



End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.1

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco® ACNS Software Version 5.1. The last day to order the affected product is March 1, 2006. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until March 1, 2009.

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.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.3, which includes significant new functionality and numerous quality improvements. Information about the replacement product can be found at: <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6049/index.html>

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.1.

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	December 1, 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 1, 2006
Last Shipment Date	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	April 30, 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.	September 1, 2006
End of New Service Attachment Date	For equipment and software that is not covered by a service-and-support contract, this is the last date to order a new service-and-support contract or add the equipment and/or software to an existing service-and-support contract.	April 8, 2007
End of Service Contract Renewal Date	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	March 1, 2009
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 1, 2009

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description
SF-ACNS-5.1-ID-K9	Application and Content Networking System Software v5.1-IDE	SF-ACNS-5.3-K9	Cisco ACNS Software v5.3
SF-ACNS-5.1-K9	Application and Content Networking System Software v5.1	SF-ACNS-5.3-K9	Cisco ACNS Software v5.3
SF-ACNS-5.1-SC-K9	Application and Content Networking System Software v5.1-SCSI	SF-ACNS-5.3-SC-K9	Cisco ACNS Software v5.3 (SCSI)

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for the Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.1 is the Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.3, which adds features to improve Windows Media Technologies (WMT) streaming and core proxy functions while continuing to lower total cost of ownership (TCO) and simplify management. New features in Cisco ACNS Software Version 5.3 include:

Video Streaming Features

- Windows Media Player v9 and v10 support with Real Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP)
- Fast Start and Fast Cache for support with RTSP
- Multicast redundancy failover for live WMT
- Bandwidth limiting based on client IP ranges
- MPEG-4/QuickTime Rebroadcast from disk

Management and Monitoring Functions

- Command-line interface (CLI) that reports WMT live unicast streams by URL
- New WMT troubleshooting tools
- Upgrades that include only the changed files
- Secure FTP (SFTP) for accessing administrative files on customer edge
- Login banner for Secure Shell (SSH) Protocol Version 2 and Telnet logins
- New hard disk diagnostic tools

Application Acceleration and Proxy Features

- Acquire from URLs, which include “?”
- Faster replication for high-bandwidth networks
- Quality of service (QoS) on acquisition
- FTP proxy supported with Web Cache Communication Protocol (WCCP) and proxy configuration
- On-box support for Websense authentication modules

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Cisco (ACNS Software Version 5.1, visit <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/sw/conntsw/ps491/index.html> or contact your local Cisco account representative.

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, go to: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_end_of_life.html

To subscribe to receive end-of-life/end-of-sale information, go to: <http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/FieldNoticeTool/field-notice>



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