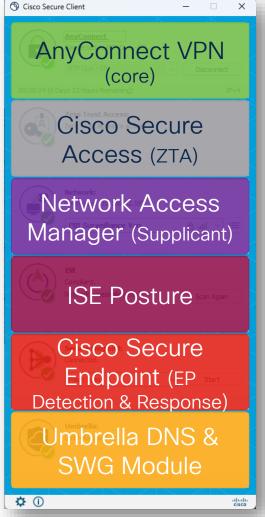


Cisco Secure Client

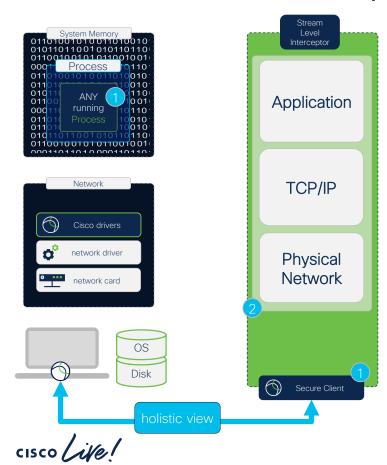
Suite of security service modules

- Modules with UI Tile
- Plus modules with no UI Tile:
 - Cloud Management Module
 - Secure Firewall Posture (aka: HostScan)
 - Network Visibility Module (NVM)
 - Thousand Eyes
 - Diagnostics and Reporting Tool (DART)



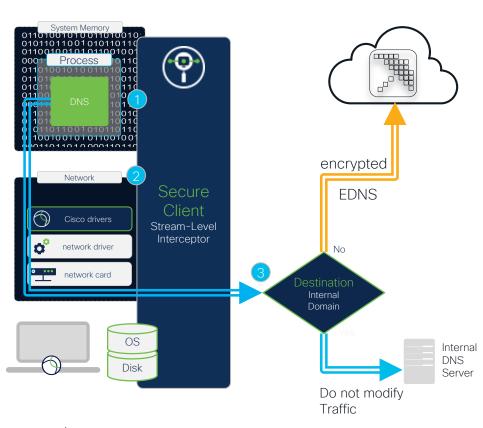


Stream Level Interceptor



- ► The Stream Level Interceptor included in Secure Client enables a full holistic, pre-encrypted view on the endpoint network activity
- ➤ This core function from Cisco Secure Client makes the solution so powerful
- It enables other modules like the Umbrella Module or/and NVM to work
- This holistic view examines & manipulates information for any network communication
 - from the running application
 - to the physical network layer

Stream Level Interceptor



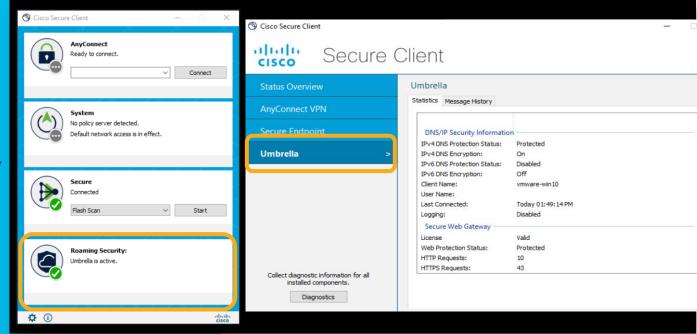
- Umbrella (DNS) Example:
 - DNS Request Sent Down the Stack:
 - 2 DNS identified in the stream
 - From Chrome
 - User was Lee (employee)
 - 3 Destination checked against Umbrella Policy
 - Internal Domain Leave untouched
 - External Domain Modify the DNS Traffic
 - Wrap request in EDNS
 - Insert Identity Data for Umbrella
 - Encrypt
 - Ship it off to the Umbrella Resolver



Umbrella

Same Umbrella Roaming from AnyConnect:

- Umbrella DNS
- Secure Web Gateway

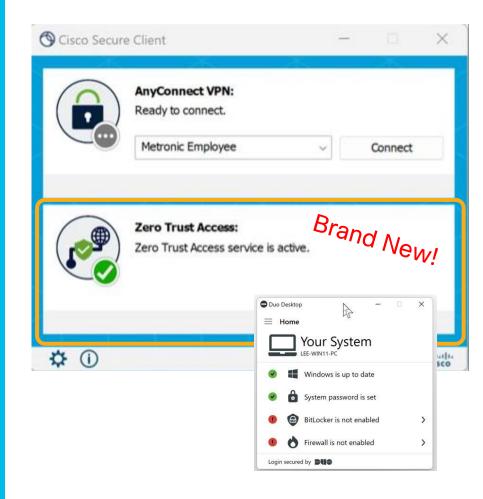




ZTA Module

For Cisco "Secure Access"

- Brand-New Module dedicated for Cisco Secure Access
- Side-loads the Duo Desktop
 - (formerly Duo Health Agent)
- Uses MASQUE + QUIC for seamless transport

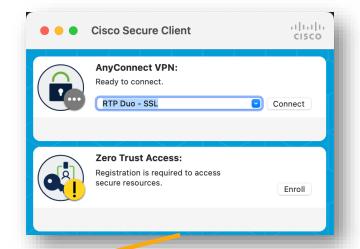


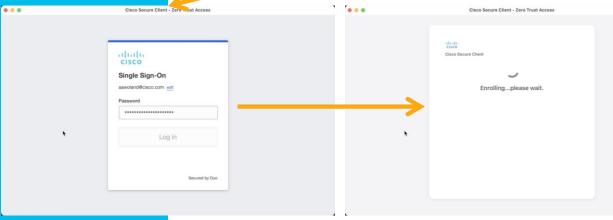
ZTA Module

For Cisco "Secure Access"

Simply login, and it gets all the config

 Currently not in Cloud Management, but coming soon





Cisco Zero Trust Access Options

	Secure Firewall	Cisco Secure Access
Hosting	Hardware or VM	
Type	Clientless	
Client	Web Browser	
Supported Traffic	Client-to-server	
Supported Apps	HTTPS	
Client Protocol(s)	TLS	
Device Posture	None (Use Duo)	
Per-App Controls	TLS Decrypt, IPS, Anti-Malware	



New Cisco Zero Trust Access Options

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Type	Clientless	Clientless Client-Based		-Based	
Client	Web Browser	Web Browser	ZTA Module OS Native Clients	VPN Module	
Supported Traffic	Client-to-server	Client-to-server	Client-to-server	Client-to-server, Client-to-client, Server-to-client	
Supported Apps	HTTPS	HTTP, HTTPS	TCP & UDP	TCP, UDP & ICMP	
Client Protocol(s)	TLS	TLS	MASQUE over QUIC or TLS	TLS, DTLS, IPSec	
Device Posture	None (Use Duo)	Per-Rule	Per-Rule	On Connect	
Per-App Controls	TLS Decrypt, IPS, Anti-Malware	User/Group-Based Access Control, TLS Decrypt, IPS			



...we pause for another plug



Steven Chimes Security Architect

(ZTNA) Demystified - What It Is, Why You Need It and the New Cisco Technologies That Make Frictionless Security Possible



Neil Patel Product Manager

The Latest In Secure Access (SSE) Innovation



Jonny Noble
Technical Marketing

Cisco Secure Access: Stepping
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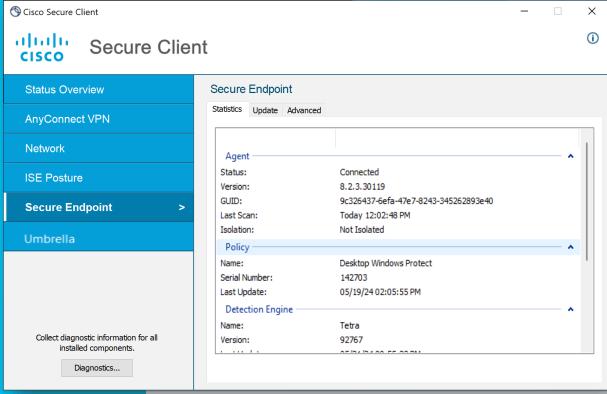


Secure Endpoint

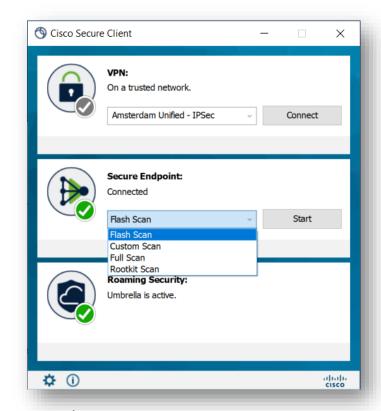
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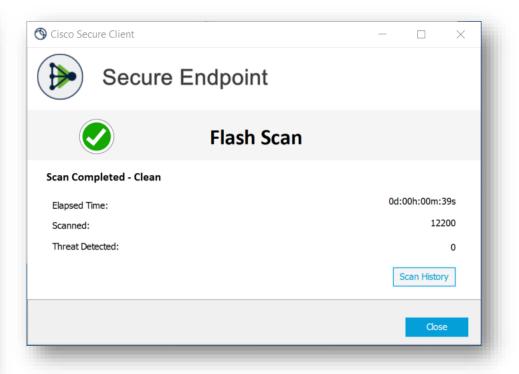
 Follows the AnyConnect UI Framework

