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Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Storage Services Interface Image Release 3.0(2m)

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This document describes the caveats and limitations for the Storage Service Interface (SSI) software for the Cisco MDS Storage Services Module (SSM). Use this document in conjunction with the documents listed in the [“Related Documentation”](#) section on [page 7](#).

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Introduction

The SSM provides distributed intelligent storage services for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family and supports up to 32 Fibre Channel ports. It provides the following:



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- Network-based volume management
- Management and copy services
- Network assisted storage applications via SANTap
- 32 autosensing 1-Gbps/2-Gbps Fibre Channel interfaces
- Hot-swappable Fibre Channel small form-factor pluggable (SFP) transceiver connectivity
 - Short wavelength (SWL) for connectivity up to 500 m
 - Long wavelength (LWL) for connectivity up to 10 km
 - Coarse wavelength-division multiplexing (CWDM) for connectivity up to 100 km and aggregation of up to 8 ports onto a single optical fiber
- Fibre Channel Write Acceleration (FC-WA) and SCSI Flow Statistics
- Network-Accelerated Serverless Backup (NASB)

System Requirements

This section describes the system requirements for Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 3.0(2m) and includes the following topics:

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Components Supported

[Table 1](#) lists the software and hardware components supported by the Cisco MDS 9000 Family.

Table 1 Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Products
Software	M95S1K9-3.0.2	MDS 9500 Supervisor/Fabric-I, SAN-OS software SAN-OS	MDS 9500 Series only
	M92S1K9-3.0.2	MDS 9216 Supervisor/Fabric-I, SAN-OS Software	MDS 9216 only
	SSI-M9K9-3.0.2m ¹	MDS 9000 Storage Services Interface	MDS 9500 Series and MDS 9216

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Table 1 Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components (continued)

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Products
License	M9500ENT1K9	Enterprise package	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200ENT1K9	Enterprise package	MDS 9200 Series
	M9100ENT1K9	Enterprise package	MDS 9100 Series
	M9500FIC1K9	Mainframe package	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200FIC1K9	Mainframe package	MDS 9200 Series
	M9100FIC1K9	Mainframe package	MDS 9100 Series
	M9500FMS1K9	Fabric Manager Server package	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200FMS1K9	Fabric Manager Server package	MDS 9200 Series
	M9100FMS1K9	Fabric Manager Server package	MDS 9100 Series
	M9500EXT1K9	SAN Extension over IP package for IPS-8 module	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200EXT1K9	SAN Extension over IP package for IPS-8 module	MDS 9200 Series
	M9500EXT14K9	SAN Extension over IP package for IPS-4 module	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200EXT14K9	SAN Extension over IP package for IPS-4 module	MDS 9200 Series
	M9500EXT12K9	SAN Extension over IP package for MPS-14/2 module	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200EXT12K9	SAN Extension over IP package for MPS-14/2 module	MDS 9200 Series
	M9500SSE1K9	Storage Services Enabler package	MDS 9500 Series with SSM
M9200SSE1K9	Storage Services Enabler package	MDS 9200 Series with SSM	
Chassis	DS-C9509	MDS 9509 director, base configuration (9-slot modular chassis includes 7 slots for switching modules and 2 slots for supervisor modules—SFPs sold separately)	MDS 9509 only
	DS-C9506	MDS 9506 director (6-slot modular chassis includes 4 slots for switching modules and 2 slots for supervisor modules—SFPs ² sold separately)	MDS 9506 only
	DS-C9216-K9	MDS 9216 16-port semi-modular fabric switch (includes 16 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel ports, power supply, and expansion slot—SFPs sold separately)	MDS 9216 only
	DS-C9216A-K9	MDS 9216A 16-port semi-modular fabric switch (includes 16 1-Gbps/2-Gbps Fibre Channel ports, power supply, and expansion slot—SFPs sold separately).	MDS 9216A only
	DS-C9216i-K9	MDS 9216i 16-port semi-modular fabric switch (includes 14 1-Gbps/2-Gbps Fibre Channel ports, 2 Gigabit Ethernet ports, power supply, and expansion slot—SFPs sold separately).	MDS 9216i only
Supervisor modules	DS-X9530-SF1-K9	MDS 9500 Supervisor/Fabric-I, module	MDS 9500 Series only

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Table 1 Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components (continued)

