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SD-AVC Overview

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SD-AVC Overview

Cisco Software-Defined AVC (SD-AVC) is a component of [Cisco Application Visibility and Control \(AVC\)](#). It functions as a centralized network service, operating with specific participating devices in a network.

As an SDN solution operating network-wide, Cisco SD-AVC complements solutions such as:

- Cisco Intelligent WAN ([IWAN](#))
- Cisco EasyQoS
- Application Assurance

Features and Benefits

Some of the current features and benefits provided by SD-AVC:

- Network-level application recognition consistent across the network
- Improved application recognition in symmetric and asymmetric routing environments
- Improved first packet recognition
- Protocol Pack update at the network level
- Secure browser-based SD-AVC Dashboard over HTTPS for monitoring SD-AVC functionality and statistics, and for configuring Protocol Pack updates network-wide

See: [SD-AVC Features and Benefits, on page 7](#)

No Change to Topology

Deploying SD-AVC within an existing network does not require any changes to the network topology.

New Features and Changes

Table 1: New and Changed Features, SD-AVC Release 2.0.0

Feature	Description
Updated user interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved interactive display of traffic data • Improved presentation of warnings and errors affecting devices
Improved control of Protocol Pack deployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can update Protocol Packs for individual devices, for segments, or for all devices in the network • Ability to revert to the Protocol Pack built into the Cisco IOS release <p>See: Protocol Packs Page, on page 39</p>
Improved Microsoft Office 365 traffic classification	<p>MS-Office365 Connector is a component introduced in this release that improves classification for Microsoft Office 365 traffic. The SD-AVC Dashboard displays the status of the component.</p> <p>This feature requires connectivity to a DNS server. By default, SD-AVC uses Cisco OpenDNS servers: 208.67.222.222 and 208.67.220.220</p>
Support for more devices	Support for 4000 network devices operating with SD-AVC



CHAPTER 2

Operation

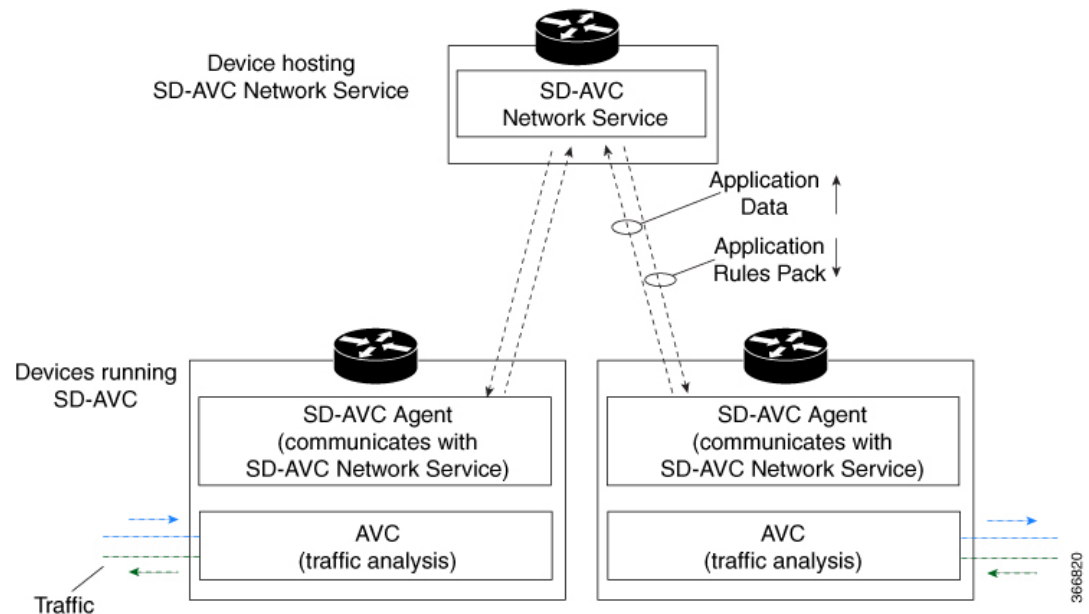
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SD-AVC Architecture

SD-AVC architecture consists of two basic components:

- Centralized SD-AVC network service component operating on a host device
- SD-AVC Agent component running on each SD-AVC-enabled device in the network

Figure 1: SD-AVC Network Service and Agents



SD-AVC and Application Recognition

Cisco AVC can recognize 1400+ network applications, providing recognition of most enterprise network traffic. SD-AVC offers a controller-based approach that operates network-wide, aggregating application information collected across the network, and centralized deployment of Protocol Pack updates.

SD-AVC improves application recognition, and offers a solution to challenges posed by complex networks that use a variety of routing devices and routing methods. Such challenges include asymmetric routing, first packet classification, encryption, and so on.

Collecting Application Data

Devices in the network running AVC analyze traffic and generate application data. If a device is connected to SD-AVC, the SD-AVC agent operating on the device receives this application data, and processes and caches the data. Periodically, the SD-AVC agent sends the latest application data to the centralized SD-AVC network service.

As new servers are detected or as server addresses change, the agent continually discovers and validates these servers and updates the SD-AVC network service with the new information. The process of discovery and validation can take several minutes.

Server addresses usually remain constant over time, but when they do change, the SD-AVC agent detects the changes and updates the network service.

Aggregating Application Data

The SD-AVC network service aggregates application data from multiple sources, producing an application rules pack from the composite data. This is made available to network devices using SD-AVC.

Periodically, the network devices using SD-AVC request the application rules pack. Relying on devices to pull (request) the application rules pack on their own schedule improves efficiency and simplifies administration.

The application rules pack contains the following type of information: ID, IP address, port, network protocol, VRF name, application name, and so on.

Example:

ID	IP Address	Port	Protocol	VRF-name	App-Name
0	192.0.2.1	5901	TCP	Mgt	VNC



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SD-AVC Features and Benefits

The following table describes several SD-AVC features and benefits.

Table 2: Features and Benefits

Feature/Benefit	Description
Network-level application recognition consistent across the network	The SD-AVC network service aggregates application data from multiple devices and sources, and provides that composite application information in return. Because SD-AVC operates at the network level, any application rule created by SD-AVC based on aggregated application data is shared and applied consistently across all participating network devices.
Improved application recognition in symmetric and asymmetric routing environments	Cisco SD-AVC further refines application recognition accuracy by helping numerous devices in a network SD-AVC aggregates application data shared by participating devices in the network, and analyzes the shared application data. It then provides this composite application information (in the form of an application rules pack) to the participating routers, improving application recognition. Because SD-AVC shares application rules across numerous network devices, devices that see only one direction of a flow can benefit from the information collected on the other direction of the same flow. See SD-AVC and Application Recognition, on page 6
Improved first packet recognition	SD-AVC application rules are based on flow tuple (address and port) information. After a learning phase and sharing tuples among participating devices, the devices are able to identify new flows on the first packet, based on the tuple information

Feature/Benefit	Description
Protocol Pack update at the network level	SD-AVC can assist in deploying Protocol Packs to numerous routers in the network. Download the Protocol Packs to deploy, store them on the centralized SD-AVC network service, then use the SD-AVC Dashboard to select which devices in the network will receive the Protocol Packs. See: Protocol Packs Page , on page 39
SD-AVC Dashboard	Secure browser-based SD-AVC Dashboard over HTTPS for monitoring SD-AVC functionality and statistics, and for configuring Protocol Pack updates network-wide. See: Using SD-AVC , on page 35

Using SD-AVC in an Asymmetric Routing Scenario

The Challenge of Asymmetric Routing

One of the challenges that SD-AVC addresses well is application recognition in asymmetric routing scenarios. While it is not the only situation in which SD-AVC offers improved results, asymmetric routing demonstrates one of the advantages of aggregating application data from many sources.

Certain network configurations may produce "asymmetric routing" as an unintended effect. In asymmetric routing, the packets of a single two-way connection travel by different paths between network nodes. For example the downstream traffic from a server to a client might be routed through one path, while the upstream traffic from the client to the server might be through a different path. When this occurs, AVC operating on a hub router may see only a single direction of the traffic for that connection, posing a challenge to application recognition.

Deep Packet Inspection and Asymmetry

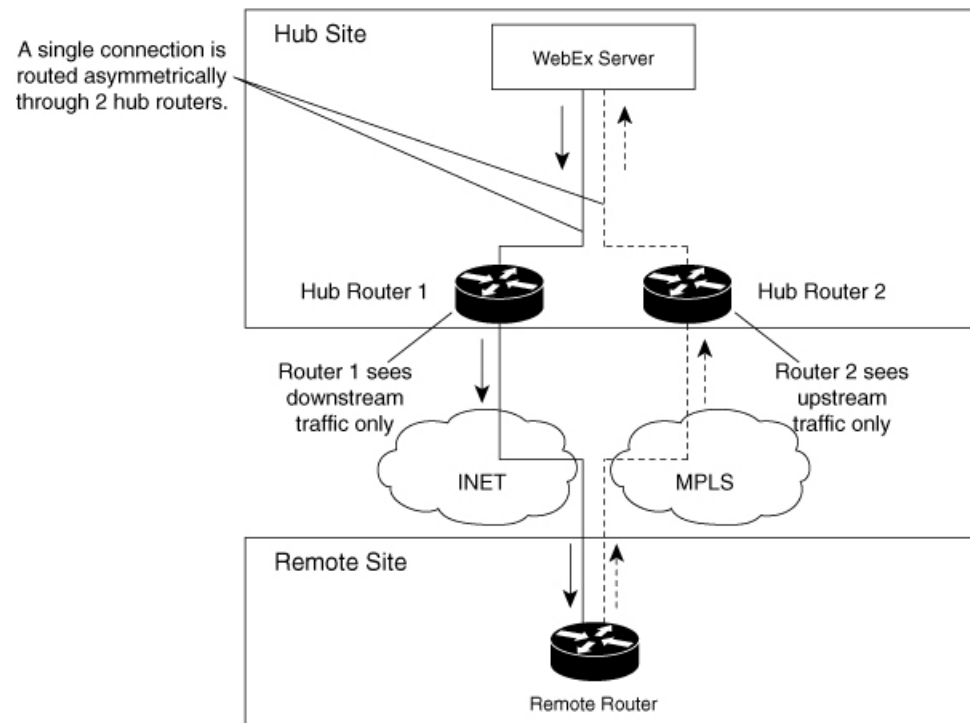
AVC deep packet inspection (DPI) operates best when it sees both directions of traffic. In symmetric routing, AVC operating on a single device that handles both directions of a flow can fully analyze metadata and other traffic attributes to help identify the application creating the flow. By contrast, an asymmetric scenario can limit the ability to recognize some types of traffic. This is especially true when AVC sees only to the downstream traffic for a particular flow.

