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Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center

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Product Recap



Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center

Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center Recap

The Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center is the administrative nerve center for select Cisco security products running on multiple platforms. It provides unified management of Cisco Secure Firewalls with Firewall Threat Defense (FTD) software for port and protocol control, application control, IPS, URL filtering, and malware protection functions. Firewall Management Center is the centralized event and policy manager for:

- Cisco Secure Firewall with the Firewall Threat Defense (FTD) OS
- Cisco ASA with FirePOWER Services
- Cisco Secure IPS (Firepower Next-Gen IPS / NGIPS)
- Cisco FirePOWER Threat Defense for ISR
- Cisco Malware Defense (AMP)

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:

- ✓ “So far, I am very satisfied with Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center, and I have not considered additional features such as the analytics part of the product.”



Verified user

Sr. Solutions Architect, Consulting Engineer at a tech services company with 11-50 employees

- ✓ “I like the dashboard since it gives me a lot of information.”



Yonas Abebe

Senior Network and Security Engineer at Symbol Technologies PLC

- ✓ “Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center has been protecting our network; the fact that it's working as mentioned is its main value.”



Olumuyiwa Oladimeji

Deputy Director, Information Technology at Afe Babalola University Nigeria

✓ “The tool's deployment is not complex.”



Net823Eng2

Network Engineer at Comprehensive Technical Group, Inc. (CTG)

✓ “Cisco's support and services are far superior to any other security product in Pakistan.”



Awais Ejaz

Chief Information Security Officer at Allied Bank Limited

✓ “Malware detection, URL filtering, and antivirus are the most beneficial features for our security management. The platform has three main components: filters, hardware, and antivirus. We use the standard approach for automation and integration. The person in charge of management follows the rules and policies of the equipment and handles operations. However, we haven't set up any notifications, so it's mostly manual.”



Julian Rodriguez

Senior Network Engineer at Hispasat

✓ “It's a fine solution in terms of scalability.”



Verified user

Network Administrator at a energy/utilities company with 10,001+ employees

What users had to say about valuable features:

“One of the most valuable features of the Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center is its integration with intrusion prevention and security intelligence..”

Verified user

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Systems Hardware Operation Executive at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

“The platform's most valuable feature has been its centralized management capability, which allows us to monitor and control multiple devices from one location. It is crucial for effectively managing our extensive network infrastructure..”

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Associate at a government with 11-50 employees

“Advanced Malware Protection and Intrusion Prevention System are valuable features. These features are more productive because they operate on signatures. We also have a threat intelligence feed from Talos. Talos provides a lot of rich threat intelligence feeds for blocking off indicators of compromises..”

Awais Ejaz

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Chief Information Security Officer at Allied Bank Limited

“Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center's GUI is very user-friendly, and it allows me to use Cisco Adaptive Security Device Manager (ASDM). I really like Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center, including its areas like policy-making and rules that can be defined very easily. Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center provides a very good interface..”

Muhammad-Haris

Student at BCU

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“One of the most valuable features of Cisco Secure Firewalls is their seamless integration with other Cisco products. This integration streamlines the process of creating policies and correlation rules, making management more efficient through a centralized management and monitoring portal. This ease of integration is particularly beneficial for networking admins in mid to large enterprises, where Cisco equipment is predominantly used..”

Ajay Dand

Founder Director at Ninesec Integration Pvt. Ltd

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“I like its system management and filtering options as a layer seven firewall. You can also use a multi-mode environment, which means you can use multi-ISP. You can utilize that particular standard, and that is helpful.

Moreover, there is an SDM in Cisco, though we are using Cisco FMC. FMC manages multiple FDT devices, and an entire organization can be managed over Cisco..”

MADAPALA JOSHIKA

Network Engineer at Peristent Systems

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Other Solutions Considered

“I currently use firewall products from Palo Alto and FortGate, along with Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center, to make a comparison report between all three products..”

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“We looked at Panorama Firewall Management by Palo Alto and FortiManager by Fortinet. All of the secure firewall products seem to be the same, but Panorama and FortiManager are more reliable and have a few more features..”

Verified user

Head of the IT Security Division at a tech services company with 11-50 employees

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“They opted for the Cisco Firepower Management Center due to new, more complex threats that the basic ASA couldn't effectively handle. They did evaluate other options like Fortinet, Palo Alto, and Juniper, but their management recommended Cisco, leading them to choose it..”

Ramish Ali

Assistant Director IT at Punjab Education Foundation


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“As I work in the cybersecurity department of my company, I had to compare Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center with the firewall products offered by other vendors in the market, like the ones from Fortinet and Palo Alto.

I prefer Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center since many of the organizations in the market prefer to use it because it is a great tool..”

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“I can compare Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center to Palo Alto for the data center firewall and Fortinet for the perimeter firewall or the edge firewall.

