



Release Notes for Cisco ONS 15327

Release 6.2



Note

The terms “Unidirectional Path Switched Ring” and “UPSR” may appear in Cisco literature. These terms do not refer to using Cisco ONS 15xxx products in a unidirectional path switched ring configuration. Rather, these terms, as well as “Path Protected Mesh Network” and “PPMN,” refer generally to Cisco’s path protection feature, which may be used in any topological network configuration. Cisco does not recommend using its path protection feature in any particular topological network configuration.

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Release notes address closed (maintenance) issues, caveats, and new features for the Cisco ONS 15327 SONET. For detailed information regarding features, capabilities, hardware, and software introduced with this release, refer to Release 6.0 of the *Cisco ONS 15327 Procedure Guide*, *Cisco ONS 15327 Reference Manual*, *Cisco ONS SONET TL1 Command Guide*, and *Cisco ONS 15327 Troubleshooting Guide*. For the most current version of the Release Notes for Cisco ONS 15327 Release 6.2, visit the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/optical/ps2001/prod_release_notes_list.html

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<http://tools.cisco.com/Support/BugToolKit/action.do?hdnAction=searchBugs>

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Changes to the Release Notes

This section documents supplemental changes that have been added to the *Release Notes for Cisco ONS 15327 Release 6.2* since the production of the Cisco ONS 15327 System Software CD for Release 6.2.

No changes have been added to the release notes for Release 6.2.

Caveats

Review the notes listed below before deploying the ONS 15327. Caveats with DDTS tracking numbers are known system limitations that are scheduled to be addressed in a subsequent release. Caveats without DDTS tracking numbers are provided to point out procedural or situational considerations when deploying the product.

Maintenance and Administration



Caution

VxWorks is intended for qualified Cisco personnel only. Customer use of VxWorks is not recommended, nor is it supported by Cisco's Technical Assistance Center. Inappropriate use of VxWorks commands can have a negative and service affecting impact on your network. Please consult the troubleshooting guide for your release and platform for appropriate troubleshooting procedures. To exit without logging in, enter a Control-D (hold down the Control and D keys at the same time) at the Username prompt. To exit after logging in, type "logout" at the VxWorks shell prompt.



Note

In releases prior to 4.6 you could independently set proxy server gateway settings; however, with Release 4.6.x and forward, this is no longer the case. To retain the integrity of existing network configurations, settings made in a pre-4.6 release are not changed on an upgrade to Release 6.0.x. Current settings are displayed in CTC (whether they were inherited from an upgrade, or they were set using the current GUI).

CSCeh84908

A CTC client session can disconnect from an ONS node during simultaneous deletion of large numbers of VT level circuits (3000+). Connectivity to the node will recover without any user action. If the condition persists, restart the CTC session to reconnect. This issue is under investigation.

CSCed24448

After a static route is provisioned to 0.0.0.0 and then deleted, the default route disappears. If this occurs, reprovision the default gateway. This issue will not be resolved.

CSCee65731

An ONS 15327 that does not have an SNTP server reference resets the time to Jan. 1, 1970 during a software activation. A routine common control switchover does not cause the node to lose the time setting. To avoid this issue provision a SNTP server reference. This issue cannot be resolved.

CSCdy10030

CVs are not positively adjusted after exiting a UAS state. When a transition has been made from counting UAS, at least 10 seconds of non-SES must be counted to exit UAS. When this event occurs, Telcordia GR-253 specifies that CVs that occurred during this time be counted, but they are not. There are no plans to resolve this issue at this time.

CSCdy49608

A node connection might fail during bulk circuit creation, causing the circuit creation to also fail. For example, this has been seen while creating 224 VT 1.5 protected circuits, on a path protection consisting of eight ONS 15327 nodes. If you experience a bulk circuit creation failure of this type, cancel the circuit creation batch, then delete any incomplete circuits. Restart the batch from the last successful circuit. This issue will not be resolved.

