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### Introduction

Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches are Cisco's lead stackable access platform for the next-generation enterprise and has been purpose-built to address emerging trends of Security, IoT, Mobility, and Cloud.

They deliver complete convergence with the rest of the Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series Switches in terms of ASIC architecture with a Unified Access Data Plane (UADP) 2.0. The platform runs an Open Cisco IOS XE that supports model driven programmability, has the capacity to host containers, and run 3rd party applications and scripts natively within the switch (by virtue of x86 CPU architecture, local storage, and a higher memory footprint). The series forms the foundational building block for SD-Access, which is Cisco's lead enterprise architecture.



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## Whats New in Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a

### Hardware Features in Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a

| Feature Name  | Description and Documentation Link   |
|---|--|
| Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches—Multigigabit 48-port switch (C9300-48UN)                  | <p>This model is stackable, with 48 Multigigabit Ethernet (100 Mbps or 1/2.5/5 Gbps) UPoE ports, a PoE budget of 610W, with a 1100W AC power supply module. It supports StackWise-480 and StackPower.</p> <p>For information about the hardware, see the <a href="#">Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches Hardware Installation Guide</a>.</p>  |
| Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches—25G Uplink Network Module (C9300-NM-2Y)                   | <p>This module has two 25-GigabitEthernet SFP28 module slots. With the network module plugged in, the Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches can support interface speeds of up to 25Gigabit.</p> <p>The 25-GigabitEthernet SFP28 ports also support SFP and SFP+ modules for 1-GigabitEthernet and 10-GigabitEthernet interfaces.</p> <p>To configure a 25-Gigabit Ethernet interface, starting in the global configuration mode, enter <b>interface TwentyFiveGigE</b> <i>interface-number</i> or <b>interface twe</b> <i>interface-number</i>.</p> <p>For information about the hardware, see the <a href="#">Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches Hardware Installation Guide</a>.</p> |
| Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches—MultiGigabit Ethernet Uplink Network Module (C9300-NM-4M) | <p>This module has four 10G MultiGigabit Ethernet ports that support interface speeds of 100M/1G/2.5G/5G/10G); it can be installed in all models of Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches.</p> <p>For information about the hardware, see the <a href="#">Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches Hardware Installation Guide</a>.</p>   |
| Cisco 25-Gigabit Ethernet Transceiver Module—SFP-H25G-CU                                      | <p>Supported transceiver module product numbers—SFP-H25G-CU1M, SFP-H25G-CU2M, SFP-H25G-CU3M, SFP-H25G-CU5M</p> <p>For information about the module, see the <a href="#">Cisco 25GBASE SFP28 Modules Data Sheet</a>. For information about compatibility with a device, see the <a href="#">Cisco 25-Gigabit Ethernet Transceiver Modules Compatibility Matrix</a>.</p>   |

| Feature Name   | Description and Documentation Link  |
|--|---|
| Cisco 40-Gigabit Ethernet, QSFP+ Transceiver—QSFP-H40G-AOC | <p>Supported transceiver module product numbers—QSFP-H40G-AOC1M, QSFP-H40G-AOC2M, QSFP-H40G-AOC3M, QSFP-H40G-AOC5M, QSFP-H40G-AOC7M, QSFP-H40G-AOC10M, QSFP-H40G-AOC15M, QSFP-H40G-AOC20M, QSFP-H40G-AOC25M, QSFP-H40G-AOC30M.</p> <p>For information about the module, see the <a href="#">Cisco 40GBASE QSFP Modules Data Sheet</a>. For information about compatibility, see the <a href="#">Cisco 40-Gigabit Ethernet Transceiver Modules Compatibility Matrix</a>.</p>                             |
| Cisco 40GBASE-LR4 QSFP module                              | <p>Supported transceiver module product number—QSFP-40G-LR4-S. The module supports 40GBASE Ethernet rate only.</p> <p>For information about both modules, see <a href="#">Cisco 40GBASE QSFP Modules Data Sheet</a>. For information about device compatibility, see the <a href="#">Cisco 40-Gigabit Ethernet Transceiver Modules Compatibility Matrix</a>.</p>  |
| Cisco 4x10GBASE-LR QSFP module                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported transceiver module product number—QSFP-4X10G-LR-S</li> <li>• Compatible switch models—All models of the Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches</li> <li>• Compatible network modules—C9300-NM-2Q</li> </ul> <p>For information about the module, see <a href="#">Cisco 40GBASE QSFP Modules Data Sheet</a>. For information about device compatibility, see the <a href="#">Cisco 40-Gigabit Ethernet Transceiver Modules Compatibility Matrix</a>.</p> |
| Cisco 40GBASE-SR4 QSFP module                              | <p>Supported transceiver module product number—QSFP-40G-SR4-S</p> <p>For information about the module, see <a href="#">Cisco 40GBASE QSFP Modules Data Sheet</a>. For information about device compatibility, see the <a href="#">Cisco 40-Gigabit Ethernet Transceiver Modules Compatibility Matrix</a>.</p>   |
| Cisco 40GBASE-SR4 QSFP module (4x10G breakout mode)        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported transceiver module product number—QSFP-40G-SR4</li> <li>• Compatible switch models—All models of the Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches</li> <li>• Compatible network modules—C9300-NM-2Q</li> </ul> <p>For information about the module, see <a href="#">Cisco 40GBASE QSFP Modules Data Sheet</a>. For information about device compatibility, see the <a href="#">Cisco 40-Gigabit Ethernet Transceiver Modules Compatibility Matrix</a>.</p>    |

## Software Features in Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a

| Feature Name                             | Description and License Level Information  |
|--|--|
| Audio Video Bridging (AVB): IEEE 802.1BA | <p>Refers to standard IEEE 802.1 BA - AVB. This feature defines a mechanism whereby endpoints and the network function as a whole, to enable high-quality streaming of professional audio and video (AV) over an Ethernet infrastructure. Instead of one-to-one, the network transport enables many-to-many seamless plug-n-play connections for multiple AV endpoints including talkers and listeners.</p> <p>AVB is composed of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generalized Precision Time Protocol (gPTP)—IEEE 802.1AS. Provides a mechanism to synchronize clocks of the bridges and endpoint devices in an AVB network.</li> <li>• Quality of Service (QoS)—IEEE 802.1Qav. Guarantees bandwidth and minimum bounded latency for the time-sensitive audio and video streams.</li> <li>• Multiple Stream Reservation Protocol (MSRP)—IEEE 802.1Q. Provides a mechanism for end stations to reserve network resources that will guarantee the transmission and reception of data streams across a network with the requested bandwidth.</li> <li>• Multiple VLAN Registration Protocol (MVRP)—Provides a mechanism for dynamic maintenance of the contents of Dynamic VLAN Registration Entries for each VLAN ID, and for propagating the information they contain to other Bridges.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> AVB is supported only on the first 16 downlink ports and all the uplink ports of the C9300-48UXM and C9300-48UXM switch models. For the complete list of SKUs that support AVB, refer to the <a href="#">configuration guide</a> of the required switch.</p> <p>(Network Advantage)</p> |
| AVC: NBAR2 attribute support for QoS     | <p>Wired Application Visibility and Control (Wired AVC) Attribute-based QoS (EasyQoS)—Support for defining QoS classes and policies based on Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) attributes instead of specific protocols, is available, with a few limitations. Only business-relevance and traffic-class are the supported NBAR attributes.</p> <p>(DNA Advantage)</p>  |

| Feature Name   | Description and License Level Information  |
|--|--|
| Boot Integrity Visibility  | <p>Allows Cisco's platform identity and software integrity information to be visible and actionable. Platform identity provides the platform's manufacturing installed identity, and software integrity exposes software integrity measurements that can be used to assess whether the platform booted trusted code.</p> <p>(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p>   |
| DHCPv6: Client Link-Layer Address Option (RFC 6939)              | <p>Defines an optional mechanism and the related DHCPv6 option for first-hop DHCPv6 relay agents (relay agents that are connected to the link as the client) to provide the client's link-layer address in the messages being sent towards the server.</p> <p>(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p>   |
| DHCPv6: Support for Option 52 and DNS Search List (DNSSL) Option | <p>Wireless access points use the The Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol version 6 (DHCPv6) option 52 (RFC 5417) to supply the IPv6 management interface addresses of the primary, secondary, and tertiary wireless controllers.</p> <p>The DNSSL option is a list of DNS suffix domain names used by hosts when they perform DNS query searches for short, unqualified domain names. The DNSSL option contains one or more domain names.</p> <p>(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p> |
| Support for validation of DHCP Option 125                        | <p>DHCP option 125 is used by DHCP clients and servers to identify vendor-specific information.</p> <p>Support for validation of DHCP option 125 is enabled if the switch is configured as a DHCP relay agent or if the DHCP snooping feature is enabled.</p> <p>Note that the switch drops those packets that do not conform to the hexadecimal format (HEX format) of option 125.</p>  |
| Hitless ACL Updates (IPv4 and IPv6)                              | <p>Provides the capability to apply existing features to incoming traffic without updating new features in the TCAM. The feature prevents TCAM reprogramming everytime there is a change in an IPv4 or IPv6 ACL on a given interface.</p> <p>(Network Advantage)</p>   |

