



Release Notes for Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7a)E0b/IOx 1.9 Bundle for IE4000 Only

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Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7a)E0b software bundle includes Cisco IOx 1.9 and runs on the follow platform:

- Cisco Industrial Ethernet 4000 Series Switches (IE 4000)

These release notes include important information about Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7a)E0b and Cisco IOx 1.9 and any limitations, restrictions, and caveats that apply to the release. Verify that these release notes are correct for your switch:

- If you are installing a new switch, see the Cisco IOS release label on the rear panel of your switch.
- If your switch is on, use the **show version** command. See [Finding the Software Version and Feature Set, page 4](#).
- If you are upgrading to a new release, see the software upgrade filename for the software version. See [Deciding Which Files to Use, page 4](#).

For a complete list of documentation for the platforms associated with this release, see [Related Documentation, page 8](#).

You can download the switch software from this site (registered Cisco.com users with a login password):

<http://software.cisco.com/download/navigator.html>

Organization

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Conventions

Conventions

This document uses the following conventions.

Conventions	Indication
bold font	Commands and keywords and user-entered text appear in bold font .
<i>italic font</i>	Document titles, new or emphasized terms, and arguments for which you supply values are in <i>italic font</i> .
[]	Elements in square brackets are optional.
{x y z }	Required alternative keywords are grouped in braces and separated by vertical bars.
[x y z]	Optional alternative keywords are grouped in brackets and separated by vertical bars.
string	A nonquoted set of characters. Do not use quotation marks around the string or the string will include the quotation marks.
courier font	Terminal sessions and information the system displays appear in <code>courier font</code> .
< >	Nonprinting characters such as passwords are in angle brackets.
[]	Default responses to system prompts are in square brackets.
!, #	An exclamation point (!) or a pound sign (#) at the beginning of a line of code indicates a comment line.

Note: Means *reader take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to material not covered in the manual.

Caution: Means *reader be careful*. In this situation, you might perform an action that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.

Warning: IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Means danger. You are in a situation that could cause bodily injury. Before you work on any equipment, be aware of the hazards involved with electrical circuitry and be familiar with standard practices for preventing accidents. Use the statement number provided at the end of each warning to locate its translation in the translated safety warnings that accompanied this device.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Regulatory: Provided for additional information and to comply with regulatory and customer requirements.

Features Supported in Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7a)E0b

Table 1 lists new features first introduced in Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7)E0b that are also supported in 15.2(7a)E0b.

System Requirements

Table 1 New Feature Summary for Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7)E0b

Feature	Platform	Description	Related Documentation
SNMP MIB to Monitor Alarm Contacts	IE 4000	SNMP address string can get information status of dry contacts IN1 and IN2 in an IE switch.	SNMP MIB
Extend AAA RADIUS Server (TACACS+) to Manage Device Manager	IE 4000	Allows you to configure AAA from the Device Manager. Previously, you could only configure AAA using CLI.	Device Manager Online Help
Device Manager Localization	IE 4000 (IOS)	Online help for the Device Manager for the new features in this release and those features previously introduced is available in the following languages: ■ Chinese (Traditional) (code: 2052) ■ Chinese (Simplified) (code: 1028) ■ Default: English (code: 1033) ■ French (code: 1036) ■ German (code: 1031) ■ Japanese (code: 1041) ■ Spanish (LATAM) (code: 9226)	Device Manager Online Help

System Requirements

This section describes the following system requirements for Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7a)E0b universal bundle:

- [Express Setup Requirements, page 3](#)

Express Setup Requirements

This section summarizes the hardware and software requirements for the Windows platform.

For a listing of Express Setup documentation, see [Table 4 Methods for Assigning IP Information, page 6](#).

Hardware

- 1 gigahertz (GHz) or faster 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor
- 1 gigabyte (GB) RAM (32-bit) or 2 GB RAM (64-bit)
- 16 GB available hard disk space (32-bit) or 20 GB (64-bit)

Software

- PC with Windows 7, Windows 10, or Mac OS 10.6.x
- Web browser (Internet Explorer 10.0 or 11.0, or Firefox 48.x and above) with JavaScript enabled
- Straight-through or crossover Category 5 or 6 cable

Express Setup verifies the browser version when starting a session, and it does not require a plug-in.