All the important status information from the old UI



More Secure Endpoint UI

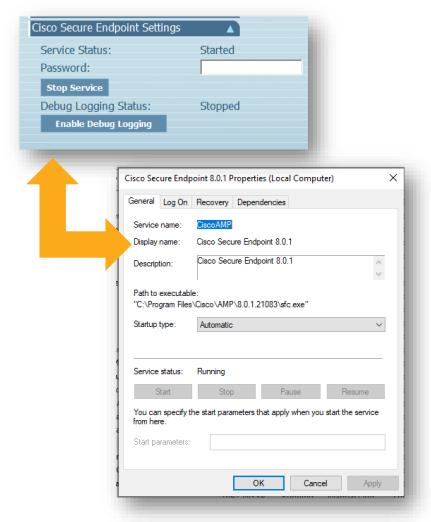






More Secure Endpoint UI

- Removed the ability to control the service from the UI when the connector is protected mode.
 - For security reasons
 - CLI only



ThousandEyes

- What is it?
 - End to end monitoring of connection statistics
- No UI Tile, No Cloud or Web Deployment.
- Windows & Mac Secure Client

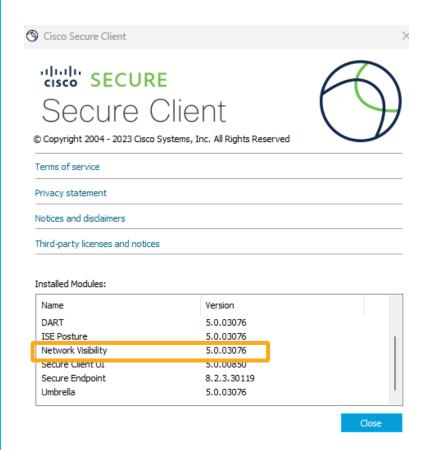


https://docs.thousandeyes.com/product-documentation/global-vantage-points/endpoint-agents/secure-client-integration



Network Visibility Module (NVM)

- Network & Endpoint Visibility
 - Creates a flow record of every connection from endpoint
 - User/Process/Machine Information
- No UI Tile
- Can send to Cloud or On-Prem not both (today)
 - Cloud profile defaults to XDR





TL;DR



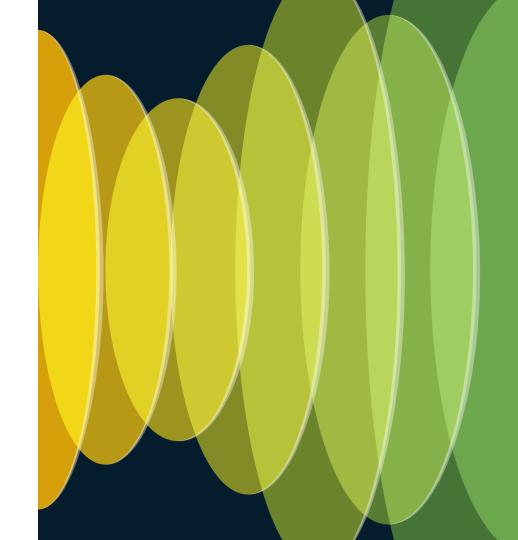


- AnyConnect is now Secure Client
- CSC = Cisco Secure Client
- Yes, you can still do it.
- You can do a whole lot more.
- We've added Cloud Management



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The Architecture



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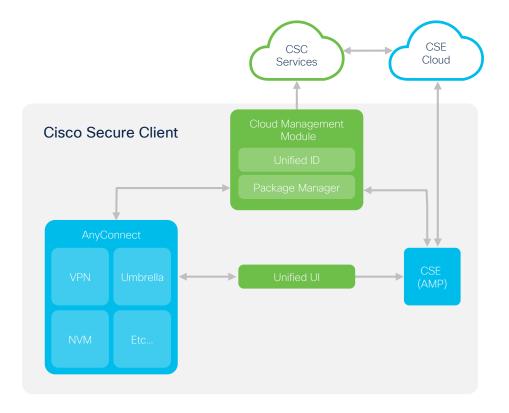
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Architectural Overview

Existing components that are not fundamentally changing

New components

Components that form the Cisco Secure Client

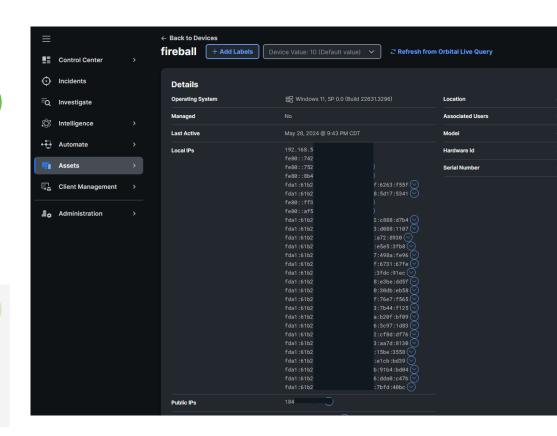




Unified ID - Device Insights

- AnyConnect Identifier (ACID)
- Secure Endpoint / Orbital UID
- Umbrella Origin ID
- Hardware & Software Attributes
- Globally Unique Cloud Identifier
- Maintains on reinstall, etc

- Check-in to cloud
- Looks for new manifest
- Installs based on cloud detail/configuration/update windows





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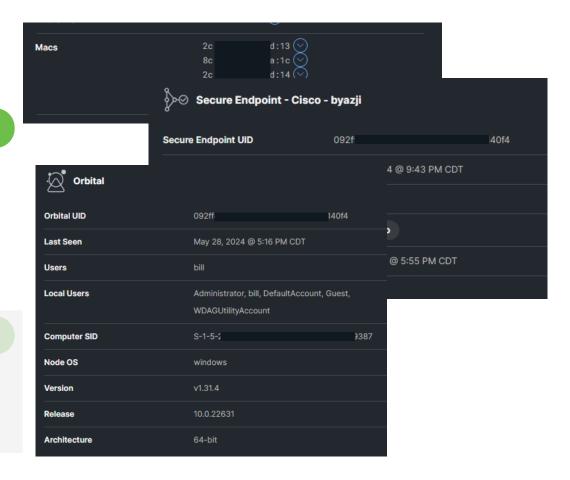
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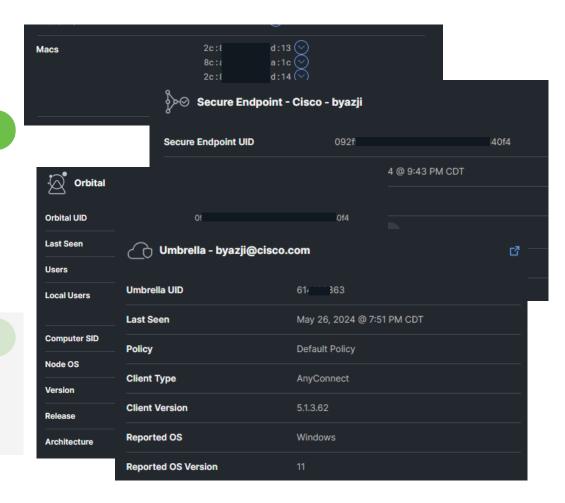




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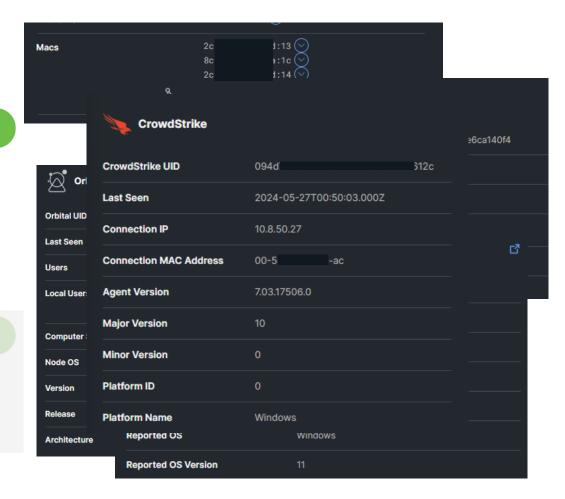




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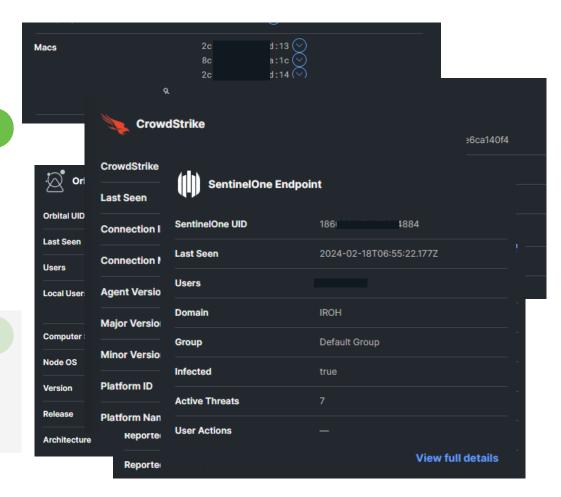




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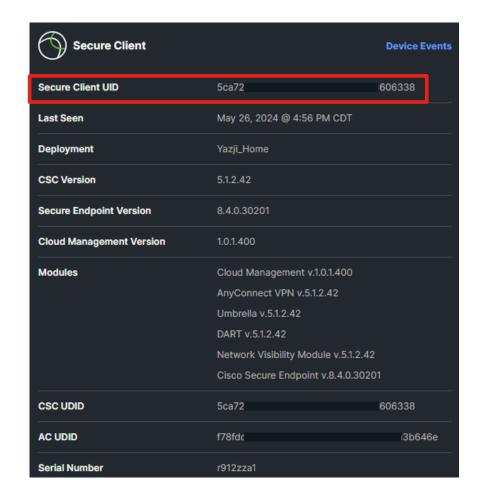




