Configure ISE Version 1.4 Posture with Microsoft WSUS



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Introduction

This document describes how to configure the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) posture functionality when it is integrated with the Microsoft Windows Server Update Services (WSUS).

Note: When you access the network, you are redirected to the ISE for Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client Version 4.1 provisioning with a posture module, which checks the compliance status on the WSUS and installs the necessary updates in order for the station to be compliant. Once the station is reported as compliant, the ISE allows for full network access.

Prerequisites

Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge of these topics:

- Cisco ISE deployments, authentication, and authorization
- Basic knowledge about the way in which the ISE and the Cisco AnyConnect posture agent operate
- Configuration of the Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA)
- Basic VPN and 802.1x knowledge
- Configuration of the Microsoft WSUS

Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- Microsoft Windows Version 7
- Microsoft Windows Version 2012 with WSUS Version 6.3
- Cisco ASA Versions 9.3.1 and later
- Cisco ISE software Versions 1.3 and later

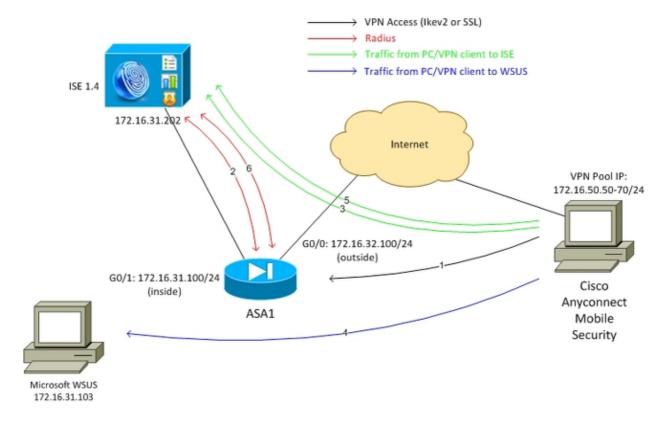
The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, make sure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Configure

This section describes how to configure the ISE and related network elements.

Network Diagram

This is the topology that is used for the examples throughout this document:



Here is the traffic flow, as illustrated in the network diagram:

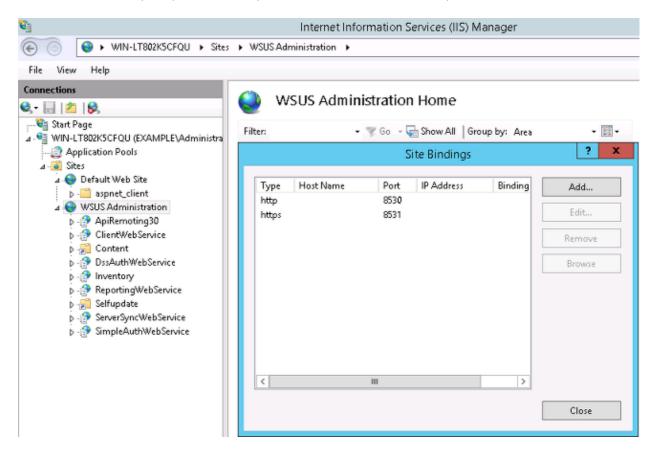
- 1. The remote user connects through Cisco AnyConnect for VPN access to the ASA. This can be any type of unified access, such as an 802.1x/MAC Authentication Bypass (MAB) wired session that is terminated on the switch or a wireless session that is terminated on the Wireless LAN Controller (WLC).
- 2. As a part of the authentication process, the ISE confirms that the posture status of the end station is not equal to compliant (*ASA-VPN_quarantine* authorization rule) and that the redirection attributes are returned in the *Radius Access-Accept* message. As a result, the ASA redirects all of the HTTP traffic to the ISE.
- 3. The user opens a web browser and enters any address. After the redirection to the ISE, the Cisco AnyConnect 4 posture module is installed on the station. The posture module then downloads the policies from the ISE (requirement for WSUS).
- 4. The posture module searches for Microsoft WSUS, and performs remediation.
- 5. After successful remediation, the posture module sends a report to the ISE.
- 6. The ISE issues a Radius Change of Authorization (CoA) that provides full network access to a compliant VPN user (*ASA-VPN_compliant* authorization rule).

