

Troubleshooting Installations, Upgrades, and Reboots

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About Upgrades and Reboots

Upgrades and reboots are ongoing network maintenance activities. You should try to minimize the risk of disrupting the network when performing these operations in production environments and to know how to recover quickly when something does go wrong.



Note

This publication uses the term upgrade to refer to both Cisco NX-OS upgrades and downgrades.

Upgrade and Reboot Checklist

Use the following checklist to prepare for an upgrade or reboot:

Checklist	Done
Read the Release Notes for the release to which you are upgrading or downgrading.	
Ensure that an FTP or TFTP server is available to download the software image.	
Copy the new image onto your supervisor modules in bootflash: or slot0:.	
Use the show install all impact command to verify that the new image is healthy and the impact that the new load will have on any hardware with regard to compatibility. Check for compatibility.	

Checklist	Done		
Copy the startup-config file to a snapshot configuration in NVRAM. This step creates a backup copy of the startup configuration file.			
Save your running configuration to the startup configuration.			
Back up a copy of your configuration to a remote TFTP server.			
Schedule your upgrade during an appropriate maintenance window for your network.			

After you have completed the checklist, you are ready to upgrade or reboot the systems in your network.

It is normal for the active supervisor to become the standby supervisor during an upgrade.

Note



Note Up to 100 log messages with a severity level of critical and below (levels 0, 1, and 2) are saved in NVRAM. You can view this log at any time by entering the **show logging nvram** command.

Verifying Software Upgrades

You can use the **show install all status** command to watch the progress of your software upgrade or to view the ongoing **install all** command or the log of the last installed **install all** command from a console, SSH, or Telnet session. This command shows the **install all** output on both the active and standby supervisor module even if you are not connected to the console terminal.

Verifying a Nondisruptive Upgrade

When you initiate a nondisruptive upgrade, Cisco NX-OS notifies all services that an upgrade is about to start and determines whether the upgrade can proceed. If a service cannot allow the upgrade to proceed, the service aborts the upgrade, and you are prompted to enter the **show install all failure-reason** command to determine the reason why the upgrade cannot proceed.

```
Do you want to continue with the installation (y/n)? [n] y
Install is in progress, please wait.
Notifying services about the upgrade.
>[# ] 0% -- FAIL. Return code 0x401E0066 (request timed out).
Please issue "show install all failure-reason" to find the cause of the failure.<---prompt
failure-reason
Install has failed. Return code 0x401E0066 (request timed out).
Please identify the cause of the failure, and try 'install all' again.
switch# show install all failure-reason
Service: "xxx" failed to respond within the given time period.
```

If a failure occurs for any reason (such as a save runtime state failure or a module upgrade failure) after the upgrade is in progress, the device reboots disruptively because the changes cannot be rolled back. In such cases, the upgrade has failed.

If you need further assistance to determine why an upgrade is unsuccessful, you should collect the details from the **show tech-support** [**issu**] command output and the console output from the installation, if available, before you contact your technical support representative.

Troubleshooting Software Upgrades and Downgrades

Software Upgrade Ends with Error

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
The upgrade ends with an error	The standby supervisor module bootflash: file system does not have sufficient space to accept the updated image.	Use the delete command to remove unnecessary files from the file system.
	The install all command is entered on the standby supervisor module.	Enter the command on the active supervisor module only.
	A module was inserted while the upgrade was in progress.	Restart the installation.
	The system experienced a power disruption while the upgrade was in progress.	Restart the installation.
	An incorrect software image path was specified.	Specify the entire path for the remote location accurately.
	Another upgrade is already in progress.	Verify the state of the system at every stage and restart the upgrade after 10 seconds. If you restart the upgrade within 10 seconds, the command is rejected. An error message displays, indicating that an upgrade is currently in progress.
	A module failed to upgrade.	Restart the upgrade or use the install module command to upgrade the failed module.

Upgrading the Cisco NX-OS Software

You can perform an automated software upgrade on any system from the CLI.

The image filename begins with "nxos" [beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 7.0(3)I2(1)] or "n9000" (for example, nxos.7.0.3.I2.1.bin or n9000-dk9.7.0.3.I1.1.bin).