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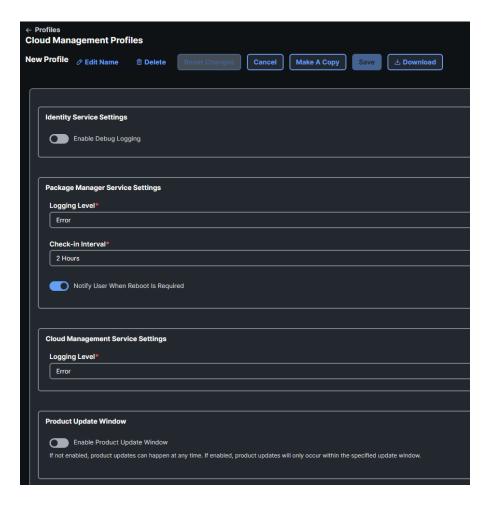
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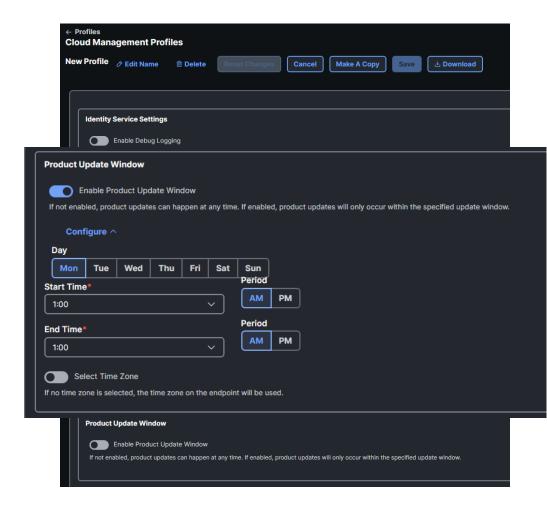




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Package Manager

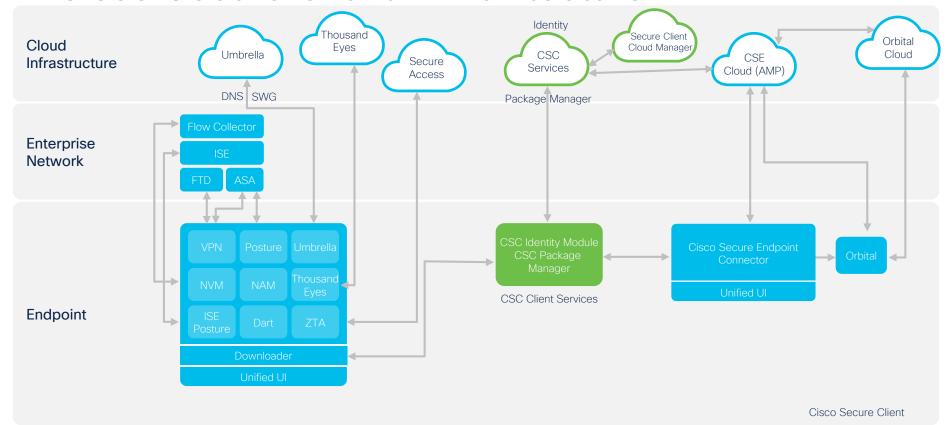
- Check-in timer to cloud
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- **Update Window Configuration**
 - Leveraged for Installation Window for Network Installer & Module updates
 - If CM checks in with the cloud within that time window, the updates will be pushed to the endpoint
 - CM has no idea what this window is, it's all controlled at the cloud



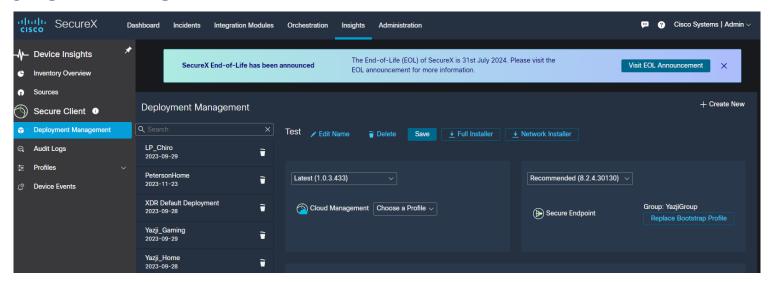


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Cisco Secure Client - Architecture



SecureX Who?



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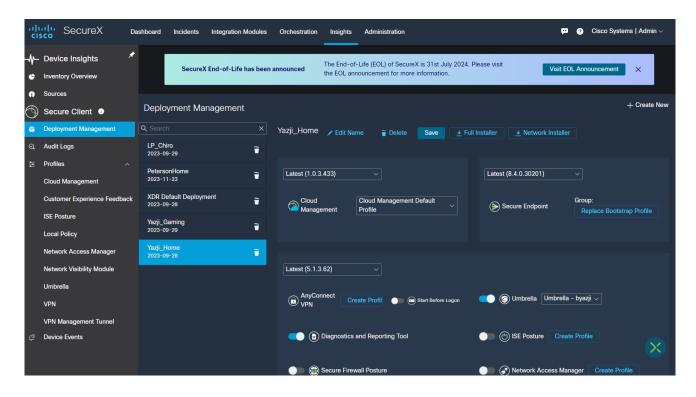
Wait, it's in XDR too?



- UI leverages a Micro-FrontEnd (MFE) Architecture
- UI components may run from any service & be part of a single UI Experience

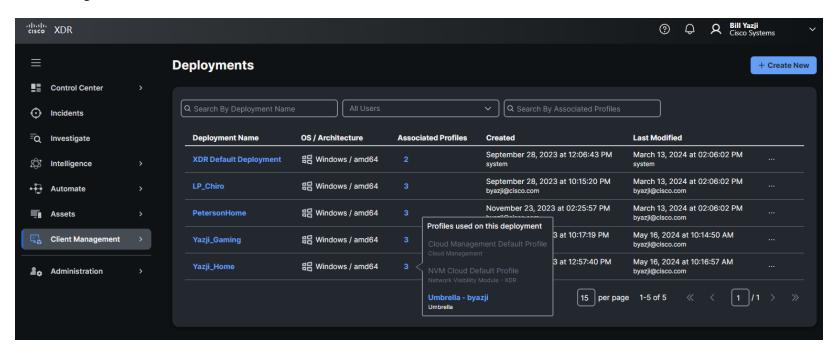


Today - in SecureX



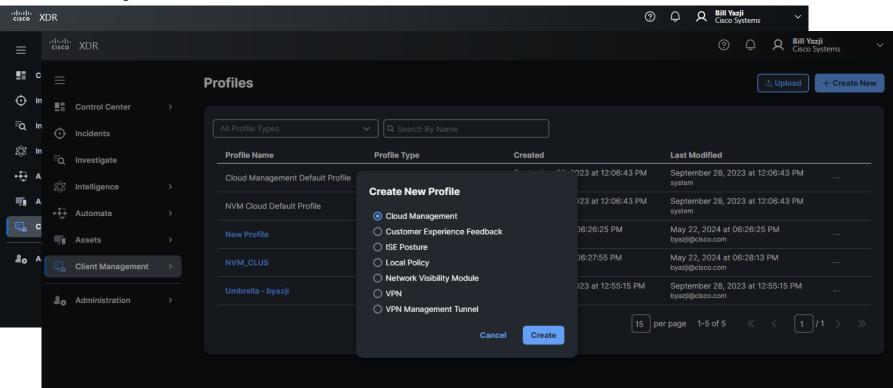


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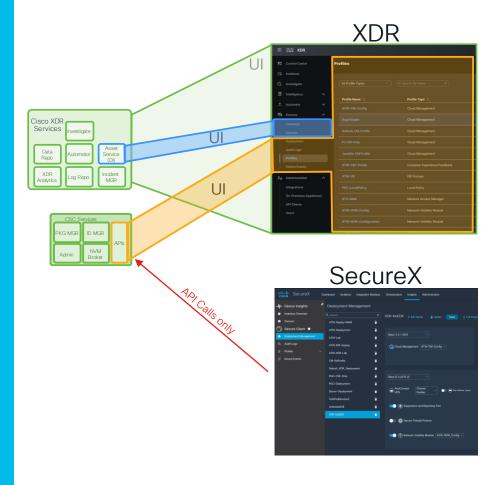
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CSC Management

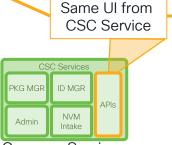
- For NON-XDR users
 - Exists *today* in SecureX
 - Secure Access Customers are redirected to SecureX / XDR for CSC Management today.
 - Micro-FrontEnd (MFE) UI
 Architecture will enable the
 CSC management to be pulled into other front-ends in future.



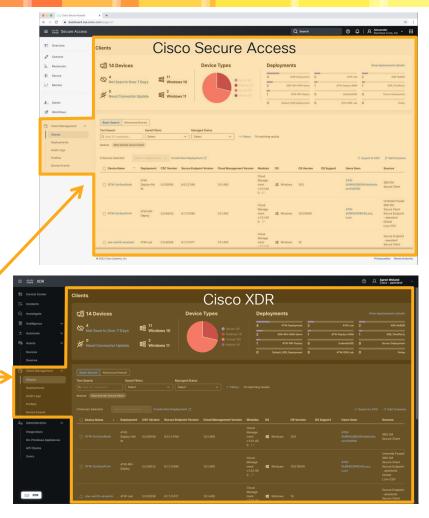
Micro Front End Potential







Common Services



I want this... how do I get it?

