AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client Features, Licenses, and OSs, Release 2.5

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This document identifies the AnyConnect Release 2.5 features, license requirements, and endpoint OSs that each feature supports. It also shows a progressive chart of the licenses available and the features they support.

AnyConnect requires an AnyConnect Essentials license or an AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license to specify the maximum number of remote access sessions supported at a time. Either license supports the features in Table 1.

Client Feature	OSs Supported ¹	
WebLaunch deployment.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)	
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop	
	Ubuntu 9.x	
Manual (standalone) endpoint installation.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)	
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop	
	Ubuntu 9.x	
	Windows Mobile	
Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) session to establish an AnyConnect session.	Windows	

Table 1 Basic Features Supported by AnyConnect Essentials and Premium Licenses



Client Feature	OSs Supported ¹	
Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) with SSL access to VPN.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)	
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop	
	Ubuntu 9.x	
	Windows Mobile	
Compression for TLS—Increases the communications performance	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
between the security appliance and the client.	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)	
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop	
	Ubuntu 9.x	
Fallback from DTLS to TLS if DTLS fails.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)	
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop	
	Ubuntu 9.x	
	Windows Mobile	
PPP exclusion route for AnyConnect over L2TP or PPTP.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)	
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop	
	Ubuntu 9.x	
Start script on connect and another on disconnect.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)	
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop	
	Ubuntu 9.x	
Certificate-only authentication.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)	
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop	
	Ubuntu 9.x	
	Windows Mobile	

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Client Feature	OSs Supported ¹
Machine certificate authentication for standalone mode.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x
RSA SecurID integration.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
RSA SecurID Software Token Client Software 1.1 or later support (single token only).	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
Smartcard support.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol (SCEP) to provision and renew a	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
certificate used for client authentication.	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x
	Windows Mobile
List valid certificates for users to select to authenticate the VPN session.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
Certificate store and certificate store override.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x
Dynamic access policies for multiple group membership and endpoint	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
security. Note: Requires ASA 8.0(x) or later.	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x
Quarantine—The use of AAA attributes and dynamic access policies to	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
isolate a VPN session. Note : Requires ASA 8.0(x) or later. Showing quarantine status and	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
terminate user messages requires ASA 8.3(1) or later.	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x

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Client Feature	OSs Supported ¹
Graphical and CLI user interfaces.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x
Minimize on connect.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x
	Windows Mobile
Split tunneling to permit the endpoint to send some traffic in the clear Note : Requires ASA $8.0(x)$ or later.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
In-the-clear DNS queries with split tunneling enabled.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
Ignore Proxy—Bypass Internet Explorer proxy configuration on endpoint.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
Note: Requires ASA 8.3(1) or later.	
Mac OS X Safari Proxy.	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and
Note: Requires ASA 8.3(1) or later.	10.7)
Proxy auto-configuration file generation for browser-based (clientless) support.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
Internet Explorer Connections tab lockdown.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
IPv6 VPN access—Allows access to IPv6 resources over a public IPv4	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
connection.	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x
Local LAN access.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x
Tethered device support (phone synchronization).	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
Local printer access through endpoint firewall rules.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP

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Client Feature	OSs Supported ¹
Trusted network detection (TND).	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
Captive portal (hotspot) detection.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
Session resume.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
Optimal gateway selection.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
Start before logon (SBL).	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
Auto connect on start.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x
	Windows Mobile
Network roaming, also called auto reconnect.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Windows Mobile
Resume session after loss of connectivity.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x
Auto update AnyConnect.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP
Note : Requires ASA 8.0(x) or later.	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop
	Ubuntu 9.x

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Client Feature	OSs Supported ¹	
Auto update AnyConnect profile.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
Note: Requires ASA 8.0(x) or later.	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, ar 10.7)	
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop	
	Ubuntu 9.x	
Logon enforcement to terminate the VPN session if a second user logs onto Windows.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
Permit or deny a user who is remotely logged onto a PC to use it to establish a VPN session.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
Retain VPN session if the user logs off Windows and whether to disconnect the VPN session if a different, local user logs onto Windows.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
Diagnostic AnyConnect Reporting Tool (DART).	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) security.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP	
	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)	
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop	
	Ubuntu 9.x	

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1. For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop and Ubuntu 9.x requirements, see the Release Notes for Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client, Release 2.5.

Table 2 lists the advanced features, network and license requirements, and supported VPN endpoints.

Table 2 Advanced AnyConnect Features

Client Feature	Requirements	OSs Supported
<i>Clientless access</i> lets you use a browser to establish a VPN session and lets specific applications use the browser to access that session.	AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license	Windows 7, Vista, and XP Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)
		Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop Ubuntu 9.x
Simultaneous AnyConnect client and clientless connections. Each connection has its own tunnel.	 Both of the following: ASA 8.0(x) or later AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license 	Windows 7, Vista, and XP Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7) Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop Ubuntu 9.x

