



## CHAPTER 4

# Component Assessment

This chapter discusses the function of each component and how it helps to address PCI DSS 2.0 compliance requirements. Each component was assessed by Verizon Business.

This assessment took place at a specific point in time using currently available versions of products and software.

## Component Section Overview

Each component section includes the following:

- Description
- PCI assessment summary
- Primary PCI function
- Capability assessment
- Design considerations
- PCI assessment detail

## PCI Assessment Summary

For each component, the PCI Assessment Summary table (see [Table 4-1](#)) lists each of the PCI sub-requirements that were passed, required compensating controls, or failed.

**Table 4-1**      *PCI Assessment Summary Example*

Models Assessed	
Cisco Catalyst Switch	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
PCI 2	2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
PCI 6	6.1
PCI 7	7.1, 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3

**Table 4-1 PCI Assessment Summary Example (continued)**

<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

## Capability Assessment

Each component requires specific capabilities to be deployable in a compliant environment. Customers and vendors alike have complained that it is difficult to understand what capabilities are required when developing or purchasing equipment for the purpose of compliance. Therefore, Cisco has developed a simplified approach to clarify the scales that are relevant. Sub-requirements have been grouped for ease of assessment, as shown in [Table 4-2](#).

**Table 4-2 Capability Assessment Example**

Cisco Component

PRIMARY FUNCTION

[Description of primary PCI function]

REQUIREMENT: [PCI requirement addressed]

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ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

The PCI DSS 2.0 security standard is written from the perspective of helping an organization become compliant. It is not grouped in a clear manner for the evaluation of hardware or software. The following grouping of sub-requirements is an extrapolation of the standard to simplify the assessment of hardware and software:

- *Secure services* comprises sub-requirements that affect the secure administration and hardening of the component, and include the following:
  - Disable any unnecessary services—*Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers.* (Sub-requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
  - Secure administrative access—*Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography.* (Sub-requirement 2.3)
  - Vendor supported—*Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed.* (Sub-requirement 6.1)
- *Authentication* comprises sub-requirements that affect the identity of personnel accessing systems in the cardholder data environment, including the following:
  - Role-based access—*Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following. Establish an access control system for systems components with multiple users that restricts access based on a user's need to know, and is set to "deny all" unless specifically allowed.* (Sub-requirement 7.1, 7.2)
  - Use secure, unique accounts—*Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong Passwords.* (Sub-requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
- *Logs* comprises sub-requirements that affect the forensic analysis capabilities of the cardholder data environment, including the following:
  - Audit trails—*Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter.* (Sub-requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
  - The ability to use Network Time Protocol—*Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources.* (Sub-requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

Table 4-3 explains the color-coded icons used in the tables.

**Table 4-3 Color-Coded Icon Definitions**

Icon	Description
	The component has the native capability to satisfy the requirement.
	The component has the capability to use other components to satisfy the requirement.
	The component requires compensating controls to satisfy the requirement.
	The component has no capability to satisfy the requirement.

## Design Considerations

This section provides compliance principles as well as best practices for each technology deployed within an enterprise environment.

## Endpoints

The endpoints layer of the solution framework addresses the components such as voice, e-mail, and physical security.

## Voice

### Cisco Unified Communications Manager and IP Phones

The Cisco Unified Communication Manager is a suite of voice applications, signaling control, and utilities that provide IP communications capabilities using devices such as the IP phones. It is configured as an appliance that is easy to deploy, flexible to manage, and allows robust security.

**Table 4-4** *PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Unified Communications Manager*

Models Assessed	
Cisco Unified Communication Manager 8.5.1	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 9</b>	9.1.2
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The primary PCI function of Cisco Unified Communications Manager is to securely manage IP phones and communications flows, as well as securing publicly accessible network jacks (9.1.2).

[Table 4-5](#) lists the component assessment details for Cisco Unified Communications Manager.



- Disabling the Setting Access option in the phone configuration window prevents users from viewing and changing the phone options, including the Network Configuration options, directly on the phone.
- Cisco Unified IP Phones can be configured for authentication and encryption by installing a CTL file on the phones that includes security tokens, trusted server and firewall information, and CAPF.
- For more information on securing Unified Communications, see the *Cisco Unified Communications System 8.x SRND* at the following URL:  
[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice\\_ip\\_comm/cucm/srnd/8x/security.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice_ip_comm/cucm/srnd/8x/security.html)

## Physical Security

Cisco Physical Security solutions provide broad capabilities in video surveillance, IP cameras, electronic access control, and groundbreaking technology that converges voice, data, and physical security in one modular platform. Cisco Physical Security solutions enable customers to use the IP network as an open platform to build more collaborative and integrated physical security systems while preserving their existing investments in analog-based technology. As customers converge physical security infrastructures and operations and begin using the IP network as the platform, they can gain significant value through rapid access to relevant information and interoperability between systems. This creates a higher level of situational awareness and allows intelligent decisions to be made more quickly.

### Cisco Video Surveillance

Video surveillance technology provides security monitoring capabilities within a branch and data center environment. Video surveillance for loss prevention can now be extended into the area of protecting the cardholder data environment.

As the core component of Cisco's video surveillance software portfolio, the Cisco Video Surveillance Media Server offers the power and flexibility to meet a diverse range of video surveillance requirements. The media server:

- Uses IP technology to provide outstanding scalability in terms of sites, cameras, viewers, and storage
- Delivers low-latency, high-quality, event-tagged video
- Supports a broad range of cameras, codecs (such as JPEG, and MPEG-4, and H.264), viewing platforms, and network topologies
- Archives at various frame rates, durations, and locations

Quickly and effectively configure and manage video throughout your enterprise with the Cisco Video Surveillance Operations Manager (VSOM). Working in conjunction with the Cisco Video Surveillance Media Server and Cisco Video Surveillance Virtual Matrix, the Operations Manager meets the diverse needs of administrators, systems integrators, and operators by providing:

- A web-based toolkit for configuration, management, display, and control of video from a wide variety of both Cisco and third-party surveillance endpoints
- Management of a large number of Cisco Video Surveillance Media Servers, Virtual Matrixes, cameras, and users
- Flexible video recording options including motion-based, scheduled, and event-based
- Comprehensive control of users and user roles including scheduling of operator shifts, event filters, and user-specific video views
- Detailed activity reports and system audit

**Table 4-6** *PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Video Surveillance*

<b>Models Assessed</b>	
Cisco Video Surveillance Manager version 6.3.1	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Passed</b>	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1, 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 9</b>	9.1, 9.1.1
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The primary function of video surveillance is to monitor physical access to sensitive areas within the cardholder data environment (9.1.1).

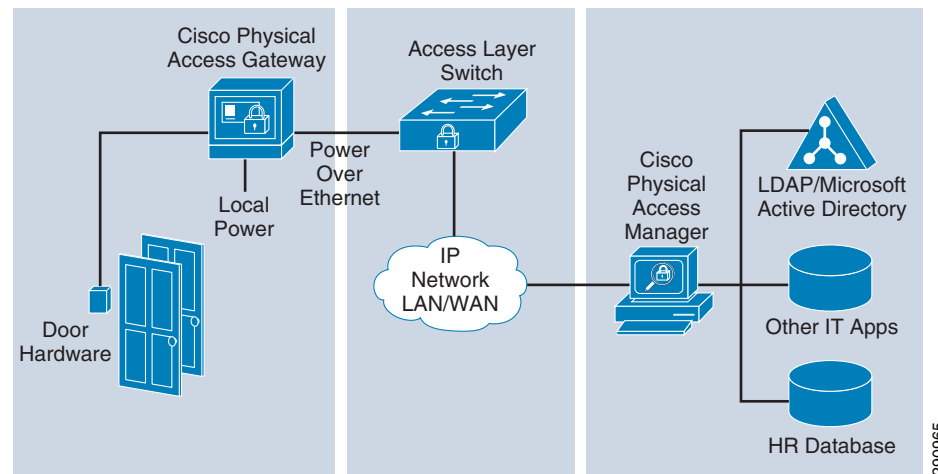
[Table 4-7](#) lists the component assessment details for the Cisco Video Surveillance solution.





Cisco Physical Access Control is a comprehensive IP-based solution that uses the IP network as a platform for integrated security operations (see [Figure 4-1](#)). It works with existing card readers, locks, and biometric devices and is integrated with Cisco Video Surveillance Manager (VSM) and with Cisco IP Interoperability and Collaboration System (IPICS).

**Figure 4-1 Scalable, Modular Architecture**



Cisco Physical Access Control has two components:

- The hardware component, Cisco Physical Access Gateway, provides a modular and scalable platform to connect readers, inputs, and outputs to the system. The gateway scales from a single door to thousands of doors at a fixed cost per door.
- The software component, Cisco Physical Access Manager, manages the hardware, monitors activity, enrolls users, and integrates with IT applications and data stores.

**Table 4-8 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Physical Access Manager**

Models Assessed	
Cisco Physical Access Manager version 1.2.0	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1, 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	



# E-mail

## Cisco IronPort Email Security Solution

Cisco IronPort Email Security Solution uses data loss prevention (DLP) technology to block e-mail that is inadvertently sent containing cardholder data information.

**Note**

The Cisco IronPort Email Security Solution was initially reviewed by Verizon Business and determined to be outside the scope of the PCI Audit. There is no Assessment Summary or Capability Assessment details for this product. However, Cisco IronPort Email Security Solution could potentially store or transmit sensitive cardholder data if used with the default settings for message tracking. Sensitive information in messages would be automatically forwarded in clear text to administrators, and recipients. These same messages would also be stored un-encrypted. The design considerations below detail how to properly configure the Cisco IronPort Email Security Solution to avoid this pitfall.

Cisco IronPort Email Security Solution provides sophisticated and scalable mechanisms that help to minimize the downtime associated with e-mail-borne malware and simplify the administration of corporate e-mail systems, while offering insight into the e-mail system operation. Capabilities include the following:

- Spam protection
- Data loss prevention (DLP)
- Virus defense
- E-mail encryption tracking and reporting tools

### Primary PCI Function

Although data loss prevention is not covered by a specific PCI requirement, Cisco IronPort Email Security Solution helps in achieving PCI compliance by preventing the transmission of cardholder data over open public networks via e-mail.

### Design Considerations

- Do not enable logging, storage, or forwarding messages identified as containing cardholder data.
- For IronPort to analyze messages passing through it, message tracking must be enabled, as shown in [Figure 4-2](#).

**Figure 4-2 Enable IronPort Message Tracking**

IRONPORT C670

Logged in as: bmcgloth on ESA-IE-1.cisco-irn.com

Options Help and Support

Monitor Mail Policies Security Services Network System Administration

No Changes Pending

### Message Tracking Service Settings

**Message Tracking Service**

☒ **Enable Message Tracking Service**

Message Tracking Service:

☒ Local Tracking

☐ Centralized Tracking

*When selecting Centralized Tracking, ensure that the Security Management Appliance is configured to obtain tracking data from this appliance.*

Rejected Connection Handling:

☒ Save tracking information for rejected connections

*For optimum performance, leave this setting disabled.*

Cancel Submit

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- Create policy in IronPort to drop messages containing credit card numbers, but not to forward that message to administrators. Ensure that the “include original message” checkbox is not selected, as shown in [Figure 4-3](#).

**Figure 4-3 Policy in IronPort Excluding Original Message**

**Severity Settings**

**Critical Severity Settings**

Action Applied to Messages: Drop

Advanced

**Message Modifications**

Add Custom Header (optional):

Header:

Value:

Modify Message Subject: PCI Violation: \$subject

Add DLP Disclaimer Text:

None

(See Mail Policies > Text Resources)

Add Disclaimer: ☒ Below Message Body

☐ Above Message Body

**Message Delivery**

Send Message to Alternate Host: (Example: example.com)

Send Copy (Bcc):

☐ Bcc Recipients:

Separate multiple email addresses with commas.  
(user@example.com)

Return Address (optional):

Subject: \$subject

**DLP Notification**

Recipients:

☒ Sender

☒ Other: email-compliance@cisco-irn.com

Separate multiple email addresses with commas.  
(user@example.com)

Return Address (optional):

Subject: DLP Violation: PCI Compliance

Notification: ☐ Include original message as an attachment.

PCI Compliance

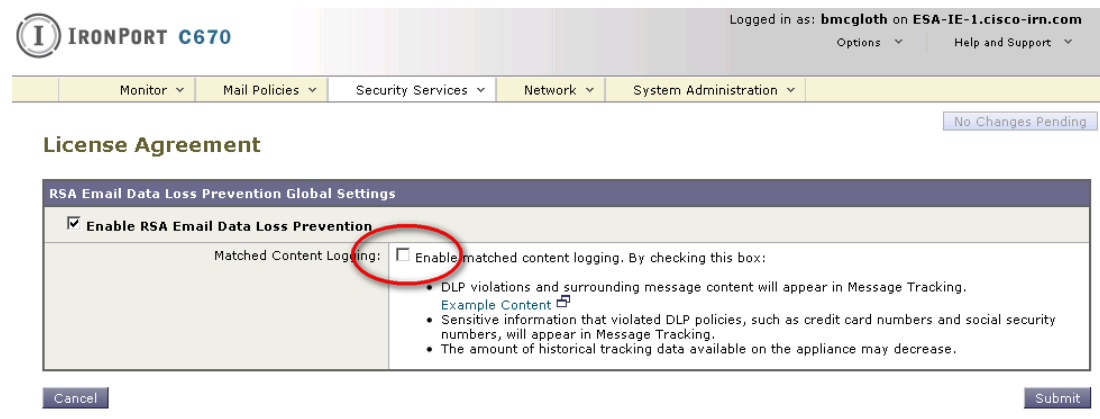
Preview Message

(See Mail Policies > Text Resources)

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- To ensure that messages identified as containing credit card information are not stored in the local system, you must disable logging of matched content, as shown in Figure 4-4. The local log of the IronPort server is not a safe encrypted place to store cardholder data.