(..and I don't have XDR)

- Yes, you need SecureX today.
- Yes, SecureX is EOL.
- Yes, after EOL you'll still have Cloud Management access.
- Yes, it will have a new name.
- Yes, it will ultimately move to Cisco Security Cloud, and you'll have an entitlement.



Open a TAC Case

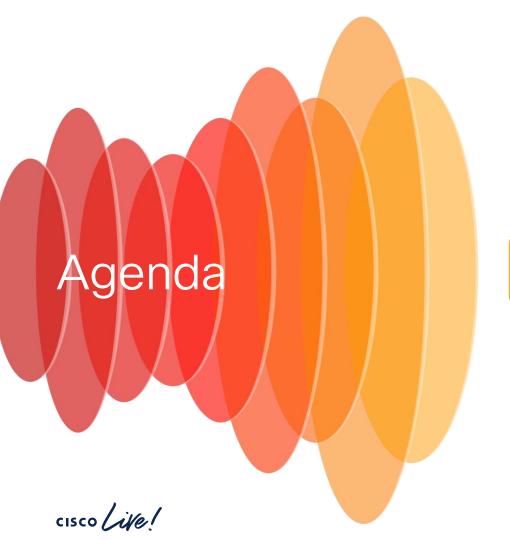


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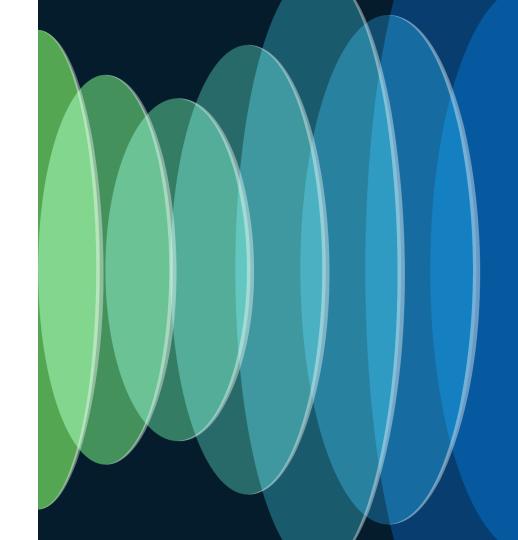
Request a SecureX tenant be provisioned for Cloud Management of CSC





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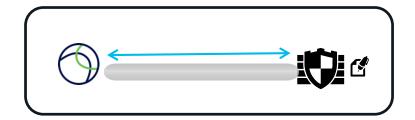
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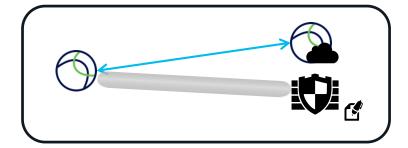


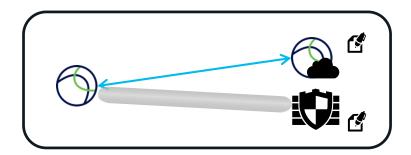
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Deployment Models

- No Cloud Management
- Cloud Registration no Package Management
- Cloud Registration –
 Full Management

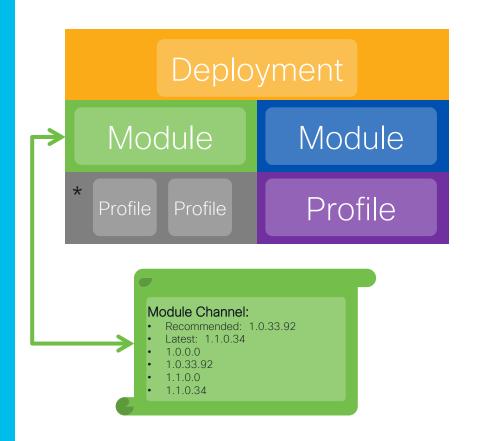


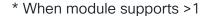




Glossary

- New & Old Terminology
 - Module: Software component that provides client-side of a security service
 - Profile: Configuration for a module
 - Version: Software version
 - Channel: Cisco assigned versions
 - Deployment: Binds together modules, versions and profiles to create packages

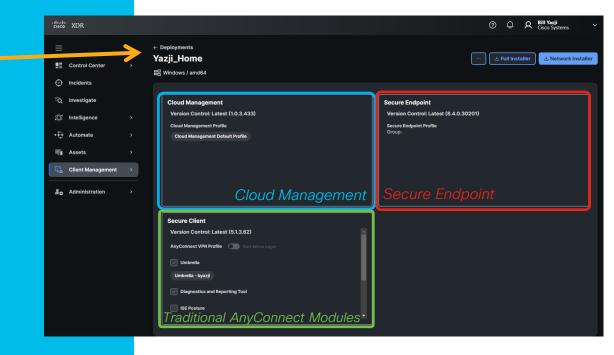




Managed from XDR or SecureX UI

Deployments

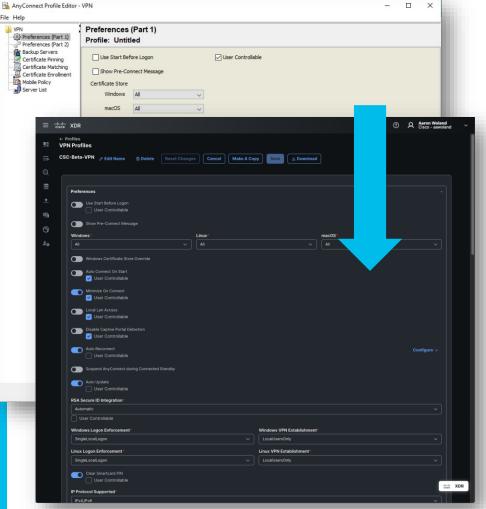
- The glue of all the profiles
- "Groups" are coming in future version & can assign entire groups to a Deployment
- Builds the installer dynamically





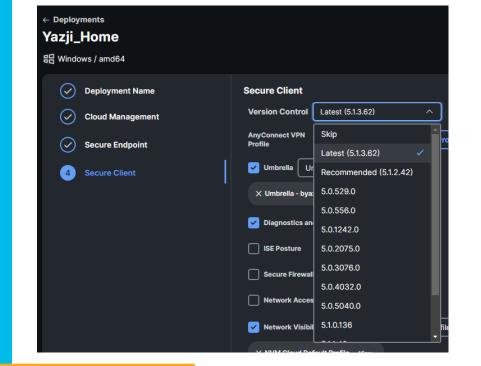
Managed from XDR / SecureX UI

- Profiles
 - Each module has a profile for its "configuration"
 - Used to be standalone Windows-only configuration tool



Version Catalogs

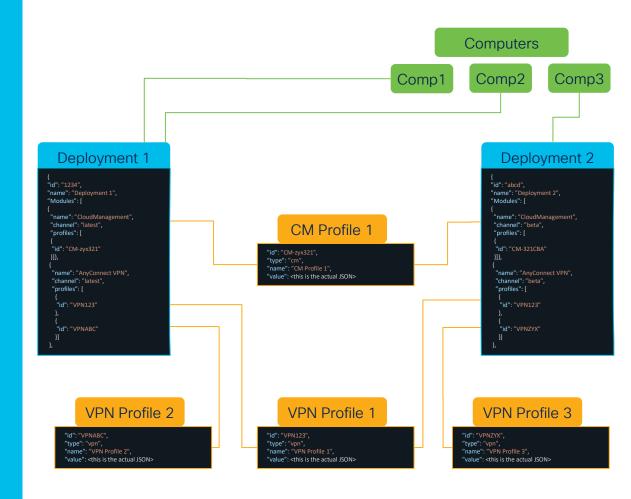
- For Each Deployment:
 - Specify which channel you want the software to update from:
 - Hard-Code the specific version (version lock)
 - Skip (never upgrade version)
 - Recommended Auto Upgraded whenever Cisco
 - Latest publishes a new version to channel
 - Allows you to have an "early testers" set of endpoints, etc..



Deployment Hierarchy

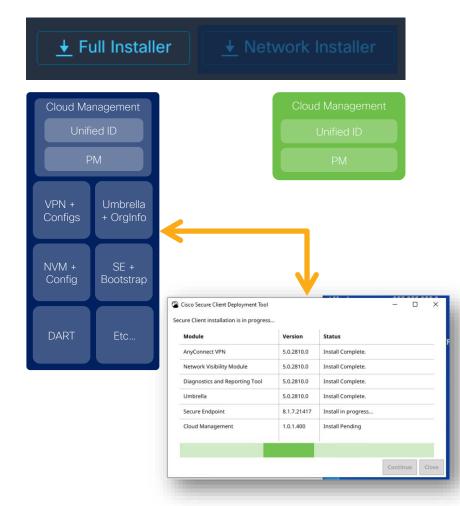
- Computers assigned to 1 Deployment at a time!
- Able to move computers to different Deployments
- Deployment ties together:
 - Chosen Modules
 - Module Software Versions
 - Software "Channel" for updates / versions
 - Profiles (Module Configs)
 - Each Profile maybe in up to 45 Deployments (increasing in future)
- Installers are created dynamically based on the Deployment

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Installing CSC

- Full Installer:
 - All selected Modules & their configurations.



