



Introducing the MGX 8850

This chapter contains an introduction to the Cisco MGX 8850 switch including a summary of product features and equipment.

For more detailed descriptions of the Service Modules, cards and services, see [Chapter 2, “Module and Service Descriptions”](#)

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MGX 8850 System Overview

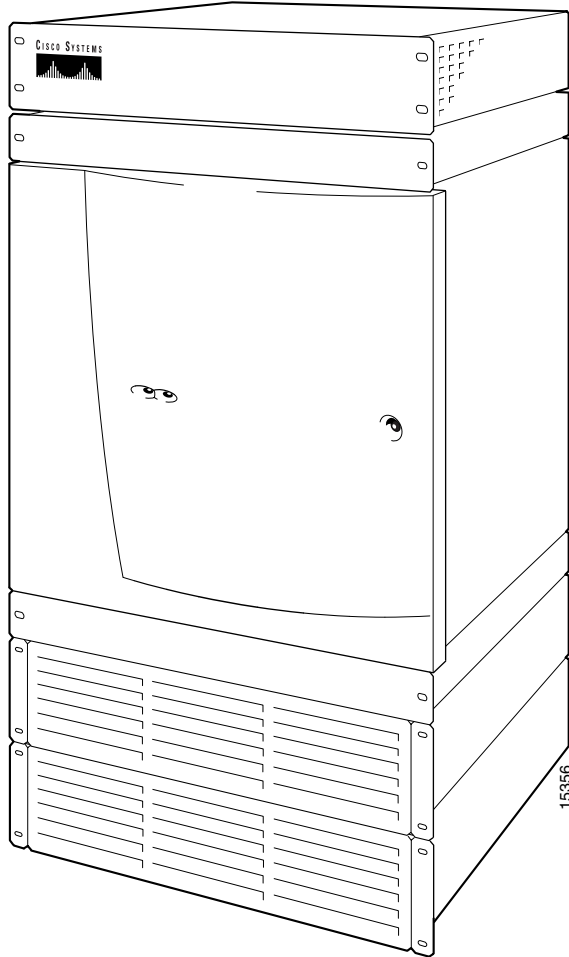
The MGX 8850 is an IP+ATM switch for high-density aggregation of IP, voice, Frame Relay, circuit emulation and ATM services. The MGX 8850 can act as a stand-alone switch or as a feeder node for the Cisco BPX 8600 series and MGX 8850 switches. The MGX 8850 switch offers up to 1.2 Gbps of IP + ATM switching capacity.

The MGX 8850 switch supports the following services:

- IP VPNs using Cisco IOS software-based MPLS/label switching.
- Full suite of voice-over-IP, voice-over-ATM, and capabilities with full interworking.
- Frame Relay services.
- High-density Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) for Internet access and aggregation.
- Narrowband ATM for managed data, voice, and video services.
- Circuit Emulation (CE) for private line replacement.

[Figure 1-1](#) is an illustration of an AC-powered MGX 8850.

Figure 1-1 MGX 8850



Applications of the MGX 8850

The MGX 8850 operates with the applications listed in [Table 1-1](#):

Table 1-1 MGX 8850 Applications

Application	Description
Feeder	The MGX 8850 concentrates narrow-band and medium-band ATM, Frame Relay, and into a single, wide-band ATM feeder trunk that connects to a BPX 8600 series switch or a MGX 8850 switch.
Stand-alone Switch	The MGX 8850 can be deployed as a stand-alone switch, providing “cross-connect” connections between UNI and NNI ports. Traditionally, this would be used in a concentration-type mode, allowing standards-based adaptation and concentration of multiservice traffic onto one or more high-speed ATM interfaces. This enables the MGX 8850 to interface to a multivendor ATM network, or to any other ATM attached device (such as a Cisco 7200 or GSR router LS1010, MSR 8450, and so on). The MGX 8850 interfaces to the ATM equipment using a standard ATM UNI or NNI.
Multiprotocol Label Switch	As a component of the BPX 8680-IP universal service node, the MGX 8850 is capable of forwarding traffic into the BPX Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) network by acting as a multiservice feeder
Consolidation of Cisco CPE Traffic	At the edge of the network, the MGX 8850 can interwork with and consolidate a wide variety of CPE equipment.
Multiservice Stand-alone Concentrator	The MGX 8850 can be deployed as a stand-alone concentrator, interfacing to a multivendor ATM (non-BPX) network, as shown Figure 1-5. The MGX 8850 interfaces to ATM equipment using a standard ATM UNI or NNI.



