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# Smart Licensing Troubleshooting and Case Studies

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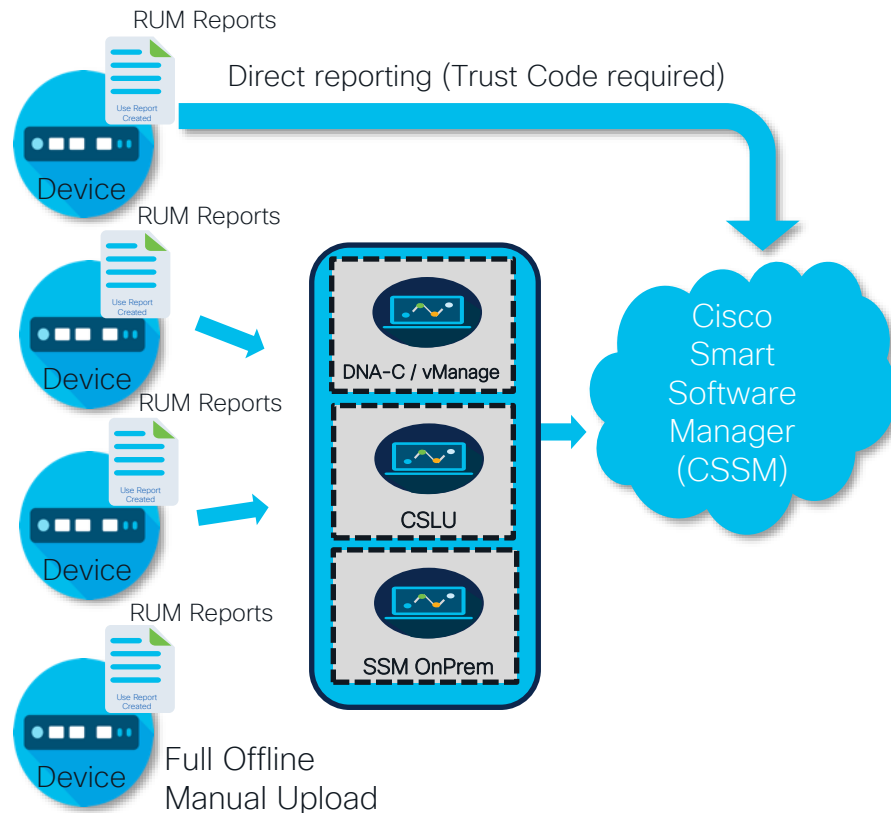
# Agenda

- Introduction
- Deployment Guidelines
- Troubleshooting Smart Licensing
- Case Studies & Recommendations

# Introduction

# Smart Licensing Using Policy

- Smart Licensing using Policy first implemented in IOS-XE version 17.3.2.
- Policy determines the reporting frequency for each license type.
- Custom policies available for certain use cases based on contract agreements.

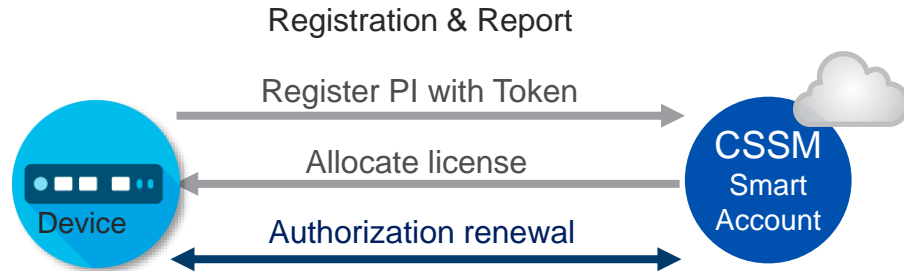


# Difference between SL and SLP

## Key Differences

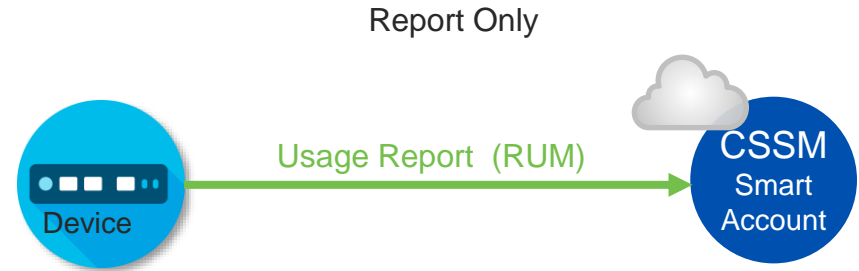
### Legacy Smart License (SL)

- Mandatory evaluation mode
- Registration to CSSM/satellite for compliance
- Licenses reported at regular intervals



### Smart Licensing using Policy (SLP)

- No registration or evaluation mode
- Allows usage of un-enforced licenses
- Usage reports gathered and sent later



# RUM (Resource Utilization Measurement) report

- Generated by the Product Instance
- Generated for each license IN USE
- Cisco authentic, cert-signed by the HW chip onboard
- Can be pulled from the device via APIs or CLIs
- Can be exported from the device to a file
- May be accompanied by other requests (e.g. DLC or SLAC request)
- An ACK from CSSM may include RUM report IDs, authorization codes, trust codes, policy files



RUM



# Reporting: What data does Cisco care about?

## Required data fields for SW reconciliation per customer, per product

UDI	HW Product serial number
SW	SW Unique ID SN
SW Package + Reg ID	Software product package and entitlement tag
Count	Software use count per license entitlement
Time and date stamp	Per license entitlement change and use

Device hostname is included in RUM reports in IOS-XE 17.9.1 onwards.