Full Installer from Deployment

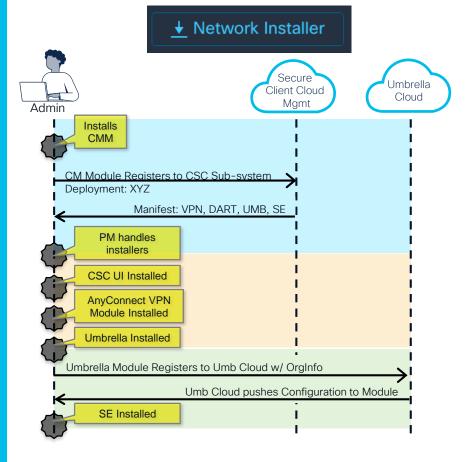
- Contains packages for modules + profiles
- Places the profiles in the correct place
- Renames profile from the friendly name in cloud management to the required name (if applicable)





Network Installer

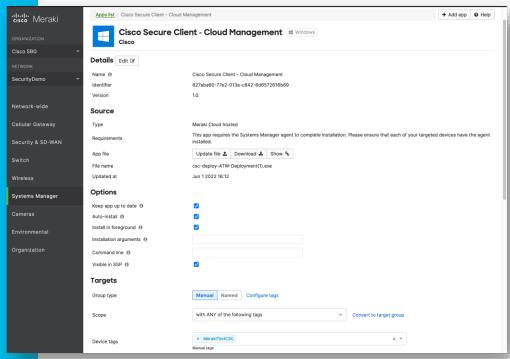
- Lightweight installer
 - Installs the Cloud Management Module with its config only & Cloud Diagnostic tool
 - Package Manager pulls the manifest from deployment and installs each module and configuration.





Installing CSC -MDM

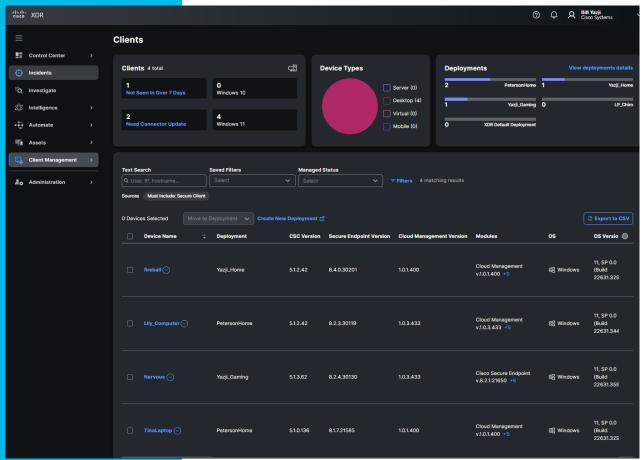
- Either Full or Network Installer
 - Using a Device Manager
 - Using your own endpoint software manager
 - However your company normally pushes software





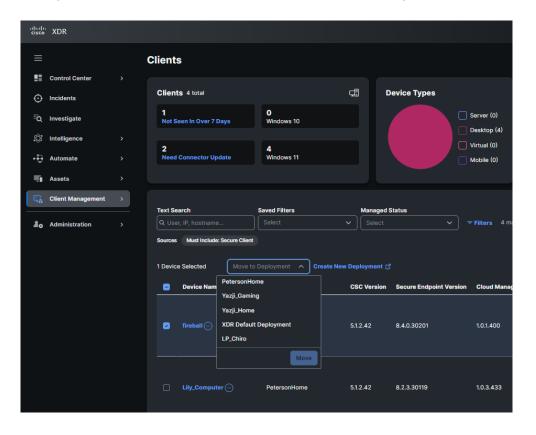
Client Management

- Clients
 - Device Names
 - Deployments
 - Versioning
 - Audit Logs
 - Device Events





Moving Deployments - Admin Only

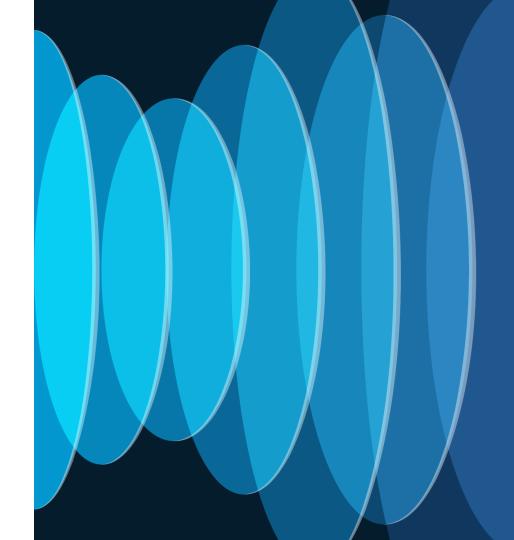




Moving endpoints between deployments

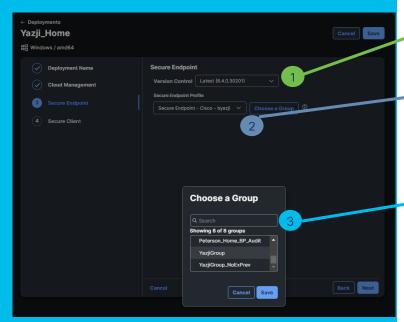
- The UI tells the cloud backend that the "desired deployment" is XYZ.
 - The move will not happen until the endpoint checks in with the cloud again.
 - But the UI may show that it is already in that target deployment.

Deployments w/ Secure Endpoint and Orbital



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Configuring Secure Endpoint



The bootstrap file configures new installs of SE to join that Secure Endpoint org and that group Select Desired SE Version

Select your SE Organization

There can be more than one

Choose the SE Group

All endpoints who install the module via this deployment, will be assigned to this group, when the CSE module registers with the CSE cloud.

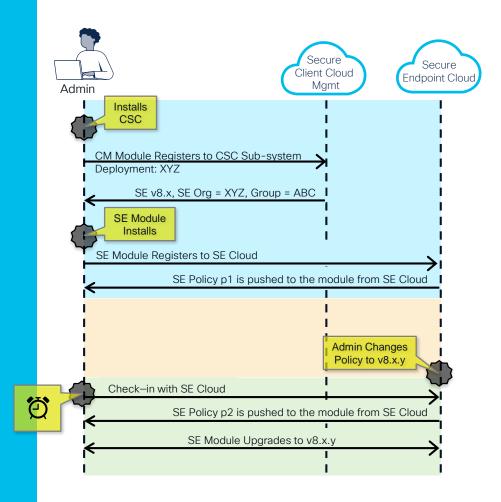




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Bootstrap?

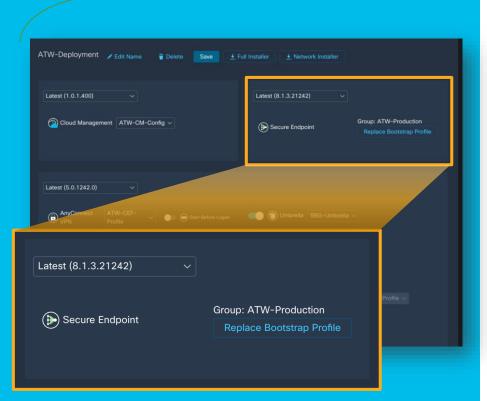
- Secure Client config is just to get the SE module to install & register to SE Cloud.
 - Then: ALL group & policy control of the SE module comes from SE Cloud.
 - SE group changes, software updates, etc...
 - Cloud Management can still update software versions through deployment.

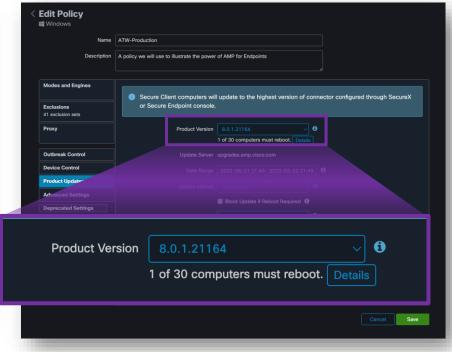




SE Version Updates

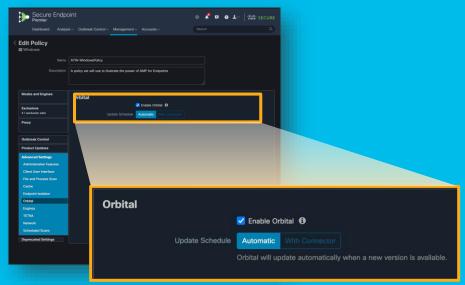
Highest Version Wins!

