



Release Notes for Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switches, and Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch, Cisco IOS XE Dublin 17.11.x

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Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switches and Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch

This document provides release information for the following Catalyst IE switches:

- Cisco Catalyst IE9310 GE Fiber switch
- Cisco Catalyst IE9320 GE Fiber switch
- Cisco Catalyst IE9320 Fiber switch with 10 G uplinks
- Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch

Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switches provide rugged and secure switching infrastructure for harsh environments. It is suitable for industrial Ethernet applications, including manufacturing, utility substations, intelligent transportation systems (ITSs), rail transportation, and other similar deployments.

The switch fulfills the need for a high-density SFP, rack-, or wall-mount switch that can function as a software-defined (SD)-Access fabric edge. It provides end-to-end architectural uniformity in the Cisco Digital Network Architecture (DNA) for Internet of Things (IoT) connected communities and extended enterprises.

In industrial environments, the switch can be connected to any Ethernet-enabled industrial communication devices. These devices include programmable logic controllers (PLCs), human-machine interfaces (HMIs), drives, sensors, and input and output (I/O) devices.

The Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch is a Small Form Factor (SFF) Ruggedized 10 Gige Embedded platform for tactical, outdoor, and mobile environments. The compact design simplifies integration and offers the system integrator the ability to use the ESS9300 in a wide variety of applications. The Cisco ESS 9300 consists of one switch card. There are no cooling plates sold with it. It is up to the system integrator to design a thermal solution. The ESS-9300-10X-E board supports up to 10 ports of 10 GE fiber. Thermal power is 35 Watts.



Note The documentation set for this product strives to use bias-free language. For purposes of this documentation set, bias-free is defined as language that does not imply discrimination based on age, disability, gender, racial identity, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and intersectionality. Exceptions may be present in the documentation due to language that is hard coded in the user interfaces of the product software, language used based on standards documentation, or language that is used by a referenced third-party product.

New Features for Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switches and Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch

The features in the following table are new in this release for the supported switches.

Table 1: New Features for Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switches and the Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch

| Feature Name | License Level | Description | Supported Switches |
|--|---|---|--|
| Software Support for the new IE9320 10 GE Fiber SKU with 24 4x GE SFP downlinks and 4x 1/10G SFP uplinks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Essentials • Network Advantage | The new model supports stacking and, in a future release, GNSS and IRIG-B. See the Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switch Hardware Installation Guide . | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE-9320-22S2C4X-E • IE-9320-22S2C4X-A |

| Feature Name | License Level | Description | Supported Switches |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| CIP Support for PTP | Network Essentials | <p>Common Industrial Protocol (CIP) on the IE9300 adds the TimeSync Object to support Precision Time Protocol (PTP).</p> <p>The object provides attributes and services to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get clock status and properties such as synchronized state, current offset to time source, and grandmaster clock identity. • Access PTP clock management functions such as clock priority. • Access the PTP network of devices through native PTP management messages. <p>The feature supports Boundary and Transparent clocks. The different attributes can be used to get/set the corresponding configuration values.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE-9310-26S2C-A • IE-9310-26S2C-E • IE-9320-26S2C-A • IE-9320-26S2C-E • IE-9320-22S2C4X-E • IE-9320-22S2C4X-A |
| PRP errors to be syslog messages | Network Essentials | <p>Errors and warnings are reported as syslogs, which enables them to be used as SNMP traps for proper alerting and maintenance.</p> <p>Syslogs are issued for the following parameters: Wrong LAN ID A/B, Wrong LAN A/B, and Oversize packet A/B.</p> <p>You can use CLI commands to enable syslogs at a specific interval or to disable the feature.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE-9320-26S2C-A • IE-9320-26S2C-E • IE-9320-22S2C4X-E • IE-9320-22S2C4X-A |

| Feature Name | License Level | Description | Supported Switches |
|------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Secure Data Wipe | Network Essentials | Secure data wipe is a Cisco-wide initiative to ensure storage devices on all IOS XE based platforms are properly purged using NIST SP 800-88r1 compliant secure erase commands. When secure data wipe is enabled, everything in internal flash memory is erased. The SD card and USB device contents are not cleared. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE-9310-26S2C-A • IE-9310-26S2C-E • IE-9320-26S2C-A • IE-9320-26S2C-E • IE-9320-22S2C4X-E • IE-9320-22S2C4X-A • ESS-9300-10X-E |

Switch Model Numbers

Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switches

The following table lists the supported IE9300 series hardware models and the default license levels that they are delivered with.

| Model Number | Default License Level | Stacking Support | Description |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|
| IE-9310-26S2C-A | Network Advantage | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Total ports:</i> 28 • <i>SFP uplinks:</i> 4x 1000M SFP • <i>SFP downlinks:</i> 22x 100M/1000M SFP, 2x 100M/1000M dual-media • <i>Power supplies:</i> Support for field-replaceable, redundant AC or DC power supplies |
| IE-9310-26S2C-E | Network Essentials | | |

| Model Number | Default License Level | Stacking Support | Description |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| IE-9320-26S2C-A | Network Advantage | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Total ports:</i> 28 • <i>SFP uplinks:</i> 4x 100/1000M SFP • <i>SFP downlinks:</i> 22x 100M/1000M SFP, 2x 100M/1000M dual-media • <i>Power supplies:</i> Support for field-replaceable, redundant AC or DC power supplies |
| IE-9320-26S2C-E | Network Essentials | | |
| IE-9320-22S2C4X-A | Network Advantage | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Total ports:</i> 28 • <i>SFP uplinks:</i> 4x 10 Gb SFP+, 1 Gb /10 Gb SFP/SFP+ • <i>SFP downlinks:</i> 22x 100M/1000M SFP, 2x 100M/1000M dual-media • <i>Power supplies:</i> Support for field-replaceable, redundant AC or DC power supplies |
| IE-9320-22S2C4X-E | Network Essentials | | |

All Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switches have 4 GB of DRAM, four alarm inputs, and one alarm output. Other I/O include the following:

- SD-cards socket
- Power input
- RJ-45 (RS-232) console
- Micro-USB console
- USB-A host port



Note This document uses the following terms:

- IE9310 GE Fiber when referring to both IE-9310-26S2C-A and IE-9310-26S2C-E switches.
- IE9320 GE Fiber when referring to both IE-9320-26S2C-A and IE-9320-26S2C-E switches.
- IE9320 Fiber switch with 10G uplinks when referring to both IE-9320-22S2C4X-A and IE-9320-22S2C4X-E switches.

Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch

The ESS9300 is a ruggedized 10G embedded platform that is designed for embedded applications for tactical, outdoor, and mobile installations requiring low power, small size, and ruggedization. Its features include:

- Single board
- Small form-factor board size (110 x 85 mm; 4.3 x 3.3 in.)
- 10 ports of 10G: Enhanced Small Form-Factor Pluggable (SFP+)
- Ethernet management port (optional)
- RS-232 and USB console
- Common +3.3VDC and +5VDC power inputs
- Low power—35W (typical)
- 4 GB DDR4 DRAM
- 8 GB onboard eMMC flash storage (2.5 GB usable space)

Starting with release 17.10.1, both the Network Essentials license and the Network Advantage license are available. The features available in the two licenses follow the IE9300 series, with the exception of MACsec-256.

Table 2: Ordering Information

| Product ID | Product Description |
|---------------------------|---|
| ESS-9300-10X-E | ESS9300 board, no cooling plate, Network Essentials software. |
| ESS9300-NW-A= | Cisco Network Advantage license for ESS9300 Series Spare. |
| Network Advantage License | Description |
| Security | MACsec-256 |

Upgrading the Switch Software

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



Note See the [Cisco IOS XE Migration Guide for IIoT Switches](#) for the latest information about upgrading and downgrading switch software.

Finding the Software Version

The package files for the Cisco IOS XE software can be found on the system board flash device flash (flash:) or external SDFlash (sdflash:).

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



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.

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

Software Images for Cisco IOS XE Dublin 17.11.x

The following table provides the filenames for the IOS XE 17.11.x software image for Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switches and the Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch.

| Release | Image Type | Filename | Switch Model |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Cisco IOS XE.17.11.1 | Universal | ie9k_iosxe.17.11.01.SPA.bin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE9300 • ESS9300 |
| | NPE | ie9k_iosxe_npe.17.11.01.SPA.bin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE9300 |

Software Installation Options

The following table lists the options for the **install** command for Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switches and the Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch.

To install and activate the specified file, and to commit changes to be persistent across reloads, enter the following command: **install add file filename [activate commit]**

| Option | Description |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| abort | Abort the current install operation. |

| Option | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| activate | Activate an installed package. |
| add | Install a package file to the system. |
| auto-abort-timer | Install auto-abort-timer. |
| autoupgrade | Initiate software auto-upgrade on all incompatible switches. |
| commit | Commit the changes to the load path. |
| deactivate | Deactivate an install package. |
| label | Add a label name to any installation point. |
| remove | Remove installed packages. |
| rollback | Rollback to a previous installation point. |

Licensing

This section provides information about the licensing packages for features available on Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switches and the Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch.

License Levels

The software features available on Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged 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 prerequisite. The features available with add-on license levels provide Cisco innovations on the switch, and 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://cfng.cisco.com>. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch

The software features available for the Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch fall under these base license levels.

Base Licenses

- Network Essentials
- Network Advantage: Includes features available with the Network 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://cfng.cisco.com>. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Smart Licensing Using Policy

Smart Licensing Using Policy, which is an enhanced version of Smart Licensing, is the default and the only supported method to manage licenses.

Smart Licensing using Policy provides a licensing solution that does not interrupt the operations of your network. Instead, it enables a compliance relationship to account for the hardware and software licenses you purchase and use.

With this licensing model, you do not have to complete any licensing-specific operations, such as registering or generating keys before you start using the software and the licenses that are tied to it. Only export-controlled and enforced licenses require Cisco authorization *before* use. License usage is recorded on your device with timestamps, and the required workflows can be completed later.

Multiple options are available for license usage reporting – this depends on the topology you implement. You can use the Cisco Smart Licensing Utility (CSLU) Windows application, or report usage information directly to Cisco Smart Software Manager (CSSM). A provision for offline reporting for air-gapped networks, where you download usage information and upload to CSSM, is also available.

Starting with this release, Smart Licensing Using Policy is automatically enabled on the device. This is also the case when you upgrade to this release.

By default, your Smart Account and Virtual Account in CSSM is enabled for Smart Licensing Using Policy.

Caveats

Caveats describe unexpected behavior in Cisco IOS XE releases.

Open Caveats

There are no open caveats for this release.

Resolved Caveats

| Identifier | Description |
|----------------------------|---|
| CSCwd09742 | Boot failed, due to mounting issues of perma locked device. |

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

Information about Cisco Catalyst IE9300 Rugged Series Switches is at this URL: <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/ios-nx-os-software/ios-xe/index.html>

Information about the Cisco Catalyst ESS9300 Embedded Series Switch is at this URL: <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/switches/catalyst-ess-9300-10x-embedded-switch/model.html>

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

To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: <http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs>