Note: In order for the remediation to work (the ability to install Microsoft Windows updates on a PC), the user should have local administrative rights.

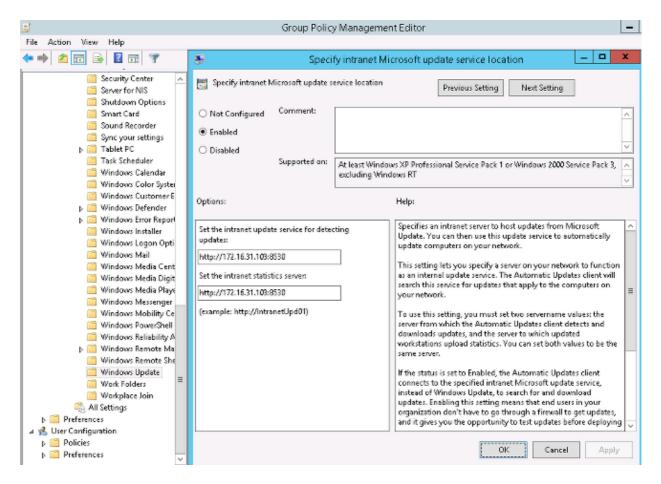
Microsoft WSUS

Note: A detailed configuration of the WSUS is out of the scope of this document. For details, refer to the Deploy Windows Server Update Services in Your Organization Microsoft documentation.

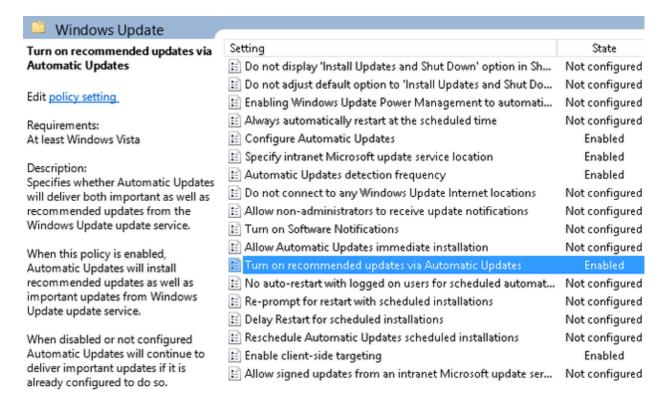
The WSUS service is deployed through the standard TCP port 8530. It is important to remember that for remediation, other ports are also used. This is why it is safe to add the IP address of WSUS to the redirection Access Control List (ACL) on the ASA (described later in this document).



The group policy for the domain is configured for Microsoft Windows updates and points to the local WSUS server:



These are the recommended updates that are enabled for granular policies that are based on different levels of severity:



The client-side targeting allows for far greater flexibility. The ISE can use posture policies that are based on the different Microsoft Active Directory (AD) computer containers. The WSUS can approve updates that are

based on this membership.

ASA

Simple Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) VPN access for the remote user is employed (the details of which are out of the scope of this document).

Here is an example configuration:

```
interface GigabitEthernet0/0
nameif outside
security-level 10
ip address 172.16.32.100 255.255.255.0
interface GigabitEthernet0/1
nameif inside
security-level 100
ip address 172.16.31.100 255.255.255.0
aaa-server ISE protocol radius
interim-accounting-update periodic 1
dynamic-authorization
aaa-server ISE (inside) host 172.16.31.202
key cisco
webvpn
enable outside
anyconnect-essentials
anyconnect image disk0:/anyconnect-win-4.0.00051-k9.pkg 1
anyconnect enable
tunnel-group-list enable
error-recovery disable
group-policy POLICY internal
group-policy POLICY attributes
vpn-tunnel-protocol ikev1 ikev2 l2tp-ipsec ssl-client ssl-clientless
tunnel-group SSLVPN type remote-access
tunnel-group SSLVPN general-attributes
address-pool POOL-VPN
authentication-server-group ISE
accounting-server-group ISE
default-group-policy POLICY
ip local pool POOL-VPN 172.16.50.50-172.16.50.60 mask 255.255.255.0
```

It is important to configure an access-list on the ASA, which is used in order to determine the traffic that should be redirected to the ISE (for users that are not yet compliant):

```
access-list Posture-redirect extended deny udp any any eq domain access-list Posture-redirect extended deny ip any host 172.16.31.103 access-list Posture-redirect extended deny ip any host 172.16.31.202 access-list Posture-redirect extended deny icmp any any access-list Posture-redirect extended permit tcp any any eq www
```

Only Domain Name System (DNS), ISE, WSUS, and Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) traffic is allowed for non-compliant users. All of the other traffic (HTTP) is redirected to the ISE for AnyConnect 4 provisioning, which is responsible for the posture and remediation.