Upgrading the Switch Software

These are the procedures for downloading software. Before downloading software, read these sections for important information:

- [Finding the Software Version and Feature Set, page 4](#)
- [Deciding Which Files to Use, page 4](#)
- [IOS/IOx Upgrade Considerations, page 4](#)
- [Archiving Software Images, page 5](#)
- [Upgrading a Switch by Using the CLI, page 5](#)
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Finding the Software Version and Feature Set

The Cisco IOS image is stored as a bin file in a directory that is named with the Cisco IOS release. A subdirectory contains the files needed for web management. The image is stored on the compact flash memory card.

You can use the **show version** privileged EXEC command to see the software version that is running on your switch. The second line of the display shows the version.

You can also use the **dir filesystem:** privileged EXEC command to see the directory names of other software images stored in flash memory. For example, use the **dir flash:** command to display the images in the flash memory.

Deciding Which Files to Use

The upgrade procedures in these release notes describe how to perform the upgrade by using a combined tar file. This file contains the Cisco IOS image file and the files needed for the embedded device manager. You must use the combined tar file to upgrade the switch through Express Setup. To upgrade the switch through the command-line interface (CLI), use the tar file and the **archive download-sw** privileged EXEC command.

[Table 2](#) lists the filenames for this software release.

Note: If you download the IP services image and plan to use Layer 3 functionality, you must use the Switch Database Management (SDM) routing template. To determine the currently active template, enter the **show sdm prefer** privileged EXEC command. If necessary, enter the **sdm prefer** global configuration command to change the SDM template to a specific template. For example, if the switch uses Layer 3 routing, change the SDM template from the default to the routing template. You must reload the switch for the new template to take effect.

Table 2 Cisco IOS and IOx Software Image Files

File Name	Description
ie4000-universalk9_iox-tar.152-7a.E0b.tar	IE 4000 Universal image file bundles Cisco IOS and IOx

IOS/IOx Upgrade Considerations

We recommend that you upgrade using the Cisco IOS and IOx bundle image to move to the higher version of software. Cisco IOS/IOx bundle images will always have a compatible combination of IOS and IOx.

Before upgrading, note the following Cisco IOS/IOx version compatibilities:

Table 3 Compatible Cisco IOS and IOx Versions

Cisco IOS Release	IOx Release	Compatible
15.2.7aE0b	1.9	Yes
15.2.7E	1.7	Yes
15.2.6E2	1.6	Yes
15.2.6E1	1.5	Yes
15.2.6E0	1.4	Yes
15.2.6E2(ED)	1.4	Yes
15.2.6E2(ED)	1.3	No
15.2.5E2a(ED)	1.3	Yes
15.2.5E2a(ED)	1.4	No

Archiving Software Images

Before upgrading your switch software, make sure that you archive copies of both your current Cisco IOS release and the Cisco IOS release to which you are upgrading. Keep these archived images until you have upgraded all devices in the network to the new Cisco IOS image and verified that the new Cisco IOS image works properly in your network.

Cisco routinely removes old Cisco IOS versions from Cisco.com. See *Product Bulletin 2863* for information: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/iosswrel/ps8802/ps6969/ps1835/prod_bulletin0900aecd80281c0e.html

You can copy the bin software image file on the flash memory to the appropriate TFTP directory on a host by using the **copy flash: tftp:** privileged EXEC command.

Note: Although you can copy any file on the flash memory to the TFTP server, it is time consuming to copy all of the HTML files in the tar file. We recommend that you download the tar file from Cisco.com and archive it on an internal host in your network.

You can also configure the switch as a TFTP server to copy files from one switch to another without using an external TFTP server by using the **tftp-server** global configuration command.

Upgrading a Switch by Using the CLI

This procedure is for copying the combined tar file to the switch. You copy the file to the switch from a TFTP server and extract the files. You can download an image file and replace or keep the current image.

Note: Make sure that the compact flash card is in the switch before downloading the software.

To download software, follow these steps:

1. Use [Table 2 on page 4](#) to identify the file that you want to download.
2. Download the software image file. If you have a SMARTnet support contract, go to this URL, and log in to download the appropriate files:

<http://software.cisco.com/download/navigator.html>

For example, to download the image for an IE 2000 switch, select Products > Switches > Industrial Ethernet Switches > Cisco Industrial Ethernet 2000 Series Switches, then select your switch model. Select IOS Software for Software Type, then select the image you want to download.

Upgrading the Switch Software

3. Copy the image to the appropriate TFTP directory on the workstation, and make sure that the TFTP server is properly configured.