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|---|--|
| IEEE 1588v2, Precision Time Protocol (PTP) support                      | <p>PTP is defined in IEEE 1588 as Precision Clock Synchronization for Distributed Networked Measurements and Control Systems, and was developed to allow devices to synchronize the clocks in packet-based networks that include distributed devices with device clocks of varying precision and stability. A PTP profile is the set of allowed PTP features applicable to a device. Only the default profile is supported and available in Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a.</p> <p>(Network Advantage)</p>                                |
| IGMP packet forwarding in IEEE 802.1Q Tunneling                         | <p>This enhancement enables Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) packet forwarding in IEEE 802.1Q tunnels.</p> <p>(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p>  |
| IP-aware Ingress Netflow on VRF Interfaces                              | <p>Enables the collection of virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) IDs for incoming packets on a device by applying an input flow monitor hardware flow record that collects the VRF ID as a key or a non-key field. IP-aware VRF ingress Netflow is supported only on the ingress traffic with IPv4, IPv6 and Multicast Virtual Private Network version 4 (MVPNv4) at a Customer Edge Router (CE) facing interface.</p> <p>(Network Advantage)</p>   |
| IPv6 support for IEEE 802.1Q Tunneling                                  | <p>Enables IPv6 support for the existing 802.1Q tunneling feature. 802.1Q tunneling, also known as Q-in-Q, enables service providers to use a single VLAN to support customers who have multiple VLANs, while preserving customer VLAN IDs and keeping traffic in different customer VLANs segregated. A port configured to support 802.1Q tunneling is a tunnel port. When you configure tunneling, you assign a tunnel port a unique VLAN ID that is dedicated to tunneling.</p> <p>(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p> |
| IPv6 support for Cisco TrustSec Security Group Tag (SGT) inline tagging | <p>Enables IPv6 support for Cisco TrustSec SGT inline tagging. The SGT is a single label (identity tag) indicating the privileges of the source within the network. It is propagated between network hops, and allows any intermediary devices (switches or routers) to enforce policies based on the identity tag. Cisco TrustSec capable devices can send and receive packets with an SGT embedded in the MAC layer (Layer 2).</p> <p>(Network Advantage)</p>  |

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|---|--|
| IPv6 support for SGACL Policy Enforcement                                     | <p>Enables IPv6 support for Cisco TrustSec Security Group Access List (SGACL) Policy Enforcement.</p> <p>An SGACL associates a Security Group Tag (SGT) with a policy. The policy is enforced upon SGT-tagged traffic egressing the Cisco domain.</p> <p>(Network Advantage)</p>   |
| Media Access Control Security (MACsec): MACsec host link encryption           | <p>Support for 128-bit AES MACsec (IEEE 802.1AE) encryption with Key Agreement (MKA) on downlink ports is enabled.</p> <p>128-bit—(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p>   |
| MACsec: Must-Secure Support for SW-SW MACsec (128-bit and 256-bit encryption) | <p>Support for the must-secure feature is enabled for MKA uplink. When must-secure, all the packets in data traffic are encrypted and unencrypted packets are dropped.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 128-bit—(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</li> <li>• 256-bit—(Network Advantage)</li> </ul>   |
| MACsec enhancements—MACsec Variable length CKN and Optional support for ICV   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MACsec Variable length CKN—Connectivity association key (CKN) is enhanced to support variable length key-string for encryption of MKA-PSK sessions. The range for CKN key length varies from 1 to 32 hex-digits.</li> <li>• Optional support for ICV—A switch configured with MACsec can support either MACsec or non-MACsec frames, depending on the peer associated with the MKA peer. MACsec frames are encrypted and protected with an integrity check value (ICV). Starting with this release, the ICV indicator in the MACsec Key Agreement Protocol Data Unit (MKPDU) is made optional.</li> </ul> <p>128-bit—(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p> |
| OCSP multiple response handling   | <p>Enables support to handle multiple Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) single responses on an OCSP client.</p> <p>(Network Advantage)</p>   |

| Feature Name    | Description and License Level Information  |
|-----------------|--|
| Programmability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gNMI Operations—Model-driven configuration and retrieval of operational data using the gNMI capabilities, GET and SET RESTCONF.</li> <li>• Guest Shell Logging and Tracing Support—Provides logging support for guest applications that run separately from the host system. The guest applications can report tracing data to the host file system. The tracing data is saved in an IOX tracelog and the logging data is saved in the IOS syslog on the host machine.</li> <li>• IPXE IPv6 support—iPXE IPv6 network boot is supported.</li> <li>• Model Based AAA—Implements the NETCONF Access Control Model (NACM). NACM is a form of role-based access control (RBAC) specified in RFC 6536.</li> <li>• NETCONF Global Session Lock and Kill Session—Provides a global lock and the ability to kill non-responsive sessions in NETCONF. During a session conflict or client misuse of the global lock, NETCONF sessions can be monitored via the <b>show netconf-yang sessions</b> command, and non-responsive sessions can be cleared via the clear configuration lock command.</li> <li>• NETCONF and RESTCONF Debug commands—Commands for debugging were added.</li> <li>• NETCONF and RESTCONF IPv6 Support—Data model interfaces (DMIs) support the use of IPv6 protocol. DMI IPv6 support helps client applications to communicate with services that use IPv6 addresses. External facing interfaces will provide dual-stack support for both IPv4 and IPv6.</li> <li>• RESTCONF—Provides an RFC 8040 compliant HTTP-based protocol that provides a programmatic interface for accessing data defined in YANG, using the datastore concepts defined in NETCONF.</li> <li>• YANG Data Models—For the list of Cisco IOS XE YANG models available with this release, navigate to <a href="https://github.com/YangModels/yang/tree/master/vendor/cisco/x">https://github.com/YangModels/yang/tree/master/vendor/cisco/x</a>. Revision statements embedded in the YANG files indicate if there has been a model revision. The <i>README.md</i> file in the same github location highlights changes that have been made in the release.</li> <li>• Operational Data Parser Polling—Starting with Cisco IOS XE 16.8.1a, the Operational Data Parser Polling feature is deprecated. Operational data models provide direct operational data model access, hence this feature is no longer required.</li> </ul> <p>(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p> |



| Feature Name  | Description and License Level Information   |
|---|---|
| Secure Storage of Encryption Keys and Passwords                           | <p>Secures critical configuration, keys, and passwords by encrypting them. An instance-unique encryption key is stored in the hardware trust anchor to prevent it from being compromised. This feature is enabled on all platforms that come with a hardware trust anchor, by default and is not supported on platforms that do not have a hardware trust anchor.</p> <p>(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p>   |
| Simplified Factory Reset  | <p>Removes all customer specific data that has been added to the device since the time of its shipping. Data erased includes configurations, logs, bootvariables, corefiles, and credentials.</p> <p>(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p>   |
| Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) Maximum Segment Size (MSS) Adjustment | <p>Enables configuration of the maximum segment size for transmissions that traverse the device during a TCP session.</p> <p>(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p>   |
| Virtual Ethernet Port Aggregator (VEPA)                                   | <p>Also referred to as reflective relay, the feature moves switching logic from the server, back to the physical network, and makes all virtual machines visible to the external network switch. This frees up server resources to support virtual machines. VEPA provides several benefits to Virtual Ethernet Bridge (VEB), which is a physical end station capability that supports bridging between multiple virtual end stations.</p> <p>(Network Essentials and Network Advantage)</p>  |
| VRF-Aware SGACL Logging   | <p>Enables logging of a Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF) name in Security Group Access Control List (SGACL) logs, making them VRF-aware.</p> <p>(DNA Advantage)</p>   |
| <b>New on the Web UI</b>  |   |
| These features are introduced on the Web UI in this release               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Python Sandbox—A new sandbox is introduced that to allow Python APIs available to execute IOS commands (both Configuration and NETCONF requests). You can try sample Python scripts to see how the device responds to them and get a better understanding of how they work on the device. You can safely run your Python scripts in the sandbox and push them to the network device.</li> <li>• Expose the password life time details from AAA to Web UI. This provides a mechanism for defining rules, constraints and restrictions on password lifetimes.</li> </ul> |

## Important Notes

### Unsupported Features

- Bluetooth
- Cisco Plug-in for OpenFlow 1.3
- Cisco TrustSec Network Device Admission Control (NDAC) on Uplinks
- Converged Access for Branch Deployments
- Gateway Load Balancing Protocol (GLBP)
- IPsec VPN
- IPsec with FIPS
- Network-Powered Lighting (including COAP Proxy Server, 2-event Classification, Perpetual POE, Fast PoE)
- Performance Monitoring (PerfMon)
- Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF)-Aware web authentication

### Complete List of Supported Features

For the complete list of features supported on a platform, see the Cisco Feature Navigator at <https://www.cisco.com/go/cfn>.

### Accessing Hidden Commands

Starting with Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a, as an improved security measure, the way in which hidden commands can be accessed has changed.

Hidden commands have always been present in Cisco IOS XE, but were not equipped with CLI help. This means that entering a question mark (?) at the system prompt did not display the list of available commands. For information about CLI help, see *Understanding the Help System*. Such hidden commands are only meant to assist Cisco TAC in advanced troubleshooting and are therefore not documented.

Starting with Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a, hidden commands are available under:

- Category 1—Hidden commands in privileged or User EXEC mode. Begin by entering the **service internal** command to access these commands.
- Category 2—Hidden commands in one of the configuration modes (global, interface and so on). These commands do not require the **service internal** command.

Further, the following applies to hidden commands under Category 1 and 2:

- The commands have CLI help. Entering a question mark (?) at the system prompt displays the list of available commands.

Note: For Category 1, enter the **service internal** command before you enter the question mark; you do not have to do this for Category 2.

