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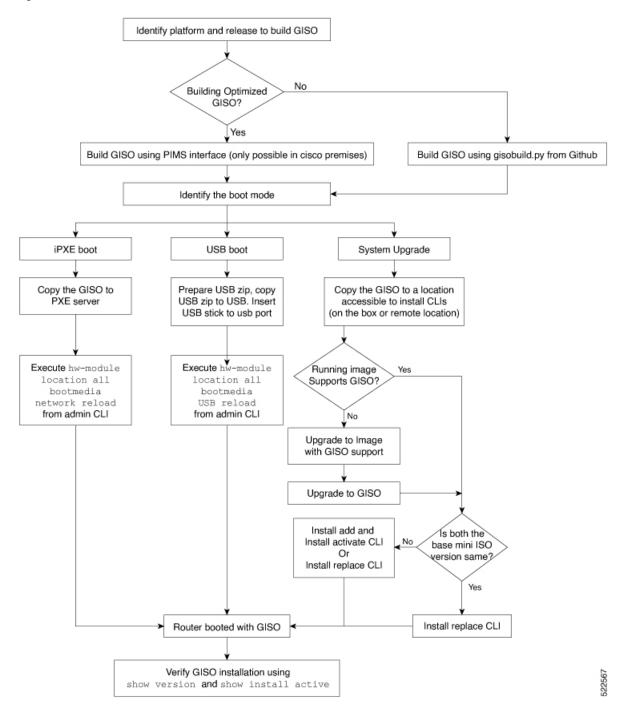
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Golden ISO Workflow

The following image shows the workflow for building and installing golden ISO.

Figure 1: Golden ISO Workflow



Build Golden ISO

The customized ISO is built using Cisco Golden ISO (GISO) build script gisobuild.py available on the Github location.

The GISO build script supports automatic dependency management, and provides these functionalities:

- Builds RPM database of all the packages present in package repository.
- Scans the repositories and selects the relevant Cisco RPMs that matches the input iso.
- Skips and removes third-party RPMs that are not SMUs of already existing third-party base package in mini-x.iso.
- Displays an error and exits build process if there are multiple base RPMs of same release but different versions.
- Performs compatibility check and dependency check for all the RPMs. For example, the child RPM ncs5000-mpls-te-rsvp is dependent on the parent RPM ncs5000-mpls. If only the child RPM is included, the Golden ISO build fails.

Build Golden ISO Using Script

Table 3: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Enhanced Golden ISO Build Tool	Release 7.5.1	This enhancement provides you with the flexibility to use the gisobuild.py tool to build GISO images using Cisco IOS XR software commands, YAML-based template file, or docker capability to suit your customized install requirements. When you build a GISO, you can also specify Zero Touch Provisioning (ZTP) initialization file, script initialization file, Cisco IOS XR configuration file, and SMUs in addition to using the base image and optional RPMs to automatically provision the router.

To build GISO, provide the following input parameters to the script:

- Base mini-x.iso (mandatory)
- XR configuration file (optional)
- one or more Cisco-specific SMUs for host, XR and System admin (optional)
- one or more third-party SMUs for host, XR and System admin (optional)
- Label for golden ISO (optional)
- Optional RPMs
- ZTP initialization ztp.ini file (optional)

• Script initialization script.ini file (optional)

The GISO script does not support verification of XR configuration.



Note

To successfully add k9sec RPM to GISO, change the permission of the file to 644 using the **chmod** command.

chmod 644 [k9 sec rpm]

Cisco IOS XR, Release 7.5.1 introduces enhancements to the <code>gisobuild.py</code> GISO build tool. You can also add a <code>ztp.ini</code> ZTP initialization and <code>script.ini</code> Script initialization file. The ZTP configuration is applied on the router when the current software version is replaced or rolled back to a version with GISO image, and is used whenever ZTP is run to automatically provision the router. The tool supports more than one repository. You can use CLI command, docker, or a YAML file to build GISO.



Note

- For Cisco NCS 5500 and Cisco NCS 5000 series routers, set the migration value to false.
- Set the clean option to true if you use the same build directory after the first GISO is created. Ensure that you set the option to true for every successive GISO build.
- Set the docker option to true if you are building GISO using docker.
- Ensure that the format and syntax of the YAML file is intact to avoid errors when building a GISO. For example, if the : symbol is missing, or if an unsupported symbol is used in the template, the GISO build displays errors.

