

Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Mode Switch FPGA/EPLD Upgrade Release Notes, Release 10.4(6)M

This document lists the current and past versions of EPLD images and describes how to update them for use with the Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switches.

This document also covers later releases. If a new Cisco Nexus 9000 Series FPGA/EPLD Upgrade Release Notes document isn't available, that means that these are the latest available numbers for upgrade.

This table lists the changes to this document.

Table 1. Changes to this document

Date	Description
September 2, 2025	Release 10.4(6)M became available.

Introduction

The Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS mode switches contain several programmable logical devices (PLDs) that provide hardware functionalities in all modules. Cisco provides electronic programmable logic device (EPLD) image upgrades to enhance hardware functionality or to resolve known issues. PLDs include electronic programmable logic devices (EPLDs), field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), and complex programmable logic devices (CPLDs), but they do not include ASICs. In this document, the term EPLD is used for FPGA and CPLDs.

The advantage of having EPLDs for some module functions is that when you need to upgrade those functions, you just upgrade their software images instead of replacing their hardware.

Note: The EPLD image upgrades for a line card disrupt the traffic going through the module because the module must power down briefly during the upgrade. The system performs EPLD upgrades on one module at a time, so at any one time the upgrade disrupts only the traffic going through one module.

Cisco provides the latest EPLD images with each release. Typically, these images are the same as provided in earlier releases but occasionally some of these images are updated. These EPLD image updates are not mandatory unless otherwise specified. The EPLD image upgrades are independent from the Cisco In Service Software Upgrade (ISSU) process, which upgrades the system image with no impact on the network environment.

When Cisco releases an EPLD image upgrade, these release notes announce its availability, and you can download the EPLD images from the <u>Software Download</u> page.

When selecting an EPLD version for upgrade, ensure that the corresponding NX-OS software version is already installed. Upgrading to a newer EPLD image designed for a future NX-OS release while running an older NX-OS version is generally not supported, unless explicitly stated in the specific EPLD Release Notes. NX-OS and EPLD images are version-labeled to help prevent unsupported upgrades.

When to upgrade EPLDs

When new EPLD images are available, the upgrades are always recommended if your network environment allows for a maintenance period in which some level of traffic disruption is acceptable. If such a disruption is not acceptable, then consider postponing the upgrade until a better time.

Note: The EPLD upgrade operation is a disruptive operation. Execute this operation only at a programmed maintenance time. The system ISSU upgrade is a nondisruptive upgrade.

Note: Do not perform an EPLD upgrade during an ISSU system upgrade.

EPLD version is backward compatible. The NX-OS software can be downgraded for the switch and the EPLD version does not have to be downgraded to match the older NX-OS version.

Switch requirements

- The Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switch must be running the Cisco NX-OS operating system.
- You must be able to access the switch through a console, SSH, or Telnet connection; this is required for setting up a switch running in NX-OS mode.
- You must have administrator privileges to work with the Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switch.

EPLD upgrades available for NX-OS Mode releases 10.3(7) through 10.4(6)

Each EPLD image that you can download from the Software Download page is a bundle of EPLD upgrades packaged into a single EPLD image file. To view the available EPLD versions for the Nexus 9000 standalone and module switches in this release, refer to the tables.

Note:

- All updates to an image are shown in boldface. If more than one release is shown for a column, the boldface applies to the first release listed for the column.
- This release of EPLD addresses the Secure Boot Hardware Tampering vulnerability for Nexus 9000 Series switches. For more information, see <u>Cisco Secure Boot Hardware Tampering Vulnerability</u>.

Table 2. Available EPLD images for the Cisco Nexus 9200, 9300, 9300-EX, and 9300-FX platform switches

Switch or Uplink Module	EPLD Device	Release 10.3(7)	Release 10.4(1)	Release 10.4(2)	Release 10.4(3)	Release 10.4(4)	Release 10.4(5)	Release 10.4(6)
Cisco Nexus 92348GC-X (N9K-C92348GC-X)	IOFPGA	0x15 (0.021)						
Cisco Nexus 93108TC-EX (N9K-C93108TC-	IOFPGA	0x15 (0.021)						
EX)	MIFPGA	0x2 (0.002)						
Cisco Nexus 93108TC-FX (N9K-C93108TC-	IOFPGA	0x23 (0.035)						
FX)	MIFPGA	0x3 (0.003)						
Cisco Nexus 93108TC2-FX (N9K-C93108TC2-	IOFPGA	0x22 (0.034)						
FX)	MIFPGA	0x3 (0.003)						
Cisco Nexus	IOFPGA	N/A	N/A	0x16	0x16	0x19	0x20	0x20

