



CHAPTER 1

Introducing the CSC SSM

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Overview

Trend Micro™ InterScan™ for Cisco CSC SSM™ provides an all-in-one content management solution for your network. CSC SSM is powered by Trend Micro Smart Protection Network, a next-generation cloud-client content security infrastructure designed to protect customers from web threats. CSC SSM includes powerful, in-the-cloud e-mail and web reputation technologies that are part of Smart Protection Network, which prevents spam, phishing attempts, and access to dangerous web pages. Spam not only clogs user inboxes with unwanted information which can zap user productivity, it also increasingly includes links to URLs that direct users to legitimate or illegitimate web pages designed to steal information from or take unauthorized control of computers. Trend Micro Smart Protection Network compares files, e-mail messages, and URLs with our continuously updated and correlated threat databases in the cloud, thus ensuring immediate and automatic protection from these and other threats.

Summary information about this product is available at the following URLs:

- <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6823/index.html>
- <http://www.cisco.com/go/cscssm>

This guide describes how to manage the CSC SSM, which resides in your adaptive security appliance, to do the following:

- Detect and take action on viruses, worms, Trojans, and other threats in your SMTP, POP3, HTTP, and FTP network traffic.



Note The CSC SSM also supports scanning of traffic using other protocols, such as HTTPS.

- Block compressed or very large files that exceed specified parameters and block specified types of files.
- Scan for and remove spyware, adware, and other types of grayware.

These features are available to all customers with the Base License for the CSC SSM software. If you have purchased the Plus level of the CSC SSM license in addition to the Base License, you can also:

- Reduce spam and protect against phishing fraud in SMTP and POP3 traffic.
- Set up content filters to allow or prohibit e-mail traffic containing key words or phrases.
- Use Web Reputation technology to set your level of real-time protection against malicious websites.
- Block URLs (globally or by user/group) that you do not want employees to access, or URLs that are known to have hidden or malicious purposes.
- Filter URL traffic (globally or by user/group) according to predefined categories that you allow or disallow adult or mature content, games, social networking, or gambling sites.

For more information about the Base License and Plus License, see the [“Licensing” section on page 1-11](#).

To start scanning traffic, you must create one or more service policy rules to send traffic to the CSC SSM for scanning. See the ASA 5500 series adaptive security appliance documentation for information about how to create service policy rules using the command line or using ASDM.

With Trend Micro InterScan for Cisco CSC SSM, you do not need to install separate applications for virus protection, spyware blocking, spam detection, or content filtering—all of these functions are available in a single, easy-to-maintain package. Trend Micro InterScan for Cisco CSC SSM provides protection for major traffic protocols—HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, and SMTP as well as POP3 traffic, to ensure that employees do not accidentally introduce viruses from their personal e-mail accounts.

For information about installing the appliance, see your Cisco documentation.

This guide familiarizes you with the Trend Micro InterScan for Cisco CSC SSM user interface, and describes configuration settings that you may want to fine-tune after installation. For a description of fields in a specific window, see the CSC SSM online help.

Features and Benefits

Trend Micro InterScan for Cisco CSC SSM helps you manage threats to your network. [Table 1-1](#) provides an overview of the features and benefits:

Table 1-1 **Features and Benefits**

Features	Benefits
Scans for traffic containing viruses, and manages infected messages and files.	Working with powerful Cisco firewall protection, Trend Micro InterScan for Cisco CSC SSM secures your network from threats, spam, and unwanted content.
Virus protection, spyware and grayware detection, and file blocking	Provides protection integrated with ASDM against security risks endangering your network traffic.