- The system generates a %PARSER-5-HIDDEN syslog message when the command is used. For example:

```
*Feb 14 10:44:37.917: %PARSER-5-HIDDEN: Warning!!! 'show processes memory old-header '
is a hidden command.
Use of this command is not recommended/supported and will be removed in future.
```

Apart from category 1 and 2, there remain internal commands displayed on the CLI, for which the system does NOT generate the %PARSER-5-HIDDEN syslog message.



**Important** We recommend that you use any hidden command only under TAC supervision.

If you find that you are using a hidden command, open a TAC case for help with finding another way of collecting the same information as the hidden command (for a hidden EXEC mode command), or to configure the same functionality (for a hidden configuration mode command) using non-hidden commands.

## Supported Hardware

### Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches—Model Numbers

The following table lists the supported hardware models and the default license levels they are delivered with. For information about the available license levels, see section *License Levels* .

**Table 1: Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches**

| Switch Model | Default License Level <sup>1</sup> | Description   |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---|
| C9300-24P-A  | Network Advantage                  | Stackable 24 10/100/1000 PoE+ ports; PoE budget of 437W; 715 WAC power supply; supports StackWise-480 and StackPower  |
| C9300-24P-E  | Network Essentials                 |   |
| C9300-24T-A  | Network Advantage                  | Stackable 24 10/100/1000 Ethernet ports; 350 WAC power supply; supports StackWise-480 and StackPower  |
| C9300-24T-E  | Network Essentials                 |   |
| C9300-24U-A  | Network Advantage                  | Stackable 24 10/100/1000 UPoE ports; PoE budget of 830W; 1100 WAC power supply; supports StackWise-480 and StackPower   |
| C9300-24U-E  | Network Essentials                 |   |
| C9300-24UX-A | Network Advantage                  | Stackable 24 Multigigabit Ethernet 100/1000/2500/5000/10000 UPoE ports; PoE budget of 490 W with 1100 WAC power supply; supports StackWise-480 and StackPower |
| C9300-24UX-E | Network Essentials                 |   |

| Switch Model  | Default License Level <sup>1</sup> | Description   |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---|
| C9300-48T-A   | Network Advantage                  | Stackable 48 10/100/1000 Ethernet ports; 350 WAC power supply; supports StackWise-480 and StackPower  |
| C9300-48T-E   | Network Essentials                 |   |
| C9300-48P-A   | Network Advantage                  | Stackable 48 10/100/1000 PoE+ ports; PoE budget of 437W; 715 WAC power supply; supports StackWise-480 and StackPower  |
| C9300-48P-E   | Network Essentials                 |   |
| C9300-48T-A   | Network Advantage                  | Stackable 48 10/100/1000 Ethernet ports; 350 WAC power supply; supports StackWise-480 and StackPower  |
| C9300-48T-E   | Network Essentials                 |   |
| C9300-48U-A   | Network Advantage                  | Stackable 48 10/100/1000 UPoE ports; PoE budget of 822 W; 1100 WAC power supply; supports StackWise-480 and StackPower  |
| C9300-48U-E   | Network Essentials                 |   |
| C9300-48UN-A  | Network Advantage                  | Stackable 48 Multigigabit Ethernet (100 Mbps or 1/2.5/5 Gbps) UPoE ports; PoE budget of 610 W with 1100 WAC power supply; supports StackWise-480 and StackPower |
| C9300-48UN-E  | Network Essentials                 |   |
| C9300-48UXM-A | Network Advantage                  | Stackable 48 (36 2.5G Multigigabit Ethernet and 12 10G Multigigabit Ethernet Universal Power Over Ethernet (UPOE) ports)  |
| C9300-48UXM-E | Network Essentials                 |   |

<sup>1</sup> See section *Licensing* → *Table: Permitted Combinations*, in this document for information about the add-on licenses that you can order.

**Table 2: Cisco Catalyst 9300L Series Switches**

<sup>2</sup> See section *Licensing* → *Table: Permitted Combinations*, in this document for information about the add-on licenses that you can order.

## Network Modules

The following table lists the optional uplink network modules with 1-Gigabit, 10-Gigabit, 25-Gigabit, and 40-Gigabit slots. You should only operate the switch with either a network module or a blank module installed.

| Network Module           | Description                                 |
|--------------------------|---|
| C9300-NM-4G <sup>1</sup> | Four 1 Gigabit Ethernet SFP module slots    |
| C9300-NM-4M <sup>1</sup> | Four MultiGigabit Ethernet slots            |
| C9300-NM-8X <sup>1</sup> | Eight 10 Gigabit Ethernet SFP+ module slots |
| C9300-NM-2Q <sup>1</sup> | Two 40 Gigabit Ethernet QSFP+ module slots  |
| C9300-NM-2Y <sup>1</sup> | Two 25 Gigabit Ethernet SFP28 module slots  |
| C3850-NM-4-1G            | Four 1 Gigabit Ethernet SFP module slots    |
| C3850-NM-2-10G           | Two 10 Gigabit Ethernet SFP module slots    |
| C3850-NM-4-10G           | Four 10 Gigabit Ethernet SFP module slots   |
| C3850-NM-8-10G           | Eight 10 Gigabit Ethernet SFP module slots  |
| C3850-NM-2-40G           | Two 40 Gigabit Ethernet SFP module slots    |



**Note** 1. These network modules are supported only on the C9300 SKUs of the Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches.

## Optics Modules

Cisco Catalyst Series Switches support a wide range of optics and the list of supported optics is updated on a regular basis. Use the [Transceiver Module Group \(TMG\) Compatibility Matrix](#) tool, or consult the tables at this URL for the latest transceiver module compatibility information: [https://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/modules/ps5455/products\\_device\\_support\\_tables\\_list.html](https://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/modules/ps5455/products_device_support_tables_list.html)

## Compatibility Matrix

The following table provides software compatibility information.

| Catalyst 9300 | Cisco Identity Services Engine | Cisco Access Control Server | Cisco Prime Infrastructure   |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Fuji 16.9.3   | 2.3 Patch 1<br>2.4 Patch 1     | 5.4<br>5.5                  | PI 3.4 + PI 3.4 latest maintenance release<br>+ PI 3.4 latest device pack<br><br>See <a href="#">Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.4</a> →<br><b>Downloads.</b> |
| Fuji 16.9.2   | 2.3 Patch 1<br>2.4 Patch 1     | 5.4<br>5.5                  | PI 3.4 + PI 3.4 latest maintenance release<br>+ PI 3.4 latest device pack<br><br>See <a href="#">Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.4</a> →<br><b>Downloads.</b> |

| Catalyst 9300   | Cisco Identity Services Engine | Cisco Access Control Server | Cisco Prime Infrastructure   |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Fuji 16.9.1     | 2.3 Patch 1<br>2.4 Patch 1     | 5.4<br>5.5                  | PI 3.4 + PI 3.4 latest device pack<br>See <a href="#">Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.4</a> →<br><b>Downloads.</b>  |
| Fuji 16.8.1a    | 2.3 Patch 1<br>2.4             | 5.4<br>5.5                  | PI 3.3 + PI 3.3 latest maintenance release<br>+ PI 3.3 latest device pack<br>See <a href="#">Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.3</a> →<br><b>Downloads.</b> |
| Everest 16.6.4a | 2.2<br>2.3                     | 5.4<br>5.5                  | PI 3.1.6 + Device Pack 13<br>See <a href="#">Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.1</a> →<br><b>Downloads.</b>   |
| Everest 16.6.4  | 2.2<br>2.3                     | 5.4<br>5.5                  | PI 3.1.6 + Device Pack 13<br>See <a href="#">Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.1</a> →<br><b>Downloads.</b>   |
| Everest 16.6.3  | 2.2<br>2.3                     | 5.4<br>5.5                  | PI 3.1.6 + Device Pack 13<br>See <a href="#">Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.1</a> →<br><b>Downloads</b>  |
| Everest 16.6.2  | 2.2<br>2.3                     | 5.4<br>5.5                  | PI 3.1.6 + Device Pack 13<br>See <a href="#">Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.1</a> →<br><b>Downloads</b>  |
| Everest 16.6.1  | 2.2                            | 5.4<br>5.5                  | PI 3.1.6 + Device Pack 13<br>See <a href="#">Cisco Prime Infrastructure 3.1</a> →<br><b>Downloads</b>  |
| Everest 16.5.1a | 2.1 Patch 3                    | 5.4<br>5.5                  | -  |

## Web UI System Requirements

The following subsections list the hardware and software required to access the Web UI:

### Minimum Hardware Requirements

| Processor Speed                 | DRAM                | Number of Colors | Resolution | Font Size |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|
| 233 MHz<br>minimum <sup>3</sup> | 512 MB <sup>4</sup> | 256              | 1024 x 768 | Small     |

<sup>3</sup> We recommend 1 GHz

<sup>4</sup> We recommend 1 GB DRAM

### Software Requirements

#### Operating Systems

- Windows 10 or later
- Mac OS X 10.11 or later

#### Browsers

- Google Chrome—Version 38 or later (On Windows and Mac)
- Microsoft Edge
- Mozilla Firefox—Version 42 or later (On Windows and Mac)
- Safari—Version 9 or later (On Mac)

## Upgrading the Switch Software

This section covers the various aspects of upgrading or downgrading the device software.




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**Note** You cannot use the Web UI to install, upgrade, or downgrade device software.