**Figure 4-4** IronPort DLP—Matched Content Logging Disabled



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## Hosts

### Cisco Unified Computing System

The Cisco Unified Computing System (UCS) is used to securely deploy sensitive and compliance-related applications. Provisioning options, including virtualization technology, allow the mixing of sensitive and non-sensitive applications without compromising scope boundaries.

Improve IT responsiveness to rapidly changing business demands with this next-generation data center platform. Cisco UCS accelerates the delivery of new services simply, reliably, and securely through end-to-end provisioning and migration support.

Benefits include the following:

- Streamlines data center resources to reduce total cost of ownership
- Scales service delivery to increase business agility
- Radically reduces the number of devices requiring setup, management, power, cooling, and cabling

**Table 4-10** PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco UCS

Models Assessed	
Cisco UCS Manager version 1.3(1p)	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
PCI 2	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
PCI 6	6.1
PCI 7	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
PCI 8	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15

**Table 4-10 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco UCS (continued)**

<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

## Primary PCI Function

The main function of Cisco UCS is to securely host one primary compliance-related function per physical or virtual server.

It provides segmentation of sensitive applications from out-of-scope applications via physical and virtualization technology. Although technically, a firewall or ACL is used to enforce PCI Requirement 1, Cisco UCS extends Layer 3 boundaries to virtual network and storage adapters within the chassis. Using VLANs and VSANs, Cisco UCS allows an organization to separate its payment systems (in-scope) from other non-sensitive data (out-of-scope).

Table 4-11 lists the component assessment details for Cisco UCS.


**Table 4-11 Component Capability Assessment—Cisco Unified Computing System**


# Cisco Unified Computing System










PRIMARY FUNCTION

Securely host payment applications

REQUIREMENT: N/A

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ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

- Cisco UCS allows for the provisioning of individual servers on blades. Each blade can host a native operating system such as Windows 2008 server, or a virtualization hypervisor system such as VMware ESX/ESXi. These provisioning options represent a primary function for the server blade. In the lab validation, VMware ESX was installed on each of the Cisco UCS blades, and several VM hosts were then configured, each with one primary function. Each server blade is provisioned via a profile. Profiles can be created locally in Cisco UCS Manager or centrally using the Vblock provisioning utility, Unified Infrastructure Manager (UIM), which provides simplified Vblock management by combining provisioning with configuration, change, and compliance management.
- EMC SAN is a primary component of the VCE architecture for Vblock Infrastructure Platforms. Vblock 1 is designed for medium to high numbers of virtual machines, and is ideally suited to a broad range of usage scenarios, including shared services, e-mail, file and print, virtual desktops, and collaboration.
- Cisco UCS allows for the provisioning of individual servers on blades. Each blade can host a native operating system such as Windows 2008 server, or a virtualization hypervisor system such as VMware ESX/ESXi.
- Each Cisco UCS server blade is provisioned via a profile. Profiles can be created locally in Cisco UCS Manager or centrally using the Vblock provisioning utility, EMC Unified Infrastructure Manager (UIM), which provides simplified Vblock management by combining provisioning with configuration, change, and compliance management.
- The PCI standard requires one primary function per server. When using virtualization technology, the single primary server function is extended to individual virtual machines.
- The hypervisor of an individual blade is considered insecure for segmenting scopes of compliance. Therefore, when putting non-sensitive VM servers with sensitive VM servers on the same physical blade, the non-sensitive would be included in the scope of the audit.
- The UCS system securely segments network and storage to each blade, which allows mixing of sensitive and non-sensitive applications across different physical blades of the chassis.
- PCI requires a 15-minute timeout for administrative functions. Cisco UCS does not feature an explicit session timeout. Administration time limits would need to be enabled systemically through active directory policy to the admin workstation desktops, locking them when there is no activity.

Cisco UCS was implemented using the Cisco UCS installation guides:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps10276/prod\\_installation\\_guides\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps10276/prod_installation_guides_list.html)

## Cisco UCS Express on Services Ready Engine

The Cisco Unified Computing System (UCS) Express and Services Ready Engine (SRE) allows organizations to securely deploy sensitive applications directly within the routing platform. By using UCS Express, organizations can remove legacy compute resources in the branch, saving space, energy, and operational costs.

Cisco UCS Express is a converged networking, computing, and virtualization platform for hosting essential business applications in the branch location. The SRE modules are router blades for the second generation of Cisco Integrated Services Routers (ISR G2) that provide the capability to host Cisco, third-party, and custom applications. A service-ready deployment model enables branch applications to be provisioned remotely on the modules at any time. Cisco SRE modules have their own processors, storage, network interfaces, and memory, which operate independently of the host router resources and help ensure maximum concurrent routing and application performance.

**Table 4-12**      *PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco UCS Express and Cisco SRE*

<b>Models Assessed</b>	
Cisco UCS Express version 1.1 on SRE900	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Passed</b>	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.15, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

## Primary PCI Function

The main function of Cisco UCS Express is to securely host one primary compliance-related function per physical or virtual server.

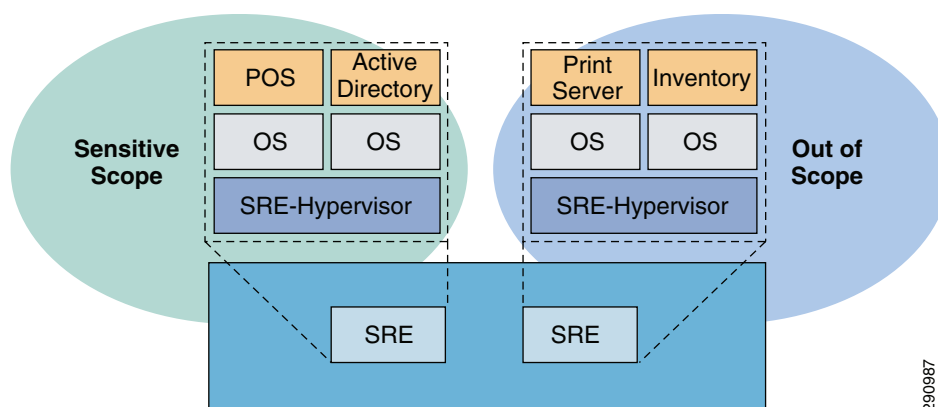
It provides segmentation of sensitive applications from out-of-scope applications via physical and virtualization technology. Although technically, a firewall or ACL is used to enforce PCI Requirement 1, UCS extends Layer 3 boundaries to virtual NIC and storage adapters within the chassis. Using VLANs and VSANs, Cisco UCS allows an organization to separate its payment systems (in-scope) from other non-sensitive data (out-of-scope).

[Table 4-13](#) lists the component assessment details for the Cisco UCS Express and Cisco SRE.





**Figure 4-5** Using UCS Express with Cisco SRE



- The audited version 1.5 of UCS Express has several limitations with local user accounts. There is no capability to use central authentication or management. This resulted in a need for compensating controls that are detailed below.



**Note**

Newer versions of UCS Express (version 1.5 +) enable central management of the VMware ESXi on Cisco UCS Express through vCenter (upgrade license required) as well as eliminate the Cisco console VM and local user management/VMware ESXi management restrictions. With the new release, Cisco UCS can manage users on VMware ESXi exactly as it would on a standalone VMware ESXi 4.1 server.



**Note**

The Cisco UCS Express module comes installed with VMware ESXi. This is the primary function for the server module. Each module can host several independent operating systems as virtual servers. Each virtual server should have only one primary function.

- Cisco UCS Express requires the use of VLANs in the router. Depending on the deployment within the branch, this may require the use of bridged virtual interfaces.
- Cisco UCS Express is based on VMware's ESXi and uses vSphere client for management.

## Administration

## Authentication

### Cisco Secure Access Control Server

Cisco Secure Access Control Server (ACS) was used as a central authentication system for the majority of products validated in this solution. It links user authentication to Windows Active Directory using group mapping that segments users based on their role and function.

Cisco Secure ACS is an access policy control platform that helps you comply with growing regulatory and corporate requirements. By using a single authentication method for all system devices, insight into who made changes is simplified for internal administration, assessors, and post-breach audits. It supports multiple scenarios simultaneously, including the following:

- Device administration—Authenticates administrators, authorizes commands, and provides an audit trail
- Remote access—Works with VPN and other remote network access devices to enforce access policies
- Wireless—Authenticates and authorizes wireless users and hosts and enforces wireless-specific policies
- Network admission control—Communicates with posture and audit servers to enforce admission control policies

Cisco Secure ACS lets you centrally manage access to network resources for a growing variety of access types, devices, and user groups. These key features address the current complexities of network access control:

- Support for a range of protocols including Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) and non-EAP protocols provides the flexibility to meet all your authentication requirements
- Integration with Cisco products for device administration access control allows for centralized control and auditing of administrative actions
- Support for external databases, posture brokers, and audit servers centralizes access policy control and lets you integrate identity and access control systems

**Table 4-14 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Secure Access Control Server**

Models Assessed	
Cisco Secure Access Control Server Release 4.2(1) Build 15 Patch 3	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The main function of Cisco Secure ACS is to securely authenticate users to the systems within the cardholder environment.

Table 4-15 lists the component assessment details for Cisco Secure ACS.

**Table 4-15**     **Component Capability Assessment—Cisco Secure ACS**

Cisco Secure ACS

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PRIMARY FUNCTION

Securely authenticate users to systems in the cardholder environment

REQUIREMENT: 7, 8 (7.1, 7.2, 8.2)

ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

- Cisco Secure ACS has been configured to authenticate individual users using Active Directory (AD). This is accomplished by creating user groups in AD and mapping them to role-based groups in Cisco Secure ACS. This provides the granularity of secure authentication needed to address the PCI specification.
- The solution used the windows versions of Cisco Secure ACS. The CSA client was installed to protect and alert on unauthorized access of the log and audit trail.
- Remove the default accounts for administration.
- Enable HTTPS and disable HTTP.
- User authentication services for Cisco Secure ACS are linked to a centralized Active Directory user database

## RSA Authentication Manager

RSA Authentication Manager is the management component of the RSA SecurID®, a two-factor authentication solution, which provides a much more reliable level of user authentication than reusable passwords. SecurID authentication is based on something you know (a password or PIN) and something you have (an authenticator), and can be used to achieve compliance to PCI requirement 8.3, which

requires two-factor authentication for remote access to the network by employees, administrators, and third parties. As the management component, RSA Authentication Manager is used to verify authentication requests and centrally administer authentication policies for enterprise networks.

**Table 4-16 PCI Assessment Summary—RSA Authentication Manager**

<b>Models Assessed</b>	
RSA Authentication Manager 7.1 Service Pack 2	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Passed</b>	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The main function of RSA Authentication Manager is to securely authenticate remote users using two-factor authentication.

[Table 4-17](#) lists the component assessment details for RSA Authentication Manager.



device's posture. The Cisco ISE also provides advanced authorization and enforcement capabilities, including Security Group Access (SGA) through the use of security group tags (SGTs) and security group access control lists (ACLs). Administrators can centrally create and manage access control policies for users and endpoints in a consistent fashion, and gain end-to-end visibility into everything that is connected to the network.

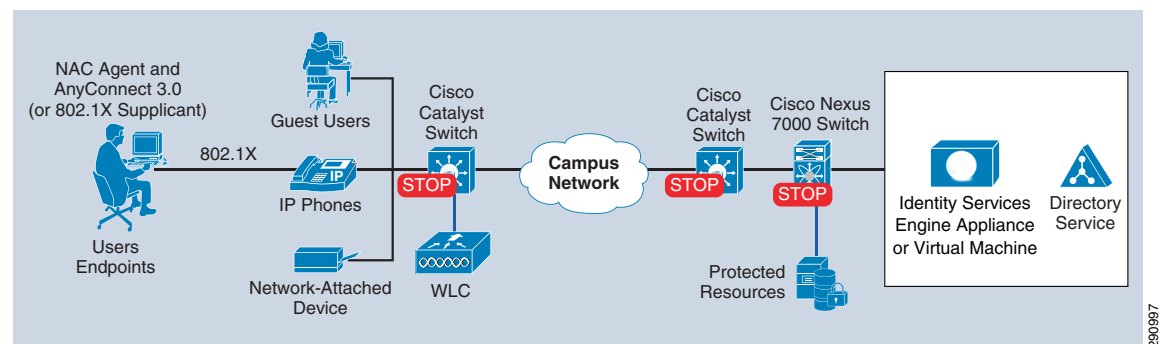
- **Cisco ISE Identity on Cisco Networking Infrastructure**—Identity-based networking services on the Cisco routing, switching, and wireless infrastructure provides the ability to authenticate users and devices via features such as 802.1x, MAC authentication bypass, and web authentication. In addition, this same infrastructure is what enforces the appropriate access into parts of the network via VLANs, downloadable or named ACLs and security group ACLs.
- **Client**—Cisco Anyconnect is a software client that enables you to deploy a single 802.1x authentication framework to access wired and wireless networks while the Cisco NAC agent delivers endpoint posture information. The Cisco ISE architecture also supports native O/S supplicants.