Table 1-1 **Features and Benefits (continued)**

Features	Benefits
Filters offensive or inappropriate content (globally or by user/group).	Provides a flexible way to control content accessed over your network.
Scans for spam at low to high threshold levels.	Uses E-mail Reputation technology that maximizes your protection and is easy to install with a Setup Wizard.
Allows you to determine how spam is handled.	Blocks unwanted correspondence, while providing flexible notifications methods that can be customized to fit your needs.
Blocks incoming file types that can damage your network.	Preserves network integrity and conserves network resources from unnecessary scanning.
Helps prevent Denial of Service attacks by setting limits on message size.	Keeps your network up and running.
Provides approved senders and blocked senders functionality for file and URL blocking.	Allows you to customize your network protection.
Offers Web Reputation technology, a component of the Trend Micro Smart Protection Network.	Scrutinizes URLs before you access potentially dangerous websites, especially those known to be phishing or pharming sites. Provides real-time protection, conserves system scanning resources, and saves network bandwidth by preventing the infection chain or breaking it early.
Filters access to URLs by category.	Provides an intuitive method of configuring URL access as needed for your company, or for groups and users within your company.
Blocks connections to URLs or FTP sites prohibited by your corporate policies for all employees or specific users or groups.	Increases productivity by restricting access globally or by users and groups to URLs or FTP sites that are not work-related.
Allows you to fine-tune configuration of scanning, anti-spam, and filtering features after installation.	Provides the ability to adapt your network security to your current needs.
Can be configured to update the virus pattern file, scan engine, and spam-detection components automatically when a new version becomes available from Trend Micro.	Provides up-to-date information that keeps your network safe.
Provides e-mail and syslog message notifications.	Allows you to stay informed about activity on your network.
Provides log files that are purged automatically after 30 days.	Clears old records without intervention to prevent performance issues.
Provides a user-friendly console that includes online help to guide you through tasks.	Gives you the information you need to maximize and customize your security options.
Automatically displays a notification when your license is about to expire.	Ensures that you have ample notification to keep your network protected at all times.

Available Documentation

The documentation for this product assumes that you are a system administrator who is familiar with the basic concepts of managing firewalls and administering a network. It is also assumed that you have privileges to manage the security applications in your network.

Before proceeding, you might also want to read the *Cisco ASA 5500 Series Adaptive Security Appliance Getting Started Guide*. This guide includes documentation for installing the CSC SSM if the appliance you purchased does not have the SSM already installed.

The documentation available for Trend Micro InterScan for Cisco CSC SSM includes the following:

- This document—*Cisco Content Security and Control SSM Administrator Guide*
- *Open Source Software Licenses for ASA and PIX Security Appliances*
- *Cisco ASA 5500 Series Adaptive Security Appliance System Log Messages Guide*
- Online Help—Two types of online help are available:
 - Context-sensitive window help, which explains how to perform tasks in one window.
 - General help, which explains tasks that require action in several windows, or additional knowledge needed to complete tasks.
- Knowledge Base — An online database of problem-solving and troubleshooting information. Knowledge Base provides the most current information about known product issues. To access the Knowledge Base, go to the following URL:

<http://esupport.trendmicro.com/support/>

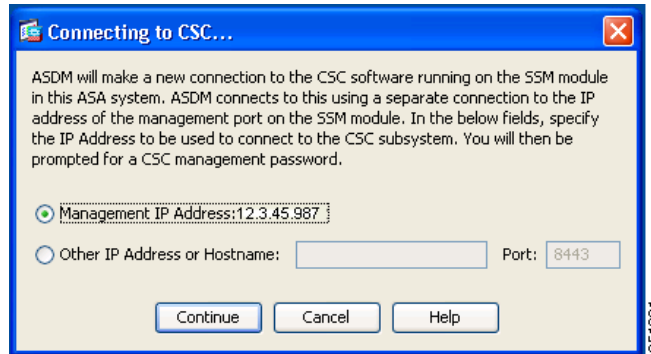
Terminology

Certain terms are used throughout the documentation and online help that may not be familiar to you, or may be used in an alternate way from what you might expect. A definition of terms is available in the Glossary.

Introducing the Content Security Tab

When you open ASDM, the main System tab appears as the default view. Click the **Content Security** tab to view a summary of CSC SSM activities.

You are prompted to connect to the CSC SSM. The Connecting to CSC dialog box appears (shown in [Figure 1-1](#)), in which you choose the IP address that ASDM recognizes, or an alternate IP address. You can use an alternate if you access ASDM through a NAT device, in which the IP address of the CSC SSM that is visible from your computer is different from the actual IP address of the CSC SSM management port.

Figure 1-1 Connecting to the CSC

Click **Continue** after choosing the local host or the alternate host.