Switch or Uplink Module	EPLD Device	Release 10.3(7)	Release 10.4(1)	Release 10.4(2)	Release 10.4(3)	Release 10.4(4)	Release 10.4(5)	Release 10.4(6)
93108TC-FX3 (N9K-C93108TC-				(0.022)	(0.022)	(0.025)	(0.032)	(0.032)
FX3)	MIFPGA	N/A	N/A	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)	0x15 (0.021)	0x15 (0.021)	0x15 (0.021)
Cisco Nexus 93108TC-FX3H (N9K-C93108TC-	IOFPGA	0x8 x(0.008)	0x8 (0.008)	0x8 x(0.008)	0x8 x(0.008)	0x8 x(0.008)	0x8 x(0.008)	0x8 x(0.008)
FX3H)	MIFPGA	0x11 (0.017)	0x10 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)
Cisco Nexus 93108TC-FX3P (N9K-C93108TC-	IOFPGA	0x8 x(0.008)	0x8 (0.008)	0x8 x(0.008)	0x8 x(0.008)	0x8 x(0.008)	0x8 x(0.008)	0x8 x(0.008)
FX3P)	MIFPGA	0x11 (0.017)	0x10 (0.016)	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)
Cisco Nexus 9316D-GX (N9K-C9316D-GX	IOFPGA	0x18 (0.024)						
(NOR COOLD GX	MIFPGA	0x6 (0.006)						
Cisco Nexus 93180YC-FX3 (N9K-C93180YC-	IOFPGA	0x13 (0.019)						
FX3)	MIFPGA	0x20 (0.032)	0x18 (0.024)	0x18 (0.024)	0x18 (0.024)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)
Cisco Nexus 93180YC-FX3S (N9K-C93180YC-	IOFPGA	0x13 (0.019)						
FX3S)	MIFPGA	0x19 (0.025)	0x17 (0.023)	0x17 (0.023)	0x17 (0.023)	0x19 (0.025)	0x19 (0.025)	0x19 (0.025)
Cisco Nexus 93180YC-FX3H (N9K-C93180YC-	IOFPGA	0x13 (0.019)	0x13 (0.018)	0x13 (0.018)	0x13 (0.018)	0x13 (0.019)	0x13 (0.019)	0x13 (0.019)
FX3H)	MIFPGA	0x20 (0.032)	0x18 (0.024)	0x18 (0.024)	0x18 (0.024)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)
Cisco Nexus 93180YC-EX (N9K-C93180YC-	IOFPGA	0x15 (0.021)						
EX)	MIFPGA	0x4 (0.004)						
Cisco Nexus 93180YC-FX (N9K-C93180YC-	IOFPGA	0x23 (0.035)						
FX)	MIFPGA	0x10 (0.016)						
Cisco Nexus 93216TC-FX2 (N9K-C93216TC-	IOFPGA	0x16 (0.022)						
FX2)	MIFPGA0	0x5						

Switch or Uplink Module	EPLD Device	Release 10.3(7)	Release 10.4(1)	Release 10.4(2)	Release 10.4(3)	Release 10.4(4)	Release 10.4(5)	Release 10.4(6)
		(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)
	MIFPGA1	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)
Cisco Nexus 93240YC-FX2 (N9K-C93240YC-	IOFPGA	0x18 (0.023)	0x17 (0.023)	0x17 (0.023)	0x18 (0.023)	0x18 (0.023)	0x18 (0.023)	0x18 (0.023)
FX2)	MIFPGA1	0x8 (0.007)	0x8 (0.007)	0x8 (0.007)	0x8 (0.007)	0x8 (0.007)	0x8 (0.007)	0x8 (0.007)
	MIFPGA2	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)
Cisco Nexus 9332C (N9K-C9332C)	IOFPGA	0x18 (0.024)	0x17 (0.023)	0x17 (0.023)	0x18 (0.024) ⁶	0x18 (0.024)	0x18 (0.024)	0x18 (0.024)
	MIFPGA	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)
Cisco Nexus 9332D-GX2B (N9K-C9332D-	IOFPGA	0x14 (0.020)	0x13 (0.019)	0x13 (0.019)	0x13 (0.019)	0x13 (0.019)	0x14 (0.020)	0x14 (0.020)
GX2B)	MIFPGA	0x16 (0.022)	0x14 (0.020)	0x14 (0.020)	0x15 (0.021)	0x16 (0.022)	0x16 (0.022)	0x16 (0.022)
Cisco Nexus 9332D-H2R (N9K-C9332D-H2R)	IOFPGA	N/A	0x15 (0.021)	0x15 (0.021)	0x18 (0.021)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)
(NSK 03332D TIZK)	MIFPGA	N/A	0x9 (0.009)	0x9 (0.009)	0x10 (0.009)	0x12 (0.018)	0x13 (0.019)	0x13 (0.019)
Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2 (N9K-C9336C-FX2)	IOFPGA	0x18 (0.024)	0x17 (0.023)	0x17 (0.023)	0x18 (0.024)	0x18 (0.024)	0x18 (0.024)	0x18 (0.024)
(1131/ 033300 172)	MIFPGA	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)
Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2-E (N9K-C9336C-FX2-	IOFPGA	0x14 (0.020)	0x13 (0.019)	0x13 (0.019)	0x13 (0.019)	0x13 (0.019)	0x14 (0.020)	0x14 (0.020)
E)	MIFPGA	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)	0x5 (0.005)
Cisco Nexus 93360YC-FX2 (N9K-C93360YC-	IOFPGA	0x16 (0.022)	0x16 (0.022)	0x16 (0.022)	0x16 (0.022)	0x16 (0.022)	0x16 (0.022)	0x16 (0.022)
FX2)	MIFPGA0	0x4 (0.004)	0x4 (0.004)	0x4 (0.004)	0x4 (0.004)	0x4 (0.004)	0x4 (0.004)	0x4 (0.004)
	MIFPGA1	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)	0x3 (0.003)
Cisco Nexus 9348GC-FXP (N9K-C9348GC-	IOFPGA	0x14 (0.020)	0x14 (0.020)	0x14 (0.020)	0x14 (0.020)	0x14 (0.020)	0x14 (0.020)	0x14 (0.020)
FXP)	MIFPGA	0x10	0x10	0x10	0x10	0x10	0x10	0x10