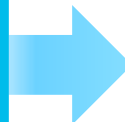


# SLP Policy (IOS-XE)



## Default policy

- ✓ Unenforced Perpetual Licenses:
  - First report – 365 days
  - Subsequent reports – Not required
- ✓ Unenforced Subscription Licenses:
  - First report – 90 days
  - Subsequent reports – 90 days
- ✓ On license change:
  - Perpetual – Within 90 days
  - Subscription – Within 90 days



```
#show license status  
<...>
```

### Policy:

Policy in use: Merged from multiple sources.  
Reporting ACK required: yes (CISCO default)

### Unenforced/Non-Export **Perpetual** Attributes:

First report requirement (days): 365 (CISCO default)  
Reporting frequency (days): 0 (CISCO default)  
Report on change (days): 90 (CISCO default)

### Unenforced/Non-Export **Subscription** Attributes:

First report requirement (days): 90 (CISCO default)  
Reporting frequency (days): 90 (CISCO default)  
Report on change (days): 90 (CISCO default)



Custom policies available based on contract agreements  
(e.g. military/government devices)



# Default Policy vs Custom Policy

Policy definition displayed in “show license all”

## Custom Policy (Example)

Policy:

Policy in use: Installed On Jan 10 16:39:30 2023 CET

**Policy name:** <CustomerName Policy>

Reporting ACK required: yes (Customer Policy)

Unenforced/Non-Export Perpetual Attributes:

First report requirement (days): 365 (Customer Policy)

Reporting frequency (days): 0 (Customer Policy)

Report on change (days): 365 (Customer Policy)

Unenforced/Non-Export Subscription Attributes:

First report requirement (days): 365 (Customer Policy)

Reporting frequency (days): 0 (Customer Policy)

Report on change (days): 365 (Customer Policy)

Enforced (Perpetual/Subscription) License Attributes:

First report requirement (days): 0 (CISCO default)

Reporting frequency (days): 0 (Customer Policy)

Report on change (days): 0 (Customer Policy)

Export (Perpetual/Subscription) License Attributes:

First report requirement (days): 0 (CISCO default)

Reporting frequency (days): 0 (Customer Policy)

Report on change (days): 0 (Customer Policy)

## Default Policy

Policy:

Policy in use: Merged from multiple sources.

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Reporting frequency (days): 0 (CISCO default)

Report on change (days): 0 (CISCO default)

Export (Perpetual/Subscription) License Attributes:

First report requirement (days): 0 (CISCO default)

Reporting frequency (days): 0 (CISCO default)

Report on change (days): 0 (CISCO default)

# Authorization Code (SLAC) for HSEC



- Required for any purchased export-controlled software
- High Performance Security (HSEC) license
  - To enforce a US export law that prevents selling/exporting devices capable of encryption > 250 Mbps to restricted countries.
- Requested from CSSM or installed at manufacturing
- License status change on the Virtual Account:
  - Available ➡ Reserved (not included in RUMs)
- SLAC can be returned (reserved license becomes available again)

# CSLU Functions

## What is CSLU?

Cisco Smart License Utility can be deployed as micro service on Windows/Linux host

Can also be integrated as software component with controller-based products (e.g. Cisco DNA Center)

Able to deliver an on-line or off-line connectivity model for the license data.

## CSLU Different Form Factor



## CSLU Key Functions

Administer all licenses and their associated device

Sends authorization code requests to CSSM, receives authorization codes from CSSM and can install authorization codes on a device

Collects usage reports from the device and upload these usage reports to SA/VA in CSSM

The RUM report ACK from CSSM is collected online, or offline, and provided back to a device

# Deployment Guidelines



# SLP Direct Access

# SLP Connected directly to CSSM - 1/2

## Config on Product Instance

### 1. Smart Transport Config

```
(config)# license smart transport smart
(config)# license smart url default
```

### 2. Establish Trust with CSSM

```
license smart trust id <token-from-CSSM> all
```

(optional) If non-default trustpoint was configured:

```
(config)# ip http client secure-trustpoint SLA-TrustPoint
```

(optional) If VRF needs to be used:

```
(config)# ip http client source-interface <interface>
or
(config)# license smart vrf <name>
```

Smart Transport is generally recommended.

Call-Home should work ... but it is legacy.

A single token can be used for multiple products, if it didn't expire.

For Call-Home

For Smart Transport (17.9.x onwards)

# SLP Connected directly to CSSM - 2/2

- HTTPS connection to **smartreceiver.cisco.com**
  - Configure DNS or add static host entry
  - Load balancing implemented
  - **IP addresses might change** (use nslookup, dig or similar utility)
- Test connectivity with Telnet instead of ICMP

As of February 2023:

- 192.133.220.120
- 173.36.127.32
- 72.163.15.137

ICMP blocked

```
$ ping smartreceiver.cisco.com
PING smartreceiver.xglb.cisco.com (173.36.127.32): 56 data bytes
Request timeout for icmp_seq 0
Request timeout for icmp_seq 1
```

Telnet using IPv4

```
$ telnet smartreceiver.cisco.com 443 /ipv4 [/source-int <N>] [/vrf <M>]
Trying 173.36.127.32...
Connected to smartreceiver.cisco.com.
Escape character is '^]'.
```



# SLP Connected directly to CSSM - Verification

```
show license status
```

```
<..>
```

```
Transport:
```

```
  Type: Smart
```

```
  URL: https://smartreceiver.cisco.com/licservice/license
```

```
<..>
```

```
Usage Reporting:
```

```
  Last ACK received: Sep 22 12:54:51 2021 UTC
```

```
  Next ACK deadline: <none>
```

```
  Reporting push interval: 0 (no reporting)
```

```
  Next ACK push check: <none>
```

```
  Next report push: <none>
```

```
  Last report push: Sep 22 12:48:18 2021 UTC
```

```
  Last report file write: <none>
```

```
Trust Code Installed: Sep 22 12:47:40 2021 UTC
```

Smart Transport URL

Last ACK received from CSSM

Last RUM report sent

Trust established with CSSM

# High Security (HSECK9) license



- Enforced license - must be acquired before use
- Requires SLAC to be installed first.

```
ISR4000(config)# license feature hseck9
```

(Applicable to ISR1k/4k and Catalyst 8200/8300 Edge)

or

```
C8000v# license smart authorization request add hseck9 local
```

(Applicable to Catalyst 8000v)

```
*Mar 11 13:37:57.320: %SMART_LIC-6-AUTHORIZATION_INSTALL_SUCCESS: A new licensing authorization code was successfully installed on PID:C8000V,SN:99F5xxxxxx
```

```
*Mar 11 13:37:57.596: %SMART_LIC-6-EXPORT_CONTROLLED: Usage of export controlled features is allowed for feature hseck9
```

```
Cat8000# show license authorization
```

Overall status:

Active: PID:C8300-2N2S-6T,SN:FDOxxxxxx

Status: SMART AUTHORIZATION INSTALLED on May 08 08:45:52 2021 UTC

Last Confirmation code: xxxxxx

# SLP SSM On-Prem

# SLP Connected through On-Prem

From On-Prem GUI

## Config on Product Instance

### 1. CSLU URL Config

```
(config)#license smart transport cslu
```

```
(config)#license smart url cslu https://<On-Prem-FQDN>/cslu/v1/pi/TAC-Workshop-6
```

### 2. Disable revocation check

```
(config)#crypto pki trustpoint SLA-TrustPoint
```

```
(ca-trustpoint)# revocation-check none
```

### 3. CLI to Push RUM Report

```
license smart sync all
```

(optional) configure HTTP client source interface

```
(config)# ip http client source-interface <Interface-Name>
```

## Product Registration URL

```
https://<On-Prem-FQDN>/cslu/v1/pi/TAC-Workshop-6
```

Press ctrl + c to copy selected text to clipboard.