Asymmetric routing may occur for various reasons, including from intelligent path selection by Cisco IWAN. The issue particularly affects hub routers within an enterprise network with a hub/branch topology.

Effects of Limited Application Recognition

Limiting AVC application recognition can affect classification of traffic for QoS policy, visibility, and other functionality. Consequently, a solution that overcomes the limitations caused by asymmetric routing is especially helpful for maximum network efficiency.

Figure 2: Asymmetric Routing Example

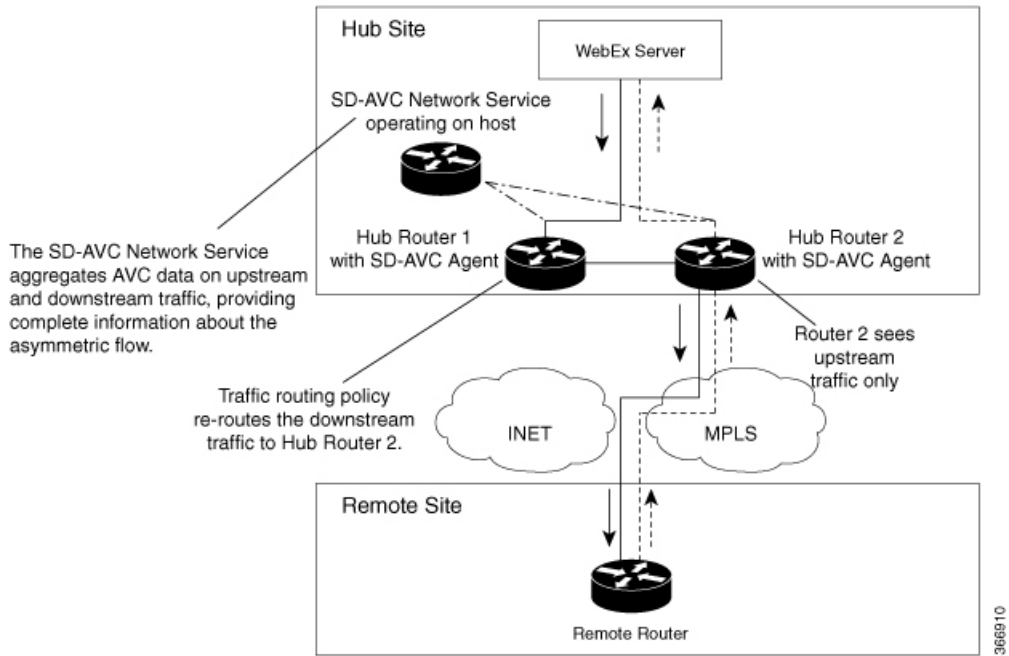


Centralized Server Aggregating Application Data

SD-AVC compiles and analyzes application data from multiple devices within the network, including devices that separately handle the downstream and upstream traffic for a single flow. Using data from multiple sources, SD-AVC synchronizes application information network-wide, overcoming the challenges of asymmetric routing. This strategy provides a major improvement to application recognition within networks, improving the effectiveness of application-based solutions.

With the improved application recognition, AVC can apply application-based policies, such as QoS, path selection, and visibility more accurately. For example, with complete information about both streams of a flow, a path selection policy can direct the downstream path through the same route as the upstream.

Figure 3: Asymmetric Routing and SD-AVC





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Installing or Upgrading the SD-AVC Network Service

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Installation Overview

SD-AVC operates in a service/agent configuration. For details, see [SD-AVC Architecture, on page 5](#).

- **Network Service:** The SD-AVC network service is installed as a virtualized component on a Cisco device service container, and operates on the device as a service. See: [System Requirements: SD-AVC Network Service Host, on page 14](#)
- **Agent:** Other devices in the network are enabled as agents, and communicate with the SD-AVC network service. See: [Configuring Network Devices to Use SD-AVC, on page 25](#)
- **High Availability:** SD-AVC supports a high availability (HA) configuration, using more than one SD-AVC network service. See: [SD-AVC High Availability, on page 29](#)
- **Connectivity:** Operating SD-AVC requires connectivity between the SD-AVC network service and the SD-AVC agents that operate on devices in the network. See: [Configuring Connectivity, on page 15](#)

Summary of Setup

The following table briefly describes the steps to set up SD-AVC:

Table 3: Setup

	Setup Task	Section
1	Download the open virtual appliance (OVA) file for the SD-AVC network service and install it on a host device accessible by other devices in the network.	See: Installing the SD-AVC Network Service, on page 16
2	Enable the SD-AVC agent on Cisco devices in the network, pointing them to the SD-AVC network service set up in the previous step. (In a high availability setup, include more than one SD-AVC network service instance.)	See: Configuring Network Devices, on page 25
3	Configure connectivity, or optionally, secure connectivity.	See: Configuring Connectivity, on page 15 , Configuring Secure Connectivity, on page 57

System Requirements: SD-AVC Network Service Host

The following table describes platform requirements for hosting the SD-AVC network service.

Table 4: SD-AVC Network Service Host Requirements

Host	Memory	Storage	OS	CPU
Cisco ASR1001-X Aggregation Services Routers	M-ASR1001X-16GB	NIM-SSD and SSD-SATA-400G	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later	—
Cisco ASR1002-X Aggregation Services Router	M-ASR1002X-16GB	MASR1002X-HD-320G	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later	—
Cisco ASR1002-HX Aggregation Services Router	M-ASR1002HX-16GB	NIM-SSD and SSD-SATA-400G	Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later	—

Host	Memory	Storage	OS	CPU
Cisco ISR4431 Integrated Services Router	RAM: MEM-4400-4GU16G Flash: MEM-FLASH-16G	NIM-SSD and SSD-MSATA-400G	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later	—
Cisco ISR4451 Integrated Services Router	RAM: MEM-4400-4GU16G Flash: MEM-FLASH-16G	NIM-SSD and SSD-MSATA-400G	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later	—
Cisco CSR1000V Cloud Services Router	Minimum: 8 GB Recommended: 8 GB	20 GB	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later	Large-scale scenario (100 or more devices): 4 cores Small-scale scenario (<100 devices): 4 cores See: Allocating VM CPUs for Cisco CSR1000V, on page 63

Configuring Connectivity

Operating SD-AVC requires connectivity between various components.

- SD-AVC network service and host
- SD-AVC network service and agents
- Connectivity to the SD-AVC Dashboard

This section describes the connectivity requirements. If secure connectivity is required, see: [Configuring Secure Connectivity, on page 57](#)

SD-AVC Network Service and Host

Connectivity is required between the SD-AVC network service, which operates as a virtualized service, and the device hosting it. The host platform requires connectivity with the service through a virtual interface called VirtualPortGroup. The virtual service communicates with the host over this virtual interface, using SSH on TCP port 22.

SD-AVC Network Service and Agents

Network devices operating with SD-AVC use an SD-AVC agent, which operates in the background on the device, to communicate with the central SD-AVC network service. Connectivity is required between each of these network devices and the SD-AVC network service (more than one network service in SD-AVC high availability configurations).

- **Ports**

Communication between agent and service uses the following protocols and ports:

- **UDP:** Port 50000
- **TCP:** Ports 20, 21, 50000-60000

- **Firewalls and Access Lists**

Ensure that communication is possible in both directions (agent to SD-AVC network service, SD-AVC network service to agent) on these ports for the relevant traffic. For example:

- Firewall policy must enable communication in both directions.
- If a network device has an access control list (ACL) configured, the ACL must permit communication between the SD-AVC network service and SD-AVC agents.

Connectivity to the SD-AVC Dashboard

Connecting to the SD-AVC Dashboard (see [Using SD-AVC, on page 35](#)) requires access to the device hosting the SD-AVC network service, and involves TCP traffic through port 8443. Ensure that network policy (firewall, ACL, and so on) permits this connectivity for devices requiring access to the SD-AVC Dashboard.

Using SD-AVC with Cisco IWAN

When operating SD-AVC in a Cisco IWAN environment, the SD-AVC network service may be hosted on the hub master controller (MC) or on a router dedicated for the purpose of hosting the service.

In either case, verify that the host device meets the system requirements for hosting the SD-AVC network service.

See: [System Requirements: SD-AVC Network Service Host, on page 14](#), [Installing the SD-AVC Network Service, on page 16](#)

Installing the SD-AVC Network Service

The SD-AVC network service operates as a virtualized service on a Cisco router. It is installed as an open virtual appliance (OVA) virtual machine container, and requires a few steps of configuration on the host router. After configuration is complete, you can check service status using the browser-based SD-AVC Dashboard.

Table 5: Overview of Installation Steps

Task	Steps
System requirements	Step 1
Installation	Steps 2 to 5
Configuration	Step 6
Activation	Step 7
Verification	Steps 8 to 11
Connecting to SD-AVC Dashboard	Step 12

Examples follow the steps below.

Installation Procedure

The following procedure installs the SD-AVC network service as a virtualized service on a Cisco router.

- 1 Verify that the intended host device meets the system requirements. See: [System Requirements: SD-AVC Network Service Host](#), on page 14
- 2 Download the OVA container for the SD-AVC network service from Cisco.com, using the [Download Software](#) tool. Specify a platform that supports hosting the SD-AVC virtual service, then navigate to software downloads for the platform. Select the "SD AVC Router Virtual Service" option to display available OVA files for SD-AVC.

Example filename: iosxe-sd-avc.2.0.0.ova

- 3 Copy the downloaded OVA file onto the device that will host the SD-AVC network service. Copy to one of the following locations, depending on the platform type:

- CSR1000V: bootflash
- ASR1000 Series or ISR4000 Series: harddisk

harddisk refers to the SSD or HD specified in the system requirements for the platform ([System Requirements: SD-AVC Network Service Host](#), on page 14).