Switch or Uplink Module	EPLD Device	Release 10.3(7)	Release 10.4(1)	Release 10.4(2)	Release 10.4(3)	Release 10.4(4)	Release 10.4(5)	Release 10.4(6)
		(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)
Cisco Nexus 9348GC2-FXP (N9K-C9348GC2-	IOFPGA	0x10 (0.016)						
FXP)	MIFPGA	0x3 (0.003)						
Cisco Nexus 93600CD-GX (N9K-C93600CD-	IOFPGA	0x18 (0.024)						
GX)	MIFPGA	0x9 (0.009)						
Cisco Nexus 9348GC-FX3 (N9K-C9348GC-	IOFPGA	N/A	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)
FX3)	MIFPGA	N/A	0x7 (0.007)	0x8 (0.008)	0x8 (0.008)	0x8 (0.008)	0x8 (0.008)	0x8 (0.008)
Cisco Nexus 9348GC-FX3PH (N9K-C9348GC-	IOFPGA	N/A	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)	0x20 (0.032)
FX3PH)	MIFPGA	N/A	0x7 (0.007)	0x7 (0.007)	0x7 (0.007)	0x7 (0.007)	0x7 (0.007)	0x7 (0.007)
Cisco Nexus 9364C (N9K-C9364C)	IOFPGA	0x7 (0.007)						
	MIFPGA2	0x4 (0.004)						
	MIFPGA	0x11 (0.017)						
Cisco Nexus 9364C-H1 (N9K- C9364C-H1)	IOFPGA	N/A	N/A	N/A	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.017)
,	MIFPGA	N/A	N/A	N/A	0x15 (0.021)	0x16 (0.022)	0x16 (0.022)	0x16 (0.022)
Cisco Nexus 9348GC-FX3 (N9K-C9348GC-	IOFPGA	0x6 (0.006)						
FX3)	MIFPGA	0x5 (0.005)						
	MIFPGA2	0x4 (0.004)						
Cisco Nexus 9364D-GX2A (N9K- C9364D-GX2A)	IOFPGA	0x15 (0.021)						
SSO IS GIVEN	MIFPGA	0x23 (0.035)						

Switch or Uplink Module	EPLD Device	Release 10.3(7)	Release 10.4(1)	Release 10.4(2)	Release 10.4(3)	Release 10.4(4)	Release 10.4(5)	Release 10.4(6)
	MIFPGA2	0x14 (0.020)						
Cisco Nexus 9348D-GX2A (N9K- C9348D-GX2A)	IOFPGA	0x16 (0.022)						
COSTOD GAZA	MIFPGA	0x10 (0.016)						
	MIFPGA2	0x7 (0.007)						
Cisco Nexus 93400LD-H1 (N9K- C93400LD-H1)	MIFPGA	N/A	N/A	0x11 (0.017)	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)
033400LD-111)	IOFPGA	N/A	N/A	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)	0x12 (0.018)