ISE

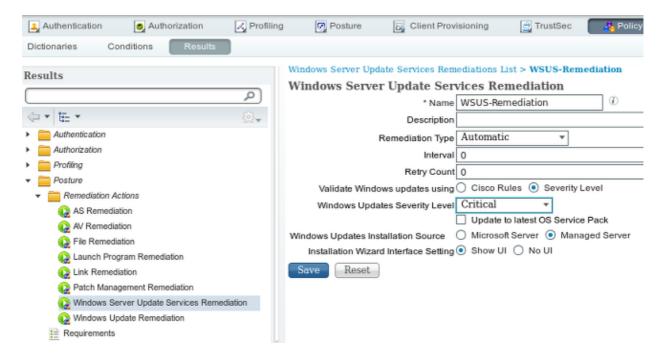
Note: AnyConnect 4 provisioning and posture is out of the scope of this document. Refer to the AnyConnect 4.0 Integration with ISE Version 1.3 Configuration Example for more details, such as how to configure the ASA as a network device and install the Cisco AnyConnect 7 application.

Posture Remediation for WSUS

Complete these steps in order to configure the posture remediation for WSUS:

- 1. Navigate to Policy > Conditions > Posture > Remediation Actions > Windows Server Update Services Remediation in order to create a new rule.
- 2. Verify that the *Microsoft Windows Updates* setting is set to **Severity Level**. This part is responsible for detection if the remediation process is initiated.

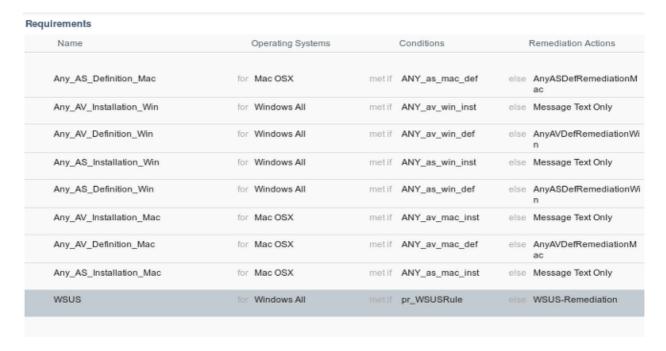
The Microsoft Windows Update Agent then connects to the WSUS and checks whether there are any *Critical* updates for that PC that await installation:



Posture Requirement for WSUS

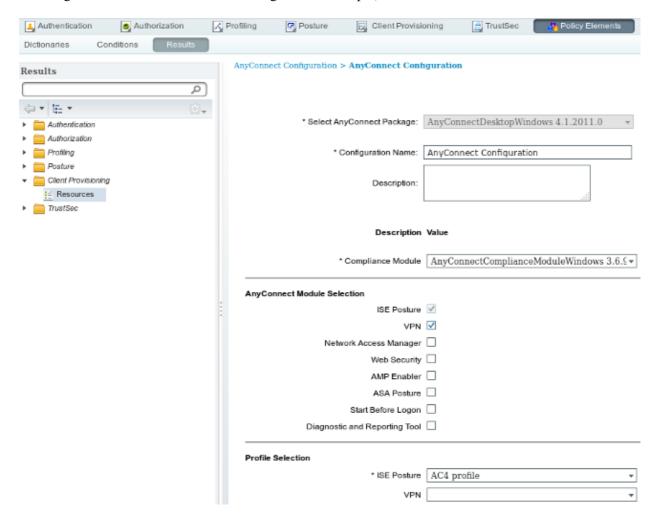
Navigate to **Policy > Conditions > Posture > Requirements** in order to create a new rule. The rule uses a dummy condition called $pr_WSUSRule$, which means that the WSUS is contacted in order to check for the condition when remediation is necessary (*Critical* updates).