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Products
Switching modules	DS-X9016	MDS 9000 16-port 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel module (SFPs sold separately)	MDS 9500 Series and 9216
	DS-X9032	MDS 9000 32-port 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel module (SFPs sold separately)	
Services modules	DS-X9308-SMIP	8-port Gigabit Ethernet IP Storage Services module	MDS 9000 Family
	DS-X9304-SMIP	4-port Gigabit Ethernet IP Storage Services module	
	DS-X9032-SSM	MDS 9000 32-Port 1-Gbps/2-Gbps Fibre Channel Storage Services Module (SSM)	
LC-type fiber-optic SFP	DS-SFP-FC-2G-SW	1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel — short wavelength SFP	MDS 9000 Family
	DS-SFP-FC-2G-LW	1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel — long wavelength SFP	
	DS-SFP-FCGE-SW	1-Gbps Ethernet and 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel—short wavelength SFP	
	DS-SFP-FCGE-LW	1-Gbps Ethernet and 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel — long wavelength SFP	
CWDM ³	CWDM-SFP-xxxx-2G	Gigabit Ethernet and 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel SFP LC interface xxxx nm, where xxxx = 1470, 1490, 1510, 1530, 1550, 1570, 1590, or 1610 nm	MDS 9000 Family
	CWDM-MUX-4	Add/drop multiplexer for 4 CWDM wavelengths	
	CWDM-MUX-8	Add/drop multiplexer for 8 CWDM wavelengths	
	CWDM-CHASSIS-2	Two slot chassis for CWDM add/drop multiplexer(s)	
Power supplies	DS-CAC-300W	300-W ⁴ AC power supply	MDS 9100 Series only
	DS-CAC-845W	845-W AC power supply	MDS 9216 only
	DS-CAC-2500W	2500-W AC power supply	MDS 9509 only
	DS-CDC-2500W	2500-W DC power supply	
	DS-CAC-4000W-US	4000-W AC power supply for US (cable attached)	MDS 9506 only
	DS-CAC-4000W-INT	4000-W AC power supply international (cable attached)	
	DS-CAC-1900W	1900-W AC power supply	
	DS-CDC-1900W	1900-W DC power supply	
CompactFlash	MEM-MDS-FLD512M	MDS 9500 supervisor Compact Flash disk, 512 MB	MDS 9500 Series only
Port analyzer adapter	DS-PAA	A standalone Fibre Channel-to-Ethernet adapter that allows for simple, transparent analysis of Fibre Channel traffic in a switched fabric	MDS 9000 Family
	DS-PAA-2		

1. Supports the Storage Services Module (SSM) only. The last SSI image supported on the ASM is SSI-M9K9-2.1.1.
2. SFP = small form-factor pluggable
3. CWDM = coarse wavelength division multiplexing
4. W = Watt

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Determining the Software Version

**Note**

We strongly recommend that you use the latest available software release supported by your vendor for all Cisco MDS 9000 Family products.

To determine the version of the Cisco SAN-OS software currently running on a Cisco MDS 9000 Family switch using the CLI, log into the switch and enter the **show version EXEC** command.

To determine the version of the Cisco SAN-OS software currently running on a Cisco MDS 9000 Family switch using the Fabric Manager, from the Switches tab in the information pane, locate the switch using the IP address, logical name, or WWN, and then check its version in the Release column.

Downloading Software

To download the latest Cisco software, access the Software Center at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/public/sw-center>

**Note**

If you would like to request code to be provided under the terms of either GNU General Public License (GPL) or the GNU Lesser General Public License (LGPL), please contact mds-software-disclosure@cisco.com.

Image Upgrade

If SSMs are present in a Cisco MDS 9000 Family switch, several kinds of upgrade may be performed as required—upgrading a previously provided package, upgrading the SAN-OS image, or reformatting the SSM add-on image.

New Features

This section describes the new features introduced in this release. For more information about the features listed, refer to the documentation set listed in the “[Related Documentation](#)” section on page 7.

The SSI image release 3.0(2m) add-on image is compatible with the Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 3.0(2a) image and Cisco SAN-OS Release 3.0(2) image.

Cisco SSI image release 3.0(2m) provides a performance improvement in the SSM processing of the data traffic when the host negotiates a maximum transmission unit (MTU) with the virtual target (VT) that is different from the MTU between the virtual initiator (VI) and the target.

Limitations

This sections lists limitations or restrictions associated with this release.

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Configuring SSM Ports in Auto Mode

Starting with Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 3.0(1), the SSM front panel ports can no longer be configured in auto mode. Because auto mode is the default for releases prior to Release 3.0(1), you should modify the configuration of the ports before upgrading the SAN-OS software image to Release 3.0(2) to avoid any traffic disruption.

For information on how to reconfigure the SSM ports, refer to the “Reconfiguring SSM Ports Before Upgrading to SAN-OS Release 3.0(2)” section of the *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 3.0(2)*.

Compatibility Matrix

The latest *Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for Storage Service Interface Images* is available from the following Cisco Systems website.

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps5989/products_device_support_table09186a0080485272.html

Caveats

This section lists the open and resolved caveats for this release. Use [Table 2](#) to determine the status of a particular caveat. In the table, "O" indicates an open caveat and "R" indicates a resolved caveat.