Note

Refer to the *Cisco MGX 8850 Multiservice Switch Overview* for additional information on the applications of the MGX 8850.



Note

See [Chapter 5, “Configuring the MGX 8850 Shelf”](#) for information on configuring the MGX 8850 applications.

Universal Edge Architecture

The MGX 8850 supports a wide range of services over narrowband and mid-band user interfaces by mapping all service traffic to and from ATM using standardized interworking methods.

The supported interfaces for user-traffic are:

- Frame Relay UNI on T3, E3, HSSI, T1, and E1 lines.
- ATM UNI and FUNI interfaces.
- Optional inverse multiplexing for ATM (IMA).
- Frame Relay to ATM network interworking and service interworking.
- Circuit Emulation services for T1/E1 and T3/E3 lines.

The optional Service Resource Module-3T3 (MGX-SRM-3T3/C) can support up to 80-T1 interfaces over its three T3 lines. The MGX-SRM-3T3/C can also provide 1:N redundancy for the T1 and E1 line cards.

The modular, software-based system architecture enables the MGX 8850 to support new features through downloadable software upgrades or new hardware modules.

The MGX 8850 backplane supports a minimum of 1.2 Gbps of non-blocking switching up to 45 Gbps. Individual line rates range from DS0 through OC-12.

Card Slot Locations

The reserved slots are 7 and 8 for the primary and redundant Processor Switching Modules (PXM1s) and 15, 16, 31, and 32 for the Service Resource Modules (SRMs). These slot reservations reflect a fully redundant configuration for these cards. The maximum number of slots remaining for service modules is 24—less when the unit contains one or more double-height cards such as the Route Processor Module (RPM). Although not reserved, slots 9 and 10 should be the first choices for the location of one or more RPMs due to backplane wiring.

If you are considering any future card changes in which you replace a single-height card with a double-height card, place the single-height replacement candidates as far left in the card cage as possible. The reason is that single to double-height slot conversions must begin at the left and proceed to the right.

The slots on the top half of the card cage are suitable for the T3/E3 and OC-3 cards because the higher speed cell buses reside in the upper portion of the backplane. Place the service modules that operate at T1 or E1 rates in the lower half of the switch.

Standards-Based Conversion to ATM

The MGX 8850 converts all user information into 53-byte ATM cells by using the appropriate ATM Adaptation Layer (AAL) for transport over the ATM backbone network. The individual service modules segment and reassemble (SAR) cells to eliminate system bottlenecks. The following list shows the applicable AAL for each service:

- Circuit emulation services uses AAL1.
- Frame Relay-to-ATM network interworking uses AAL5 and Frame Relay Service Specific Convergence Sub-layer (FR-SSCS).
- Frame Relay-to-ATM service interworking uses both transparent and translation modes to map Frame Relay to native ATM AAL5.
- Frame Forwarding uses AAL5.

MGX 8850 Enclosure and Power

The MGX 8850 enclosure contains up to 24 service modules (I/O cards). In addition, up to four optional Service Redundancy Modules (SRMs) provide redundancy. The MGX 8850 resides in either in a 19-inch or a 23-inch rack. The closed, 19-inch Cisco-built rack also has an optional seismic anchor. The system can accept power from either a DC or an AC source (see [Table 1-2](#)).

Table 1-2 Power Supply Options

Model	Description
MGX-DC	MGX 8850 DC PEM and MBX-CAB-AC/DC
MGX-AC1-1	NR AC system for MGX 8850: AC shelf, 1 feed, 1 PS, MGX-CAB-AC/DC
MGX-AC2-2	Red AC power, red AC feed, AC shelf, 2 PS, 2 MGX-CAB-AC/DC
PS-1200-AC	1200W power supply for AC systems

[Chapter 3, “Site Preparation”](#) and [Chapter 4, “Enclosure and Card Installation”](#) contain additional information.

