



# Cisco Nexus 3500 Series NX-OS Release Notes, Release 6.0(2)A6(1)

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This document describes the features, bugs, and limitations for Cisco Nexus 3500 Series switches. Use this document in combination with documents listed in the [“Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request”](#) section on page 10.



**Note**

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Release notes are sometimes updated with new information about restrictions and bugs. See the following website for the most recent version of the Cisco Nexus 3500 Series release notes:  
<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/switches/nexus-3000-series-switches/products-release-notes-list.html>

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**Note**

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[Table 1](#) shows the online change history for this document.

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**Table 1**      **Online History Change**

Revision	Date	Description
A0	March 5, 2015	Created NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1) release notes.
B0	April 9, 2015	Added CSCuq41497 to <a href="#">“Open Bugs for this Release”</a> .



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## Introduction

Several new hardware and software features are introduced for the Cisco Nexus 3548 switch to improve the performance, scalability, and management of the product line. Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0 also supports all hardware and software supported in Cisco NX-OS Release 5.1 and Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0.

Cisco NX-OS offers the following benefits:

- Cisco NX-OS runs on all Cisco data center switch platforms: Cisco Nexus 7000, Nexus 5000, Nexus 4000, Nexus 3000, Nexus 2000, and Nexus 1000V Series switches.
- Cisco NX-OS software interoperates with Cisco products that run any variant of Cisco IOS software and also with any networking operating system that conforms to common networking standards.
- Cisco NX-OS modular processes are triggered on demand, each in a separate protected memory space. Processes are started and system resources are allocated only when a feature is enabled. The modular processes are governed by a real-time preemptive scheduler that helps ensure timely processing of critical functions.
- Cisco NX-OS provides a programmatic XML interface that is based on the NETCONF industry standard. The Cisco NX-OS XML interface provides a consistent API for devices. Cisco NX-OS also provides support for Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Versions 1, 2, and 3 MIBs.
- Cisco NX-OS enables administrators to limit access to switch operations by assigning roles to users. Administrators can customize access and restrict it to the users who require it.

## Cisco Nexus 3500 Series Switches

The Cisco Nexus 3500 platform is an extension of the Cisco Nexus 3000 Series of 100M, 1, 10, and 40 Gigabit Ethernet switches built from a switch-on-a-chip (SoC) architecture. Switches in the Cisco Nexus 3500 series include Algorithm Boost (or Algo Boost) technology that is built into the switch application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC). Algo Boost allows the Cisco Nexus 3548 switch to achieve Layer 2 and Layer 3 switching latencies of less than 200 nanoseconds (ns). In addition, Algo Boost contains several innovations for latency, forwarding features, and performance visibility, including two configurable modes for low latency:

- Normal mode: This mode is suitable for environments needing low latency and high scalability.

- Warp mode: This mode consolidates forwarding operations within the switching ASIC, lowering latency by up to an additional 20 percent compared to normal operation.

Active buffer monitoring accelerates the collection of buffer utilization data in hardware, allowing significantly faster sampling intervals. Even on the lowest-latency switches, data packets can incur a millisecond or more of latency during periods of congestion. Previous buffer utilization monitoring techniques were based entirely on software polling algorithms with polling with higher polling intervals that can miss important congestion events.

## Cisco Nexus 3548 Switch

The Cisco Nexus 3548 switch is the first member of the Cisco Nexus 3500 platform. As a compact one-rack-unit (1RU) form-factor 10 Gigabit Ethernet switch, the Cisco Nexus 3548 switch provides line-rate Layer 2 and Layer 3 switching at extremely low latency. The switch runs Cisco NX-OS software that has comprehensive features and functions that are widely deployed globally. The Cisco Nexus 3548 contains no physical layer (PHY) chips, which allows low latency and low power consumption. The switch supports both forward and reversed airflow and both AC and DC power inputs.

## Cisco Nexus 3524 Switch

The Cisco Nexus 3524 switch is a Cisco Nexus 3548 switch, but with only 24 ports active and can be upgraded to use all 48 ports. As a compact one-rack-unit (1RU) form-factor 10 Gigabit Ethernet switch, the Cisco Nexus 3548 switch is the lowest entry point for main-stream top-of-rack (TOR) data center deployments which offers line-rate Layer 2 and Layer 3 switching with a comprehensive feature set, including Algo Boost technology, and ultra-low latency.