Table 2 Open and Resolved Caveats for Cisco MDS SSI Release 3.0(2m)

DDTS Number	3.0(2m)
Severity 2	
CSCse16033	R
Severity 3	
CSCse24825	R
CSCse26440	R
CSCse30131	R

Resolved Caveats

- [CSCse16033](#)
Symptom: The Data Path Process or (DPP) fails to respond when it is configured with a bidirectional SCSI flow and a large number of Logical Unit Numbers (LUNs) for example, 3000 LUNs. This condition occurs when I/O-data buffering support is present in SSI Release 2.1(2l) and earlier on the SCSI-initiator side DPP. This condition also triggers high DPP dd utilization under heavy traffic when thousands of LUNs are serviced by a single DPP.
Workaround: None. This issue has been resolved.
- [CSCse24825](#)

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Symptom: When the DPP software fails and is then reset, the Ternary Content Addressable Memory (TCAM) keys on that virtualization engine (for the SCSI flows managed by that DPP) are cleared, but the usage count is not reset. As a result, there is a leak in the TCAM resource on a DPP failure.

Workaround: None. This issue has been resolved.

- CSCse26440

Symptom: When the DPP software fails and is then reset, the SCSI-flow count for that DPP is not reset by the SCSI-flow client process on the SSM. As a result, unprovision commands entered after this event will fail.

Workaround: None. This issue has been resolved.

- CSCse30131

Symptom: When the DPP buffers are exhausted and an attempt is made to create a new SCSI flow, the SCSI flow client on the SSM incorrectly increases the flow count per DPP. As a result, unprovision commands entered after this event will fail.

Workaround: None. This issue has been resolved.

Related Documentation

The documentation set for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family includes the following documents. To find a document online, use the Cisco MDS SAN-OS Documentation Locator at:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps5989/products_documentation_roadmap09186a00804500c1.html.

Release Notes

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS SAN-OS Releases*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Storage Services Interface Images*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS SVC Releases*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS 9000 EPLD Images*

Compatibility Information

- *Cisco MDS 9000 SAN-OS Hardware and Software Compatibility Information*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Interoperability Support Matrix*
- *Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for Storage Service Interface Images*

Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information

- *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family*

Hardware Installation

- *Cisco MDS 9500 Series Hardware Installation Guide*

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- *Cisco MDS 9200 Series Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9216 Switch Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9100 Series Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9020 Fabric Switch Hardware Installation Guide*

Cisco Fabric Manager

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric Manager Quick Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric Manager Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Fabric Manager Online Help*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Fabric Manager Web Services Online Help*

Command-Line Interface

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Software Upgrade and Downgrade Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI Quick Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Command Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Quick Command Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9020 Fabric Switch Configuration Guide and Command Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family SAN Volume Controller Configuration Guide*

Troubleshooting and Reference

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Troubleshooting Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family MIB Quick Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9020 Fabric Switch MIB Quick Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family SMI-S Programming Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family System Messages Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9020 Fabric Switch System Messages Reference*

Installation and Configuration Note

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family SSM Configuration Note*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Port Analyzer Adapter Installation and Configuration Note*

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<http://www.cisco.com/techsupport>

Access to all tools on the Cisco Technical Support & Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password. If you have a valid service contract but do not have a user ID or password, you can register at this URL:

<http://tools.cisco.com/RPF/register/register.do>



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Submitting a Service Request

Using the online TAC Service Request Tool is the fastest way to open S3 and S4 service requests. (S3 and S4 service requests are those in which your network is minimally impaired or for which you require product information.) After you describe your situation, the TAC Service Request Tool provides recommended solutions. If your issue is not resolved using the recommended resources, your service request is assigned to a Cisco engineer. The TAC Service Request Tool is located at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/techsupport/servicerequest>

For S1 or S2 service requests or if you do not have Internet access, contact the Cisco TAC by telephone. (S1 or S2 service requests are those in which your production network is down or severely degraded.) Cisco engineers are assigned immediately to S1 and S2 service requests to help keep your business operations running smoothly.

To open a service request by telephone, use one of the following numbers:

Asia-Pacific: +61 2 8446 7411 (Australia: 1 800 805 227)

EMEA: +32 2 704 55 55

USA: 1 800 553-2447

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Definitions of Service Request Severity

To ensure that all service requests are reported in a standard format, Cisco has established severity definitions.

Severity 1 (S1)—Your network is “down,” or there is a critical impact to your business operations. You and Cisco will commit all necessary resources around the clock to resolve the situation.

Severity 2 (S2)—Operation of an existing network is severely degraded, or significant aspects of your business operation are negatively affected by inadequate performance of Cisco products. You and Cisco will commit full-time resources during normal business hours to resolve the situation.

Severity 3 (S3)—Operational performance of your network is impaired, but most business operations remain functional. You and Cisco will commit resources during normal business hours to restore service to satisfactory levels.

Severity 4 (S4)—You require information or assistance with Cisco product capabilities, installation, or configuration. There is little or no effect on your business operations.

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