“The comparison among these three vendors depends on the price, the performance, and every feature versus its price. I cannot provide a general comparison..”

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Sr. Solutions Architect, Consulting Engineer at a tech services company with 11-50 employees

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“I do not see a significant return on investment for that. There are a lot of solutions which can provide the same features. Cisco is more of a brand, yet it is more expensive..”

Yonas Abebe

Senior Network and Security Engineer at Symbol Technologies PLC

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“Despite potentially higher upfront expenses, the overall operational costs are significantly reduced due to its efficiency. Consequently, the return on investment is notably faster or greater compared to competing products from other brands..”

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“If there wasn't going to be any benefit from using Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center, we wouldn't have deployed it in the first place. That should be the number one requirement to deploy any solution in your organization. It has to be beneficial, or you shouldn't try it..”

Olumuyiwa Oladimeji

Deputy Director, Information Technology at Afe Babalola University Nigeria

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“The tool is worth the money. First of all, the tool offers protection from ransomware. The management center made it easy for me to push policy, which is the default policy that comes with it. The product is easy to learn, so I don't have to learn any technology again. It is just the hardware, and the initial purchase is more expensive than I thought, but it's really worth the money after that..”

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Use Case

“Our primary use case for the solution is to manage and secure our network infrastructure. In our environment, we use it to handle multiple devices from a central control point..”

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“I use Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center in my company to compare it with other firewall products. In our company, my supervisor wants me to check and compare three firewall products and figure out which product works the best, making it one of the projects in my organization for which I need to make a report..”

Muhammad-Haris

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“I'm comfortable using it. It's okay; I use it quite frequently. I kept logs, but they indicate that suddenly the interface is overwhelmed with traffic, which leads to two types of errors. I generate a weekly report that I usually send to tech support. The main issue may be that the software is outdated or has some bugs..”

Verified user

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Network Administrator at a energy/utilities company with 10,001+ employees

“We use Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center to exclude traffic between some zones in the network.

The solution is very useful for enterprise companies..”

MahmoodAbdollahi

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Senior Network Engineer at Dejpaad

“We use the Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center to manage our firewall devices. Every configuration is applied to the management center, and any policy will be pushed and deployed to the firewall. We use the solution for management, reporting, and logging analysis..”

Michael GEgziabher

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Network Administrator at Bank of Abyssinia

“We have utilized Cisco Secure Firewalls for both perimeter defense and internal segmentation purposes. Our use cases include implementing secure gateways between IT and OT networks within manufacturing environments, where divisions require separation for operational purposes. This ensures that internal OT networks, crucial for manufacturing pumps, remain distinct and secure from IT networks. It plays a pivotal role in maintaining the integrity and security of these segregated networks..”

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center's initial setup is of a middle range of difficulty. The deployment took us approximately one week.

I rate the setup of the Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center a five out of ten..”

Anupama Perera

Senior Sales Manager at Bluechip Technical Services Pvt Ltd

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“The installation is not that easy and not that tough also. When you learn Cisco, you can do the initial setup step by step. Some specific knowledge of rules is required to set up the solution. The deployment process takes more than a week, and five engineers are required to deploy it. Only two engineers are enough to maintain the product..”

MADAPALA JOSHIKA

Network Engineer at Peristent Systems

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“The initial setup is typically straightforward, especially for those familiar with Cisco's command lines, menus, and layouts, which are widely recognized in the industry. Given our extensive experience with Cisco over the years, there's minimal learning curve for us. However, newcomers may find it slightly challenging initially..”

Ajay Dand

Founder Director at Ninesec Integration Pvt. Ltd

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“We encountered some difficulties during the setup process, particularly with Wi-Fi configuration. While it wasn't overly challenging, it needed to be more straightforward. Assistance from Cisco support was available, but it required some effort, including using command-line scripts in addition to the graphical interface. The deployment timeline varied depending on the specific setup and office locations, but typically, it could take a couple of days if managed in-house.

I rate the process a five out of ten. .”

Verified user

Systems Hardware Operation Executive at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

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“I rate it on a scale of one to ten, with one being highly difficult and ten being very easy. In terms of technical analysis, I would rate it a three. It's also rather difficult to deploy.

It took about one or two hours consistently because it's quite heavy to deploy. Initially, I need to set up a virtual machine, which is the first step. After that, I deploy it as a virtual machine, and then I go through the process of configuring the license features and adding the devices. This is a somewhat lengthy task.

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Ramish Ali

Assistant Director IT at Punjab Education Foundation

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“The product installation was easy since I had received proper documentation from Cisco to help me. The documentation did not have many tutorials like the ones available for Palo Alto or Fortinet on YouTube and the internet. Even on the Fortinet website, there are free tutorials available for users, which are very helpful when it comes to the area of management, such as how to use the dashboards and how to make rules. Cisco ASA ASDM is very easy to install.