 Table 3.
 Available EPLD images for the Cisco Nexus 9400 switches

Component	EPLD	Release						
	Device	10.3(7)	10.4(1)	10.4(2)	10.4(3)	10.4(4)	10.4(5)	10.4(6)
Cisco Nexus 9408 (N9K-	IOFPGA	0x29						
C9408)		(0.041)	(0.041)	(0.041)	(0.041)	(0.041)	(0.041)	(0.041)
	MIFPGA	0x18 (0.024)						
22 Port LEM (N9K-X9400-	LEM	0x20	0x20	0x20	0x20	0x08	0x20	0x20
22L)	MIFPGA	(0.032)	(0.032)	(0.032)	(0.032)	(0.008)	(0.032)	(0.032)
16 Port LEM (N9K-X9400-	LEM	0x16	0x15	0x15	0x15	0x16	0x16	0x16
16W)	MIFPGA	(0.022)	(0.021)	(0.021)	(0.021)	(0.022)	(0.022)	(0.022)
8 Port LEM (N9K-X9400-	LEM	0x16	0x15	0x15	0x15	0x16	0x16	0x16
8D)	MIFPGA	(0.022)	(0.021)	(0.021)	(0.021)	(0.022)	(0.022)	(0.022)

 Table 4.
 Available EPLD Images for the Cisco Nexus 9500 Platform Switches

Component	EPLD Device	Release 10.3(7)	Release 10.4(1)	Release 10.4(2)	Release 10.4(3)	Release 10.4(4)	Release 10.4(5)	Release 10.4(6)
Supervisor A (N9K-SUP-A)	IOFPGA	0x32 (0.050)						
Supervisor A+ (N9K-SUP-A+)	IOFPGA	0x18 (0.024)						
Supervisor B (N9K-SUP-B)	IOFPGA	0x30 (0.049)						
Supervisor B+ (N9K-SUP-B+)	IOFPGA	0x18 (0.024)						

Component	EPLD Device	Release 10.3(7)	Release 10.4(1)	Release 10.4(2)	Release 10.4(3)	Release 10.4(4)	Release 10.4(5)	Release 10.4(6)
System Controller (N9K-SC-A)	IOFPGA	0x23 (0.035)						
32-port 100-Gigabit QSFP28 line card (N9K-X9432C-S)	IOFPGA	0x14 (0.020)						
(10000000000000000000000000000000000000	MIFPGA	0x4 (0.004)						
32-port 100-Gigabit QSFP28 line card (N9K-X9732C-EX) (for -E	IOFPGA	0x13 (0.019)						
fabric modules)	MIFPGA	0x9 (0.009)						
32-port 100-Gigabit QSFP28 line card (N9K-X9732C-EXM) (for -E	IOFPGA	0x11 (0.017)						
fabric modules)	MIFPGA	0x5 (0.005)						
36-port 100-Gigabit QSFP28 line card (N9K-X9732C-FX)	IOFPGA	0x7 (0.007)						
	MIFPGA	0x2 (0.002)						
16-port 400-Gigabit QSFP- DD line card (N9K-X9716D- GX)	IOFPGA	0x9 (0.009)						
	MIFPGA	0x11 (0.017)						
36-port 100-Gigabit QSFP28 line card (N9K-X9736C-EX)	IOFPGA	0x14 (0.020)						
(NSK-X97300-LX)	MIFPGA	0x9 (0.009)						
36-port 100-Gigabit QSFP28 line card (N9K-X9736C-FX)	IOFPGA	0x12 (0.018)						
(NSK-X97300-1 X)	MIFPGA	0x7 (0.007)						
48-port 1/10GBASE-T and 4- port 40-Gigabit QSFP+ line card	IOFPGA	0x9 (0.009)						
(N9K-X9464TX)	MIFPGA	0x8 (0.008)						
48-port 1-/10-/25-Gigabit SFP28 and	IOFPGA	0x15 (0.021)						
4-port 40-/100-Gigabit QSFP28 line card (N9K-X97160YC-EX)	MIFPGA	0x5 (0.005)						

Component	EPLD Device	Release 10.3(7)	Release 10.4(1)	Release 10.4(2)	Release 10.4(3)	Release 10.4(4)	Release 10.4(5)	Release 10.4(6)
48-port 10-Gigabit SFP+ and 4-port 100-Gigabit QSFP28 line card (N9K-X9788TC-FX)	IOFPGA	0x7 (0.007)						
mile dard (Non Noveere 17)	MIFPGA	0x6 (0.006)						
48-port 10-Gigabit SFP+ and 4-port 100-Gigabit QSFP28 line card (N9K-X9788TC2-	IOFPGA	0x6 (0.006)						
FX)	MIFPGA	0x3 (0.003)						
Fabric module for Cisco Nexus 9504 100-Gigabit -EX line (N9K- C9504-FM-E)	IOFPGA	0x18 (0.024)						
Fabric module for Cisco Nexus 9504 100-Gigabit -S line cards (N9K-C9504-FM-S)	IOFPGA	0x11 (0.017)						
Fabric module for Cisco Nexus 9508 100-Gigabit -EX line cards (N9K-C9508-FM-E)	IOFPGA	0x14 (0.020)						
Fabric module for Cisco Nexus 9508 100-Gigabit -EX line (N9K- C9508-FM-E2)	IOFPGA	0x12 (0.018)						
Fabric module for Cisco Nexus 9508 100-Gigabit -S line (N9K- C9508-FM-S)	IOFPGA	0x11 (0.017)						
Fabric module for Cisco Nexus 9516 100-Gigabit -EX and -FX line	MIFPGA	0x11 (0.017)	0x11 (0.011)	0x11 (0.011)	0x11 (0.011)	0x11 (0.011)	0x11 (0.011)	0x11 (0.011)
cards (N9K-C9516-FM-E2)	IOFPGA	0x8 (0.008)						