No CRL check for TLS certificate  
self-signed by On-Prem

# On-Prem: Registration URL vs CSLU Transport URL

Smart Software Manager On-Prem > Smart Licensing

TAC-Workshop

## Smart Licensing

Alerts | Inventory | Convert to Smart Licensing | Reports | Preferences | Activity

Local Virtual Account: Default

General | Licenses | Product Instances | SL Using Policy | Event Log

### Local Virtual Account

Description: This is the default virtual account created during company account creation.

Default Local Virtual Account: Yes

### Product Instance Registration Tokens

The registration tokens below can be used to register new product instances to this Local Virtual Account. For products that support Smart Transport, you must configure the "license smart url" on the product to use the [Smart Transport Registration URL](#). For products that support Smart Licensing Using Policy that use cslu as transport, you must configure the "license smart transport cslu" to use the [CSLU Transport URL](#). For legacy products that still use Smart Call Home, you must configure the "destination address http" on the product to use the [Smart Call Home Registration URL](#). The recommended method is Smart Transport. Please consult your Products Configuration Guide for setting the destination URL value.

New Token...

Standard SL  
(Call Home)

SL Using Policy

Standard SL  
(Smart Transport)

<https://ssm1-lab.cisco.com/cslu/v1/pi/TAC-Workshop-6>

<https://ssm1-lab.cisco.com/Transportgateway/services/DeviceRequestHandler>

<https://ssm1-lab.cisco.com/SmartTransport>

# On-Prem: Host Common Name

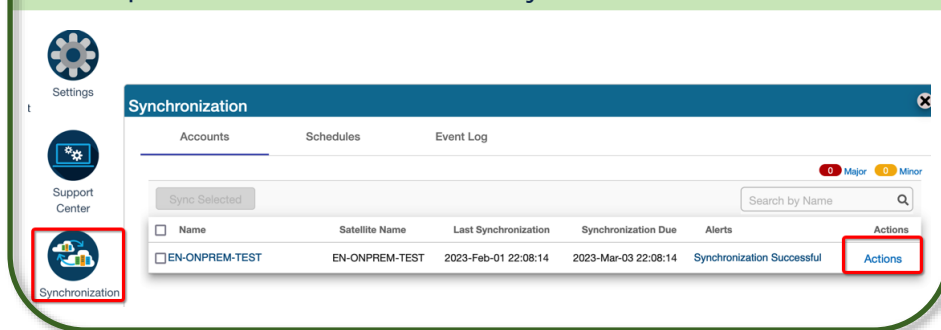
On-Prem Admin Workspace

Smart Software Manager On-Prem



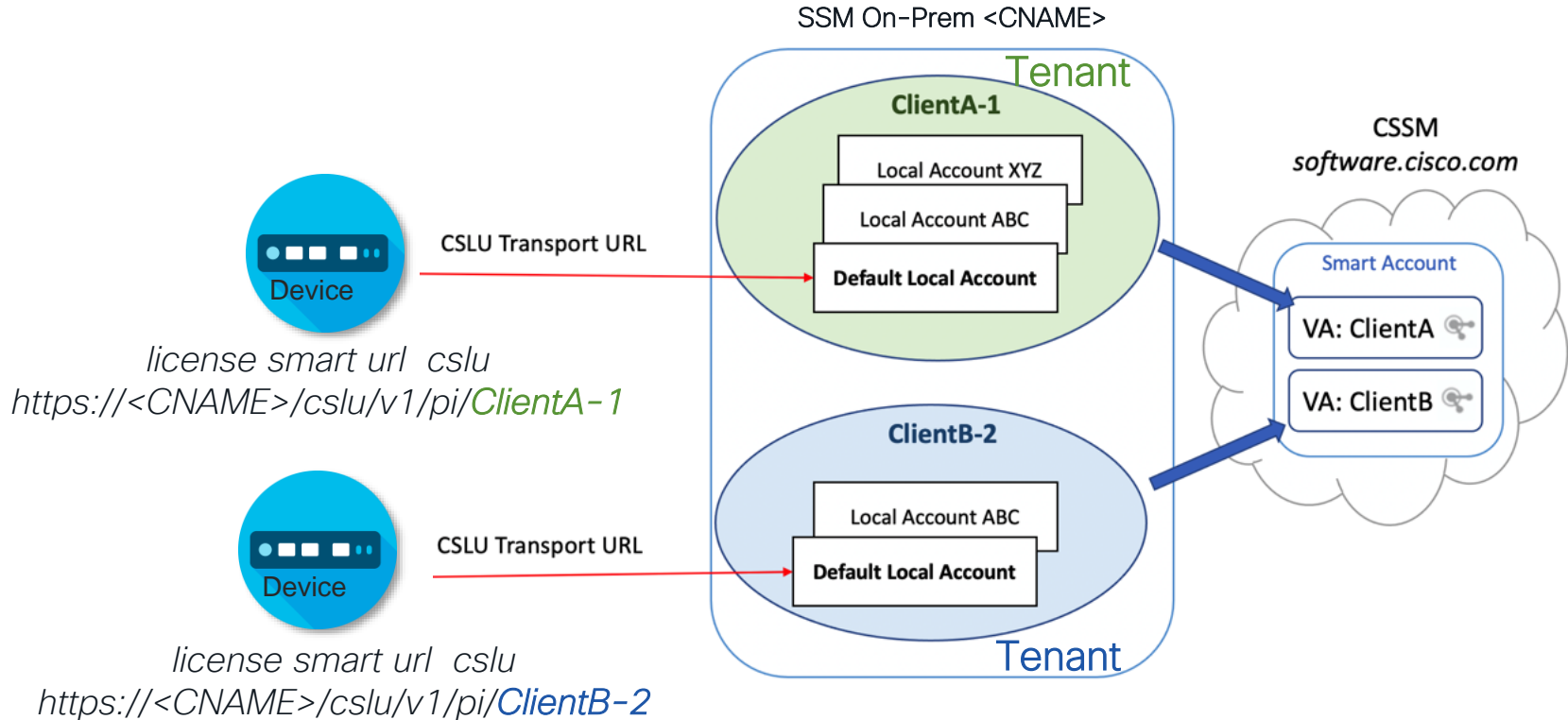
Avoid potential issues with strict SSL certificate check failures