Before you begin

Log into the system through the console, Telnet, or SSH port of the active supervisor.

Create a backup of your existing configuration file, if required.

SUMMARY STEPS

- **1. install all** [**nxos bootflash:***filename*]
- 2. show module

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	install all [nxos bootflash:filename]	Perform	s the upgrade.
		Note	If the configuration meets all guidelines when the install all command is used, all modules (supervisor and switching) are upgraded.
		Note	If you enter the install all command without specifying a filename, the command performs a compatibility check, notifies you of the modules that will be upgraded, and confirms that you want to continue with the installation. If you choose to proceed, it installs the NXOS software image that is currently running on the switch and upgrades the BIOS of various modules from the running image if required.
Step 2	show module	Exits the to view t	e system console and opens a new terminal session the upgraded supervisor module.

Troubleshooting Software System Reboots

Power-On or Switch Reboot Hangs

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
A power-on or switch reboot hangs for a dual supervisor	The bootflash is corrupted.	See Corrupted Bootflash Recovery, on page 5.
configuration	The BIOS is corrupted.	Replace this module. Contact your customer support representative to return the failed module.
	The nx-os image is corrupted.	Power cycle the switch if required and press Ctrl-C when the switch displays the "Loading Boot Loader" message to interrupt the boot process at the >loader prompt.
	Boot parameters are incorrect.	Verify and correct the boot parameters and reboot.

Corrupted Bootflash Recovery

All device configurations reside in the internal bootflash. If you have a corrupted internal bootflash, you could potentially lose your configuration. Be sure to save and back up your configuration files periodically. The regular system boot goes through the following sequence:

- 1. The basic input/output system (BIOS) loads the loader.
- 2. The loader loads the nx-os image into RAM and starts the image.
- 3. The nx-os image reads the startup configuration file.

If the nx-os image on your system is corrupted and you cannot proceed (error state), you can interrupt the system boot sequence and recover the image by entering the BIOS configuration utility described in the following section. Access this utility only when needed to recover a corrupted internal disk.

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Caution The BIOS changes explained in this section are required only to recover a corrupted bootflash.

Recovery procedures require the regular sequence to be interrupted. The internal sequence goes through three phases between the time that you turn on the system and the time that the system prompt appears on your terminal—BIOS, boot loader, and nx-os image. The following table describes the steps in the recovery interruption process.

Table 1: Recovery Interruption

Phase	Normal Prompt (appears at the end of each phase)	Recovery Prompt (appears when the system cannot progress to the next phase)	Description
BIOS	loader>	No bootable device	The BIOS begins the power-on self test, memory test, and other operating system applications. While the test is in progress, press Ctrl-C to enter the BIOS configuration utility and use the netboot option.
Boot loader	Starting nx-os	loader>	The boot loader uncompresses the loaded software to boot an image using its filename as a reference. The image is made available through bootflash. When the memory test is over, press Esc to enter the boot loader prompt.

Phase	Normal Prompt (appears at the end of each phase)	Recovery Prompt (appears when the system cannot progress to the next phase)	Description
nx-os image	Uncompressing system	switch(boot)#	When the boot loader phase is over, press Ctrl-] (Control key plus right bracket key) to enter the switch(boot)# prompt. Depending on your Telnet client, these keys might be reserved, and you might need to remap the keystroke. See the documentation provided by your Telnet client. If the corruption causes the console to stop at this prompt, copy the nx-os image and reboot the system. The nx-os image then loads the configuration file of the last saved running configuration and returns a switch login prompt.

Recovery from the loader> Prompt

Use the **help** command at the loader> prompt to display a list of commands available at this prompt or to obtain more information about a specific command in that list.

Before you begin

This procedure uses the **init system** command, which reformats the file system of the device. Be sure that you have made a backup of the configuration files before you begin this procedure.

The loader> prompt is different from the regular switch# or switch(boot)# prompt. The CLI command completion feature does not work at the loader> prompt and might result in undesired errors. You must type the command exactly as you want the command to appear.