For information about the Cisco Nexus 3500 Series, see the *Cisco Nexus 3500 Series Hardware Installation Guide*.

# System Requirements

This section includes the following topics:

- [Memory Requirements, page 3](#)
- [Hardware Supported, page 3](#)

## Memory Requirements

The Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1) software requires 203 MB of flash memory.

## Hardware Supported

Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1) supports the Cisco Nexus 3500 Series switches. You can find detailed information about supported hardware in the *Cisco Nexus 3500 Series Hardware Installation Guide*.

[Table 2](#) shows the hardware supported by Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1) software.

**Table 2** Hardware Supported by Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1) Software

Hardware	Part Number	Supported Software Release
<b>Cisco Nexus 3500 Series</b>		
Cisco Nexus 3548 switch	N3K-C3548P-10G	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 3548x switch, 48 SFP+	N3K-C3548P-10GX	6.0(2)A6(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 3524 switch	N3K-C3524P-10G	6.0(2)A6(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 3524 switch, 24 SFP+	N3K-C3524P-10GX	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 individual fan, forward airflow (port side exhaust)	NXA-FAN-30CFM-F	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 individual fan, reversed airflow (port side intake)	NXA-FAN-30CFM-B	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 400W AC power supply, forward airflow (port side exhaust)	N2200-PAC-400W	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 400W AC power supply, reversed airflow (port side intake)	N2200-PAC-400W-B	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 400W DC power supply, forward airflow (port side exhaust)	N2200-PDC-400W	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 350W DC power supply, reversed airflow (port side intake)	N3K-PDC-350W-B	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
<b>Transceivers</b>		
<b>10-Gigabit</b>		
10GBASE-ZR SFP+ module (single-mode fiber [SMF])	SFP-10G-ZR	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
10GBASE-CU SFP+ cable 1.5 m (Twinax cable)	SFP-H10GB-CU1-5M	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
10GBASE-CU SFP+ cable 2 m (Twinax cable)	SFP-H10GB-CU2M	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
10GBASE-CU SFP+ cable 2.5 m (Twinax cable)	SFP-H10GB-CU2-5M	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
Active optical cable 1 m	SFP-10G-AOC1M	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
Active optical cable 3 m	SFP-10G-AOC3M	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
Active optical cable 5 m	SFP-10G-AOC5M	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
Active optical cable 7 m	SFP-10G-AOC7M	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases

**Table 2** Hardware Supported by Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1) Software (continued)

Hardware	Part Number	Supported Software Release
10GBASE-DWDM long-range transceiver module 80 km with single mode duplex fiber	DWDM-SFP10G-C	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
10GBASE-DWDM long-range transceiver module 80 km with single mode duplex fiber	DWDM-SFP10G	6.0(2)A1(1) and later releases
10GBASE-SR SFP+ module (multimode fiber [MMF])	SFP-10G-SR	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
10GBASE-LR SFP+ module (single-mode fiber [SMF])	SFP-10G-LR	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco 10GBASE-ER SFP+ Module for SMF	SFP-10G-ER	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
10GBASE-CU SFP+ cable 1 m (Twinax cable)	SFP-H10GB-CU1M	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
10GBASE-CU SFP+ cable 3 m (Twinax cable)	SFP-H10GB-CU3M	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
10GBASE-CU SFP+ cable 5 m (Twinax cable)	SFP-H10GB-CU5M	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Active Twinax cable assembly, 7 m	SFP-H10GB-ACU7M	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Active Twinax cable assembly, 10 m	SFP-H10GB-ACU10M	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
<b>1-Gigabit Ethernet</b>		
1000BASE-T SFP	GLC-TE	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
Gigabit Ethernet SFP, LC connector EX transceiver (MMF)	GLC-EX-SMD	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
Gigabit Ethernet SFP, LC connector ZX transceiver (MMF)	GLC-ZX-SMD	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
1000BASE-T SFP	GLC-T	6.0(2)A1(1) and later releases
Gigabit Ethernet SFP, LC connector SX transceiver (MMF)	GLC-SX-MM	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Gigabit Ethernet SFP, LC connector SX transceiver (MMF)	GLC-SX-MMD	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Gigabit Ethernet SFP, LC connector LX/LH transceiver (SMF)	GLC-LH-SM	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Gigabit Ethernet SFP, LC connector LX/LH transceiver (SMF)	GLC-LH-SMD	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
<b>100-Megabit Ethernet</b>		