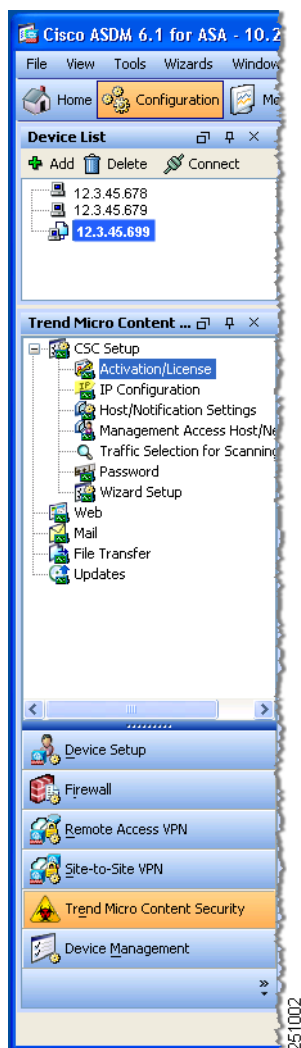
Enter your CSC SSM password, which you configured during installation, and click **OK**.

The Content Security tab appears. For more information, see the [“Features of the Content Security Tab” section on page 7-1](#).

Configuring Content Security

To open the CSC SSM, choose **Configuration > Trend Micro Content Security**. From the Configuration menu (shown in [Figure 1-2](#)), choose from the following configuration options:

- **CSC Setup**—Launches the Setup Wizard to install and configure the CSC SSM.
- **Web**—Configures web scanning, web reputation protection, file blocking, URL filtering, and URL blocking.
- **Mail**—Configures scanning, content filtering, and spam prevention, and the global approved list (see the [“Developing a Global Approved List for SMTP and POP3” section on page 3-13](#)) for incoming and outgoing SMTP and POP3 e-mail.
- **File Transfer**—Configures file scanning and blocking.
- **Updates**—Schedules updates for content security scanning components (virus pattern file, scan engine, and others).

Figure 1-2 Configuration Options on ASDM

The Setup options are described in the *Cisco ASA 5500 Series Adaptive Security Appliance Getting Started Guide*. The online help provides more detailed information about each of these options.

The Web, Mail, File Transfer, and Updates options are described in more detail in these chapters:

- Mail—[Chapter 3, “Configuring SMTP and POP3 Mail Traffic.”](#)
- Web and File Transfer—[Chapter 4, “Configuring Web \(HTTP/HTTPS\) and File Transfer \(FTP\) Traffic.”](#)
- Updates—[Chapter 5, “Managing Online Help Updates and Log Queries.”](#)

Introducing the CSC SSM Console

This section describes the CSC SSM console, and includes the following topics:

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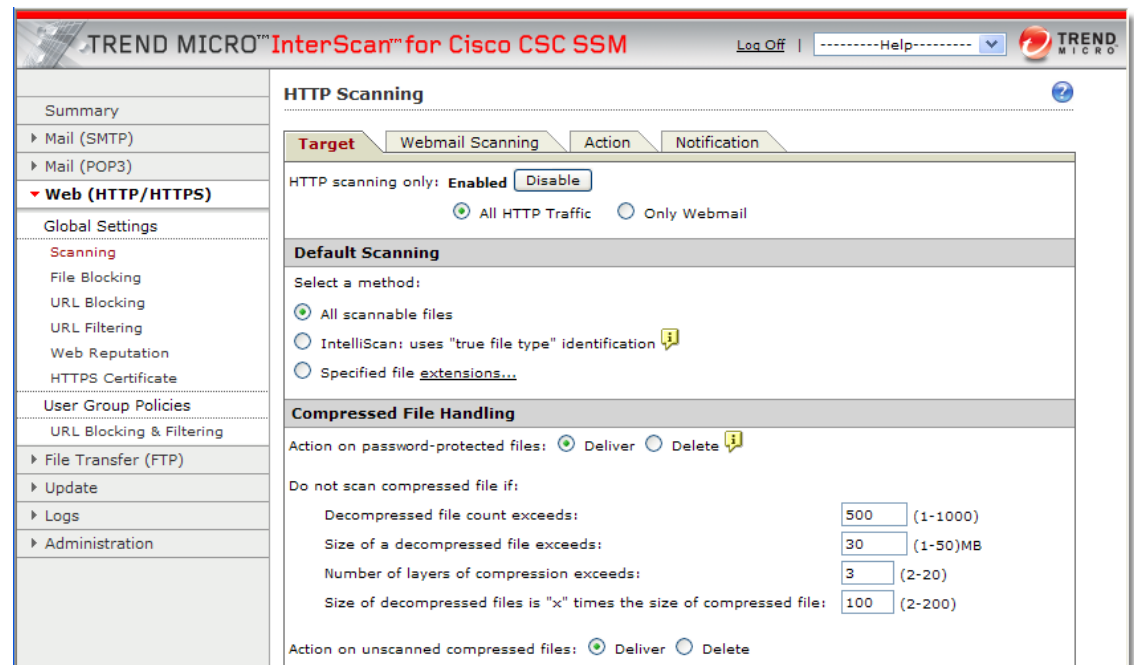
After you have successfully installed Trend Micro InterScan for Cisco CSC SSM and have configured the adaptive security appliance to send traffic to CSC SSM, the virus scanning and detection feature is activated, and your network traffic is scanned according to the default settings. Additional features, such as spyware or grayware detection, are not enabled by default, and you must configure them in the CSC SSM.

