

Recover Cisco Wireless IXM Gateway from Marvell Uboot mode

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Introduction

This document describes the steps to recover IXM from U-boot mode.

Prerequisites

The components required to perform recovery on IXM using the console:

- RJ45 to serial cable for console access
- TFTP network access
- PoE or power supply for the IXM
- Firmware images

Problem

Scenario 1. IXM module goes into Marvell Prompt with the error message in the console:

```
Booting LPWA modem kernel...
Wrong Image Format for bootm command
ERROR: can't get kernel image!
No previous OS finded!
Marvell>>
```

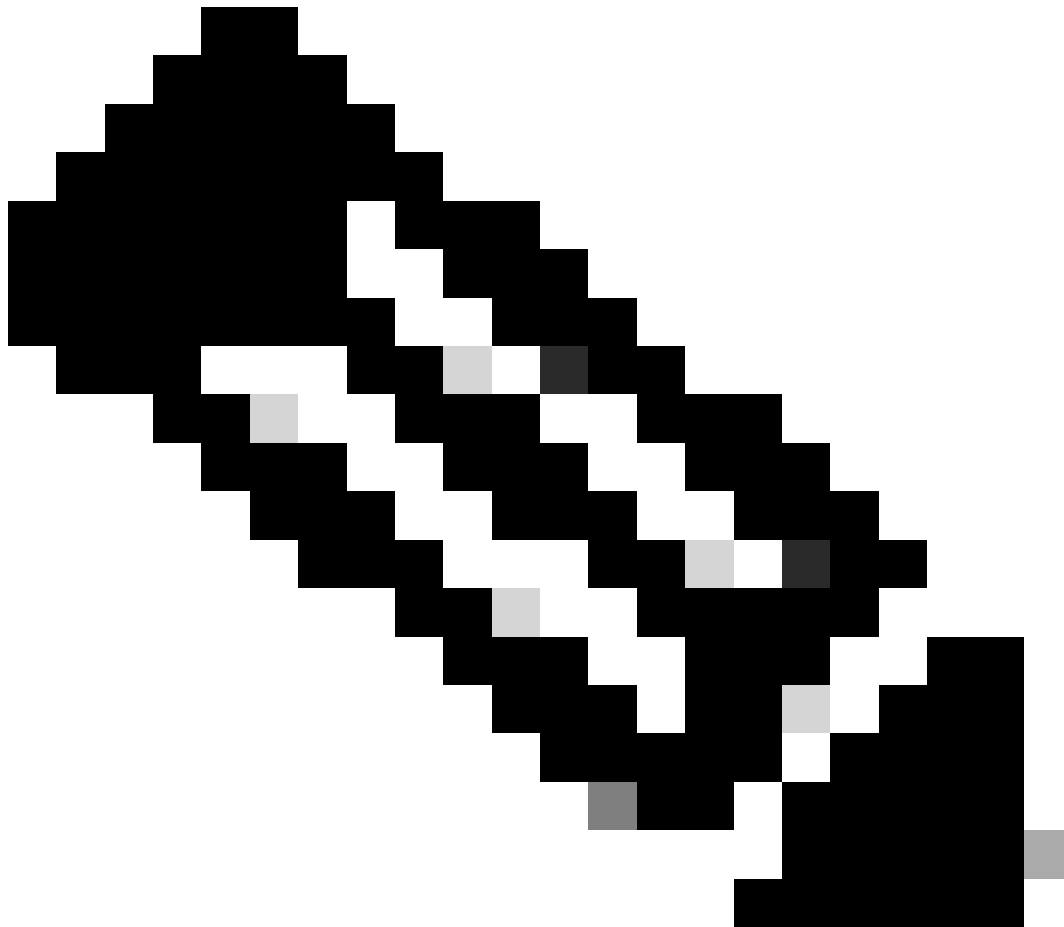
Scenario 2. IXM gets stuck and throws python errors:

```
Could not find platform dependent libraries <exec_prefix>
Consider setting $PYTHONHOME to <prefix>[:<exec_prefix>]
ImportError: No module named site
```

Scenario 3. In some cases, for example after Firmware Downgrade or upgrade, IXM sticks in continuous loop with error message:

```
mkdir: can't create directory '/etc/ipsec.d/': No space left on device
mkdir: can't create directory '/etc/ipsec.d/': No space left on device
mkdir: can't create directory '/etc/ipsec.d/': No space left on device
```