 Table 5.
 Available EPLD Images for the Cisco Nexus 9500 Switches with R Line Card

Component	EPLD Device	Release 10.3(7)	Release 10.4(1)	Release 10.4(2)	Release 10.4(3)	Release 10.4(4)	Release 10.4(5)	Release 10.4(6)
36-port 100-Gigabit QSFP28 line card (N9K-X9636C-RX)	IOFPGA	0x18 (0.024)						
	MIFPGA	0x3 (0.003)						

Component	EPLD Device	Release 10.3(7)	Release 10.4(1)	Release 10.4(2)	Release 10.4(3)	Release 10.4(4)	Release 10.4(5)	Release 10.4(6)
36-port 100-Gigabit QSFP28 line card (N9K-X9636C-R)	IOFPGA	0x12 (0.018)						
	MIFPGA	0x9 (0.009)						
36-port 40-Gigabit QSF+ line card (N9K-X9636Q-R)	IOFPGA	0x19 (0.025)						
(NON NOODOQ IV)	MIFPGA	0x3 (0.003)						
52-port 100-Gigabit -R line cards	IOFPGA	0xD						
(N9K-X96136YC-R)	MIFPGA	0xF						
	DBFPGA	0xE						
Fabric module for Cisco Nexus 9504 100-Gigabit -R line cards (N9K-C9504-FM-R)	IOFPGA	0x7 (0.007)						
Fabric module for Cisco Nexus 9508 100-Gigabit -R line cards (N9K-C9508-FM-R)	IOFPGA	0x10 (0.016)						

 Table 6.
 Available EPLD images for the Cisco Nexus 9800 platform switches

Component	EPLD Device	Release 10.3(7)	Release 10.4(1)	Release 10.4(2)	Release 10.4(3)	Release 10.4(4)	Release 10.4(5)	Release 10.4(6)
N9K-C9800-SUP-A	TMFPGA	0x010006						
	IOFPGA	0x010020						
N9K-X9836DM-A	IOFPGA	0x10030 (1.48)	0x10024 (1.36)	0x10024 (1.36)	0x10030 (1.48)	0x10030 (1.48)	0x10030 (1.48)	0x10030 (1.48)
	MIFPGA	0x1000e	0x1000d	0x1000e	0x1000e	0x1000e	0x1000e	0x1000e
N9K-X98900CD-A	IOFPGA	N/A	N/A	0x0005b	0x0005b	0x00061	0x00061	0x00061
	MIFPGA	N/A	N/A	0x1000c	0x1000c	0x1000c	0x1000c	0x1000c
N9K-C9804-FM-A	IOFPGA	0x10002						
N9K-C9808-FM-A	MIFPGA	0x10002						

Determine whether to upgrade EPLD images

If the current EPLD image number for a card is greater than or matches the version expected for your current NX-OS software version, you can skip the upgrade.

To determine the EPLD upgrades needed for a Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switch running 10.4(6) software, use the show install impact epld bootflash:<filename> command on that switch, where the filename given for this release is the n9000-epld.10.4.6.img file. First, copy this file to the bootflash to proceed. In this example, the MIFPGA and IOFPGA EPLD images do not need to be upgraded.

Note: The CLI content in this document is only an example. The CLI output might change depending on the hardware and software.

- **Step 1.** Copy the n9000-epld.10.4.6.img file to the bootflash.
- **Step 2.** To determine the EPLD upgrades needed for a Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switch running 10.4(6) software, enter the following command:

show install impact epld bootflash:<filename>

For example:

switch# show install all impact epld n9000-epld.10.4.6.img Retrieving EPLD versions.... Please wait.