The CSC SSM appears in a browser window, as shown in [Figure 1-3](#). The Configuration window in ASDM has links to perform tasks of interest. The default view in the Trend Micro InterScan for Cisco CSC SSM is context-sensitive, depending on the link selected. For example, click the **Configure Web Scanning** link to go to the HTTP Scanning window, where you can configure web scanning settings.

The first time you log in to the CSC SSM, ASDM displays a security certificate, followed by the Connecting to CSC <link name> window. If you exit the CSC SSM and then return without logging out of ASDM, only the security certificate appears.

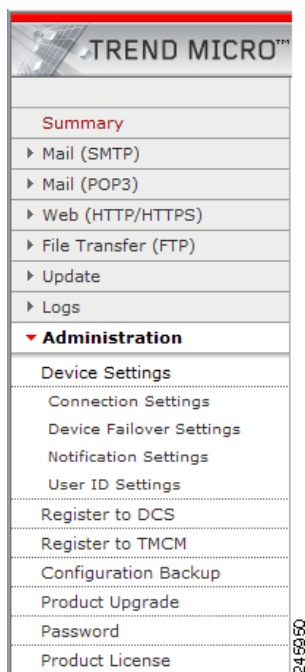
To exit the application, click **Log Off**, and then close the browser window.

Figure 1-3 HTTP Scanning Window



Navigation Pane

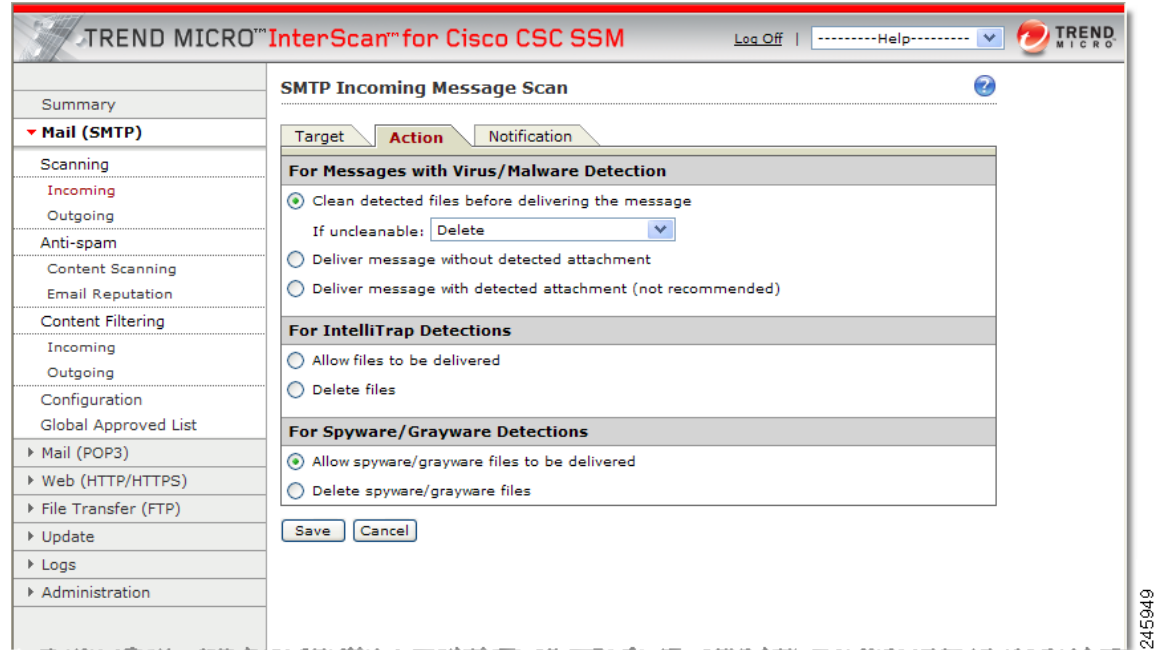
The left pane of the Trend Micro CSC SSM console is the main menu, which also serves as a navigation pane (shown in [Figure 1-4](#)). Click a menu item in the navigation pane to open the corresponding window. A selection is compressed when the arrow is pointing to the right; a selection is expanded when the arrow is pointing down. The corresponding panes do not refresh until you choose an item on the main menu.