Compared to the other products that I deal with, I feel that Cisco products are easy to install.

The solution can be deployed in two to three hours..”

Muhammad-Haris

Student at BCU

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Customer Service and Support

“Customer service and support have been adequate but could have been more exceptional. Response times can be slow, and resolutions are sometimes less effective than required..”

Verified user

Associate at a government with 11-50 employees

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“The core customer support is good, but they don't help us immediately. For example, if it is a P1 issue, they do not contact me immediately because it takes time to contact us. It will take time to resolve the issue if it's an emergency..”

MADAPALA JOSHIKA

Network Engineer at Persistent Systems

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“Personally, I have not yet used the support directly since a third-party company has a contract with our organization. They handle most of the support and account management. In case we require support, we reach out to our partner for assistance..”

Verified user

Network Administrator at a energy/utilities company with 10,001+ employees

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“Cisco's support and services are far superior to any other security product in Pakistan. We have a Cisco-based team stationed in Pakistan. That's one of the reasons why we opted for the product. Cisco has a huge knowledge base. The technical support is excellent..”

Awais Ejaz

Chief Information Security Officer at Allied Bank Limited

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“They don't offer sufficient materials on their website, unlike Cisco. Moreover, the FMC (Firepower Management Center) is expensive, and there is a lack of helpful materials available online. The existing documentation can be quite extensive and challenging to comprehend..”

Ramish Ali

Assistant Director IT at Punjab Education Foundation

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“Cisco's technical support stands out as the key differentiator among other product brands in the market. Cisco consistently ranks as the top choice for technical support, thanks to the expertise of its engineers and the promptness with which defective materials are replaced, provided that all warranties and contracts are in place. It continues to be top-notch and arguably the best in the industry, providing valuable assistance whenever needed..”

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Founder Director at Ninesec Integration Pvt. Ltd

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Other Advice

“Our clients for Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center are medium to large businesses. It is a very scalable and reliable solution. I rate it a ten out of ten. .”

Vagelis Kretsimos

IT engineer at I.S.T. - Information Systems Technology

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“I will suggest considering your use case. All companies need this solution, but it is very useful for enterprise companies.

Overall, I rate the solution a nine out of ten..”

MahmoodAbdollahi

Senior Network Engineer at Dejpaad

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“Be prepared for a steep learning curve and consider the potential need for additional training or support to fully utilize the solution's capabilities.

Overall, I rate it a six out of ten. .”

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“With DevOps, migration from old to new applications is easier. I rate the overall product a nine out of ten. The appliance can perform its main functions as expected, and the performance management features in the next version make it easier to monitor multiple windows and identify issues..”

Verified user

Networking Security Consultant at a comms service provider with 51-200 employees

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“Setting up the solution's management center is relatively easy, but we occasionally face bugs that require additional troubleshooting.

I recommend taking comprehensive backups and preparing thoroughly for implementation, especially when managing multiple nodes.

Overall, I rate it as a seven out of ten..”

Mostafa-Mourad

Cyber Security Head at Turnkey Integrated Technologies TK-IT

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“The solution handles routing depending on whether you're using the new version or the older one for managing up to five hundred devices. However, ensuring that the appliances are updated is essential, though it can be challenging in our environment. It's crucial to read the appropriate documentation regarding virus protection, and it's worth noting that Cisco's support is reliable. License support is also crucial for ensuring positive outcomes.

Five engineers are enough for the solution's maintenance.

I recommend the solution.

Overall, I rate the solution an eight out of ten..”

Yonas Abebe

Senior Network and Security Engineer at Symbol Technologies PLC

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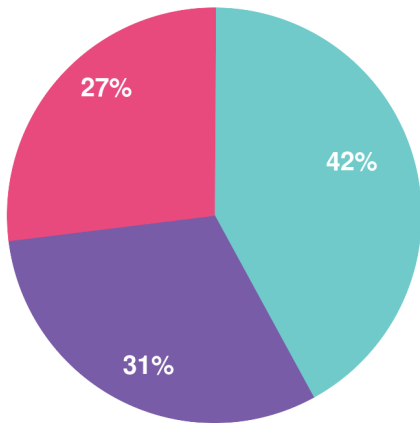
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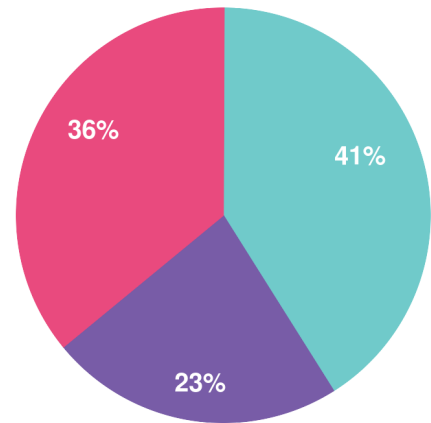
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