The gisobuild.py tool can be run either natively or on systems where docker service is enabled and has the ability to pull published docker images. Prefer building the image using the docker as it does not require additional privileges:.



Note

The full-iso option is used to build a full ISO image xrv9k-full-x-7.5.1.iso specific to Cisco IOS XRv 9000 routers. Starting Cisco IOS XR, Release 7.8.1, the full ISO image must not be used to build GISO.

To build GISO, perform the following steps:

Before you begin

- The system where GISO is built must meet the following requirements:
 - System must have Python version 3.6 and later.
 - System must have free disk space of minimum 12 GB.
 - Verify that the Linux utilities mount, rm, cp, umount, zcat, chroot, mkisofs are present in the system. These utilities will be used by the script. Ensure privileges are available to execute all of these Linux commands. However, if you are using docker, these utilities are not required.
 - Kernel version of the system must be later than 3.16 or later than the version of kernel of Cisco ISO.

- Verify that a libyaml rpm supported by the Linux kernel is available to successfully import yaml
 in the tool.
- User should have proper permission for security rpm(k9sec-rpm) in rpm repository, else security rpm would be ignored for Golden ISO creation.
- The system from where the gisobuild.py script is executed must have root credentials. This is not mandatory if you are building the image within a docker container.
- We recommend that you perform a git pull operation before you use the gisobuild.py script to ensure you obtain the latest version of the script for the Python version.
- Step 1 Copy the script gisobuild.py from the Github repository to an offline system or external server where the GISO will be built. Ensure that this system meets the pre-requisites described above in the *Before You Begin* section.
- Run the script gisobuild.py and provide parameters to build the golden ISO off the router. Ensure that all RPMs and SMUs are present in the same directory or on a repository. The number of RPMs and SMUs that can be used to build the Golden ISO is 64.

```
usage: gisobuild.py [-h] [--iso ISO] [--repo REPO [REPO ...]]
                    [--bridging-fixes BRIDGE FIXES [BRIDGE FIXES ...]]
                    [--xrconfig XRCONFIG] [--ztp-ini ZTP INI] [--label LABEL]
                    [--out-directory OUT_DIRECTORY] [--yamlfile CLI_YAML] [--clean]
                    [--pkglist PKGLIST [PKGLIST ...]] [--script SCRIPT] [--docker]
                    [--x86-only] [--migration]
                    [--remove-packages REMOVE PACKAGES [REMOVE PACKAGES ...]]
                    [--skip-usb-image] [--copy-dir COPY DIRECTORY]
                    [--clear-bridging-fixes] [--verbose-dep-check] [--debug]
                    [--version]
Utility to build Golden ISO for IOS-XR.
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                       show this help message and exit
  --iso ISO
                       Path to Mini.iso/Full.iso file
  --repo REPO [REPO ...]
                        Path to RPM repository. For LNT, user can specify .rpm, .tgz,
                        .tar filenames, or directories. RPMs are only used if already
                        included in the ISO, or specified by the user via the
                        --pkglist option.
  --bridging-fixes BRIDGE FIXES [BRIDGE FIXES ...]
                        Bridging rpms to package. For EXR, takes from-release or rpm
                        names; for LNT, the user can specify the same file types as for
                        the -- repo option.
  --xrconfig XRCONFIG
                       Path to XR config file
  --ztp-ini ZTP INI
                       Path to user ztp ini file
  --label LABEL, -1 LABEL
                        Golden ISO Label
  --out-directory OUT DIRECTORY
                        Output Directory
  --yamlfile CLI_YAML Cli arguments via yaml
                       Delete output dir before proceeding
  --clean
  --pkglist PKGLIST [PKGLIST ...]
                        Packages to be added to the output GISO. For eXR: optional rpm
                        or smu to package. For LNT: either full package filenames or
                        package names for user installable packages can be specified.
                        Full package filenames can be specified to choose a particular
                        version of a package, the rest of the block that the package is
                        in will be included as well. Package names can be specified to
                        include optional packages in the output GISO.
```

```
--docker, --use-container
                       Build GISO in container environment. Pulls and run pre-built
                        container image to build GISO.
  --version
                       Print version of this script and exit
EXR only build options:
  --script SCRIPT
                       Path to user executable script executed as part of bootup post
                       activate.
 --x86-only
                       Use only x86 64 rpms even if other architectures are
                       applicable.
  --migration
                       To build Migration tar only for ASR9k
LNT only build options:
  --remove-packages REMOVE PACKAGES [REMOVE PACKAGES ...]
                       Remove RPMs, specified in a comma separated list. These are are
                        matched against user installable package names, and must be the
                        whole package name, e.g: xr-bgp
  --skip-usb-image
                       Do not build the USB image
  --copy-dir COPY_DIRECTORY
                        Copy built artefacts to specified directory if provided. The
                        specified directory must already exist, be writable by the
                        builder and must not contain a previously built artefact with
                       the same name.
  --clear-bridging-fixes
                       Remove all bridging bugfixes from the input ISO
  --verbose-dep-check Verbose output for the dependency check.
  --debug
                       Output debug logs to console
```