If you boot over TFTP from the loader> prompt, you must supply the full path to the image on the remote server.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. loader> set ip *ip-address*
- 2. loader> set gw gw-address
- 3. loader> cmdline recoverymode=1
- **4**. loader> **boot tftp:** *tftp-path*
- **5.** switch(boot)# **init system**
- 6. switch(boot)# reload-nxos

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	loader> set ip <i>ip-address</i>	Specifies the local IP address and the subnet mask for the
	Example:	system.

	Command or Action	Purpose		
	loader> set ip 172.21.55.213 255.255.255.224			
Step 2	loader> set gw gw-address	Specifies the IP address of the default gateway.		
	Example:			
	loader> set gw 172.21.55.193			
Step 3	loader> cmdline recoverymode=1	Configures the boot process to stop at the switch(boot)# prompt.		
	Example:			
	<pre>loader> cmdline recoverymode=1</pre>			
Step 4	loader> boot tftp: <i>tftp-path</i>	Boots the nx-os image file from the required server.		
	Example:	The switch(boot)# prompt indicates that you have a usable		
	loader> boot	nx-os image.		
Sten 5	switch(hoot)# init system	Enters the nx-os system		
0.00	Fyample	Caution Be sure that you have made a backup of the		
	switch(boot)# init system	configuration files before you enter this		
		command.		
Step 6	switch(boot)# reload-nxos	Completes the upload of the nx-os image file.		
	Example:			
	<pre>switch(boot) # reload-nxos</pre>			

Example

This example shows how to configure the local IP address and the subnet mask for the system:

```
loader> set ip 172.21.55.213 255.255.255.224
set ip 172.21.55.213 255.255.255.224
Correct - ip addr is 172.21.55.213, mask is 255.255.255.224
Found Intel 82546GB [2:9.0] at 0xe040, ROM address 0xf980
Probing...[Intel 82546GB]
Management interface
Link UP in 1000/full mode
Ethernet addr: 00:1B:54:C1:28:60
Address: 172.21.55.213
Netmask: 255.255.255.224
Server: 0.0.0.0
Gateway: 172.21.55.193
```

This example shows how to configure the IP address of the default gateway:

```
loader> set gw 172.21.55.193
Correct gateway addr 172.21.55.193
Address: 172.21.55.213
Netmask: 255.255.255.224
```

Server: 0.0.0.0 Gateway: 172.21.55.193

This example shows how to boot the nx-os image from the server:

```
loader> boot tftp://172.28.255.18/tftpboot/n9000-dk9.6.1.2.I1.1.bin
Address: 172.21.55.213
Netmask: 255.255.254
Server: 172.28.255.18
Gateway: 172.21.55.193
 Filesystem type is tftp, using whole disk
Booting: /tftpboot/n9000-dk9.6.1.2.I1.1.gbin console=ttyS0,9600n8nn quiet loader
 ver="3.17.0"....
 .....Im
age verification OK
Starting kernel...
INIT: version 2.85 booting
Checking all filesystems..r.r.r. done.
Setting kernel variables: sysctlnet.ipv4.ip_forward = 0
net.ipv4.ip default ttl = 64
 net.ipv4.ip no pmtu disc = 1
Setting the System Clock using the Hardware Clock as reference...System Clock set. Local
time: Wed Oct 1
 11:20:11 PST 2013
 WARNING: image sync is going to be disabled after a loader netboot
Loading system software
No system image Unexporting directories for NFS kernel daemon...done.
INIT: Sending processes the KILL signal
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 switch (boot) #
```

System or Process Restarts

When a recoverable or nonrecoverable error occurs, the system or a process on the system might reset. This table lists possible causes and solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
The system or a process on the system resets.	A recoverable error occurred on the system or on a process in the system.	The system has automatically recovered from the problem. See Recovering System Restarts, on page 9.
	A nonrecoverable error occurred on the system.	The system cannot recover automatically from the problem. See Recovering System Restarts, on page 9 to determine the cause.
	A clock module failed.	Verify that a clock module failed. Replace the failed clock module during the next maintenance window.

