



# Benefits of Upgrading to Cisco Catalyst 9200 Series Switches



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## Why upgrade to Cisco® Catalyst® 9200 Series Switches?

### Simplicity without compromise

Designed for the new era of intent-based networking, Catalyst 9000 switches combine programmable ASIC and software innovations to deliver the industry's highest performance and functionality plus breakthrough advancements in security, IoT, mobility and cloud.

Cisco Catalyst 9200 Series Switches extend the power of intent-based networking and Cisco Catalyst 9000 hardware and software innovation to a broader set of deployments. Compared to the scale and feature richness the of 9300 Series, Cisco Catalyst 9200 Series Switches focus on offering right-sized switching for simple branch deployments. With its family pedigree, the Cisco Catalyst 9200 Series offers simplicity without compromise – it is secure, always on, and provides a new level of IT simplicity.

Secure, simple, solid. That's how we build them.

Table 1. Benefits of the Cisco Catalyst 9200 Series compared to other Cisco Catalyst access switches in the same class

Trend	Feature	Installed-base access switches			Benefits
		Cisco Catalyst 2960-X Series	Cisco Catalyst 2960-XR Series	Cisco Catalyst 9200 Series	
Scale and performance	Bandwidth per stack	80 Gbps	80 Gbps	up to 160 Gbps	Twice the density at nearly the same price
	Uplinks	4x 1G SFP 2x 10G SFP+ 2x 10/100/1000 BT	4x 1G SFP 2x 10G SFP+	4x 1G SFP 4x 10G SFP+	
Advanced security	Full Flexible NetFlow	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Cisco TrustSec® and SGT for wired and wireless	✓	✓	✓	Orchestrate role-based access to corporate resources
	Trustworthy solutions	✓	✓	✓	
	MACsec link encryption	-	-	✓	AES-128, MACsec-128
Simplicity and automation	Cisco IOS® XE	-	-	✓	Single common network OS across switching, routing, wireless, and IoT
	Model-driven programmability	-	-	✓	Standards-based programmable interfaces
	Streaming telemetry	-	-	✓	Rich contextual insights
	SD-Access programmability	-	-	✓	Automation and assurance
	Meraki cloud monitoring	-	-	✓	Visibility on Meraki Dashboard

<sup>1</sup>G: Gigabit Ethernet, SFP: Small Form-Factor Pluggable, SGT: Security Group Tag, SD-Access: Software-Defined Access

Table 2. Benefits of the Cisco Catalyst 9200CX models compared to other Cisco Catalyst compact access switches in the same class

Trend	Feature	Installed-base access switches			Benefits
		Cisco Catalyst 2960-CX Series	Cisco Catalyst 3560-CX Series	Cisco Catalyst 9200CX models	
Scale and performance	Ports	8, 12x 1Gbps PoE+, data options	8, 12 x 1Gbps PoE+, data options	8, 12x 1Gbps PoE+, data options	Twice the density at nearly the same price
	Uplinks	2x 1G SFP + 2x 1G copper	2x 1G SFP, 2x 1G copper, 2x 10G SFP+	4x 10G SFP+ + 2x 1G copper	
Advanced security	Full Flexible NetFlow	X - NetFlow Lite	X - NetFlow Lite	✓	Orchestrate role-based access to corporate resources
	Cisco TrustSec® and SGT for wired and wireless	✓	✓	✓	
	Trustworthy solutions	-	-	✓	
	MACsec link encryption	-	-	✓	
Simplicity and automation	Cisco IOS® XE	-	-	✓	Single common network OS across switching, routing, wireless, and IoT
	Model-driven programmability	-	-	✓	Standards-based programmable interfaces
	Streaming telemetry	-	-	✓	Rich contextual insights
	SD-Access programmability	Extended node only	Extended node only	✓	Automation and assurance

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