Solution



Note: In specific cases, like those described in scenarios 2. and 3., the IXM device may not enter Marvell's automatic landing prompt. In such situations, you must manually activate U-boot mode to begin the process of system recovery or reinstallation. For detailed steps on how to achieve this and access the Marvell prompt, please consult the instructions found in the section titled "[How to boot the IXM to Marvell U-Boot mode.](#)"

Preparation:

The firmware images can be downloaded from CCO: [IXM images](#)

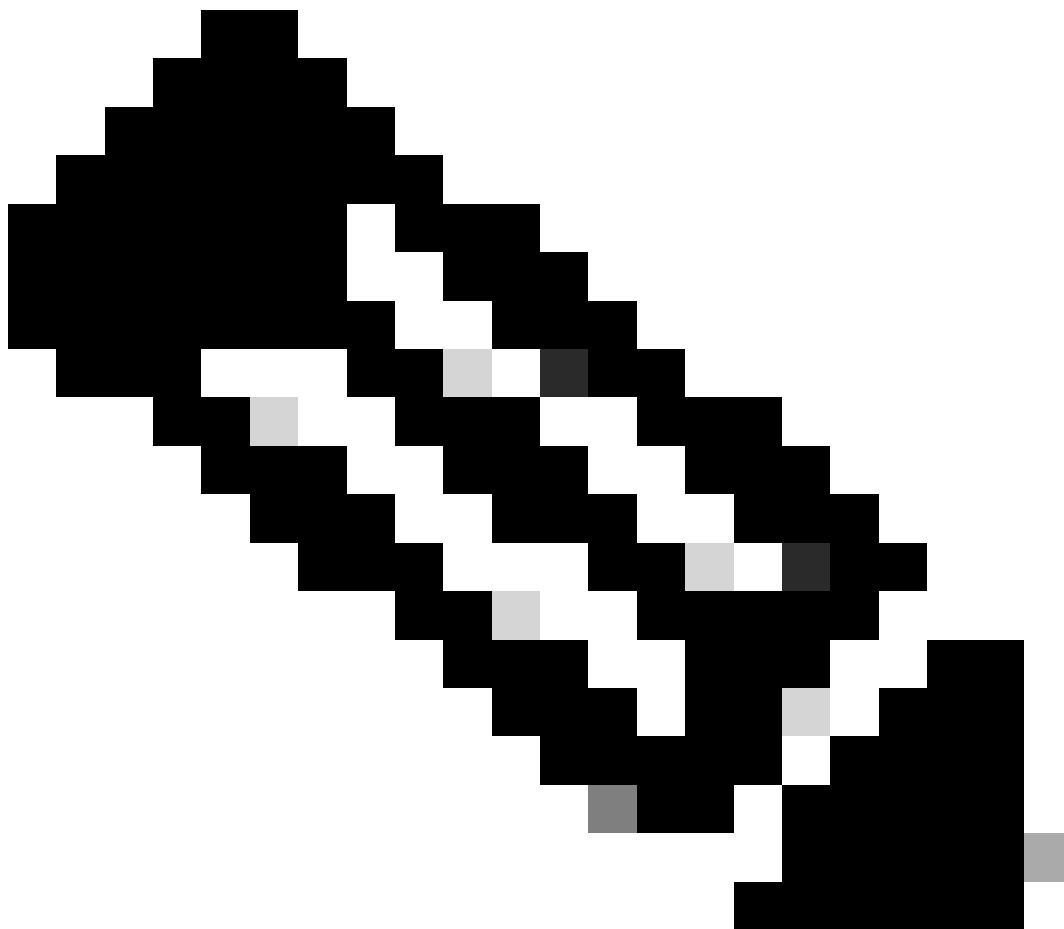
Step 1. Download the latest image version from CCO. For example: `ixm_mdm_i_k9-2.x.x.tar.gz`

Step 2. Extract the downloaded file and ensure `recovery.itb` and `release.itb` file is available over the TFTP server.

Step 3. Using the console session in the Marvell prompt, set the Network configurations.

```
Marvell>>setenv ipaddr 10.1.1.2      (Set the appropriate static IP Address)
Marvell>>setenv serverip 10.1.1.1   (Set the TFTP server IP Address)
Marvell>>setenv netmask 255.255.255.0 (Set the subnet mask )
Marvell>>ping 10.1.1.1              (Check if you can reach TFTP-server)
Using egiga0 device
host 10.1.1.1 is alive
```

If you want to save the IP address and netmask settings run the command.



