Release Notes for StarOS™ Software Version 21.20.0 and Ultra Service Platform Version N6.14.0

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Introduction

This Release Note identifies changes and issues related to this software release. This release is the next major feature release since 21.19.0 and N6.13.0.

Release Package Version Information

Table 1 - Release Package Version Information

Software Packages	Version
StarOS packages	21.20.0 build 76372
Ultra Service Platform ISO	6.14.0 build 11208
usp-em-bundle*	6.12.0, Epoch: 8928
usp-ugp-bundle*	21.20.0, Epoch: 8883
usp-yang-bundle	1.0.0, Epoch: 8892
usp-uas-bundle	6.10.0, Epoch: 8946
usp-auto-it-bundle	5.8.0, Epoch: 9117
usp-vnfm-bundle	4.5.0.112, Epoch: 8893
Ultram Manager	2.12.0, Epoch: 2718
* These bundles are also distributed separately from the ISO.	

Descriptions for the various packages provided with this release are located in Table 3.

Feature and Behavior Changes

Refer to the *Release Change Reference* for a complete list of feature and behavior changes associated with this software release.

Related Documentation

For a complete list of documentation available for this release, go to:

- StarOS: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/wireless/asr-5000-series/products-installation-and-configuration-guides-list.html
- Ultra Gateway Platform (including the UltraM Solution): https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/wireless/ultra-gateway-platform/products-installation-and-configuration-guides-list.html
- Ultra Automation Services: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/wireless/ultra-automation-services/products-installation-and-configuration-guides-list.html
- Virtual Packet Core (including VPC-SI and VPC-DI): https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/wireless/virtual-packet-core/products-installation-and-configuration-guides-list.html

Installation and Upgrade Notes

This Release Note does not contain general installation and upgrade instructions. Refer to the existing installation documentation for specific installation and upgrade considerations.

Ultra M Hyper-Converged Model Component Version Information

Table 2 - Ultra M Hyper-Converged Model Component Version Information

HW	SW	6.9	6.10	6.11	6.12	6.13	6.14
	StarOS	72729	73292	73955	74796	75571	76372
	ESC	4.5.0.112	4.5.0.112	4.5.0.112	4.5.0.112	4.5.0.112	4.5.0.112
	RH Kernel	7.5 or 7.6	7.5 or 7.6	7.5 or 7.6	7.5 or 7.6	7.5 or 7.6	7.5 or 7.6

HW	SW	6.9	6.10	6.11	6.12	6.13	6.14
	OSP	10 or 13 **NOTE**: Open-Stack Plat-form 13 with RHEL 7.5 is validated only for standalone AutoVNF-based de-ployments of the UGP VNF.	10 or 13 **NOTE**: Open-Stack Platform 13 with RHEL 7.5 is vali-dated only for standalone AutoVNF-based de-ployments of the UGP VNF.	10 or 13 **NOTE**: OpenStack Platform 13 with RHEL 7.5 is vali-dated only for standalone AutoVNF-based de-ployments of the UGP VNF.	10 or 13 **NOTE**: OpenStack Platform 13 with RHEL 7.5 is vali-dated only for standalone AutoVNF-based de-ployments of the UGP VNF.	10 or 13 **NOTE**: OpenStack Platform 13 with RHEL 7.5 is vali-dated only for standalone AutoVNF-based de-ployments of the UGP VNF.	10 or 13 **NOTE**: OpenStack Platform 13 with RHEL 7.5 is vali-dated only for standalone AutoVNF-based de-ployments of the UGP VNF.
UCS C240 M4S SFF (NFVI)	BIOS	3.0(4a)	3.0(4a)	3.0(4a)	3.0(4a)	3.0(4a)	3.0(4a)
	CIMC (BMC)	3.0(4d)	3.0(4d)	3.0(4d)	3.0(4d)	3.0(4d)	3.0(4d)
	MLOM	4.1 (3f)	4.1 (3f)	4.1 (3f)	4.1 (3f)	4.1 (3f)	4.1 (3f)
C2960XR-48TD-I (Manage-ment)	Boot Loader	15.2(3r)E1	15.2(3r)E1	15.2(3r)E1	15.2(3r)E1	15.2(3r)E1	15.2(3r)E1
	IOS	15.2.(2) E5	15.2.(2) E5	15.2.(2) E5	15.2.(2) E5	15.2.(2) E5	15.2.(2) E5
C3850-48T-S (Manage-ment)	Boot Loader	3.58	3.58	3.58	3.58	3.58	3.58
	IOS	03.06.06E	03.06.06E	03.06.06E	03.06.06E	03.06.06E	03.06.06E
Nexus 93180-YC-EX (Leafs)	BIOS	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.61	7.61	7.61
	NX-OS	7.0(3)I7(3)	7.0(3)I7(3)	7.0(3)I7(3)	7.0(3)I7(3)	7.0(3)I7(3)	7.0(3)I7(3)
Nexus 9236C (Spines)	BIOS	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59
	NX-OS	7.0(3)I7(3)	7.0(3)I7(3)	7.0(3)I7(3)	7.0(3)I7(4)	7.0(3)I7(4)	7.0(3)I7(4)

