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Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 2.0(4)

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This document describes the caveats and limitations for switches in the Cisco MDS 9000 Family. Use this document in conjunction with documents listed in the “[Related Documentation](#)” section on page 19.



Note

Release notes are sometimes updated with new information on restrictions and caveats. Refer to the following website for the most recent version of the *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes*:
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/ps4159/ps4358/prod_release_notes_list.html

Table 1 shows the on-line change history for this document.

Table 1 On-Line History Change

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E0	05/03/2005	Added DDTS CSCeg82721 and CSCeh65824
F0	05/19/2005	Removed DDTS CSCeh44216
G0	5/24/2005	Added DDTS CSCeg66225 and CSCeh42252
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Revision	Date	Description
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M0	08/22/2005	Removed DDTS CSCeh61610
N0	08/23/2005	Added DDTS CSCeh61610
O0	12/07/2005	Added DDTS CSCsc31424
P0	12/30/2005	Added DDTS CSCei91968
Q0	05/03/2006	Removed DDTS CSCeh52973 Added DDTS CSCeg33121 , CSCsd29338 , CSCei57342 , CSCei58652 , CSCei67982 , CSCei91676 , CSCsc09732 , CSCsc33788 , and CSCsd83775
R0	06/06/2006	Removed DDTS CSCed16845
S0	09/05/2006	Added DDTS CSCsd78967
T0	09/13/2006	Added DDTS CSCsf21970
U0	11/07/2006	Added DDTS CSCsg15392
V0	02/23/2007	Added DDTS CSCse99087 , CSCsg03171 , and CSCsh27840 .
W0	08/28/2007	Modified the description of CSCsd83775 .

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Introduction

fabric-switching services that realize maximum performance while ensuring high reliability levels. These switches combine robust and flexible hardware architecture with multiple layers of network and storage management intelligence. This powerful combination enables highly available, scalable storage networks that provide advanced security and unified management features.

The Cisco MDS 9000 Family provides intelligent networking features such as multiprotocol and multitransport integration, virtual SANs (VSANs), advanced security, sophisticated debug analysis tools, and unified SAN management.

System Requirements

This section describes the system requirements for Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 2.0(4) and includes the following topics:

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Components Supported

[Table 2](#) lists the software and hardware components supported by the Cisco MDS 9000 Family.



Note

To use the Cisco Storage Services Enabler package, Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 1.3(5) or later must be installed on the MDS switch.

Table 2 *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components*

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Product
Software	Not orderable	MDS 9500 Supervisor/Fabric-I, SAN-OS software.	MDS 9500 Series only
	Not orderable	MDS 9216 Supervisor/Fabric-I, SAN-OS software.	MDS 9200 Series only
	Not orderable	MDS 9100 Supervisor/Fabric-I, SAN-OS software.	MDS 9100 Series only

Table 2 Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components (continued)

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Product
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 ASM or SSM
M9200SSE1K9	Storage Services Enabler package.	MDS 9200 series with ASM or 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 ¹ 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 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
	DS-C9120-K9	MDS 9120 fixed configuration, non-modular, fabric switch (includes 4 full rate ports and 16 host-optimized ports).	MDS 9120 only
	DS-C9140-K9	MDS 9140 fixed configuration (non-modular) fabric switch (includes 8 full rate ports and 32 host-optimized ports).	MDS 9140 only

Table 2 Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components (continued)

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Product
Supervisor modules	DS-X9530-SF1-K9	MDS 9500 Supervisor/Fabric-I, module.	MDS 9500 Series only
Switching modules	DS-X9016	MDS 9000 16-port 1-Gbps/2-Gbps Fibre Channel module (SFPs sold separately).	MDS 9500 Series and 9200 Series
	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.	
	DS-X9304-SMIP	4-port Gigabit Ethernet IP Storage Services module.	
	DS-X9032-SMV	32-port Fibre Channel Advanced Services Module (ASM).	
	DS-X9032-SSM	MDS 9000 32-port 1-Gbps/2-Gbps Fibre Channel Storage Services Module (SSM).	
	DS-X9560-SMC	Caching Services Module (CSM).	
	DS-X9302-14K9	14-port Fibre Channel/2-port Gigabit Ethernet Multiprotocol Services (MPS-14/2) module.	
LC-type fiber-optic SFP	DS-SFP-FC-2G-SW	2-Gbps/1-Gbps Fibre Channel — short wavelength SFP.	MDS 9000 Family
	DS-SFP-FC-2G-LW	2-Gbps/1-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 ²	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 four CWDM wavelengths.	
	CWDM-MUX-8	Add/drop multiplexer for eight CWDM wavelengths.	
	CWDM-CHASSIS-2	Two slot chassis for CWDM add/drop multiplexer(s).	
Power supplies	DS-CAC-300W	300-W ³ AC power supply.	MDS 9100 Series only
	DS-CAC-845W	845-W AC power supply.	MDS 9200 Series 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).	
	DS-CAC-4000W-INT	4000-W AC power supply international (cable attached).	
	DS-CAC-1900W	1900-W AC power supply.	MDS 9506 only
	DS-CDC-1900W	1900-W DC power supply.	
CompactFlash	MEM-MDS-FLD512 M	MDS 9500 supervisor CompactFlash disk, 512MB.	MDS 9500 Series only
Port analyzer adapter	DS-PAA-2	A standalone Fibre Channel-to-Ethernet adapter that allows for simple, transparent analysis of Fibre Channel traffic in a switched fabric.	MDS 9000 Family