MGX 8850 Management

Firmware on each card determines the functions and operations of the module. This firmware can be upgraded by downloading new firmware with a TFTP application running on a workstation or a PC.

The current status and configuration parameters of the modules reside in a Management Information Base (MIB). The MIB is updated by the firmware in the modules whenever changes to the module status or configuration occur. The MIB can be interrogated using SNMP commands.

The MGX 8850 supports the following user interface applications:

- Cisco WAN Manager (formerly StrataView Plus)—Graphical User Interface (GUI) application for connection management. This application enables operations, administration, and maintenance of WAN-multiservice networks.
- CiscoView—a GUI application for hardware configuration.
- Command line interface (CLI)—the CLI is used for low-level control of hardware functionality and connection control.

The following ports are used to communicate with the MGX 8850:

- Control port (SLIP protocol only) on the PXM1-UI back card.
- LAN (Ethernet) port on the PXM1-UI back card.
- In-band ATM connection (feeder application only).

All of these ports support access by the CLI via Telnet, TFTP, and SNMP.



Note

See the [“User Interface Access Ports”](#) section on [page 5-2](#) for additional information on the ports used to manage and configure the MGX 8850.

Summary of the MGX 8850 Cards and Modules

This section contains a summary of the service cards and modules supported by the MGX 8850.

For more detailed descriptions and illustrations of cards, modules and the services see [Chapter 2, “Module and Service Descriptions”](#).

Introduction to Core Card Sets and Service Modules

The MGX 8850 supports *core cards* and *service modules*. The Processor Switching Module (PXM1) and optional Service Resource Module (SRM) are *core cards*.

In addition, the PXM1 is part of a *card set* consisting of a front card, a back card, and a daughter card:

- Front card contains the processing intelligence.
- Daughter card contains the firmware that distinguishes the interface (OC-3, T3, E3, and so on).
- Back card is a simple card that provides the electrical interface for one or more lines of a particular type.

Service modules are not combined in this manner and are never part of a card set. Instead, *service modules* provide the interface for transport technologies such as Frame Relay and ATM.

The MGX 8850 enclosure contains up to 24-service modules (I/O cards). Four optional Service Redundancy Modules (SRMs) provide redundancy.



Note

Although technically distinct, the terms *card* and *module* are often used interchangeably in the field.

The MGX 8850 cards (modules) and their functions are shown in [Table 1-3](#).

Table 1-3 MGX 8850 Modules and Cards

Modules	Description
Processor Switching Module (PXM1)	This front card controls the MGX 8850 and supports external interfaces for user-access and trunking for UNI ports. The back cards consist of a user interface and a broadband network module.
User Interface Back Cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processor Switch Module User Interface (PXM1-UI) The PXM1-UI is the <i>user interface</i> card that has various types of user access used to control and configure the MGX 8850. • Processor Switch Module User Interface (PXM-UI-S3) The PXM-UI-S3 is an optional <i>user interface</i> card that has various types of user access used to control and configure the MGX 8850. This card also provides Stratum 3 clocking capability.

Table 1-3 MGX 8850 Modules and Cards (continued)