Images will be upgraded according to the table:

Module	Type	EPLD	Runnin	ng-Version	New-Version	Upg-Required
1	LC	MI FPGA		0x0f	0x0f	No
1	LC	IO FPGA		0x0d	0x0d	No
1	LC	DB FPGA		0x0e	0x0e	No
21	FM	IO FPGA		0x07	0x07	No
27	SUP	IO FPGA		0x15	0x15	No
28	SUP	IO FPGA		0x15	0x15	No
29	SC	IO FPGA		0x20	0x20	No
30	SC	IO FPGA		0x20	0x20	No
Compati	bility	check:				
Module	Type	Upgradable	Impact	Reason		
1	LC	Yes	disruptive	Module Upg	radable	
21	SUP	Yes	disruptive	Module Upg	radable	
27	SUP	Yes	disruptive	Module Upg	radable	
28	SUP	Yes	disruptive	Module Upg	radable	
29	SC	Yes	disruptive	Module Upg	radable	
30	SC	Yes	disruptive	Module Upg	radable	

Upgrade during ISSU

This feature offers the option to upgrade EPLD images during disruptive system (NX-OS) upgrade. You will designate the target EPLD image using the ISSU command. The EPLD image will be validated during the

pre-upgrade stage of the installation and the actual EPLD upgrade will be done before reloading the system. When the system comes back online, all EPLDs and the NX-OS system images including any required BIOS update will be upgraded to the new versions.

To upgrade your EPLD image using the ISSU command, enter the NX-OS and EPLD image to be installed using the install all nxos <nxos-image> epld <epld-image> command.

For additional information about ISSU, see the <u>Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Software Upgrade and</u> Downgrade Guide.

Displaying the status of EPLD upgrades

To display the status of EPLD upgrades on the switch, enter the show install epld status command.

Limitations

- If a module is not online, you cannot upgrade its EPLD images.
- If there are two supervisors that are installed in the switch (Cisco Nexus 9504, 9508, and 9516 switches only), you can either upgrade only the standby or upgrade all modules (including both supervisor modules) by using these commands:
 - install epld bootflash:<image-name> module standby-supervisor-slot-number (upgrades only the standby supervisor module)

Note: After you use this command, you can switchover the active and standby supervisor modules and then upgrade the other supervisor.

- install epld bootflash:<image-name> module all (upgrades all of the modules)
- If there is only one supervisor installed in the switch, the upgrade or downgrade of the EPLD images is disruptive.

Cisco secure boot hardware tampering vulnerability

This section details updating your EPLD version for affected switches listed in the link below.

Secure Boot Hardware Tampering Vulnerability advisory:

https://tools.cisco.com/security/center/content/CiscoSecurityAdvisory/cisco-sa-20190513-secureboot

The table provides the PIDs exposed to the issue, as well as the fixed IO FPGA version for each PID, for validation purposes.

Vulnerable products

These are the vulnerable products addressed in the Secure Boot Tampering Security Advisory (cisco-sa-20190513-secureboot).

 Table 7.
 Nexus 9000 series switches affected by the Secure Boot Hardware Tampering Vulnerability

PID	Fixed IO FPGA Version
N9K-C93180YC-EX	0x15
N9K-C93108TC-EX	0x15

PID	Fixed IO FPGA Version
N9K-C93180YC-FX	0x20
N9K-C93108TC-FX	0x20
N9K-C9348GC-FXP	0x10
N9K-C93240YC-FX2	0x10
N9K-C9336C-FX2	0x10
N9K-C9364C	0x6
N9K-C9332C	0x10
N9K-C93180YC-FX	0x20
N9K-C9232C	0x8
N9K-SUP-A+	0x14
N9K-SUP-B+	0x14
N9K-SUP-B	0x30
N9K-SUP-A	0x30

Cisco secure boot hardware tampering vulnerability - remediation steps

Nexus 9000 Modular chassis with dual supervisor

Note: Requirement–Update both golden and primary regions of FPGA to address this particular vulnerability. It is by design that we do not allow updating both primary and golden at the same time (to avoid programming errors that may cause switch to not boot, so only one region is allowed to be programmed per reload).

Do not attempt to upgrade golden region of the FPGA once it is on a fixed version.

- **Step 1.** Copy the EPLD image to bootflash (e.g., this document will use the n9000-epld.10.4.6.img image).
- **Step 2.** If you have dual supervisors, determine which is the standby supervisor by entering the command show module to verify the status of the supervisors, and start upgrading the standby first. On the Nexus 9500, only supervisors need to be upgraded to address this vulnerability. Line cards/fabric modules/system controllers are not affected.
- **Step 3.** Assuming the standby supervisor is slot 28, update the primary FPGA region of the standby supervisor.

switch# install epld bootflash:n9000-epld.10.4.6.img module 28

Expected result: The switch will update the primary EPLD of the standby supervisor and will reload the standby supervisor module automatically. Do not interrupt, power cycle, or reload when EPLD update is

happening. Once the standby is rebooted, it will again come up as the standby supervisor. The command show version module 28 epld will continue to show the old version.