- 4 On the device, verify the MD5 checksum of the downloaded package. The correct MD5 checksum value appears on the [Download Software](#) page when downloading the package.

verify /md5 bootflash:ova-filename.ova

Example:

```
Device#verify /md5 bootflash:iosxe-sd-avc.2.0.0.ova
.....Done!
verify /md5 (bootflash:iosxe-sd-avc.2.0.0.ova) = d8b7af1b163ccc5ad28582a3fd86c44e
```

- 5 On the host device, execute the following command to extract the OVA package and install the SD-AVC network service. By default, it is installed on the same storage device where the OVA package was saved.

service sd-avc install package *disk-with-OVA:OVA-filename* **media** *location-for-OVA-expansion*

Table 6: Command Details

CLI keyword/argument	Description
<i>disk-with-OVA</i>	Specify one of the following, according to the platform type. The location refers to where the OVA was saved in a previous step. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSR: bootflash • ASR1000 Series or ISR4000 Series: harddisk
<i>OVA-filename</i>	Downloaded OVA file.
<i>location-for-OVA-expansion</i>	Specify one of the following, according to the platform type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSR: bootflash • ASR1000 Series or ISR4000 Series: harddisk <p>Note On ASR1000 and ISR4000 platforms, the CLI may allow you to incorrectly specify the bootflash for the <i>disk-with-OVA</i>, but for these platforms, specifying the bootflash as the location will cause this step to fail. On these platforms, specify only the hard disk for <i>disk-with-OVA</i> location.</p>

Examples:

- For CSR1000V router:

```
service sd-avc install package bootflash:iosxe-sd-avc.1.1.0.ova media bootflash
```

- For ASR1000 Series or ISR4000 Series routers:

```
service sd-avc install package harddisk:iosxe-sd-avc.1.1.0.ova media harddisk
```

6 Configure the SD-AVC network service.

- Specify the router gateway interface that the virtualized service uses for external access.
- Specify a user-selected external-facing service IP address for the SD-AVC network service. This address must be within the same subnet as the gateway interface address.

This step accomplishes the following:

- Enables routers in the network to communicate with the SD-AVC network service.
- Enables access to the browser-based SD-AVC Dashboard.

**Note**

Use this command only in scenarios in which the gateway interface is not attached to a VRF. If the gateway interface is attached to a VRF, use the steps described in [Operating the SD-AVC Network Service with Host Interface Attached to a VRF](#), on page 55.

service sd-avc configure gateway interface *interface* service-ip *service-ip-address* [activate | preview]

Table 7: Command Details

CLI keyword/argument	Description
activate	Activates the service immediately. It is not typically recommended to use this option during this configuration step. Execute the <code>activate</code> option in a separate step, as shown below.
preview	<p>Preview the configuration without configuring or activating the service. When using this option, the configuration is not sent to the device.</p> <p>Note: If the gateway interface is attached to a VRF, see Operating the SD-AVC Network Service with Host Interface Attached to a VRF, on page 55.</p> <p>Example output:</p> <pre>! Virtual port configuration interface VirtualPortGroup31 description automatically created for sd-avc service by 'service sd-avc configure' exec command ip unnumbered gigabitEthernet1 end ! Virtual service configuration virtual-service SDAVC description automatically created for sd-avc service by 'service sd-avc configure' exec command vnic gateway VirtualPortGroup31 guest ip address 10.56.196.101 exit end ! Static route configuration ip route 10.56.196.101 255.255.255.255 VirtualPortGroup31</pre>
<i>interface</i>	<p>Gateway interface: The device interface that the virtualized service uses for external access.</p> <p>Note: If the interface is attached to a VRF, see Operating the SD-AVC Network Service with Host Interface Attached to a VRF, on page 55 for instructions for configuring the gateway.</p>
<i>service-ip-address</i>	<p>External-facing IP address, must be in the same subnet as the IP of the gateway interface.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>Gateway interface: 10.56.196.100</p> <p>service-ip-address: 10.56.196.101</p>

Example:

```
service sd-avc configure gateway interface gigabitEthernet1 service-ip 10.56.196.146
```

- 7 Activate the service.

service sd-avc activate**Example:**

```
service sd-avc activate
```

- 8 Verify that the status of the SD-AVC network service is activated.

service sd-avc status

If installation and activation were successful, the displayed status is:

```
SDAVC service is installed, configured and activated
```

- 9 Save the new configuration.

copy running-config startup-config

- 10 Ping the service IP configured in a previous step to verify that it is reachable.

- 11 Wait several minutes for the service to become fully active, then use a Chrome browser to access the browser-based SD-AVC Dashboard, at the following URL, which uses the service-ip configured in an earlier step and port 8443. The SD-AVC Dashboard uses the same authentication as the platform hosting the SD-AVC network service.

```
https://<service-ip>:8443
```

**Note**

Accessing the SD-AVC Dashboard requires connectivity from the PC you are using to access the SD-AVC interface.

Installation Example for CSR1000V Router

The following is an example of the CLI steps used to install the SD-AVC Network Service on a Cisco CSR1000V Cloud Services Router. For this router, the first step includes “bootflash” as the location for extracting the OVA.

```
service sd-avc install package harddisk:iosxe-sd-avc.1.1.0.ova media bootflash
service sd-avc configure gateway interface gigabitEthernet1 service-ip 10.56.196.146
service sd-avc activate
service sd-avc status
copy running-config startup-config
```

Installation Example for ASR1000 Series or ISR4000 Series Routers

The following is an example of the CLI steps used to install the SD-AVC network service on a Cisco ASR1000 Series or ISR4000 Series Router. For these routers, the first step includes “harddisk” as the location for extracting the OVA.

```
service sd-avc install package harddisk:iosxe-sd-avc.1.1.0.ova media harddisk
service sd-avc configure gateway interface gigabitEthernet1 service-ip 10.56.196.146
service sd-avc activate
service sd-avc status
copy running-config startup-config
```

Upgrading the SD-AVC Network Service

Use the following procedure to upgrade the SD-AVC network service on the router hosting the service.

Table 8: Overview of Upgrade Steps

Task	Steps
Installation	Steps 1 to 7
Activation	Step 8
Verification	Step 9

- 1 Download the OVA container for the SD-AVC network service from Cisco.com, using the [Download Software](#) tool. Specify a platform that supports hosting the SD-AVC virtual service, then navigate to software downloads for the platform. Select the "SD AVC Router Virtual Service" option to display available OVA files for SD-AVC.

Example filename: iosxe-sd-avc.2.0.0.ova

- 2 Copy the downloaded OVA file onto the device hosting the SD-AVC network service to be upgraded. Copy to one of the following locations, depending on the platform type:

- CSR1000V: bootflash

- ASR1000 Series or ISR4000 Series: harddisk

harddisk refers to the SSD or HD specified in the system requirements for the platform ([System Requirements: SD-AVC Network Service Host](#), on page 14).

- 3 On the device, verify the MD5 checksum of the downloaded package. The correct MD5 checksum value appears on the [Download Software](#) page when downloading the package.

verify /md5 bootflash:ova-filename.ova

Example:

```
Device#verify /md5 bootflash:iosxe-sd-avc.2.0.0.ova
.....Done!
verify /md5 (bootflash:iosxe-sd-avc.2.0.0.ova) = d8b7af1b163ccc5ad28582a3fd86c44e
```

- 4 Deactivate the service. This step stops the service but does not erase the database of compiled application data.

service sd-avc deactivate

- 5 Verify that the service has been deactivated.

service sd-avc status

The following output confirms that the service has been deactivated:

```
Service SDAVC is installed, configured and deactivated
```

- 6 On the host router, execute the following command to extract and install the OVA package. By default, it is installed on the same storage device where the OVA package is stored.

service sd-avc upgrade package *disk-with-OVA:OVA-filename*

Table 9: Command Details

CLI keyword/argument	Description
<i>disk-with-OVA</i>	Specify one of the following, according to the platform type. The location refers to where the OVA was stored in a previous step. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSR: bootflash • ASR1000 Series or ISR4000 Series: harddisk
<i>OVA-filename</i>	Downloaded OVA file.

Examples:

- For Cisco CSR1000V router:


```
service sd-avc upgrade package bootflash:iosxe-sd-avc.1.1.0.ova
```
- For Cisco ASR1000 Series or ISR4000 Series routers:


```
service sd-avc upgrade package harddisk:iosxe-sd-avc.1.1.0.ova
```

7 (Optional) During the upgrade process, view the service status.

service sd-avc status

During the upgrade, the following output indicates that the service is being installed:

```
Service SDAVC is installing..., configured and deactivated
```

The following output indicates that the upgrade is complete:

```
Service SDAVC is installed, configured and deactivated
```

8 Activate the service.

service sd-avc activate

Example:

```
service sd-avc activate
```

9 Verify that the status of the SD-AVC network service is activated.

service sd-avc status

If upgrade and activation were successful, the displayed status is:

```
SDAVC service is installed, configured and activated
```



Unconfiguring or Uninstalling the SD-AVC Network Service

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- [Uninstalling the SD-AVC Network Service, page 23](#)

Unconfiguring the SD-AVC Network Service

Use the following procedure to unconfigure the SD-AVC Network Service on the router hosting the service. Unconfiguring the service is necessary before changing the SD-AVC Network Service configuration.

- 1 Deactivate the service. This step stops the service but does not erase the database of compiled application data.

```
service sd-avc deactivate
```

- 2 Verify that the service has been deactivated.

```
service sd-avc status
```

The following output confirms that the service has been deactivated:

```
Service SDAVC is installed, configured and deactivated
```

- 3 Unconfigure the service.

```
service sd-avc unconfigure
```

- 4 Verify that the service has been unconfigured.

```
service sd-avc status
```

The following output confirms that the service has been unconfigured:

```
Service SDAVC is installed, not configured and deactivated
```

Uninstalling the SD-AVC Network Service

Use the following procedure to uninstall the SD-AVC Network Service on the router hosting the service.

- 1 Deactivate and unconfigure the SD-AVC Network Service. Follow the full procedure in: [Unconfiguring the SD-AVC Network Service, on page 23](#)
- 2 Uninstall the service. This step deletes all information from the SD-AVC database for this SD-AVC Network Service.

service sd-avc uninstall

- 3 Verify that the service has been uninstalled.

service sd-avc status

The following output confirms that the service has been uninstalled:

```
Service SDAVC is uninstalled, not configured and deactivated
```



Configuring Network Devices

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Configuring Network Devices to Use SD-AVC

After the SD-AVC Network Service has been set up, use the information in this section to check the prerequisites for Cisco devices in the network to operate with the SD-AVC Network Service. Then activate and configure SD-AVC on the devices. This activates an SD-AVC agent that operates on the devices to communicate with the SD-AVC Network Service.