After modifying Host Common Name perform account synchronization



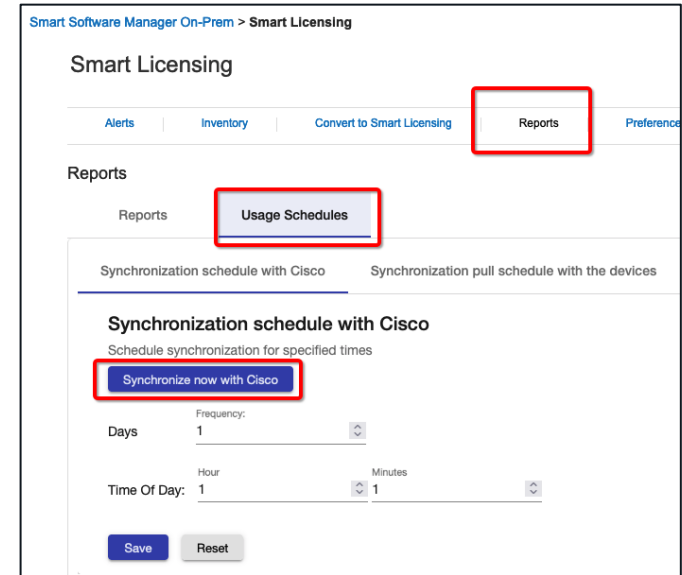
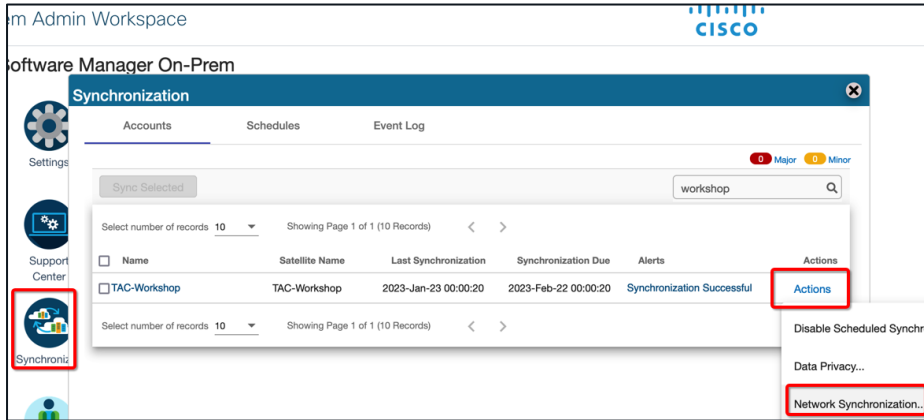


# On-Prem: Tenants & Local Accounts



# On-Prem: Account sync vs SLP license usage sync

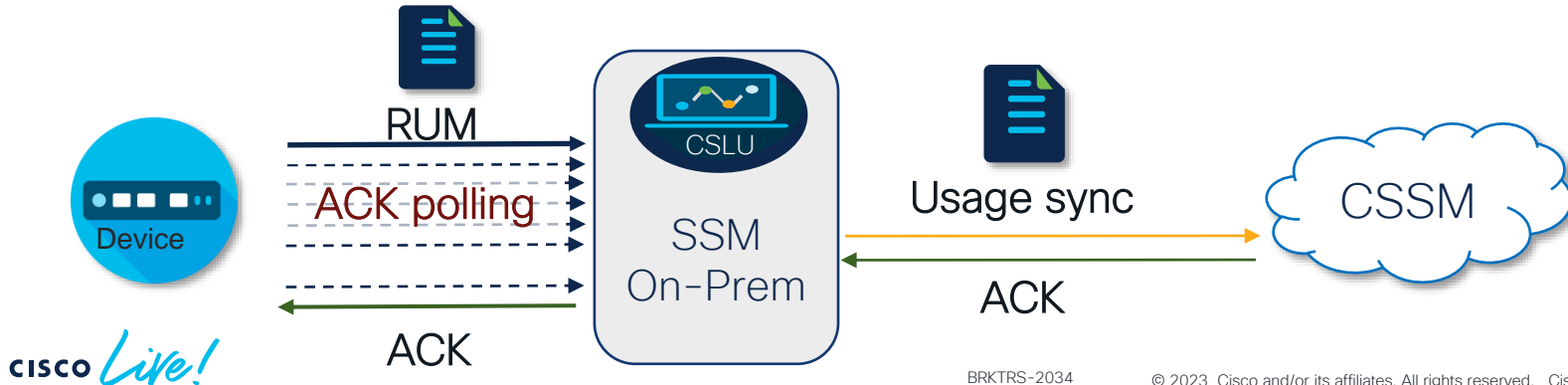
- Admin workspace -> Synchronization
  - Every 30 days or on-demand
  - Standard SL + license count
  - RUM reports for SLP are not included
- Licensing workspace -> Reports tab
  - SLP usage sync (1:01 AM daily)
  - Manual: “Synchronize now with Cisco”





# On-Prem: SLP Sync with CSSM (demystified)

- RUM report sent to OnPrem
- Product Instance starts polling for ACK every 5 mins
- OnPrem syncs daily with CSSM (obtains ACK for pending RUMs)
  - or manual sync through “[Synchronize with Cisco](#)”
- OnPrem responds with ACK upon next check from Product Instance

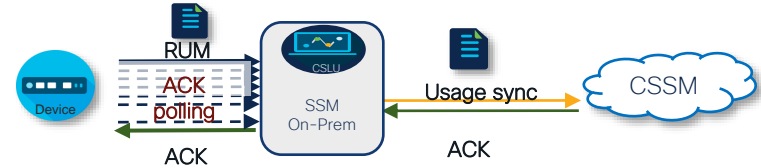


# HSECK9 via SSM On-Prem



➤ Make Product Instance known to SSM On-Prem and CSSM:

1. Push RUM report to SSM On-Prem
2. Perform SLP sync with CSSM
3. Wait for ACK on Product Instance



- [CSSM] Generate Auth Code for Product Instance, save it as Auth File
- [SSM On-Prem] Import Auth File
- [Product Instance] Trigger SLAC request

```
license feature hseck9
or
license smart authorization request add hseck9 local
```

- SSM On-Prem already has the Auth Code (Auth File) and will respond

Automated through **Bulk Auth**  
(available in **SSM 8-202206**  
and **IOS-XE 17.7.x**)