The Cisco Identity Services Engine solution offers the following benefits:

- Allows enterprises to authenticate and authorize users and endpoints via wired, wireless, and VPN with consistent policy throughout the enterprise
- Prevents unauthorized network access to protect corporate assets
- Provides complete guest lifecycle management by empowering sponsors to on-board guests, thus reducing IT workload
- Discovers, classifies, and controls endpoints connecting to the network to enable the appropriate services per endpoint type
- Enforces security policies by blocking, isolating, and repairing noncompliant machines in a quarantine area without needing administrator attention
- Offers a built-in monitoring, reporting, and troubleshooting console to assist helpdesk operators and administrators streamline operations.

Figure 4-6 shows an example of a Cisco ISE-based LAN deployment.

**Figure 4-6 Cisco ISE-Based LAN Deployment**



**Table 4-18 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Identity Services Engine**

Models Assessed	
Cisco Identity Service Engine version 1.2	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
PCI 2	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3

**Table 4-18**      **PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Identity Services Engine (continued)**

<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 9</b>	9.1.2
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.4
<b>PCI 11</b>	11.1.b, 11.1.d
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

Cisco ISE identity features detect and prevent rogue wireless devices from connecting to in-scope PCI networks (11.1); in addition, Cisco ISE locks down publicly accessible network ports to only authorized devices and users (9.1.2). In addition to its primary focus, Cisco ISE can also help with compliance and enforcement of requirements 6.1, 7.1, 7.2, 8.3, 8.5, and 10.

[Table 4-19](#) lists the component assessment details for the Cisco ISE Solution.



**Table 4-19 Component Capability Assessment—Cisco ISE**

Cisco ISE

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Authenticate and authorize users and endpoints via wired, wireless, and VPN

REQUIREMENT: 7, 11 (7.1, 7.2, 11.1)









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ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

For the purposes of this guide, Cisco ISE is configured to authenticate individual users and ISE Admin users using Active Directory (AD). Cisco ISE is also used to profile and assess the posture of individual wired and wireless devices to ensure that they comply with the PCI standard. Cisco ISE relies on wired and wireless identity features such as 802.1x, MAB, and web portal authentication on Cisco infrastructure to collect user identity information. It relies on the Cisco ISE NAC agent and the Cisco ISE profiler engine to collect posture and profiling information from devices.

Note the following ISE configuration best practices for PCI compliance:

- The solution tested used the virtual machine appliance version of Cisco ISE running on an ESX platform.
- The default accounts for administration are removed.
- ISE only supports HTTPS and SSH access
- Cisco ISE communicates with the Cisco switches and wireless controllers using RADIUS.
- Cisco ISE can use dynamic VLAN and port or VLAN access control rules to provide PCI segmentation of a network. For example, members of the PCI active directory group are automatically moved to the PCI VLAN when they connect to the network. Cisco ISE can then apply strong access lists to this VLAN or directly to the user switch port to accomplish segmentation.

- Access control rule sets must adhere to a “least amount of access necessary” policy. Rules must be defined by specific source/destination addressing and TCP/UDP ports required for the cardholder data environment on the point-of-sale networks.
- Configure appropriate banner messages on login, incoming, and exec modes of the router. The login banner warning should not reveal the identity of the company that owns or manages the router. The incoming and executive banners should state that these areas are considered private and that unauthorized access will result in prosecution to the full extent of the law.
- The Cisco ISE system is configured to be compliance with all of the access controls, logging controls, and other general system controls required by PCI DSS 2.0.

## Management

### Cisco Prime LAN Management Solution (LMS)

Cisco Prime LAN Management Solution (LMS), a part of Cisco Prime Infrastructure, delivers powerful network lifecycle management by simplifying the configuration, compliance, monitoring, troubleshooting, and administration of Cisco networks. Cisco Prime LMS offers end-to-end management for Cisco’s latest business-critical technologies and services such as Medianet, Cisco ISE, and Cisco EnergyWise while ensuring compliance with corporate and regulatory requirements.

**Table 4-20**      **PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Prime LMS**

Models Assessed	
Cisco Prime LMS version 4.2.2	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
PCI 1	1.2.2
PCI 2	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
PCI 6	6.1
PCI 7	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
PCI 8	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
PCI 10	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.4, 10.5.5
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

#### Primary PCI Function

LMS simplifies compliance by ensuring that all of the devices across the network adhere to the security policy of the company. In addition, it will verify that device configurations; match templates, are synchronized, and includes a customized PCI compliance dashboard to simplify the ongoing management for administrators (1.2.2).

Table 4-21 lists the component assessment details for the Cisco Prime LMS.



- SOX (COBIT) Compliance Reports
- ISO/IEC 27002 Compliance Reports
- NSA Compliance Reports
- PCI DSS Compliance Reports
- DHS Checklist Reports
- DISA Checklists Report
- CIS Benchmarks


The following compliance and audit reports are supported by the LMS license alone and do not require a regulatory compliance management license:

- Service Reports
- Lifecycle Management Reports
- Vendor Advisory Reports
- Change Audit Reports

For compliance and audit license information, see the topic “Regulatory Compliance Management License in Administration with Cisco Prime LAN Management Solution 4.2.2”.

The Compliance and Audit Report module uses the stored configurations within the LMS database and evaluates them against specifically defined criteria of the selected devices. The PCI DSS Compliance Summary Report shows Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) security compliance audit results against either the entire network or selected network devices to verify how compliant the selected devices are against this regulation. (See [Figure 4-7](#).)

Figure 4-7 PCI DSS Compliance Summary

 <b>PCI DSS Compliance Summary</b> Generated on Dec 21 2012 15:21:01 Pacific Standard Time(GMT -08:00:00)						
<b>Summary</b> Total number of devices: 1 Devices with Report Data: 1 Devices without Report Data: 0						
Device	Policy Title	Rule Title	Message	Severity	Result	Info
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	HTTP Server	Check state of HTTP server		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	Terminal Access	Check Authentication parameters on terminal lines		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	Terminal Access	Check for allowed incoming connections		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	Terminal Access	Check for allowed outgoing connections		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	User Passwords	Passwords should not be shown in clear text in configuration		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	User Passwords	All users must have passwords configured		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	User Passwords	Passwords must be MD5 encrypted		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	User Passwords	Check minimum length for user/enable/line passwords		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	User Passwords	Check maximum authentication failure rate		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	Console Access	Check console connection		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	Console Access	Check auxiliary connection		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	SNMP	Check the state of SNMP server		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	Miscellaneous Services	Disable TCP small servers		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	Miscellaneous Services	Disable UDP small servers		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	Miscellaneous Services	Disable Finger server		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	Miscellaneous Services	Disable BOOTP server		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	Miscellaneous Services	Disable configuration auto-loading from TFTP server		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>
ASA-WAN-1.cisco-irm.com	Miscellaneous Services	Disable IP Source Routing		✓	Not Applicable	<a href="#">i</a>

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## Cisco Security Manager

The Cisco Security Manager is a powerful yet easy-to-use solution for configuring firewall, VPN, and IPS policies on Cisco security appliances, firewalls, routers, and switch modules.

Cisco Security Manager helps enable enterprises to manage and scale security operations efficiently and accurately. Its end-to-end tools provide consistent policy enforcement, quick troubleshooting of security events, and summarized reports from across the security deployment.

Cisco Security Manager enables you to centrally manage security policies over 250 types and models of Cisco security devices. Cisco Security Manager supports integrated provisioning of firewall, IPS, and VPN (most site-to-site, remote access, and SSL) services across the following:

- Cisco IOS/ISR/ASR routers
- Cisco Catalyst switches
- Cisco ASA and PIX security appliances
- Cisco Catalyst Service Modules related to firewall, VPN, and IPS
- Cisco IPS appliances and various service modules for routers and ASA devices

For a complete list of devices and OS versions supported by Cisco Security Manager, see *Supported Devices and Software Versions for Cisco Security Manager* at the following URL:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6498/products\\_device\\_support\\_tables\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6498/products_device_support_tables_list.html).

The high-performance and easy-to-use integrated event viewer allows you to centrally monitor events from IPS, ASA, and FWSM devices and correlate them to the related configuration policies. This helps identify problems and troubleshoot configurations. Then, using Configuration Manager, you can make adjustments to the configurations and deploy them. Event Viewer supports event management for Cisco ASA, IPS, and FWSM devices.

In addition to the Primary Event Data Store, events can be copied and stored in the Extended Event Data Store. The Extended Event Data Store can be used to back up and archive a larger number of events. This is useful for historical review and analysis of events where Event Viewer can gather event data from both the Primary Event Data Store and the Extended Event Data Store. The Extended Event Data Store can be enabled in Event Management in Security Manager's Administration settings.

For supported platforms and more information, see the “Monitoring and Diagnostics” section of the *User Guide for Cisco Security Manager 4.1* at the following URL:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6498/products\\_user\\_guide\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6498/products_user_guide_list.html).

The new integrated report management allows you to generate and schedule ASA, IPS, and remote access VPN reports. Reports for ASA and IPS devices are created by aggregating and summarizing events collected by the Event Viewer. Security reports can be used to efficiently monitor, track, and audit network use and security problems reported by managed devices. Report Manager helps in developing and customizing reports for Cisco ASA and IPS devices.

For supported platforms and more information, see the “Monitoring and Diagnostics” part of the *User Guide for Cisco Security Manager 4.1* at the following URL:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6498/products\\_user\\_guide\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6498/products_user_guide_list.html).

**Table 4-22 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Security Manager**

Models Assessed	
Cisco Security Manager version 4.0.1	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
PCI 2	2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3

**Table 4-22 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Security Manager**

<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The primary function of Cisco Security Manager is to implement security configuration in firewalls, routers, and intrusion detection devices based on policy templates to secure the cardholder data environment. (1.2)

Table 4-23 lists the component assessment details for Cisco Security Manager.

**Table 4-23 Component Capability Assessment—Cisco Security Manager**

Cisco Security Manager

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Implement security configuration based on policy templates to secure the cardholder data environment

REQUIREMENT: 1 (1.2)

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ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
✓	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
✓	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
✓	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
✓	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
+	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
+	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
✓	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
+	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
✓	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

- Use descriptive notes for each rule set. These are displayed as remarks in the running configuration.
- Virtualize firewall rule set deployment by using a consistent interface naming standard.
- Apply the anti-spoofing feature to all interfaces using FlexConfig.

## RSA Archer

The RSA Archer eGRC Suite for enterprise governance, risk, and compliance allows your organization to jumpstart your PCI compliance program by conducting continuous, automated assessments to gain the visibility you need to manage and mitigate risk.

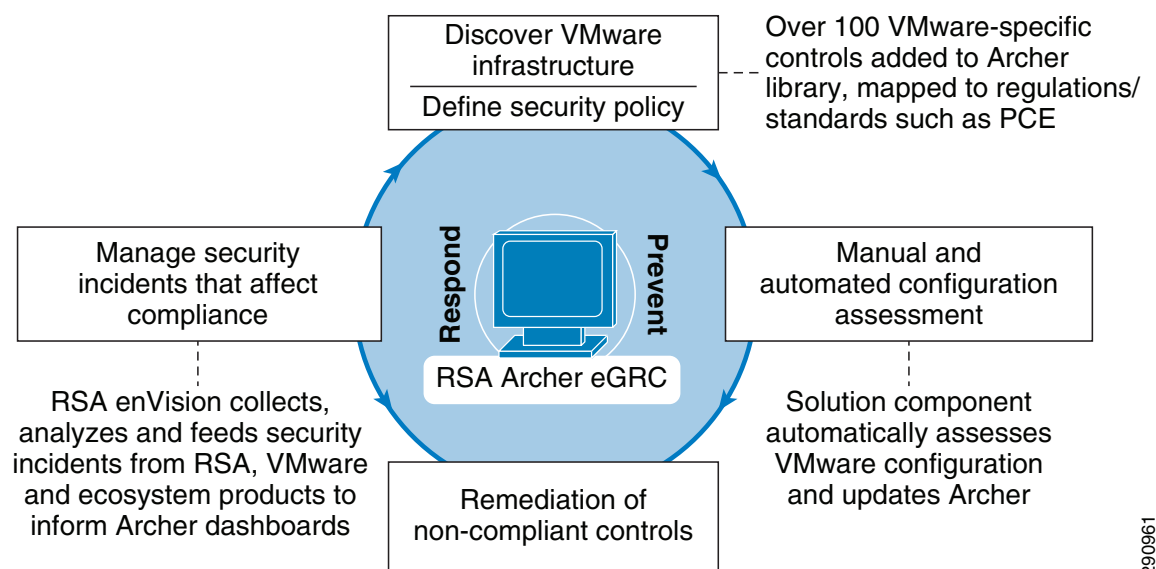


### Note

RSA Archer was initially reviewed by Verizon Business and determined to be outside the scope of the PCI Audit. RSA Archer does store, process, or transmit sensitive cardholder data. There are no Assessment Summary or Capability Assessment details for this product.