For more information, see the “Assigning the Switch IP Address and Default Gateway” chapter in the applicable document for your switch as listed in [Table 4](#).

4. Log into the switch through the console port, Telnet or SSH session.
5. (Optional) Ensure that you have IP connectivity to the TFTP server by entering this privileged EXEC command:

```
Switch# ping tftp-server-address
```

Note: You will enter the same *tftp-server-address* noted above in Step 6 below.

For more information about assigning an IP address and default gateway to the switch, see [Table 4](#).

6. Download the image file from the TFTP server to the switch.

If you are installing the same version of software that currently exists on the switch, overwrite the current image by entering this privileged EXEC command:

```
Switch# archive download-sw /overwrite tftp/reload tftp://location/directory/image-name.tar
```

The command above untars/unzips the file. The system prompts you when it completes successfully.

- The **/overwrite** option overwrites the software image in flash memory with the downloaded one.

If you specify the command without the **/overwrite** option, the download algorithm verifies that the new image is not the same as the one on the switch Flash device. If the images are the same, the download does not occur. If the images are different, the old image is deleted, and the new one is downloaded. If there is not enough space to install the new image and keep the current running image, the download process stops, and an error message displays.

- The **/reload** option reloads the system after downloading the image unless the configuration has been changed and not saved.
- For *// location*, specify the IP address of the TFTP server. or hostname.
- For */directory/image-name.tar*, specify the directory and the image to download. Directory and image names are case sensitive. The directory is for file organization and it is generally a *tftpboot/user-ID* path.

This example shows how to download an image from a TFTP server at 198.30.20.19 and to overwrite the image on the switch:

```
Switch# archive download-sw /overwrite tftp://198.30.20.19/image-name.tar
```

You can also download the image file from the TFTP server to the switch and keep the current image by replacing the **/overwrite** option with the **/leave-old-sw** option. If there is not enough space to install the new image and keep the current running image, the download process stops, and an error message displays.

Installation Notes

You can assign IP information to your switch using the methods shown in [Table 4](#)

Table 4 Methods for Assigning IP Information

Method	Platform	Document
Express setup program	IE 4000	Cisco IE 4000 Switch Hardware Installation Guide

Caveats

Table 4 Methods for Assigning IP Information (continued)

Method	Platform	Document
CLI-based setup program	IE 4000	Cisco IE 4000 Switch Hardware Installation Guide
DHCP-based autoconfiguration	IE 4000	Cisco Industrial Ethernet 4000 Series Switch Software Configuration Guide
Manually assigning an IP address	IE 4000	Cisco Industrial Ethernet 4000 Series Switch Software Configuration Guide

Caveats

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- [Open Caveats, page 7](#)
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- [Documentation Updates, page 7](#)
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Cisco Bug Search Tool

The Bug Search Tool (BST), which is the online successor to Bug Toolkit, is designed to improve the effectiveness in network risk management and device troubleshooting. The BST allows partners and customers to search for software bugs based on product, release, and keyword, and aggregates key data such as bug details, product, and version. The tool has a provision to filter bugs based on credentials to provide external and internal bug views for the search input.

To view the details of a caveat listed in this document:

1. Access the BST (use your Cisco user ID and password) at <https://tools.cisco.com/bugsearch/>.
2. Enter the bug ID in the Search For: field.

Open Caveats

No known open caveats.

Resolved Caveats

Table 5 Resolved Caveats in Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7a)E0b

Bug ID	Headline
CSCvr40069	IE4000: IOX LM SSL cypher incompatibility with Firefox latest Ver

Documentation Updates

REP Negotiated: This feature is not officially supported in this release. However, REP Negotiated is documented in the Device Manager Online Help (OLH) for this release.

Related Documentation

The following information is relevant to the Resilient Ethernet Protocol (REP) feature on all IE Switch platforms for all Cisco IOS software releases (CSCuv46039).

Do not change the REP Link Status Layer (LSL) age timer values (interface configuration command **rep lsl-age-timer value**) to any values other than the default for your switch platform. Configuring an aggressive **rep lsl-age-timer** value can result in an unstable REP ring and will jeopardize stability and performance of the system.

Related Documentation

Table 6 **Related Documentation**

Device or Feature	Related Documents
Cisco Industrial Ethernet 4000 Series Switches	http://www.cisco.com/go/ie4000

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