Figure 1-4 Navigation Pane in the Trend Micro CSC SSM Console

Tab Behavior

The interactive windows for your selection appear on the right side of the CSC SSM console. Most windows in the user interface have multiple views. For example, the SMTP Incoming Message Scan window has three views: Target, Action, and Notification. You can switch among views by clicking the appropriate tab for the information you want. The active tab name appears in brown text; inactive tab names appear in black text.

Typically the tabs are related and work together. For example, in [Figure 1-5](#), you need to use all three tabs to configure virus scanning of incoming SMTP traffic.

Figure 1-5 *Tabs Working Together*

- **Target**—Allows you to define the scope of activity to be acted upon.
- **Action**—Allows you to define the action to be taken when a threat is detected. Examples of actions are clean or delete.
- **Notification**—Allows you to compose a notification message, as well as define who is notified of the event and the action.

For related tabs, you can click **Save** once to retain work on all three tabs.

Save Button

The Save button is disabled when the window first opens. After you make configuration changes, the text on the button appears black instead of gray. This is an indication that you must click the button to retain the work you have done.

Default Values

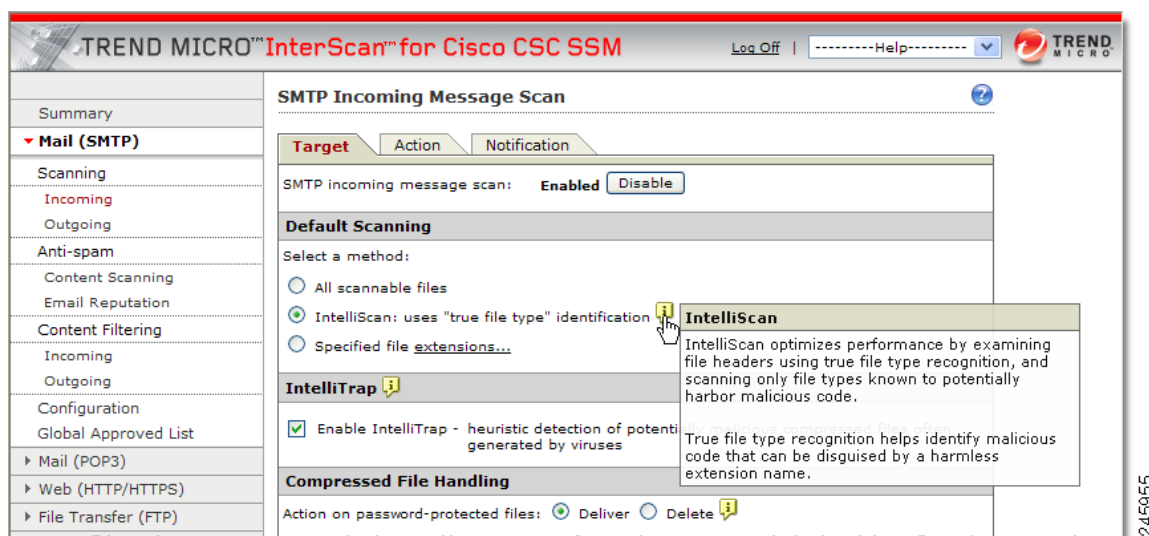
Many windows in the Trend Micro for Cisco CSC SSM user interface include fields that have default settings. A default setting represents the choice that is best for most users, but you may change the default if another choice is better for your environment. For more information about entries in a particular field, see the online help.

Fields that allow you to compose a notification include a default message. You can change default notifications by editing or replacing the existing entry.