RSA Archer provides a comprehensive library of policies, control standards, procedures, and assessments mapped to PCI DSS and other regulatory standards. RSA Archer is designed to orchestrate and visualize the security of both VMware virtualization infrastructure and physical infrastructure from a single console. (See [Figure 4-8](#).)

**Figure 4-8** Using Firewall and IDS/IPS



One of the major changes to PCI DSS 2.0 is its clarification on the use of virtualization technology in the cardholder data environment. If virtualization technology is used, the virtualization platform is always in scope for PCI. More than 130 control procedures in the Archer library have been written specifically for VMWare environments and have been mapped to PCI requirements. The RSA Cloud Security and Compliance solution includes software that substantially automates the assessment of whether VMware security controls have been implemented correctly. The results of these automated configuration checks are fed directly into the RSA Archer eGRC Platform, which also captures the results of configuration checks for physical assets via pre-built integration with commercially available scan technologies.



Although a significant number of the VMware control procedures are tested automatically, the remainder must be tested manually because their status cannot be directly inferred from the environment. For these control procedures, project managers can issue manual assessments from the RSA Archer eGRC Platform, using a pre-loaded bank of questions. Project managers can create new questionnaires within minutes and issue them to appropriate users based on asset ownership. Those users are automatically notified of their assessments via rules-driven workflow and My Tasks lists, and can complete their assessments online.

Results for both automated and manual assessments are consolidated in the RSA Archer eGRC Platform and mapped to PCI DSS and other regulations and standards. IT and security operations teams can then monitor compliance with regulations and internal policies across the physical and virtual infrastructure by device, policy, procedure, regulation, and other criteria. This information is presented through a graphical dashboard view, making the information easy to digest and understand.

Configuring the physical and virtual infrastructure according to best-practice security guidelines and regulatory requirements is critical. However, the security and compliance process does not stop there. Organizations also require the ability to monitor misconfigurations, policy violations, and control failures across their infrastructure; and to respond swiftly with appropriate remediation steps. Deficiencies identified through automated and manual configuration checks are captured within the RSA Archer eGRC Platform for management. Control failures are then assigned to appropriate personnel, who can respond by completing remediation tasks or logging exception requests that identify effective compensating controls and are tracked in a Policy Management dashboard, as shown in Figure 4-9.

**Figure 4-9 RSA Archer Policy Management**



## Encryption

A subtle, yet potentially significant change to key management has been introduced with the PCI 2.0 standard. With past versions of the DSS, annual key rotations were required for encryption keys. PCI DSS 2.0 now requires that keys are rotated at the end of their *cryptoperiod*, and references the NIST 800-57 Special Publication to determine what an appropriate cryptoperiod is. The NIST 800-57 Special Publication is a 324-page, three-part document. Organizations, and even QSAs, may not have the expertise to fully understand such a document that includes countless encryption scenarios, with cryptoperiods ranging from as short as a day and as long as three years.

In an ideal world, with all parties being expert cryptographers, this risk-based change to the standard would be very appropriate and most welcome. However, given the number of scenarios and criteria for determining an appropriate cryptoperiod, it could suggest that this change is too subjective and may become a point of contention between an organization and QSA assessor, as to what is an appropriate cryptoperiod, whereas the former, more prescriptive control, did not allow for flexibility in this area.

## RSA Data Protection Manager

RSA Data Protection Manager (formerly RSA Key Manager) provides encryption, tokenization, and key management capabilities. It can be used to achieve PCI Requirement 3 compliance for protecting stored cardholder data, regardless of where the information resides.

RSA Data Protection Manager is an easy-to-use management tool for encrypting keys at the database, file server, and storage layers. It is designed to lower the total cost of ownership and simplify the deployment of encryption throughout the enterprise. It also helps ensure that information is properly secured and fully accessible when needed at any point in its lifecycle through a powerful management console and built-in high availability features. RSA Data Protection Manager provides a comprehensive platform for enforcing and managing the security of sensitive data.

**Table 4-24**      **PCI Assessment Summary—RSA Data Protection Manager**

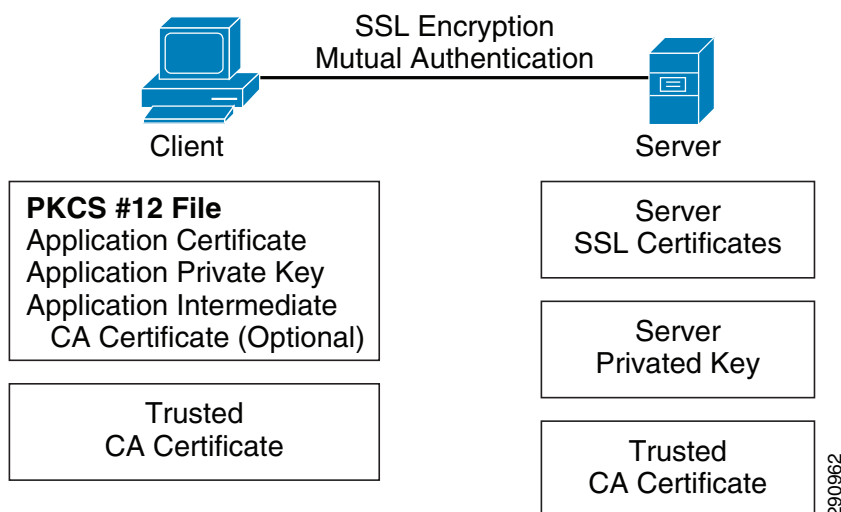
Models Assessed	
RSA Data Protection Manager	version KM-3.1 / AM-6.1.SP3
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

## Primary PCI Function

The main function of RSA Data Protection Manager is to securely manage the keys that protect cardholder data. (3.5)



**Figure 4-10 RSA Data Protection Manager Deployment**



The certificates and credentials that need to be prepared include:

- Client PKCS#12 certificate and key pair—Used to authenticate RSA Data Protection Manager clients to the RSA Data Protection Server
- Server SSL certificate and key pair—Used by RSA Data Protection Manager Clients to authenticate the server
- Trusted CA certificate—Installed on both clients and the server to verify the signature of certificates sent by a peer. For example, a RSA Key Manager Client has a trusted CA certificate to verify the signature of the Server certificate.
- Middle CA certificate (optional)—If a certificate is not signed directly by a trusted CA certificate, a middle CA certificate should be installed and sent during SSL connection to verify the certificate chain.

### Security Recommendation

Because of vulnerabilities with RSA signatures with a small public exponent, especially 3, RSA recommends that an exponent of F4 (216+1) be used.

## Storage

### EMC SAN Disk Array

The EMC SAN disk array is used to securely store sensitive compliance data within the data center. Using virtual storage technology, organizations are able to safely combine (in-scope) sensitive data with (out-of-scope) data while maintaining the compliance boundary.

EMC technology combines midrange networked storage with innovative technology and robust software capabilities to manage and consolidate your data.

**Table 4-26 PCI Assessment Summary—EMC SAN Disk Array**

<b>Models Assessed</b>	
EMC CLARiiON CX-240	
EMC Unified Infrastructure Manager version 2.0.1.1.160	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Passed</b>	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The main function of the EMC SAN disk array is to store cardholder data. There is no direct PCI requirement for this storage function.

[Table 4-27](#) lists the component assessment details for the EMC SAN disk array.

**Table 4-27 Component Capability Assessment—EMC SAN Disk Array**

EMC SAN Disk Array

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Securely manage the keys that protect cardholder data

REQUIREMENT: 3 (3.5)

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ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)"
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

The EMC SAN disk array is a primary component of VCE Vblock architecture. Vblock 1 is designed for medium-to-high numbers of virtual machines, and is ideally suited to a broad range of usage scenarios, including shared services, e-mail, file and print, virtual desktops, and collaboration.

## Monitoring

### RSA enVision

RSA enVision is a security information and event management (SIEM) platform that provides the capability to implement PCI requirement 10 to track and monitor all access to network resources and cardholder data. RSA enVision does this by collecting, permanently archiving, and processing all the log and event data generated by devices and applications within your network, and generating alerts when it observes suspicious patterns of behavior. Administrators can interrogate the full volume of stored data through an intuitive dashboard, and can use advanced analytical software to gain visibility and understanding of how their network is used and the threats and risks to the infrastructure and applications.

The RSA enVision platform can draw logs from tens of thousands of devices at once, including Cisco network devices, the VCE Vblock infrastructure, the VMware virtual environment, Cisco ASA firewalls, Cisco IPS devices, Cisco IronPort E-mail Appliance, other RSA products, and the HyTrust appliance.

Out of the box, RSA enVision can produce PCI 2.0 compliance reports and alerts based on the log and event data it collects. RSA enVision also offers powerful tools to create custom reports and alerts specific to your environment.

**Table 4-28**      **PCI Assessment Summary—RSA enVision**

<b>Models Assessed</b>	
RSA enVision version 4.0, Revision 5	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Passed</b>	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The main function of RSA enVision is to securely store and correlate the system logs that it receives. (10.5)

[Table 4-29](#) lists the component assessment details for RSA enVision.





## HyTrust Appliance

Vblock Infrastructure Platforms from VCE allow organizations to take advantage of the architectural, operational, and financial benefits of virtualization in their PCI infrastructure. HyTrust Appliance (HTA) complements Vblock capabilities by providing:

- Access control for virtual infrastructure including least privilege, separation of duties, and two-factor authentication
- Granular and exhaustive logging and auditing
- Segmentation of infrastructure to support virtualized applications

PCI DSS 2.0 clarifies the use of virtualization technology with the cardholder data environment (CDE) and specifies that the platform is always in scope. This requirement is consistent with additional risks introduced by mobility and the fast-paced change rate of virtualized assets that can now be reconfigured, relocated, and duplicated by remote administrators. These capabilities combined with poor access control create a significant risk. Hypervisor logs geared toward software maintenance and troubleshooting are obviously useful, but not in the context of a compliance audit.

HyTrust Appliance systematically addresses the three broad areas of IT control objectives (access and user administration, change and configuration, and operations), by proactively enforcing policies for all administrative access, regardless of access method: Secure Shell (SSH) to host, VMware vSphere client to host, or VMware vCenter or any of the programmatic access. HyTrust Appliance provides two-factor authentication and role-based access control, logical segmentation of shared infrastructure, root password vaulting, and audit-quality logs of every attempted access.

**Table 4-30 PCI Assessment Summary—HyTrust Appliance**

Models Assessed	
HyTrust version 2.2.1.14064	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The primary function of HyTrust Appliance is to provide an automated control and audit facility for the virtual infrastructure and cloud stack. (2, 7, and 10).

Table 4-31 lists the component assessment details for the HyTrust Appliance.

**Table 4-31 Component Capability Assessment—HyTrust Appliance**

HyTrust Appliance

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Monitor and secure access to the virtual infrastructure by proxying administrative sessions to VMware vCenter

REQUIREMENT: 2, 7, 10 (2.3, 7.1, 10.5)









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ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
SECURITY SERVICES		
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	*Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
AUTHENTICATION		
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
LOGS/ALERTS		
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

Define rules and deploy policy to activate protection for the virtual infrastructure.

Administrators can define custom rules that restrict entitlement based on specific virtual infrastructure objects that users need to access and manage. Rules that define entitlement can be based on pre-defined roles or administrators can use custom user-defined roles.

The Hytrust appliance provides complete logging of administrator actions by proxying VMware vCenter client connections to the vSphere management server, and clients that try to connect directly to ESX/ESXi hosts. This logging includes the source IP address of the clients, permitted actions and actions that are blocked because the client may not have sufficient privileges (all requirements of PCI that VMware cannot perform natively).

## Additional In Scope Devices

Any system that stores, processes, or transmits cardholder data is considered in scope for PCI compliance. Infrastructure components that provide network services such as load balancing or WAN optimization are often not considered when contemplating compliance. However, if these technologies pass sensitive data, they are subject to the same controls of traditional security products.

The capabilities that these components need to meet are highlighted in [Table 4-2](#).

# Infrastructure

## Routing

### Router—Branch

The Cisco Integrated Services Router (ISR) is the component that is used as the primary routing and security platform of the branches. It can securely scale to the requirements of the business because it has integrated firewall, VPN, and IPS/IDS capabilities. WAN options include traditional terrestrial paths using T1, T3, Ethernet, and so on; wireless options include 3G/4G/Wi-Fi modules connecting branches over public paths for higher availability.