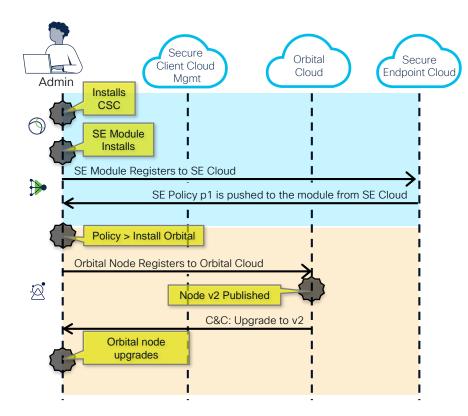




Deploying Orbital

- Orbital is still controlled by Secure Endpoint
 - Updates with SE Connector or
 - When published on Orbital Cloud

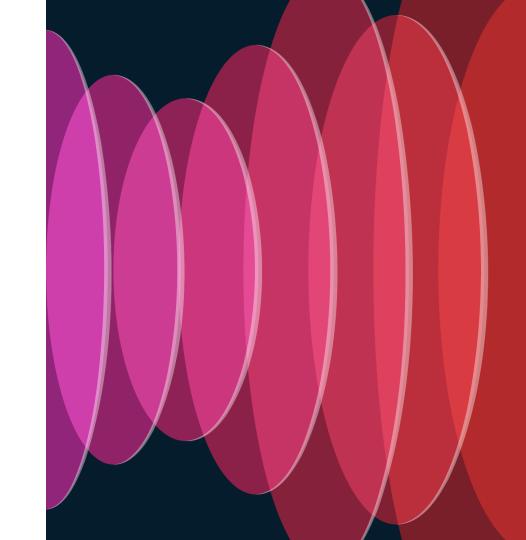






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Upgrading



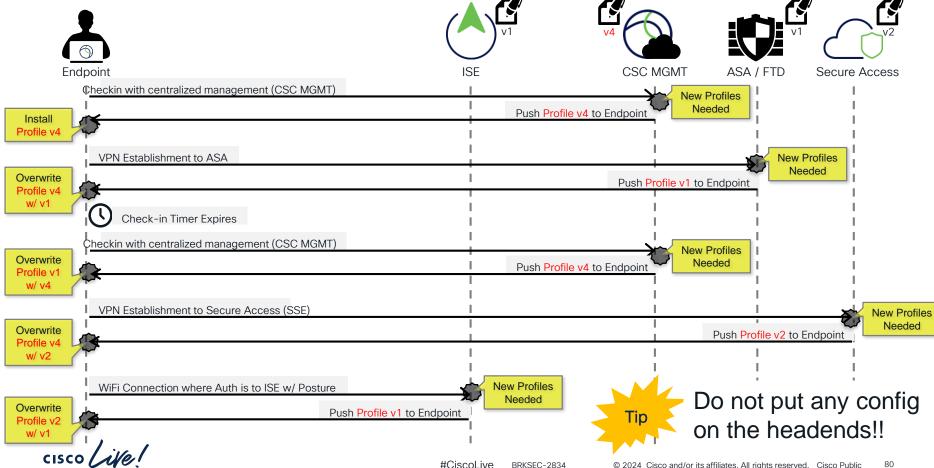
Upgrading

- Cisco Secure Client WILL uninstall the old versions when it is installed.
 - Cloud Install from AMP
 - Inline upgrade from AnyConnect

Overwriting from other Headends

- Scenario: mismatched profiles
 - CSC deployment in SecureX has a Profile v2
 - ASA group policy pushes Profile v1
 - Upon connecting to the ASA Headend, the Profile will be replaced with v1.
 - CSC Cloud Management update occurs (say 2 hours later), it will replace v1 w/ v2.
 - This cycle will continue until the ASA and CSC deployment in SecureX are aligned.
- Tip: Do not put any config on the headends!!

The Epic Struggle of Competing Control Points



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Details on Profile Merges

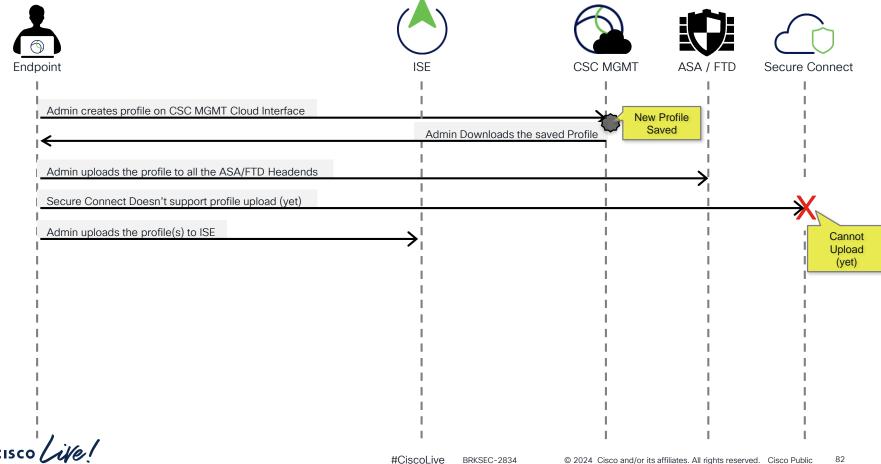
- If filenames match: ASA will overwrite the profile
- If filenames don't match: both profiles will be detected by VPN and behavior might be a little wonky... Some settings get merged from all detected profiles

 Recommendation: load the SecureX Profile immediately on the ASA with same Filename

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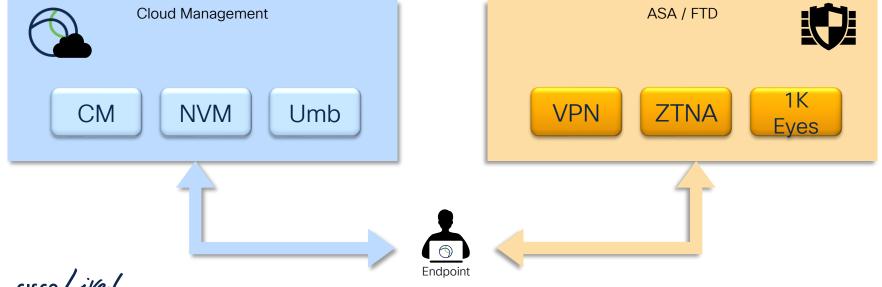


Download and Push to Head-ends

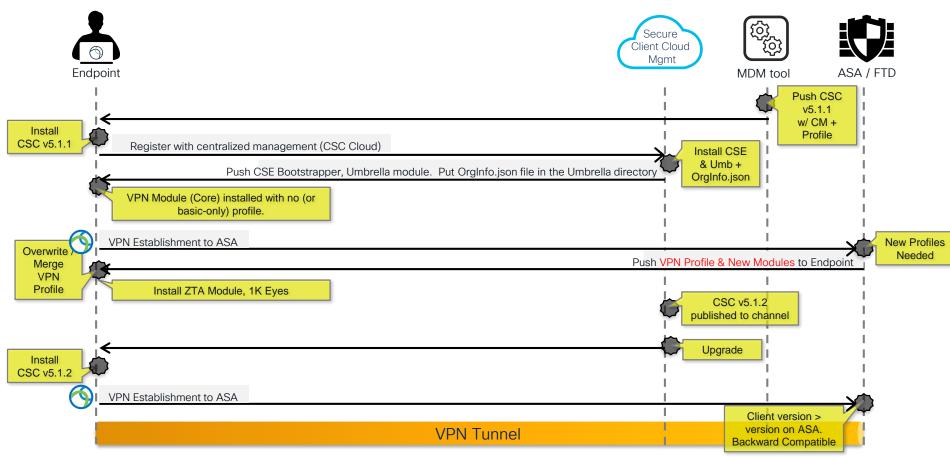


Hybrid (Headend & Cloud)

- Cloud management <u>does not</u> have to manage all modules
- Cloud Management <u>can not</u> manage all modules (yet...)
 - The profiles (configs) can come from either place
 - Recommended to not host the same module profiles in multiple locations

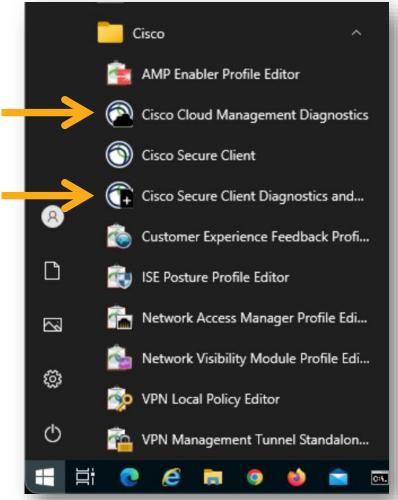


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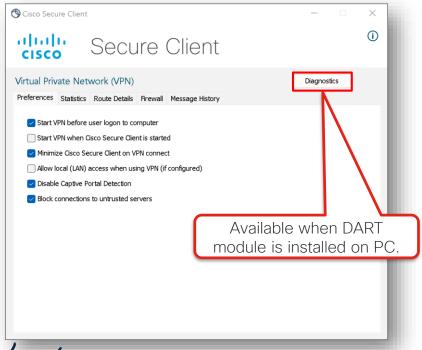
DART & CM Diagnostics

- "Dart or it Didn't Happen"
- DART is still the perfect endpoint troubleshooting bundling tool.
- Only available when you install it.
 - What about for troubleshooting Cloud Management only?



The DART "Bundle"

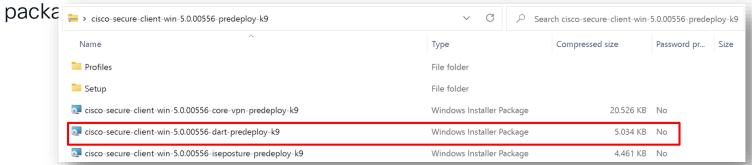
• DART is the Secure Client tool to collect data for troubleshooting installation and connection problems.