Once this condition is met, the WSUS installs the updates that have been configured for that PC. These can include any type of updates, and also those with lower severity levels:



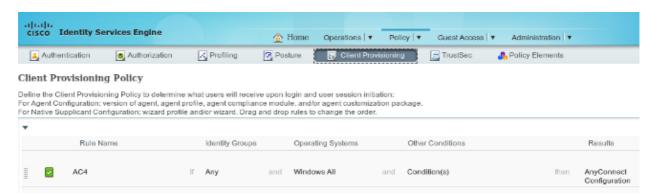
AnyConnect Profile

Configure the posture module profile, along with the AnyConnect 4 profile (as described in the AnyConnect 4.0 Integration with ISE Version 1.3 Configuration Example):



Client Provisioning Rules

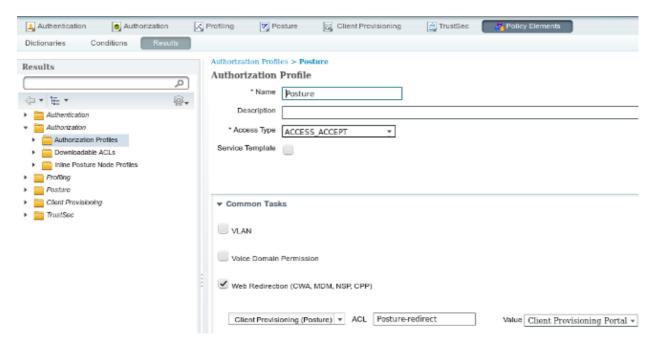
Once the AnyConnect profile is ready, it can be referenced from the *Client Provisioning* policy:



The entire application, along with the configuration, is installed on the endpoint, which is redirected to the Client Provisioning portal page. AnyConnect 4 might be upgraded and an additional module (posture) installed.

Authorization Profiles

Create an authorization profile for redirection to the Client Provisioning profile:



Authorization Rules

This image shows the authorization rules:

Authorization Policy Define the Authorization Policy by configuring rules based on identity groups and/or other conditions. Drag and drop rules to change the order. For Policy Export go to Administration > System > Backup & Restore > Policy Export Page First Matched Rule Applies ▶ Exceptions (0) Standard Rule Name Status Permissions Conditions (identity groups and other conditions) ASA-VPN_quarantine (Session:PostureStatus EQUALS Unknown OR Session:PostureStatus Posture EQUALS NonCompliant) ASA-VPN_compliant if Session:PostureStatus EQUALS Compliant PermitAccess

For the first time, the *ASA-VPN_quarantine* rule is used. As a result, the *Posture* authorization profile is returned, and the endpoint is redirected to the Client Provisioning portal for AnyConnect 4 (with posture module) provisioning.

Once compliant, the ASA-VPN_compliant rule is used and full network access is allowed.

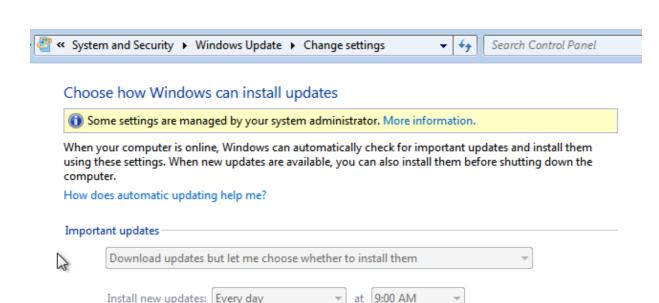
Verify

This section provides information that you can use in order to verify that you configuration works properly.

PC with Updated GPO Policies

The domain policies with the WSUS configuration should be pushed after the PC logs into the domain. This can occur before the VPN session is established (out of band) or after if the *Start Before Logon* functionality is used (it can be also used for 802.1x wired/wireless access).

Once the Microsoft Windows client has the correct configuration, this can be reflected from the Windows Update settings:



✓ Give me recommended updates the same way I receive important updates

Who can install updates

Recommended updates

Allow all users to install updates on this computer

Note: Windows Update might update itself automatically first when checking for other updates. Read our <u>privacy statement online</u>.

