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OVERVIEW

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A CCTL is a commercial facility that has been approved by the Certification Body to perform Common Criteria evaluations; a significant requirement for such approval is accreditation to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025, the General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories.

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The certification report, certificate of product evaluation and security target are posted to the Common Criteria portal (the official website of the International Common Criteria Program).



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cisco Email Security Appliance with AsyncOS 13.0 (hereafter referred to as the Target of Evaluation, or TOE), from **Cisco Systems, Inc**, was the subject of this Common Criteria evaluation. A description of the TOE can be found in Section 1.2. The results of this evaluation demonstrate that the TOE meets the requirements of the conformance claim listed in Section 1.1 for the evaluated security functionality.

Lightship Security is the CCTL that conducted the evaluation. This evaluation was completed on **20 September 2021** and was carried out in accordance with the rules of the Canadian Common Criteria Program.

The scope of the evaluation is defined by the Security Target, which identifies assumptions made during the evaluation, the intended environment for the TOE, and the security functional/assurance requirements. Consumers are advised to verify that their operating environment is consistent with that specified in the security target, and to give due consideration to the comments, observations, and recommendations in this Certification Report.

The Canadian Centre for Cyber Security, as the Certification Body, declares that this evaluation meets all the conditions of the Arrangement on the Recognition of Common Criteria Certificates, and that the product is listed on the Certified Products list (CPL) for the Canadian Common Criteria Program and the Common Criteria portal (the official website of the International Common Criteria Program).



1 IDENTIFICATION OF TARGET OF EVALUATION

The Target of Evaluation (TOE) is identified as follows:

Table 1: TOE Identification

TOE Name and Version	Cisco Email Security Appliance with AsyncOS 13.0
Developer	Cisco Systems, Inc

1.1 COMMON CRITERIA CONFORMANCE

The evaluation was conducted using the Common Methodology for Information Technology Security Evaluation, Version 3.1 Revision 5, for conformance to the Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation, Version 3.1 Revision 5.

The TOE claims the following conformance:

Network Device Collaborative Protection Profile (NDcPP) v2.1, 24 September 2018

1.2 TOE DESCRIPTION

The TOE is a network device. that provides comprehensive email protection services for a company's email system. It is an email protection product that monitors Simple Mail Transfer Protocol network traffic, analyzes the monitored network traffic using various techniques, and reacts to identified threats associated with email messages (such as spam and inappropriate or malicious content).

1.3 TOE ARCHITECTURE

A diagram of the TOE architecture is as follows:

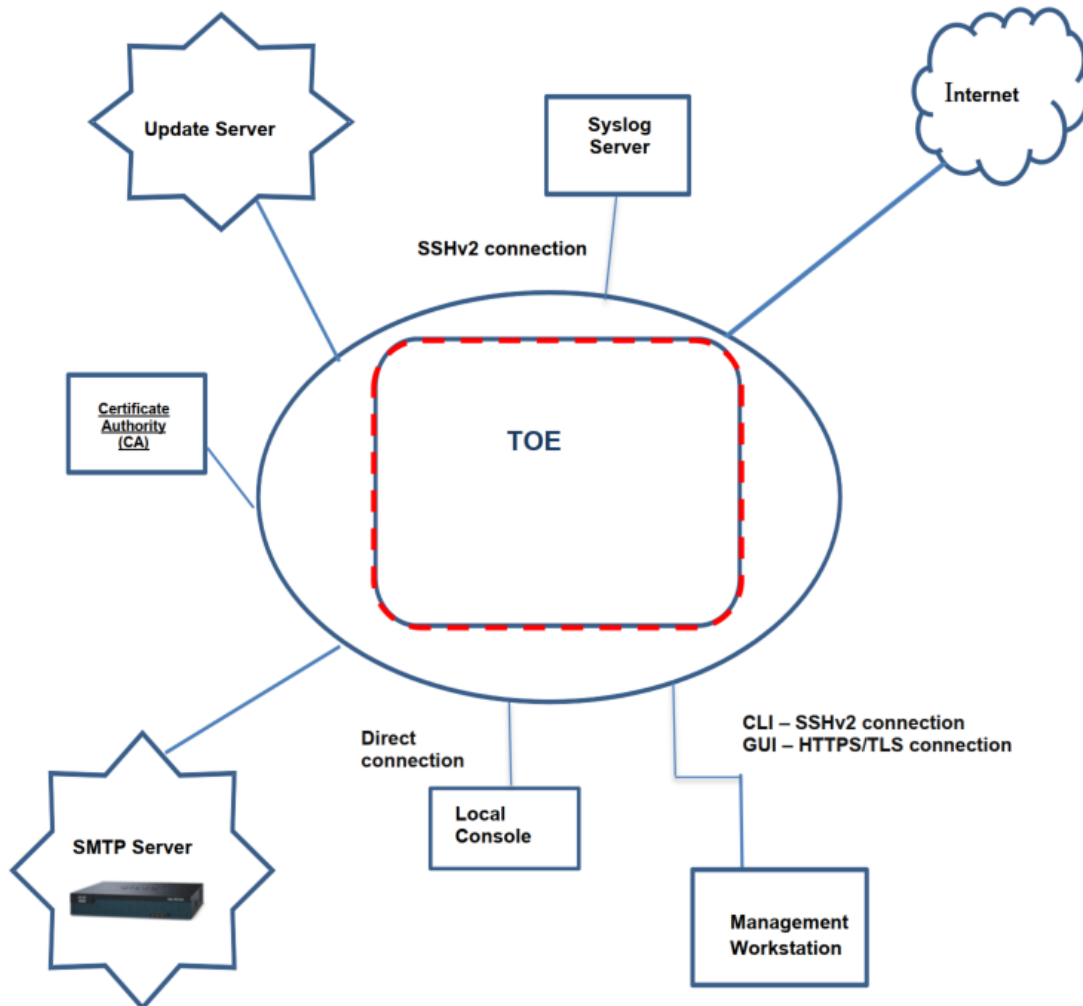


Figure 1: TOE Architecture

2 SECURITY POLICY

The TOE implements and enforces policies pertaining to the following security functionality:

- Security Audit
- Cryptographic Support
- Identification and Authentication
- Security Management
- Protection of the TSF
- TOE Access
- Trusted Path/Channels

Complete details of the security functional requirements (SFRs) can be found in the Security Target (ST) referenced in section 8.2.

2.1 CRYPTOGRAPHIC FUNCTIONALITY

The following cryptographic implementations have been evaluated by the CAVP/CMVP and are used by the TOE:

Table 2: Cryptographic Implementation(s)

Implementation Name	Certificate Number
CiscoSSL FOM v6.2	A397, A402, A405, A406
CiscoSSL FIPS Object Module v6.2	C905, C924

3 ASSUMPTIONS AND CLARIFICATION OF SCOPE

Consumers of the TOE should consider assumptions about usage and environmental settings as requirements for the product's installation and its operating environment. This will ensure the proper and secure operation of the TOE.

3.1 USAGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSUMPTIONS

The following assumptions are made regarding the use and deployment of the TOE:

- The network device is assumed to be physically protected in its operational environment and not subject to physical attacks that compromise the security and/or interfere with the device's physical interconnections and correct operation. This protection is assumed to be sufficient to protect the device and the data it contains. As a result, the cPP will not include any requirements on physical tamper protection or other physical attack mitigations. The cPP will not expect the product to defend against physical access to the device that allows unauthorized entities to extract data, bypass other controls, or otherwise manipulate the device
- The device is assumed to provide networking functionality as its core function and not provide functionality/services that could be deemed as general-purpose computing. For example, the device should not provide a computing platform for general purpose applications (unrelated to networking functionality)
- A standard/generic network device does not provide any assurance regarding the protection of traffic that traverses it. The intent is for the network device to protect data that originates on or is destined to the device itself, to include administrative data and audit data. Traffic that is traversing the network device, destined for another network entity, is not covered by the ND cPP. It is assumed that this protection will be covered by cPPs for particular types of network devices (e.g., firewall)
- The Security Administrator(s) for the network device are assumed to be trusted and to act in the best interest of security for the organization. This includes being appropriately trained, following policy, and adhering to guidance documentation. Administrators are trusted to ensure passwords/credentials have sufficient strength and entropy and to lack malicious intent when administering the device. The network device is not expected to be capable of defending against a malicious administrator that actively works to bypass or compromise the security of the device
- For TOEs supporting X.509v3 certificate-based authentication, the Security Administrator(s) are expected to fully validate (e.g., offline verification) any CA certificate (root CA certificate or intermediate CA certificate) loaded into the TOE's trust store (aka 'root store', 'trusted CA Key Store', or similar) as a trust anchor prior to use (e.g., offline verification)
- The network device firmware and software is assumed to be updated by an administrator on a regular basis in response to the release of product updates due to known vulnerabilities
- The administrator's credentials (private key) used to access the network device are protected by the platform on which they reside
- The Administrator must ensure that there is no unauthorized access possible for sensitive residual information (e.g., cryptographic keys, keying material, PINs, passwords etc.) on networking equipment when the equipment is discarded or removed from its operational environment

