



Cisco MARS and Intellitactics SAFE

You've been doing the best you can to make Cisco MARS (MARS) your go to solution for network security and compliance. It was an easy decision to get MARS. Cisco MARS instantly logged all your Cisco devices and sooner or later you would add other data sources and you expected that MARS would support those non-Cisco data sources. You had some success; collected logs and ran reports. Now, you might want to upgrade your logging solution to a more capable security information and event manager (SIEM) to get the benefits that SIEMs provide:

- Centralized, consolidation of all data sources – not just Cisco data sources – like servers, operating systems, databases and applications
- Ability to transform millions of logs into more actionable security events
- Fast search and automated reporting on all the data for proving compliance and strengthening security
- Fast search and investigation of evolving threats
- Automated alerting and notification improving operational productivity and incident response

It's time to do more with logs! Consider an alternative to just MARS. You might want to leave MARS in place and slide in our SIEM – Intellitactics SAFE (SAFE) - right next to MARS.

Here's how it works. First, SAFE can treat Cisco MARS like any other data source or it can connect directly to any of the Cisco devices, like those listed in the sidebar, and collect logs. In fact for the device category of firewall SAFE supports many more devices. Second, and maybe more important, we accept 'alerts' created in MARS generated from the analysis policy you determine in MARS. These alerts have their own format, different from the event stream of the product itself.

And, Intellitactics has improved on MARS logging. While Cisco opted to support the Cisco devices using protocols like snmp, Intellitactics developed a JDBC connection for collecting data from the Cisco devices. This gives Intellitactics greater flexibility in the long run and this enables SAFE to acquire more data faster. This means more value for you. And this is in addition to SAFE's highly differentiated and patented *adaptive parsing*. *That's not all – SAFE also provides:*

Lowest total cost of ownership – no DB license to buy, or DBA administrator to hire. No additional charges for compliance packages, or report packages or fraud prevention correlations.

Sources and anything else you can name including WINDOWS logs and proxy servers.

- Cisco Aironet Wireless Access Points
- Cisco Catalyst Switches
- Cisco Security Agent
- Cisco VPN Concentrator
- Cisco Content Engine
- Cisco Content Switch
- Cisco Global Site Selector
- Cisco Intrusion Prevention System
- Cisco IOS (Routers & Smart Switches)
- Cisco IronPort Web Proxy
- Cisco MDS (Multilayer SAN Switches)
- Cisco ASA/FWSM/PIX
- Cisco Secure ACS (Access Control System)
- Cisco Tacacs+ (this support is across several Cisco networking products listed above)
- Cisco UBR (Universal Broadband Router cards)
- Cisco Unified Call Manager
- Cisco Wireless LAN Controller

All the SAFE capabilities are available on ONE right –sized appliance and that means minimal rack space and energy consumption.

SAFE comes complete with over 1400 packaged reports that verify compliance with regulatory standards and correlations and notifications to accelerate incident response.

If you're looking for a fully capable SIEM to use with or without MARS, take a close look at Intellitactics SAFE. SAFE solves your compliance challenge and gives you the foundation you need to establish best practice security operations. The NOC and other IT functions find SAFE operations reports and dashboards essential to their jobs. SAFE helps you do more with logs – all your logs – and establishes the infrastructure for every day compliance. Whether you plan to augment or replace Cisco MARS you can learn more about SAFE at www.intellitactics.com – watch a demonstration of SAFE or visit blog.intellitactics.com to read what's new in information security.

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