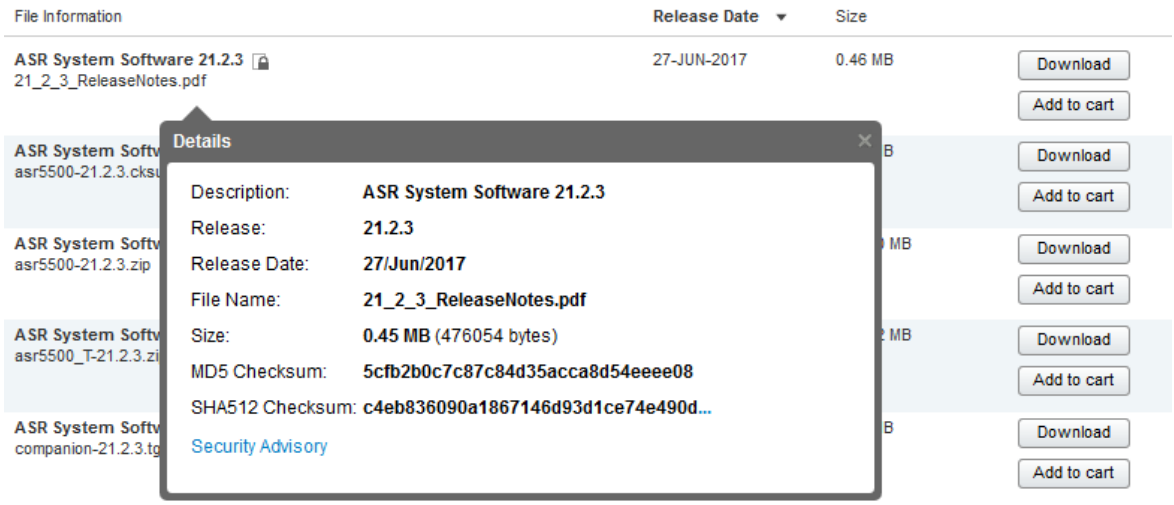
Firmware Updates

There are no firmware upgrades required for this release.

Software Integrity Verification

To verify the integrity of the software image you have from Cisco, you can validate the SHA512 checksum information against the checksum identified by Cisco for the software.

Image checksum information is available through **Cisco.com Software Download Details.** To find the checksum, hover the mouse pointer over the software image you have downloaded.



At the bottom you find the SHA512 checksum, if you do not see the whole checksum you can expand it by pressing the "..." at the end.

To validate the information, calculate a SHA512 checksum using the information in Table 3 and verify that it matches either the one provided on the software download page.

To calculate a SHA512 checksum on your local desktop see Table 3.

Table 3 - Checksum Calculations per Operating System

Operating System	SHA512 checksum calculation command examples
Microsoft Windows	Open a command line window and type the following command > certutil.exe -hashfile *<filename>.<extension>* SHA512
Apple MAC	Open a terminal window and type the following command $ shasum -a 512 *<filename>.<extension>*

Linux	Open a terminal window and type the following command
	
	$ sha512sum *<filename>.<extension>*
	
	Or
	
	$ shasum -a 512 *<filename>.<extension>*

NOTES:

<filename> is the name of the file.

