



END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CISCO IOS SOFTWARE MAJOR RELEASE 12.2

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Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco IOS® Software Major Release 12.2. This announcement applies to all releases of Major Release 12.2, but does not apply to the 12.2S family. The last day to order the affected product is March 19, 2006. Maintenance rebuilds and software fixes will no longer be available via Release 12.2 as of March 19, 2007. Software defects found in this release are addressed by migrating to Cisco IOS Software Major Release 12.3, 12.4, or later. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until March 19, 2011.

Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for Cisco IOS Software Major Release 12.2

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date of distribution to the general public of the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product.	September 19, 2005
End-of-Sale Date	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	March 19, 2006
End of Software Maintenance Releases Date	The last date that Cisco Engineering may release any final software maintenance releases or bug fixes. After this date, Cisco Engineering will no longer develop, repair, maintain, or test the product software.	March 19, 2007
Last Date of Support	The last date to receive service and support for the product. After this date, all support services for the product are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	March 19, 2011

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Cisco IOS Software Release Versions	Product Description
12.2.32 12.2.31 12.2.29 12.2.28 12.2.27 12.2.26 12.2.24 12.2.23	The listed Cisco IOS Software Release versions are a representation of releases derived from 12.2. Additional 12.2 maintenance rebuilds will occur prior to the end of software maintenance. All 12.2 releases and rebuilds are included in this End of Sale/End of Engineering/End of Life announcement.

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

Customers are encouraged to migrate to Cisco IOS Software Major Release 12.4, which inherits Cisco IOS Major Release 12.2 functionality, new functionality introduced in Releases 12.2T and 12.3T, and additional fixes. Customers requiring GD certified releases should migrate to Major Release 12.3 which is currently undergoing GD qualification. When upgrading to a more recent release, certain software images may not be available, hardware may or may not be supported, or memory requirements may have changed. Always consult the Cisco IOS Software Upgrade Planner and Cisco Feature Navigator to verify critical functionality on required platforms.

For more information, please visit:

- Cisco IOS Software Lifecycle Dates: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/sw/iosswrel/ps5187/prod_bulletin0900aecd801eda8a.html
- Cisco IOS Software Upgrade Planner: <http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Software/Iosplanner/Planner-tool/iosplanner.cgi>
- Cisco Feature Navigator: <http://tools.cisco.com/ITDIT/CFN/jsp/index.jsp>
- Cisco Software Advisor: <http://tools.cisco.com/Support/Fusion/FusionHome.do>
- Cisco IOS Software Releases: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/sw/iosswrel/products_ios_cisco_ios_software_releases.html
- Cisco End-of-Life Policy: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/products_end-of-life_policy.html
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