After configuration is complete, verify the status of each device using the SD-AVC Dashboard:

Dashboard > Application Visibility page > Network Monitoring

For High Availability SD-AVC, which employs more than one SD-AVC Network Service, see [SD-AVC High Availability, on page 29](#).

System Requirements: Network Devices Using SD-AVC

The following table describes the supported platforms and requirements for network devices to operate with SD-AVC. When operating with SD-AVC, network devices run the SD-AVC agent, which manages communication between the devices and the SD-AVC Network Service.

Table 10: Network Device Requirements

Platform	OS
Cisco ASR1001-X Aggregation Services Router	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.2 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later (See note 1.)

Platform	OS
Cisco ASR1002-X Aggregation Services Router	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.2 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later (See note 1.)
Cisco ASR1001-HX Aggregation Services Router	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.2 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later (See note 1.)
Cisco ASR1002-HX Aggregation Services Router	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.2 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later (See note 1.)
Cisco 1100 Series Integrated Service Routers	Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later
Cisco ISR4000 Series Integrated Services Routers: 4221, 4321, 4331, 4431, 4451	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.2 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later (See note 1.)
Cisco Integrated Services Virtual Router	Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later
Cisco CSR1000V Cloud Services Router	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.2 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later (See note 1.)
Cisco Route Processor RP2, operating on Cisco ASR1004, ASR1006, or ASR1013	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.2 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later (See note 1.)
Cisco Route Processor RP3, operating on Cisco ASR1004, ASR1006, or ASR1013	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.2 or later Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7.1 or later (See note 1.)

**Note**

- 1 Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1 is supported, but with limited SD-AVC functionality. Features added in the SD-AVC 2.0.0 release are not supported.

Connectivity

For connectivity requirements and procedures, see [Configuring Connectivity](#), on page 15.

Configuration Prerequisites: Network Devices Using SD-AVC

Network devices participating with SD-AVC run an SD-AVC agent (see [SD-AVC Architecture](#), on page 5).

SD-AVC functionality depends on receiving application statistics from each participating network device. Application statistics are collected on each interface (on participating devices) on which one of the following is enabled: Cisco Performance Monitor, Easy Performance Monitor (ezPM), PfR policy, or Protocol Discovery. Each of these activates NBAR2 on the interface.

Depending on the Cisco solution in place, application statistics must be collected as follows:

- **IWAN solution:** (No additional user configuration required) Collection of application statistics is enabled by the use of Easy Performance Monitor (ezPM) and PfR policy.
- **Application Assurance solution:** (No additional user configuration required) Collection of application statistics is enabled by the use of Performance Monitor or Easy Performance Monitor (ezPM), and PfR policy.
- **EasyQoS:** (Requires user configuration) Configure Protocol Discovery on WAN-side interfaces.

Activating the SD-AVC Agent

Use the following procedure on a device in the network to activate the SD-AVC agent, enabling the device to communicate with the SD-AVC Network Service.



Note

See system requirements for network devices operating with SD-AVC .



Note

The term, SD-AVC Network Service, refers to the virtual service that operates on a host device and performs SD-AVC functions, such as aggregating application data. The **avc sd-service** command used in this procedure does not refer to the SD-AVC Network Service.

- 1 Activate SD-AVC.

avc sd-service

Example:

```
(config)#avc sd-service
```

- 2 Configure the segment (group of devices that share the same purpose, such as routers within the same hub).

segment cisco

Example:

```
(config-sd-service)#segment cisco
```

- 3 Enter controller mode to configure the agent to use the SD-AVC Network Service (not related to the **avc sd-service** command used in an earlier step).

controller

Example:

```
(config-sd-service)#controller
```

- 4 Enter the service-IP used when the SD-AVC Network Service (running on a host device) was set up.
address *service-ip*

**Note**

For a high availability (HA) configuration, more than one SD-AVC Network Service is specified in this step. See: [SD-AVC High Availability, on page 29](#)

Example:

```
(config-sd-service-controller)#address 10.56.196.146
```

- 5 Configure VRF.

```
vrf vrf_mgmt
```

Example:

```
(config-sd-service-controller)#vrf vrf_mgmt
```

The device is now configured to operate with SD-AVC, and begins:

- Sending collected application data to the SD-AVC Network Service
- Receiving application rules packs periodically from the SD-AVC Network Service

- 6 Using the SD-AVC Dashboard confirm that the router appears as a device in the network.

Configuration Example

The following is an example of the CLI steps used to configure the SD-AVC agent on a device.

```
(config)#avc sd-service
(config-sd-service)#segment cisco
(config-sd-service)#controller
(config-sd-service-controller)#address 10.56.196.146
(config-sd-service-controller)#vrf vrf_mgmt
```

Deactivating the SD-AVC Agent

Use the following procedure on a device in the network to deactivate the SD-AVC agent and clear any SD-AVC agent configuration details that have been entered. This stops SD-AVC functionality on the device, and the device stops communicating with the SD-AVC network service.

- 1 Deactivate SD-AVC and remove SD-AVC agent configuration.

```
no avc sd-service
```

Example:

```
(config)#no avc sd-service
```



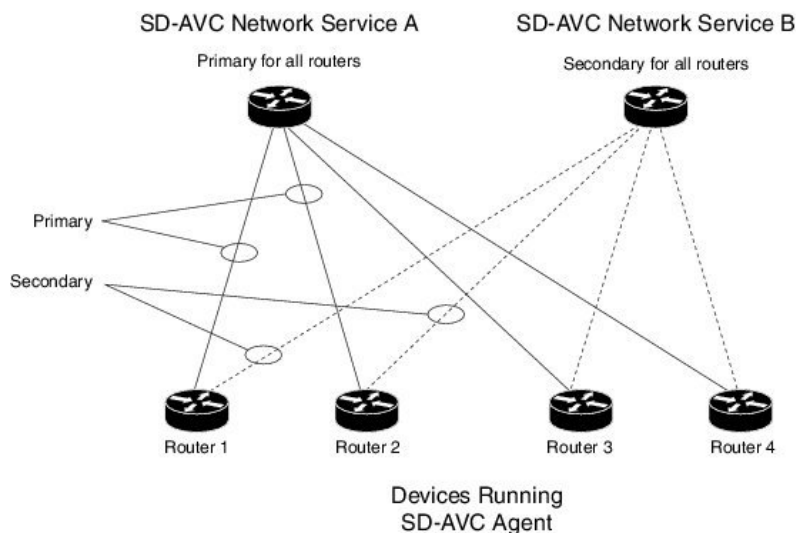
SD-AVC High Availability

SD-AVC supports a high availability (HA) configuration, using more than one SD-AVC network service. Each network device operating with SD-AVC, and consequently running the SD-AVC agent, designates a primary and secondary SD-AVC network service. If the primary SD-AVC network service becomes unavailable, the device fails over to the secondary service.

In the event of failover, the secondary SD-AVC network service receives the application data (state) maintained by the SD-AVC agents on participating network devices. This provides SD-AVC a degree of resilience, enabling the secondary network service to receive previously aggregated data and resume operation where the primary network service left off. In addition, because each SD-AVC agent maintains its state locally, classification of traffic on each device continues seamlessly during the failover from primary to secondary network service.

For all devices in the network that are operating with SD-AVC, it is recommended to use the same primary SD-AVC network service.

Figure 4: Primary and Secondary SD-AVC Network Services in High Availability Configuration



SD-AVC Network Services Collect Application Data Separately

Each SD-AVC network service collects application data from the devices that are using it as their active service. Multiple SD-AVC network services do not share application data with each other directly. So if the primary service becomes unavailable, the agents that were using it fail over to the secondary service, and that service begins collecting application data from the agents.

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- [Switchover between Primary and Secondary SD-AVC Network Services, page 30](#)

Configuring High Availability SD-AVC

Setting up SD-AVC in a high availability configuration requires two steps that differ from a non-HA configuration.

- 1 Set up more than one SD-AVC Network Service. For information about setting up an SD-AVC Network Service, see [Installation Overview, on page 13](#).
- 2 When configuring a device to use SD-AVC, specify primary and secondary SD-AVC Network Services with the **address** command. In other respects, configuring the device is identical to a non-HA configuration. For information about setting up a device, see [Configuring Network Devices to Use SD-AVC, on page 25](#). The configuration commands are shown below.

```
avc sd-service
segment cisco
controller
address primary-network-service-ip secondary-network-service-ip
vrf vrf_mgmt
```

Example:

```
(config)#avc sd-service
(config-sd-service)#segment cisco
(config-sd-service)#controller
(config-sd-service-controller)#address 10.56.196.146 10.56.196.150
(config-sd-service-controller)#vrf vrf_mgmt
```

Switchover between Primary and Secondary SD-AVC Network Services

If the primary SD-AVC network service for a device becomes unavailable, the device switches over to its secondary network service.



Note

The primary SD-AVC network service may become unavailable either by unexpected failure, or for a planned outage, such as for an upgrade.

Appearance in Dashboard

After the switchover, the SD-AVC Dashboard for the secondary network service displays the device. To indicate that the device is in a switchover state, the **Network Monitoring** pane > **Connection** icon appears yellow, indicating a warning. Clicking **Connection** shows the affected device and the **switchover** label.