The Cisco ISR consolidates voice, data, and security into a single platform with local and centralized management services. It delivers scalable rich media, service virtualization, and energy efficiency ideal for deployments requiring business continuity, WAN flexibility, and superior collaboration capabilities. The Cisco ISR uses field-upgradeable motherboards, with services such as security, mobility, WAN optimization, unified communications, video, and customized applications.

[Table 4-32](#) lists the performance of the Cisco ISR in satisfying PCI sub-requirements.

**Table 4-32 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco ISR**

Models Assessed	
CISCO891W version c890-universalk9-mz.151-3.T.bin	
CISCO1941W-A/K9 version c1900-universalk9-mz.SPA.151-3.T.bin	
CISCO2921/K9 version c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.151-3.T.bin	
CISCO2951/K9 version c2951-universalk9-mz.SPA.151-3.T.bin	
CISCO3945-SPE150/K9 version c3900-universalk9-mz.SPA.151-3.T.bin	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 1</b>	1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 1.3.5, 1.3.6, 1.3.7, 1.3.8
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 4</b>	4.1
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.7.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3
<b>PCI 11</b>	11.4
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	

**Table 4-32 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco ISR**

PCI Sub-Requirements Failed
No sub-requirements were failed.

## Primary PCI Function

The main function of the Cisco ISR is the segmentation of PCI scope and enforcement of that new scope boundary.

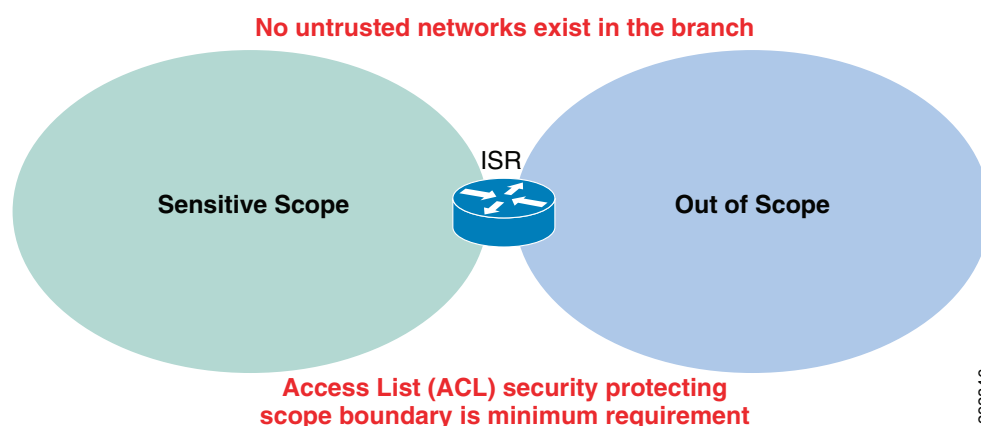
It has five primary functions/capabilities in relation to PCI.

1. As a router, directing traffic between networks

A router in its simplest form routes between networks. By segmenting a network into sub-networks, an organization can isolate sensitive information from non-sensitive information. The Cisco ISR can segment and route sensitive traffic separately from non-sensitive traffic to reduce the overall scope of a company's cardholder data environment. Depending on risk vectors within the branch, different levels of enforcement might be required at the segmented scope boundary level. (See items 2, 3 and 4 following.)

2. As a router with ACLs, restricting traffic between the cardholder data environment and other areas of the network

A router with ACLs can be used to enforce segmented traffic only if the ACLs are used to filter and segment private networks of the organization. They may not be used to filter untrusted networks. For example, many organizations have a central chokepoint in their data center that is the connection to the Internet (an untrusted network). As long as the organization has only untrusted network connections outside of the branch, (the data center, in this case), then an organization may use router access lists to protect its scope from its own private internal networks. As soon as the branch connects to untrusted networks directly, items 3 and 4 below become relevant. (See [Figure 4-11](#).)

**Figure 4-11 ACLs Segment Traffic**

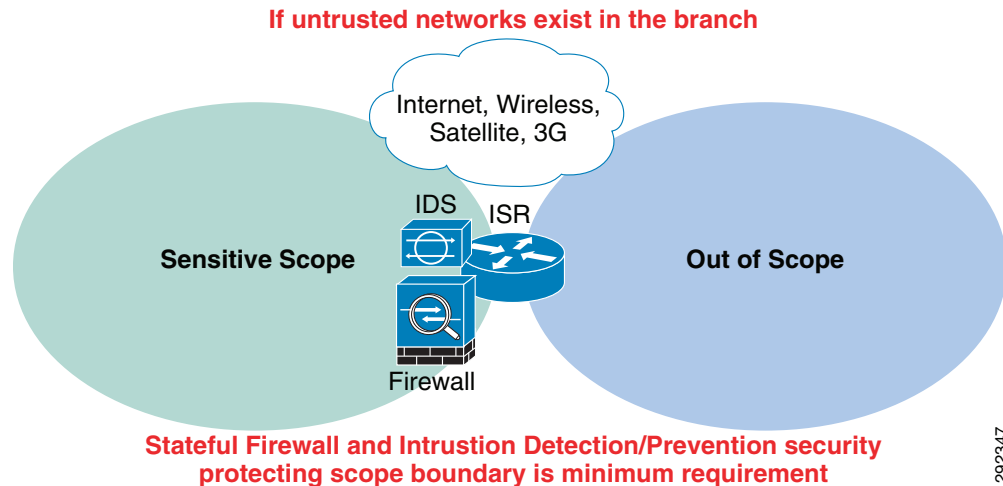
3. As a stateful firewall, restricting traffic between the cardholder data environment and other areas of the network

As soon as any untrusted network is introduced at the branch level, firewalling and IDS/IPS must be deployed. The following are examples of untrusted networks:

- The Internet
- Wireless

- Satellite
  - 3G/4G cellular backup
4. As an intrusion prevention system, inspecting all traffic going to and from the cardholder data environment
- As soon as any untrusted network is introduced at the branch level, firewalling and IDS/IPS must be deployed. (See [Figure 4-12](#).)

**Figure 4-12 Using Firewall and IDS/IPS**



The Cisco ISR can be used to address segmentation challenges and enforce scope boundaries depending on the levels required by the organization. Each of these features can be enabled by using a license key. This feature is particularly useful for organizations because it does not require a visit to every branch to enable the firewall/IPS/IDS capability. If these capabilities are not used within the Cisco ISR, an external component(s) can be used to address this level of scope enforcement.

5. As a VPN system, encrypting all traffic going to and from the branch across open and public networks.
- The Cisco ISR can be used to address the need to encrypt the transmission of cardholder data across open, public networks such as 3G/4G/Wi-fi, and satellite technologies using SSL and IPSec technologies.

[Table 4-33](#) lists the component assessment details for the Cisco ISR.



- Disable use of Telnet and enable use of only SSH version 2.
- Configure the **session-timeout** and **exec-timeout** commands to 15 minutes or less on the console, VTY, and line interfaces on the router. Disable the AUX interface.
- Configure appropriate banner messages on login, incoming, and exec modes of the router. The login banner warning should not reveal the identity of the company that owns or manages the router. The incoming and executive banners should state that these areas are considered private and that unauthorized access will result in prosecution to the full extent of the law.
- Configure the primary login authentication of the router to be directed to the Cisco Secure ACS. Individual user account profiles need to be created. Configure secondary or tertiary authentication local to the router itself in the event of a WAN or Cisco Secure ACS failure.
- Use the **no service password-recovery** command in conjunction with the **service password encryption** command to prevent password theft by physical compromise of the router.
- Change default passwords and community strings to appropriate complexity.
- Configure logs to be sent to a centralized syslog server, such as RSA enVision.
- Configure NTP to ensure all logging is coordinated.
- Disable un-necessary services (for example, Bootp, Pad, ipv6).
- Shutdown unused interfaces.

Each of the branch designs was implemented using guidance from the following:

- Cisco Enterprise Branch Security Design Guide—  
[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Branch/E\\_B\\_SDC1.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Branch/E_B_SDC1.html)
- Branch/WAN Design Zone—  
[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/netsol/ns816/networking\\_solutions\\_design\\_guidances\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/netsol/ns816/networking_solutions_design_guidances_list.html)

Additional information for router hardening can be found at the following URLs:

- Cisco Guide to Harden Cisco IOS Devices—  
[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/tech/tk648/tk361/technologies\\_tech\\_note09186a0080120f48.shtml](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/tech/tk648/tk361/technologies_tech_note09186a0080120f48.shtml)
- Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide, Release 12.4—  
[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/security/configuration/guide/12\\_4/sec\\_12\\_4\\_book.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/security/configuration/guide/12_4/sec_12_4_book.html)

## Routers—Data Center

The primary function of data center routers from a PCI perspective is routing between sensitive networks and out-of scope networks. Data center routers function as WAN aggregation routers or connecting to larger networks such as the Internet. Therefore, performance and scalability are equally important as securely passing data. For this reason, and unlike the routers in the branch, security functions are typically separated physically into distinct appliances. The Cisco ASR1002 routers were used for the Internet edge and branch WAN edge portions of the network within the solution testing.

### Primary PCI Function

The main function of the data center routers is the segmentation of PCI scope and enforcement of that new scope boundary. The data center router has four primary functions/capabilities in relation to PCI:

1. As a router, directing traffic between networks

A router in its simplest form routes between networks. By segmenting a network into sub-networks, an organization can isolate sensitive information from non-sensitive information. Data center routers can segment and route sensitive traffic separately from non-sensitive traffic to reduce the

overall scope of a company's cardholder data environment. Depending on risk vectors, different levels of enforcement might be required at the segmented scope boundary level. (See items 2, 3, and 4 following.)

2. As a router with ACLs, restricting traffic between the cardholder data environment and other areas of the network

A router with ACLs can be used to enforce segmented traffic only if the ACLs are used to filter and segment private networks of the organization. They may not be used to filter untrusted networks. For example, if a data center router is used to segment sensitive PCI networks from internal inventory networks, an organization may use router access lists to protect its scope. As soon as the branch connects to untrusted networks directly, items 3 and 4 below become relevant.

3. As a stateful firewall, restricting traffic between the cardholder data environment and other areas of the network

As soon as any untrusted network is introduced to the connections of the data center router, firewalling and IDS/IPS must be deployed. The following are examples of untrusted networks:

- Internet
- Wireless
- Satellite
- Cellular backup

4. As an intrusion prevention system, inspecting all traffic going to and from the cardholder data environment

As soon as any untrusted network is introduced to the connections of the data center router, firewalling and IDS/IPS must be deployed at that location.

**Table 4-34 PCI Assessment Summary—Data Center Routers**

Models Assessed	
ASR-1002 (RP1) version asr1000rp1-adventerprisek9.03.02.01.S.151-1.S1.bin	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
PCI 1	1.2.2, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 1.3.5, 1.3.6, 1.3.7, 1.3.8
PCI 2	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4, 2.3
PCI 4	4.1
PCI 6	6.1
PCI 7	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
PCI 8	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
PCI 10	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	





- Configure the primary login authentication of the router to be directed to the Cisco Secure ACS. Individual user account profiles need to be created. Configure secondary or tertiary authentication local to the router itself in the event of a WAN or Cisco Secure ACS failure.
- Use the **no service password-recovery** command in conjunction with the **service password encryption** command to prevent password theft by physical compromise of the router.
- Enable anti-spoofing on all interfaces.
- Routers in the data center were implemented using guidance from the following:
  - Enterprise Data Center Design guide based on a Data Center 3.0 Architecture—  
[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/netsol/ns743/networking\\_solutions\\_program\\_home.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/netsol/ns743/networking_solutions_program_home.html)
  - Enterprise Internet Edge Design Guide—  
[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Security/IE\\_DG.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Security/IE_DG.html)
- For the Internet edge routers, use the access list below on the interface that is facing the Internet. This access list explicitly filters traffic destined for the infrastructure address space. Deployment of edge infrastructure access lists requires that you clearly define your infrastructure space and the required/authorized protocols that access this space. The access list is applied at the ingress to your network on all externally facing connections, such as peering connections, customer connections, and so forth.

