

Cisco OnPlus Scanner Q&A

Q. What is the Cisco OnPlus™ Scanner?

- A.** The Cisco OnPlus Scanner is a simple, browser-based tool, available at no cost, that discovers Cisco® devices on a network, uploads the data to the OnPlus portal in the cloud, and then allows users to see the product lifecycle status of those devices.

Q. What product lifecycle data does it provide?

- A.** The OnPlus Scanner will report back on hardware and software end-of-life notifications, Cisco Product Security Incident Response Team notices (PSIRTs), field notices, and warranty and service contract status. Users can set up reminders to receive notification if there is a change in the status of their inventory.

Q. Who is the target user for the OnPlus Scanner?

- A.** The OnPlus Scanner is targeted at Cisco partners and IT administrators supporting Cisco networking equipment in small to medium-sized networks (1000 users or less). However, there is no specific cap on the number of devices supported.

Q. What products are supported?

- A.** Cisco IOS devices including Catalyst® switches, Integrated Services Routers, and wireless controllers and access points are supported. A list of devices can be found in the OnPlus Scanner datasheet. Support for third-party devices is planned for the future.

Q. What size network can be scanned?

- A.** There is no set limit to the number of devices that can be managed, but is designed for networks with 1000 users or less.

Q. What are the requirements for using the OnPlus Scanner?

- A.** The OnPlus Scanner uses a browser supporting Java Runtime Environment (JRE). Supported Browser versions are listed in the OnPlus documentation. The user must have access to the network to be scanned. The user then enters the desired IP address range and the possible username and password combinations for Cisco devices to be discovered.

Q. Do I have to leave the OnPlus Scanner running to get updates on device status?

- A.** The OnPlus Scanner takes a snapshot in time of the network inventory. That data is uploaded into OnPlus Cloud Service to be viewed at any time, but will automatically provide product lifecycle updates and notifications, such as warranty status, end-of-life, and PSIRT. If the inventory of the network has changed, a new scan will need to be done to update the inventory list.

Q. How does the OnPlus Scanner compare to the OnPlus ON100 Network Agent appliance?

- A.** Please see the comparison chart in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Cisco OnPlus Cloud-Based Network Management Solution Comparison

		OnPlus Scanner	OnPlus ON100
Monitor	Discovery and reporting frequency	On demand	Continuous
	Visibility	Supported devices*	Networkwide
	Programmable alerts		✓
	Network performance		✓
Manage	Network device inventory	✓	✓
	Network topology	✓	✓
	Remote connectivity to network devices		✓
	Network device configuration		✓
	Performance reporting		✓
Maintain	Device warranty status	✓	✓
	Device lifecycle status	✓	✓
	Cisco® service contract verification	✓	✓
	Replacement/upgrade recommendations	✓	✓
	Device notifications/bulletins	✓	✓
	Remote Cisco IOS® Software/firmware uploading		✓
	Cloud backup/restore of device configuration		✓
Deployment	Pricing model	Free	Subscription service
	Service delivery model	Browser	OnPlus appliance
	OnPlus Cloud Portal interface	✓	✓
	Mobile app interface	✓	✓

* Now available in beta release, OnPlus Scanner can discover networking devices that run Cisco IOS. Future updates will expand the discovery capabilities to identify additional Cisco and non-Cisco devices.

For more information on Cisco OnPlus Scanner, visit www.cisco.com/go/onplus.



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