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### Finding the Software Version

The package files for the Cisco IOS XE software are stored on the system board flash device (flash:).

You can use the **show version** privileged EXEC command to see the software version that is running on your switch.




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**Note** Although the **show version** output always shows the software image running on the switch, the model name shown at the end of this display is the factory configuration and does not change if you upgrade the software license.

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You can also use the **dir filesystem:** privileged EXEC command to see the directory names of other software images that you might have stored in flash memory.

### Software Images

| Release                   | Image Type                              | File Name                 |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a | CAT9K_IOSXE                             | cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA |
|                           | Licensed Data Payload Encryption (LDPE) | cat9k_iosxeldpe.16.08.01a |

## Automatic Boot Loader Upgrade

When you upgrade from the existing release on your switch to a later or newer release for the first time, the boot loader may be automatically upgraded, based on the hardware version of the switch. If the boot loader is automatically upgraded, it will take effect on the next reload. If you go back to the older release after this, the boot loader is not downgraded. The updated boot loader supports all previous releases.

For subsequent Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.x.x, or Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.x.x releases, if there is a new bootloader in that release, it may be automatically upgraded based on the hardware version of the switch when you boot up your switch with the new image for the first time.



**Caution** Do not power cycle your switch during the upgrade.

| Scenario   | Automatic Boot Loader Response   |
|--|--|
| If you boot Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a first time | <p>The boot loader may be upgraded to version 16.8.1r. For example:</p> <pre>ROM: IOS-XE ROMMON BOOTLDR: System Bootstrap, Version 16.8.1r [FC4], RELEASE S</pre> <p>If the automatic boot loader upgrade occurs, while booting Cisco IOS X</p> <pre>%IOSXEBOOT-4-BOOTLOADER_UPGRADE: (rp/0): ### Tue Mar 13 17:5 %IOSXEBOOT-4-BOOTLOADER_UPGRADE: (rp/0): boot loader upgrade</pre> |

## Automatic Microcode Upgrade

During a Cisco IOS image upgrade or downgrade on a PoE or UPoE switch, the microcode is updated to reflect applicable feature enhancements and bug fixes. Do not restart the switch during the upgrade or downgrade process.

It takes approximately an additional 4 minutes to complete the microcode upgrade in addition to the normal reload time; however, data traffic continues to be forwarded during the upgrade. The microcode update occurs only during an image upgrade or downgrade on PoE or UPoE switches. It does not occur during switch reloads or on non-PoE switches.

The following console messages are displayed during microcode upgrade.

```
MM [1] MCU version 111 sw ver 105
MM [2] MCU version 111 sw ver 105

Front-end Microcode IMG MGR: found 4 microcode images for 1 device.
Image for front-end 0: /tmp/microcode_update/front_end/fe_type_6_0 mismatch: 0
Image for front-end 0: /tmp/microcode_update/front_end/fe_type_6_1 mismatch: 1
Image for front-end 0: /tmp/microcode_update/front_end/fe_type_6_2 mismatch: 1
Image for front-end 0: /tmp/microcode_update/front_end/fe_type_6_3 mismatch: 0

Front-end Microcode IMG MGR: Preparing to program device microcode...
Front-end Microcode IMG MGR: Preparing to program device[0], index=0 ...594412 bytes....
Skipped[0].
Front-end Microcode IMG MGR: Preparing to program device[0], index=1 ...393734 bytes.
Front-end Microcode IMG MGR: Programming device 0...rwRrrrrrrw..
0%.....
10%.....
20%.....
```



```

30%.....
40%.....
50%.....
60%.....
70%.....
80%.....
90%.....100%
Front-end Microcode IMG MGR: Preparing to program device[0], index=2 ...25186 bytes.
Front-end Microcode IMG MGR: Programming device
0...rrrrrrw..0%...10%...20%...30%...40%...50%...60%...70%...80%...90%...100%wRr!
Front-end Microcode IMG MGR: Microcode programming complete for device 0.
Front-end Microcode IMG MGR: Preparing to program device[0], index=3 ...86370 bytes....
Skipped[3].
Front-end Microcode IMG MGR: Microcode programming complete in 290 seconds

```

## Software Installation Commands

### Summary of Software Installation Commands

#### Supported starting from Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.2 and later releases

To install and activate the specified file, and to commit changes to be persistent across reloads:

```
install add file filename [activate commit]
```

To separately install, activate, commit, cancel, or remove the installation file: **install ?**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>add file tftp:</b> <i>filename</i>       | Copies the install file package from a remote location to the device and performs a compatibility check for the platform and image versions. |
| <b>activate</b> [ <b>auto-abort-timer</b> ] | Activates the file, and reloads the device. The <b>auto-abort-timer</b> keyword automatically rolls back image activation.                   |
| <b>commit</b>                               | Makes changes persistent over reloads.   |
| <b>rollback to committed</b>                | Rolls back the update to the last committed version.   |
| <b>abort</b>                                | Cancels file activation, and rolls back to the version that was running before the current installation procedure started.                   |
| <b>remove</b>                               | Deletes all unused and inactive software installation files.   |



**Note** The **request platform software** commands are deprecated starting from Cisco IOS XE Gibraltar 16.10.1. The commands are visible on the CLI in this release and you can configure them, but we recommend that you use the **install** commands to upgrade or downgrade.

### Summary of request platform software Commands

```
Device# request platform software package ?
```

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>clean</b>    | Cleans unnecessary package files from media |
| <b>copy</b>     | Copies package to media                     |
| <b>describe</b> | Describes package content                   |

| Summary of request platform software Commands |  |
|---|--|
| <b>expand</b>                                 | Expands all-in-one package to media  |
| <b>install</b>                                | Installs the package   |
| <b>uninstall</b>                              | Uninstalls the package   |
| <b>verify</b>                                 | Verifies In Service Software Upgrade (ISSU) software package compatibility |

## Upgrading in Install Mode

Follow these instructions to upgrade from one release to another, in install mode.

### Before you begin

Note that you can use this procedure for the following upgrade scenarios:

| When upgrading from ...                                     | Use these commands...   | To upgrade to...          |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.5.1a or Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1 | Only <b>request platform software</b> commands                              | Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a |
| Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.2 or Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.3  | Either <b>install</b> commands or <b>request platform software</b> commands |                           |

The sample output shows upgrade from

- Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.5.1a to Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a using **request platform software** commands.
- Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.3 to Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a using **install** commands.

## Procedure

### Step 1 Clean Up

Ensure that you have at least 1GB of space in flash to expand a new image. Clean up old installation files in case of insufficient space.

- **request platform software package clean**
- **install remove inactive**

The following sample output displays the cleaning up of unused files, by using the **request platform software package clean** command for upgrade scenario Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.5.1a to Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a. Use the **switch all** option to clean up all the switches in your stack

**Note** Ignore the hexdump: messages in the CLI when you enter the command; they have no functional impact and will be removed in a later release. You will see this only on member switches and not on the active or standby. In the sample output below, hexdump messages are seen on switch 3, which is a member switch.

```
Switch# request platform software package clean switch all
Running command on switch 1
```

```
Cleaning up unnecessary package files
No path specified, will use booted path flash:packages.conf
Cleaning flash:
Scanning boot directory for packages ... done.
Preparing packages list to delete ...
cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-espbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-guestshell.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-rpbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-rpboot.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-sipbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-sipspa.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-webui.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-wlc.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
packages.conf
File is in use, will not delete.
done.
done.
```

```
Running command on switch 2
Cleaning up unnecessary package files
No path specified, will use booted path flash:packages.conf
Cleaning flash:
Scanning boot directory for packages ... done.
Preparing packages list to delete ...
cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-espbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-guestshell.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-rpbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-rpboot.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-sipbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-sipspa.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-webui.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-wlc.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
packages.conf
File is in use, will not delete.
done.
```

```
Running command on switch 3
Cleaning up unnecessary package files
No path specified, will use booted path flash:packages.conf
Cleaning flash:
```

```

Scanning boot directory for packages ... done.
Preparing packages list to delete ...
hexdump: NVRAM: No such file or directory
hexdump: all input file arguments failed
head: cannot open 'NVRAM' for reading: No such file or directory
NVRAM: No such file or directory
hexdump: NVRAM: No such file or directory
hexdump: stdin: Bad file descriptor
tail: cannot open 'NVRAM' for reading: No such file or directory
hexdump: NVRAM: No such file or directory
hexdump: all input file arguments failed
cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-espbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-guestshell.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-rpbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-rpboot.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-sipbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-sipspa.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-webui.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
cat9k-wlc.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
File is in use, will not delete.
packages.conf
File is in use, will not delete.
done.