# SLP CSLU



# CSLU Preferences (Administration Panel)

Devices

Preferences

Preferences

CSSM Connectivity

1

☒ CSSM Is Available

CSLU in online mode

CSSM Connection Timeout \*

10

CSSM Response \*

90

CSSM Retry Interval \*

900

CSSM URL \*

https://swapi-stage0.cisco.com/services/api/smart-accounts-and-licensing/v2/

HTTP PROXY HOST

http://proxy.esl.cisco.com:80

OAuth URL

https://cloudsso-test.cisco.com/as/token.oauth2

CSLU Connectivity

Device Service Port \*

8182

REST API Port \*

8180

Smart Account

SDWAN LabTests

2 Smart Account

Virtual Account

SLE\_Routing\_Demo

3 Virtual Account

☐ Validate Device

4

CSLU Working Directory

W:\Device Files

Device Initiated

5 Push Mode

CSLU Initiated - NETCONF

CSLU Initiated - RESTCONF

CSLU Initiated - REST API

6 Pull Mode

1 Switch CSLU between Online or Offline Mode.

2 Select Smart Account

3 Select Virtual Account

4 Validated Device: Check to prevent PI to be created on receipt of usage report

5 Default connection method as Device Initiated (Push)  
OR

6 CSLU Pull mode

# SLP Connected through CSLU – Push Mode

## Config on Product Instance

### 1. CSLU URL Config

```
(config)# license smart transport cslu
```

### 2. CSLU Discovery

Option 1: Use DNS to resolve *cslu-local*

Option 2: Use DNS to resolve *cslu-local.<domain\_name>*

Option 3: Specify CSLU IP address in CSLU URL:

```
(config)# license smart url cslu http://<cslu-ip>:8182/cslu/v1/pi
```

(optional) configure HTTP client source interface

```
(config)# ip http client source-interface <interface>
```

Leave un-selected



☐ Validate Device

CSLU Working Directory  
C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\Temp\

Default Connection Method

**Product Instance Initiated Only**

CSLU Initiated - NETCONF

CSLU Initiated - RESTCONF

CSLU Initiated - REST API

# SLP Connected through CSLU – Pull Mode

## Config on Product Instance

### 1. CSLU URL Config

```
(config)# license smart transport cslu
```

(optional) configure HTTP client source interface

```
(config)# ip http client source-interface <interface>
```

(optional) if NETCONF is used

```
(config)# netconf-yang
```

(optional) if RESTCONF is used

```
(config)# ip http secure-server
```

```
(config)# restconf
```

```
(config)# ip http authentication local
```

## Config on CSLU for Pull Mode

1. Add devices manually in CSLU or perform bulk upload with .csv file

**Add Product**

Host Identifier

Host \*  
172.10.11.2

Connection Method

CSLU Initiated - NETCONF

CSLU Initiated - RESTCONF

CSLU Initiated - REST API

2. Select Product Instance(s) and click “Collect Usage”



# CSLU with HTTPS

- Collect CSLU certificate from CSLU (<working\_dir>/conf) and upload it to the IOSXE device

CSLU Connectivity

Product Instance Service Port \*

8182

REST API Port \*

8180

Smart Account

Virtual Account

☐ Validate Device

CSLU Working Directory

C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Roaming\CSLU



This PC > Local Disk (C:) > Users > Administrator > AppData > Roaming > CSLU > conf

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
cslu.conf	4/24/2021 10:35 AM	CONF File	2 KB
cslu.crt	12/4/2020 1:03 AM	Security Certificate	2 KB
cslu.key	4/2020 1:03 AM	KEY File	2 KB

Type: Security Certificate  
Size: 1.06 KB  
Date modified: 12/4/2020 1:03 AM

- Create a new trustpoint on the device
- Display the contents of the .crt file
- Import the CSLU certificate under the new trustpoint
- Configure CSLU URL using HTTPS and port 8543

```
Router(config)#crypto pki trustpoint CSLU
Router(ca-trustpoint)#enrollment terminal
```

```
Router# more bootflash:cslu.crt
<base 64 encoded certificate displayed>
```

```
Router(config)#crypto pki authenticate CSLU
```

```
Enter the base 64 encoded CA certificate.
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
<...>
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
% Do you accept this certificate? [yes/no]: yes
% Certificate successfully imported
```

```
Router(config)#license smart url cslu https://<IP-addr>:8543/cslu/v1/pi
```

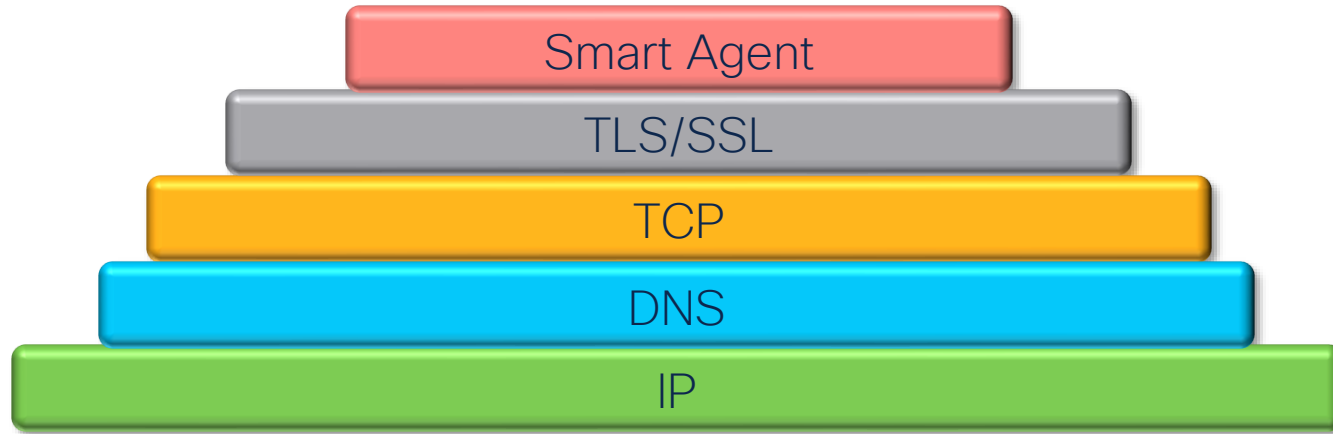
# Troubleshooting Smart Licensing





# Is it a Smart Licensing problem?

- Identify the actual troublemaker
- More than one layer might be causing the issue



# Useful IOS-XE commands for troubleshooting SLP

- show license status
- show license summary
- show license all
- show license tech support
- show crypto pki trustpoint

One-stop-shop output

show tech license

TIP

TIP

- show license eventlog [days]
- show license history message
- SL related events
- SL messages exchanged with CSSM / SSM On-Prem

# Licensing communications details

- View messages (XML format) sent between device and CSSM / SSM On-Prem

**show license history message**

Message History (oldest to newest):

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Trust Establishment:

Usage Reporting:

Result Polling:

Authorization Request:

Authorization Return:

Trust Sync:



- Did the device send the request?
- Was the response received?
- Any errors reported?