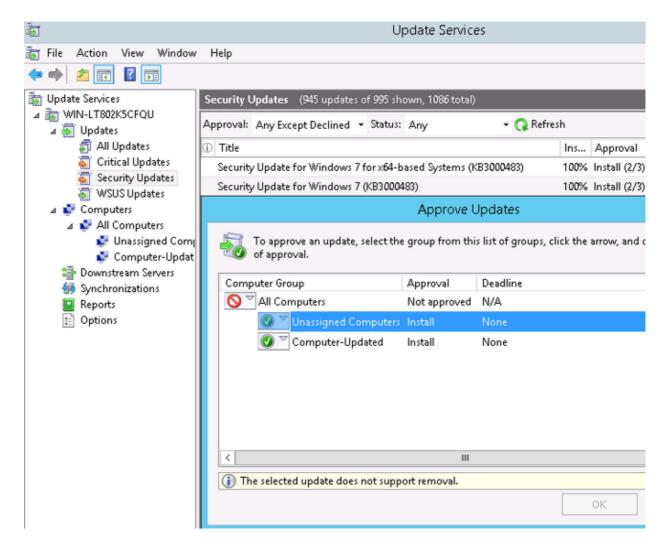
If needed, a Group Policy Object (GPO) refresh and Microsoft Windows Update Agent server discovery can be used:

```
C:\Users\Administrator>gpupdate /force
Updating Policy...

User Policy update has completed successfully.
Computer Policy update has completed successfully.
C:\Users\Administrator>wuauclt.exe /detectnow
C:\Users\Administrator>
```

Approve a Critical Update on the WSUS

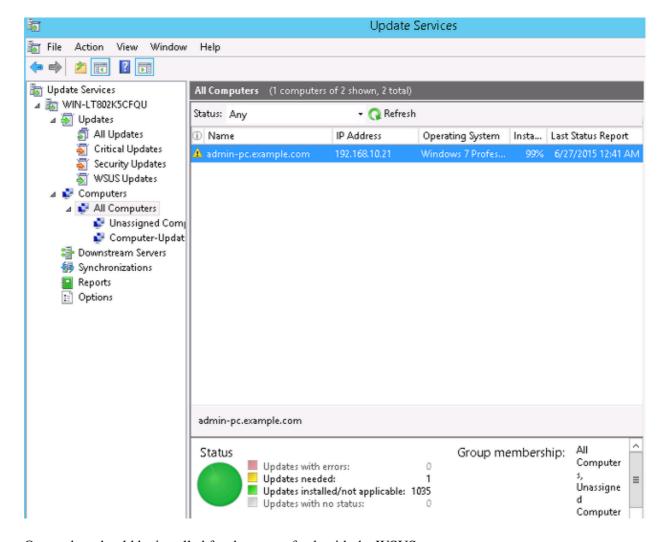
The approval process can benefit from client-site targeting:



Resend the report with wuauclt if needed.

Check the PC Status on the WSUS

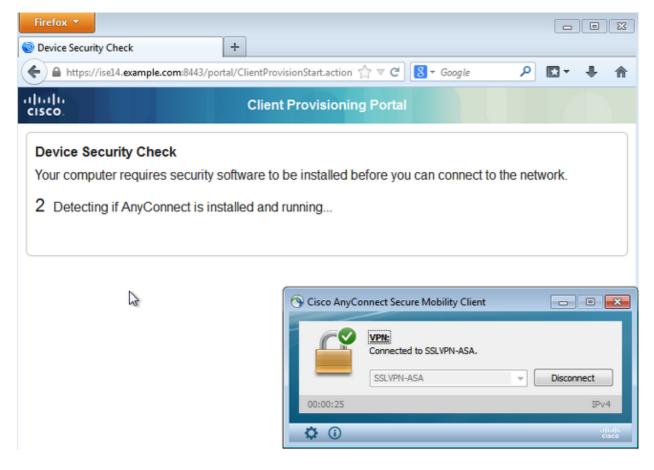
This image shows how to check the PC status on the WSUS:



One update should be installed for the next refresh with the WSUS.