Functionality

After switchover, the secondary SD-AVC network service handles all operations for the device, including:

- Collecting traffic data from the device
- Displaying the traffic data
- Deploying Protocol Packs to the device if necessary

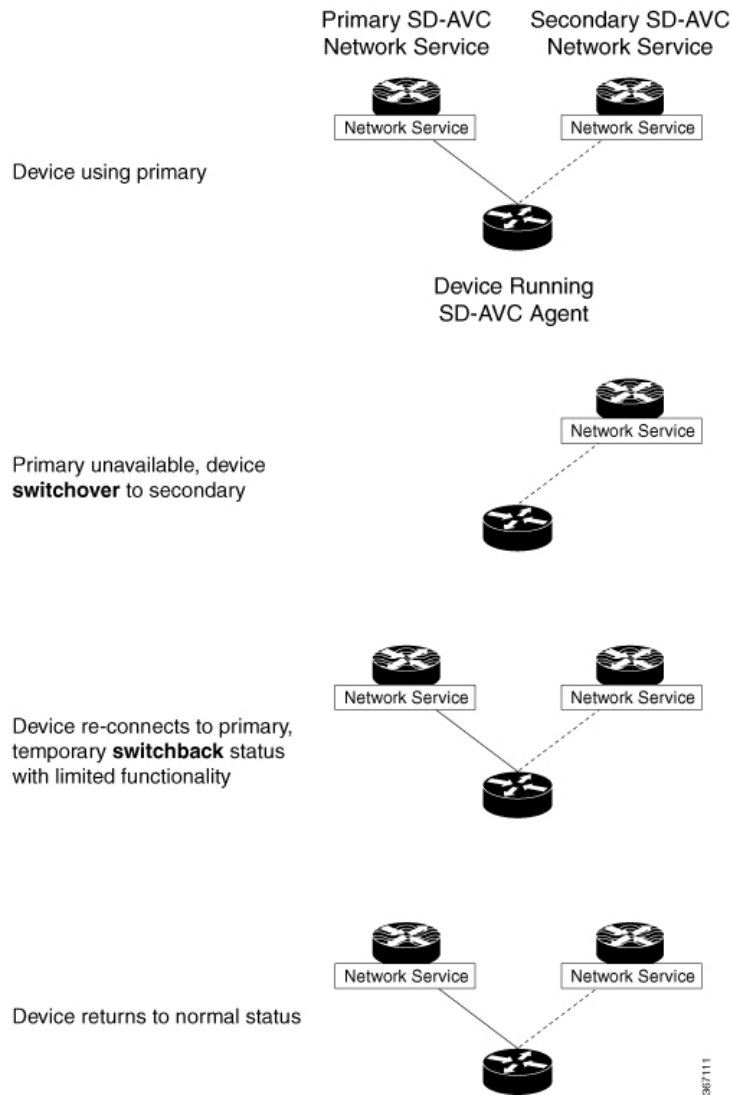
Returning to the Primary

When the primary SD-AVC network service becomes available again, the device returns to the primary network service.

For a temporary period after re-connecting, the device status is **switchback**. This is displayed in:

Network Monitoring pane > Connection

During the temporary **switchback** period, no Protocol Packs can be deployed to the device.





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Part: Usage

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Using SD-AVC

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- [Application Visibility Page, page 36](#)
- [Protocol Packs Page, page 39](#)

Using SD-AVC

Use the SD-AVC Dashboard to:

- Monitor devices operating with SD-AVC
- View detailed traffic analytics interactively
- Deploy Protocol Packs

Connecting

Using a Chrome browser with access to the device hosting the SD-AVC Network Service, open the SD-AVC Dashboard. The Dashboard is accessible using the service IP configured when setting up the SD-AVC Network Service, and port 8443, in the format:

https://<service-ip>:8443

Example:

`https://10.56.196.153:8443`



Note

The SD-AVC Dashboard uses the same authentication as the platform hosting the SD-AVC Network Service. The host platform may use locally configured usernames and passwords, or it may use other methods, such as an Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA) server.

If prompted, enter the username and password used on the host platform.

Application Visibility Page

The Application Visibility page provides an interactive display of the network activity handled by the devices in the network operating with SD-AVC, as well as displaying any warnings or errors for each device.

Brief summary of the information and controls on the page:

Table 11: Top of Window

Information/Control	Description
All Devices	Indicates that the application data displayed in this window includes traffic handled by all devices in the network that are operating with SD-AVC.
Filter	Filters the displayed application data to include only a single segment or a single device. (A network segment is a group of devices that share the same purpose, such as routers within the same hub.)
Time Range	Time range for application data displayed on this page.

Table 12: Summary Pane

Information/Control	Description
Classification Score	Last measured classification quality score for the device. This indicates the degree of classification quality (specificity), calculated according to traffic volume. Higher score indicates better quality.
First Packet Classification	Ratio of flows classified on the first packet, to total TCP/UDP flows.
Total Usage	Total traffic volume handled in the selected time range.
SD-AVC Coverage Ratio	Ratio of flows covered by the SD-AVC application rules pack, to the total number of TCP/UDP flows.
Asymmetric Index	Last measured degree of asymmetry seen by device. This is the ratio of asymmetric flows to total flows for TCP and DNS traffic. 0 is least asymmetry, and 10 is highest asymmetry.
Timeline	Graph of one of the following (select in dropdown menu): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bandwidth • Classification score • First packet classification score • SD-AVC coverage ratio

Table 13: Applications by Usage Pane

Information/Control	Description
Table of applications	Usage and business relevance for each network application. Hover over an application, or select one or more applications, to display data for those applications in the Timeline pane.
View Rules	Application data compiled by SD-AVC, organized into rules ready for export to participating devices in the network. The information is sent when the devices request an Application Rules Pack from the SD-AVC Network Service.

Table 14: Network Monitoring Pane

Information/Control	Description
Note: When filtering to display data for a single segment or device, this pane displays information for that segment or device.	
Segments	Network segments. Click to filter display by a network segment.
Devices	Devices in the network. Click to filter display by a device.
Installed Protocol Packs	Protocol Packs installed on devices in the network.
Status	
Connection	<p>Device connectivity with the SD-AVC Network Service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green: All connectivity messages for all devices are being received. • Orange: Warning. Some connectivity messages have not been received. SD-AVC will monitor the device for restoration of connectivity. Click to view affected devices. • Red: No messages are being received. Click to view affected devices. <p>Troubleshooting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check connectivity on UDP port 50000. If no problem is found with connectivity, contact Cisco TAC.

Information/Control	Description
Update	<p>Status of updates from the SD-AVC Network Service to devices in the network. Updates include application and configuration data, and are made by standard FTP connection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green: Application data updates from the SD-AVC Network Service are being received and installed correctly by all devices in the network. • Orange: Some messages are being received; some are missing. Wait a few minutes for the issue to resolve or escalate to red. Click to view affected devices. • Red: One of the following may have occurred for one or more devices in the network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) No messages are being received. (b) Failure to install an application data update from the SD-AVC Network Service. <p>Click to view affected devices.</p> <p>Troubleshooting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify FTP connectivity on ports 20, 21. • On the affected device(s), execute show tech-support nbar platform to display NBAR data useful for troubleshooting. Save the output for use by TAC if the problem persists.
Exporter	<p>Status of device data export to the SD-AVC Network Service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green: All messages are being received. • Orange: On one or more devices, some messages are being received, and some are not being received. Wait a few minutes for the issue to resolve or escalate to red status. Click to view affected devices. • Red: On one or more devices, no messages are being received. Click to view affected devices. <p>Troubleshooting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the affected device(s), check FTP connectivity on UDP port 50000. If no problem is found with connectivity, contact Cisco TAC.
MS-Office365 Connector	<p>The MS-Office365 Connector component improves classification of Microsoft Office 365 traffic. It requires connectivity to a DNS server. By default, SD-AVC uses Cisco OpenDNS servers: 208.67.222.222 and 208.67.220.220</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green: Correct operation. • Orange: Problem with connectivity to the DNS server. • Red: No response from the DNS server.

Table 15: Business Relevance Pane

Information/Control	Description
Graph	Indicates portions of traffic classified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business-relevant • Business-irrelevant • Default

Protocol Packs Page

The Protocol Pack Update page enables deploying Protocol Packs to devices in the network that are using SD-AVC. The page contains tabs for loading and scheduling deployment of Protocol Pack files, and checking status.

Understanding Protocol Pack Files

Cisco releases Protocol Packs on an ongoing basis. Each Protocol Pack release provides updates that expand and improve AVC application recognition. Typically, it is recommended to use the latest Protocol Pack compatible with the OS running on a device. The [Protocol Library page](#) indicates the latest Protocol Pack and provides compatibility information.

Protocol Packs are available using the Cisco [Download Software](#) tool. When using the tool, specify a platform and then navigate to software downloads for the platform.

Protocol Pack filename format:

pp-adv-<platform-type>-<OS>-<engine-id>-<protocol-pack-version>.pack

Platform type may be, for example, asr1k, csr1000v, or isr4000. However, a Protocol Pack may be installed on any compatible device, even if that device is not indicated by the filename.

Uploading Protocol Packs to the SD-AVC Repository

Use the SD-AVC network service to deploy Protocol Packs to participating devices in the network.

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- Step 1** Select a Protocol Pack to deploy (typically the latest Protocol Pack compatible with the OS running on a device). See the [Protocol Library page](#) for compatibility information.
- Step 2** Download the Protocol Pack using the Cisco [Download Software](#) tool. In the filename of the downloaded Protocol Pack, note the engine ID.
- Step 3** In the SD-AVC Dashboard, upload the Protocol Pack file into the Protocol Pack repository. The repository is stored on the device hosting the SD-AVC network service.
Protocol Packs page > Manage & Deploy button > Protocol Pack Repository > Upload

Deploying Protocol Packs to Devices



Note In SD-AVC high availability configurations, if a device switches over to its secondary SD-AVC network service, then switches back to its primary, the device has a temporary “switchback” status. During this brief period, you cannot deploy Protocol Packs to the device. See [SD-AVC High Availability, on page 29](#).