Example

Example: Build Docker-Based GISO Image

In this example, a GISO image is built using docker.

View that the GISO file is created successfully.

```
[root@xr src]# ls
exrmod gisobuild.py lntmod output_gisobuild utils
[root@xr src]# cd output_gisobuild/
[root@xr output_gisobuild]# ls
img_built_name.txt logs -golden-x-7.5.1-dockerbasedgiso.iso
rpms packaged in giso.txt
```

Example: Build YAML-Based GISO Image

YAML is a markup file that serves as a template to provide the package list and manage the build options.

The following example shows a sample YAML template:

```
option for LNT only. eXR builds simply ignores this option.
# --bridging-fixes BRIDGE FIXES [BRIDGE FIXES ...]
                        Bridging rpms to package. Takes from-release (supported for eXR)
                        or rpm names.
# --xrconfig XRCONFIG Path to XR config file
# --ztp-ini ZTP_INI
                       Path to user ztp ini file
# --script SCRIPT
                        Path to user executable script executed as part of
                        bootup post activate. Valid build option for eXR only.
                       LNT builds simply ignores.
# --label LABEL
                        Golden ISO Label
# --out-directory OUT DIRECTORY
                        Output Directory. Built GISO and logs will be available post
gisobuild.
# --copy-directory COPY DIRECTORY
                      Copy built artefacts to specified directory if provided. Valid build
                        option for LNT only. eXR build ignores this option.
# --yamlfile CLI YAML
                        Cli arguments via yaml.
# --clean
                        Delete output dir before proceeding.
# --migration
                        To build Migration tar only for ASR9k. Valid build option for eXR
only.
                        LNT builds simply ignore this option.
# --docker
                        Load and run pre-built docker image. Valid build option for eXR
only.
                        LNT builds simply ignore this option.
# --x86-only
                        Use only x86 64 rpms even if other architectures are applicable.
Valid build
                        option for eXR only. LNT builds simply ignore this option.
# --version
                        Print version of this script and exit
packages:
   iso: <path-to-iso>
    repo:
       - <path-to-repo1>
       - <path-to-repo2>
    pkglist:
        - <pkq1>
        - <pkg2>
   bridge-fixes:
        upgrade-from-release:
            - <dotted-release-1>
            - <dotted-release-2>
        rpms:
            - < pkg1 >
            - <pkg2>
    remove packages:
       - <pkg1>
        - <pkg2>
user-content:
   script: <path-to-script-sh>
    xrconfig: <path-to-router.cfg>
    ztp-ini: <path-to-ztp.ini>
output:
    label: <giso-label>
    out-directory: <path-to-output-directory>
    clean: <true/false>
options:
    docker: <true/false>
    migration: <true/false>
    x86-only: <true/false>
```

In this example, you configure a YAML file with the required files:

If you do not want to specify the list of packages and parameters via CLI, you can use the YAML file template.

```
[directory-path] $ ./src/gisobuild.py --yamlfile <input-yaml-cfg>
```

To override any input in the YAML configuration file, use the corresponding CLI options.

```
[directory-path] $ ./src/gisobuild.py --yamlfile <input-yaml-cfg> --label <new-label>
```

This new label overrides the label specified in the YAML file.

