

Performing Extended Fast Software Upgrade

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Prerequisites for Extended Fast Software Upgrade

- The Extended Fast Software Upgrade feature is supported starting with Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.3.2a. Ensure that the software version that is installed on your switch is Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.3.2a or later before you start the upgrade process.
- You must disable manual boot using the **no boot manual** command.

Restrictions for Extended Fast Software Upgrade

The following restrictions are applicable to both standalone and stacked switch:

- This feature is supported only if the switch is running in install mode.
- This feature is not supported on a switch that is configured with Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) only. The switch must additionally be configured with either Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP) or Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP).
- For a root device, Extended Fast Software Upgrade feature is not supported if any of the device ports in forwarding state are connected to a STP peer (A device with STP configured and directly connected to root device).
- For a device, with STP configured and not defined as a root device, Extended Fast Software Upgrade feature is supported only if the number of device ports in the forwarding state connected to a STP peer is less or equal to 1.

• Application hosting may not restart automatically after performing Extended Fast Software Upgrade. You may need to disable and re-enable Cisco IOx, configure application hosting, and install, activate and start an application again.

The following restrictions are applicable for a stacked switch:

- This feature is not supported if the stacked switch is configured in the partial-ring state.
- This feature is not supported on a stacked switch that is configured with Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD).
- This feature is not supported on a stacked switch that is configured with MACsec Key Agreement (MKA).
- This feature is not supported on a stacked switch that is configured with Cisco TrustSec.
- Configured UniDirectional Link Detection (UDLD) message intervals are ignored during traffic downtime. The intervals are restored to the configured values after Extended Fast Software Upgrade is completed.

Information About Extended Fast Software Upgrade

Extended Fast Software Upgrade reduces the traffic downtime during software reload or upgrade operations. Compared to Fast Software Upgrade, the traffic downtime is reduced to less than 30 seconds, depending on the switch configuration. Extended Fast Software Upgrade uses graceful restart capability (also known as Cisco NSF) to ensure that switch configurations, such as certain routing protocols, remain unaffected during a software upgrade or reload.



Note

Extended Fast Software Upgrade works on access layer switches only.

Perpetual Power over Ethernet (PoE), if configured, continues to provide uninterrupted power to the connected devices during software reload or upgrade.

Protocols Supported with Extended Fast Software Upgrade

The following protocols are supported with Extended Fast Software Upgrade feature:



Note

For all protocols other than the following, the traffic downtime will be longer than 30 seconds:

- BGP (IPv4 and IPv6 address families)
- Flexible NetFlow
- IEEE 802.1X Port-Based Authentication
- Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System (IS-IS)
- Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) snooping
- Layer 2 Switching

- Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)
- MAC authentication bypass
- Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) snooping
- Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) or OSPFv2 or OSPFv3
- Per VLAN Spanning Tree (PVST)
- QoS
- Static Port-channels (Mode on)
- STP with RSTP or MSTP
- UDLD
- Virtual routing and forwarding (VRF)
- · Web authentication

How to Perform Extended Fast Software Upgrade on a Standalone Switch

The following sections provide configuration information on how to perform Extended Fast Software Upgrade on a standalone switch.

Upgrading the Software on a Standalone Switch

To upgrade the software on a standalone switch, perform the following procedure:

Before you begin

- Use the **show graceful-reload** command in privileged EXEC mode to ensure that all the routing protocols are in **UP** status.
- Use the **install remove inactive** command in privileged EXEC mode to free the disk space for the new software, if necessary.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example: Device> enable	Enter your password, if prompted.
Step 2	install add file <i>image</i> activate reloadfast commit	Upgrades the switch with the new software image.
	Example:	

Command or Action	Purpose
cat9k_iosxe.17.03.02.SPA.bin activate reloadfast commit	The <i>image</i> keyword includes the location of the file (TFTP, HTTP, flash drives) and the image name.

Upgrading the Software on a Standalone Switch Configured with IPv6

To upgrade the software on a standalone switch, perform the following procedure:

Before you begin

- Use the **show graceful-reload** command in privileged EXEC mode to ensure that all the routing protocols are in **UP** status.
- Use the **install remove inactive** command in privileged EXEC mode to free the disk space for the new software, if necessary.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	ipv6 nd reachable-time seconds	Sets the time limit for a remote IPv6 node to be
	Example:	considered reachable after a reachability
	Device(config)# ipv6 nd reachable-time 3600000	commination event has occurred.
Step 4	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	
Step 5	write memory	Saves the configuration on the switch.
	Example:	
	Device# write memory	
Step 6	install add file image activate reloadfast commit	Upgrades the switch with the new software image.
	Example:	The <i>image</i> keyword includes the location of the
	Device# install add file bootflash: cat9k_iosxe.17.03.02.SPA.bin activate reloadfast commit	file (TFTP, HTTP, flash drives) and the image name.