Client Feature	Requirements	OSs Supported		
SSL VPN support for touch-screen devices running Windows Mobile.	 Both of the following: AnyConnect Mobile license AnyConnect Essentials or AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license 	Windows Mobile OS touch-screen devices. For the supported device list, see the Release Notes for Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client, Release 2.5.		
<i>Endpoint assessment for laptops and</i> <i>desktops</i> ensures that your choice of antivirus software versions, antispyware versions, associated update definitions, firewall software versions, and corporate property verification checks comply with policies to qualify a session to be granted access to the VPN.	 All of the following: ASA 8.0(x) or later Cisco Secure Desktop Host Scan AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license 	Windows 7, Vista, and XP Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7) Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop Ubuntu 9.x		
 Endpoint assessment for Windows Mobile supports the configuration of dynamic access policies that check for the following: OS version Device lock Device policy for secondary storage encryption and password strength SIM lock GPS Application policy Bluetooth ARM microprocessor 	 All of the following: ASA 8.0(x) or later Cisco Secure Desktop 3.5 Host Scan AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license Advanced Endpoint Assessment license Cisco Secure Mobility license 	Windows Mobile		
<i>Endpoint remediation</i> attempts to resolve endpoint failures to satisfy corporate requirements for antivirus, antispyware, firewall software, and definitions file requirements	 All of the following: ASA 8.0(x) or later Cisco Secure Desktop Host Scan AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license Advanced Endpoint Assessment license 	Windows 7, Vista, and XP Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7) Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop Ubuntu 9.x		

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Client Feature	Requirements	OSs Supported		
 Post Log-in Always-on VPN establishes a VPN session automatically after the user logs in to a computer. It includes the following features: Connect failure policy. Captive portal hotspot remediation to relax a connect failure closed policy to let the user satisfy hotspot requirements for network access. Exemption of certain VPN users from an always-on VPN deployment. Note: Requires ASA 8.3(1) to exempt users. 	 Either of the following: AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license AnyConnect Essentials or AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license, and Cisco IronPort Web Security license coupled with a Cisco Secure Mobility license 	Windows 7, Vista, and XP Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)		
Malware defense, acceptable use policy enforcement and data leakage prevention for the web	 All of the following: ASA 8.3(1) or later WSA 7.0 or later AnyConnect Essentials or AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license Cisco IronPort Web Security license Cisco Secure Mobility license 	Windows 7, Vista, and XP Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7) Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop Ubuntu 9.x Windows Mobile		
Business continuity increases the number of licensed remote access VPN sessions to prepare for temporary spikes in usage during cataclysmic events such as pandemics.	 Both of the following: AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license Flex license. Each flex license is ASA-specific and provides support for sixty days. The count can consist of both contiguous and noncontiguous days. 	Windows 7, Vista, and XP Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7) Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop Ubuntu 9.x Windows Mobile		

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Table 2 Advanced AnyConnect Features

Table 3 lists the AnyConnect Profile editor API, and customization options; and the supporting OSs.

AnyConnect Tool	OSs Supported		
AnyConnect profile editor.	Windows 7, Vista, and XP		
Note: Requires ASDM 6.3(1) or later.	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)		
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop		
	Ubuntu 9.x		
Application Programming Interface (API) to	Windows 7, Vista, and XP		
create your own graphical user interface and automate a VPN connection with the AnyConnect	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)		
client from another application.	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop		
	Ubuntu 9.x		
Microsoft Component Object Module (COM) to permit interaction with other applications.	Windows 7, XP, and Vista		
Language Translation (localization) of user	Windows 7, Vista, and XP		
messages that appear on the client user interface.	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)		
Note : Requires ASA 8.0(x) or later.			
Extended customization and localization features:	Windows 7, Vista, and XP		
• Localized installs using localized MSI transforms (Windows only).	Mac OS X (10.5, 10.6, and 10.7)		
• Custom MSI transforms (Windows only).			
• User-defined resource files.			
• Third-party GUI/CLI support.			
• Localization for Mac OS X.			

 Table 3
 AnyConnect Administrator Tools and OSs

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Table 4 shows which licenses you can combine with the AnyConnect Essentials and AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition licenses.

Table 4 Advanced AnyConnect License Options

Sessions License	License Option	Basic Access	Post Log-in Always-on VPN	Malware Defense, Acceptable Use Policy Enforcement, and Data Leakage Prevention on the Web	Clientless Access	Endpoint Assessment	Endpoint Remediation	Business Continuity
AnyConnect Essentials	(base license)							
	Cisco Secure Mobility for AnyConnect Essentials	-		-				
AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN	(base license)							
Edition	Cisco Secure Mobility for AnyConnect Premium			-		-		
	Advanced Endpoint Assessment							
	Flex ¹							

1. A flex license provides business continuity support for malware defense, acceptable use policy enforcement, data leakage prevention on the web, and endpoint remediation features only if those features are licensed.

The following licenses require activation on a Cisco adaptive security appliance (ASA) running 8.0(x) or later:

- AnyConnect Essentials license
- AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license
- Advanced Endpoint Assessment license
- Flex license

You can activate either an AnyConnect Essentials or an AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license, but you cannot activate both licenses together on the same ASA. Some features require later versions of the ASA, as indicated in the Tables 1 and 2.

The Cisco Secure Mobility licenses requires activation on a Cisco IronPort Web Security Appliance (WSA) running 7.0 or later.

The activation of an AnyConnect Mobile license on the ASA supports mobile access, but does not provide support for the features in this table. It is available as an option with either an AnyConnect Essentials or an AnyConnect Premium SSL VPN Edition license.

Cisco Secure Remote Access: VPN Licensing Overview provides brief descriptions of the AnyConnect license options and example SKUs.

Licensing Information contains a *Managing Feature Licenses* document for each ASA release. Each one lists the licenses available for each ASA model, and describes how to obtain and activate these licenses.

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