

# Cisco SP Base Service

Cisco SP Base Service provides the following device-level support:

- Direct access 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- Extensive self-help support through Cisco's online knowledge base, communities, and resources
- Smart, proactive diagnostics and immediate alerts
- Operating System (OS) software updates
- Hardware replacement options; covering multiple service levels
- Optional onsite services

Resolve network problems rapidly with direct, anytime access to Cisco experts, software updates, and hardware replacement matched to your needs.

## When Minutes Matter, Depend on Cisco SP Base Service to Deliver

As networks evolve and critical business processes, systems, and services are added, the consequences of downtime increase dramatically. When a problem occurs that can disrupt service delivery or business continuity, IT departments are under intense pressure to resolve the issue as quickly as possible or correct it before it can affect the business. Cisco® SP Base® supports rapid problem resolution and improved operational efficiency through a combination of expert troubleshooting assistance, online tools, and flexible device coverage options, providing you with greater network availability while reducing operating costs.

## Move Quickly and Confidently with Cisco Expertise and Resources

Cisco SP Base is an award-winning technical support service that gives your IT staff direct, anytime access to Cisco engineers and Cisco.com resources—helping you get the fast, expert response and accountability that you require to resolve critical network issues.

## Connect Directly to the Network Experts at Cisco

When a critical network problem is affecting your business, get fast access to technology experts with experience in diagnosing the toughest problems. Cisco SP Base Service connects you directly to the Cisco TAC, staffed by Cisco professionals certified in a broad range of Cisco products, service provider architectures, and advanced technologies. The Cisco TAC employs a sophisticated system that helps ensure that your service request is automatically routed to the appropriate technology team and escalated to the next level of support if it is not resolved within a specified timeframe. To confirm the right remediation action, Cisco engineers can test solutions in a laboratory environment that simulates your network.

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The Cisco TAC is available around the clock and around the globe, with support available in local languages. If your assigned TAC engineer changes for any reason before your service request is resolved, a personal handoff is completed between all parties to provide service continuity through issue resolution. You can contact Cisco TAC engineers in a way that is most convenient and useful for you, including email, telephone, and web-based collaboration. Throughout a TAC engagement, the goal of every Cisco engineer is to empower your staff through active knowledge transfer.

### Online Troubleshooting Tools Accelerate Problem Resolution

Improving operational efficiency is an ongoing concern for IT departments. As part of the Cisco SP Base Service, your staff has access to extensive troubleshooting and support resources on the award-winning Cisco.com support site, which contributes to improved operational efficiency.

Using the automated tools and personalized content based on your network environment, you can quickly resolve many issues yourself. Cisco customers with support contracts have authorized access to technical resources and personalized pages that can provide an accelerated path to issue resolution.

Some of the most widely used tools are:

- Software Downloads: Get the latest updates, patches, and releases of Cisco software.
- Software Advisor: Choose appropriate software for your network device by matching software features to Cisco IOS® Software and Cisco Catalyst® OS releases.
- Bug Toolkit: Quickly find software problem fixes based on version and feature sets.
- TAC Case Collection: Interactively diagnose common problems involving hardware, configuration, and performance issues.
- Error Message Decoder: Look up explanations for console error message strings listed in the Cisco Software System Messages guide.
- Command Lookup Tool: Look up a detailed description for a particular Cisco IOS Software, Cisco Catalyst, or Cisco PIX® or ASA command.
- Output Interpreter: Receive instant troubleshooting analysis and course of action for your router, switch, or Cisco PIX device using collected show command output.
- Smart Enabled Portal: This is a web-based user interface to access SP Base reports, alerts and actions.

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### Count on the Right Part, When and Where You Need It

When you need dependable, fast access to business-critical parts, your Cisco SP Base Service delivers. Choose from a variety of hardware replacement options, including premium options such as 2-hour replacement and onsite parts replacement and installation. You can select the coverage you want on a device-by-device basis, so you get the flexible coverage you need.



