

Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3

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Major Release Summary

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Description	<p>Cisco IOS® Software Release 11.3 is based on Cisco IOS 11.2(7)F of the Next Generation Release Process (NGRP) model. Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3 first customer shipped (FCS) on December 22, 1997, as a short-term release (with one year of engineering support) to bridge the gap between Cisco IOS 11.2 and the next main release, Cisco IOS 12.0. It will not achieve general deployment (GD) status.</p> <p>The Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3 label marks the end of the NGRP model and the beginning of a new Cisco IOS release model, unofficially called the Technology model. The main attribute of this model is characterized by two parallel release trains (as opposed to three in the NGRP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The main major release train (Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3 or Cisco IOS 11.3M) is closed to any additions to the code once it is FCS.• The major technology release (or T train) adds new Cisco IOS Software features and new Cisco hardware support with each subsequent maintenance release until Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3(4)T, where all additions stop. <p>For more information, see the following pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3• Types of Cisco IOS Software Releases Product Bulletin
Target Market	Cisco Systems, Inc. released Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3 for all active platforms.
Product Support	Cisco IOS Software main releases support all active Cisco shipping products.
Related Cisco IOS Releases	The early deployment releases based on Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3 regularly synchronize with it to catch base code bug fixes. For more information, see the Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3 page.
Product/Feature Integration	No new products or features were added to the maintenance releases of Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3. For more information, see the following pages: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3
Maintenance Releases	Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3 is a time-based maintenance release.
	Interim builds are not recommended and are not fully tested. Customers will only be provided with interim builds when a critical defect renders the maintenance

Interim Builds	release unusable.				
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Maintenance Release Synchronization Points	Not applicable. For more information, see the Projected Release Dates for Cisco IOS Software Product Bulletin.				
Recommended Migration	<p>If currently using Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3 or 11.3T, the recommended upgrade path is Cisco IOS 12.0 or 12.0T.</p> <p>The migration path is the logical superseding software. The uniqueness of each network requires that customers verify support for hardware, features, and protocols prior to a massive network upgrade. For more information, see the Projected Release Dates for Cisco IOS Software Product Bulletin.</p>				
Year 2000 (Y2K) Compliant	Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3 is Y2K compliant.				
General Deployment (GD) Plan	Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3 will not achieve GD status.				
Life Cycle	The Cisco IOS Software 11.3 release train is a short-term release which will reach end of engineering (EOE) in April 1999 at Cisco IOS 11.3(9). For more information, see the Cisco IOS Software Release Dates and Milestones Product Bulletin.				
Comments	<p>For more information, see the following pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco IOS Field Notices 				

Support Pages:

- Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3
- Product Specific Release Notes for Cisco IOS Release 11.3
- Product Bulletins
- Cisco IOS Field Notices