When the host machine does not have its package dependencies met, but allows pulling and running docker images, enable the docker option in YAML file to true and run the command:

```
[directory-path] $ ./src/gisobuild.py --yamlfile <input-yaml-cfg>
```

where, the input-yaml-cfg has the docker option set to true.

What to do next

Install the GISO image on the router.

Install Golden ISO

Golden ISO (GISO) automatically performs the following actions:

- Installs host and system admin RPMs.
- Partitions repository and TFTP boot on RP.
- Creates software profile in system admin and XR modes.
- Installs XR RPMs. Use **show install active** command to see the list of RPMs.
- Applies XR configuration. Use show running-config command in XR mode to verify.

Step 1 Download GISO image to the router using one of the following options:

- **PXE boot:** when the router is booted, the boot mode is identified. After detecting PXE as boot mode, all available ethernet interfaces are brought up, and DHClient is run on each interface. DHClient script parses HTTP or TFTP protocol, and GISO is downloaded to the box.
- **System Upgrade:** when the system is upgraded, GISO can be installed using **install add**, **install activate**, or using **install replace** commands.

Important

To replace the current version and packages on the router with the version from GISO, note the change in command and format.

• In versions prior to Cisco IOS XR Release 6.3.3, 6.4.x and 6.5.1, use the **install update** command:

```
install update source <source path> <Golden-ISO-name> replace
```

• In Cisco IOS XR Release 6.5.2 and later, use the **install replace** command.

```
install replace <absolute-path-of-Golden-ISO>
```

Note To create a Bootable External USB Disk, do the following:

- Ensure that the USB Boot Disk has a minimum storage of 8GB, and that you have root/admin or appropriate permission to create bootable disk on linux machine.
- **a.** Copy and execute usb-install script on the Linux machine to create a bootable external USB.

Router#admin

Router#./linux/misc/scripts/create_usb_zip ncs5500 ncs5500-goldenk9-x.iso-7.5.01.v1

```
adding: EFI/ (stored 0%)
adding: EFI/boot/ (stored 0%)
adding: EFI/boot/grub.cfg (deflated 66%)
adding: EFI/boot/bootx64.efi (deflated 67%)
adding: boot/ (stored 0%)
adding: boot/install-image.iso (deflated 1%)
Zip file created - usb_boot.zip
Router# ls -ltr usb_boot.zip
-rw-r--r- 1 user eng 1448680576 Sep 14 04:13 usb_boot.zip
Router#
```

b. Reset the RSP/RP and plug in bootable USB to RSP/RP's front panel. The USB will get detected in ROMMON. Note that when the system is in ROMMON, and if you add a front panel external USB, the USB will not be detected until the RSP/RP is reset.

The options to upgrade the system are as follows:

- system upgrade from a non-GISO (image that does not support GISO) to GISO image: If a system is running a version1 with an image that does not support GISO, the system cannot be upgraded directly to version2 of an image that supports GISO. Instead, the version1 must be upgraded to version2 mini ISO, and then to version2 GISO.
- system upgrade in a release from version1 GISO to version2 GISO: If both the GISO images have the same base version but different labels, install add and install activate commands does not support same version of two images. Instead, using install source command installs only the delta RPMs. System reload is based on restart type of the delta RPMs.

Using **install replace** command performs a system reload, irrespective of the difference between ISO and the existing version.

```
Router#install replace <path-to-image> <platform-name-golden-x-<version>-<label>.iso
Install operation 1 started by root:
exec-timeout is suspended.
No install operation in progress at this moment
Label = <label-name>
ISO <platform-name-golden-x-<version>.iso in input package list. Going to upgrade the system
to version 6.5.2.

Current label: <None>

Updating contents of golden ISO
Scheme : localdisk
Hostname : localhost
Username : None
SourceDir : /ws

Collecting software state..

Getting platform
```

```
Getting supported architecture
Getting active packages from XR
Getting inactive packages from XR
Getting list of RPMs in local repo
Getting list of provides of all active packages
Getting provides of each rpm in repo
Getting requires of each rpm in repo
Fetching .... <platform-name-golden-x-<version>.iso
Label within GISO: <label-name>
Adding packages
        <platform-name-golden-x-<version>.iso
UTC: sdr instmgr[1150]: %INSTALL-INSTMGR-2-OPERATION SUCCESS: Install operation 2 finished
successfully
Install add operation successful
Activating <platform-name-golden-x-<version>
Install operation 3 started by root:
 install activate pkg <platform-name-golden-x-<version>-<label> replace
Package list:
     <platform-name-golden-x-<version>-<label>
This install operation will reload the system, continue?
 [yes/no]:[yes] Install operation will continue in the background
exec-timeout is resumed.
Router# Install operation 3 finished successfully
%INSTALL-INSTMGR-2-OPERATION SUCCESS: Install operation 3 finished successfully
sdr instmgr[1150]: %INSTALL-INSTMGR-2-SYSTEM RELOAD INFO: The whole system will be reloaded
to complete install operation 3
```