Recovering System Restarts

Every process restart generates a syslog message and a Call Home event. Even if the event does not affect service, you should identify and resolve the condition immediately because future occurrences could cause a service interruption.



After following the steps, determine the cause and resolution for the restart condition by contacting your technical support representative and asking the representative to review your core dump.

Before you begin

The following conditions apply:

- The system automatically copies the core files to a TFTP server every 4 minutes. This time interval is not configurable.
- The copy of a specific core file to a TFTP server can be manually triggered by using the **copy core**://module#/pid# tftp://tftp_ip_address/file_name command.
- If a supervisor failover occurs, the cores might be in the secondary logflash rather than the primary logflash.
- The maximum number of times that a process can be restarted is part of the high-availability (HA) policy for any process. (This parameter is not configurable.) If the process restarts more than the maximum number of times, the older core files are overwritten.
- The maximum number of core files that can be saved for any process is part of the HA policy for any process. (This parameter is not configurable, and it is set to three.)

SUMMARY STEPS

- **1.** switch# show log | include error
- 2. switch# show processes
- **3.** switch# show process log
- 4. switch# show process log pid pid
- 5. switch# show system uptime

- 6. switch# show cores
- **7.** switch# copy core: *core path*
- **8.** switch# show processes log pid *pid*
- **9.** switch# system cores tftp: *tftp-path*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# show log include error	Displays the syslog file so you can see which process
	Example:	restarted and why it restarted.
	<pre>Example: switch# show log logfile include error Sep 10 23:31:31 dot-6 % LOG_SYSMGR-3-SERVICE_TERMINATED: Service "sensor" (PID 704) has finished with error code SYSMGR_EXITCODE_SY. switch# show logging logfile include fail Jan 27 04:08:42 88 %LOG_DAEMON-3-SYSTEM_MSG: bind() fd 4, family 2, port 123, ad dr 0.0.0.0, in_classd=0 flags=1 fails: Address already in use Jan 27 04:08:42 88 %LOG_DAEMON-3-SYSTEM_MSG: bind() fd 4, family 2, port 123, ad dr 127.0.0.1, in_classd=0 flags=0 fails: Address already in use Jan 27 04:08:42 88 %LOG_DAEMON-3-SYSTEM_MSG: bind() fd 4, family 2, port 123, ad dr 127.1.1.1, in_classd=0 flags=1 fails: Address already in use Jan 27 04:08:42 88 %LOG_DAEMON-3-SYSTEM_MSG: bind() fd 4, family 2, port 123, ad dr 127.1.1.1, in_classd=0 flags=1 fails: Address already in use Jan 27 04:08:42 88 %LOG_DAEMON-3-SYSTEM_MSG: bind() fd 4, family 2, port 123, ad dr 172.22.93.88, in_classd=0 flags=1 fails: Address already in use Jan 27 23:18:59 88 % LOG_PORT-5-IF_DOWN: Interface fc1/13 is down (Link failure or not-connected) Jan 28 00:55:12 88 % LOG_PORT-5-IF_DOWN: Interface fc1/14 is down (Link failure or not-connected) Jan 28 00:58:12 88 % LOG_PORT-5-IF_DOWN: Interface fc1/1 is down (Link failure or not-connected) Jan 28 00:58:16 88 % LOG_ZONE-2-ZS_MERGE_FAILED: Zone merge failure, Isolating port fc1/1 (VSAN 100) Jan 28 00:58:44 88 % LOG_ZONE-2-ZS_MERGE FAILED:</pre>	restarted and why it restarted.
	Jan 28 00:58:44 88 % LOG_ZONE-2-25_MERGE_FAILED: Zone merge failure, Isolating port fc1/1 (VSAN 100)	
	<pre>Jan 28 03:26:38 88 % LOG_ZONE-2-ZS_MERGE_FAILED: Zone merge failure, Isolating port fc1/1 (VSAN 100) Jan 29 19:01:34 88 % LOG_PORT-5-IF_DOWN: Interface fc1/1 is down (Link failure or not-connected) switch#</pre>	
Step 2	switch# show processes Example:	Displays the processes that are running and the status of each process.