# Viewing RUM reports



RUM

- Examine the status and contents of RUM reports

IOS-XE 17.6.x and older

```
(config)# service internal
#test license smart rum id-list
```

IOS-XE 17.7.x and newer

```
#show license rum id all
```

```
test license smart rum id-list
```

```
report_id:1673725840 state:SmartAgentRumStateUnacknowledged
report_id:1673725841 state:SmartAgentRumStateUnacknowledged
report_id:1673725842 state:SmartAgentRumStateOpen
report_id:1673725843 state:SmartAgentRumStateOpen
```

```
test license smart rum show 1673725843
<snip>
```

```
show license rum id all
```

Smart Licensing Usage Report:

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Report Id	State	Flag	Feature Name
1673377132	UNACK	E  Error	network-advantage_100M
1673377133	OPEN	N  Normal	network-advantage_100M

```
show license rum id 1673377133 detail
<snip>
```

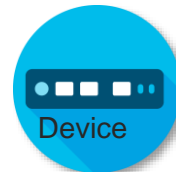
# RUM states

RUM state	Description
Open	New report created by Smart Agent on the device



RUM

Open



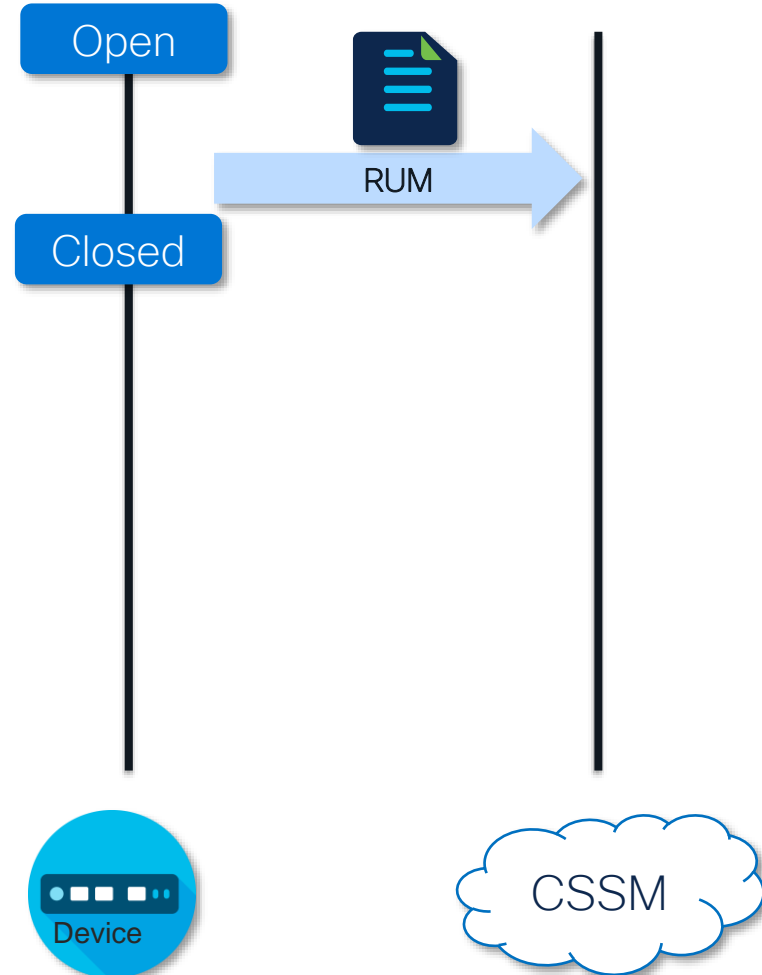
Device



CSSM

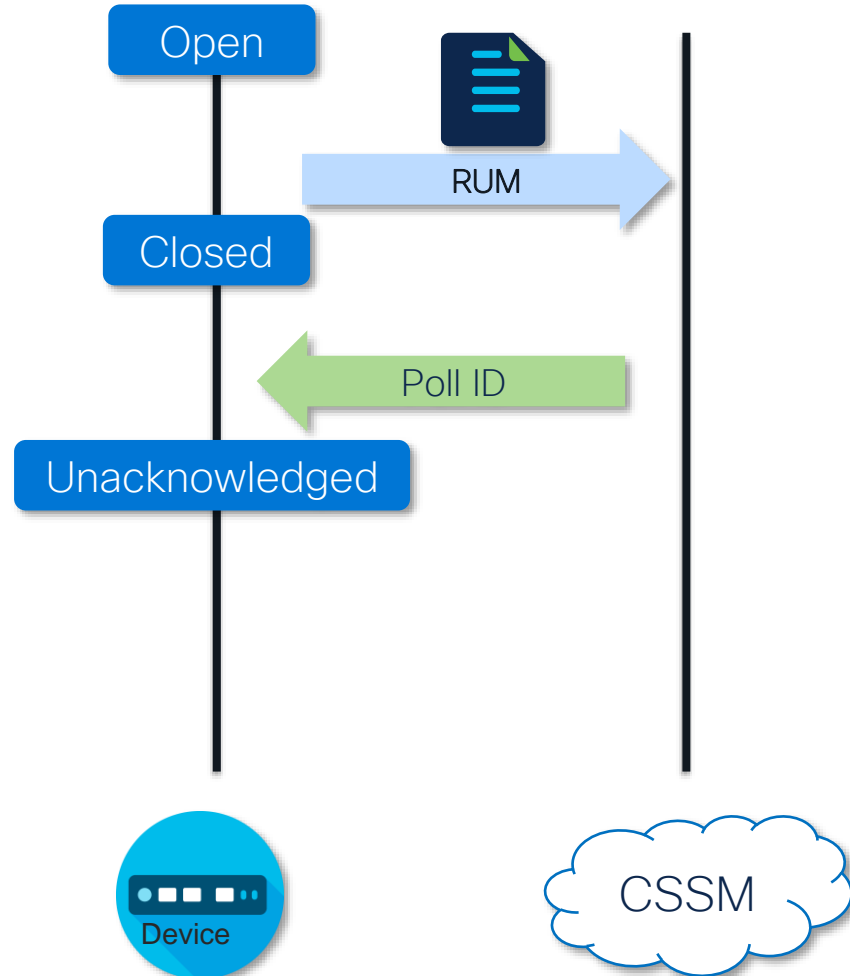
# RUM states

RUM state	Description
Open	New report created by Smart Agent on the device
Closed	RUM report sent to CSSM or saved locally