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- Step 1** Open the SD-AVC Dashboard Protocol Packs page.
Protocol Packs page > **Manage & Deploy** button > **Deploy to...**
- Step 2** In the **Protocol Pack Repository** pane, select a Protocol Pack or the **Builtin** option.
The **Builtin** option re-installs the original built-in Protocol Pack that was included with the OS (for example, Protocol Pack 33.0.0 for Cisco IOS-XE Fuji 16.7.1).
- Step 3** In the **Deploy to...** pane, select a segment and one or more devices, then click **Continue**.
Note After selecting a Protocol Pack, only devices running an IOS version compatible with the Protocol Pack can be selected.
- Step 4** Select the time to deploy the Protocol Pack(s), then click **Continue**.
- Step 5** Review the deployment plan and click the **Deploy** button.
Note To return to an earlier step, click the step number.
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CHAPTER 9

SD-AVC Notes and Limitations

Note/Limitation	Description
General	
Maximum number of participating network devices	Maximum number of network devices participating with SD-AVC (running the SD-AVC agent): 4000
Setup	
MD5 checksum of OVA download	When installing or upgrading the SD-AVC network service, download the OVA package, copy it to the device that will host the network service, then verify the MD5 checksum of the package before installing. The correct MD5 checksum value appears on the Download Software page when downloading the package.
Network Service gateway interface attached to VRF	For the SD-AVC Network Service, running on a host device, if the host interface that is used as a gateway interface is attached to a VRF, see Operating the SD-AVC Network Service with Host Interface Attached to a VRF , on page 55 for configuration details.
Running and startup configurations of participating devices	<p>SD-AVC adds two lines to the running and startup configurations of participating devices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enable the MS-Office365 Connector feature, which improves classification of Microsoft Office traffic: <pre>ip nbar protocol-pack bootflash:sdavc/sdavic_ppdk.pack force</pre> When SD-AVC deploys Protocol Packs to a device: <pre>ip nbar protocol-pack harddisk:sdavc/<protocol-pack-name>.pack</pre>
Classification	

Note/Limitation	Description
Interval before sending application data	SD-AVC requires a few minutes to learn from the network traffic before the application data is sent to the SD-AVC Network Service and compiled at the network level. See SD-AVC and Application Recognition , on page 6.
SD-AVC application rules pack less relevant for client-to-client traffic	SD-AVC provides application classification for server-based applications. The SD-AVC application rules pack is less relevant for client-to-client traffic, which is more granular and dynamic. Client-to-client traffic is classified by NBAR2 running on each network element.
Proxy or CDN	In the case of a proxy or content delivery network (CDN), multiple applications may use the same IP/port combination. The network devices themselves classify such traffic fully. However, for these applications, the SD-AVC agent operating on a device may report application data to the SD-AVC network service with a lesser degree of detail: they may be reported with less detailed classification granularity or not at all.
High Availability	
Protocol Pack deployment during high availability switchover	In SD-AVC high availability configurations, if a device switches over to its secondary SD-AVC network service, then switches back to its primary, the device has a temporary “switchback” status. During this brief period, you cannot deploy Protocol Packs to the device. See SD-AVC High Availability , on page 29.



Troubleshooting SD-AVC

This section provides several SD-AVC troubleshooting scenarios. If this information does not provide a solution, contact Cisco TAC for assistance.

- [Troubleshooting Overview, page 43](#)
- [Troubleshooting SD-AVC Network Service Issues, page 46](#)
- [Troubleshooting SD-AVC Agent Issues, page 51](#)
- [Troubleshooting SD-AVC Connectivity Issues, page 52](#)
- [Troubleshooting Protocol Pack Issues, page 54](#)

Troubleshooting Overview

The following tables describe troubleshooting for issues with:

- SD-AVC network service
(operates on a dedicated host)
- SD-AVC agent
(operates on each participating device in the network)
- Connectivity
(between network service and one or more devices in the network)

Table 16: Troubleshooting: SD-AVC Network Service

Problem	How it appears	Troubleshooting
SD-AVC network service: installation failure	SD-AVC not active, sd-avc status shows installation failure.	<p>Summary</p> <p>Diagnose with sd-avc status and then service sd-avc trace.</p> <p>Possible issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough memory: see system requirements • Not enough disk space: see system requirements <p>Troubleshooting Details</p> <p>Troubleshooting Commands for Network Service Issues, on page 46</p> <p>System Requirements: SD-AVC Network Service Host, on page 14</p>
SD-AVC network service: activation failure	SD-AVC not active, sd-avc status shows activation failure.	<p>Summary</p> <p>Diagnose with sd-avc status and then service sd-avc trace.</p> <p>Possible issue: Something may be using CPU resources. Ensure that nothing is using CPU resources.</p> <p>Troubleshooting Details</p> <p>Troubleshooting Commands for Network Service Issues, on page 46</p> <p>Activation Failure Caused by Shared CPU Resources, on page 49</p>
SD-AVC network service: configuration failure	SD-AVC not active, sd-avc status shows configuration failure.	<p>Summary</p> <p>A VRF is attached to the interface used as the management interface on the device hosting the SD-AVC network service. Remove the VRF assignment from the management interface using:</p> <p>interface <i>interface</i> no ip vrf forwarding</p> <p>Troubleshooting Details</p> <p>Configuration Failure Caused by VRF, on page 50</p>

Table 17: Troubleshooting: SD-AVC Agent Operating on Devices in the Network

Problem	How it appears	Troubleshooting
NBAR2 is not activated on the device	On the Dashboard > Application Visibility page, the Timeline graph of bandwidth shows no activity.	<p>Summary NBAR2 is not active: Activate NBAR2 on the device.</p> <p>Troubleshooting Details NBAR2 Not Activated on Interfaces, on page 51</p>

Table 18: Troubleshooting: Connectivity between SD-AVC Network Service and Devices in the Network

Problem	How it appears	Troubleshooting
UDP	Warning in: Dashboard > Application Visibility page > Network Monitoring pane > Connection	<p>Summary Check UDP connectivity.</p> <p>Troubleshooting Details Problem with UDP Communication with Devices, on page 52</p>
TCP	Warning in: Dashboard > Application Visibility page > Network Monitoring pane > Update	<p>Summary Check TCP connectivity.</p> <p>Troubleshooting Details Problem with TCP Communication with Devices , on page 53</p>

Problem	How it appears	Troubleshooting
FTP	Warning in: Dashboard > Application Visibility page > Network Monitoring pane > Update	<p>Summary</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Check FTP connectivity: show ip nbar classification cache sync summary 2 Verify FTP connectivity between the SD-AVC network service and the network device. This includes checking ACL, firewalls, and so on. 3 On the device, ensure that FTP connectivity is possible from the routable interface to the SD-AVC network service. To enable FTP connections from a specific interface, use: ip ftp source-interface <i>interface-name</i> <p>Troubleshooting Details</p> <p>Problem with FTP Communication with Devices, on page 53</p>

Table 19: Troubleshooting: Protocol Packs

Problem	How it appears	Troubleshooting
Failure to load Protocol Pack on a device	When deploying Protocol Packs to one or more devices, results page shows error, such as "out of sync."	<p>Summary</p> <p>Load the Protocol Pack manually on the device to determine whether the Protocol Pack is valid.</p> <p>Troubleshooting Details</p> <p>Failure to Deploy Protocol Pack to Device, on page 54</p>

Troubleshooting SD-AVC Network Service Issues

Troubleshooting Commands for Network Service Issues

The following commands are helpful for troubleshooting SD-AVC network service issues. Execute the commands on the network service host device. The output may indicate any installation or configuration problems.

Table 20: Summary

Command	Description
service sd-avc status	Status of SD-AVC network service installation, configuration, and activation
service sd-avc trace	Memory or disk problems
show virtual-service list	Activation errors
show virtual-service global	CPU and memory usage

Command Details: service sd-avc status

Execute the command on the network service host device.

Output indicates status of SD-AVC installation, configuration, and activation.

- Installation error:
 Service SDAVC is uninstalled, not configured and deactivated
- Activation error:
 Service SDAVC is installed, configured and Activate Failed

Command Details: service sd-avc trace

Execute the command on the network service host device.

Output indicates memory or disk problems.

- **Memory problem (shown in bold below):**

```

service sd-avc trace
2017/11/27 02:06:42.384 [errmsg] [3071]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (noise):(2):
%VMAN-2-MACH_PARSE_FAILURE: Virtual Service[SDAVC]::Parsing::XML parsing failure::Unable
to parse VM machin
e definition::Requests 3072 MB of memory which exceeds the maximum of 1024
2017/11/27 02:06:42.383 [errmsg] [3071]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (noise):(2):
%VMAN-2-MEMORY_LIMIT_WARN: Virtual service (SDAVC) defines 3072 MB of Memory exceeding
the maximum 1024 MB.
...
            
```
- **Disk problem (shown in bold below):**

```

2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Failed to get
per-VM mac address binding from FDB
2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Failed to get mac
binding from persistent DB file
2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Could not retrieve
HA disk info for VM 'SDAVC'
2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Unable to locate
fdb attributes for vm(SDAVC)
2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Failed to get
per-VM storage info list from FDB
2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Failed to get
storage pool from persistent DB file
2017/11/27 03:36:52.499 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Virtual Service
failure log[SDAVC]::Install::The installation of the virtual service failed
            
```

Command Details: show virtual-service list

Execute the command on the network service host device.

Output indicates activation status (**failed** in this example):

```
Virtual Service List:
Name                Status                Package Name
-----
SDAVC                Activate Failed       avc_iosxe_221533.ova
```

Command Details: show virtual-service global

Execute the command on the network service host device.

Output indicates virtual service CPU and memory usage:

Example showing a service using 5% of CPU:

```
show virtual-service global
Maximum VCPUs per virtual service : 1
Resource virtualization limits:
Name                Quota                Committed            Available
-----
system CPU (%)      75                   5                    70
memory (MB)         3072                 800                  2272
bootflash (MB)     20000                6764                 10672
```

Installation Failure Caused by Memory or Disk

Component(s)

Device hosting the SD-AVC network service

Background

Memory or disk allocation issues can prevent successful installation of the SD-AVC network service.

Troubleshooting

- 1 Use **service sd-avc status** on the network service host device to check status of installation. If installation is unsuccessful, the output shows "Service SDAVC is uninstalled."

```
service sd-avc status
Service SDAVC is uninstalled, not configured and deactivated
```

- 2 Use **service sd-avc trace** on the network service host device to indicate whether the installation problem is due to **memory** or **disk**.

- **Memory** problem:

```
service sd-avc trace
2017/11/27 02:06:42.384 [errmsg] [3071]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (noise):(2):
%VMAN-2-MACH_PARSE_FAILURE: Virtual Service[SDAVC]::Parsing::XML parsing
failure::Unable to parse VM machin
e definition::Requests 3072 MB of memory which exceeds the maximum of 1024
2017/11/27 02:06:42.383 [errmsg] [3071]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (noise):(2):
%VMAN-2-MEMORY_LIMIT_WARN: Virtual service (SDAVC) defines 3072 MB of Memory exceeding
the maximum 1024 MB.
...
```

• **Disk problem:**

```

2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Failed to get
per-VM mac address binding from FDB
2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Failed to get
mac binding from persistent DB file
2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Could not
retrieve HA disk info for VM 'SDAVC'
2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Unable to locate
fdb attributes for vm(SDAVC)
2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Failed to get
per-VM storage info list from FDB
2017/11/27 03:36:52.500 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Failed to get
storage pool from persistent DB file
2017/11/27 03:36:52.499 [vman] [3222]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Virtual Service
failure log[SDAVC]::Install::The installation of the virtual service failed
    
```

Solutions

Table 21: Resolving Memory or Disk Errors

Problem	Solution
Memory error	Increase the device memory to the amount specified in System Requirements: SD-AVC Network Service Host , on page 14.
Disk error	Increase the size of the harddisk or bootflash (for CSR) device according to the requirements specified in System Requirements: SD-AVC Network Service Host , on page 14.