**Table 2** Hardware Supported by Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1) Software (continued)

Hardware	Part Number	Supported Software Release
1000BASE-T SFP transceiver module with extended operating temperature range	SFP-GE-T	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases
100BASE-FX SFP module for Gigabit Ethernet ports GLC-GE-100FX	GLC-GE-100FX	6.0(2)A3(1) and later releases

## New and Changed Features

This section describes the new features introduced in Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1). This section includes the following topics:

- [New Supported Hardware, page 6](#)
- [New Software Features, page 6](#)

## New Supported Hardware

Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1) includes the following:

- Nexus 3548X - Support for the Nexus 3548X platform has been added for this release.
- Nexus 3524X - Support for the Nexus 3524X platform has been added for this release.

## New Software Features

Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1) includes the following new software feature.

- Regular mode multicast service reflection- In regular mode, packets incoming as S1,G1 are translated to S2,G2, and the destination MAC address of the outgoing packets will have the Multicast mac address corresponding to the translated group G2.



**Note** The regular mode multicast service reflection feature is only supported on 3528X and 3524X.

## Upgrade and Downgrade Guidelines

### Upgrade Path to Cisco NX-OS Release 6.x

If a custom CoPP policy is applied after upgrading to Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A1(1) or later, and if the Nexus 3548 switch is downgraded to Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0, where changes to the CoPP policy are not permitted, the custom CoPP policy is retained and cannot be modified.

## Limitations

The following are the known limitations for Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1):

- BFD echo mode is not supported if the enabled devices are connected through a Nexus 3548 switch (See [CSCup33091](#)).
- IGMP packets, which are filtered by report policies on the local switch on which IGMP filtering is enabled, will still get forwarded to the peer switch (See [CSCup50141](#)).
- Counters for the warp SPAN destination port do not work. To check these counters, connect another switch to the destination ports (See [CSCup66372](#)).
- In a vPC setup, because of a hardware limitation, non-RPF traffic for (S,G) that comes in on the RPF interface for (\*,G) hits the (\*,G) entry instead of being treated as (S,G) non-RPF traffic and dropped. (S,G) non-RPF traffic is then incorrectly forwarded by (\*,G) entry, thus causing traffic duplication. To avoid duplication of Layer 3 multicast traffic by sending the (S,G) RP-bit prune, run the **ip pim pre-build-spt** command (See [CSCun34760](#)).
- While performing Online Insertion Removal (OIR) on the cable or optics of a 40G bundle, you must perform the following sequence of steps for the OIR to be successful (See [CSCuq93225](#)):
  1. Disable (**shut**) the 40G port
  2. Change the speed from 40G to 10G
  3. Perform an OIR on the cable or optics
  4. Change the speed from 10G to 40G
  5. Re-enable (**no shut**) the port

## Open and Resolved Bugs

The open and resolved bugs for this release are accessible through the [Cisco Bug Search Tool](#). This web-based tool provides you with access to the Cisco bug tracking system, which maintains information about bugs and vulnerabilities in this product and other Cisco hardware and software products.



**Note** You must have a Cisco.com account to log in and access the Cisco Bug Search Tool. If you do not have one, you can [register for an account](#).

For more information about the Cisco Bug Search Tool, see the [Bug Search Tool Help & FAQ](#).

This section includes the following topics:

- [Resolved Bugs in this Release, page 8](#)
- [Open Bugs for this Release, page 8](#)

## Resolved Bugs in this Release

Table 3 lists the resolved caveats in the Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1) release. Click the bug ID to access the Bug Search tool and see additional information about the bug.