<extension> is the file extension (e.g. .zip or .tgz).

If the SHA512 checksum matches, you can be sure that no one has tampered with the software image or the image has not been corrupted during download.

If the SHA512 checksum does not match, we advise you to not attempt upgrading any systems with the corrupted software image. Download the software again and verify the SHA512 checksum again. If there is a constant mismatch, please open a case with the Cisco Technical Assistance Center.

Certificate Validation

In 21.12.0 and later releases, software images for StarOS, VPC-DI, and VPC-SI, and the companion software packages for StarOS and VPC are signed via x509 certificates. In pre-21.12.0 releases, image signing is not supported for VPC-DI and VPC-SI images, and for StarOS and VPC companion software packages.

USP ISO images are signed with a GPG key.

For more information and instructions on how to validate the certificates, refer to the README file available with the respective software packages.

Open Bugs in this Release

The following table lists the known bugs that were found in, and remain open in this software release.

NOTE: This software release may contain open bugs first identified in other releases. Additional information for all open bugs for this release are available in the Cisco Bug Search Tool.

Table 4 - Open Bugs in this Release

Bug ID	Headline	Product Found*
CSCvs67941	[BP CUPS] egtpc_handle_abort_proc_cmd_evt()	cups-cp
CSCvu15322	[BP-CUPS]: Huge session disconnect due to “sx-no-response”	cups-cp
CSCvu37233	On VPC-DI Multiple Sessmgr restarts seen while doing SF card migration from active to standby	mme
CSCvu80679	MME doesn't handle the Exp Result Code 5511 when received from IWK-SCEF in CIA message	mme
CSCvu82139	[CP-MME]- Post unplanned card failure diamproxy/diactrl instances went to over state	mme
CSCvu81466	[MONTE Roaming] On VPC-DI while doing mmemgr restart seen 18K subs drop from total 1.4M	mme
CSCvu70861	[MONTE] RIR is not sent in case if eDRX activated not during Attach but in TAU	mme
CSCvu70881	[MONTE] Missing AVP 3142 Monitoring-Event-Config-Status in IDA from MME	mme
CSCvr34106	Assertion Failure for aaamgr_sred occurring frequently	mme

Bug ID	Headline	Product Found*
CSCvu45263	[PLT-ICUPS:VzW MPN]: VPP crash is seen after enabled VPP in VzW golden config	pdn-gw
CSCvu82486	[BP-ICUPS]: IP ToS marking is not getting applied when configured in charging-action.	pdn-gw
CSCvu72004	[BP-ICUPS]: sessmgr crashes noted on standby when reloading new PXGW config	pdn-gw
CSCvu61381	[BP-ICUPS]: Unable to pass along nat traffiic for MPLs+INET context in MPN set up	pdn-gw
CSCvu36991	BP-ICUPS : Existing flows/throughput impacted when new flows/calls are made	pdn-gw
CSCvu55766	[BP-ICUPS]: sessmgr restart at acsmgr_sess_gr_uchkpt_accnt_gy_buckets	pdn-gw
CSCvu54438	[BP-ICUPS]: taking more than 30 minutes to collect SSD on PXGW config system	pdn-gw
CSCvu84218	BP-ICUPS : sm deinit causing tcp-stack-disabled failures in CUSP accel of flows	pdn-gw
CSCvu80016	SessMgr crash is observed in S4-SGSN to Gn/GP-SGSN Hard Handover	sgsn
CSCvp05787	sessmgr restart seen with function egtpc_handle_del_bearer_cmd_req_evt()	sgsn
***** Information in the "Product Found" column identifies the product in which the bug was initially identified.		

Resolved Bugs in this Release

The following table lists the known bugs that are resolved in this specific software release.

NOTE: This software release may contain bug fixes first introduced in other releases. Additional information for all resolved bugs for this release are available in the Cisco Bug Search Tool.

