

# Cisco IOS Release 15.9(3)M7 - Release Notes for Cisco IR800 Industrial Integrated Services Routers and Cisco CGR1000 Series Connected Grid Routers

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## Introduction

The following release notes support the Cisco IOS 15.9(3)M7 release. These release notes are updated to describe new features, limitations, troubleshooting, recommended configurations, caveats, and provide information on how to obtain support and documentation.

## PSIRT ADVISORY

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ!

FPGA and BIOS have been signed and updated to new versions.

For the 15.9 Release Train, this image (15.9-3.M) is considered as the baseline. Downgrade is **STRICTLY UNSUPPORTED** and bundle install to previous releases (158-3.M2a/157-3.M4b/156-3.M6b) will cause an error and fail if attempted. Any manual downgrade [non bundle operations] will impair router functionality thereafter.



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**Note** After upgrading to this release, make sure to delete any old image files that may still be in the flash: filesystem. This will prevent an unintended IOS downgrade.

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For additional information on the PSIRT see the following:

<https://tools.cisco.com/security/center/content/CiscoSecurityAdvisory/cisco-sa-20190513-secureboot>

## Image Information and Supported Platforms



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**Note** You must have a Cisco.com account to download the software.

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Cisco IOS Release 15.9(3)M7 includes the following Cisco IOS images:

## IR8x9

System Bundled Image: ir800-universalk9-bundle.SPA.159-3.M7

This bundle contains the following components:

- IOS: ir800-universalk9-mz.SPA.159-3.M7
- Guest Operating System: ir800-ref-gos.img.1.15.0.8.gz
- Hypervisor: ir800-hv.srp.SPA.3.1.33
- FPGA: 2.B.0
- BIOS: 29
- MCU Application: 53

## IR807

IOS Image: ir800l-universalk9-mz.SPA.159-3-M7

## CGR1K

System Bundled image: cgr1000-universalk9-bundle.SPA.159-3-M7

This bundle contains the following components:

- IOS Version: cgr1000-universalk9-mz.SPA.159-3-M7
- Guest Operating System: cgr1000-ref-gos.img.1.8.2.22.gz
- Hypervisor: cgr1000-hv.srp.SPA.3.0.69
- FPGA: 2.E.0
- BIOS: 18

### Important Note Regarding 159-3.M7

CG-OS to IOS Migration:



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**Note** When migrating from CG-OS to IOS on the CGR1K, Cisco recommends to upgrading from the Golden image to the required IOS image. Refer to the following example:

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CG-OS -> 15.8(3)M3b -> <latest version>

## Software Downloads

This section contains the following:

### IR800 Series

The latest image files for the IR800 product family can be found here:

<https://software.cisco.com/download/navigator.html?mdfid=286287045&flowid=75322>

Click on the 807, 809 or 829 link to take you to the specific software you are looking for.




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**Important** MANUAL [non-bundle] DOWNGRADE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. For newer releases with the PSIRT fix - while bundle downgrade to 158-3.M2a/157-3.M4b/156-3.M6b is supported, manual downgrade is unsupported.

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**Note** On the IR8x9 devices, the IR800 bundle image can be copied via Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) or SCP to the IR800, and then installed using the bundle install flash:<image name> command. The IR800 <image>.bin file can NOT be directly booted using the boot system flash:/image\_name. Detailed instructions are found in the [Cisco IR800 Integrated Services Router Software Configuration Guide](#) .

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**Note** On the IR8x9 devices, the cipher **dhe-aes-256-cbc-sha** (which is used with the commands **ip http client secure-ciphersuite** and **ip http secure-ciphersuite**) is no longer available in IOS 15.6(3)M and later as part of the weak cipher removal process. This cipher was flagged as a security vulnerability.

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## IR807

The IR807 link shows the following entries:

- ir800l-universalk9-mz.SPA.<version> .bin
- ir800l-universalk9\_npe-mz.SPA.<version> .bin

## IR809

The IR809 link shows the following entries:

- IOS Software
  - ir800-universalk9-bundle.<version> .bin
  - ir800-universalk9\_npe-bundle.<version> .bin
- IOx Cartridges
  - Yocto 1.7.2 Base Rootfs (ir800\_yocto-1.7.2.tar)
  - Python 2.7.3 Language Runtime (ir800\_yocto-1.7.2\_python-2.7.3.tar)
  - Azul Java 1.7 EJRE (ir800\_yocto-1.7.2\_zre1.7.0\_65.7.6.0.7.tar)
  - Azul Java 1.8 Compact Profile 3 (ir800\_yocto-1.7.2\_zre1.8.0\_65.8.10.0.1.tar)

## IR829

The IR829 link shows the following entries:

## Software on Chassis

- IOS Software
  - ir800-universalk9-bundle.<version> .bin
  - ir800-universalk9\_npe-bundle.<version> .bin
- IOx Cartridges
  - Yocto 1.7.2 Base Rootfs (ir800\_yocto-1.7.2.tar)
  - Python 2.7.3 Language Runtime (ir800\_yocto-1.7.2\_python-2.7.3.tar)
  - Azul Java 1.7 EJRE (ir800\_yocto-1.7.2\_zre1.7.0\_65.7.6.0.7.tar)
  - Azul Java 1.8 Compact Profile 3 (ir800\_yocto-1.7.2\_zre1.8.0\_65.8.10.0.1.tar)

## AP803 Access Point Module

- Autonomous AP IOS Software
  - WIRELESS LAN (ap1g3-k9w7-tar.153-3.JH1.tar)
- Lightweight AP IOS Software
  - WIRELESS LAN (ap1g3-k9w8-tar.153-3.JH1.tar)
  - WIRELESS LAN LWAPP RECOVERY (ap1g3-rcvk9w8-tar.153-3.JH1.tar)

## CGR1K Series

The latest image file for the CGR 1000 Series Cisco IOS image is available here:

<https://software.cisco.com/download/navigator.html?mdfid=284165761&flowid=75122>

For details on the CGR1000 installation, please see the following:

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/routers/connectedgrid/cgr1000/ios/release/notes/OL-31148-05.html#pgfid-9>

## Warning about Installing the Image



### Note

The bundle can be copied via Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP), or Secure Copy Protocol (SCP) to the device, and then installed using the bundle install flash:<image name> command. The bin file can NOT be directly booted using the boot system flash:/image\_name.



### Caution

MANUAL [non-bundle] DOWNGRADE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

## Known Limitations

This release has the following limitations or deviations from expected behavior:

### Space Limitation

The device requires a minimum 30MB additional space in the flash: file system before attempting an upgrade, or a downgrade between releases. Otherwise, the FPGA/BIOS will not have enough space to store files and perform the upgrade. In these current releases, the bundle installation will not display a warning, but future releases from September 2019 going forward will have a warning.

### CSCvq88011 - IR809, IR829

Bundle install should internally handle “firmware downgrade enable” check

**Symptoms:** If you manually downgrade hypervisor and IOS only from releases (159-3.M+, 158-3.M3+, 156-3.M7+, 157-3.M5+) to the releases (158-3.M2a, 157-3.M4b, 156-3.M6b), the router will be stuck in a boot loop.

**Workaround:** If you use the recommended 'bundle install' to downgrade, the process will run correctly.

## Major Enhancements

This section provides details on new features and functionality available in this release. Each new feature is preceded by the platform which it applies to.

### Data Sanitization Feature – Phase 2

Phase 2 is a continuation of the phase 1 Data Sanitization Feature. In phase 2 the overall data sanitization process has been improved. The algorithm is fine tuned to handle all the cases. Other than that phase 2 and phase 1 have the same functional flow.

CLI implementation for enabling this feature will be under the execute command. Once the process is started it can't be reverted. User will be given the warning about this twice before proceeding. Upon executing the factory-reset process all the data in the device will be erased. The user can use TFTP or USB option to boot the IOS back once the process is completed. And it's recommended to bundle install (For IR8x9, CGR1000) after recovering the device from rommon.

The following command starts the Data Sanitization Process:

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IR829#factory-reset
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The following command retrieves the logs from a previous Data Sanitization Process:

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IR829#show platform factory-reset-logs
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## Related Documentation

The following documentation is available:

- [Cisco IOS 15.9M cross-platform release notes](#)
- [All of the Cisco IR800 Industrial Integrated Services Router documentation](#)

- [All of the Cisco CGR 1000 Series Connected Grid Routers documentation](#)
- [IoT Field Network Director](#)
- [Cisco IOx Documentation](#)
- [Cisco IOx Developer information](#)

## Caveats

Caveats describe unexpected behavior in Cisco IOS releases. Caveats listed as open in a prior release are carried forward to the next release as either open or resolved.



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## Open Caveats

There are no open caveats for Cisco IOS Release 15.9(3)M7:

## Resolved Caveats

The following table lists resolved caveats for Cisco IOS Release 15.9(3)M7:

Item	Platform	Description
<a href="#">CSCwd07668</a>	IR800	<p>Backport CAF PSIRT's to 15M</p> <p><b>Symptoms:</b></p> <p>A vulnerability in the Cisco IOx application hosting environment could allow an authenticated, remote attacker to execute arbitrary commands as root on the underlying host operating system.</p> <p><b>Workaround:</b></p> <p>Customers who do not want to use the Cisco IOx application hosting environment can disable IOx permanently on the device using the no iox configuration command.</p>

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