



End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco IDS 4.X Sensor Software

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco® Cisco IDS 4.x Sensor Software. The last day to order the affected product is 28-Jun-2006. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until 28-Jun-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 IDS and inline IDS (IPS) functionality to the Cisco IDS/IPS line of sensors. Information about the IPS Version 5.1 Sensor Software can be found at <http://www.cisco.com/go/ips>. Customers who have a valid Cisco Services for IPS service contract on the Cisco IDS/IPS line of sensor will be able to upgrade from Cisco IDS Version 4.x to Version 5.1. Customers who do not have a valid Cisco Services for IPS contract on the Cisco IDS/IPS Sensors may purchase IPS Version 5.1 Sensor Software using the following P/N: IPS-SW-U-K9

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco IDS 4.x Sensor Software.

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.	28-Dec-2005
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.	28-Jun-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.	28-Sep-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.	28-Jun-2007
End of Signature Updates	The last date that Cisco will release signature updates.	29-Sep-2006
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.	28-Jun-2007
End of Service Contract Renewal Date	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	28-Feb-2011
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.	28-Jun-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
IDS-SW-K9-U	Upgrade CD for Cisco IDS Sensor SW, w/o SW App Support	IPS-SW-K9-U	Cisco IPS 5.x Sensor SW, w/o SW App Support
IDS-SW-K9-UPE	Upgrade Entitlement for Cisco IDS Sensor Software	IPS-SW-K9-UPE	Upgrade Entitlement for Cisco IPS 5.x Software Sensor

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for the Cisco IDS Version 4.x Sensor Software is the IPS Version 5.1. The Cisco IPS 5.1 sensor software delivers both promiscuous based IDS and inline based IPS functionality to the Cisco IDS/IPS sensors. Version 5.1 also delivers new functionality that is not supported on the version 4.x sensor software train. Such features include, but are not limited to:

- Risk Rating for false alarm reduction
- Meta Event Generator
- Configurable Software Bypass Mechanisms
- Inline-on-a-stick to allow IPS services on multiple VLANs using a single interface on the IPS sensor
- Inline IPS drop Actions
- Dynamic service port shut down response actions
- Rate limiting response action on managed devices (routers and switches)
- Inspection of IPv4 packets encapsulated in IPv6
- Inspection into other forms of encapsulation including GRE, mobile IP in IP tunneling, and MPLS
- Extensions to Network based AV
- Signatures to protect from policy violation in SCADA networks
- VoIP Detection Engine
- Application Firewall/Deep Packet Inspection Engines
- SNMP
- Traffic Normalization
- Etherchannel Load balancing (used with Cisco Catalyst 6500 switch) to scale IPS performance
- Support for standard based SDEE (Security Device Event Exchange) communication protocol
- 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 (and newer): IDS-4210, IDS-4210-K9, IDS-4235-K9, IDS-4250-SX-K9, IDS-4250-TX-K9, IDS-4250-XL-K9, IPS-4240-K9, IPS-4255-K9, NM-CIDS-K9 (promiscuous mode only), and IDSM2.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Cisco IPS Version v5.1 Sensor Software, visit <http://www.cisco.com/go/ips> or contact your local account representative.

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

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