Table 5 - Resolved Bugs in this Release

Bug ID	Headline	Product Found*
CSCvt15769	Assertion failure at sess/smgr/sessmgr_aaa_pgw.c:1347 sessmgr_pgw_get_trans_info_node	cups-cp
CSCvt26865	sessmgr task restart with fn: sessmgr_ggsn_cups_remove_sx_trans_node()	cups-cp
CSCvt34356	BP-CUPS- sessmgr_pgw_handle_pcc_intf_evt_modify_rsp()	cups-cp
CSCvt78639	[BP-CUPS]PC: [045071bc/X] sessmgr_sxu_handle_events_from_egtpu_app()	cups-cp
CSCvu15491	[BP-CUP]S- egtpc_handle_abort_proc_cmd_evt()	cups-cp
CSCvt15349	Recovery failed on 10:2 testbed after RCM VM reload	cups-up
CSCvu19385	[BP-CUPS] ICSR - Fatal SIgnal 11 uplane_sfw_nat_gr_handle_nat_realm_update	cups-up

Bug ID	Headline	Product Found*
CSCvu00150	[PLT-CUPS]: The p2p app-identifier tls-sni related CLIs failing at UP	cups-up
CSCvu19838	[BP-CUPS] Error Log SEID: Non-zero Correlation id while sending Sx session report request	cups-up
CSCvt33632	"EPC: MME, Collision: NR add & UBReq, MME send with the ESM cause"	mme
CSCvu24212	Unable to delete TAI Group related configuration from MME	mme
CSCvu30003	Support for Quote and escape APN field in MME EDR log files	mme
CSCvu35147	MONTE: eDRX Device: MME is not sending RIR when UE becomes reachable	mme
CSCvu35160	MONTE: MME sends RIR with a weird AVP User-Name value	mme
CSCvu40373	MONTE: MME doesn't send “Supported-Services” AVP in ISDA S6a	mme
CSCvu67421	MONTE : MSISDN value is wrongly enclosed into User-Name AVP instead of MSISDN AVP in RIR message	mme
CSCvt88558	[BP-ICUPS-CUSP]: sn-tcp-rtt and sn-tcp-min-rtt values in EDR are observed 0 for many scenarios	pdn-gw
CSCvu00903	BP-ICUPS: Accounting discrepancy noted between GY/RF vs EDR/CLI	pdn-gw
CSCvu09881	"BP-ICUPS : fapi error at fastpath_stream_delete() at Hash Delete, returned error 0x80005004"	pdn-gw
CSCvu40333	[BP-ICUPS]: MSISDNLess : External-ID value is not sending in RADIUS with standard dict	pdn-gw
CSCvu33041	[BP-ICUPS] TOS/DSCP value doesn't retain post internal qos data set as DSCP derived in MPLS Platform	sae-gw
CSCvt31081	Sessmgr restart on SGSN during EGTP forward access context request message.	sgsn
***** Information in the “Product Found” column identifies the product in which the bug was initially identified.		

Operator Notes

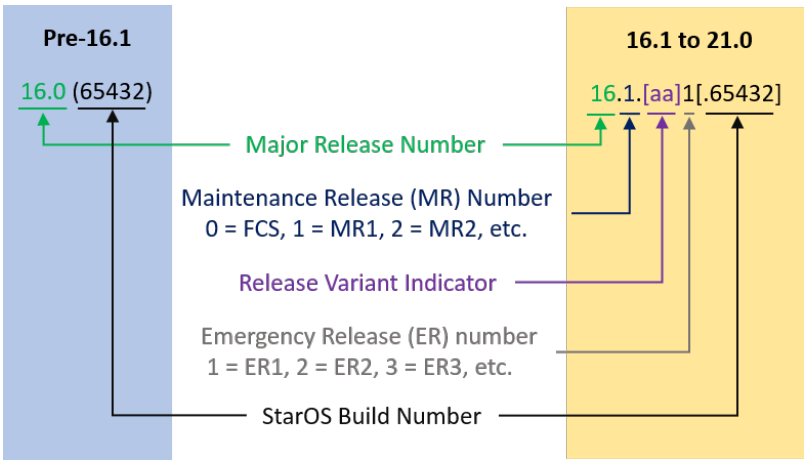
StarOS Version Numbering System

The output of the **show version** command displays detailed information about the version of StarOS currently running on the ASR 5x00 or Cisco Virtualized Packet Core platform.