Activation Failure Caused by Shared CPU Resources

Component(s)

Device hosting the SD-AVC network service

Background

The platform hosting the SD-AVC network service should not have other virtual services operating. Sharing CPU resources with other virtual services can prevent successful activation.

Use **service sd-avc status** on the network service host device to check status of installation. If installation has succeeded, but activation is unsuccessful, the output shows "Activate Failed."

```

service sd-avc status
Service SDAVC is installed, configured and Activate Failed
    
```

Troubleshooting

Use **service sd-avc trace** on the network service host device to troubleshoot. The following output shows a problem (shown in bold) with activation, due to shared CPU.

```

service sd-avc trace
2017/11/26 15:46:49.133 [vman] [2224]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Failed to find domain
    
```

```

SDAVC - state query
2017/11/26 15:46:49.133 [vman] [2224]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Domain not found: No
domain with matching name 'SDAVC'
2017/11/26 15:46:49.133 [vman] [2224]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Error from libvirt:
code=42
2017/11/26 15:46:48.131 [vman] [2224]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (note): VM (SDAVC) State
Transition: next_state: LIFECYCLE_ACTIVATE_FAILED
2017/11/26 15:46:48.131 [vman] [2224]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Virtual Service failure
log[SDAVC]::Activate::Internal error::Machine definition customization failed
2017/11/26 15:46:48.131 [vman] [2224]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Machine definition
customization failed
2017/11/26 15:46:48.131 [vman] [2224]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Customization of common
XML parameters failed
2017/11/26 15:46:48.131 [vman] [2224]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (ERR): Customize CPU tunes:
Cannot commit CPU tunes
2017/11/26 15:46:48.131 [errmsg] [2224]: UUID: 0, ra: 0, TID: 0 (noise):(2):
%VMAN-2-CPUSHARES_LIMIT: Virtual Service[SDAVC]::CPU shares limit::The virtual service
definition exceeds the maximum number of CPU shares::Defined: 75, available: 70
Use show virtual-service global to provide details. In this example, another process is using 5% of the CPU
resources (shown in bold).

```

```

show virtual-service global
Maximum VCPUs per virtual service : 1
Resource virtualization limits:
Name                               Quota      Committed  Available
-----
system CPU (%)                     75         5         70
memory (MB)                        3072       800        2272
bootflash (MB)                     20000     6764       10672

```

Solutions

Deactivate Interface Using CPU Resources

- 1 Check the running configuration using **show run** on the network service host device. If an active interface is using CPU resources, deactivate the interface.

Example

GigabitEthernet1 is using CPU resources.

```

show run | section csr_mgmt
virtual-service csr_mgmt
ip shared host-interface GigabitEthernet1
activate

```

- 2 Deactivate the interface.

Example

```

conf t
virtual-service csr_mgmt
no activate
no ip shared host-interface GigabitEthernet1

```

- 3 Repeat the installation of the SD-AVC network service.

Configuration Failure Caused by VRF

Component(s)

Device hosting the SD-AVC network service

Background

If the host interface that is used as a gateway interface for the SD-AVC network service is attached to a VRF, the SD-AVC network service installation may be successful, but a configuration step may fail.

Troubleshooting

- 1 Check VRF status of the SD-AVC network service gateway interface.

Example showing a VRF configured on the gateway interface GigabitEthernet1:

```
interface GigabitEthernet1
ip vrf forwarding Mgt
ip address 10.56.196.177 255.255.252.0

service sd-avc configure gateway interface gigabitEthernet 1 service-ip 10.56.196.180
% Error: VRF 'Mgt' is configured on gateway. This type of configuration is not supported.
```

Solutions

Remove the VRF assignment from the management interface. Example:

```
interface GigabitEthernet1
no ip vrf forwarding
```

Troubleshooting SD-AVC Agent Issues

NBAR2 Not Activated on Interfaces

Component(s)

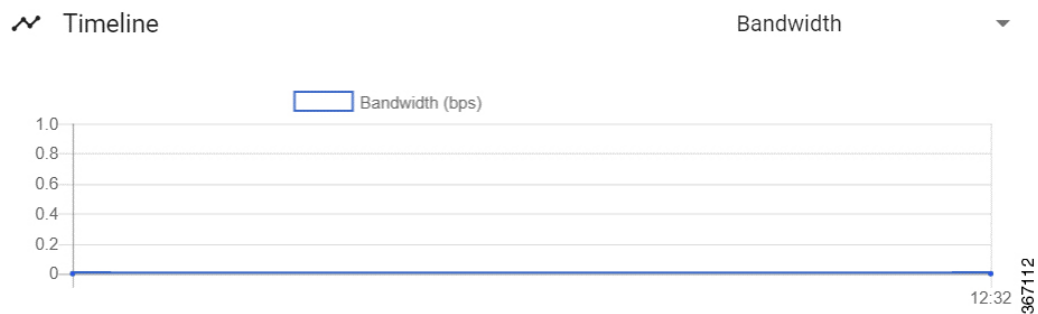
Devices in the network that are using SD-AVC

Background

The NBAR2 component must be active on any interface that processes network traffic, in order to report on traffic handled by the interface. For details, see [Configuration Prerequisites: Network Devices Using SD-AVC, on page 27](#).

If NBAR2 is not active on an interface processing network traffic:

- The device will not report on any traffic on that interface.
- On the **Dashboard > Application Visibility** page, the **Timeline** graph of bandwidth will show no activity.



- The device will not receive application rules packs from the SD-AVC network service.

Troubleshooting

Verify that NBAR2 is active on interfaces that process network traffic.

Solutions

If necessary, activate NBAR2 on the interface(s).

Troubleshooting SD-AVC Connectivity Issues

Problem with UDP Communication with Devices

Component(s)

SD-AVC network service
 Devices in the network that use SD-AVC

Background

The SD-AVC Network Service uses UDP over port 50000 to communicate with the devices that it manages.

Troubleshooting

- 1 If a **Connection** warning appears in the SD-AVC Dashboard, for a specific device in the network, check connectivity on UDP port 50000. Warnings appear here:

Dashboard > Application Visibility page > Network Monitoring pane > Connection

- 2 If no problem is found, contact Cisco TAC.

Solutions

Ensure that UDP connectivity is possible on port 50000 between the affected device and the SD-AVC network service.

Problem with TCP Communication with Devices

Component(s)

SD-AVC network service
Devices in the network that use SD-AVC

Background

The SD-AVC network service uses TCP over ports 20-21 (FTP) to communicate with the devices that it manages.

Troubleshooting

- 1 If an **Update** warning appears in the SD-AVC Dashboard, for a specific device in the network, check connectivity on TCP ports 20-21. Warnings appear here:
Dashboard > Application Visibility page > Network Monitoring pane > Update
- 2 If no problem is found, contact Cisco TAC.

Solutions

Ensure that TCP communication is possible over ports 20-21 (FTP) between the affected device and the SD-AVC network service.

Problem with FTP Communication with Devices

Component(s)

SD-AVC network service
Devices in the network that use SD-AVC

Background

The SD-AVC network service uses FTP to communicate with the devices that it manages.

A device with partial connectivity, but problems specific to FTP may show up as a warning in the SD-AVC Dashboard. An **Update** warning may appear while the **Connection** status is green.

Troubleshooting

- 1 If an **Update** warning appears in the SD-AVC Dashboard while the **Connection** status is green, for a specific device in the network, check the FTP connection status. Warnings appear here:
Dashboard > Application Visibility page > Network Monitoring pane
- 2 On the device with the connectivity issue, use **show ip nbar classification cache sync summary** to check the FTP connection status. "Connection: DISCONNECTED" in the output below shows an FTP connectivity problem.

```
show ip nbar classification cache sync summary
```

```
Connection Status:
```

```

Connection: DISCONNECTED
Last disconnection: Never
Mode      : Standalone
connectivityTimeout (sec)          : 300
connectivityCheckInterval (sec)   : 60
connectivityCheckInterval was changed: FALSE
Active controller:
  Type   : Primary
  IP     : 10.56.196.232
Status: Disconnected
Last connection: Never
bypass   : FALSE
force down: FALSE
    
```

Solutions

Ensure that FTP communication is possible between the affected device and the SD-AVC network service.

- 1 Verify that nothing is preventing FTP network connectivity between the SD-AVC network service and the network device. This includes checking ACL, firewalls, and so on.
- 2 On the device with the **Update** warning, ensure that FTP connectivity is possible from the routable interface to the SD-AVC network service. To enable FTP connections from a specific interface, use:

```
ip ftp source-interface interface-name
```

Example:

```
ip ftp source-interface GigabitEthernet1
```

Troubleshooting Protocol Pack Issues

Failure to Deploy Protocol Pack to Device

Component(s)

SD-AVC network service

Cisco NBAR2 Protocol Packs

Background

Use the SD-AVC network service to deploy Protocol Packs to one or more devices. See [Deploying Protocol Packs to Devices, on page 40](#). When deploying Protocol Packs to one or more devices, if the deployment fails, the results page may show an error.

Troubleshooting

- 1 Load the Protocol Pack manually on the device indicated by the error to verify that the Protocol Pack is valid and can be loaded onto the device. This rules out any problems with the Protocol Pack file.

```
(config)#ip nbar protocol-pack bootflash:pack_file_name.pack
```

- 2 If no problem is found, contact Cisco TAC.



Operating the SD-AVC Network Service with Host Interface Attached to a VRF

In specific use cases, it may be necessary to operate the SD-AVC Network Service on a host device on which the host interface that is used by SD-AVC as its gateway interface may be attached to a VRF. In this case, the typical installation command described in [Installing the SD-AVC Network Service, on page 16](#) cannot be used, and manual configuration is required, using the following guidelines:

- Ensure that the virtual port group and gateway interface(s) are not on the same subnet.
- Assign the virtual port group and gateway interface(s) to a VRF.
- Ensure that the IP address of the SD-AVC network service (**guest IP** in the configuration steps below) is on the virtual port group subnet.