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!
ip access-list extended COARSE-FILTER-INTERNET-IN
  remark -----
  remark ---Block Private Networks---
  deny ip 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 any log
  deny ip 172.16.0.0 0.15.255.255 any log
  deny ip 192.168.0.0 0.0.255.255 any log
  remark -
  remark ---Block Autoconfiguration Networks---
  deny ip 169.254.0.0 0.0.255.255 any log
  remark -
  remark ---Block Loopback Networks---
  deny ip 127.0.0.0 0.0.255.255 any log
  remark -
  remark ---Block Multicast Networks---
  deny ip 224.0.0.0 15.255.255.255 any log
  remark -
  remark ---Block Your assigned IP's at edge---
  deny ip <YOUR_CIDR_BLOCK> any log
  remark -
  remark ---Allow remaining public internet traffic---
  permit ip any any
!

```

**Note**

The **log** keyword can be used to provide additional details about source and destinations for a given protocol. Although this keyword provides valuable insight into the details of access list hits, excessive hits to an access list entry that uses the **log** keyword increase CPU utilization. The performance impact associated with logging varies by platform.

The service provider network in the solution represented an Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) network. At the writing of this document, MPLS is considered a private network, and secure tunneling across the WAN is not required. MPLS implementations may be public or private with regards to PCI, depending on how the service provider implements the MPLS network and whether the provider has satisfactorily completed their annual PCI audit. For best practices when in doubt, Cisco recommends

VPN tunneling be implemented. For further information on implementing an IPSec VPN, see the *IPSec VPN Direct Encapsulation Design Guide* at the following URL:  
[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/WAN\\_and\\_MAN/Dir\\_Encap.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/WAN_and_MAN/Dir_Encap.html)

## Switching

### Switches—Branch

Cisco branch switches provide connectivity for wired endpoints and the ability to segment them onto their own sensitive scope networks. Virtual local area networks (VLANs) are used to put sensitive PCI applications and devices onto their own network and segregate them from devices that are on non-sensitive networks.

Branch switches are broken into three categories to provide scale and feature relevance;

- Compact switches—Quiet, small form factor switches that can be used on branch floors to extend the capability of the network to the register. These switches use power over Ethernet (PoE) pass-through, reducing expensive power and network cabling costs to new devices at the area of sale.
- Access switches—Stackable, expandable switches that can be used for wired device port density in the branch wiring closets. Access switches offer a variety of modular and fixed configuration options, and feature operational efficiency with StackPower, FlexStack, and NetFlow to increase visibility and control.
- Core/distribution—Highly redundant, powerful core switches allow for the most demanding business requirements of the branch. Modular functionality provides the ability to insert security technology as the needs of the business expand into new areas.

**Table 4-36 PCI Assessment Summary—Branch Switches**

Models Assessed	
WS-C2960PD-8TT-Lc2960-lanbasek9-mz.122-55.SE1.bin	
WS-C2960G-8TC-Lc2960-lanbasek9-mz.122-50.SE4.bin	
WS-C2960-8TC-Lc2960-lanbasek9-mz.122-50.SE4.bin	
WS-C2960S-48FPS-Lc2960s-universalk9-mz.122-53.SE1.bin	
WS-C3750X-48PF-Sc3750e-universalk9-mz.122-53.SE2.bin	
WS-C2960CPD-8PT-Lc2960c405-universalk9-mz.122-55.0.43.SK.bin	
WS-4507+R SUP-7cat4500e-universalk9.SPA.03.01.00.SG.150-1.XO.bin	
WS-C3560X-48PF-Sc3560e-universalk9-mz.122-53.SE2.bin	
WS-C3560CPD-8PT-Lc3560c405ex-universalk9-mz.122-55.0.44.SK.bin	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 9</b>	9.1.2
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3
<b>PCI 11</b>	11.1.b, 11.1.d

**Table 4-36 PCI Assessment Summary—Branch Switches**

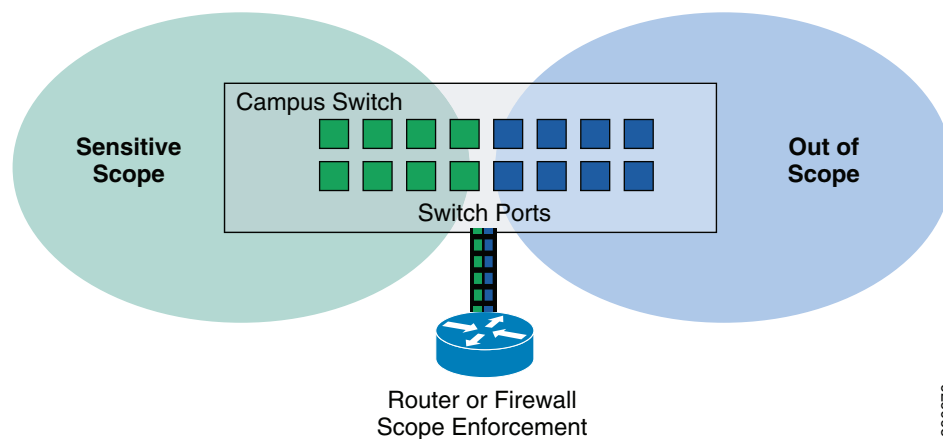
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>
No sub-requirements were failed.

## Primary PCI Function

The primary PCI compliance feature of branch switches is to provide secure wired port access. (9.1.2, 11.1)

Branch switches also provide PCI compliance via segmentation of sensitive networks from out-of-scope networks. Although technically a firewall or ACL is used to enforce PCI Requirement 1, switches extend that Layer 3 boundary to Layer 2. Using VLANs, Cisco branch switches allow organizations to put their payment networks into separate VLANs (scopes) from other non-sensitive data (out-of-scope).

Figure 4-13 shows an example of switch segmentation.

**Figure 4-13 Cisco Branch Switch Segmentation**

Although the enforcement of these boundaries would be handled by either a router or firewall, the switch provides the port density and access required to connect the payment devices from the branch floor.

Table 4-37 lists the component assessment details for the Cisco branch switches.

**Table 4-37 Component Capability Assessment—Branch Switches**

# Branch Switches

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Provide secure access to payment devices in the branches

REQUIREMENT: 9, 11 (9.1.2, 11.1.b)

ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)"
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

- The configurations of the Cisco Catalyst switches in the branch architectures are maintained within Cisco Prime LMS (alternatively CiscoWorks Resource Manager Essentials, a component of C-LMS, can be used as well).
- The use of VLANs on the Cisco Catalyst switch enables the organization to provide same-box wired access to its devices while maintaining segregated addressing schemes.
- Disable the HTTP server on the switch and enable the HTTP secure server.
- Using the stacking capability of Cisco Catalyst switches improves high availability designs while simplifying configuration and support.
- Cisco SmartPorts simplifies connecting the right device to the right VLAN.
- Network Admission Control (NAC) protects the network from rogue devices being connected.
- Cisco compact switches can easily add more securely managed ports where needed (for example, Cash Wrap and customer service desk), and some models can use PoE.
- Set the **session** and **exec timeout** commands to 15 minutes or less.
- Configure appropriate banner messages on login, incoming, and exec modes of the switch. The login banner warning should not reveal the identity of the company that owns or manages the switch. The incoming and executive banners should state that these areas are considered private and that unauthorized access will result in prosecution to the full extent of the law.

- Configure the primary login authentication of the switch to be directed to the Cisco Secure ACS. Individual user account profiles need to be created. Configure secondary or tertiary authentication local to the switch itself in the event of a WAN or Cisco Secure ACS failure.
- Use the **no service password-recovery** command in conjunction with the **service password encryption** command to prevent password theft by physical compromise of the switch.

## Cisco Catalyst Switches—Data Center

The Cisco Catalyst family of data center switches securely switches data; from servers to high speed trunks, maintaining the integrity of segmented scopes of compliance. They provide scalable inter-switch connectivity, high port density for wired endpoints, and the ability to segment them into sensitive scope networks. VLANs are used to put sensitive PCI applications and devices onto their own network and segregate them from devices that are on non-sensitive networks. Data center Cisco Catalyst switches are highly redundant, capable of delivering high performance switching, with feature options depending on the needs of the business.

Modular functionality provides the ability to insert security technology to enforce compliance needs.

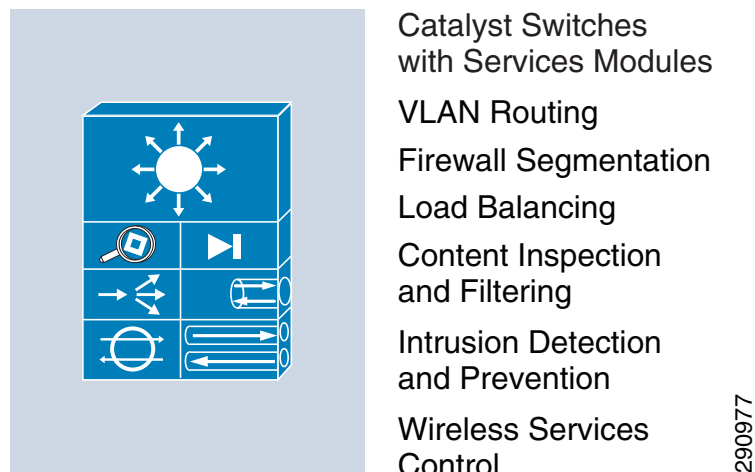
- Security services include access control, firewall, and intrusion prevention.
- Wireless services can be aggregated into these switches for central policy control of unified wireless access points.
- Application services include quality of service (QoS), content filtering, and load balancing.

**Table 4-38**      **PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Catalyst Data Center Switches**

Models Assessed	
Catalyst6509-Sup720-3BXL version s72033-adventerprisek9_wan-mz.122-33.SXJ.bin WS-C3750-48P version c3750-ipbasek9-mz.122-55.SE1.bin	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 1</b>	1.2.2
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 9</b>	9.1.1
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The primary PCI compliance feature of Cisco Catalyst data center switches is securing the infrastructure. Cisco Catalyst switches have firewall/IDS modules for perimeter security. (See [Figure 4-14](#).)

**Figure 4-14 Cisco Catalyst Data Center Switches**

The main function of the Cisco Catalyst data center switches is segmentation of PCI scope and enforcement of that new scope boundary. These switches have five primary functions/capabilities in relation to PCI:

- Using VLANs, Cisco Catalyst switches allow an organization to put its payment networks into separate VLANs (scopes) from other non-sensitive data (out of scope).
- The Layer 3 Cisco Catalyst switch acts as a router, directing traffic between networks. By segmenting a network into sub-networks, an organization can isolate sensitive information from non-sensitive information. The Cisco Catalyst switch can perform the ability to segment and route sensitive traffic from non-sensitive and reduce the overall scope of a company's cardholder data environment. Depending on risk vectors, different levels of enforcement are required at the segmented scope boundary level. See the following bullets for details.
- The Layer 3 Cisco Catalyst switch acts as a router with ACLs, restricting traffic between the cardholder data environment and other areas of the network. A Cisco Catalyst switch with ACLs can be used to enforce segmented traffic if the ACLs are used only to filter and segment private networks of the organization. ACLs may not be used to segment untrusted networks.
- The Cisco Catalyst switch with a firewall service module restricts traffic between the cardholder data environment and other areas of the network. As soon as any untrusted network is introduced, firewalling and IDS/IPS must be deployed.
- The Layer 3 Cisco Catalyst switch with an intrusion prevention module inspects all traffic going to and from the cardholder data environment. As soon as any untrusted network is introduced, firewalling and IDS/IPS must be deployed.

Table 4-39 lists the component assessment details for the Cisco Catalyst data center switches.

**Table 4-39 Component Capability Assessment—Cisco Catalyst Data Center Switches**

Cisco Catalyst Data Center Switches

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Provide secure access to payment infrastructure and servers using VLANs, ACLs, and firewall/IPS

REQUIREMENT: 1, 11 (1.2, 1.3, 11.4)

ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

- The configurations of the Cisco Catalyst switches in the data center and Internet edge architectures are maintained within Cisco Prime LMS (alternatively CiscoWorks Resource Manager Essentials, a component of C-LMS, can be used as well).
- The use of VLANs on the Cisco Catalyst switch enables the organization to provide same-box wired access to its devices while maintaining segregated addressing schemes.
- Using the stacking capability of Cisco Catalyst switches improves high availability designs while simplifying configuration and support.
- Disable the HTTP server on the switch and enable the HTTP secure server.
- Set the **session** and **exec timeout** commands to 15 minutes or less.
- Configure appropriate banner messages on login, incoming, and exec modes of the switch. The login banner warning should not reveal the identity of the company that owns or manages the switch. The incoming and executive banners should state that these areas are considered private and that unauthorized access will result in prosecution to the full extent of the law.
- Configure the primary login authentication of the switch to be directed to the Cisco Secure ACS. Individual user account profiles need to be created. Configure secondary or tertiary authentication local to the switch itself in the event of a WAN or Cisco Secure ACS failure.
- Use the **no service password-recovery** command in conjunction with the **service password encryption** command to prevent password theft by physical compromise of the switch.



## Cisco Nexus 1000V Switch—Data Center

The Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switch provides connectivity for virtual servers with the ability to segment them onto their own sensitive scope networks. VLANs are used to put sensitive PCI applications and devices onto their own network and segregate them from devices that are on non-sensitive networks.

The Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switch provides advanced networking functions and a common network management model in a virtualized server environment. The Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switch replaces the virtual switching functionality of the VMware vCenter data center container of servers. Each server in the data center container is represented as a line card in the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Virtual Supervisor Module (VSM) and is managed as if it were a line card in a physical Cisco switch.

Key benefits of the Nexus 1000V include the following:

- Policy-based virtual machine (VM) connectivity
- Mobile VM security and network policy
- Non-disruptive operational model for your server virtualization, and networking teams

**Table 4-40 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switch**

Models Assessed	
Cisco Nexus 1000V version 4.2(1)SV1(4)	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The primary PCI compliance feature of Cisco Nexus switches is secure aggregation and access layer connectivity.

- Using VLANs, Cisco Nexus switches allow an organization to put its payment network into separate VLANs (scopes) from other non-sensitive data (out of scope).
- The Layer 3 Cisco Nexus switch acts as a router, directing traffic between networks. By segmenting a network into sub-networks, an organization can isolate sensitive information from non-sensitive information. The Cisco Nexus switch can segment and route sensitive traffic separately from non-sensitive traffic to reduce the overall scope of a company's cardholder data environment. Depending on risk vectors, various levels of enforcement are required at the segmented scope boundary level.