3.2 CLARIFICATION OF SCOPE

Only the security functions covered in the Network Device Collaborative Protection Profile (NDcPP) 2.1 24 September 2018 are included within the scope of the evaluation. Additionally, the following functions/features are excluded:

- Operating in Non-FIPS mode
- Use of the AsyncOS API
- Although UCS 240M4, UCS 240M5 and UCS 480M5 support C100v, C300v and C600v as platforms, they haven't been tested as a part of the evaluation.

The TOE cryptography was subject to a CAVP validation, but is not claiming a CMVP module.



4 EVALUATED CONFIGURATION

The evaluated configuration for the TOE comprises:

TOE Software/Firmware	Cisco ESA AsyncOS 13.0.3-21
TOE Hardware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● C190, C195, C390, C395, C690, C690X, C695, C695F ● Virtual Platforms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ C100v, C300v and C600v on UCS-C220-M4 or UCS-C220-M5.
Environmental Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Syslog Server (Support for SCP over SSHv2) ● Update Server ● Certificate Authority

4.1 DOCUMENTATION

The following documents are provided to the consumer to assist in the configuration and installation of the TOE:

- a) Cisco Email Security Appliance running AsyncOS 13.0 Common Criteria Operational User Guidance and Preparative Procedures, Version 1.1, 29 July 2021
- b) User Guide for AsyncOS 13.0 for Cisco Email Security Appliances – GD (General Deployment), Last Modified: 2020-02-03
- c) User Guide for AsyncOS 13.0 for Cisco Email Security Appliances – GD (General Deployment), Last Modified: 2020-02-03
- d) Cisco 170 Series Hardware Installation Guide, Text Part Number: OL-28365-01
- e) Cisco Email Security Appliance C195, C395, C695, and C695F Getting Started Guide, June 7, 2019
- f) Cisco Content Security Virtual Appliance Installation Guide, March 22, 2021

5 EVALUATION ANALYSIS ACTIVITIES

The evaluation analysis activities involved a structured evaluation of the TOE. Documentation and process dealing with Development, Guidance Documents, and Life-Cycle Support were evaluated.

5.1 DEVELOPMENT

The evaluators analyzed the documentation provided by the vendor; they determined that the design completely and accurately describes the TOE security functionality (TSF) interfaces and how the TSF implements the security functional requirements. The evaluators determined that the initialization process is secure, that the security functions are protected against tamper and bypass, and that security domains are maintained.

5.2 GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

The evaluators examined the TOE preparative user guidance and operational user guidance and determined that it sufficiently and unambiguously describes how to securely transform the TOE into its evaluated configuration and how to use and administer the product. The evaluators examined and tested the preparative and operational guidance and determined that they are complete and sufficiently detailed to result in a secure configuration.

Section 4.1 provides details on the guidance documents.

5.3 LIFE-CYCLE SUPPORT

An analysis of the TOE configuration management system and associated documentation was performed. The evaluators found that the TOE configuration items were clearly marked.

The evaluators examined the delivery documentation and determined that it described all the procedures required to maintain the integrity of the TOE during distribution to the consumer.



6 TESTING ACTIVITIES

Testing consists of the following three steps: assessing developer tests, performing independent functional tests, and performing penetration tests.

6.1 ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPER TESTS

The evaluators verified that the developer has met their testing responsibilities by examining their test evidence, and reviewing their test results, as documented in the Evaluation Test Report (ETR). The correspondence between the tests identified in the developer's test documentation and the functional specification was complete.