Tooltips

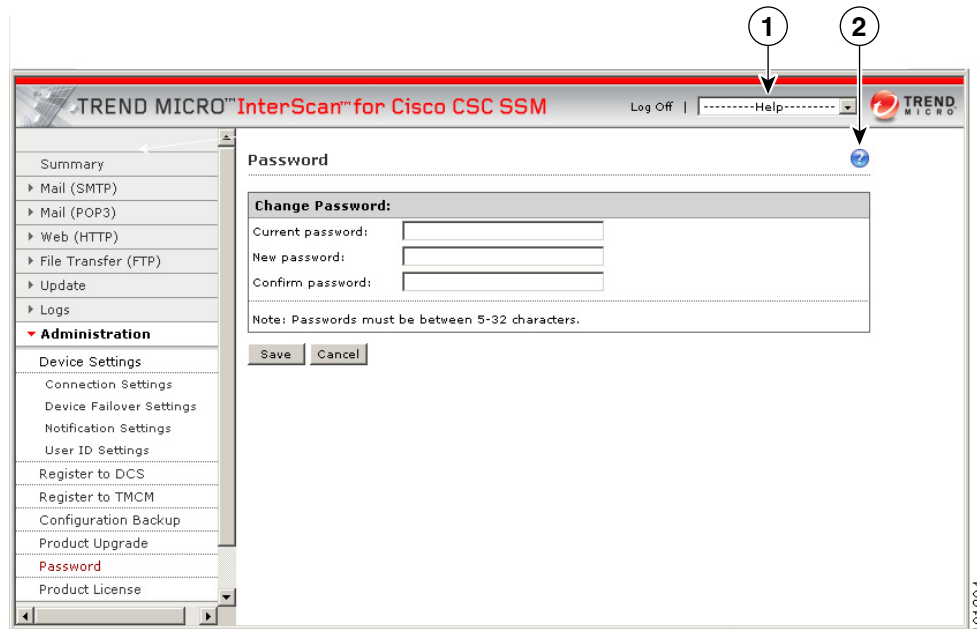
Some windows on the CSC SSM console contain information called a tooltip. Place your mouse over an icon to display a pop-up text box with additional information that helps you make a decision or complete a task. In the following example (shown in [Figure 1-6](#)), positioning the mouse over an icon displays more information about IntelliScan, one of several virus scanning options.

Figure 1-6 *Tooltip Example*



Online Help

[Figure 1-7](#) shows the two types of online help that are available with Trend Micro InterScan for Cisco CSC SSM: general help from the Help drop-down menu (1) and context-sensitive help from the Help icon (2).

Figure 1-7 General and Context-Sensitive Online Help

To open general help, click the **Contents and Index** entry from the Help drop-down menu. A second browser window opens that allows you to view the Help contents. Click the **book** icon to expand a help topic.

After an introduction, the organization of the online help topics follows the structure of the menu on the left in the user interface. Additional information about computer viruses is also available.

To search for information using a keyword, click the **Search Help** tab.

To open context-sensitive Help, click the window Help icon, (🔍). A second browser window appears that includes information for the window that you are currently viewing.

Links in Online Help

The online help includes links, indicated by blue underlined text. Click a link to go to another help window or display a pop-up text box with additional information, such as a definition. Disable pop-up blocking in your browser to use this feature.

For more information about Trend Micro InterScan for Cisco CSC SSM, see the online help.

Licensing

As described in the introduction to this chapter, there are two levels of the Trend Micro InterScan for CSC SSM license: the Basic License and the Plus License. The Base License provides antivirus, anti-spyware, and file blocking capability. The Plus License adds anti-spam, anti-phishing, content filtering, web reputation technology, URL blocking, and URL filtering capability. The Basic License is required for Plus license activation.

If you purchased only the Basic License, you may be able to view unlicensed features on the CSC SSM console, but unlicensed features are not operational. You can, however, view online help for an unlicensed feature. You can also purchase the additional functionality offered with the Plus License at a later time.

If you are not sure of which level of license your organization purchased, click the **Home > Content Security** tab to review the CSC SSM Information section that summarizes your licensing information.

Alternatively, on the CSC SSM console, choose **Administration > Product License** to display the Product License window. Scroll to the Plus License section of the window, and check the Status field. If this field is set to “Activated,” you have the Plus License functionality. Otherwise, this field is set to “Not Activated.”