Upgrading the Software on a Standalone Switch Configured with IPv6 MLD

To upgrade the software on a standalone switch configured with IPv6 MLD, perform the following procedure:

Before you begin

- Use the **show graceful-reload** command in privileged EXEC mode to ensure that all the routing protocols are in **UP** status.
- Use the **install remove inactive** command in privileged EXEC mode to free the disk space for the new software, if necessary.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	ipv6 mld snooping	Enables IPv6 MLD snooping.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ipv6 mld snooping	
Step 4	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	
Step 5	write memory	Saves the configuration on the switch.
	Example:	
	Device# write memory	
Step 6	install add file <i>image</i> activate reloadfast commit	Upgrades the switch with the new software image.
	Example:	The <i>image</i> keyword includes the location of the
	Device# install add file bootflash: cat9k_iosxe.17.03.02.SPA.bin activate reloadfast commit	file (TFTP, HTTP, flash drives) and the image name.

Upgrading the Software on a Standalone Switch Configured with BGP

To upgrade the software on a standalone switch configured with BGP, perform the following procedure:

Before you begin

- Use the **show graceful-reload** command in privileged EXEC mode to ensure that all the routing protocols are in **UP** status.
- Use the **install remove inactive** command in privileged EXEC mode to free the disk space for the new software, if necessary.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	router bgp autonomous-system-number	Enters BGP router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# router bgp 65000	
Step 4	bgp graceful-restart	Enables NSF awareness on a switch. By default,
	Example:	NSF awareness is disabled.
	<pre>Device(config-router)# bgp graceful-restart</pre>	
Step 5	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# end	
Step 6	write memory	Saves the configuration on the switch.
	Example:	
	Device# write memory	
Step 7	install add file <i>image</i> activate reloadfast commit	Upgrades the switch with the new software image.
	Example:	The <i>image</i> keyword includes the location of the
	Device# install add file bootflash: cat9k_iosxe.17.03.02.SPA.bin activate reloadfast commit	file (TFTP, HTTP, flash drives) and the image name.

Upgrading the Software on a Standalone Switch Configured with OSPFv3

To upgrade the software on a standalone switch configured with OSPFv3, perform the following procedure:

Before you begin

- Use the **show graceful-reload** command in privileged EXEC mode to ensure that all the routing protocols are in **UP** status.
- Use the **install remove inactive** command in privileged EXEC mode to free the disk space for the new software, if necessary.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	ipv6 nd reachable-time seconds	Sets the time limit for a remote IPv6 node to
	Example:	be considered reachable after a reachability
	Device(config)# ipv6 nd reachable-time 3600000	confirmation event has occurred.
Step 4	snmp ifmib ifindex persist	Enables SNMP ifIndex persistence globally.
	Example:	
	<pre>Device(config)# snmp ifmib ifindex persist</pre>	
Step 5	router ospfv3 process-id	Enters OSPFv3 router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# router ospfv3 1	
Step 6	router-id ip-address	Sets a fixed router ID for the OSPFv3 instance
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# router-id 192.0.2.5	
Step 7	interface-id snmp-if-index	Enables SNMP ifIndex persistence on the
	Example:	specified interface.
	<pre>Device(config-router)# interface-id snmp-if-index</pre>	
Step 8	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# end	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	write memory	Saves the configuration on the switch.
	Example:	
	Device# write memory	
Step 10	install add file <i>image</i> activate reloadfast commit	Upgrades the switch with the new software image.
	Example: Device# install add file bootflash: cat9k_iosxe.17.03.02.SPA.bin activate reloadfast commit	The <i>image</i> keyword includes the location of the file (TFTP, HTTP, flash drives) and the image name.

Reloading Software on a Standalone Switch

To reload software on a standalone switch, perform the following procedure.

Before you begin

Use the **show graceful-reload** command in privileged EXEC mode to ensure that all the routing protocols are in **UP** status.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	reload fast	Reloads the switch without software upgrade.
	Example:	
	Device# reload fast	

Reloading Software on a Standalone Switch Configured with BGP

To reload software on a standalone switch configured with BGP, perform the following procedure.

