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Cisco Enterprise Content Delivery System Media Delivery Engines (MDEs)

Product Overview

The Cisco[®] Media Delivery Engines (MDEs) are part of the Cisco Enterprise Content Delivery System (ECDS), a comprehensive media delivery system that helps organizations easily scale video and content delivery over their existing WAN infrastructure. The Cisco MDEs are dedicated appliances that run all ECDS software applications, including the Service Engine, Content Acquirer, Service Router, and Content Delivery System Manager. The Cisco MDEs are available in two models - the Cisco MDE 1125 and the Cisco MDE 3125 - to accommodate the scalability and performance requirements for different-size enterprise sites.

The Cisco MDE 1125 is ideal for small and medium-size site deployments that require less than 1000 simultaneous users and clients for media delivery. The Cisco MDE 1125 provides options from 1 to 2 TB of total storage. The Cisco MDE 1125 comes with a base media license of 100 Mbps throughput and up to 200 simultaneous streams. An additional upgrade license is available to increase the capacity to a total of 500 Mbps throughput and 1000 simultaneous connections.

The Cisco MDE 3125 is ideal for large-site and campus and data center deployments that require scalability for a larger number of users and clients for media delivery. The Cisco MDE 3125 provides 4 TB of total storage. The Cisco MDE 3125 comes with a base media license of 1 Gbps streaming and up to 2000 simultaneous streams. An additional upgrade license is available to increase the capacity to a total of 2 Gbps and 5000 simultaneous connections.

In both cases, the MDE appliances may be stacked together at a single site to further scale deployments and to provide load balancing and redundancy.

Figure 1 shows the Cisco MDE platform.

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Figure 1. Cisco MDE Platform

Figure 2 shows the typical deployment architecture of Cisco ECDS using the MDEs.

Figure 2. Cisco Enterprise Content Delivery System's Media Delivery Engines Deployment Architecture



Features and Benefits

Table 1 lists the applications, use cases, and benefits of the Cisco Enterprise Content Delivery System. Table 2 lists the features and benefits of the Cisco Media Delivery Engines.

 Table 1.
 Cisco Enterprise Content Delivery System Applications and Benefits

ECDS Applications and Use Cases	ECDS Benefits
 Internal corporate communications 	 Support of live video and video on demand (VoD)
 Live town hall and all-hands meetings 	 Cost-effective and optimized video delivery
Business video	 Reduced streaming bandwidth requirements
 E-learning: employee training and education 	Enterprise WAN scalability
 Digital signage and kiosks 	 Flexible deployments to any endpoint or client
 IT software distribution and image management 	 Predictable, high-quality video performance

Table 2.	Cisco MDE Features and Benefits
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Feature	Benefit
Live stream splitting	Allows a single media stream entering the Cisco ECDS network to be efficiently split to serve multiple users, allowing the administrator to offer live streaming in a manner that scales
Content prepositioning	Uses off-hours bandwidth and delivers consistent experience for video and other applications
Content ingest	Ingests content for live video, video on demand, and other web components for efficient media delivery and offloading of the origin server
Dynamic caching	Reduces the WAN usage for long-tail video and other content over HTTP
Dedicated Cisco Integrated Management Controller (IMC) port for device management	Manages the hardware and device environment specifics through a dedicated Cisco IMC port

Feature	Benefit
Built-in storage for hosting recovery software	Uses 4 GB of internal memory to support recovery of the system and configuration from a remote, centralized management station
Small footprint	Provides a 1 rack unit (1RU) footprint that is ideal for remote location deployments
Gigabit Ethernet support	Supports management and data traffic efficiently through Gigabit Ethernet ports

Product Specifications

Table 3 lists the Cisco Media Delivery Engines specifications per product model.

Table 3. Cisco MDE 1125 and Cisco MDE 3125 Product Specifications

Specification	MDE 1125	MDE 3125
Base license: Throughput Simultaneous streams (concurrent connections)	100 Mbps 200	1 Gbps 2000
Upgradable to maximum: Throughput Simultaneous streams (concurrent connections)	500 Mbps 1000	2 Gbps 5000
Number of CPUs	1	2
Total storage Number of hard drives	1 to 2 TB 2, 3, or 4	4 TB 8
Memory	8 GB (DDR3)	16 GB (DDR3)
Gigabit Ethernet data network interfaces	2	6
Cisco IMC Ethernet ports	1	1

Table 4 lists the Cisco Media Delivery Engines physical product specifications.