1. SFP = small form-factor pluggable
2. CWDM = coarse wavelength division multiplexing
3. W = Watt

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

Image Upgrade

The Cisco MDS SAN-OS software is designed for mission-critical high availability environments. To realize the benefits of nondisruptive upgrades on the Cisco MDS 9500 Directors, we highly recommend that you install dual supervisor modules.

You can nondisruptively upgrade to Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 2.0(4) from any SAN-OS software release beginning with Release 1.3(x). If you are running an older version of the SAN-OS, upgrade to Release 1.3(x) and then Release 2.0(4).

When downgrading from Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 2.0(4) to Release 1.3(x), you might need to disable new features in Release 2.0(4) for a nondisruptive downgrade. Issuing the **install all** command from the CLI, or using Fabric Manager to perform the downgrade enables the compatibility check. The check indicates that the downgrade is disruptive and the reason is “current running-config is not supported by new image.”

```

Compatibility check is done:
Module  bootable      Impact  Install-type  Reason
-----  -----
          2         yes    disruptive    reset  Current running-config is not
supported by new image
          3         yes    disruptive    reset  Current running-config is not
supported by new image
          5         yes    disruptive    reset  Current running-config is not
supported by new image
          6         yes    disruptive    reset  Current running-config is not
supported by new image

```

At a minimum, you need to disable the default device alias distribution feature using the **no device-alias distribute** command in global configuration mode. The **show incompatibility system bootflash:1.3(x)_filename** command determines which additional features need to be disabled.



Note

Refer to the “Determining Software Compatibility” section of the *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Configuration Guide* for more details.

Workaround

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Symptom

copy running-config startup

Workaround

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Symptom

Workaround **Admin > Fabrics**

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Symptom:

Workaround:

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Symptom

Workaround

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Symptom

install all

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Symptom

Workaround

than 25 Mega bits/sec. There is no workaround if the throughput requirement is > 25 Mbps.

- CSCeg90336

Symptom: A user that you create in Fabric Manager or Device Manager cannot log in from the console. Release 2.1(2) fixes this problem. However, if a third-party application creates a user using SNMP, a new MIB is required for Release 3.0.

Workaround: Third-party applications should use SSH to connect to the MDS 9000 switch, and then use CLI commands to create the user account.

- CSCeh49026

Symptom: The application might report that the loop port is not up, however, the port is online and operational.

- : Perform a refresh on Device Manager to clear the problem.
- CSCsd78967

: If you remove a port from a port channel or shutdown a member port of a port-channel, the ConnUnitPortStatus/State trap is not sent.

: None.
- CSCsh27840

: While using an FCIP link for remote SPAN, it is possible that the FCIP link may flap.

: Do not use FCIP links for Remote SPAN.
- CSCec31365

: When IVR is enabled, the Fabric-Device Management Interface information is not transferred across VSANs for IVR devices.

: None.
- CSCed14920

During a switch upgrade, a SAN Volume Controller (SVC) node may not save its entire state under rare circumstances. This results in that node not being part of the cluster after the switch upgrade. Verify this symptom by issuing the `show cluster` command at the prompt—the command output displays the following information:

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remote-url

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application_name

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f. **Ctrl-z****Workaround**

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Symptom

the client is detecting the server's status upon receiving events. If the client does not receive any events from the server for a certain amount of time, it assumes that the server is down and closes the connection. Fabric Manager timeouts have also been seen that do not coincide with upgrade/downgrade events.

Workaround: Remove the fabric and then reopen it.

• CSCeh19639

Symptom: Alias for a down endpoint is not shown and is referenced by its pwwn in the Edit FullZoneset screen of the Fabric Manager rather than the fcalias name. This does not affect the functionality of adding those members to the zones either in Fabric Manager or in the CLI.

Workaround: None

• CSCeh41099

Symptom: Protocol and port numbers, if specified in a IP ACL assigned to a IPsec profile (crypto map), will be ignored.

The interop between Microsoft's iSCSI initiator with IPsec encryption with Cisco MDS 9000 Series switches. If IPsec is configured in the Microsoft iSCSI initiator (also the IPsec/IKE initiator), the host IPsec implementation sends the following IPsec policy:

```
source IP - Host IP, dest IP - MDS IP,
source port - any, dest port - 3260 (iSCSI), protocol - 6 (TCP).
```

Workaround

Symptom: If the NetApp file server appliance is configured as an initiator performing a Network Data Management Protocol (NDMP) backup, then the fabric login (FLOGI) process on the MDS switch might terminate because of excessive LINIT requests.

