

End of Sales Announcement for ALM/B, BTM and FTM

Cisco is officially announcing the End of Sales (EOS) for the following Cisco IGX™ 8400 modules with an effective date of Dec. 31, 2000:

- Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Line Module—Model B (ALM/B)
- Broadband Trunk Module (BTM)
- FastPAD Trunk Module (FTM)

The ATM Line Module—Model A (ALM/A) is already EOS as of Oct. 15, 1999. Switch software Release 9.2 will be the last release supporting the ALM/A, ALM/B, BTM and FTM modules. Customers will continue to receive Technical Assistance Center (TAC) and RMA support for these modules for a period of five years after their respective EOS announcements.

The Universal Switching Module (UXM) provides a more efficient and cost-effective alternative than the ALM/A, ALM/B and BTM modules. With the UXM, standards compliant 4/8-port T1/E1, 3/6-port T3/E3 or 2/4-port OC-3/STM-1 interfaces are supported with ports and trunks configurable on a single module. Advanced UXM features include available bit rate (ABR) with VS/VD, traffic shaping, 128 K cells buffering per card, virtual trunking, and the ability to use public ATM virtual path (VP) or virtual circuit (VC) services.

The main alternative to the FTM for integrated access/IGX networks is the building of overlay networks in which Cisco MC3810s, 3600s, or 7200s are co-located at the head end with the IGX while Cisco MC3810s, 2600s, and/or 3600s are deployed at remote sites. This topology has been successfully deployed in dozens of large networks and provides increased performance, flexibility, and scale compared to the FTM solution. Also, a project underway to integrate a Cisco 3600 series router module directly into the IGX will provide a migration to a consolidated head-end solution (http://www.in.cisco.com/servpro/msa/products/igx/igx_pres.html).

In summary, the End-of-Life plan for the ALM/B, BTM and FTM modules is as follows:

End of Sales Announcement	Oct. 31, 1999
End of Sales	Dec. 31, 2000
Last Software Release	Release 9.2
End of Hardware Support	Oct. 31, 2004

Customers can trade in their ALM/A, ALM/B, BTM, and FTM modules for UXM or UFM modules using the Technology Migration Plan (TMP). For information on TMP, please refer to http://www.cisco.com/offer/tic/TMP_PA.html

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