- Virtual Supervisor Module (VSM)
- Virtual Ethernet module (VEM)

The Cisco Nexus 1000V VSM is installed as an appliance server on either a standalone Cisco UCS server (Cisco Nexus 1010) or as a virtual appliance on VMware ESXi server running on a blade of the Cisco UCS system.

## Cisco Nexus Switches—Data Center

The Cisco Nexus family of data center switches securely switches data; from payment application servers to high speed trunks of the core, maintaining the integrity of segmented scopes of compliance. They provide scalable inter-switch connectivity and high port density for wired endpoints. VLANs are used to put sensitive PCI applications and devices onto their own network and segregate them from devices on non-sensitive networks.

Cisco Nexus switches are ideal for enterprise-class server and aggregation layer deployments. These multipurpose, multilayer switches can be deployed across a diverse set of traditional, virtualized, unified, and high-performance computing environments. They enable diverse transports over Ethernet (including Layer 2, Layer 3, and storage traffic) on one common platform. Nexus switches help transform your data center, with a standards-based, multipurpose, multiprotocol, Ethernet-based fabric.

**Table 4-42 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Nexus Data Center Switches**

Models Assessed	
Cisco Nexus5020 Chassis (“40x10GE/Supervisor”) version n5000-uk9.5.0.3.N1.1b.bin	
Cisco 7010 Chassis (“Supervisor module-1X”) version n7000-s1-dk9.5.1.2.bin	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 1</b>	1.2.2
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The primary PCI compliance feature of Cisco Nexus data center switches is secure aggregation and access layer connectivity.

- Using VLANs, Cisco Nexus switches allow an organization to put its payment network into separate VLANs (scopes) from other non-sensitive data (out of scope).
- The Layer 3 Cisco Nexus switch acts as a router, directing traffic between networks. By segmenting a network into sub-networks, an organization can isolate sensitive information from non-sensitive information. The Cisco Nexus switch can segment and route sensitive traffic separately from

non-sensitive traffic to reduce the overall scope of a company's cardholder data environment. Depending on risk vectors, various levels of enforcement are required at the segmented scope boundary level.

- The Layer 3 Cisco Nexus switch acts as a router with ACLs, restricting traffic between the cardholder data environment and other areas of the network. A Cisco Nexus switch with ACLs can be used to enforce segmented traffic if the ACLs are used only to filter and segment private networks of the organization. ACLs may not be used to segment untrusted networks.
- The Cisco Nexus switch uses virtualization contexts, which are essentially virtualized switches. Each virtualized context has its own configuration and management interfaces that can be used to segregate not only data but administration as well.

Table 4-43 lists the component assessment details for the Cisco Nexus data center switches.

**Table 4-43 Component Capability Assessment — Cisco Nexus Data Center Switches**

Cisco Nexus Data Center Switches

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Secure access to payment infrastructure and servers using segmentation of trusted networks (VLANs, ACLs)










REQUIREMENT: 1 (1.3.5)

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ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

- Configuration was done manually on the router CLI, and backup of configuration and monitoring of configuration for changes and non-compliance were done through the Cisco Prime LMS (alternatively CiscoWorks Resource Manager Essentials, a component of C-LMS, can be used as well).

- Configure appropriate banner messages on login, incoming, and EXEC modes of the router. The login banner warning should not reveal the identity of the company that owns or manages the router. The incoming and executive banners should state that these areas are considered private and that unauthorized access will result in prosecution to the full extent of the law.
- Configure the primary login authentication of the router to be directed to the Cisco Secure ACS. Individual user account profiles need to be created. Configure secondary or tertiary authentication local to the router itself in the event of a WAN or Cisco Secure ACS failure.
- Nexus switches in the data center were implemented using guidance from the Enterprise Data Center Design guide based on a Data Center 3.0 Architecture:  
[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/netsol/ns743/networking\\_solutions\\_program\\_home.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/netsol/ns743/networking_solutions_program_home.html)  
 Enterprise Internet Edge Design Guide:  
[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Security/IE\\_DG.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Security/IE_DG.html)
- The Cisco Nexus 7010 and the Cisco Nexus 5000 were used for the aggregation block portions of the lab validation network.

## Cisco Wireless

Cisco Wireless technologies provide connectivity for mobile clients within the branch. They can secure connectivity for traditional business functions such as guest access or inventory control, without increasing risk. Innovative customer experience services such as mobile point-of-sale are equally secure. In addition to expanding business functionality, Cisco wireless technology seamlessly provides the capability to detect rogues.

Industry-leading performance is available with Cisco Aironet access points for highly secure and reliable wireless connections for both indoor and outdoor environments. Cisco offers a broad portfolio of access points targeted to specific business needs and topologies.

Cisco wireless controllers help reduce the overall operational expenses of Cisco Unified Wireless Networks by simplifying network deployment, operations, and management. They extend the Cisco Borderless Network policy and security from the wired network to the wireless edge.

Cisco Wireless Control System (WCS) delivers full visibility and control of Cisco Aironet access points, Cisco Wireless LAN Controllers (WLC) and the Cisco Mobility Services Engine (MSE) with built-in support for Cisco adaptive wireless intrusion prevention systems (wIPS) and Cisco context-aware services. This robust platform helps you reduce total cost of ownership and maintain a business-ready wireless network.

**Table 4-44 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Wireless Products**

Models Assessed	
AIR-CT5508-12-K9 version 7.0.114.112 MSE3550 version 7.0.200.125 Cisco WCS Manager version 7.0.171.107 AIR-CAP1042N AIR-CAP3502i AIR-CAP3502E AIR-LAP1262N	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.1.1, 2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 4</b>	4.1, 4.1.1

**Table 4-44 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco Wireless Products**

<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3
<b>PCI 11</b>	11.1.b, 11.1.d
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

## Primary PCI Function

The primary PCI function of Cisco Unified Wireless is secure connectivity of wireless clients (4.1) and rogue detection (1.1).

Table 4-45 lists the component assessment details for Cisco wireless products.

**Table 4-45 Component Capability Assessment —Cisco Wireless Products**

Cisco Wireless Products

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Secure access to payment infrastructure and servers using segmentation of trusted networks (VLANs, ACLs)

REQUIREMENT: 4, 11 (4.1, 11.1)

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ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

Rogue detection for wireless technology in the branch is required at a minimum of once a quarter, whether or not the organization has wireless deployed. A hacker might infiltrate a branch and install a rogue wireless device (for example, access point, wireless-enabled printer, or radio-enabled USB stick). This would allow a hacker remote access into the branch (from the parking lot, for example) that is hard to detect. The PCI DSS offers several methods for detecting rogue devices. Cisco Unified Wireless offers the benefit of continuous rogue detection while simultaneously passing normal wireless traffic.

The PCI-DSS states that wireless technology is an untrusted network connection. Wireless technology in the branch requires firewall and intrusion detection services to segment and protect the cardholder data environment. Stateful firewalls must be configured to limit traffic to and from the wireless environment (all enabled services, protocols, and ports must have documented justification for business purposes). All other access must be denied.

When including point-of-sale clients in the wireless network, strong wireless encryption technology needs to be implemented.



### Caution

Wireless clients must be protected from each other, as well. For example, when using hand-held scanners and mobile POS, the scanners need to be on separate SSIDs and networks from the POS, and protected with firewall and intrusion detection services that are restricted to justified business access.

Wireless compliance is broken into the stages listed in [Table 4-46](#).

**Table 4-46 Wireless Compliance Stages**

Wireless Deployment	Risk	Required Measure
No wireless deployed	Hacker deploys wireless into branch	Rogue detection
Wireless deployed, no wireless POS/CDE	Hacker deploys unknown wireless into branch, or hacks into existing wireless	Rogue detection Stateful firewall separating wired from wireless LAN Intrusion Detection System
Wireless deployed, includes wireless POS/CDE	Hacker deploys unknown wireless into branch, or hacks into existing wireless	Rogue detection Stateful firewall separating wired from wireless LAN Intrusion Detection System Strong wireless encryption for CDE (e.g., WPA2) Wireless CDE must be protected from other wireless and wired segments using a stateful firewall (Req. 1,2,3)

Cisco recommends using the Unified Wireless (controller-based) architecture for enterprise wireless deployments because of the Cisco ongoing wireless strategy. The autonomous Cisco IOS access points are not being enhanced. Future security and user enhancements will be developed on the controller-based architecture.

For WCS servers running software versions prior to 4.1, Cisco recommends a combination of documented password policies, manual audit procedures, and firewall segmentation for WCS servers within the data center.

- Configure unique SSIDs
- Disable broadcast of the SSIDs

## Storage

### Cisco MDS Storage Switches

Cisco MDS storage switches provide the central switching infrastructure connecting servers to storage. They provide the added capability to encrypt all information on the fly between these systems for specified targets; specifically, the EMC storage array and Cisco UCS servers in the solution.

The Cisco MDS 9000 Series Multilayer SAN Switches can help lower the total cost of ownership of the most demanding storage environments. By combining robust and flexible hardware architecture with multiple layers of network and storage management intelligence, the Cisco MDS 9000 Series helps you build highly available, scalable storage networks with advanced security and unified management.

**Table 4-47** *PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco MDS Storage Switches*

Models Assessed	
MDS 9506 (“Supervisor/Fabric-2”) version m9500-sf2ek9-mzg.5.0.1a.bin.S4	
MDS 9506 (“Supervisor/Fabric-2”) version m9500-sf2ek9-mz.5.0.4.bin	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 3</b>	3.4.1, 3.5, 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 3.6.4, 3.6.5
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The main function of Cisco MDS storage switches is to securely encrypt cardholder data at rest as it passes from server to storage. (3.4)

Table 4-48 lists the component assessment details for Cisco MDS storage switches.





The Cisco ASA 5500 Series delivers superior scalability, a broad span of technology and solutions, and effective, always-on security designed to meet the needs of a wide array of deployments. By integrating the world's most proven firewall; a comprehensive, highly effective intrusion prevention system (IPS) with Cisco Global Correlation and guaranteed coverage; high-performance VPN and always-on remote access, the Cisco ASA 5500 Series helps organizations provide secure, high performance connectivity and protects critical assets for maximum productivity.

The Cisco ASA 5500 Series includes the Cisco ASA 5505, 5510, 5512-X, 5515-X, 5520, 5525-X, 5540, 5545-X, 5550, 5555-X, 5580, and 5585-X Adaptive Security Appliances-purpose-built, high-performance security solutions that take advantage of Cisco expertise in developing industry-leading, award-winning security and VPN solutions. Through Cisco Multi-Processor Forwarding (MPF), the Cisco ASA 5500 Series brings a new level of security and policy control to applications and networks. MPF enables highly customizable, flow-specific security policies that have been tailored to application requirements. The performance and extensibility of the Cisco ASA 5500 Series is enhanced through user-installable security service modules (SSMs) and virtual modules. This adaptable architecture enables businesses to rapidly deploy security services when and where they are needed, such as tailoring inspection techniques to specific application and user needs or adding additional intrusion prevention and content security services such as those delivered by the Adaptive Inspection and Prevention (AIP) and Content Security and Control (CSC) SSMs. Furthermore, the modular hardware architecture of the Cisco ASA 5500 Series, along with the powerful MPF, provides the flexibility to meet future network and security requirements, extending the outstanding investment protection provided by the Cisco ASA 5500 Series and allowing businesses to adapt their network defenses to new threats as they arise.

All Cisco ASA 5500 Series appliances offer both IPsec and SSL/DTLS VPN solutions; clientless and AnyConnect VPN features are licensed at various price points, on a per-seat and per-feature basis. By converging SSL and IPsec VPN services with comprehensive threat defense technologies, the Cisco ASA 5500 Series provides highly customizable, granular network access tailored to meet the requirements of diverse deployment environments, while providing advanced endpoint and network-level security.

**Table 4-49 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco ASA 5500 Series (Branch)**

Models Assessed	
Cisco ASA5515-X w/vIPS Module version asa900-129-smp-k8.bin and IDS version 7.1(6)	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
