



End-of-Sale And End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.2

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco® ACNS Software Version 5.2. The last day to order the affected product is **March 31, 2006**. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until **March 31, 2009**.

Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.3, which includes significant new functions and numerous quality improvements. Information about the replacement product can be found at <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6049/index.html>.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.2

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	November 7, 2005
End-of-Sale Date	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	March 31, 2006
Last Shipment Date	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	April 30, 2006
End of Software Maintenance Releases Date	The last date that Cisco Engineering may release any final software maintenance releases or bug fixes. After this date, Cisco Engineering will no longer develop, repair, maintain, or test the product software. After this date, customers will be required to migrate to later software releases to obtain bug fixes.	March 31, 2007
Last Date of Support	The last date to receive service and support for the product. After this date, all support services for the product are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	March 31, 2009

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description
SF-ACNS-5.2-SA-K9	Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.2 for serial-advanced-technology-attachment (SATA) appliance platforms	SF-ACNS-5.3-SA-K9	Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.3 for SATA platforms
SF-ACNS-5.2-SC-K9	Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.2 for Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) appliance platforms	SF-ACNS-5.3-SC-K9	Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.3 for SCSI platforms
SF-ACNS-5.2-K9	Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.2 for Content Engine Network Module (NM-CE) platforms	SF-ACNS-5.3-K9	Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.3 for NM-CE platforms

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for the Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.2 is the Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.3 (Table 3), which adds features to improve Windows Media Technologies (WMT) streaming and core proxy functions while continuing to lower total cost of ownership (TCO) and simplify management. New features in Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.3 include:

Video Streaming Features

- Windows Media Player v9 and v10 support with Real Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP)
- Fast Start and Fast Cache for support with RTSP
- Multicast redundancy failover for live WMT
- Bandwidth limiting based on client IP ranges
- MPEG-4/QuickTime Rebroadcast from disk

Management and Monitoring Functions

- Command-line interface (CLI) that reports WMT live unicast streams by URL
- New WMT troubleshooting tools
- Upgrades that include only the changed files
- Secure FTP (SFTP) for accessing administrative files on customer edge
- Login banner for Secure Shell (SSH) Protocol Version 2 and Telnet logins
- New hard disk diagnostic tools

Application Acceleration and Proxy Features

- Acquire from URLs which include “?”
- Faster replication for high-bandwidth networks
- Quality of service (QoS) on acquisition
- FTP proxy supported with Web Cache Communication Protocol (WCCP) and proxy configuration
- On-box support for Websense authentication modules

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the **Cisco ACNS Software**, visit <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/sw/conntsw/ps491/index.html> or contact your local Cisco account representative.

For more information about the **Cisco End-of-Life Policy**, go to: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_end_of_life.html

To subscribe to receive **end-of-life/end-of-sale information**, go to: <http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/FieldNoticeTool/field-notice>

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