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Document Objectives

This guide describes the features, capabilities, and deployment options of the Cisco Subscriber Edge Services Manager (Cisco SESM) product.

Audience

This guide is intended for anyone who is planning, managing, or customizing an SESM deployment or requires an understanding of SESM capabilities.

Document Organization

This guide includes the chapters shown in the following table:

| Chapter | Title | Description |
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| Chapter 1 | SESM Introduction | Describes the components in the SESM product. |
| Chapter 2 | SESM Features | Describes the features and capabilities of the SESM applications. |

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| Chapter 3 | SESM Solutions for Service Selection and Connection with SSG | Describes the main features of the service selection and connection solution. |
| Chapter 4 | SESM Solutions for Captive Portals | Describes the main features of the captive portal solution. |
| Chapter 5 | SESM Solutions for Subscriber Self-Care | Describes the main features of the self-care solutions. |
| Appendix A | Using Demo Mode | Describes how to use the SESM Demo mode and the example profiles in the demo data file. |
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Document Conventions

The following conventions are used in this guide:

- *Italic* font is used for parameters for which you supply a value, emphasis, and to introduce new terms.
- **Bold** font is used for user entry and command names.
- Computer font is used for examples.



Note

Means reader take note. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to materials not contained in this guide.



Caution

Means *reader be careful*. In this situation, you might do something that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.

Related Documentation

Documentation for the Cisco SESM includes:

- *Release Notes for the Cisco Subscriber Edge Services Manager, Release 3.1(5)*
- *Cisco Subscriber Edge Services Manager Web Developer Guide*
- *Cisco Distributed Administration Tool Guide*
- *Cisco Subscriber Edge Services Manager Installation and Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco Subscriber Edge Services Manager Solutions Guide* (this guide)

The Cisco SESM documentation is online at:

<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/solution/sesm/index.htm>

Documentation for the Cisco SSG is online at:

http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios122/122newft/122limit/122b/122b_4/122b4_sg/

Information related to configuring the SSG authentication, authorization, and accounting features is included in the following locations:

- *Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide, Release 12.2*
- *Cisco IOS Security Command Reference, Release 12.2*

If you are including the Cisco Access Registrar (a RADIUS server) in your SESM deployment, see the following documents:

- *Cisco Access Registrar 1.6 Release Notes*
- *Cisco Access Registrar User Guide*

Obtaining Documentation

These sections explain how to obtain documentation from Cisco Systems.

World Wide Web

You can access the most current Cisco documentation on the World Wide Web at this URL:

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Technical Assistance Center

The Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) is available to all customers who need technical assistance with a Cisco product, technology, or solution. Two levels of support are available: the Cisco TAC Web Site and the Cisco TAC Escalation Center.

Cisco TAC inquiries are categorized according to the urgency of the issue:

- Priority level 4 (P4)—You need information or assistance concerning Cisco product capabilities, product installation, or basic product configuration.
- Priority level 3 (P3)—Your network performance is degraded. Network functionality is noticeably impaired, but most business operations continue.
- Priority level 2 (P2)—Your production network is severely degraded, affecting significant aspects of business operations. No workaround is available.
- Priority level 1 (P1)—Your production network is down, and a critical impact to business operations will occur if service is not restored quickly. No workaround is available.

The Cisco TAC resource that you choose is based on the priority of the problem and the conditions of service contracts, when applicable.

Cisco TAC Web Site

You can use the Cisco TAC Web Site to resolve P3 and P4 issues yourself, saving both cost and time. The site provides around-the-clock access to online tools, knowledge bases, and software. To access the Cisco TAC Web Site, go to this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/tac/>

All customers, partners, and resellers who have a valid Cisco service contract have complete access to the technical support resources on the Cisco TAC Web Site. The Cisco TAC Web Site requires a Cisco.com login ID and password. If you have a valid service contract but do not have a login ID or password, go to this URL to register:

<http://www.cisco.com/register/>

If you are a Cisco.com registered user, and you cannot resolve your technical issues by using the Cisco TAC Web Site, you can open a case online by using the TAC Case Open tool at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/tac/caseopen/>

If you have Internet access, we recommend that you open P3 and P4 cases through the Cisco TAC Web Site.

Cisco TAC Escalation Center

The Cisco TAC Escalation Center addresses priority level 1 or priority level 2 issues. These classifications are assigned when severe network degradation significantly impacts business operations. When you contact the TAC Escalation Center with a P1 or P2 problem, a Cisco TAC engineer automatically opens a case.

To obtain a directory of toll-free Cisco TAC telephone numbers for your country, go to this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/687/Directory/DirTAC.shtml>

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