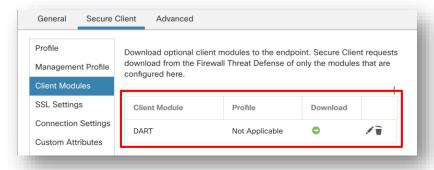


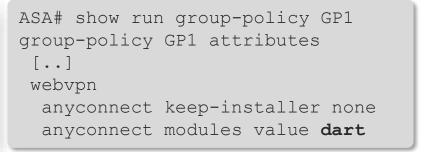
DART Module Installation

The DART can be installed manually using the msi file included in the the pre-deploy



Another option is enabling DART module configuration under the Group Policy:

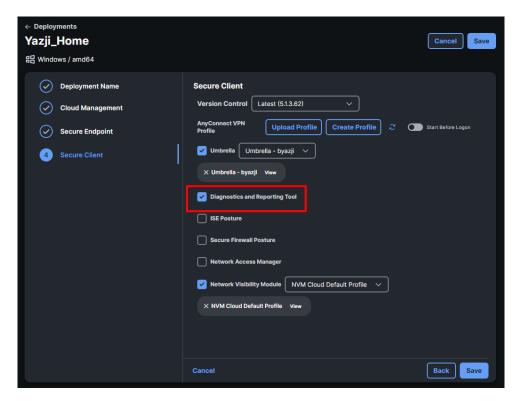






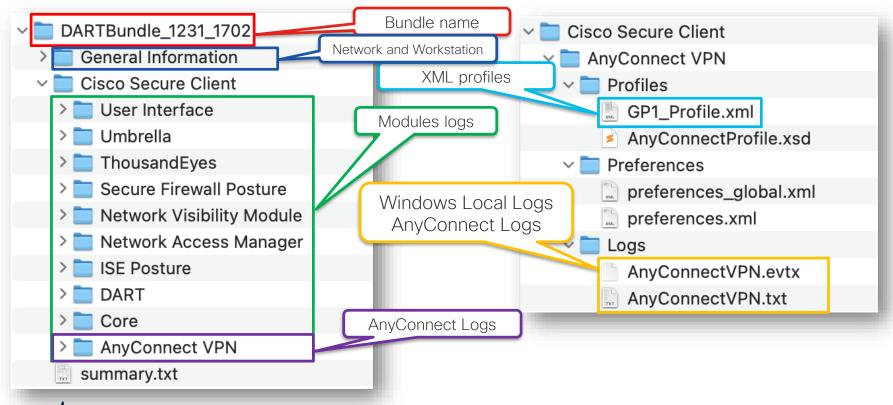
DART Module Installation

Enabled in Cloud Management



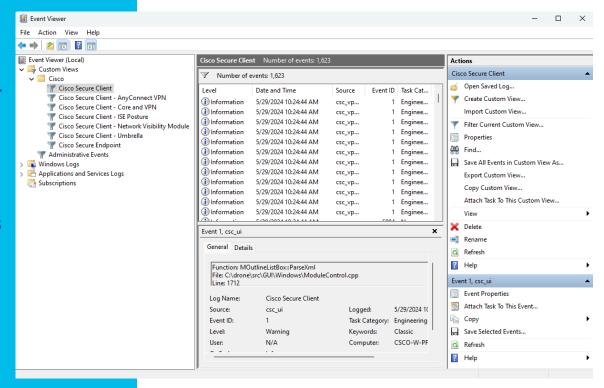


Reviewing DART Bundle Content



Secure Client Events / Logs

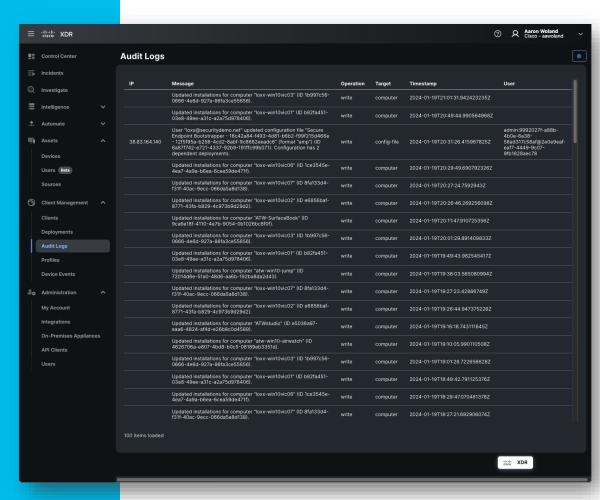
- All client-side logs for CSC are in the Windows Event Log
 - Secure Endpoint
 - All Secure Client Modules





Audit Logging

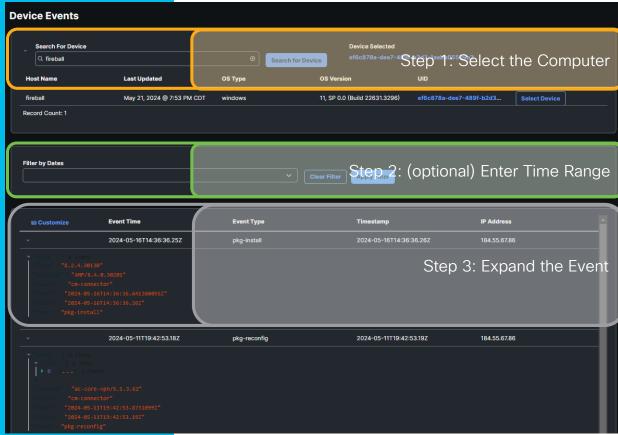
- An audit trail for all activity related to the management of CSC.
 - Deployment Updates
 - Profile Uploads / Creations
 - Deletions
 - Etc.

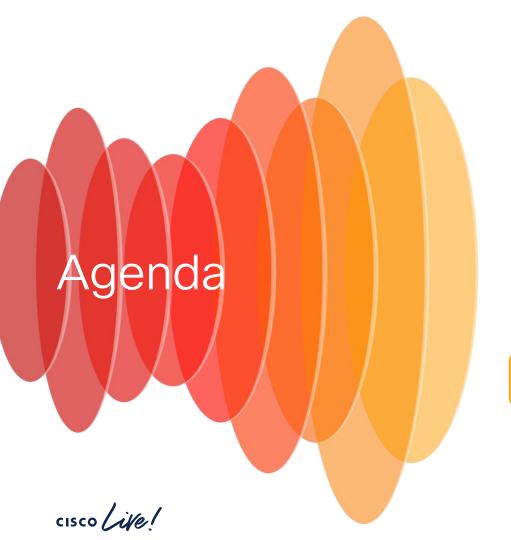




Device Event Logging

- Events where client interacts with cloud:
 - Installations
 - Failures
 - Cloud Related errors
- NOT local logs from device





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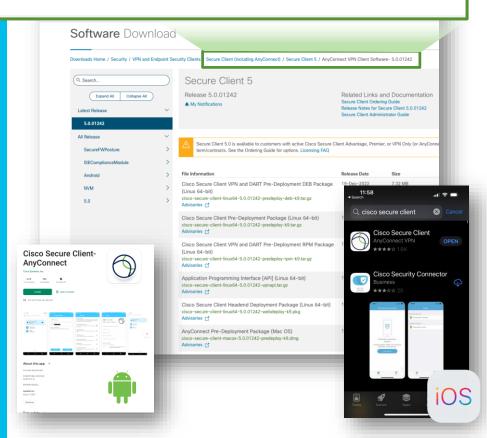




CSC for non-Windows

/ Secure Client (including AnyConnect) / Secure Client 5 / AnyConnect VPN Client Software - 5.0.01242

- Cisco AnyConnect has been rebranded Cisco Secure Client
- No additional features compared to Cisco AnyConnect
 - Not cloud managed
 - Not integrated with Secure Endpoint (yet)





Frequently Asked Questions

- Traditional Secure Client modules are still version locked together
- Duo is not in Secure Client yet
- macOS Cloud Mgmt Fiscal Q4
- Linux: no date yet

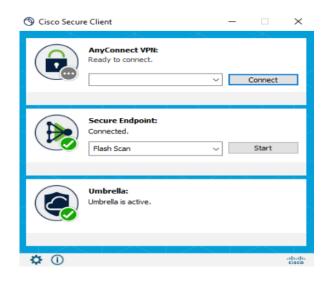
- A profile may only be in up to 45 deployments
 - TAC case to extend it.
- Secure Client may be used with or without the Cloud Management, except XDR
- No "web-deploy" package for the Cloud-Management Module



Common Ask: Hide that VPN Module

"I just have Umbrella or Secure Endpoint, I don't want to confuse my users"

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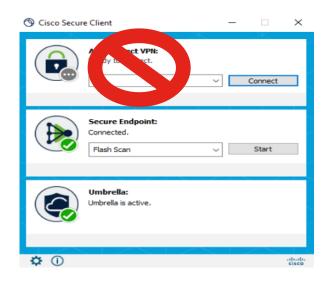
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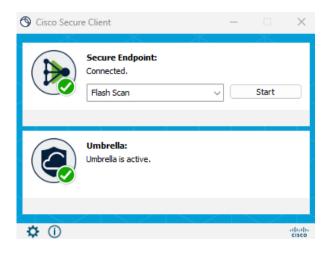
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Common Issue: Installing on VM

- Fyne error: window creation error
- CSC will not install on VMWare Virtual Machine
 - <u>Cause</u>: VMTools is outdated / Missing Open GL drivers
 - Solution: Upgrade to latest VMTools, install Mesa OpenGL or do command line

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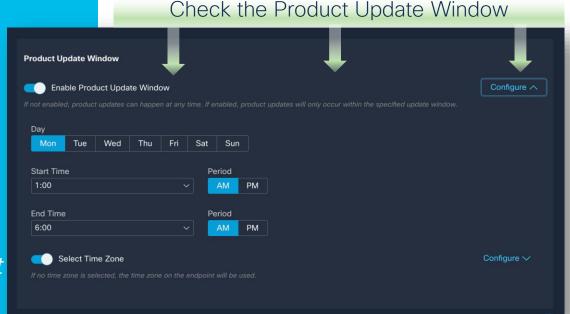
CLI Install w/ a -q option



Common Issue: Installation

"I installed the Network Installer, but nothing is getting installed"

"I changed profile / software version in the deployment & it is not updating"



Client Management > Profiles > Cloud Management > [Profile]