Windows That Require Plus Licensing

Table 1-2 indicates which windows on the CSC SSM console are available with the Basic License, and which are available only when you purchase the additional Plus License.

Table 1-2 Windows Available Based on License Type

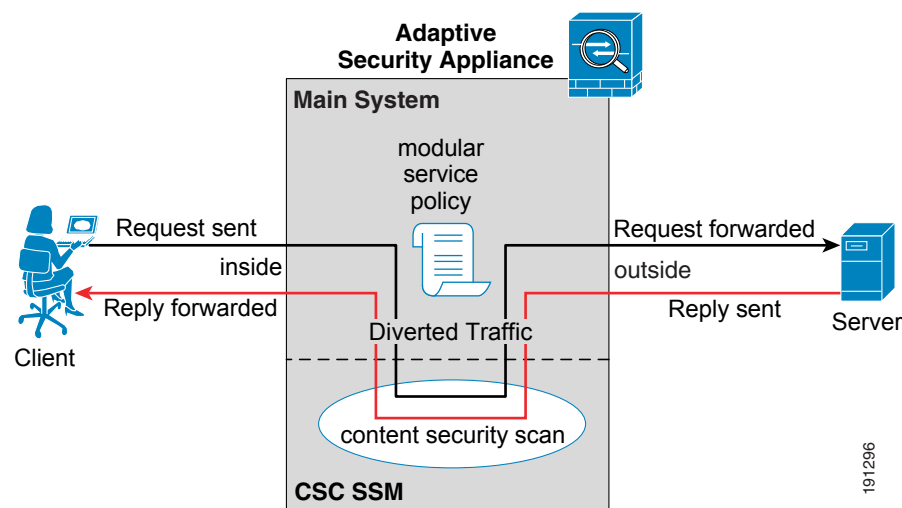
Window Title	Basic License	Plus License
Summary > Status/Mail (SMTP)/Mail (POP3)/Web (HTTP/HTTPS)/File Transfer (FTP)	x	
Mail (SMTP) > Scanning > Incoming > Target/Action/Notification	x	
Mail (SMTP) > Scanning > Outgoing > Target/Action/Notification	x	
Mail (SMTP) > Anti-spam > Content Scanning > Target/Action		x
Mail (SMTP) > Anti-spam > Email Reputation > Target/Action		x
Mail (SMTP) > Content Filtering > Incoming > Target/Action/Notification		x
Mail (SMTP) > Content Filtering > Outgoing > Target/Action/Notification		x
Mail (SMTP) > Configuration > Message Filter/Disclaimer/Incoming Mail Domain/Advanced Settings		x
Mail (POP3) > Scanning > Target/Action/Notification	x	
Mail (POP3) > Anti-spam > Target/Action		x
Mail (POP3) > Content Filtering > Target/Action/Notification		x
Web (HTTP/HTTPS) > Global Settings > Scanning > Target/Webmail Scanning/Action/ Notification	x	
Web (HTTP/HTTPS) > Global Settings > Web Reputation > Settings/Exceptions		x
Web (HTTP/HTTPS) > Global Settings > File Blocking > Target/Notification	x	
Web (HTTP/HTTPS) > Global Settings > URL Blocking > Via Local List/Notification		x

Table 1-2 Windows Available Based on License Type (continued)

Window Title	Basic License	Plus License
Web (HTTP/HTTPS) > Global Settings > URL Filtering > Rules/Exceptions/Time Allotment		x
Web (HTTP/HTTPS) > User Group Policies > URL Blocking & Filtering > All Policies/Policies by users/groups		x
File Transfer (FTP) > Scanning > Target/Action/Notification	x	
File Transfer (FTP) > File Blocking > Target/Notification	x	
Update > all windows	x	
Logs > all windows	x	
Administration > all windows	x	x

Process Flow

Figure 1-8 shows the flow of traffic when the CSC SSM is installed in the adaptive security appliance. A request is sent from a client workstation through the adaptive security appliance to a server. As the request is processed through the adaptive security appliance, it is diverted to CSC SSM for content security scanning. If no security risk is detected, the request is forwarded to the server. The reply follows the same pattern, but in the reverse direction.

Figure 1-8 Process Flow

If a security risk is detected, it can be cleaned or removed, depending on how you have configured the CSC SSM.