CSCdx35561

CTC is unable to communicate with an ONS 15327 that is connected via an Ethernet craft port. CTC does, however, communicate over an SDCC link with an ONS 15327 that is Ethernet connected, yielding a slow connection. This situation occurs when multiple ONS 15327s are on a single Ethernet segment and the nodes have different values for any of the following features:

- Enable OSPF on the LAN
- Enable Firewall
- Craft Access Only

When any of these features are enabled, the proxy ARP service on the node is also disabled. The ONS 15327 proxy ARP service assumes that all nodes are participating in the service.

This situation can also occur immediately after the aforementioned features are enabled. Other hosts on the Ethernet segment (for example, the subnet router) may retain incorrect ARP settings for the ONS 15327s.

To avoid this issue, all nodes on the same Ethernet segment must have the same values for Enable OSPF on the LAN, Enable Firewall, and Craft Access Only. If any of these values have changed recently, it may be necessary to allow connected hosts (such as the subnet router) to expire their ARP entries.

You can avoid waiting for the ARP entries to expire on their own by removing the SDCC links from the affected ONS 15327 nodes. This will disconnect them for the purposes of the proxy ARP service and the nodes should become directly accessible over the Ethernet. Network settings on the nodes can then be provisioned as desired, after which the SDCC can be restored.

This issue will not be resolved.

CSCdy11012

When the topology host is connected to multiple OSPF areas, but CTC is launched on a node that is connected to fewer areas, the topology host appears in CTC, and all nodes appear in the network view, but some nodes remain disconnected. This can occur when the CTC host does not have routing information to connect to the disconnected nodes. (This can happen, for example, if automatic host detection was used to connect the CTC workstation to the initial node.)

CTC will be able to contact the topology host to learn about all the nodes in all the OSPF areas, but will be unable to contact any nodes that are not in the OSPF areas used by the launch node. Therefore, some nodes will remain disconnected in the CTC network view.

To work around this issue, if no firewall enabled, then the network configuration of the CTC host can be changed to allow CTC to see all nodes in the network. The launch node must be on its own subnet to prevent network partitioning, and craft access must not be enabled. The CTC host must be provisioned with an address on the same subnet as the initial node (but this address must not conflict with any other node in the network), and with the default gateway of the initial node. CTC will now be able to contact all nodes in the network.

If a firewall is enabled on any node in the network, then CTC will be unable to contact nodes outside of the initial OSPF areas. This issue will not be resolved.

CSCdy37198

On Cisco ONS 15327 platforms equipped with XTC cross-connect cards, Ethernet traffic may be lost during a BLSR protection switch, with no accompanying alarm or condition raised. Possible affected circuits will be between Ethernet cards (E100T-4) built over Protection Channel Access (PCA) bandwidth on BLSR spans. When BLSR issues the switch, the PCA bandwidth is preempted. Since there is no longer a connection between the ends of the Ethernet circuit, traffic is lost. Further, in nodes equipped with XTC cards, the E100T-4 cards do not raise an alarm or condition in CTC. This issue will not be resolved.

CSCds23552

You cannot delete the standby XTC once it is removed. If you have two XTC cards and then decide to operate with only one, you will get a standing minor alarm. The alarm cannot be removed by CTC. The XTC is a combo card, combining the functionality of the ONS 15454 TCC2, cross connect, DS1 and DS3 cards, with a protection group automatically provisioned. On the ONS 15454, similar behavior occurs for the TCC2 card. The cross connect card for the ONS 15454 can only be deleted if there are no circuits provisioned. DS1 and DS3 cards can only be deleted if they are not in a protection group. User-defined alarm profiles from Release 5.0.x allow you to mask the improper removal alarm from the standby XTC slot without masking any other items if desired, thus avoiding this issue. This issue will not be resolved.

Data IO Cards

CSCdy41135

When using a G1000-2 card, TIM-P can be mistakenly raised on a PCA circuit after a protection switch. This occurs when path trace is enabled on a PCA circuit that is no longer in use after a protection switch. To work around this issue, either disable path trace or use alarm profiling to filter out the unwanted alarm. This issue will not be resolved.