Workaround**Symptom****Workaround****Symptom**

Workaround

Symptom

Workaround

Symptom

Workaround

Symptom **copy <config-url> startup**

<<%ASCII-CFG-2-ACFG_CONFIGURATION_APPLY_ERROR>>

: Issue the command from the switchboot prompt.



Using the write erase command will erase the configuration. You must reapply the configuration, if externally stored, after the switch login.

CSCeg61535

:The Telnet server may not be disabled even if you disable it through setup. A telnet session will still work in the switch.

: Issue the no telnet server enable command in configuration mode to disable telnet after you login to the switch.

CSCeh73101

: When you perform a nondisruptive upgrade from Release 1.3(x) to 2.0(x), and then issue the command, the switch displays the wrong user. The user shown will be inconsistent with the user shown when you issue the command.

: Recreate the user.

CSCeg81089

: A Windows host running Hummingbird 10 with Connectivity Secure Shell 9, cannot use SSH to connect to an MDS switch running Cisco MDS SAN-OS Releases 2.0(x) using the same host configuration as was used when connecting to an MDS switch running 1.3(x) code. The host will display the error, "Authentication Failed, no more shared authentication methods".

: Reconfigure the client to use "keyboard-interactive" instead of "password" for authentication. To do this, go to tunnel profile settings, select Security Settings>Authentication. Ensure the "keyboard interactive" is the method used, "password" might be the currently configured method. Or upgrade to Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 2.1(1a).

CSCeg85146

: The `show callhome profile alertgroups` command output shows the callhome profile alertgroups with an underscore (`_`) rather than a dash (`-`). If the `show callhome profile` command in Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 1.3.x shows callhome profile with alertgroups as an underscore (`_`), then it will carry it over to the release 2.x code and cannot be deleted. This occurs if the following alert groups have been configured:

```
cisco_tac
supervisor_hardware
linecard_hardware
```

: Before upgrading to Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 2.x, issue the `clear callhome profile` command and delete the following alert groups:

```
cisco_tac
supervisor_hardware
linecard_hardware
```

CSCeh82490

: An MDS 9000 switch running SAN-OS 2.0(1b) can potentially send excessive Call Home messages due to a malfunctioning line card that acts as if it were being inserted and removed repeatedly.

: None.

CSCeh83514

: After upgrading to Release 2.0, it is no longer possible to create, modify, or delete the admin role.

: Before upgrading to Release 2.0, create the admin role.

CSCeh87985

: When no role is associated with a user, SNMP fails when the `clear callhome profile` command is issued to delete the admin role. The SNMP user (admin) has no roles assigned, which causes the failure when there is an attempt to delete a specific role.

: Associate at least one role (group) to the user by executing the `configure terminal` [`username`] command in configuration mode.

CSCei29086

: Following the installation of a third-party syslog server to a PC running Fabric Manager and Device Manager, the third-party syslog server takes ownership of the PC's IP address as the syslog server. As a result, the MDS switch is no longer able to act as the syslog server.

You can see the error message "java.lang.NullPointerException" if you verify syslog on the MDS switch through Device Manager by choosing **Logs > Syslog > Verify**.

If you uninstall the third-party software and verify syslog again with **Logs > Syslog > Verify**, you see the error message "Can't connect to FM server."

Workaround: To allow the MDS 9000 switch to be the syslog server, follow these steps:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Computer > Manage > Services and Applications > Services

My

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Symptom

Workaround

shut

no shut

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Symptom

Workaround

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Symptom

Workaround

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Symptom

Workaround

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Symptom

Workaround

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Symptom

show running

show startup

show boot

Workaround

show boot

-

Symptom

Workaround

Symptom

Workaround

Symptom

Workaround **shutdown**

no shutdown

Symptom

Workaround

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Cisco MDS 9000 Family Interoperability Support Matrix

Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for IBM SAN Volume Controller Software for Cisco MDS 9000

Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for VERITAS Storage Foundation for Networks Software

Cisco MDS SAN-OS Compatibility Matrix for Storage Service Interface Images

Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family

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Cisco MDS 9200 Series Hardware Installation Guide

Cisco MDS 9216 Switch Hardware Installation Guide

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Cisco MDS 9000 Family Software Upgrade and Downgrade Guide

Cisco MDS 9000 Family Configuration Guide

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Command Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric Manager Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric and Device Manager Online Help*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family SAN Volume Controller Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family MIB Quick Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family CIM Programming Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family System Messages Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Troubleshooting Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Port Analyzer Adapter 2 Installation and Configuration Note*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Port Analyzer Adapter Installation and Configuration Note*

For information on VERITAS Storage Foundation™ for Networks for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family, refer to the VERITAS website: <http://support.veritas.com/>

For information on IBM TotalStorage SAN Volume Controller Storage Software for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family, refer to the IBM TotalStorage Support website: <http://www.ibm.com/storage/support/2062-2300/>

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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.

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