Before you begin

Use the **show graceful-reload** command in privileged EXEC mode to ensure that all the routing protocols are in **UP** status.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	router bgp autonomous-system-number	Enters BGP router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# router bgp 65000	
Step 4	bgp graceful-restart	Enables NSF awareness on the switch. By
	Example:	default, NSF awareness is disabled.
	Device(config-router)# bgp graceful-restart	
Step 5	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# end	
Step 6	write memory	Saves the configuration on the switch.
	Example:	
	Device# write memory	
Step 7	reload fast	Reloads the switch without software upgrade.
	Example:	
	Device# reload fast	

Reloading Software on a Standalone Switch Configured with OSPFv3

To reload software on a standalone switch configured with OSPv3, perform the following procedure.

Before you begin

Use the **show graceful-reload** command in privileged EXEC mode to ensure that all the routing protocols are in **UP** status.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.
	Device> enable	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	ipv6 nd reachable-time seconds	Sets the time limit for a remote IPv6 node to
	Example:	be considered reachable after a reachability confirmation event has occurred.
	Device(config)# ipv6 nd reachable-time 3600000	communion event has occurred.
Step 4	snmp ifmib ifindex persist	Globally enables SNMP ifIndex persistence.
	Example:	
	<pre>Device(config)# snmp ifmib ifindex persist</pre>	
Step 5	router ospfv3 process-id	Enters OSPFv3 router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# router ospfv3 1	
Step 6	router-id ip-address	Sets a fixed router ID for the OSPFv3 instance.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# router-id 192.0.2.5	
Step 7	interface-id snmp-if-index	Enables SNMP ifIndex persistence on the
	Example:	specified interface.
	<pre>Device(config-router)# interface-id snmp-if-index</pre>	
Step 8	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# end	
Step 9	write memory	Saves the configuration on the switch.
	Example:	
	Device# write memory	
Step 10	reload fast	Reloads the switch without software upgrade.
	Example:	
	Device# reload fast	

How to Perform Extended Fast Software Upgrade on a Stacked Switch

The following sections provide configuration information on how to perform Extended Fast Software Upgrade on a stacked switch.

Upgrading the Software on a Stacked Switch

To upgrade the software on a stacked switch, perform the following procedure:

Before you begin

Use the **install remove inactive** command in privileged EXEC mode to free the disk space for the new software, if necessary.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example: Device> enable	Enter your password, if prompted.
Step 2	install add file image activate reloadfast commit Example:	The following processes happen: a. Upgrades the image on the active, standby, and member switches.
	Device# install add file bootflash: cat9k_iosxe.17.03.02.SPA.bin activate reloadfast commit	 b. Restarts the standby and member switches. Restarts the active switch and switch changeover occurs. The standby switch becomes the new active switch and the active switch becomes the standby switch. The <i>image</i> keyword includes the location of the file (TFTP, HTTP, flash drives) and the image name.

Upgrading the Software on a Stacked Switch Configured with BGP

To upgrade the software on a stacked switch configured with BGP, perform the following procedure:

Before you begin

- Use the **show graceful-reload** command in privileged EXEC mode to ensure that all the routing protocols are in **UP** status.
- Use the **install remove inactive** command in privileged EXEC mode to free the disk space for the new software, if necessary.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	router bgp autonomous-system-number	Enters BGP router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# router bgp 65000	
Step 4	bgp graceful-restart all	Enables NSF awareness on a switch. By default,
	Example:	NSF awareness is disabled.
	<pre>Device(config-router)# bgp graceful-restart</pre>	
Step 5	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# end	
Step 6	write memory	Saves the configuration on the switch.
	Example:	
	Device# write memory	
Step 7	install add file image activate reloadfast	Upgrades the switch with the new software
	commit	image.
	Example:	The <i>image</i> keyword includes the location of the
	Device# install add file bootflash: cat9k_iosxe.17.03.02.SPA.bin activate reloadfast commit	file (TFTP, HTTP, flash drives) and the image name.