```

The following files will be deleted:

```

[1]:
/flash/cat9k-cc_srdriver.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-espbase.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-guestshell.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpbase.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpboot.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipbase.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipspa.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-srdriver.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-webui.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k_iosxe.16.05.01a.SPA.conf
/flash/packages.conf.00-
[2]:
/flash/cat9k-cc_srdriver.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-espbase.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-guestshell.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpbase.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpboot.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipbase.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipspa.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-srdriver.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-webui.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k_iosxe.16.05.01a.SPA.conf
/flash/packages.conf.00-
[3]:
/flash/cat9k-cc_srdriver.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-espbase.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-guestshell.SPA.pkg

```

```

/flash/cat9k-rpbase.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpboot.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipbase.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipspa.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-srdriver.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-webui.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k_iosxe.16.05.01a.SPA.conf
/flash/packages.conf.00-

Do you want to proceed? [y/n]y
[1]:
Deleting file flash:cat9k-cc_srdriver.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-espbase.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-guestshell.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-rpbase.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-rpboot.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-sipbase.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-sipspa.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-srdriver.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-webui.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.05.01a.SPA.conf ... done.
Deleting file flash:packages.conf.00- ... done.
SUCCESS: Files deleted.
[2]:
Deleting file flash:cat9k-cc_srdriver.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-espbase.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-guestshell.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-rpbase.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-rpboot.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-sipbase.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-sipspa.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-srdriver.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-webui.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.05.01a.SPA.conf ... done.
Deleting file flash:packages.conf.00- ... done.
SUCCESS: Files deleted.
[3]:
Deleting file flash:cat9k-cc_srdriver.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-espbase.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-guestshell.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-rpbase.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-rpboot.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-sipbase.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-sipspa.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-srdriver.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-webui.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.05.01a.SPA.conf ... done.
Deleting file flash:packages.conf.00- ... done.
SUCCESS: Files deleted

```

The following sample output displays the cleaning up of unused files, by using the **install remove inactive** command, for upgrade scenario Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.3 to Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a:

```

Switch# install remove inactive
install_remove: START Mon Oct 30 19:51:48 UTC 2017
Cleaning up unnecessary package files
Scanning boot directory for packages ... done.
Preparing packages list to delete ...
done.

```

```

The following files will be deleted:
[switch 1]:
/flash/cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-espbase.16.06.03.SPA.pkg

```

```

/flash/cat9k-guestshell.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpbase.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpboot.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipbase.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipspsa.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-srdriver.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-webui.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-wlc.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
/flash/packages.conf

Do you want to remove the above files? [y/n]y
[switch 1]:
Deleting file flash:cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.06.03.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-espbase.16.06.03.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-guestshell.16.06.03.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-rpbase.16.06.03.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-rpboot.16.06.03.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-sipbase.16.06.03.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-sipspsa.16.06.03.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-srdriver.16.06.03.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-webui.16.06.03.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-wlc.16.06.03.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:packages.conf ... done.
SUCCESS: Files deleted.
--- Starting Post_Remove_Cleanup ---
Performing Post_Remove_Cleanup on all members
[1] Post_Remove_Cleanup package(s) on switch 1
[1] Finished Post_Remove_Cleanup on switch 1
Checking status of Post_Remove_Cleanup on [1]
Post_Remove_Cleanup: Passed on [1]
Finished Post_Remove_Cleanup

SUCCESS: install_remove Mon Oct 30 19:52:25 UTC 2017
Switch#

```

## Step 2 Copy new image to flash

### a) copy tftp: flash:

Use this command to copy the new image to flash: (or skip this step if you want to use the new image from your TFTP server)

```

Switch# copy tftp://10.8.0.6//cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bin flash:
Destination filename [cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bin]?
Accessing tftp://10.8.0.6//cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bin...
Loading /cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bin from 10.8.0.6 (via GigabitEthernet0/0):
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
[OK - 601216545 bytes]

601216545 bytes copied in 50.649 secs (11870255 bytes/sec)

```

### b) dir flash

Use this command to confirm that the image has been successfully copied to flash.

```

Switch# dir flash:*.bin
Directory of flash:/*.bin

Directory of flash:/

434184 -rw- 601216545 Mar 16 2018 10:18:11 -07:00 cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bin

```

```
11353194496 bytes total (8976625664 bytes free)
```

### Step 3 Set boot variable

#### a) **boot system flash:packages.conf**

Use this command to set the boot variable to **flash:packages.conf**.

```
Switch(config)# boot system flash:packages.conf
Switch(config)# exit
```

#### b) **write memory**

Use this command to save boot settings.

```
Switch# write memory
```

#### c) **show boot system**

Use this command to verify the boot variable is set to **flash:packages.conf**.

The output should display **BOOT variable = flash:packages.conf**.

```
Switch# show boot system
```

### Step 4 Software install image to flash

- **request platform software package install**
- **install add file activate commit**

You can point to the source image on your TFTP server or in flash if you have it copied to flash. We recommend copying the image to a TFTP server or the flash drive of the active switch. If you point to an image on the flash or USB drive of a member switch (instead of the active), you must specify the exact flash or USB drive - otherwise installation fails. For example, if the image is on the flash drive of member switch 3 (flash-3):

```
Switch# request platform software package install switch all file
flash-3:cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bin auto-copy.
```

The following sample output displays installation of the Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a software image to flash, by using the **request platform software package install** command, for upgrade scenario Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.5.1a to Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a.

```
Switch# request platform software package install switch all file
flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bin auto-copy

--- Starting install local lock acquisition on switch 1 ---
Finished install local lock acquisition on switch 1

Expanding image file: flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bin
[1]: Copying flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bin from switch 1 to switch 2 3
[2 3]: Finished copying to switch 2 3
[1 2 3]: Expanding file
[1 2 3]: Finished expanding all-in-one software package in switch 1 2 3
SUCCESS: Finished expanding all-in-one software package.
[1 2 3]: Performing install
SUCCESS: install finished
[1]: install package(s) on switch 1
--- Starting list of software package changes ---
Old files list:
Removed cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-espbases.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-guestshell.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-rpbases.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-rpboot.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
```

```

Removed cat9k-sipbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-sipspa.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-webui.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-wlc.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
New files list:
Added cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-espbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-guestshell.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-rpbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-rpboot.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-sipbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-sipspa.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-webui.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-wlc.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Finished list of software package changes
SUCCESS: Software provisioned. New software will load on reboot.
[1]: Finished install successful on switch 1
[2]: install package(s) on switch 2
--- Starting list of software package changes ---
Old files list:
Removed cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-espbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-guestshell.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-rpbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-rpboot.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-sipbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-sipspa.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-webui.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-wlc.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
New files list:
Added cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-espbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-guestshell.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-rpbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-rpboot.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-sipbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-sipspa.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-webui.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-wlc.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Finished list of software package changes
SUCCESS: Software provisioned. New software will load on reboot.
[2]: Finished install successful on switch 2
[3]: install package(s) on switch 3
--- Starting list of software package changes ---
Old files list:
Removed cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-espbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-guestshell.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-rpbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-rpboot.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-sipbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-sipspa.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-webui.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
Removed cat9k-wlc.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
New files list:
Added cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-espbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-guestshell.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-rpbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg

```



```

Added cat9k-rpboot.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-sipbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-sipspa.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-webui.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Added cat9k-wlc.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
Finished list of software package changes
SUCCESS: Software provisioned. New software will load on reboot.
[3]: Finished install successful on switch 3
Checking status of install on [1 2 3]
[1 2 3]: Finished install in switch 1 2 3
SUCCESS: Finished install: Success on [1 2 3]

```

**Note** Old files listed in the logs are not removed from flash.

The following sample output displays installation of the Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a software image to flash, by using the **install add file activate commit** command, for upgrade scenario Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.3 to Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a:

```

Switch# install add file flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bin activate commit

install_add_activate_commit: START Fri Mar 16 19:54:51 UTC 2018

System configuration has been modified.
Press Yes(y) to save the configuration and proceed.
Press No(n) for proceeding without saving the configuration.
Press Quit(q) to exit, you may save configuration and re-enter the command. [y/n/q]
Building configuration...

[OK]Modified configuration has been saved

*Mar 16 19:54:55.633: %IOSXE-5-PLATFORM: Switch 1 R0/0: Mar 16 19:54:55 install_engine.sh:

%INSTALL-5-INSTALL_START_INFO: Started install one-shot
flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bininstall_add_activate_commit: Adding PACKAGE

This operation requires a reload of the system. Do you want to proceed?
Please confirm you have changed boot config to flash:packages.conf [y/n]y

--- Starting initial file syncing ---
Info: Finished copying flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.bin to the selected switch(es)
Finished initial file syncing

--- Starting Add ---
Performing Add on all members
[1] Add package(s) on switch 1
[1] Finished Add on switch 1
Checking status of Add on [1]
Add: Passed on [1]
Finished Add

install_add_activate_commit: Activating PACKAGE
Following packages shall be activated:
/flash/cat9k-wlc.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-webui.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipspa.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpboot.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-guestshell.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-esppbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg

```

```

This operation requires a reload of the system. Do you want to proceed? [y/n]y
--- Starting Activate ---
Performing Activate on all members
[1] Activate package(s) on switch 1
[1] Finished Activate on switch 1
Checking status of Activate on [1]
Activate: Passed on [1]
Finished Activate

--- Starting Commit ---
Performing Commit on all members

*Mar 16 19:57:41.145: %IOSXE-5-PLATFORM: Switch 1 R0/0: Mar 16 19:57:41 rollback_timer.sh:

%INSTALL-5-INSTALL_AUTO_ABORT_TIMER_PROGRESS: Install auto abort timer will expire in 7200
seconds [1] Commit package(s) on switch 1
[1] Finished Commit on switch 1
Checking status of Commit on [1]
Commit: Passed on [1]
Finished Commit

Install will reload the system now!
SUCCESS: install_add_activate_commit Mon Oct 30 19:57:48 UTC 2017
Switch#

```

**Note** The system reloads automatically after executing the **install add file activate commit** command. You do not have to manually reload the system.

## Step 5 **dir flash:**

After the software has been successfully installed, use this command to verify that the flash partition has ten new .pkg files and three .conf files.