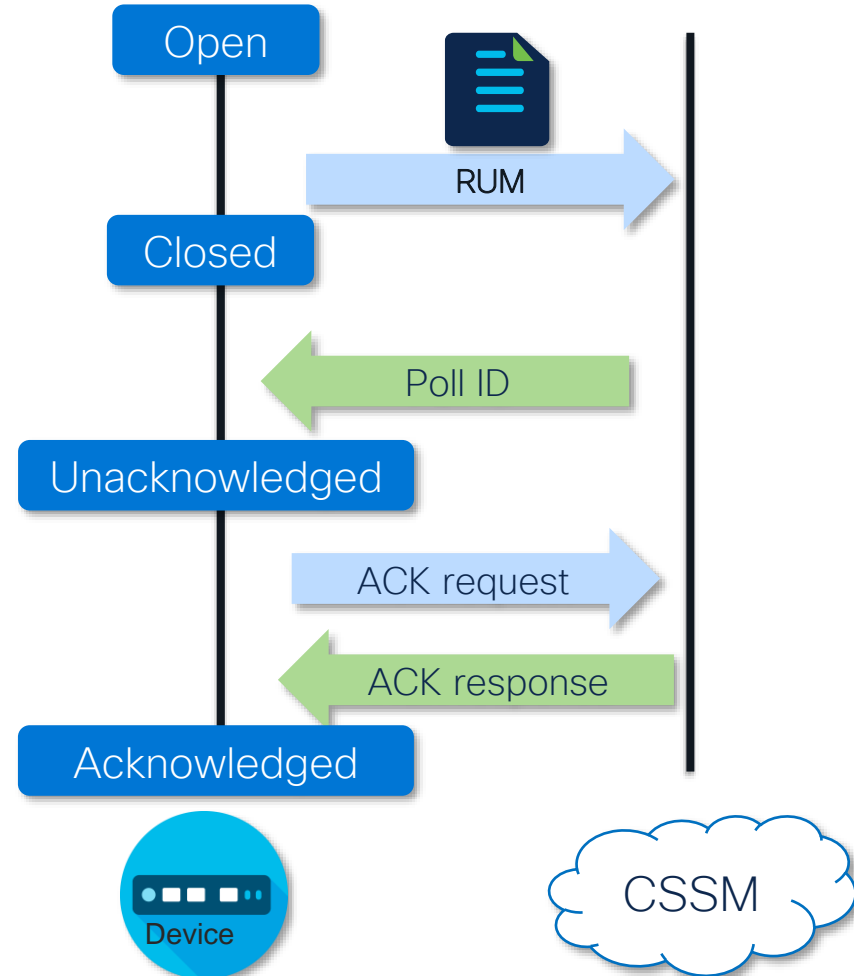
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RUM state	Description
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Unacknowledged	RUM report pending acknowledgement from CSSM (poll ID provided)



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RUM state	Description
Open	New report created by Smart Agent on the device
Closed	RUM report sent to CSSM or saved locally
Unacknowledged	RUM report pending acknowledgement from CSSM (poll ID provided)
Acknowledged	RUM acknowledged by CSSM





# Useful debugs and traces

- HTTP layer:
  - debug ip http client all

- Crypto layer:
  - debug crypto pki [...]
  - debug ssl openssl msg

- Smart Agent layer:
  - show log process iosrp **module smart-agent** internal **start last <X>**

```

    resp() status = 8
    resp free() is entered
    resp free(): response data freed
    resp status: is entered. tid (2136), status (220), err_string (Service Unavailable)
    resp: set tid (2136) resp status to failure


    resp: Unavailable
    resp: charset=iso-8859-1

    https://tools.cisco.com/its/service/oddce/services/DDCEServicefailed, tid (2136), response
    (failed)
    https://tools.cisco.com/its/service/oddce/services/DDCEService" failed, rc 220, error


    is entered, url = https://tools.cisco.com/its/service/oddce/services/DDCEService
    resp(), get http server identity check
    url https://tools.cisco.com/its/service/oddce/services/DDCEService, sid 2, len 15548,
    from source_interface() set http resolve-hostname from source interface
```

# On-Prem: monitoring license usage reporting


- RUM pushed by the device:

Name	Product Type	Last Contact	Alerts
10.62.154.135	CAT8500	2021-Sep-29 21:58:23	 Usage report from product instance

- SLP Sync with CSSM completed:

Name	Product Type	Last Contact	Alerts
10.62.154.135	CAT8500	2021-Sep-29 22:00:04	 Acknowledgement received from CSSM

- ACK pushed to the device upon the next ACK poll:

Name	Product Type	Last Contact	Alerts
10.62.154.135	CAT8500	2021-Sep-29 22:03:24	 Usage report acknowledgement to product instance

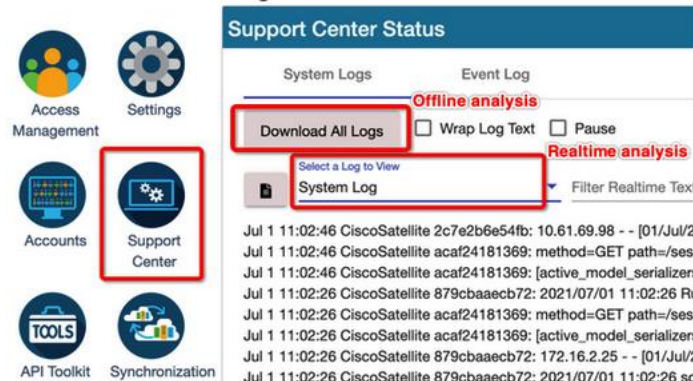
# On-Prem: System logs and DB dump [Admin WS]

- System logs:
  - Offline analysis: Download All Logs
  - Real-time analysis: System Log

- Database Backup collection:
  1. Connect as admin and log into the console
  2. Select the destination, start the DB backup
  3. Collect the backup file for analysis