Note: The CLI sequence used in this document is just an example. Your CLI sequence can be confirmed directly on the switch.

```
switch# show mod | grep SUP
27
      Supervisor Module
                                       N9K-SUP-A
                                                          active *
28
   \cap
        Supervisor Module
                                       N9K-SUP-A
                                                          ha-standby
<<< standby supervisor
27 9.3(0.416)
                        1.0 SUP1
   9.3(0.416)
                        0.3011 SUP2
switch# show version module 28 epld
EPLD Device
                         Version
_____
IO FPGA
                           0x27
```

This is expected, as the switch would have booted from golden FPGA which is still not updated. You can verify this from the syslog which would say:

```
%CARDCLIENT-5-MOD BOOT GOLDEN: Module 28 IOFPGA booted from Golden
```

Step 4. Update the Golden (also called backup) FPGA region of the standby supervisor.

Expected result: The switch updates the golden EPLD of the standby supervisor and reloads the standby supervisor module automatically. Do not interrupt, power cycle, or reload when EPLD update is happening. Once standby is booted, it will again come up as the standby supervisor.

Once this is done, enter the show version module 28 epld to confirm the FPGA version is greater than or equal to the fixed version for the standby supervisor. Your switch has the fixed version for standby supervisor.

```
switch# show version module 28 epld

EPLD Device Version

TO FPGA 0x30
```

Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for the active supervisor. At the end of Step 3, the supervisor in slot 27 will reload and so now will become the standby supervisor. The active supervisor will be the supervisor in slot 28.

For the situation where the active supervisor is in the other slot, considering SUP 27 is active to begin with, for the above activity, such as Steps 3 and 4, commands would have swapped 27 in place of 28.

Log below shows what happens when the EPLD upgrade happens for the active supervisor:

```
Module 27: IO FPGA [Programming]: 100.00% (64 of 64 sectors)

Module 27 EPLD upgrade is successful.

Module Type Upgrade-Result

27 SUP Success

EPLDs upgraded. Performing switchover.
```

Once the supervisor in Slot 27 becomes ha-standby, complete Step 4 for Slot 27 and it will again boot and become the ha-standby. Both the supervisors now have the vulnerability fixed version of the FPGA.

At the end of the upgrades, the switch should boot with the primary EPLD image for both SUPs, as seen in the logs below:

```
switch# show logging log | grep -i fpga | grep -i 27
2019 Jul 10 07:55:04 switch %CARDCLIENT-5-MOD_BOOT_PRIMARY: Module 27 IOFPGA booted from
Primary
switch# show logging log | grep -i fpga | grep -i 28
2019 Jul 10 07:58:01 switch %CARDCLIENT-5-MOD_BOOT_PRIMARY: Module 28 IOFPGA booted from
Primary
```

Nexus 9000 Modular chassis with single supervisor

Note: Requirement–Update both golden and primary regions of FPGA to address this vulnerability. It is by design that we don't allow updating both primary and golden at the same time (to avoid programming errors that may cause switch to not boot, so only one region is allowed to be programmed per reload).

Do not attempt to upgrade Golden region of FPGA once it is on a fixed version.

Step 1. Copy the EPLD image to bootflash (e.g., this document will use the n9000-epld.10.4.6.img image).

Step 2. Assuming the supervisor is in slot 27, update the Primary FPGA region.

```
switch# install epld bootflash:n9000-epld.10.4.6.img module 27
```

Expected result: Switch will update the primary EPLD of the supervisor and will reload the switch automatically. Do not interrupt, power cycle, or reload when EPLD update is happening. Once the supervisor is booted, the command show version module 27 epld will continue to show the old version.

Note: The CLI sequence used in this document is just an example. Your CLI sequence can be confirmed directly on the switch.

 switch# show version module 27 epld

 Name
 InstanceNum
 Version
 Date

 IO FPGA
 0
 0x27
 20160111

BIOS version v08.35(08/31/2018)
Alternate BIOS version v08.32(10/18/2016)

This is expected, as the switch would have booted from the golden FPGA which is still not updated. You can verify this from the syslog which would say:

%CARDCLIENT-5-MOD BOOT GOLDEN: Module 27 IOFPGA booted from Golden

Step 3. Since in this case there is only one supervisor, next update the golden (also called the backup) FPGA region.

Expected result: The switch will update the golden EPLD of the supervisor and will reload the switch automatically. Do not interrupt, power cycle, or reload the device while the EPLD update is in progress.