	Comma	nd or A	ction				Purpose	
	switch	# show	processes				The following codes are used in the system output for th	ie
	PID	State	PC	Start_cnt	TTY	Process	^s state (process state):	
						-		
	1		-	1		init	• D = uninterruptible sleep (usually I/O)	
	2	2 9	2aboe33e	1	_	LIIIL keventd		
	3	S	0	1	_	Revenco	• $R = runnable (on run queue)$	
	ksofti	rad CP	U0	-			S = alconing	
	4	S	0	1	-	kswapd	• S – sleeping	
	5	S	0	1	-	bdflush	h = traced or stopped	
	6	S	0	1	-	kupdated	d	
							• $Z = defunct (zombie) process$	
	71	S	0	1	-	kjournald	d	
							• NR = not running	
	136	S	0	1	-	kjournald	d C	
	1.4.0	~	0	1			• ER = should be running but currently not running	
	140	S	0	1	-	kjournald		
	1.21	0	0 - h - 222 -	1		ام خد خد ما	Note ED usually is the state that a process enters	if
	431	2 9	2abe333e 2abfd33e	1		vinetd	it has here restarted to a recent of here	
	445	с С	2a01033e	1	_	ATHeta	it has been restarted too many times and has	3
	440	2 2	2acie55e 2abe91a2	1	_	bttnd	been detected as faulty by the system and	
	453	g	2abe91a2	1	_	httpd	disabled.	
	456	g	2ac73419	1	90	wsh		
	469	S	2abe91a2	1	-	httpd		
	470	S	2abe91a2	1	_	ht.t.pd		
						1 -		
Step 3	switch#	show	process log				Displays the processes that have had abnormal exits and	if
	Evamnl	0.					there is a stack-trace or core dump.	
	Lvamh	U .						
	switch	# show	process lo	og				
	Proces	s PID	Normal-exit	: Stack-trace	Core	2		
	Log-cr	eate-t	ime					
						•		
	ntp	919	Ν	Ν	Ν	Jan 27		
	04:08	070	7.1	37	NT	Tem 04		
	20.50	972	IN	Ĩ	IN	Jan 24		
	20.50							
Step 4	switch#	show	process log	pid <i>pid</i>			Displays detailed information about a specific process th	at
	Fxamnl	e.					has restarted.	
	Examp							
	switch	# show	processes	log pid 898				
	Servic	e: ide	hsd					
	Descri	ption:	ide hotswa	ip handler Da	emon			
	Starte	a at M	on Sep 16 1 hu Gam 10 1	4:56:04 2013	(390	1923 us)		
	Stoppe	uat 1	nu sep 19 1 	4:18:42 2013	(039	239 us)		
	Start	tuno.	YS ZJ HOULS	DECTADT CTAT	22 Se Fifor	(23)		
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	(3)	reason	. SISMGR_DE	AIT_REASON_F.	ATTOR	⊡_⊃IGIEKM		
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	Virtua	1 Memo	rv:					
	CODE	2	 048000 - 08	3040660				
	מח	та 00	08045660	- 0804E824				
	BR	 K	0804E9A0	- 08050000				
	ST	ACK	7FFFFD10					
	Regist	er Set	:					
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	Command or Action	Purpose
	EBX 00000003 ECX 0804E994 EDX 00000008 ESI 00000005 EDI 7FFFC9C EBP 7FFFFCAC EAX 00000008 XDS 000002B XES 0000002B EAX 00000003 (orig) EIP 2ABE5EF4 XCS	
	00000023 EFL 00000246 ESP 7FFFC5C XSS 0000002B Stack: 128 bytes. ESP 7FFFC5C, TOP 7FFFFD10 0x7FFFFC5C: 0804F990 0804C416 00000003 0804E994	
	0x7FFFFC6C: 00000008 0804BF95 2AC451E0 2AAC24A4 Q.*.\$.* 0x7FFFFC7C: 7FFFFD14 2AC2C581 0804E6BC 7FFFFCA8 0x7FFFFC8C: 7FFFFC94 0000003 00000001 0000003 0x7FFFFC9C: 0000001 0000000 00000068 0000000 0x7FFFFC9C: 00000001 00000000 000000068 00000000 0x7FFFFCAC: 7FFFFC88 2AB4F819 00000001 7FFFD14 0x7FFFFCBC: 7FFFFC86 2AB4F819 00000001 7FFFFD14 0x7FFFFCBC: 7FFFFC86 2AB4F819 00000001 7FFFFD14	
	p 0x7FFFFCCC: 2AB4F7E9 2AAC1F00 00000001 08048A2C ** PID: 898 SAP: 0 UUID: 0 switch#	
Step 5	<pre>switch# show system uptime Example: switch# show system uptime Start Time: Fri Sep 13 12:38:39 2013 Up Time: 0 days, 1 hours, 16 minutes, 22 seconds</pre>	Displays if the restart recently occurred. To determine if the restart is repetitive or a one-time occurrence, compare the length of time that the system has been up with the timestamp of each restart.
Step 6	<pre>switch# show cores Example: switch# show cores Module Instance Process-name PID Date(Year-Month-Day Time) 28 1 bgp-64551 5179 2013-09-13 23:51:26</pre>	Displays all cores that are presently available for upload from the active supervisor.
Step 7	<pre>switch# copy core: core path Example: switch# copy core://5/1524 tftp::/1.1.1.1/abcd</pre>	Copies the FSPF core dump to a TFTP server with an IP address.
Step 8	switch# show processes log pid <i>pid</i> Example:	Displays the file named zone_server_log.889 in the log directory,

