

Software Research

Make the [Software Research](#) application your go-to resource for software suggestions.

The Software Research application helps you identify the highest quality software for your needs. In addition to the new filtering capabilities the application provides Cisco software suggestions that are based on software quality, stability, and longevity.

Refer to the growing list of [supported products](#).

The screenshot shows the 'Software Research' application interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Search by Product' and 'Compare Features', along with a 'Download Cart (0 items)' button. Below this, there are search filters: 'Product' (Cisco 1801 Integrated Services Router (IOS Software)), 'Currently Running' (with a text input), 'Hardware Supported' (with a text input and 'Select from list' button), and 'Features Supported' (with a text input and 'Select from list' button). Below the filters is a table with columns: Cisco Suggested, Release, Train, Life Cycle, Released, Feature Set, DRAM, and Flash. The table lists several software releases, with the first one marked as 'Suggested'.

Cisco Suggested	Release	Train	Life Cycle	Released	Feature Set	DRAM	Flash
★ Suggested	15.1.4M7	15.1M	MD	19 Sep 2013			
	15.1.3T4	15.1T	ED	25 May 2012			
	15.1.3T3	15.1T	ED	16 Dec 2011			
	15.1.3T2	15.1T	ED	11 Aug 2011			
	15.1.3T1	15.1T	ED	29 Mar 2011			
	15.1.3T	15.1T	ED	17 Nov 2010			
	15.1.2T5	15.1T	ED	19 Apr 2012			
	15.1.2T4	15.1T	ED	15 Jul 2011			
	15.1.2T3	15.1T	ED	17 Mar 2011			
	15.1.2T2	15.1T	ED	28 Oct 2010			
	15.1.2T1	15.1T	ED	17 Aug 2010			
	15.1.2T0a	15.1T	ED	12 Aug 2010			
	15.1.1T5	15.1T	ED	09 May 2012			
	15.1.1T4	15.1T	ED	29 Nov 2011			
	15.1.1T3	15.1T	ED	15 Apr 2011			
	15.1.1T2	15.1T	ED	29 Oct 2010			
	15.1.1T1	15.1T	ED	21 Jul 2010			

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- See Cisco suggested software **★ Suggested** based on software quality, stability and longevity.
- Research software based on features and hardware compatibility.

This screenshot is similar to the one above, but it includes a tooltip that explains the 'Cisco Suggested' label. The tooltip text is as follows:

Cisco Suggested
Suggested as the best choice for most customers based on multiples factors such as:

- Quality and stability**
Based on metrics, customer feedback and testing
- Longevity**
Long-lived releases are preferred
- Adoption rate**
More widely used releases are preferred

The tooltip is positioned over the '★ Suggested' icon in the table row for release 15.1.2T1.

Added Filtering

- Quickly narrow software choices by filtering releases based on different needs.
- Start downloading suggested or other available software directly from this application.

Cisco Suggested	Release	Train	Life Cycle	Released	Feature Set	DRAM	Flash	Show Hide All Details
★ Suggested	15.1.4M7	15.1M	MD	(All)				View / Compare Features
	15.1.3T4	15.1T	ED	Last week				
	15.1.3T3	15.1T	ED	Last 30 days				
	15.1.3T2	15.1T	ED	Last 60 days				
	15.1.3T1	15.1T	ED	Last 6 months				
	15.1.3T1	15.1T	ED	Last year				
	15.1.3T1	15.1T	ED	29 Mar 2011				
	15.1.3T1	15.1T	ED	17 Nov 2010				
	15.1.2T5	15.1T	ED	19 Apr 2012				
	15.1.2T4	15.1T	ED	15 Jul 2011				
	15.1.2T3	15.1T	ED	17 Mar 2011				
	15.1.2T2	15.1T	ED	28 Oct 2010				
	15.1.2T1	15.1T	ED	17 Aug 2010				
	15.1.2T0a	15.1T	ED	12 Aug 2010				
	15.1.1T5	15.1T	ED	09 May 2012				
	15.1.1T4	15.1T	ED	29 Nov 2011				
	15.1.1T3	15.1T	ED	15 Apr 2011				
	15.1.1T2	15.1T	ED	29 Oct 2010				
	15.1.1T1	15.1T	ED	21 Jul 2010				
	15.1.1T	15.1T	ED	26 Mar 2010				
	15.1.4M6	15.1M	MD	19 Feb 2013				
	15.1.4M5	15.1M	MD	06 Sep 2012				
	15.1.4M4	15.1M	MD	27 Mar 2012				
	15.1.4M3	15.1M	MD	09 Dec 2011				
	15.1.4M2	15.1M	ED	27 Sep 2011				

Added Content

See Release notes, security advisories, field notices and discussions in the Cisco Support Community.

Related Information

Dashboard Information Sources

Select different information sources for access to relevant troubleshooting information. Click here for [Product Literature](#)

Information Sources

Release Notes Security Advisories, Responses & Notices Documentation Support Community

Command References Field Notices

Software Download Release Notes (1)

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[Release Notes for 15.1\(3\)T4](#)