Upgrading the Software on a Stacked Switch Configured with IS-IS

To upgrade the software on a stacked switch configured with IS-IS, perform the following procedure:

Before you begin

Use the **install remove inactive** command in privileged EXEC mode to free the disk space for the new software, if necessary.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.	
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.	
	Device> enable		
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	Device# configure terminal		
Step 3	router isis area-tag	Enables the IS-IS routing protocol to specify	
	Example:	an IS-IS process, and places the switch in router configuration mode.	
	Device(config)# router isis tag1	configuration mode.	
Step 4	nsf {cisco ietf}	Enables NSF operation for IS-IS.	
	Example:	• ietf: Enables IS-IS in homogeneous	
	Device(config-router)# nsf cisco	network where adjacencies with	
	OR Device(config-router)# nsf ietf	networking switches supporting IETF draft-based restartability is guaranteed.	
		• cisco: Runs IS-IS in heterogeneous networks that might not have adjacencies with NSF-aware networking switches.	
Step 5	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.	
	Example:		
	Device(config-router)# end		
Step 6	write memory	Saves the configuration on the switch.	
	Example:		
	Device# write memory		
Step 7	install add file <i>image</i> activate reloadfast commit	Upgrades the switch with the new software image.	
	Example:	The <i>image</i> keyword includes the location of the	
	Device# install add file bootflash: cat9k_iosxe.17.03.02.SPA.bin activate reloadfast commit	file (TFTP, HTTP, flash drives) and the image name.	

Reloading Software on a Stacked Switch

To reload software on a stacked switch, perform the following procedure.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	reload fast	The following processes happen:
	Example:	a. Reloads the standby and member switches.
	Device# reload fast	b. Reloads the active switch and switch changeover occurs. The standby switch becomes the new active switch and the active switch becomes the new standby switch.

Reloading Software on a Stacked Switch Configured with BGP

To reload software on a stacked switch configured with BGP, perform the following procedure.

Before you begin

Use the **show graceful-reload** command in privileged EXEC mode to ensure that all the routing protocols are in **UP** status.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	router bgp autonomous-system-number	Enters BGP router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# router bgp 65000	
Step 4	bgp graceful-restart all	Enables NSF awareness on all switches in the
	Example:	stack. By default, NSF awareness is disable
	Device(config-router)# bgp graceful-restart all	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# end	
Step 6	write memory	Saves the configuration on the switch.
	Example:	
	Device# write memory	
Step 7	reload fast	Reloads the switch without software upgrade.
	Example:	
	Device# reload fast	

Reloading Software on a Stacked Switch Configured with IS-IS

To reload software on a stacked switch configured with IS-IS, perform the following procedure.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password, if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	router isis area-tag	Enables the IS-IS routing protocol to specify
	Example:	an IS-IS process, and places the switch in router
	Device(config)# router isis tag1	configuration mode.
Step 4	nsf {cisco ietf}	Enables NSF operation for IS-IS.
	Example:	• ietf: Enables IS-IS in homogeneous
	Device(config-router)# nsf cisco	network where adjacencies with
	OR Device(config-router)# nsf ietf	networking switches supporting IETF draft-based restartability is guaranteed.
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		• cisco: Runs IS-IS in heterogeneous networks that might not have adjacencies
		with NSF-aware networking switches.
Step 5	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# end	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	write memory	Saves the configuration on the switch.
	Example:	
	Device# write memory	
Step 7	reload fast	Reloads the switch without software upgrade.
	Example:	
	Device# reload fast	

Verifying Software Upgrade or Reload

Use the following commands in privileged EXEC mode to verify the software upgrade or reload is successful.

Table 1: Commands to Verify the Software Upgrade or Reload

Command	Purpose
show version	Displays the hardware and software information for a device.
show log in FAST	Displays whether software upgrade or reload using Extended Fast Software Upgrade is completed.
show install summary	Displays information about an active package.
show install log	Displays information about installation requests.
show version running	Displays information about the files that are currently running.
show version in reason	Displays the reason for the last reload.

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Information on routing protocols	See the IP Routing Configuration Guide of the Software Configuration Guide (Catalyst 9300 Switches)
Information on STP, PVST, and UDLD	See the Layer 2 Configuration Guide of the Software Configuration Guide (Catalyst 9300 Switches)
Information on Perpetual PoE	See the Network Powered Lighting Configuration Guide of the Software Configuration Guide (Catalyst 9300 Switches)

Related Topic	Document Title	
Information on Application Hosting	See the Programmability Configuration Guide of the Software Configuration Guide (Catalyst 9300 Switches)	

Feature History for Extended Fast Software Upgrade

This table provides release and related information for features explained in this module.

These features are available on all releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless noted otherwise.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.3.2a	Extended Fast Software Upgrade	Extended Fast Software Upgrade reduces the traffic downtime during software reload or upgrade operations. Support for this feature was introduced on the 9300 and 9300L switch models of the Cisco Catalyst
		9300 Series Switches.
Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.7.1	Extended Fast Software Upgrade	Support for this feature was introduced on the 9300X switch models of the Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches.

Feature History for Extended Fast Software Upgrade