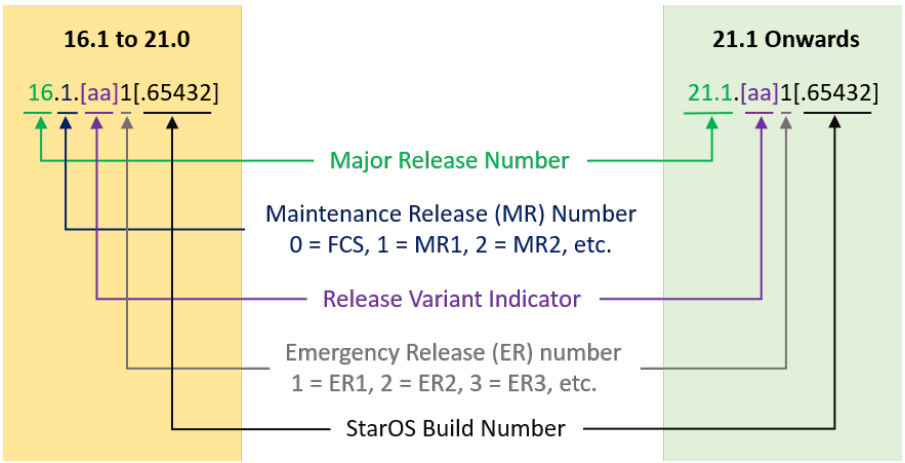
Prior to release 16.1, the *Image Version* field displayed a branch of software including the build number, for example “16.0 (55435)”. Subsequent releases of software for the major release differed only in build number. Lab Quality/EFT releases versus deployment releases also differed only in build number.

From release 16.1 onwards, the output of the **show version** command, as well as the terminology used to describe the Build Version Number fields, has changed. Additionally, **show version** will display slightly different information depending on whether or not a build is suitable for deployment.

The Version Build Number for releases between 16.1 and 21.0 include a major, maintenance, and emergency release number, for example “16.1.2”.



The Version Build Number for releases 21.1 and later include a major and emergency release number, for example, “21.1.1”.



In either scenario, the appropriate version number field increments after a version has been released. The new version numbering format is a contiguous sequential number that represents incremental changes between releases. This format will facilitate identifying the changes between releases when using Bug Search Tool to research software releases.

Release Package Descriptions

Table 6 provides descriptions for the packages that are available with this release.

Table 6 - Release Package Information

In 21.12.0 and later Releases	In pre-21.12.0 Releases	Description
ASR 5500		
asr5500-<release>.zip	asr5500-<release>.bin	Contains the signed ASR 5500 software image, the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
asr5500_T-<release>.zip	asr5500_T-<release>.bin	Contains the signed, trusted ASR 5500 software image, the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
StarOS Companion Package		
companion-<release>.zip	companion-<release>.tgz	Contains numerous files pertaining to this version of the StarOS including SNMP MIBs, RADIUS dictionaries, ORBEM clients. These files pertain to both trusted and non-trusted build variants. In 21.12.0 and later releases, the StarOS companion package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
VPC-DI		
qvpc-di-<release>.bin.zip	qvpc-di-<release>.bin	Contains the VPC-DI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-di_T-<release>.bin.zip	qvpc-di_T-<release>.bin	Contains the trusted VPC-DI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.

In 21.12.0 and later Releases	In pre-21.12.0 Releases	Description
qvpc-di-<release>.iso.zip	qvpc-di-<release>.iso	Contains the VPC-DI ISO used for new deployments, a new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-di_T-<release>.iso.zip	qvpc-di_T-<release>.iso	Contains the trusted VPC-DI ISO used for new deployments, a new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-di-template-vmware-<release>.zip	qvpc-di-template-vmware-<release>.tgz	Contains the VPC-DI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-di-template-vmware_T-<release>.zip	qvpc-di-template-vmware_T-<release>.tgz	Contains the trusted VPC-DI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-di-template-libvirt-kvm-<release>.zip	qvpc-di-template-libvirt-kvm-<release>.tgz	Contains the same VPC-DI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-di-template-libvirt-kvm_T-<release>.zip	qvpc-di-template-libvirt-kvm_T-<release>.tgz	Contains the same trusted VPC-DI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.