Command or Action		Purpose
switch# '''show processes log p	pid 1473'''	
Service: ips Description: IPS Manager		
Started at Tue Jan 8 17:07:42 Stopped at Thu Jan 10 06:16:49 Uptime: 1 days 13 hours 9 minu	2 2013 (757583 us) 5 2013 (83451 us) utes 9 seconds	
Start type: SRV_OPTION_RESTAR Death reason: SYSMGR_DEATH_REA (2) Exit code: signal 6 (core dump CWD: /var/sysmgr/work	T_STATELESS (23) ASON_FAILURE_SIGNAL ped)	
Virtual Memory:		
CODE 08048000 - 080FH DATA 080FC060 - 080FC BRK 081795C0 - 081EC STACK 7FFFFCF0 TOTAL 20952 KB	B060 CBA8 C000	
Register Set:		
EBX 000005C1 ECX 0 2AD721E0	0000006 EDX	
ESI 2AD701A8 EDI 0	8109308 EBP	
EAX 00000000 XDS 0	000002B XES	
EAX 0000025 (orig) EIP 2	AC8CC71 XCS	
EFL 00000207 ESP 7 0000002B	FFFF2C0 XSS	
Stack: 2608 bytes. ESP 7FFFF20	CO, TOP 7FFFFCF0	
0x7FFFF2C0: 2AC8C944 000005C1	00000006 2AC735E2	
0x7FFFF2D0: 2AC8C92C 2AD721E0	2AAB76F0 00000000	
<pre>,^.!.*.v.* 0x7FFFF2E0: 7FFFF320 2AC8C920</pre>	2AC513F8 7FFFF42C	
0x7FFFF2F0: 2AC8E0BB 00000006	7FFFF320 00000000	
0x7FFFF300: 2AC8DFF8 2AD721E0	08109308 2AC65AFC	
*.!.*Z.* 0x7FFFF310: 00000393 2AC6A49C	2AC621CC 2AC513F8	
*.!.** 0x7FFFF320: 00000020 00000000	0000000 0000000	

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	Command or Action	Purpose	
	0x7FFFF330: 00000000 0000000 0000000 0000000 0x7FFFF340: 0000000 0000000 0000000 0000000 0x7FFFF350: 0000000 0000000 0000000 0000000 0x7FFFF360: 0000000 0000000 0000000 0000000 0x7FFFF370: 0000000 0000000 0000000 0000000 0x7FFFF380: 00000000 0000000 0000000 0000000 0x7FFFF380: 00000000 0000000 0000000 00000000 0x7FFFF380: 00000000 0000000 0000000 00000000 0x7FFFF390: 00000000 0000000 0000000 0000000000		
Stop 9	switch# system cores ffth: ffth path	Configuras the system to use TETP to send the core dump	
oreh a	Switch# system cores tip: typ-path Example: switch(config)# system cores tftp://10.1.1.1/cores	to a TFTP server. This command causes the system to enable the automatic copy of core files to a TFTP server.	

