

Reasons to Upgrade to a New Cisco Firewall Running ASA Code

As your business has grown, so has the demand on your overburdened firewall appliances. You need to monitor more network traffic, faster and more efficiently. You're ready for a new Cisco firewall appliance. However, you do not want to transition from the ASA code base to the new Firepower Threat Defense (FTD) platform.



No problem. New Cisco firewalls (5500-X, 2100, 4100, and 9300 Series) can provide the added throughput and performance that you need while still running the ASA code base. Also, with new appliances in place, you can upgrade to the FTD platform in the future if you want to utilize FTD's advanced threat capabilities.

Also, take advantage of a new management interface, Cisco Defense Orchestrator (CDO). CDO is a cloud-managed console that centralizes policy management. Get a consolidated view of access control policies and objects across all firewalls running ASA (FTD in June 2019). CDO also makes upgrades and deployments easier, and expedites cleanup of duplicate and inconsistent policies.

Here are other reasons to upgrade:

- *Hardware is end-of-support* Lack of support increases the operating cost of the deployed firewall. Upgrade today and decrease your total cost of ownership.
- *Increase in bandwidth needs* Your network bandwidth requirements have increased. It's time for a higher capacity, better performing firewall appliance.
- *Single flow performance limitations* As bandwidth needs grow, your firewalls need to support larger single connections. Older appliances are forced to split large single connections amongst multiple firewalls. Upgrade to a higher capacity, better performing firewall to consolidate flows and simplify load balancing.
- *Multi-device consolidation* If you have multiple firewalls processing your network traffic, upgrade to a single appliance capable of processing the same amount of traffic. It will reduce total cost of ownership and management requirements.

Ask yourself these questions:

1. Can my legacy ASA firewall still keep up with my growing bandwidth requirements?
2. Is my legacy ASA firewall going end-of-support?
3. Do I need better performance than my current appliance can provide?
4. Does my current legacy ASA firewall frequently split large single-connections amongst multiple firewalls?
5. What is the total cost of ownership of my ASA firewalls? Do I need to lower my operating expenses?

Upgrade to a new Cisco Firewall appliance today.