

Cisco IOS™ Software Release 11.3AA

End of Sales and End of Engineering Milestones

This Product Bulletin serves as formal notification that Cisco IOS™ Software Release 11.3AA will reach its End of Sales and End of Engineering milestones on the following dates:

IOS 11.3AA Milestone	Date	Impact
Release 11.3AA End of Sales for 7200 platform	05/10/99	Newer maintenance releases will not be made orderable through Customer Service or Manufacturing,, only the previously released maintenance releases.
Release 11.3AA End of Engineering for the 7200 platform	06/01/99	Will no longer create any additional maintenance releases
Release 11.3(9)AA, the final 11.3AA maintenance release for the 7200 platform	06/01/99	Will be available via electronic download from CCO
Release 11.3AA End of Sales for 3640, AS5200, AS5300, AS5800 platforms	06/21/99	Newer maintenance releases will not be made orderable through Customer Service or Manufacturing,, only the previously released maintenance releases.
Release 11.3AA End of Engineering for 3640, AS5200, AS5300, AS5800 platforms	02/14/00	Will no longer create any additional maintenance releases
Release 11.3(11a)AA, the final 11.3AA maintenance release for 3640, AS5200, AS5300, AS5800 platforms	02/14/00	Will be available via electronic download from CCO

Definitions

End of Sales

After this milestone date, the newer maintenance releases of the software release may no longer be ordered. Releases which reach this milestone are still available through FSO and CCO for customers under maintenance contract or for Customer Service Engineering (CSE) support until they reach the "End of Life" milestone.

End of Engineering

The milestone date after which no scheduled maintenance releases will be produced for the major release. Releases which reach this milestone are still available through FSO and CCO for customers under maintenance contract or for CSE support until they reach the "End of Life" milestone.

End of Life

After this milestone date, a minimum of one year following End of Engineering, the software release is no longer officially supported by CSE and is removed from CCO.

Milestone Purposes

Moving Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3AA through these milestones serves several purposes:

1. To simplify the task of selecting and ordering software for customers and account managers by reducing the number of releases concurrently available,
2. To encourage customers to operate their routers with more current Cisco IOS offerings in the 12.x families,
3. To help focus our development resources on recent releases in order to continue delivering timely, high-quality software releases, and
4. To improve software support by reducing the number of versions currently available.

Customer Impact

This news will have the greatest impact on customers who have settled upon 11.3AA maintenance releases as their "standard" router network software. Important issues to note follow:

1. Customer Engineering (CE) will still answer technical questions regarding Cisco IOS Software Release 11.3AA.
2. To utilize an obsolete release on hardware platforms ordered in the future, customers may maintain the software on a TFTP server at their site and utilize netboot procedures. In most instances, this should not be a major issue since most customers likely keep software backups at their site in order to have a quick retrieval mechanism in case of emergency.
3. The migration path for customers who are currently on 11.3AA is as follows on a per platform basis:
 - 3640, 7200: 12.0(1)T or later 12.0T releases.
 - AS5200, AS5300, AS5800: 12.0T - please contact your Cisco representative for the applicable maintenance release.
4. Customers needing memory upgrades for the following platforms will be handled on a case-by-case basis:
 - 3640, AS5800, 7200: No change in minimum memory requirements.
 - AS5200: Desktop and Desktop Plus images will require 16MB flash in 12.0 and 12.0T.
 - AS5300: Plus images will require 16MB Flash and 64MB DRAM in 12.0(5)T .



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