Once this is done, when you enter the command show version module 27 epld to confirm that the FPGA version is greater than or equal to the fixed version for the supervisor. Your supervisor now has the vulnerability fixed version of FPGA.

switch# show version module 27 epld

Name	InstanceNum	Version	Date
IO FPGA	0	0x30	20190625
BIOS version	v08.35(08/	31/2018)	
Alternate BIOS version	v08.32(10/	18/2016)	

At the end of the upgrades, the switch should boot with the primary EPLD for the supervisor. The log to check is seen below:

```
switch# show logging log | grep -i fpga | grep -i 27
2019 Jul 10 07:55:04 switch %CARDCLIENT-5-MOD_BOOT_PRIMARY: Module 27 IOFPGA booted from
Primary
```

Note: If you attempt to upgrade the golden region of the FPGA once it is on the fixed version, the system will not automatically allow you to upgrade the golden region of the supervisor and will provide the prompt seen below:

```
switch# install epld bootflash:n9000-epld.10.4.6.img module all golden Digital signature verification is successful Compatibility check:
```

Module	Type	Upgradable	Impact	Reason	
22	FM	Yes	disruptive	Module	Upgradable
24	FM	Yes	disruptive	Module	Upgradable

27	SUP	No	none	Golden Not Upgradable
28	SUP	No	none	Golden Not Upgradable
29	SC	Yes	disruptive	Module Upgradable
30	SC	Yes	disruptive	Module Upgradable

Retrieving EPLD versions.... Please wait.

Images will be upgraded according to this table:

Module	Type	EPLD	Running-Version	New-Version	Upg-Required
22	FM	IO FPGA	0x19	0x19	Yes
24	FM	IO FPGA	0x19	0x19	Yes
29	SC	IO FPGA	0x17	0x20	Yes
30	SC	IO FPGA	0x17	0x20	Yes

Module 27 (EPLD ver 0x29) Golden upgrade not supported

Module 28 (EPLD ver 0x30) Golden upgrade not supported

The above modules require upgrade.

Since both System Controller modules need an upgrade, a chassis reload will happen at the end of the upgrade.

Do you want to continue (y/n) ? [n] y

Nexus 9000 TOR (standalone chassis) switch

Note: It is required to update both the golden and primary regions of the FPGA to address this vulnerability. It is by design that we don't allow updating both primary and golden at the same time (to avoid programming errors that may lead to switch boot failure), so only one FPGA region is allowed to be programmed per reload.

Do not attempt to upgrade golden region of FPGA once it is on a fixed version.

Step 1. Copy the EPLD image to bootflash (e.g., this document will use the n9000-epld.10.4.6.img image).

Step 2. Update the primary FPGA region.

```
switch# install epld bootflash:n9000-epld.10.4.6.img module all
```

Expected result: The switch will update the EPLD and will reload automatically. Do not interrupt, power cycle, or reload the switch while the EPLD update is in progress. The switch will boot up with the golden FPGA. The command show version module 1 epld will show the old IO FPGA version at this time. This is expected.

Note: The CLI sequence used in this document is just an example. Your CLI sequence can be confirmed directly on the switch.

switch# show version module 1 epld

Name	InstanceNum	Version	Date
IO FPGA	0	0x06	20180920
MI FPGA	0	0x01	20170609
BIOS version	v01.14(06/15/	2019)	

Alternate BIOS version v01.12(07/25/2018)

You can verify this from syslog which would say:

```
%CARDCLIENT-5-MOD_BOOT_GOLDEN: Module 1 IOFPGA booted from Golden %CARDCLIENT-2-FPGA BOOT GOLDEN: IOFPGA booted from Golden
```

Step 3. Update the golden (also called backup) FPGA region.

```
switch# install epld bootflash:n9000-epld.10.4.6.img module all golden
```

Expected result: The switch will update the EPLD image and will reload automatically. Do not interrupt, power cycle, or further reload the switch when the EPLD update is in progress.

Once this is done, when you check show version module 1 epld, you will see an FPGA version that is greater than or equal to the fixed version.

switch# show version module 1 epld

Name	InstanceNum	Version	Date
IO FPGA	0	0×07	20180920
MI FPGA	0	0×01	20170609
BIOS version	v01.14(06/1	5/2019)	
Alternate BIOS version	v01.12(07/2	5/2018)	

After the upgrade is complete, the switch should boot up with the primary EPLD image as shown in the logs below:

```
switch# show logging log | grep -i fpga
2019 Jul  9 19:46:11 switch %CARDCLIENT-2-FPGA_BOOT_PRIMARY: IOFPGA booted from Primary
2019 Jul  9 19:46:11 switch %CARDCLIENT-2-FPGA_BOOT_PRIMARY: MIFPGA booted from Primary
2019 Jul  9 19:46:11 switch %CARDCLIENT-5-MOD_BOOT_PRIMARY: Module 1 IOFPGA booted from Primary
2019 Jul  9 19:46:11 switch %CARDCLIENT-5-MOD_BOOT_PRIMARY: Module 1 MIFPGA booted from Primary
```

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