6.2 CONDUCT OF TESTING

The TOE was subjected to a comprehensive suite of formally documented, independent functional and penetration tests. The detailed testing activities, including configurations, procedures, test cases, expected results and observed results are documented in a separate Test Results document.

6.3 INDEPENDENT FUNCTIONAL TESTING

During this evaluation, the evaluator developed independent functional tests by examining design and guidance documentation.

All testing was planned and documented to a sufficient level of detail to allow repeatability of the testing procedures and results. The following testing activities were performed:

- a. PP Assurance Activities: The evaluator performed the assurance activities listed in the claimed PP
- b. Cryptographic Implementation Verification: The evaluator verified that the claimed cryptographic implementations were present in the TOE.

6.3.1 FUNCTIONAL TEST RESULTS

The developer's tests and the independent functional tests yielded the expected results, providing assurance that the TOE behaves as specified in its ST and functional specification.

6.4 INDEPENDENT PENETRATION TESTING

The penetration testing effort focused on 4 flaw hypotheses.

- Public Vulnerability based (Type 1)
- Technical community sources (Type 2)
- Evaluation team generated (Type 3)
- Tool Generated (Type 4)

The evaluators conducted an independent review of all evaluation evidence, public domain vulnerability databases and technical community sources (Type 1 & 2). Additionally, the evaluators used automated vulnerability scanning tools to discover potential network, platform, and application layer vulnerabilities (Type 4). Based upon this review, the evaluators formulated flaw hypotheses (Type 3), which they used in their penetration testing effort.

6.4.1 PENETRATION TEST RESULTS

Type 1 & 2 searches were conducted on **3/24/2021** and included the following search terms:

Email Security Appliance	C190	C195
C390	C395	C690
C690X	C695	C695F
C100v	C300v	C600v
Cisco AsyncOS 13.0	ESXi 6.0	Glass 1.0 web server
OpenSSH_7.3 FreeBSD-20170902	OpenSSL 1.0.2o	TLS
SSH v2	TCP	

Vulnerability searches were conducted using the following sources:

Cisco Security Advisories: https://tools.cisco.com/security/center/publicationListing.x	NIST National Vulnerability Database: https://web.nvd.nist.gov/view/vuln/search
US-CERT: http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/html/search	SecurITeam Exploit Search: www.securiteam.com
Tenable Network Security: http://nessus.org/plugins/index.php?view=search	Tipping Point Zero Day Initiative: http://www.zerodayinitiative.com/advisories
Offensive Security Exploit Database: https://www.exploit-db.com/	Rapid7 Vulnerability Database: https://www.rapid7.com/db/vulnerabilities
OpenSSL Vulnerabilities: https://www.openssl.org/news/vulnerabilities.html	OpenSSH Release notes https://www.openssh.com/releasenotes.html

The independent penetration testing did not uncover any residual exploitable vulnerabilities in the intended operating environment.



7 RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION

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This evaluation has provided the basis for the conformance claim documented in Table 1. The overall verdict for this evaluation is **PASS**. These results are supported by evidence in the ETR.

7.1 RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

It is recommended that all guidance outlined in Section 4.1 be followed to configure the TOE in the evaluated configuration.

Lab comment: Cisco's Email Security Appliance team was a responsive client who respected and appreciated the Common Criteria evaluation process.

8 SUPPORTING CONTENT

8.1 LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Term	Definition
CAVP	Cryptographic Algorithm Validation Program
CCTL	Common Criteria Testing Laboratory
CM	Configuration Management
CMVP	Cryptographic Module Validation Program
CRL	Certificate Revocation List
CSE	Communications Security Establishment
CCCS	Canadian Centre for Cyber Security
EAL	Evaluation Assurance Level
ETR	Evaluation Technical Report
GC	Government of Canada
IT	Information Technology
ITS	Information Technology Security
PP	Protection Profile
SFR	Security Functional Requirement
ST	Security Target
TOE	Target of Evaluation
TSF	TOE Security Function

8.2 REFERENCES

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Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation, Version 3.1 Revision 5, April 2017.
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Assurance Activity Report Cisco Email Security Appliance with AsyncOS 13.0, 20 September 2021, v1.5