Unrecoverable System Restarts

An unrecoverable system restart might occur in the following cases:

- A critical process fails and is not restartable.
- A process restarts more times than is allowed by the system configuration.
- A process restarts more frequently than is allowed by the system configuration.

The effect of a process reset is determined by the policy configured for each process. An unrecoverable reset might cause functionality loss, the active supervisor to restart, a supervisor switchover, or the system to restart.

The show system reset-reason command displays the following information:

- The last four reset-reason codes for a specific module in a given slot. If a module is absent, the reset-reason codes for that module are not displayed.
- · The overall history of when and why expected and unexpected reloads occur.
- The time stamp of when the reset or reload occurred.
- The reason for the reset or reload of a module.
- The service that caused the reset or reload (not always available).
- The software version that was running at the time of the reset or reload.

```
switch# show system reset-reason module 27
----- reset reason for Supervisor-module 27 (from Supervisor in slot 27) ---
1) At 281000 usecs after Wed Jun 26 20:16:34 2013
    Reason: Reset Requested by CLI command reload
    Service:
```

```
Version: 6.1(2)I1(1)
2) At 791071 usecs after Wed Jun 26 20:04:50 2013
Reason: Reset Requested by CLI command reload
Service:
Version: 6.1(2)I1(1)
3) At 70980 usecs after Wed Jun 26 19:55:52 2013
Reason: Reset Requested by CLI command reload
Service:
Version: 6.1(2)I1(1)
4) At 891463 usecs after Wed Jun 26 23:44:48 2013
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Standby Supervisor Fails to Boot

The standby supervisor does not boot after an upgrade. You may see the following system message:

SYSMGR-2-STANDBY BOOT FAILED

This message is printed if the standby supervisor does not complete its boot procedure (does not reach the login prompt on the local console) 3 to 6 minutes after the loader has been loaded by the BIOS. This message is usually caused by boot variables not properly set for the standby supervisor. This message can also be caused by a user intentionally interrupting the boot procedure at the loader prompt (by pressing ESC).

Connect to the local console of the standby supervisor. If the supervisor is at the loader prompt, try to use the **boot** command to continue the boot procedure. Otherwise, enter the **reload** command for the standby supervisor from a vsh session on the active supervisor, specifying the **force-dnld** option. Once the standby is online, fix the problem by setting the boot variables appropriately.

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Standby supervisor does not boot.	Active supervisor nx-os image booted from TFTP.	Reload the active supervisor from bootflash:.

Recovering the Administrator Password

See Recovering the Administrator Password topic in Password Recovery Procedure for Cisco NX-OS guide to know how to recover administrator password.

Changing the Administrator Password

You must be logged in as admin to change the network administrator password.

Guidelines and Limitations for Changing the Administrator Password

Follow these guidelines and limitations to change an administrator password:

- You must be an admin to enable or disable the CLI command, no service password-recovery.
- You must be logged in as admin to change the admin password.

• You cannot change the admin password from a boot prompt if the CLI was disabled by the admin on a previous boot.

Note

If you are not logged in as admin, you see an error.

Granting the Change Admin Password to Admin User Only

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# show user-account
- 2. switch# configure terminal
- 3. switch(config)# no service password-recovery

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	switch# show user-account	Shows that your username has network-admin privileges.	
	Example:		
	<pre>switch# show user-account user:admin</pre>		
Step 2	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>		
Step 3	switch(config)# no service password-recovery	Enables/disables password recovery.	
	Example:	Note To allow another user to change the Admin	
	<pre>switch(config)# no service password-recovery WARNING: executing this command will disable the password recovery mechanism. Do not execute this command without another plan for password recovery. Are you sure you want to continue? (y/n) : [y] y</pre>	password, run service password-recovery when logged in as admin with network admin privileges.	