The following is sample output of the **dir flash:** command for upgrade scenario Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.5.1a to Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a:

```

Switch# dir flash:*.pkg

Directory of flash:/*.pkg
Directory of flash:/
475140 -rw- 2012104 Jul 26 2017 09:52:41 -07:00 cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
475141 -rw- 70333380 Jul 26 2017 09:52:44 -07:00 cat9k-espbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
475142 -rw- 13256 Jul 26 2017 09:52:44 -07:00 cat9k-guestshell.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
475143 -rw- 349635524 Jul 26 2017 09:52:54 -07:00 cat9k-rpbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
475149 -rw- 24248187 Jul 26 2017 09:53:02 -07:00 cat9k-rpboot.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
475144 -rw- 25285572 Jul 26 2017 09:52:55 -07:00 cat9k-sipbase.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
475145 -rw- 20947908 Jul 26 2017 09:52:55 -07:00 cat9k-sipspace.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
475146 -rw- 2962372 Jul 26 2017 09:52:56 -07:00 cat9k-srdriver.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
475147 -rw- 13284288 Jul 26 2017 09:52:56 -07:00 cat9k-webui.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg
475148 -rw- 13248 Jul 26 2017 09:52:56 -07:00 cat9k-wlc.16.05.01a.SPA.pkg

491524 -rw- 25711568 Mar 16 2018 11:49:33 -07:00 cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491525 -rw- 78484428 Mar 16 2018 11:49:35 -07:00 cat9k-espbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491526 -rw- 1598412 Mar 16 2018 11:49:35 -07:00 cat9k-guestshell.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491527 -rw- 404153288 Mar 16 2018 11:49:47 -07:00 cat9k-rpbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491533 -rw- 31657374 Mar 16 2018 11:50:09 -07:00 cat9k-rpboot.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491528 -rw- 27681740 Mar 16 2018 11:49:48 -07:00 cat9k-sipbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491529 -rw- 52224968 Mar 16 2018 11:49:49 -07:00 cat9k-sipspace.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491530 -rw- 31130572 Mar 16 2018 11:49:50 -07:00 cat9k-srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491531 -rw- 14783432 Mar 16 2018 11:49:51 -07:00 cat9k-webui.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491532 -rw- 9160 Mar 16 2018 11:49:51 -07:00 cat9k-wlc.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg

```

```
11353194496 bytes total (8963174400 bytes free)
```

The following is sample output of the **dir flash:** command for the Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.3 to Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a upgrade scenario:

```
Switch# dir flash:
```

```
Directory of flash:/
```

```
475140 -rw- 2012104 Jul 26 2017 09:52:41 -07:00 cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
475141 -rw- 70333380 Jul 26 2017 09:52:44 -07:00 cat9k-espbase.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
475142 -rw- 13256 Jul 26 2017 09:52:44 -07:00 cat9k-guestshell.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
475143 -rw- 349635524 Jul 26 2017 09:52:54 -07:00 cat9k-rpbase.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
475149 -rw- 24248187 Jul 26 2017 09:53:02 -07:00 cat9k-rpboot.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
475144 -rw- 25285572 Jul 26 2017 09:52:55 -07:00 cat9k-sipbase.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
475145 -rw- 20947908 Jul 26 2017 09:52:55 -07:00 cat9k-sipspa.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
475146 -rw- 2962372 Jul 26 2017 09:52:56 -07:00 cat9k-srdriver.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
475147 -rw- 13284288 Jul 26 2017 09:52:56 -07:00 cat9k-webui.16.06.03.SPA.pkg
475148 -rw- 13248 Jul 26 2017 09:52:56 -07:00 cat9k-wlc.16.06.03.SPA.pkg

491524 -rw- 25711568 Mar 16 2018 11:49:33 -07:00 cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491525 -rw- 78484428 Mar 16 2018 11:49:35 -07:00 cat9k-espbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491526 -rw- 1598412 Mar 16 2018 11:49:35 -07:00 cat9k-guestshell.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491527 -rw- 404153288 Mar 16 2018 11:49:47 -07:00 cat9k-rpbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491533 -rw- 31657374 Mar 16 2018 11:50:09 -07:00 cat9k-rpboot.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491528 -rw- 27681740 Mar 16 2018 11:49:48 -07:00 cat9k-sipbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491529 -rw- 52224968 Mar 16 2018 11:49:49 -07:00 cat9k-sipspa.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491530 -rw- 31130572 Mar 16 2018 11:49:50 -07:00 cat9k-srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491531 -rw- 14783432 Mar 16 2018 11:49:51 -07:00 cat9k-webui.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
491532 -rw- 9160 Mar 16 2018 11:49:51 -07:00 cat9k-wlc.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
```

```
11353194496 bytes total (9544245248 bytes free)
```

```
Switch#
```

The following sample output displays the .conf files in the flash partition; note the three .conf files:

- packages.conf—the file that has been re-written with the newly installed .pkg files
- packages.conf.00—backup file of the previously installed image
- cat9k\_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.conf— a copy of packages.conf and not used by the system.

```
Switch# dir flash:*.conf
```

```
Directory of flash:/*.conf
```

```
Directory of flash:/
```

```
434197 -rw- 7406 Mar 16 2018 10:59:16 -07:00 packages.conf
434196 -rw- 7504 Mar 16 2018 10:59:16 -07:00 packages.conf.00-
516098 -rw- 7406 Mar 16 2018 10:58:08 -07:00 cat9k_iosxe.16.08.01a.SPA.conf
11353194496 bytes total (8963174400 bytes free)
```

## Step 6 Reload

### a) reload

Use this command to reload the switch.

```
Switch# reload
```

### b) boot flash:

If your switches are configured with auto boot, then the stack will automatically boot up with the new image. If not, you can manually boot flash:packages.conf

```
Switch: boot flash:packages.conf
```

### c) show version

After the image boots up, use this command to verify the version of the new image.

**Note** When you boot the new image, the boot loader is automatically updated, but the new boot loader version is not displayed in the output until the next reload.

The following sample output of the **show version** command displays the Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a image on the device:

```
Switch# show version
Cisco IOS XE Software, Version 16.08.01a
Cisco IOS Software [Fuji], Catalyst L3 Switch Software (CAT9K_IOSXE), Version 16.8.1a,
RELEASE SOFTWARE (fcl)
Technical Support: http://www.cisco.com/techsupport
Copyright (c) 1986-2018 by Cisco Systems, Inc.
Compiled Tue 03-Apr-18 18:49 by mcpre
<output truncated>
```

## Downgrading in Install Mode

Follow these instructions to downgrade from one release to another, in install mode. To perform a software image downgrade, you must be booted into IOS via “ boot flash:packages.conf .”

### Before you begin

Note that you can use this procedure for the following downgrade scenarios:

| When downgrading from ... | Use these commands...   | To downgrade to...   |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a | Either <b>install</b> commands or <b>request platform software</b> commands | Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.5.1a or any Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.x.x release. |

The sample output in this section shows downgrade from Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a to Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1, by using the **install** commands.



### Important

New switch models that are introduced in this release cannot be downgraded, so if you add a new switch to an existing stack, we recommend upgrading all existing switches to Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a. For the list of models introduced in this release, see [Hardware Features in Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a, on page 2](#).

### Procedure

#### Step 1 Clean Up

Ensure that you have at least 1GB of space in flash to expand a new image. Clean up old installation files in case of insufficient space.

- **request platform software package clean**
- **install remove inactive**

The following sample output displays the cleaning up of Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a files using the **install remove inactive** command:

```
Switch# install remove inactive

install_remove: START Fri Mar 16 19:51:48 UTC 2018
Cleaning up unnecessary package files
Scanning boot directory for packages ... done.
Preparing packages list to delete ...
done.

The following files will be deleted:
[switch 1]:
/flash/cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-espbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-guestshell.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpboot.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipspa.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-webui.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-wlc.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg
/flash/packages.conf

Do you want to remove the above files? [y/n]y
[switch 1]:
Deleting file flash:cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-espbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-guestshell.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-rpbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-rpboot.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-sipbase.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-sipspa.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-srdriver.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-webui.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:cat9k-wlc.16.08.01a.SPA.pkg ... done.
Deleting file flash:packages.conf ... done.
SUCCESS: Files deleted.
--- Starting Post_Remove_Cleanup ---
Performing Post_Remove_Cleanup on all members
[1] Post_Remove_Cleanup package(s) on switch 1
[1] Finished Post_Remove_Cleanup on switch 1
Checking status of Post_Remove_Cleanup on [1]
Post_Remove_Cleanup: Passed on [1]
Finished Post_Remove_Cleanup

SUCCESS: install_remove Mon Mar 16 19:52:25 UTC 2018
Switch#
```

## Step 2 Copy new image to flash

### a) **copy tftp: flash:**

Use this command to copy the new image to flash: (or skip this step if you want to use the new image from your TFTP server)

```
Switch# copy tftp://10.8.0.6//cat9k_iosxe.16.06.01.SPA.bin flash:

Destination filename [cat9k_iosxe.16.06.01.SPA.bin]?
Accessing tftp://10.8.0.6//cat9k_iosxe.16.06.01.SPA.bin...
Loading /cat9k_iosxe.16.06.01.SPA.bin from 10.8.0.6 (via GigabitEthernet0/0):
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
[OK - 508584771 bytes]
508584771 bytes copied in 101.005 secs (5035244 bytes/sec)
```

b) **dir flash:**

Use this command to confirm that the image has been successfully copied to flash.

```
Switch# dir flash:*.bin
Directory of flash:/*.bin

Directory of flash:/

434184 -rw- 508584771 Mar 16 2018 13:35:16 -07:00 cat9k_iosxe.16.06.01.SPA.bin
11353194496 bytes total (9055866880 bytes free)
```