VPN Session Established

After the VPN session is established, the *ASA-VPN_quarantine* ISE authorization rule is used, which returns the *Posture* authorization profile. As a result, the HTTP traffic from the endpoint is redirected for the AnyConnect 4 update and posture module provisioning:



At this point, the session status on the ASA indicates limited access with the redirection of the HTTP traffic to the ISE:

asav# show vpn-sessiondb detail anyconnect

```
Session Type: AnyConnect Detailed
```

Username : cisco

Index : 69
Public IP : 192.168.10.21 Assigned IP : 172.16.50.50

<...some output omitted for clarity...>

ISE Posture:

Redirect URL: https://ise14.example.com:8443/portal/qateway?sessionId=ac101f64000

45000556b6a3b&portal=283258a0-e96e-...

Redirect ACL : Posture-redirec

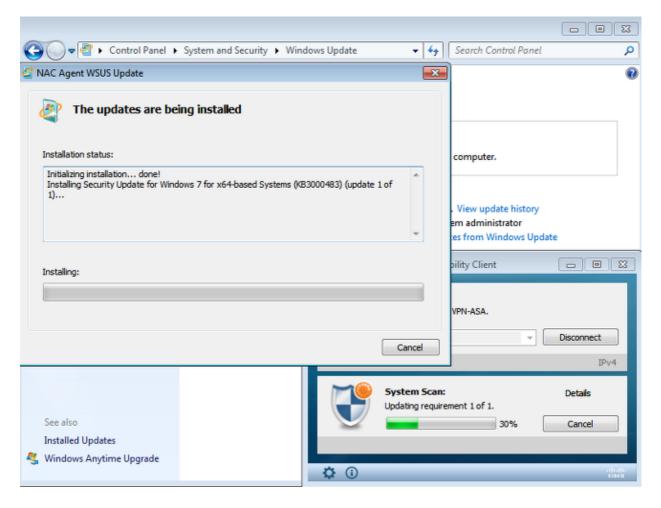
Posture Module Receives Policies from the ISE and Performs Remediation

The posture module receives the policies from the ISE. The **ise-psc.log** debugs show the requirement that is sent to the posture module:

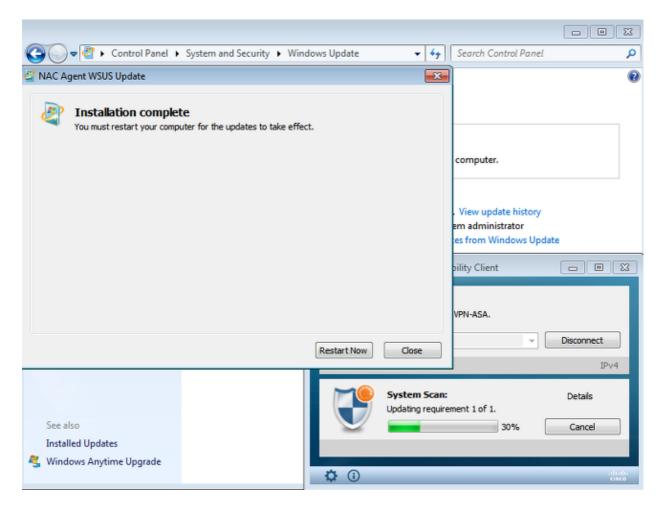
```
2015-06-05 07:33:40,493 DEBUG [portal-http-service12][] cisco.cpm.posture.runtime.
PostureHandlerImpl -: cisco:ac101f6400037000556b40c1:::- NAC agent xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><cleanmachines>
 <version>2</version>
 <encryption>0</encryption>
  <package>
    <id>10</id>
    <name>WSUS</name>
    <version/>
```

```
<description>This endpoint has failed check for any AS installation</description>
  <type>10</type>
  <optional>0</optional>
  <path>42#1</path>
    <remediation_type>1</remediation_type>
    <remediation_retry>0</remediation_retry>
    <remediation_delay>0</remediation_delay>
    <action>10</action>
    <check>
        <id>pr_WSUSCheck</id>
    </check>
    <criteria/>
    </package>
  </cleanmachines>
```

The posture module automatically triggers the Microsoft Windows Update Agent to connect to the WSUS and download updates as configured in the WSUS policies (all automatically without any user intervention):