CSCdy13035

Excessive Ethernet traffic loss (greater than 60 ms) might occur when the active XTC is removed from the chassis while using the G1000-2 card. On rare occasions, permanent loss of traffic can occur. Do not remove the active XTC from the chassis to force a protection switch. Instead, perform a soft reset of the active XTC through the network management interface. Once the XTC is in standby mode, it can be removed from the chassis without inducing excessive traffic loss.

This issue impacts only cards with Version number 800-18490-01 and is resolved by a newer version of the G1000-2 cards. Cards with Version number 800-18490-02, rev A0 or later incorporate improved hardware PLL circuitry on the G1000-2 line card to allow an active XTC removal without causing excessive traffic loss. The caveat herein is for the previous hardware version.

Path Protection Functionality

CSCee53579

Traffic hits can occur in an unprotected to path protected topology upgrade in unidirectional routing. If you create an unprotected circuit, then upgrade the unprotected circuit to a path protected circuit using Unprotected to Path Protection wizard, selecting unidirectional routing in the wizard, the circuit will be upgraded to a path protected circuit. However, during the conversion, traffic hits on the order of 300 ms should be expected. This issue will not be resolved.

CSCeb37707

With a VT Path Protected circuit, if you inject signals with a thru-mode test set into one path of the circuit in a particular order, you may not see the appropriate alarms. This can occur when you first inject LOP-P, then clear, then inject LOP-V. This issue will not be resolved.

Performance Monitoring

CSCdt10886

The far-end STS PM counts do not accumulate on an OC-48 linear 1+1 circuit even though the near-end STS PM counts on the other end are increasing. To see this issue, connect two nodes with an OC-12 or OC-48 linear 1+1 protected span. Place a piece of test equipment in the middle of the span and inject B3 errors. The near-end STS PM counts accumulate, but the far-end STS PM counts do not accumulate. To work around this issue, Use the near-end STS PM count from the adjacent node to see the far-end STS PM count for the current node. This issue will be resolved in a future release.

Bridge and Roll

CSCei37364

When a rollTo leg is not receiving a good signal, and because of this the rollPending alarm is not cleared, there is no alarm indicating the reason that the RollPending alarm fails to clear. This issue is resolved in Release 7.0.

TL1

**Note**

To be compatible with TL1 and DNS, all nodes must have valid names. Node names should contain alphanumeric characters or hyphens, but no special characters or spaces.

Resolved Caveats for Release 6.2

The following items are resolved in Release 6.2

Maintenance and Administration

CSCsd67191

Rarely, in a large network with many host routes the Proxy ARP server might run out of ring buffer storage, resulting in a subsequent failure of the driver to receive new packets. This can lead to DCC failure and loss of all connections. This issue is resolved in Releases 6.2 and 8.

Path Protection Functionality

CSCec15064

A path protected/SNCP circuit with a defect signal present (for example, AIS-P or AIS-V) on the protect path will produce RDI-P or RDI-V upstream of the detection point, but these signals will not be detected or indicated. This issue is resolved in a Release 6.0.

New Features and Functionality

This section highlights new features and functionality for Release 6.0.x. For detailed documentation of each of these features, consult the user documentation.

There are no new features for Release 6.2.

Related Documentation

Release-Specific Documents

- *Release Notes for the Cisco ONS 15327, Release 6.0.1*
- *Release Notes for the Cisco ONS 15454 SDH, Release 6.2*
- *Release Notes for the Cisco ONS 15454, Release 6.2*
- *Release Notes for the Cisco ONS 15600, Release 6.2*

- *Release Notes for the Cisco ONS 15310-CL, Release 6.2*
- *Upgrading Cisco ONS 15327 to Release 6.2*

Platform-Specific Documents

- *Cisco ONS 15327 Procedure Guide*
Provides installation, turn up, test, and maintenance procedures
- *Cisco ONS 15327 Reference Manual*
Provides technical reference information for SONET/SDH cards, nodes, and networks
- *Cisco ONS 15327 Troubleshooting Guide*
Provides a list of SONET alarms and troubleshooting procedures, general troubleshooting information, and hardware replacement procedures
- *Cisco ONS SONET TL1 Command Guide*
Provides a comprehensive list of TL1 commands

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