Virtual Machine Troubleshooting

- Cloning a VM:
 - CMID is dependent on BIOS serial number and BIOS UUID
 - Need to make sure either one of them are changed when a VM is cloned
 - Usually, VMware generates different BIOS UUID if the user selects "copied" option when cloned VM boots the first time.
 - If not, that can be changed in cloned VM. VMware article about changing BIOS UUID: https://kb.vmware.com/s/article/1002403
- Platform support:
 - Any hypervisors which supports BIOS serial number and BIOS UUID is supported
- VM Secure Client Troubleshooting
 - Same as what would be followed for desktop/laptop



Another Example - Virtual Machines

- "Help, I'm not getting NVM data to show up..."
 - Step 1: Get me a DART. Didn't even bother with troubleshooting before DART.
 - Step 2: Jumped to the Cloud Management Module Logs:
 - Why? Because CM is REQUIRED for NVM to the Cloud to work.
- What was seen in the logs?

```
→ Data grep -rni "ERROR" *
acnymagent_cmidapi.log:3:[][4264] T: 10FC F: CMIDStoreReader.cpp L: 55 f: cmid::CCMIDStoreReader::GetCMID S: error :: Fetching CMID failed, Returning CMID = []
csc_cmid.exe.log:19:[] [7064] T: 54C F: CMIDUtils.cpp L: 133 f: cmid::GetBinaryRegistryKey S: error :: RegOpenKeyEx failed The operation completed successfully.
csc_cmid.exe.log:20:[][7064] T: 54C F: AttributeCollectorWin.cpp L: 802 f: cmid::CAttributeCollectorWin::getDeviceID S: error :: Failed to retrieve device details
csc cmid.exe.log:22:[][7064] T: 54C F: AttributeCollectorWin.cpp L: 91 f: cmid::CAttributeCollectorWin::GetAttributeList S: error :: Failed to retrieve AC UDID
csc cmid.exe.log:23:[][7064] T: 54C F: AttributeCollectorWin.cpp L: 162 f: cmid::CAttributeCollectorWin::qetBIOSSerialNumber S: error :: Failed to encode BIOS serial number.
csc cmid.exe.log:24:[][7064] T: 54C F: AttributeCollectorWin.cpp L: 107 f: cmid::CAttributeCollectorWin::GetAttributeList S: err or :: Failed to retrieve BIOS Serial Number.
csc_cmid.exe.log:40:[][7064] T: 1938 F: CloudRequest.cpp L: 227 f: cmid::ldentityServiceRequest::Serialize S: error :: Mandatory Hardware data missing.
csc_cmid.exe.log:41:[][7064] T: 1938 F: CloudCommunicator.cpp L: 120 f: cmid::CloudCommunicator::communicationThread S: error :: failed to serialise
csc cmid.exe.log:48:[][7064] T: 54C F: CMIDAgent.cpp L: 217 f: cmid::CCMIDAgent::handleCloudResponse S: error :: CMID agent received Identity Response
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 Result: was using QEMU hypervisor & it didn't have usable hardware to generate the CMID.



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QEMU & KVM Hypervisors

- QEMU & KVM need to add these lines to the VM's XML to pass BIOS arguments to the Guest-OS.
 - To see whether the BIOS serial number is passed:
 - Windows and type 'wmic bios get serialnumber'
 - Linux 'dmidecode -s system-serial-number'
 - · Example only.
 - Replace the values with unique values



Check the NVM Directory

- %programdata%\Cisco\Cisco Secure Client\NVM\
- 2 files need to be there:
 06/04/2023 03:00 PM
 06/04/2023 03:25 PM

311 NVM_BootstrapProfile.xml

1,019 NVM_ServiceProfile.xml

- Make sure the BootstrapProfile.xml shows the Cloud Collector
- Ensure the ServiceProfile includes the default collection policy
 - See hidden slides for the contents expected of these files.
- If either of these files is missing, we start troubleshooting cloud management of Cisco Secure Client (CSC).

NVM_BootstrapProfile.xml



NVM_ServiceProfile.xml

```
<NVMProfile xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="NVMProfile.xsd" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
    <ProfileVersion>3</ProfileVersion>
    <CollectorConfiguration>
        <PingInterval>5</PingInterval>
    </CollectorConfiguration>
    <TemplateReportInterval>60</TemplateReportInterval>
    <AggInterval>5</AggInterval>
    <ThrottleRate>500</ThrottleRate>
    <CollectionMode>all</CollectionMode>
    <CollectionCriteria>
        <Broadcast>false</Broadcast>
        <Multicast>false</Multicast>
    </CollectionCriteria>
    <DataCollectionPolicy>
        <Policv>
             <PolicyName>Default DCP for Cloud</PolicyName>
             <NetworkType>VPN,Trusted,Untrusted</NetworkType>
             <Tvpe>include</Tvpe>
<Fields>350,12333,12334,12335,12336,12337,12338,12339,12340,12341,12342,12343,12344,12345,12346,12347,12351,12352,12353,12356,12357,12358,12360,
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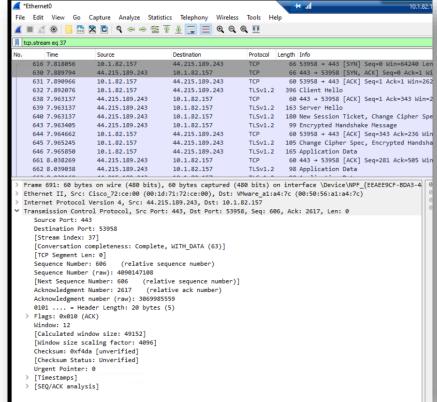


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Do we see traffic?

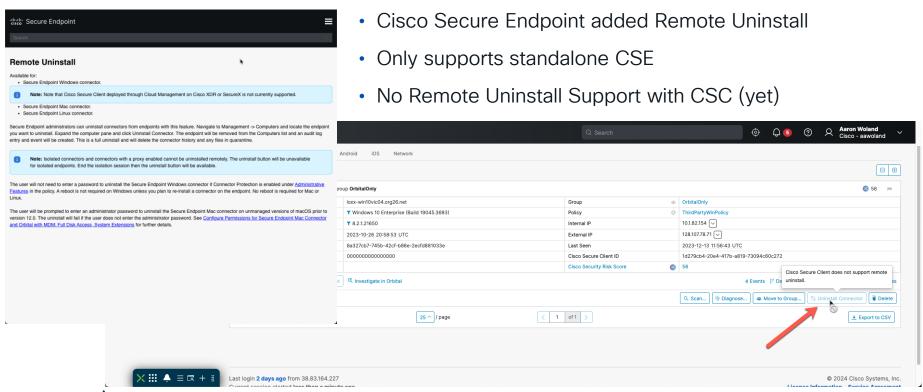
- Traffic is NOT in the older IPFIX (netflow) format.
- It is inside TLS1.2 tunnel to the intake endpoint





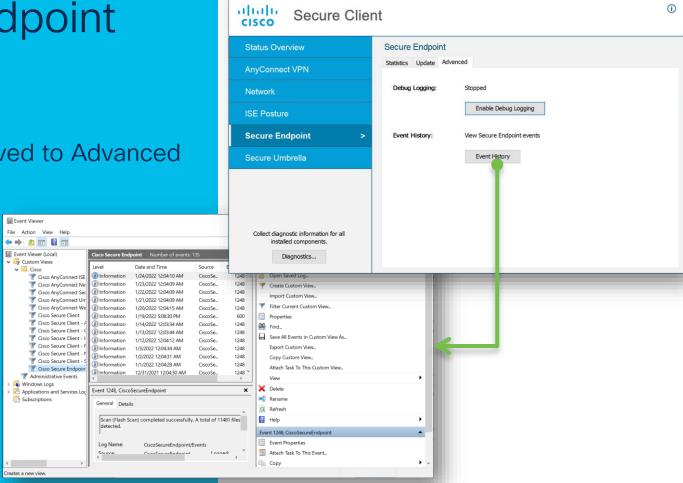


Cisco Secure Endpoint adds Remote Uninstall



Secure Endpoint Advanced

 Scan History moved to Advanced Tab



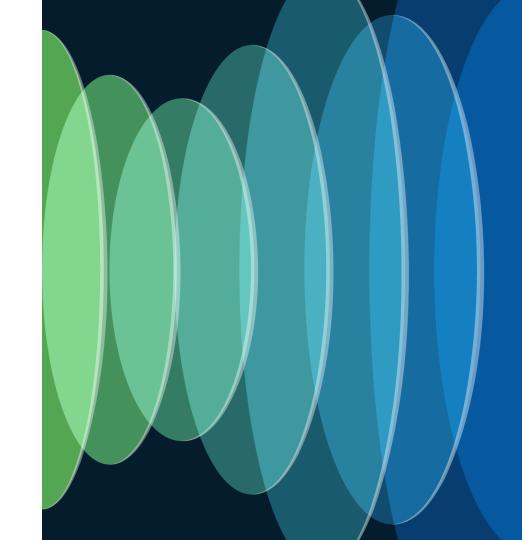
Cisco Secure Client

Helpful Links

- Cisco Live Teams Space: <u>https://ciscolive.ciscoevents.com/ciscolivebot/#BRKSEC-2834</u>
- Endpoint Bar (Secure Client/AnyConnect): https://eurl.io/#TmrReXaEj
- AnyConnect EOL:
 <u>https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/security/anyconnect-secure-mobility-client-v4x-eol.html</u>
- On-Demand Library: https://www.ciscolive.com/on-demand/on-demand/on-demand-library.html?zid=pp#/



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