**Step 3** Downgrade software image

- **install add file activate commit**
- **request platform software package install**

The following example displays the installation of the Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1 software image to flash, by using the **install add file activate commit** command.

```
Switch# install add file flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.06.01.SPA.bin activate commit

install_add_activate_commit: START Mon Oct 30 19:54:51 UTC 2017

System configuration has been modified.
Press Yes(y) to save the configuration and proceed.
Press No(n) for proceeding without saving the configuration.
Press Quit(q) to exit, you may save configuration and re-enter the command. [y/n/q]yBuilding
configuration...

[OK]Modified configuration has been saved

*Oct 30 19:54:55.633: %IOSXE-5-PLATFORM: Switch 1 R0/0: Oct 30 19:54:55 install_engine.sh:
%INSTALL-
5-INSTALL_START_INFO: Started install one-shot flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.06.01.SPA.bin
install_add_activate_commit: Adding PACKAGE

This operation requires a reload of the system. Do you want to proceed?
Please confirm you have changed boot config to flash:packages.conf [y/n]y

--- Starting initial file syncing ---
Info: Finished copying flash:cat9k_iosxe.16.06.01.SPA.bin to the selected switch(es)
Finished initial file syncing

--- Starting Add ---
Performing Add on all members
[1] Add package(s) on switch 1
[1] Finished Add on switch 1
Checking status of Add on [1]
Add: Passed on [1]
Finished Add

install_add_activate_commit: Activating PACKAGE
```

```

Following packages shall be activated:
/flash/cat9k-wlc.16.06.01.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-webui.16.06.01.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-srdriver.16.06.01.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipspa.16.06.01.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-sipbase.16.06.01.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpboot.16.06.01.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-rpbase.16.06.01.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-guestshell.16.06.01.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-espbase.16.06.01.SPA.pkg
/flash/cat9k-cc_srdriver.16.06.01.SPA.pkg

```

This operation requires a reload of the system. Do you want to proceed? [y/n]y

--- Starting Activate ---

Performing Activate on all members

[1] Activate package(s) on switch 1

[1] Finished Activate on switch 1

Checking status of Activate on [1]

Activate: Passed on [1]

Finished Activate

--- Starting Commit ---

Performing Commit on all members

```
*Mar 16 19:57:41.145: %IOSXE-5-PLATFORM: Switch 1 R0/0: Mar 16 19:57:41 rollback_timer.sh:
```

```
%INSTALL-
```

```
5-INSTALL_AUTO_ABORT_TIMER_PROGRESS: Install auto abort timer will expire in 7200 seconds
```

```
[1] Commit package(s) on switch 1
```

```
[1] Finished Commit on switch 1
```

```
Checking status of Commit on [1]
```

```
Commit: Passed on [1]
```

```
Finished Commit
```

Install will reload the system now!

```
SUCCESS: install_add_activate_commit Fri Mar 16 19:57:48 UTC 2018
```

```
Switch#
```

**Note** The system reloads automatically after executing the **install add file activate commit** command. You do not have to manually reload the system.

#### Step 4 Reload

##### a) reload

Use this command to reload the switch.

```
Switch# reload
```

##### b) boot flash:

If your switches are configured with auto boot, then the stack will automatically boot up with the new image. If not, you can manually boot flash:packages.conf

```
Switch: boot flash:packages.conf
```

**Note** When you downgrade the software image, the boot loader will not automatically downgrade. It will remain updated.

##### c) show version

After the image boots up, use this command to verify the version of the new image.

**Note** When you boot the new image, the boot loader is automatically updated, but the new bootloader version is not displayed in the output until the next reload.

The following sample output of the **show version** command displays the Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1 image on the device:

```
Switch# show version
Cisco IOS XE Software, Version 16.06.01
Cisco IOS Software [Everest], Catalyst L3 Switch Software (CAT9K_IOSXE), Version 16.6.1,
RELEASE SOFTWARE (fc1)
Technical Support: http://www.cisco.com/techsupport
Copyright (c) 1986-2017 by Cisco Systems, Inc.
Compiled Fri 16-Mar-18 06:38 by mcpre
<output truncated>
```

## Licensing

This section provides information about the licensing packages for features available on Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series Switches.

### License Levels

The software features available on Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches fall under these base or add-on license levels.

#### Base Licenses

- Network Essentials
- Network Advantage—Includes features available with the Network Essentials license and more.

#### Add-On Licenses

Add-On Licenses require a Network Essentials or Network Advantage as a pre-requisite. The features available with add-on license levels provide Cisco innovations on the switch, as well as on the Cisco Digital Network Architecture Center (Cisco DNA Center).

- DNA Essentials
- DNA Advantage— Includes features available with the DNA Essentials license and more.

To find information about platform support and to know which license levels a feature is available with, use Cisco Feature Navigator. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to <https://cfnng.cisco.com>. An account on cisco.com is not required.

### License Types

The following license types are available:

- Permanent—for a license level, and without an expiration date.
- Term—for a license level, and for a three, five, or seven year period.



- Evaluation—a license that is not registered.

## Using Smart Accounts

We recommend that you assign a Smart Account when you order devices or licenses. Smart Accounts enable you to manage all of your software licenses for switches, routers, firewalls, access-points or tools from one centralized website.

- Create Smart Accounts by going to <https://software.cisco.com> → **Administration** → **Request Smart Account**.
- Manage your licenses by going to <https://software.cisco.com> → **Administration** → **Manage Smart Account**.




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**Note** This is especially relevant to the term licenses that you order, because information about the expiry of term licenses is available only through your Smart Account.

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For more information about Smart Accounts and Smart Software Licensing in general, go to the Cisco Smart Software Manager (Cisco SSM) website on cisco.com: <http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/buy/smart-accounts/software-licensing.html>

The possible deployment modes are:

- The right-to-use (RTU) licensing mode—Supported on Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series Switches. See [The RTU Licensing Mode](#).
- The Smart Licensing mode—Currently not supported on Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series Switches. It is on the roadmap for future releases.

## The RTU Licensing Mode

This is the currently supported licensing mode for Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series Switches.

Right-to-use (RTU) licensing allows you to order and activate a specific license type for a given license level, and then to manage license usage on your switch.




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**Note** The RTU licensing structure has been modified to match the packaging model that will be used with Smart Licensing mode in the future. Unified licensing structures across the RTU and Smart Licensing modes, along with usage reports, will simplify migration and reduce the implementation time required for Smart Licensing.

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The **license right-to-use** command (privilege EXEC mode) provides options to activate or deactivate any license supported on the platform.

### Options for Base Licenses

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license right-to-use[activate | deactivate][network-essentials |
network-advantage][all | evaluation | subscription{all | slot
<1-8>}][acceptEULA]
```

### Options for Add-On Licenses