On-Prem Admin Workspace

## Smart Software Manager On-Prem



```
$onprem-console
```

```
$database_backup
```

```
<...>
```

```
Database successfully backed up to [destination directory]:  
/var/files/backups/onprem-8-202206-2022072016822.sql.gz
```

# Case Studies



# CSLU: Unable to resolve server hostname

```
%SMART_LIC-3-COMM_FAILED: Communications failure with the Cisco Smart License Utility (CSLU) : Unable to resolve server hostname/domain name
```

- With default config in place (CSLU Transport) RUM reports get sent to „*cslu-local*”
- Example trace message from IOSRP tracelogs:

```
{IOSRP R0-0}{1}: [smart-agent] SAUtilReport-URL[http://cslu-local.domain.cisco.com:8182/cslu/v1/pi/hello]
```

## Solution:

→ configure DNS server to resolve *cslu-local* into the IP address of the CSLU (zero-touch)

or

→ configure CSLU URL pointing to CSLU IP address:

```
(config)# license smart url cslu http://x.x.x.x:8182/cslu/v1/pi
```

# CSSM Reachability Issues

```
%SMART_LIC-3-COMM_FAILED: Communications failure with the Cisco Smart Software Manager (CSSM) : No detailed information given
```

## → HTTPS communication with CSSM could not be established

- Determine which interface should be the source interface (e.g. management port?)
- Check if correct HTTP client source interface is configured
- Check if smartreceiver.cisco.com / tools.cisco.com is resolved into IP address
- Check if smartreceiver.cisco.com / tools.cisco.com is reachable on TCP port 443
- Clock not in sync (NTP disabled?)

*%PKI-2-NON\_AUTHORITYATIVE\_CLOCK: PKI functions can not be initialized until an authoritative time source, like NTP, can be obtained.*

- Collect debugs (http client, ssl, pki)

# No RUM reports sent

```
Router# show license status
```

```
<..>
```

```
Usage Reporting:
```

```
Last ACK received: <none>
```

```
Next ACK deadline: <none>
```

```
Reporting push interval: 0 (no reporting)
```

```
Next ACK push check: <none>
```

```
Next report push: <none>
```

```
Last report push: <none>
```

```
Last report file write: <none>
```

```
Router# show license summary
```

```
License Usage:
```

License	Entitlement Tag	Count	Status
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No licenses in use			
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```
Router# test license smart rum-report id-list
```

```
No report in device
```

```
Router# show version
```

```
<..>
```

```
License Type: Perpetual
```

```
License Level: <empty>
```

```
Next reload license Level: <empty>
```

```
License Type: Subscription
```

```
License Level: <empty>
```

```
Next reload license Level: <empty>
```

## Solution:

1. Configure "license boot level..."
2. Save the config
3. Reload

# No ACK received from On-Prem

```
Router# show license status
<..>
Usage Reporting:
Last ACK received: <none>
Next ACK deadline: Apr 23 20:54:13 2023 UTC
Reporting push interval: 30 days
Next ACK push check: Jan 23 22:49:06 2023 UTC
Next report push: Feb 22 20:49:32 2023 UTC
Last report push: Jan 23 20:49:15 2023 UTC
Last report file write: <none>
```

- “Next ACK push check” updated every 5 minutes
- Collect:
  - show license eventlog
  - show license history message

- Confirm RUM was successfully sent out
- Confirm On-Prem responded with Poll ID
- In On-Prem GUI (Licensing Workspace) navigate to:  
Reports → Usage Schedules and click “Synchronize now with Cisco”
- Allow 5-10 minutes and verify if ACK was received on Product Instance



# High CPU due to a number of RUM reports

```
C9300#show process cpu sorted
CPU utilization for five seconds: 100%/1%; one minute: 61%; five minutes: 28%
  PID Runtime(ms)      Invoked      uSecs   5Sec   1Min   5Min  TTY Process
   662   272007421        19185503       14177 60.00% 45.62% 13.41%   0 SAGetRUMIds
   150   310763355        20821285       14925 38.03% 12.50% 13.43%   0 SAUtilRepSave
```

- Buildup of unacknowledged RUM reports due to a communication issue (ACK not received)

## Workaround:

- Set Transport Mode to “OFF”
  - No new RUM reports will be generated
- Licensing Factory Reset
  - Clear all saved smart licensing information:
    - Trust code + RUM reports + reporting timestamps + SLAC



Device #**license smart factory reset**  
%Warning: **reload required** after  
"license smart factory reset" command

# License consumed from incorrect account

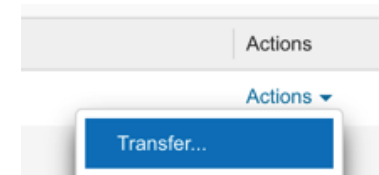
<input type="checkbox"/> License	Billing	Available to Use	In Use	Substitution	Balance	Alerts
<a href="#">+ Routing DNA Advantage: Tier 2: 250M</a>	Prepaid	0	2	-	-2	<span>✖ Insufficient Licenses</span>

Which Virtual Account do we actually communicate with?

- Device connecting directly to CSSM ➡ Virtual Account determined by Token-ID
- Device connected to CSLU ➡ Virtual Account selected in CSLU config
- Device connected to On-Prem ➡ Virtual Account determined by CSLU Transport URL
- Device air-gapped / off-line ➡ RUM report uploaded manually to Virtual Account

Workaround:

Transfer the Product Instance to the correct Virtual Account  
(along with licenses it consumes)



# Wrapping Up

# Key Takeaways

- In SLP all unenforced licenses are authorized by default
- RUM report created for each license in use
- License reporting intervals determined by policy
- By default the SLP transport refers to CSLU – modify as needed
- Smart Transport preferred over Call Home
- Verify connectivity before claiming licensing problem
- “License factory reset” is the last resort remedy (reload required)



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# SSM On-Prem – important updates

- 8-202102: support for SLP (integrated CSLU)
- 8-202108: support for proxy between On-Prem and CSSM + fixes
- 8-202112: support for SLP Bulk Auth Code + fixes
- 8-202201: support for License Hierarchy + fixes
- 8-202206: support for MSLA, PI Hostname + fixes
- 8-202212: support for TLS 1.3, SAN extension to Host CNAME, API enhancements + fixes

# CSLU 2.0 Key Features/Enhancements

- Bulk Authorization support for SLAC
- Hostname feature for SLP products, push and pull modes
- Trust request support so customers can get trust code also via CSLU
- Scalability fixes for large RUM reports, duplicate RUM reports, etc...
- Diagnostic Logging for faster customer case resolution.

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