In 21.12.0 and later Releases	In pre-21.12.0 Releases	Description
qvpc-di-<release>.qcow2.zip	qvpc-di-<release>.qcow2.tgz	Contains the VPC-DI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-di_T-<release>.qcow2.zip	qvpc-di_T-<release>.qcow2.tgz	Contains the trusted VPC-DI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
VPC-SI		
qvpc-si-<release>.bin.zip	qvpc-si-<release>.bin	Contains the VPC-SI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-si_T-<release>.bin.zip	qvpc-si_T-<release>.bin	Contains the trusted VPC-SI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-si-<release>.iso.zip	qvpc-si-<release>.iso	Contains the VPC-SI ISO used for new deployments, a new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-si_T-<release>.iso.zip	qvpc-si_T-<release>.iso	Contains the trusted VPC-SI ISO used for new deployments a new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.

In 21.12.0 and later Releases	In pre-21.12.0 Releases	Description
qvpc-si-template-vmware-<release>.zip	qvpc-si-template-vmware-<release>.ova	Contains the VPC-SI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-si-template-vmware_T-<release>.zip	qvpc-si-template-vmware_T-<release>.ova	Contains the trusted VPC-SI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-si-template-libvirt-kvm-<release>.zip	qvpc-si-template-libvirt-kvm-<release>.tgz	Contains the same VPC-SI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-si-template-libvirt-kvm_T-<release>.zip	qvpc-si-template-libvirt-kvm_T-<release>.tgz	Contains the same trusted VPC-SI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-si-<release>.qcow2.zip	qvpc-si-<release>.qcow2.gz	Contains the VPC-SI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
qvpc-si_T-<release>.qcow2.zip	qvpc-si_T-<release>.qcow2.gz	Contains the trusted VPC-SI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
VPC Companion Package		

In 21.12.0 and later Releases	In pre-21.12.0 Releases	Description
companion-vpc-<release>.zip	companion-vpc-<release>.tgz	Contains numerous files pertaining to this version of the VPC including SNMP MIBs, RADIUS dictionaries, ORBEM clients. These files pertain to both VPC-DI and VPC-SI, and for trusted and non-trusted build variants. In 21.12.0 and later releases, the VPC companion package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.
Ultra Service Platform		
usp-<version>.iso		The USP software package containing component RPMs (bundles). Refer to Table 7 for descriptions of the specific bundles.
usp_T-<version>.iso		The USP software package containing component RPMs (bundles). This bundle contains trusted images. Refer to Table 7 for descriptions of the specific bundles.
usp_rpm_verify_utils-<version>.tar		Contains information and utilities for verifying USP RPM integrity.

Table 7 - USP ISO Bundles

USP Bundle Name	Description
usp-em-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm*	The Element Manager (EM) Bundle RPM containing images and metadata for the Ultra Element Manager (UEM) module.
usp-ugp-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm*	The Ultra Gateway Platform (UGP) Bundle RPM containing images for Ultra Packet core (VPC-DI). There are trusted and non-trusted image variants of this bundle.
usp-yang-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm	The Yang Bundle RPM containing YANG data models including the VNFD and VNFR.
usp-uas-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm	The Ultra Automation Services Bundle RPM containing AutoVNF, Ultra Web Services (UWS), and other automation packages.
usp-auto-it-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm	The bundle containing the AutoIT packages required to deploy the UAS.
usp-vnfm-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm	The VNFM Bundle RPM containing an image and a boot-up script for ESC (Elastic Service Controller).
ultram-manager-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm*	This package contains the script and relevant files needed to deploy the Ultra M Manager Service.
* These bundles are also distributed separately from the ISO.	

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

For information on obtaining documentation, using the Cisco Bug Search Tool (BST), submitting a service request, and gathering additional information, see *What's New in Cisco Product Documentation*, at: http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/general/whatsnew/whatsnew.html.

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