```
license right-to-use[{activate|deactivate}]addon[{dna-essentials|
dna-advantage}][{all|evaluation|subscription{all|slot <1-8>}}][{acceptEULA}]
```

## Usage Guidelines for the RTU Licensing Mode

- Base licenses (Network Essentials and Network-Advantage) may be ordered only with a permanent license type.
- Add-on licenses (DNA Essentials and DNA Advantage) may be ordered only with a term license type.
- You can set up Cisco SSM to receive daily e-mail alerts, to be notified of expiring add-on licenses that you want to renew.
- You must order an add-on license in order to purchase a switch. On term expiry, you can either renew the add-on license to continue using it, or deactivate the add-on license and then reload the switch to continue operating with the base license capabilities.
- When ordering an add-on license with a base license, note the combinations that are permitted and those that are not permitted:

**Table 3: Permitted Combinations**

|                    | DNA Essentials   | DNA Advantage |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Network Essentials | Yes              | No            |
| Network Advantage  | Yes <sup>5</sup> | Yes           |

<sup>5</sup> For this combination, the DNA-Essentials license must be ordered separately using Cisco SSM.

- The following features are currently available only at the Network Advantage license level. However, the correct minimum license level for these features is Network Essentials and the CFN reflects this correct license level. You will be able to configure these features with a Network Essentials license level after the correction is made in an upcoming release:
  - IPv6 Multicast
  - IPv6 ACL Support for HTTP Servers
- Evaluation licenses cannot be ordered. They can be activated temporarily, without purchase. Warning system messages about the evaluation license expiry are generated 10 and 5 days before the 90-day window. Warning system messages are generated every day after the 90-day period. An expired evaluation license cannot be reactivated after reload.

For detailed configuration information about using the RTU Licensing Mode, see the *System Management Configuration Guide* → *Configuring Right-To-Use Licenses* chapter for your release.

## Scaling Guidelines

For information about feature scaling guidelines, see the Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches datasheet at:

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/switches/catalyst-9300-series-switches/datasheet-c78-738977.html>

## Limitations and Restrictions

- Cisco TrustSec restrictions—Cisco TrustSec can be configured only on physical interfaces, not on logical interfaces.
- Control Plane Policing (CoPP)—The **show run** command does not display information about classes configured under `system-cpp policy`, when they are left at default values. Use the **show policy-map system-cpp-policy** or the **show policy-map control-plane** commands in privileged EXEC mode instead.
- Flexible NetFlow limitations
  - You cannot configure NetFlow export using the Ethernet Management port (GigabitEthernet0/0).
  - You can not configure a flow monitor on logical interfaces, such as switched virtual interfaces (SVIs), port-channel, loopback, tunnels.
  - You can not configure multiple flow monitors of same type (ipv4, ipv6 or datalink) on the same interface for same direction.
- Hardware limitations:
  - When you use Cisco 40GBASE-CR4 QSFP Direct-Attach Copper Cables, autonegotiation is enabled by default. If the other end of the line does not support autonegotiation, the link does not come up.



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**Note** There is no option to turn autonegotiation off on the ports which connect to Cisco 40GBASE-CR4 QSFP cable.

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- Interoperability limitations:
  - If one end of the link has a device running Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1 or Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.2 or Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.3 and the other end is running Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a, the link does not come up. To avoid this interoperability issue between releases, it is recommended to use the same image across all the Catalyst 9000 Series Switches in the network.
- Memory leak—When a logging discriminator is configured and applied to a device, memory leak is seen under heavy syslog or debug output. The rate of the leak is dependent on the quantity of logs produced. In extreme cases, the device may fail. As a workaround, disable the logging discriminator on the device.
- QoS restrictions
  - When configuring QoS queuing policy, the sum of the queuing buffer should not exceed 100%.
  - For QoS policies, only switched virtual interfaces (SVI) are supported for logical interfaces.
  - QoS policies are not supported for port-channel interfaces, tunnel interfaces, and other logical interfaces.
- Secure Shell (SSH)

- Use SSH Version 2. SSH Version 1 is not supported.
- When the device is running SCP and SSH cryptographic operations, expect high CPU until the SCP read process is completed. SCP supports file transfers between hosts on a network and uses SSH for the transfer.

Since SCP and SSH operations are currently not supported on the hardware crypto engine, running encryption and decryption process in software causes high CPU. The SCP and SSH processes can show as much as 40 or 50 percent CPU usage, but they do not cause the device to shutdown.

- Stacking:
  - A switch stack supports up to eight stack members.
  - Mixed stacking is not supported. Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches cannot be stacked with Cisco Catalyst 3850 Series Switches.
  - Auto upgrade for a new member switch is supported only in the install mode.
- VLAN Restriction—It is advisable to have well-defined segregation while defining data and voice domain during switch configuration and to maintain a data VLAN different from voice VLAN across the switch stack. If the same VLAN is configured for data and voice domains on an interface, the resulting high CPU utilization might affect the device.
- Wired Application Visibility and Control limitations:
  - NBAR2 (QoS and Protocol-discovery) configuration is allowed only on wired physical ports. It is not supported on virtual interfaces, for example, VLAN, port channel nor other logical interfaces.
  - NBAR2 based match criteria ‘match protocol’ is allowed only with marking or policing actions. NBAR2 match criteria will not be allowed in a policy that has queuing features configured.
  - ‘Match Protocol’: up to 256 concurrent different protocols in all policies.
  - NBAR2 and Legacy NetFlow cannot be configured together at the same time on the same interface. However, NBAR2 and wired AVC Flexible NetFlow can be configured together on the same interface.
  - Only IPv4 unicast (TCP/UDP) is supported.
  - AVC is not supported on management port (Gig 0/0)
  - NBAR2 attachment should be done only on physical access ports. Uplink can be attached as long as it is a single uplink and is not part of a port channel.
  - Performance—Each switch member is able to handle 2000 connections per second (CPS) at less than 50% CPU utilization. Above this rate, AVC service is not guaranteed.
  - Scale—Able to handle up to 20000 bi-directional flows per 24 access ports and per 48 access ports.
- YANG data modeling limitation—A maximum of 20 simultaneous NETCONF sessions are supported.

## Caveats

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

### Cisco Bug Search Tool

The Cisco [Bug Search Tool](#) (BST) allows partners and customers to search for software bugs based on product, release, and keyword, and aggregates key data such as bug details, product, and version. The BST is designed to improve the effectiveness in network risk management and device troubleshooting. The tool has a provision to filter bugs based on credentials to provide external and internal bug views for the search input.

To view the details of a caveat, click on the identifier.

### Open Caveats in Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.x

| Caveat ID Number           | Description   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <a href="#">CSCvg31906</a> | [L3-PTP] TC mode sync/follow up packets are not forward b/w peers for inter vlan communication      |
| <a href="#">CSCvg53159</a> | %SNMP-3-RESPONSE_DELAYED: processing GetNext of cafSessionEntry.2 seen on catalyst switch           |
| <a href="#">CSCvh30574</a> | [SCALE] AVB QoS Crash "Packet Buffer Complex Stalled" with avb/no avb and overnight traffic         |
| <a href="#">CSCvh49334</a> | Cat9300 stops forwarding multicast - L3M Failed to allocate REP RI                                  |
| <a href="#">CSCvh52491</a> | AVB : FED_QOS_ERRMSG-3-QUEUE_BUFFER_HW_ERROR on shutting down neigh port connected to msrp listener |
| <a href="#">CSCvh63530</a> | MPLS traffic drops with ECMP loadbalance towards core. All cat9ks                                   |
| <a href="#">CSCvh80093</a> | RSTP convergence is taking longer time in certain scenario  |
| <a href="#">CSCvh87131</a> | TRACEBACK: OID cefcModuleEntry crashes the box  |
| <a href="#">CSCvi26179</a> | Cat9k crash while accessing OBFL  |
| <a href="#">CSCvg90106</a> | [PTP] moving from one TC mode other mode, PTP packets is not forward by TC                          |
| <a href="#">CSCvg95580</a> | interface speed config went lost after same FRU OIR with "write mem"                                |
| <a href="#">CSCvh72186</a> | Cat9k ROMMON: HTTP booting does not allow specified port number                                     |
| <a href="#">CSCvh63530</a> | MPLS traffic drops with ECMP loadbalance towards core. All cat9ks                                   |
| <a href="#">CSCvh80159</a> | C9400: %BOOT-3-SYSD_STARTFAIL: R0/0: Failed to launch boot task binos_script.service ( exit-code )  |
| <a href="#">CSCvh84345</a> | IOS CLI "show platform software fed switch active punt cause summary" may display negative counts   |

| Caveat ID Number           | Description   |
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| <a href="#">CSCvi01682</a> | DOM data not available on SFP with Cazadero adapter when port is shut down                  |
| <a href="#">CSCvi21517</a> | Username is not applying as configured in CAT 9K  |
| <a href="#">CSCvi33020</a> | QSFP-40G-SR4 (4X10G mode) in err_disable state on C9300 (2x40G uplink)                      |
| <a href="#">CSCvi48995</a> | On mGig SKU - Link down with forced speed100/full duplex on both ends                       |
| <a href="#">CSCvi56567</a> | When 9300 switch boots up, link up of its downlink has delayed if switch has network module |
| <a href="#">CSCvi75488</a> | Ping from client fails with enforcement enabled on known mappings                           |
| <a href="#">CSCvi39202</a> | DHCP fails when DHCP snooping trust is enabled on uplink etherchannel                       |

## Resolved Caveats in Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a

| Caveat ID Number           | Description  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">CSCvf67030</a> | Gi0/0 is operationally down after upgrade from 16.5.1a to 16.6.1                                     |
| <a href="#">CSCvf75880</a> | File size gets doubled after copy is done from FTP/USB to flash memory.                              |
| <a href="#">CSCvg33382</a> | C9300 : % failed to initialize nvram   |
| <a href="#">CSCvg63006</a> | No traffic seen for SFP-10G-SR/QSA   |
| <a href="#">CSCvg71134</a> | Cat9300: Cannot transmit more then 400 Bytes on mGig ports going to Intel NIC                        |
| <a href="#">CSCvh04282</a> | Cat9300 non-default system MTU config value is not respected after reload                            |
| <a href="#">CSCvh11925</a> | 9300 : 40G SFP displays improper DOM output with uplink FRU  |
| <a href="#">CSCvh18282</a> | Interface up is slow on Stanby(Member) after Stand(Mem) reload or redundancy force-switchover on ACT |
| <a href="#">CSCvh31431</a> | Memory leak in linux_iosd-image on 16.6 releases   |
| <a href="#">CSCvh52059</a> | SFP-GE-T 100M full link is half duplex after reinserting SFP   |
| <a href="#">CSCvh52882</a> | Memory Leak the fed process due nbar config  |
| <a href="#">CSCvh73433</a> | Checkpoint inconsistency for FRU ports on Standby, when a member with FRU gets added during bulksync |
| <a href="#">CSCvi19809</a> | Memory leak on C9300 due TMS process   |
| <a href="#">CSCvi69699</a> | 9400 - 9300: 40G copper QSFP interoperability broken (link down)                                     |
| <a href="#">CSCvf77673</a> | Memory leak in OC-Platform   |

## Troubleshooting

For the most up-to-date, detailed troubleshooting information, see the Cisco TAC website at this URL:

<https://www.cisco.com/en/US/support/index.html>

Go to **Product Support** and select your product from the list or enter the name of your product. Look under Troubleshoot and Alerts, to find information for the problem that you are experiencing.

## Related Documentation

Information about Cisco IOS XE 16 at this URL: <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/ios-nx-os-software/ios-xe/index.html>

All support documentation for Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches is at this URL: <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/switches/catalyst-9300-series-switches/tsd-products-support-series-home.html>

Cisco Validated Designs documents at this URL: <https://www.cisco.com/go/designzone>

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