Note: Ignore if you see the Disabled command `saveenv` .

```
Marvell>>saveenv
```

Set the environment variables to boot the `release.itb` file from your TFTP server.

```
<#root>
```

```
Marvell>>setenv bootargs $console $nandEcc $mtdparts root=/dev/ram0 rw initrd=0x8000000,128M ramdisk_si
```

```
Marvell>>setenv bootcmd_fit 'tftpboot 0x3000000 release.itb;bootm 0x3000000'
```

```
(
```

Note

: In this example `release.itb` file is placed in the default `tftp-boot` directory. Customize it with the
Marvell>>saveenv

Load the kernel image:

```
Marvell>>run bootcmd_fit
```

Wait until the IXM boots normally to reach the Gateway > prompt.

Step 4 (Optional). Upgrade to the latest firmware version can be performed.

After the IXM gateway reloads, verify the updated firmware version.

```
<#root>
```

```
Gateway>enable  
Gateway#  
Gateway#show version
```

or using :

```
gateway#sh inventory  
Name : gateway  
  
ImageVer  
  
 : 2.3.1  
BootloaderVer : 20180130_cisco  
SerialNumber : FOC20304ZAH  
PID : IXM-LPWA-800-16-K9  
UTCTime : 20:12:35.076 UTC Wed Jun 23 2023  
FPGAVersion : 61  
FPGAStatus : Ready  
ChipID : LSB = 0x286f0218 MSB = 0x00f14086  
TimeZone : IST  
LocalTime : Thu Jun 24 01:42:35 IST 2023  
ACT2 Authentication: PASS  
gateway#
```

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Problem:

Scenario 1. IXM Reset procedure does not work.

Scenario 2. Recover IXM from Uboot mode.

Scenario 3. In some cases, such as after a firmware downgrade or upgrade, the IXM becomes stuck in a continuous loop with the error message.

```
mkdir: can't create directory '/etc/ipsec.d/': No space left on device  
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```

Solution:

To go to the U-Boot shell, execute the steps:

1. Ensure that you have established a console connection to the IXM (connect the console cable to the RJ45 at the IXM and the serial port of your PC and open a terminal with these settings: 8/N/1/115200).
2. Restart the IXM, either through a reload command, the reset button or by simply removing/applying

power.

3. When U-Boot is starting, press and hold `Space + 1` on the keyboard in the console session.
4. If everything proceeds as expected, the user encounters a Marvell `>>>` prompt.

A good time to press the keyboard combination in Step 3., is when the message appears as:

```
BootROM: Image checksum verification PASSED
```

Here is an example of the output when booting into U-Boot:

Restarting system.

```
BootROM - 1.73
```

```
Booting from SPI flash, Secure mode
```

```
BootROM: RSA Public key verification PASSED
```

```
BootROM: CSK block signature verification PASSED
```

```
BootROM: Boot header signature verification PASSED
```

```
BootROM: Box ID verification PASSED
```

```
BootROM: JTAG is disabled
```

```
General initialization - Version: 1.0.0
```

```
AVS selection from EFUSE disabled (Skip reading EFUSE values)
```

```
Overriding default AVS value to: 0x23
```

```
mvSysEnvIsFlavourReduced: TWSI Read of 'flavor' failed
```

```
Detected Device ID 6810
```

```
High speed PHY - Version: 2.0
```

```
Initialize DB-GP board topology
```

```
Device 6810 supports only 2 GbE ports: SGMII-2 @ lane5 disabled (setting USB3.0 H1 instead)
```

```
updateTopologySatR: TWSI Read of 'gpserdes1/2' failed
```

```
Device 6810 does not supports SerDes Lane #4: replaced topology entry with lane #5
```

```
Device 6810/20 supports only 2 SATA interfaces: SATA Port 3 @ lane3 disabled
```

```
board SerDes lanes topology details:
```

Lane #	Speed	Type
0	5	PCIe0
1	3	SATA0
2	3	SATA1
5	5	USB3 HOST1

```
PCIe, Idx 0: detected no link
```

```
High speed PHY - Ended Successfully
```

```
DDR4 Training Sequence - Ver TIP-0.21.(Sublib 0.5)0
```

```
DDR4 Training Sequence - Switching XBAR Window to FastPath Window
```

```
DDR Training Sequence - Start scrubbing
```

```
DDR Training Sequence - End scrubbing
```

```
DDR4 Training Sequence - Ended Successfully
```

```
Not detected suspend to RAM indication
```

```
BootROM: Image checksum verification PASSED
```

```
BootROM: Boot image signature verification PASSED
```

```
Marvell>>
```