Example:

```
ip vrf Mgt
!
interface VirtualPortGroup31
ip vrf forwarding Mgt
ip address 10.56.197.221 255.255.255.0
!
interface GigabitEthernet1
ip vrf forwarding Mgt
ip address 10.56.196.169 255.255.255.0
!
virtual-service SDAVC
vnic gateway VirtualPortGroup31
  guest ip address 10.56.197.222
activate
!
```




Configuring Secure Connectivity

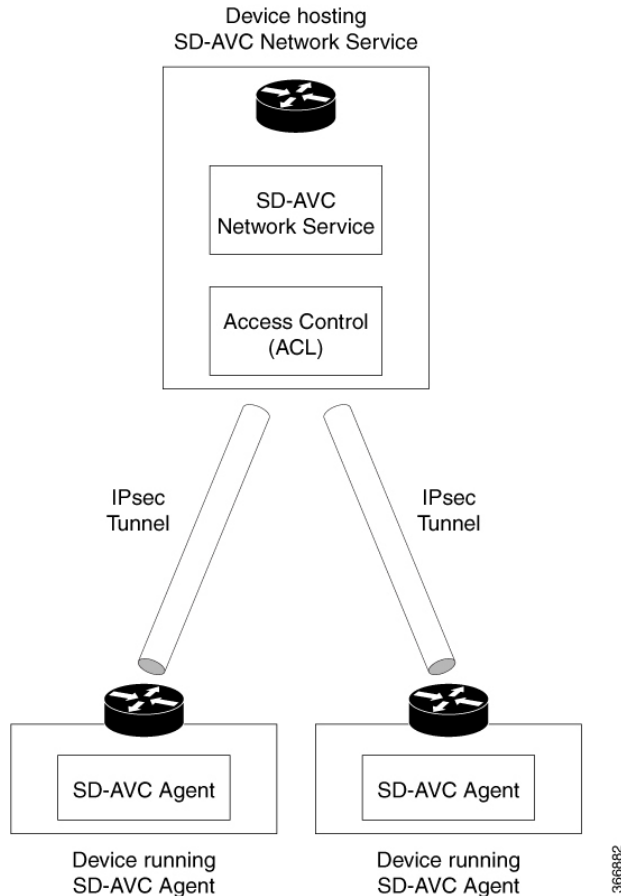
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- [Securing Connection between Agents and Network Service, page 59](#)
- [Connectivity to the SD-AVC Dashboard, page 60](#)
- [Connectivity: Complete Example, page 60](#)

Scenarios Requiring a Secure Connection

For network scenarios that require a secure connection between a network device running the SD-AVC agent, and the SD-AVC Network Service, you can optionally encrypt the SD-AVC communication between agent

and Network Service using IPsec tunnels, and control device access using access control lists (ACL), as described in the sections that follow.

Figure 5: IPsec Tunnels between Network Devices and SD-AVC Network Service



Securing Connection between Host and SD-AVC Network Service

The SD-AVC Network Service runs as a virtual service on a Cisco device serving as a host platform. The host platform requires connectivity with the service through a virtual interface called VirtualPortGroup. The virtual service communicates with the host over this virtual interface, using SSH on TCP port 22.

Using ACL to Secure Connectivity between Host and SD-AVC Network Service

The SD-AVC network service operates as a virtualized component on a host device. To secure the connection between the host device and the SD-AVC network service, use the following:

```
interface VirtualPortGroup31
ip unnumbered GigabitEthernet1
ip access-group sd-avc-acl in
```


ip access-list extended *acl-name*

permit tcp host *SD-AVC-virtual-service-IP* **host** *host-router-IP* **eq** 22

permit tcp host *host-router-IP* **eq** 22 *SD-AVC-virtual-service-IP*

Example using ACL:

```
interface VirtualPortGroup31
ip unnumbered GigabitEthernet1
ip access-group sd-avc-acl in
ip access-list extended sd-avc-acl
!! Configure SSH connection between the sd-avc-network-service to the hosted router
  permit tcp host 10.56.196.232 host 10.56.196.231 eq 22
  permit tcp host 10.56.196.231 eq 22 host 10.56.196.231
```

Securing Connection between Agents and Network Service

Network devices operating with SD-AVC communicate with a central SD-AVC Network Service. Ensure that ports, firewall policy, and so on, are configured to enable communication between the SD-AVC agents and SD-AVC Network Service(s) (see [Configuring Connectivity](#), on page 15).

Using ACL to Secure Connection between Agent and Network Service

On the device hosting the SD-AVC Network Service, configure the UDP and TCP access control lists, as follows.



Note

When using ACLs, only configured addresses will have access to the device hosting the SD-AVC Network Service.

- UDP

The following syntax is presented for reference. For complete information about configuring ACL, see the documentation for your platform.

permit udp [**host** *source-agent-ip* | *source-agent-network* *source-wildcard*] **host** *sd-avc-network-service-ip* **eq** 50000

Example: Configuring port 50000 for UDP traffic for a range of devices (10.56.0.0 to 255).

```
permit udp 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255 host 10.56.196.232 eq 50000
permit udp host 10.56.196.232 eq 50000 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255
```

- TCP

The following syntax is presented for reference. For complete information about configuring ACL, see the documentation for your platform.

permit tcp [**host** *source-agent-ip* | *source-agent-network* *source-wildcard*] **host** *sd-avc-network-service-ip* [**eq** *port* | **range** *port-range-start* *port-range-end*]

Example: Configuring required ports (20, 21, 50000-60000) for TCP traffic for a range of devices (10.56.0.0 to 255).

```
permit tcp 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255 host 10.56.196.232 eq 20
permit tcp host 10.56.196.232 eq 20 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255

permit tcp 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255 host 10.56.196.232 eq 21
permit tcp host 10.56.196.232 eq 21 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255
```

```

permit tcp 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255 host 10.56.196.232 range 50000 60000
permit tcp host 10.56.196.232 range 50000 60000 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255

```

Using IPsec Tunnels to Secure Connection between Agent and Network Service

For network scenarios that require an encrypted connection between a network device running the SD-AVC agent, and the SD-AVC Network Service, set up IPsec tunnels to handle this communication.

For information about configuring Cisco IOS IPsec VPN connections, see [Cisco IOS IPsec](#).

Connectivity to the SD-AVC Dashboard

Using ACL to Secure Device Access to the SD-AVC Dashboard

On the device hosting the SD-AVC Network Service, configure the access control list as follows, to enable specific devices to connect to the SD-AVC Dashboard.

The following syntax is presented for reference. For complete information about configuring ACL, see the documentation for your platform.

```
ip access-list extended sd-avc-acl
```

Connectivity: Complete Example

The following example configures connectivity for a newly installed SD-AVC Network Service, hosted on a platform with the address 10.56.196.232, and a range of devices in the network that are operating with SD-AVC.

- Because the SD-AVC Network Service is newly installed, the first section of the example configures connectivity between the host and the SD-AVC virtual service.
- Platform hosting the SD-AVC virtual service: 10.56.196.232
- Network devices operating with SD-AVC, connecting to the SD-AVC Network Service: Address range 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255
- In this example, any PC may be used to connect to the SD-AVC Dashboard.

```

!! Enables extended ACL
ip access-list extended sd-avc-acl

!! Configure SSH connection between the sd-avc-network-service to the hosted router
permit tcp host 10.56.196.232 host 10.56.196.231 eq 22
permit tcp host 10.56.196.231 eq 22 host 10.56.196.231

!! Configure access to the SD-AVC Dashboard
permit tcp any host 10.56.196.232 eq 8443
permit tcp host 10.56.196.232 eq 8443 any

!! Configure access between SD-AVC Network Service and Agents - UDP
permit udp 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255 host 10.56.196.232 eq 50000
permit udp host 10.56.196.232 eq 50000 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255

!! Configure access between SD-AVC Network Service and Agents - TCP
permit tcp 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255 host 10.56.196.232 eq 20
permit tcp host 10.56.196.232 eq 20 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255

permit tcp 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255 host 10.56.196.232 eq 21
permit tcp host 10.56.196.232 eq 21 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255

```

```
permit tcp 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255 host 10.56.196.232 range 50000 60000
permit tcp host 10.56.196.232 range 50000 60000 10.56.0.0 0.0.255.255

!! Configure connectivity between host and SD-AVC Network Service (virtual service)
interface VirtualPortGroup31
ip access-group sd-avc-acl in
```




Configuring CSR1000V for SD-AVC

- [Allocating VM CPUs for Cisco CSR1000V, page 63](#)

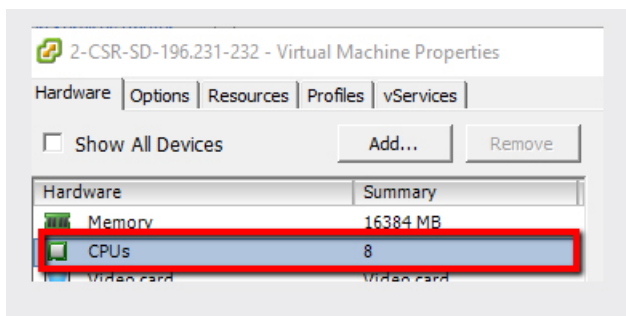
Allocating VM CPUs for Cisco CSR1000V

Use this task to allocate CPU resources when setting up a Cisco Cloud Services Router CSR1000V as a host for the SD-AVC network service.

Before You Begin

Step 1

On the VMware ESXi hypervisor client that is hosting the Cisco CSR, edit the CSR that is hosting the SD-AVC network service. Allocate 8 CPUs to the virtual machine. (For small-scale scenarios, fewer CPUs may be necessary. See [System Requirements: SD-AVC Network Service Host](#), on page 14.



Step 2

On the CSR device, execute the following:

```
(config)#platform resource service-plane-heavy
Please reboot to activate this template
```

Step 3

Copy the running configuration to the starting configuration.

```
copy running-config startup-config
```

Step 4 Reload the device.

```
reload
```

Step 5 Use **show platform software cpu alloc** to check the number of CPU cores allocated. Check the command output for the **Control plan cpu alloc** line. The output indicates 4 CPUs (numbered 0 to 3).

```
(config)#show platform software cpu alloc
CPU alloc information:
Control plane cpu alloc: 0-3
Data plane cpu alloc: 4-7
Service plane cpu alloc: 0-3
Template used: CLI-service_plane_heavy
```

Note If the VM has only 4 cores allocated, the **Control plan cpu alloc** line in the command output shows only a single CPU (numbered 0).

```
CPU alloc information:
Control plane cpu alloc: 0
Data plane cpu alloc: 1-3
Service plane cpu alloc: 0
Template used: CLI-control_plane_heavy
```