**Table 3** Resolved Caveats in Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1)

Bug ID	Description
<a href="#">CSCuo52751</a>	A Nexus 3500 Series Switch configured with WARP SPAN may see continuously incrementing CRCs on the WARP SPAN destination interfaces.
<a href="#">CSCuq79332</a>	This defect is to remove the <b>hardware multicast hw-hash</b> CLI from Nexus 3000/3500 releases as this command is not supported in these platforms.
<a href="#">CSCuq89189</a>	Nexus 3500 running 6.0(2)A1(1) is configured <b>hardware profile forwarding-mode warp</b> ; hence, after the upgrade to 6.0(2)A3(1), configuration is reverted back to <b>hardware profile forwarding-mode normal</b> , and it needs to reconfigure Warp, which takes another reload to fix it.
<a href="#">CSCur20115</a>	In Nexus 3500 vPC setup, switch drop ARP (reply) packets are destined to the peer's physical mac-address.
<a href="#">CSCur83153</a>	After some time of normal operation, Nexus Data Broker (NDB) is suddenly no longer reachable through the GUI.
<a href="#">CSCus14933</a>	Following log is displayed: %USER-2-SYSTEM_MSG: unknown enum 254 - vsh
<a href="#">CSCus21870</a>	The N3500 buffer monitor syslog may stop working.
<a href="#">CSCus32908</a>	Cannot see <b>hardware profile buffer monitor</b> in the running-config.
<a href="#">CSCus75034</a>	No IGMP reports are leaked over the Backup Standby Port in Flexlink configuration when Mcast fast convergence is configured. No IGMP snooping entry is created on the upstream switch for the port connecting to the Backup port on the N3500 side. This would lead to high Mcast convergence when Active Port goes down and Standby port becomes active as the upstream switch would not be forwarding multicast traffic for the hosts connected on the N3500.
<a href="#">CSCus87502</a>	Python is broken in the Nexus 3548.
<a href="#">CSCus89127</a>	When a change performed on one of the interfaces on N3K, which affects PTP on this interface, it may affect PTP on other interfaces on this switch.

## Open Bugs for this Release

lists descriptions of open bugs in Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1). You can use the record ID to search the [Cisco Bug Search Tool](#) for details about the bug.

**Table 4** Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1)—Open Bugs

Record Number	Open Bug Headline
<a href="#">CSCuq01107</a>	Traffic flooded when VPC Po is down with a static MAC entry configured for it.
<a href="#">CSCuq41497</a>	BFD/HSRP traffic does not go through the CISCO Nexus 3548 switch because BFD echo packets are dropped due to a hardware limitation.
<a href="#">CSCuq89687</a>	40G Spirent test center connected port sometimes goes to linkFlapErrDisabled.



**Table 4** Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)A6(1)—Open Bugs (continued)

Record Number	Open Bug Headline
<a href="#">CSCus91536</a>	The Multicast Service Reflection feature uses a hardware loopback port, defined by the CLI <b>hardware profile multicast service-reflect port x</b> . As of current implementation, CDP displays an entry for this interface, indicating a loopback. This entry should be ignored for operational purposes.
<a href="#">CSCut09309</a>	On the Cisco N3500 platform, the PowerOn Auto Provisioning (POAP) mode does not work in USB2 slot.
<a href="#">CSCut18256</a>	OpenFlow does not work on Nexus 3548X platforms.

## MIB Support

The Cisco Management Information Base (MIB) list includes Cisco proprietary MIBs and many other Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) standard MIBs. These standard MIBs are defined in Requests for Comments (RFCs). To find specific MIB information, you must examine the Cisco proprietary MIB structure and related IETF-standard MIBs supported by the Cisco Nexus 3548 switch. The MIB Support List is available at the following FTP sites:

<ftp://ftp.cisco.com/%2Fpub/mibs/supportlists/nexus3548/Nexus3548MIBSupportList.html>

## Related Documentation

Documentation for the Cisco Nexus 3000 Series Switch is available at the following URL:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11541/tsd\\_products\\_support\\_series\\_home.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11541/tsd_products_support_series_home.html)

The documentation set is divided into the following categories:

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