Benefits of Upgrading to the Latest Cisco Wireless Controllers

Why Upgrade to Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers?

Built from the ground up for the intent-based network, Cisco® Catalyst® 9800 Series Wireless Controllers are Cisco IOS® XE based and integrate Cisco RF excellence to create the best-in-class wireless experience for your evolving and growing organization.

The Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers are feature rich and enterprise ready to power your business-critical operations and transform end-customer experiences:

- **High availability and seamless software updates**, enabled by hot and cold patching, keep your clients and services always on during both planned and unplanned events.
- **Secure air**, devices, and users with the Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series. Wireless infrastructure becomes the strongest first line of defense with Cisco Encrypted Traffic Analytics and Software-Defined Access. The controllers come with built-in security: secure boot, runtime defenses, image signing, integrity verification, and hardware authenticity.
- **Deploy anywhere** to enable wireless connectivity everywhere. Whether on-premises, in a public or private cloud, or embedded on a switch, the Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series has multiple scale options to best meet your organization’s needs.
- Built on a modular operating system, the controllers feature open and programmable APIs that enable **automation** of your day-0 to day-N network operations. Model-driven streaming telemetry provides deep insights into the **health of your network and clients**.

The Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers are available in multiple form factors:

- Cisco Catalyst 9800-L with 5-Gbps throughput
- Cisco Catalyst 9800-40 with 40-Gbps throughput
- Cisco Catalyst 9800-80 with 80-Gbps throughput and optional modular uplinks
- Cisco Catalyst 9800 for private cloud (KVM, VMware, and Cisco ENCS)
- Cisco Catalyst 9800 for public cloud (Amazon Web Services and Google Cloud)
- Cisco Catalyst 9800 embedded wireless controllers (for the Cisco Catalyst 9100 Access Point)
- Cisco Catalyst 9800 embedded wireless controllers (for the Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switch)

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## Network requirements for the digital organization

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<td>High availability and resiliency</td>
<td>✔</td>
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<td>Solid-state drives with no moving parts. Hardware redundancy for power supplies, drives, and fans. And a fast restart with enhanced uptime.</td>
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<td>Hot and cold patching</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers allow seamless software updates without shutting down the entire network.</td>
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<td>Seamless multisite upgrades</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Have a large network and don’t have the time to deploy an upgrade? The new controllers allow you to deploy in different parts of the network—without taking the entire network offline.</td>
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<td>Encrypted Traffic Analytics</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Wireless infrastructure becomes a stronger first line of defense by detecting threats inside encrypted traffic.</td>
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<td>Cisco Software-Defined Access (SD-Access)</td>
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<td>SD-Access allows users to optimize, personalize, and secure their wireless network and streamline service operations.</td>
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<td>Built-in security with trustworthy solutions</td>
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<td>Security is built into all infrastructure hardware and software through Cisco trustworthy solutions.</td>
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<td>Deploy anywhere</td>
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<td>Cloud agnostic</td>
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<td>Cisco DNA Center™</td>
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<td>Scale and Performance</td>
<td>Greater throughput</td>
<td>Up to 10 GE</td>
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<td>Application Visibility and Control</td>
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<td>I/O support</td>
<td>Up to 10 GE</td>
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