- system upgrade across releases from version1 GISO to version2 GISO: Both the GISO images have different base versions. Use install add and install activate commands, or install replace command to perform the system upgrade. The router reloads after the upgrade with the version2 GISO image.
- **Step 2** Run the **show install repository all** command in System Admin mode to view the RPMs and base ISO for host, system admin and XR.

Step 3 Run the show install package <golden-iso> command to display the list of RPMs, and packages built in GISO.

Note To list RPMs in the GISO, the GISO must be present in the install repository.

Router#show install package ncs5000-goldenk9-x64-6.2.2

```
This may take a while ...
   ISO Name: ncs5000-goldenk9-x64-6.2.2
    ISO Type: bundle
   ISO Bundled: ncs5000-mini-x64-6.2.2
   Golden ISO Label: temp
   ISO Contents:
       ISO Name: ncs5000-xr-6.2.2
        ISO Type: xr
        rpms in xr ISO:
           iosxr-os-ncs5000-64-5.0.0.0-r622
            iosxr-ce-ncs5000-64-3.0.0.0-r622
            iosxr-infra-ncs5000-64-4.0.0.0-r622
            iosxr-fwding-ncs5000-64-4.0.0.0-r622
            iosxr-routing-ncs5000-64-3.1.0.0-r6122
        ISO Name: ncs5000-sysadmin-6.2.2
        ISO Type: sysadmin
        rpms in sysadmin ISO:
            ncs5000-sysadmin-topo-6.2.2-r622
            ncs5000-sysadmin-shared-6.2.2-r622
            ncs5000-sysadmin-system-6.2.2-r622
            ncs5000-sysadmin-hostos-6.2.2-r622.admin
        ISO Name: host-6.2.2
        ISO Type: host
        rpms in host ISO:
            ncs5000-sysadmin-hostos-6.2.2-r622.host
        Golden ISO Rpms:
            xr rpms in golden ISO:
                ncs5000-k9sec-x64-2.2.0.1-r622.CSCxr33333.x86 64.rpm
                openssh-scp-6.6p1.p1-r0.0.CSCtp12345.xr.x86 64.rpm
                openssh-scp-6.6p1-r0.0.xr.x86 64.rpm
                ncs5000-mpls-x64-2.1.0.0-r622.x86 64.rpm
                ncs5000-k9sec-x64-2.2.0.0-r622.x86_64.rpm
            sysadmin rpms in golden ISO:
                ncs5000-sysadmin-system-6.2.2-r622.CSCcv11111.x86 64.rpm
                ncs5000-sysadmin-system-6.2.2-r622.CSCcv11111.arm.rpm
                openssh-scp-6.6p1-r0.0.admin.x86 64.rpm
                openssh-scp-6.6p1-r0.0.admin.arm.rpm
                openssh-scp-6.6p1.p1-r0.0.CSCtp12345.admin.x86 64.rpm
                openssh-scp-6.6p1.p1-r0.0.CSCtp12345.admin.arm.rpm
                ncs5000-sysadmin-hostos-6.2.2-r622.CSCcv10001.admin.x86 64.rpm
                ncs5000-sysadmin-hostos-6.2.2-r622.CSCcv10001.admin.arm.rpm
            host rpms in golden ISO:
                openssh-scp-6.6p1-r0.0.host.x86_64.rpm
                openssh-scp-6.6p1-r0.0.host.arm.rpm
                openssh-scp-6.6p1.p1-r0.0.CSCtp12345.host.x86 64.rpm
                openssh-scp-6.6p1.p1-r0.0.CSCtp12345.host.arm.rpm
```

The ISO, SMUs and packages in GISO are installed on the router.

Install Golden ISO