



Recommended Cisco APIC and Cisco Nexus 9000 Series ACI-Mode Switches Releases

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Recommended Cisco Nexus 9000 Series ACI-Mode Switches and APIC Releases

This document lists the recommended Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches and Application Policy Infrastructure Controller (APIC) software releases for both new and existing deployments. These recommendations are general and should not replace environment specific design review efforts and should not override Advanced Services recommended releases if employed.

General Recommendation for New and Existing Deployments

We recommend that customers with new and existing Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches and Cisco Application Policy Infrastructure Controller (Cisco APIC) deployments choose from the following minimum and recommended releases:



Note If you are running a release that is prior to the 2.1(3h) and 12.1(3h) releases, we recommend that you upgrade to the 2.1(3h) and 12.1(3h) releases or later.

Platform Series	Recommended Software Release	Recommended CIMC Firmware Version
Cisco APIC, 4.0 branch	4.0(3c)	3.0(4d)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 14.0 branch	14.0(3c)	-
Cisco APIC, 3.2 branch	3.2(4e)	3.0(4d)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 13.2 branch	13.2(4e)	-
Cisco APIC, 3.1 branch	3.1(2t)	For UCS C220/C240 M3: 3.0(3e) For UCS C220/C240 M4: 3.0(3f)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 13.1 branch	13.1(2t)	-
Cisco APIC, 3.0 branch	3.0(2n)	For UCS C220/C240 M3: 3.0(3e) For UCS C220/C240 M4: 3.0(3f)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 13.0 branch	13.0(2n)	-
Cisco APIC, 2.3 branch	2.3(1p)	2.0(13i)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 12.3 branch	12.3(1p)	-

Platform Series	Recommended Software Release	Recommended CIMC Firmware Version
Cisco APIC, 2.2 branch	2.2(4r)	2.0(13i)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 12.2 branch	12.2(4r)	-
Cisco APIC, 2.1 branch	2.1(4a)	2.0(9c)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 12.1 branch	12.1(4a)	-
Cisco APIC, 2.0 branch	2.0(2o)	2.0(3i)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 12.0 branch	12.0(2o)	-
Cisco APIC, 1.3 branch	1.3(2k)	2.0(3i)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 11.3 branch	11.3(2k)	-
Cisco APIC, 1.2 branch	1.2(3m)	2.0(3i)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 11.2 branch	11.2(3m)	-
Cisco APIC, 1.1 branch	1.1(4m)	2.0(3i)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 11.1 branch	11.1(4m)	-
Cisco APIC, 1.0 branch	1.0(4o)	2.0(3i)
Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches, 11.0 branch	11.0(4o)	-

Long-lived Release Branches

The following list specifies the current long-lived release branches:

- 2.2
- 3.2

We recommend that you upgrade to the latest maintenance release and patch for a particular long-lived release branch. You can download the latest Cisco Nexus 9000 ACI-Mode Switches and Cisco APIC deployments from the appropriate Cisco Software Download pages.

For Cisco APIC, go to the following page:

<https://software.cisco.com/download/home/285968390/type/286278832/>

For Cisco Nexus 9000 ACI-Mode switches, go to the following page:

<https://software.cisco.com/download/home/285954710>

Existing Deployments That Use Software Earlier Than One of the Recommended Releases

To the extent possible, Cisco recommends upgrading to one of the Cisco Nexus 9000 series ACI-mode switches or APIC releases listed previously. If that is not possible, Cisco recommends that you review the *Cisco Application Policy Infrastructure Controller Release Notes* for the earlier release and the [Bug Search Tool](#) to determine the impact of any open caveats.

Documentation and Software

For additional information, see the Cisco Application Policy Infrastructure Controller [product documentation page](#).

For software, see the [Download Software](#) page.

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

For information on obtaining documentation, using the Cisco Bug Search Tool (BST), submitting a service request, and gathering additional information, see *What's New in Cisco Product Documentation* at: <http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/general/whatsnew/whatsnew.html>

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