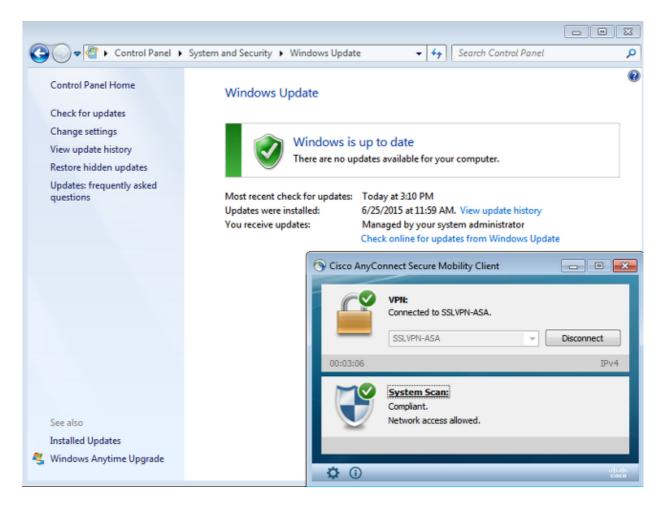


Note: Some of the updates might require a system restart.

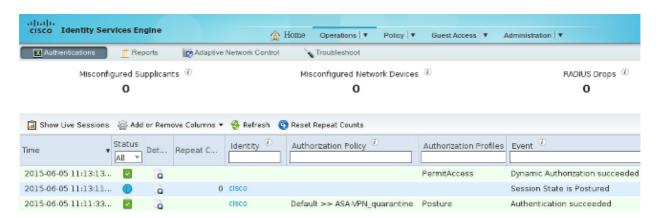


Full Network Access

You will see this after the station is reported as compliant by the AnyConnect posture module:



The report is sent to the ISE, which reevaluates the policy and hits the *ASA-VPN_compliant* authorization rule. This provides full network access (via the Radius CoA). Navigate to **Operations > Authentications** in order to confirm this:



The debugs (**ise-psc.log**) also confirm the compliance status, the CoA trigger, and the final settings for the posture:

```
DEBUG [portal-http-service17][] cisco.cpm.posture.runtime.PostureManager -:cisco: ac101f6400039000556b4200:::- Posture report token for endpoint mac 08-00-27-DA-EF-AD is Healthy

DEBUG [portal-http-service17][] cisco.cpm.posture.runtime.PostureCoA -:cisco: ac101f6400039000556b4200:::- entering triggerPostureCoA for session ac101f6400039000556b4200

DEBUG [portal-http-service17][] cisco.cpm.posture.runtime.PostureCoA -:cisco:ac 101f6400039000556b4200:::- Posture CoA is scheduled for session id [ac101f6400039000556b4200]
```

```
DEBUG [portal-http-service17][] cisco.cpm.posture.runtime.PostureHandlerImpl -:cisco: ac101f6400039000556b4200:::- DM_PKG report non-AUP:html = <!--X-Perfigo-DM-Error=0--> <!--error=0--><!--X-Perfigo-DmLogoff-Exit=0--><!--X-Perfigo-Gp-Update=0--> <!--X-Perfigo-Auto-Close-Login-Scr=0--><!--X-Perfigo-Auto-Close-Login-Scr-Time=0--> <!--X-Perfigo-Auto-Close-Login-Scr-Time=0--> <!--user role=--><!--X-Perfigo-OrigRole=--><!--X-Perfigo-UserKey=dummykey--> <!--X-Perfigo-RedirectUrl=--><!--X-Perfigo-ShowInfo=--><!--X-Perfigo-Session=--> <!--X-Perfigo-Sso-Done=1--><!--X-Perfigo-Provider=Device Filter--> <!--X-Perfigo-UserName=cisco--><!--X-Perfigo-DHCP-Release-Delay=4--> <!--X-Perfigo-DHCP-Renew-Delay=1--><!--X-Perfigo-Client-MAC=08:00:27:DA:EF:AD-->

DEBUG [pool-183-thread-1][]cisco.cpm.posture.runtime.PostureCoA -:cisco: ac101f6400036000556b3f52:::- Posture CoA is triggered for endpoint [08-00-27-da-ef-ad] with session [ac101f6400039000556b4200]
```

Also, the ISE Detailed Posture Assessment report confirms that the station is compliant:

Posture More Detail Assessment

Time Range: From 05/30/2015 12:00:00 AM to 06/05/2015 11:59:59 PM

Generated At: 2015-06-05 20:09:00.047

Client Details

Client Details				
Username:	cisco			
Mac Address:	08:00:27:DA:EF:AD			
IP address:	172.16.50.50			
Session ID:	acl01f6400036000556b3f52			
Client Operating System:	Windows 7 Professional 64-bit			
Client NAC Agent:	AnyConnect Posture Agent for Windows 4.1.02011			
PRA Enforcement:	0			
CoA:	Received a posture report from an endpoint			
PRA Grace Time:	0			
PRA Interval:	0			
PRA Action:	N/A			
User Agreement Status:	NotEnabled			
System Name:	ADMIN-PC			
System Domain:	example.com			
System User:	Administrator			
User Domain:	EXAMPLE			
AV Installed:	ClamWin Free Antivirus; 0.98.5; 55.20615; 06/26/2015;			
AS Installed:	Windows Defender; 6.1.7600.16385; 1.201.171.0; 06/26/2015;			

Posture Report

 Posture Status:
 Compliant

 Logged At:
 2015-06-05 07:28:49.194

Posture Policy Details

Policy	Name	Enforcement	Statu	Passed	Failed Conditions
WSUS	WSUS	Mandatory			Missing windows updates: 0

Note: The exact Media Access Control (MAC) address of the physical network interface on the Microsoft Windows PC is known because of the ACIDEX extensions.

Troubleshoot

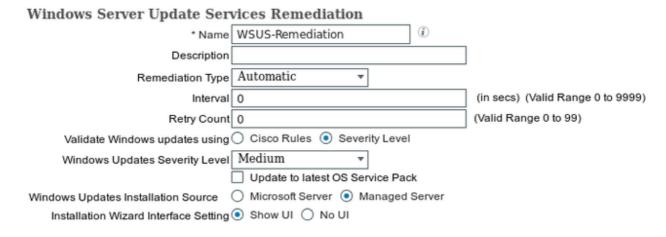
There is currently no troubleshooting information available for this configuration.

Important Notes

This section provides some important information about the configuration that is described in this document.

Option Details for WSUS Remediation

It is important to differentiate the requirement condition from remediation. AnyConnect triggers the Microsoft Windows Update Agent to check the compliance, dependent upon the *Validate Windows updates using* remediation setting.



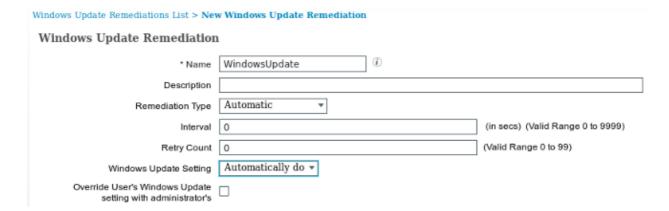
For this example, the *Severity Level* is used. With the *Critical* setting, the Microsoft Windows Agent checks whether there are any pending (not installed) critical updates. If there are, then remediation begins.

The remediation process might then install all of the critical and less important updates based on the WSUS configuration (updates approved for the specific machine).

With the *Validate Windows updates using* set as **Cisco Rules**, the conditions that are detailed in the requirement decide whether the station is compliant.

Windows Update Service

For deployments without a WSUS server, there is another remediation type that can be used called *Windows Update Remediation*:



This remediation type allows control over the Microsoft Windows Update settings and enables you to perform immediate updates. A typical condition that is used with this remediation type is *pc_AutoUpdateCheck*. This allows you to check whether the Microsoft Windows Update setting is enabled on the endpoint. If not, you can enable it and perform the update.

SCCM Integration

A new feature for the ISE Version 1.4 called *patch management* allows for integration with many third-party vendors. Dependent upon the vendor, multiple options are available for both the conditions and remediations.

For Microsoft, both the System Management Server (SMS) and the System Center Configuration Manager (SCCM) are supported.

Related Information

- Posture Services on the Cisco ISE Configuration Guide
- Cisco Identity Services Engine Administrator Guide, Release 1.4
- Cisco Identity Services Engine Administrator Guide, Release 1.3
- Deploy Windows Server Update Services in Your Organization
- Technical Support & Documentation Cisco Systems

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