## Online Resources Provide On Demand Support Any Day, Any Time

- Resolve network issues with automated troubleshooting tools and personalized content
- Use My Cisco to organize and track the information that matters most to you
- Browse a library of over 90,000 technical documents and resources
- Join support communities and share knowledge with peers and Cisco experts
- Connect with Cisco technical support using social media apps, including Facebook and Twitter

All options include anytime, global access to the Cisco TAC and award-winning Cisco.com resources. The Cisco SP Base Service options are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Service Options

Service	Cisco SP Base Service/SP Base Onsite
<b>Hardware Replacement Options<sup>1,3</sup></b>	<b>Advance Replacement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24x7x2 hour</li> <li>• 24x7x4 hour</li> <li>• 8x5x4 hour</li> <li>• 8x5xNBD</li> </ul> <b>Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8x5xRTF</li> </ul>
<b>Optional Onsite Engineer</b>	Only with SP Onsite Support Option
<b>Cisco TAC Hotline<sup>2,3</sup></b>	24x7 access
<b>Cisco.com Knowledge-Base and Tools</b>	Full access
<b>Operating System Software</b>	Ongoing updates within the licensed feature set
<b>Eligible Devices</b>	All
<b>Access to Smart Services</b>	Yes

<sup>1</sup> Optional SP Advance Replacement for hardware is available in various service-level combinations. For example, 8x5xNBD indicates that a technical support engineer is available 24 hours a day and advance hardware replacement is available 8 hours per day (delivering the replacement hardware during normal business hours only), 5 days a week, with next business day delivery.

<sup>2</sup> Cisco Technical Assistance Center

<sup>3</sup> SP Base SLA Option on TAC Response and Hardware Replacement Arrival Time

## More Than a Warranty

Companies sometimes think of warranties as an adequate defense against product problems. Cisco SP Base Service goes far beyond a simple warranty replacement policy (see Table 2). Cisco SP Base Service provides troubleshooting support, advance hardware replacement options, and extensive self-help and knowledge transfer to empower your network operations and support staff. Warranty only offers delayed hardware replacement during the warranty duration.

**Table 2.** Cisco SP Base Service Features vs. Warranty Features

Service Features	Cisco SP Base Service/SP Base Onsite	Warranty
<b>Hardware Coverage and Duration</b>	Renewable Contracts	Replaces defective hardware only 90 days and 1 year are most common
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<b>Software Coverage and Duration</b>	24x7 access	Replaces software media during first 90 days
<b>Cisco Technical Support</b>	Full access	No
<b>Cisco IOS Software Updates</b>	Ongoing updates within the licensed feature set	No
<b>Cisco.com Knowledge-Base and Tools</b>	All	No

<sup>1</sup> On Optical Networking products. Get more information on the Cisco warranty.

## Ordering Information

Cisco SP Base Service can be ordered through your local Cisco account representative.

## Related Services to Extend the Value of Cisco SP Base

### Smart Assist Service

This service can help you accelerate the time to enable and use smart capabilities. It provides assistance for installing the Cisco collector and accessing the smart enabled portal. It also offers onboarding and enablement services such as smart capability training, support for product inventory collection, Installed Base (IB) reconciliation (twice per year), and TAC support for the portal and collections.

### Asset Management Service

Cisco Asset Management Service is a comprehensive and personalized consultative engagement that helps you gain near real-time product visibility across your entire network. It can use data from SP Base and combines it with other information to provide a complete and accurate view of your Cisco product investments, so you can effectively manage them.

### Service Provider (SP) Advantage

Cisco SP Advantage is for businesses that require personalized, network-level support from Cisco experts. This service facilitates alignment between your network and operational goals, so you can reduce the burden on your IT staff, manage growth effectively, and keep your organization running smoothly. This service is specifically designed for service providers. It includes a core set of features that are customizable and includes optional components.

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## Why Cisco Services

Cisco Services make networks, applications, and the people who use them work better together. Today, the network is a strategic platform in a world that demands better integration between people, information, and ideas. The network works better when services, together with products, create solutions aligned with business needs and opportunities.

## Cisco Capital financing

### Financing to help you achieve your objectives

Cisco Capital<sup>®</sup> can help you acquire the technology you need to achieve your objectives and stay competitive. We can help you reduce CapEx, accelerate your growth, and optimize your investment dollars and ROI. Cisco Capital financing gives you flexibility in acquiring hardware, software, services, and complementary third-party equipment. And there's just one predictable payment. Cisco Capital is available in more than 100 countries. [Learn more.](#)

## For More Information

For more information about SP Base Service and other types of Cisco Services to maintain and optimize your network, including technology-specific and remote management services, visit <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/service-provider/service-offers-service-provider.html> or contact your local account representative.

For a complete list of the technical services available for your Cisco products and applications, visit our Service Finder tool at <https://www.cisco-servicefinder.com>.



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