Table 4. Cisco MDE Physical Product Specifications

Feature	Specification
Dimensions (H x W x D)	1RU: 1.7 x 16.9 x 28.5 in. (4.32 x 43 x 72.4 cm); fits standard Telco racks with additional kit
Weight (set)	~ 27 to 36 lb (12.3 to 16.3 kg), dependent on model and configuration of hard disk drives and power supplies
CPU	Intel [®] Xeon [®] Quad-Core 2.4 GHz E5-2609, 80W
Hard drives	2.5-in., 500-GB SATA 7.2K RPM, front-accessible
RAID	LSI MegaRAID 9266-8i
Other interfaces	One serial console; Cisco Integrated Management Console
Power	650W power supply unit (PSU)
Backup power supply	Yes (optional)
Power rating	100 to 240 VAC, 7.6A to 3.65A, 50 to 60 Hz
Internal USB drive	4 GB
Temperature: operating	32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C) (operating, sea level, no f an fail, no CPU throttling, turbo mode)
Temperature: nonoperating	-40 to 158°F (-40 to 70°C)
Altitude: operating	0 to 10,000 ft (0 to 3000m; maximum ambient temperature decreases by 1°C per 300m)
Altitude: nonoperating	40,000 ft (12,000m)
Humidity: operating	10 to 90% noncondensing
Humidity: nonoperating	5 to 93% noncondensing
Altitude: operating	0 to 10,000 ft (0 to 3000m; maximum ambient temperature decreases by 1°C per 300m)
Altitude: nonoperating	0 to 40,000 ft (12,000m)

Regulatory Standards

Table 5 lists regulatory and standards compliance specifications for the Cisco MDEs.

 Table 5.
 Cisco MDE Regulatory and Standards Compliance: Safety and EMC

Specification	Description
Safety	 UL 60950-1 No. 21CFR1040 Second Edition CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950-1 Second Edition EN 60950-1 Second Edition IEC 60950-1 Second Edition AS/NZS 60950-1 GB4943 2001
EMC: Emissions	 47CFR Part 15 (CFR 47) Class A AS/NZS CISPR22 Class A CISPR2 2 Class A EN55022 Class A ICES003 Class A VCCI Class A VCCI Class A EN61000-3-2 EN61000-3-3 KN22 Class A CNS13438 Class A
EMC: Immunity	 EN55024 CISPR24 EN300386 KN24

Ordering Information

Table 6 lists ordering information.

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 Cisco MDE Ordering Information

Product Name	Part Number
MDE 1125	
Media Delivery Engine 1125, HW (1RU, 8 GB)	MDE-1125-K9
MDE 1100 Series Base Media Delivery Software	Contact your local Cisco account representative for latest software version part number.
ECDS Base MDE 1125 Media Streaming License: up to 100 Mbps/200 streams	MDE-1125-ML100200
MDE 1125 Media License Upgrade: up to additional 400 Mbps/800 streams	MDE-1125-ML-400800
MDE 1100 Series Content Acquirer Software License	MDE-1100-CALIC
MDE 3125	
Media Delivery Engine 3125, HW (1RU, 16 GB)	MDE-3125-K9
MDE 1100 Series Base Media Delivery Software	Contact your local Cisco account representative for latest software version part number.
ECDS Base MDE 1125 Media Streaming License: up to 1 Gbps/2000 streams	MDE-3125-ML1G2000
MDE 3125 Media License Upgrade: up to additional 1 Gbps/2000 streams	MDE-3125-ML1G3000
MDE 3100 Series Content Acquirer Software License	MDE-3100-CALIC
Available for Both MDE Platforms	
MDE HDD 2.5 (500-GB SATA)	MDE-HD2GC3-500GB
CDS Management Software License for ECDS	MDE-MGMTSW-LIC

Product Name	Part Number
Spares and Supplemental Orders	
Media Delivery Engine 1125, hardware spare	MDE-1125-K9=
Media Delivery Engine 3125, hardware spare	MDE-3125-K9=
MDE HDD 2.5 (500-GB SATA) spare	MDE-HD2GC3-500GB=
MDE 1125 Media License Upgrade: up to additional 400 Mbps/800 streams	MDE-1125-ML400800=
MDE 3125 Media License Upgrade: up to additional 1 Gbps/2000 streams	MDE-3125-ML1G3000=
MDE 1100 Series Content Acquirer Software License	MDE-1100-CALIC=
MDE 3100 Series Content Acquirer Software License	MDE-3100-CALIC=
MDE 650W Power Supply C-Series, hardware spare	MDE-650WPS-C=

Service and Support

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Cisco SMARTnet[®] Service, an award-winning technical support service, is available for Cisco MDE appliances and the ECDS solution. Cisco SMARTnet Service offers direct, anytime access to Cisco engineers and an extensive range of technical resources. Cisco SMARTnet delivers rapid issue resolution, flexible device-by-device coverage, and premium service options to help maximize operational efficiency.

For more information about these services, visit http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/video/services.html.

For More Information

For more information about the Cisco Enterprise Content Delivery System and the Cisco Media Delivery Engines, visit or contact your local Cisco account representative.



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