**Cisco Secure Client** (CSC) is a unified security endpoint agent and the next generation of AnyConnect. Secure Client enhances a modular approach and introduces Cisco Secure Endpoint as a fully integrated module and delivers multiple security services to protect the enterprise.

## **Benefits:**

- Cisco Secure client introduces Cisco Secure Endpoint as a fully integrated module.
- Lower total cost of ownership from a single client providing multiple services
- Context-aware, comprehensive, and continuous endpoint security
- Flexible, policy-driven access to resources across wired, wireless, and VPN
- Pathway to Zero Trust Network Access
- Cisco Security Client is a re-branded AnyConnect 5.x
- If you could do it in AnyConnect 4.x, you can do it in Cisco Secure Client (CSC) 5.x

## **Modules & Features:**

**Secure Client (formerly AnyConnect) VPN Management Tunnels:** Provides connectivity to the corporate network whenever the client system is powered up, not just when the end-user establishes a VPN connection.

**Secure Endpoint Module:** Cisco Secure Client for Windows offers full integration with Cisco Secure Endpoint (formerly AMP). CSE Can expand endpoint threat protection to VPN-enabled endpoints or wherever Secure Client services are in use.

Cloud Management Module: XDR stand-alone Secure Client Cloud Management.

<u>Network Visibility Module</u> (NVM): Provides a continuous feed of endpoint telemetry on or off premises, allowing customers to see endpoint context like users, applications, devices, locations, and destinations.

<u>Umbrella Roaming Security Module</u>: Provides DNS-layer security when no VPN is active, and an Umbrella subscription adds intelligent proxy.

<u>ISE Posture Module</u>: Perform endpoint posture assessment on any endpoint. Any endpoint that fails mandatory requirements is deemed non-compliant.

**Network Access Manager:** Client software that provides a secure Layer 2 network in accordance with its policies. It detects and selects the optimal Layer 2 access network and performs device authentication.

**Secure Firewall Posture** (formerly HostScan): Gathers endpoint information (e.g., OS, antivirus, software etc.) installed and based on the policy's evaluation, you can control which hosts are allowed to create a remote connection.

**ThousandEyes:** Endpoint Agent to gather network and application-layer performance data when users access specific websites from within monitored networks.

| License Comparisons:                                      | VPN<br>Only | Advantage<br>(Plus) | Premier<br>(Apex) |
|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| VPN functionality (PC and mobile)                         | <b>✓</b>    | <b>✓</b>            | <b>✓</b>          |
| Basic endpoint context collection                         |             | <b>✓</b>            | <b>V</b>          |
| IEEE 802.1X Windows supplicant                            |             | <b>✓</b>            | <b>✓</b>          |
| Cisco Cloud Web Security agent (Win & macOS) <sup>1</sup> |             | <b>✓</b>            | <b>✓</b>          |
| Cisco Umbrella Roaming agent (Win & macOS) 1              |             | <b>~</b>            | <b>V</b>          |
| Cisco Secure Endpoint Enabler <sup>1</sup>                |             | <b>✓</b>            | <b>✓</b>          |
| FIPS compliance   | <b>/</b>    | <b>✓</b>            | <b>V</b>          |
| VPN compliance and Posture (for Secure Firewall)          |             |                     | <b>✓</b>          |
| Unified compliance and posture agent (ISE)                |             |                     | <b>✓</b>          |
| Encryption - Suite B (IKEv2 VPN clients)                  | <b>✓</b>    |                     | <b>✓</b>          |
| Network Visibility Module                                 |             |                     | <b>V</b>          |
| ASA Multicontext-mode remote access                       |             |                     | <b>/</b>          |
| SAML Authentication                                       | <b>/</b>    |                     | <b>/</b>          |
| Management VPN Tunnel                                     |             |                     | <b>✓</b>          |
| VPN-only compliance and posture agent (ASA)               | <b>✓</b>    |                     |                   |

<sup>1</sup> Related services licensed separately

## FAQs:

**Q:** What Operating System(s) does Cisco Secure Client (CSC) support? **A:** Initially Windows 10 and 11, MacOS and various Linux distros.

Q: Can a third-party VPN client be used on an endpoint with Secure Client?

**A:** Yes. AnyConnect VPN is just one module available. Secure Client can be deployed without the VPN module.

Q: Can an endpoint have both Cisco Secure Client and AnyConnect installed?

A: No. Cisco Secure Client will uninstall the old versions when it is installed.

## **Resources:**

SalesResourcesAt-a-GlanceRelease NotesOrdering GuideAdmin GuideLicensing FAQData SheetAlways-On VPNProposal TemplateDocumentationTroubleshooting GuidePublic page

Example SKUs: L-AC-PLS-LIC= | L-AC-APX-LIC=