PCI 1	1.2.1, 1.2.3, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 1.3.5, 1.3.6, 1.3.7, 1.3.8
PCI 2	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
PCI 4	4.1
PCI 6	6.1
PCI 7	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
PCI 8	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
PCI 10	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.4
PCI 11	11.4
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

## Primary PCI Function

The main function of the branch Cisco ASA firewall is to securely segment public and cardholder data environment branch networks, and provide intrusion detection capabilities. (1.2, 1.3, 11.4)

Table 4-50 lists the component assessment details for the Cisco ASA 5500 Series.

**Table 4-50 Component Capability Assessment—Cisco ASA 5500 Series (Branch)**

Cisco ASA 5500 Series (Branch)

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Segment public and cardholder data environment networks within the branch

REQUIREMENT: 1, 11 (1.2, 1.3, 11.4)

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ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

- Select the appropriate Cisco ASA model and IPS module for the traffic needs in the branch.
- For ASAs with SSM modules, connect the external Ethernet interface of the module to the secure management segment of the branch network.
- Configure security policies, objects, and rules centrally with Cisco Security Manager.

## Cisco ASA 5500 Series—Data Center

As a core component of Cisco Borderless Networks, Cisco ASA 5500 Series Adaptive Security Appliances provide:

- Context-aware firewall capabilities
- Proven firewall services
- Comprehensive real-time threat defense

- Effective, always-on, highly secure remote access
- Highly secure communication services

These solutions help reduce deployment and operational costs while delivering comprehensive network security for networks of all sizes.

Context-aware firewalling capabilities combine:

- In-depth local network context from ISE
- Real-time global threat intelligence from Cisco Security Intelligence Operations (SIO)
- Unique mobile client insight from AnyConnect

In addition, these solutions offer an advanced intrusion prevention system (IPS) with Global Correlation, which is twice as effective as a traditional IPS and includes Cisco guaranteed coverage.

**Table 4-51 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco ASA 5500 Series (Data Center)**

Models Assessed	
Cisco ASA5555-X w/vIPS module version asa900-129-smp-k8.bin and IPS version 7.1(6)E4	
Cisco ASA5585-S60-2A-K9                      asa901-smp-k8.bin	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 1</b>	1.2.1, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 1.3.5, 1.3.6, 1.3.7, 1.3.8
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 4</b>	4.1
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.4
<b>PCI 11</b>	11.4
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

## Primary PCI Function

The primary functions of the data center firewalls are twofold. They operate as a firewall, restricting traffic between the cardholder data environment and other areas of the network; and they operate as an intrusion prevention system, inspecting all traffic going to and from the cardholder data environment. These controls map directly to satisfying a number of PCI sub-requirements including Requirements 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, and 11. The following is a description of how each of the PCI sub-requirements is satisfied for branch routers.

[Table 4-52](#) lists the component assessment details for Cisco ASA 5500 Series.



- Configure NTP to ensure all logging is coordinated
- Cisco ASA firewalls were used for the branch WAN, Internet edge, and data center aggregation block.

## Cisco ASA Services Module (ASASM)—Data Center

The Cisco ASA Services Module (ASASM) is an integrated module installed inside a Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series Switch or Cisco 7600 Internet Router. The Cisco ASASM allows any port on the Cisco Catalyst switch to operate as a firewall port and integrates firewall security inside the network infrastructure.

The Cisco ASASM includes a number of advanced features that help reduce costs and operational complexity while enabling organizations to manage multiple firewalls from the same management platform. Features such as the resource manager help organizations limit the resources allocated to any security context at any time, thus ensuring that one security context does not interfere with another. The transparent firewall feature configures the Cisco ASASM to act as a Layer 2 bridging firewall, resulting in minimal changes to network topology.

**Table 4-53**      *PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco ASA Services Module*

Models Assessed	
WS-SVC-ASA-SM1 version asa851-smp-k8.bin	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 1</b>	1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 1.3.5, 1.3.6, 1.3.7, 1.3.8
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 4</b>	4.1
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.4
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The primary function of the Cisco ASASM is to restrict traffic between the cardholder data environment and other areas of the network (1.2, 1.3).

[Table 4-54](#) lists the component assessment details for the Cisco ASASM.

**Table 4-54 Component Capability Assessment—Cisco ASA Services Module**

Cisco ASASM

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Restrict traffic between the cardholder data environment and other network areas










REQUIREMENT: 1 (1.2, 1.3)

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ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

- Firewall rule sets must adhere to a “least amount of access necessary” policy. Rules must be defined by specific source/destination addressing and TCP/UDP ports.
- For Internet edge, disable **icmp permit** on the outside interface of Cisco ASASM. If users need to access servers in the DMZ segment, make sure that external users can reach the servers using very specific protocol and ports.
- Configure the **ip verify reverse path** command on all interfaces to provide anti-spoofing functionality.
- Configure the console timeout commands to 15 minutes or less on the console of the Cisco ASASM.
- Configure appropriate banner messages on login, incoming, and exec modes of the Cisco ASASM. The login banner warning should not reveal the identity of the company that owns or manages the Cisco ASASM. The incoming and executive banners should state that these areas are considered private and that unauthorized access will result in prosecution to the full extent of the law.
- Configure the primary login authentication of the Cisco ASASM to be directed to the Cisco Secure ACS. Individual user account profiles need to be created. Configure secondary or tertiary authentication local to the Cisco ASASM itself in the event of connectivity or Cisco Secure ACS failure.
- Change default passwords and community strings to appropriate complexity.
- Allow only SSHv2 (and not Telnet or SSHv1) connection from network management station to Cisco ASASM.

## Cisco Virtual Security Gateway

The Cisco Virtual Security Gateway (VSG) for Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switches was used in the data center for setting a boundary between the sensitive scope of the organization's cardholder data environment and out-of-scope networks. It is a virtual firewall for Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switches that delivers security and compliance for virtual computing environments. Cisco VSG uses virtual service data path (vPath) technology embedded in the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Virtual Ethernet Module (VEM), offering transparent firewall insertion and efficient deployment. All the policy management for VSG is done via Virtual Network Management Center (VNMC). Cisco VSG provides the following:

- Zone-based security controls based on network as well as virtual machine attributes. This flexibility simplifies security policies, which are easy to troubleshoot and audit.
- Secure multi-tenant deployment, protecting tenant workloads on a shared compute infrastructure.
- Leverages vPath intelligence for efficient network-wide deployment and accelerated performance through fast-path off-load.
- IT security, network, and server teams to collaborate while helping ensure administrative segregation to meet regulatory and audit requirements and reduce administrative errors.

### Primary PCI Function

The main function of the Cisco VSG is segmentation of PCI scope and enforcement of that new scope boundary. The Cisco VSG serves as a stateful firewall, restricting traffic between the cardholder data environment and other areas of the network. (1.2, 1.3)

**Table 4-55**      *PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco VSG*

Models Assessed	
Nexus VSG version 4.2(1)VSG1(1)	
PCI Sub-Requirements Passed	
<b>PCI 1</b>	1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.3.5, 1.3.6, 1.3.7
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3, 10.5.5
PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
PCI Sub-Requirements Failed	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

Table 4-56 lists the component assessment details for the Cisco VSG.



**Table 4-56 Component Capability Assessment—Cisco VSG**

Cisco VSG

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Restrict traffic between the cardholder data environment and other network areas







REQUIREMENT: 1 (1.2, 1.3)

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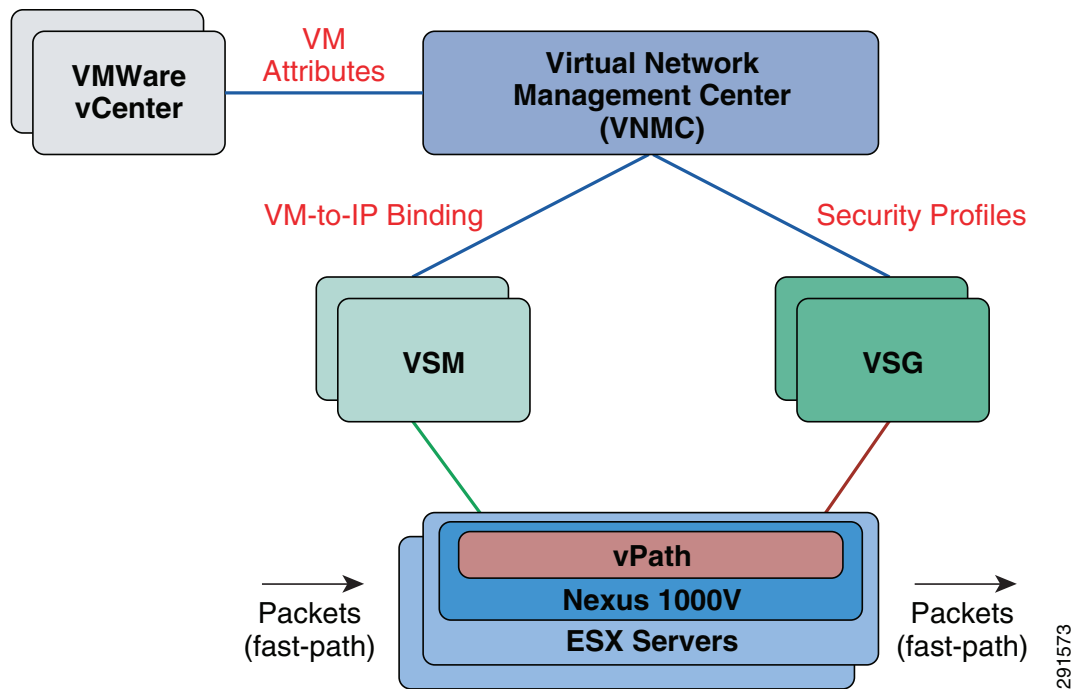
ASSESSMENT	CAPABILITY	
	SECURITY SERVICES	
	Disable Any Unnecessary Services	"Enable only necessary and secure services, protocols, daemons, etc., as required for the function of the system; Remove all unnecessary functionality, such as scripts, drivers, features, subsystems, file systems, and unnecessary web servers. (Sub-Requirements 2.2.2, 2.2.4)"
	Secure Administrative Access	Encrypt all non-console administrative access using strong cryptography. (Sub-requirement 2.3)
	Uses SNMP Version 3—SNMP	Versions 1 and 2 are considered insecure. (Verizon Recommended)
	Vendor Supported	Ensure that all system components and software are protected from known vulnerabilities by having the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed. (Sub-Requirements 6.1)
	AUTHENTICATION	
	Role-Based Access	Limit access to system components and cardholder data to only those individuals whose job requires such access. Access limitations must include the following.
	Use Secure, Unique Accounts	Assign all users a unique ID before allowing them to access system components or cardholder data. Strong passwords. (Sub-Requirements 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14)
	Admin Session Timeout	PCI Requires a timeout for sessions that are idle for more than 15 minutes, thereafter requiring the user to re-authenticate to renew access to the terminal or session. (Sub-Requirement 8.5.15)
	LOGS/ALERTS	
	Audit Trails	Secure audit trails so they cannot be altered. Promptly back up audit trail files to a centralized log server or media that is difficult to alter. (Sub-Requirement 10.5, 10.5.3)
	The Ability to Use Network Time Protocol	Time data is protected; Time settings are received from industry-accepted time sources. (Sub-Requirements 10.4.2, 10.4.3)

## Design Considerations

Cisco VSG integrates with Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switches to enforce security policies for your virtualized environment. VNMC provides policy management for a multitenant environment. One or more VSGs are required per tenant. VSG uses the vPath intelligence in the Virtual Ethernet Module (VEM) of the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series to provide the security policy enforcement.

Cisco VSG is deployed as a virtual appliance in vCenter. The primary function of Cisco VSG is to protect against unauthorized access to the cardholder environment.

**Figure 4-15 Cisco Nexus VSG System Architecture**



## Intrusion Detection

### Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series Intrusion Detection System Services Module 2

The Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series Intrusion Detection System Services Module 2 (IDSM2) is an important intrusion prevention system (IPS) solution that protects switched environments by integrating full-featured IPS functions directly into the network infrastructure through the widely deployed Cisco Catalyst chassis. This integration allows the user to monitor traffic directly off the switch backplane.

The Cisco IDSM2 with Cisco IPS Sensor Software v6.0 helps users stop more threats with greater confidence, through the use of the following elements:

- Multivector threat identification—Detailed inspection of Layer 2–7 traffic protects your network from policy violations, vulnerability exploitations, and anomalous activity.
- Accurate prevention technologies—The innovative Cisco Risk Rating feature and Meta Event Generator provide the confidence to take preventive actions on a broader range of threats without the risk of dropping legitimate traffic.

When combined, these elements provide a comprehensive inline prevention solution, providing the confidence to detect and stop the broadest range of malicious traffic before it affects business continuity.

**Table 4-57 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco IDSM2**

Models Assessed
WS-SVC-IDSM-2 version 7.0(4)

**Table 4-57 PCI Assessment Summary—Cisco IDSM2**

<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Passed</b>	
<b>PCI 2</b>	2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3
<b>PCI 6</b>	6.1
<b>PCI 7</b>	7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.1.4, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3
<b>PCI 8</b>	8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5.5, 8.5.9, 8.5.10, 8.5.11, 8.5.12, 8.5.13, 8.5.14, 8.5.15
<b>PCI 10</b>	10.1, 10.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.5, 10.3.6, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5.1, 10.5.2, 10.5.3
<b>PCI 11</b>	11.4
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Requiring Compensating Controls</b>	
No compensating controls were required to satisfy any sub-requirements.	
<b>PCI Sub-Requirements Failed</b>	
No sub-requirements were failed.	

### Primary PCI Function

The primary PCI function of the Cisco IDSM2 is to monitor all traffic at the perimeter of the cardholder data environment as well as at critical points inside of the cardholder data environment, and alert personnel to suspected compromises (11.4).

[Table 4-58](#) lists the component assessment details for the Cisco IDSM2.