Modules	Description
User Interface Back Cards	<p>OC-3 Uplink Back Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MGX-MMF-4-155/B (multimode fiber uplink back card) The MGX-MMF-4-155/B is a <i>broadband network</i> module for the PXM1 and provides four SONET OC-3/STM-1 ATM interfaces at 155 Mbps. • MGX-SMFIR-4-155/B (single-mode fiber <i>intermediate reach</i> uplink back card) The MGX-SMFIR-4-155/B is a <i>broadband network</i> module for the PXM1 and provides a single-mode, intermediate-reach, fiber optic SONET OC-3 interface that conforms to ANSI T1.105 and GR-253-CORE standards. This interface uses SC connectors. Redundant configurations are supported through SONET APS functionality (APS requires the “B” model). • MGX-SMFLR-4-155/B (single-mode fiber <i>long reach</i> uplink back card) The MGX-SMFLR-4-155/B is a <i>broadband network</i> module for the PXM1 and provides a single-mode, long-reach, fiber optic SONET OC-3 interface that conforms to ANSI T1.105 and GR-253-CORE standards. This interface uses SC connectors, and redundant configurations are supported through SONET APS functionality (APS requires the “B” model). <p>OC-12 Uplink Back Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MGX-SMFIR-1-622 The MGX-SMFIR-1-622 is a <i>broadband network</i> module for the PXM1 and provides a SONET OC-12/STM-4 ATM interface at 622 Mbps. APS requires the “B” model (SMFIR-1-622/B). • MGX-SMFLR-1-622 The MGX-SMFLR-1-622 is a <i>broadband network</i> module for the PXM1 and provides a SONET OC-12/STM-4 ATM interface at 622 Mbps. APS requires the “B” model (SMFLR-1-622/B). <p>T3/E3 Uplink Back Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MGX-BNC-2T3 The MGX-BNC-2T3 is a <i>broadband network</i> module for the PXM1 and provides two-T3 ATM interfaces. • MGX-BNC-2E3 The MGX-BNC-2E3 is a <i>broadband network</i> module for the PXM1 and provides two-E3 ATM interfaces. Two versions of the BNC-2E3 card are available. The BNC-2E3A applies to Australia only. The BNC-2E3 applies to all other sites that require E3 lines on the PXM1 uplink card.
Service Resource Module (SRM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Resource Module (MGX-SRM-3T3/C) The optional SRM provides three major functions for service modules; bit error rate tester (BERT) of T1 and E1 lines and ports, loops back of individual Nx64 channels toward the customer premises equipment (CPE), and 1:N redundancy for the service modules.




Table 1-3 MGX 8850 Modules and Cards (continued)

Modules	Description
Frame Service Module (FRSM)	<p data-bbox="553 310 802 338">Frame Service Modules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="553 348 1508 506"> <p data-bbox="553 348 1263 375">• Frame Service Module for eight T1 ports (AX-FRSM-8T1)</p> <p data-bbox="553 380 1508 506">The AX-FRSM-8T1 provides interfaces for up to eight <i>fractional</i> T1 lines, each of which can support one-56 kbps or one-Nx64 kbps FR-UNI, FR-NNI port, ATM-FUNI, or a Frame forwarding port. The AX-FRSM-8T1 supports fractional and unchannelized T1 port selection on a per-T1 basis.</p> <li data-bbox="553 520 1508 678"> <p data-bbox="553 520 1263 548">• Frame Service Module for eight E1 ports (AX-FRSM-8E1)</p> <p data-bbox="553 552 1508 678">The AX-FRSM-8E1 provides interfaces for up to eight <i>fractional</i> E1 lines, each of which can support one-56 kbps or one-Nx64 kbps FR-UNI, FR-NNI, ATM-FUNI, or Frame forwarding port. The AX-FRSM-8E1 supports fractional and unchannelized E1 port selection on a per-E1 basis.</p> <li data-bbox="553 693 1508 850"> <p data-bbox="553 693 1430 720">• Frame Service Module for eight <i>channelized</i> T1 ports (AX-FRSM-8T1-C)</p> <p data-bbox="553 724 1508 850">The AX-FRSM-8T1-C allows full DS0 and nxDS0 channelization of the T1s and E1s, for a maximum of 192 ports per FRSM-8T1-C. Using the FRSM-8T1-C, up to 192 fully channelized T1 lines can be operated simultaneously on the Cisco MGX 8850 platform.</p> <li data-bbox="553 865 1508 1022"> <p data-bbox="553 865 1430 892">• Frame Service Module for eight <i>channelized</i> E1 ports (AX-FRSM-8E1-C)</p> <p data-bbox="553 896 1508 1022">The AX-FRSM-8E1-C allows full DS0 and n x DS0 channelization of the E1s, for a maximum of 248 ports per FRSM-8E1-C. Using the FRSM-8E1-C, up to 192 fully channelized E1 lines can be operated simultaneously on the Cisco MGX platform.</p> <li data-bbox="553 1037 1508 1194"> <p data-bbox="553 1037 1279 1064">• Frame Service Module for T3 and E3 (MGX-FRSM-2E3T3)</p> <p data-bbox="553 1068 1508 1194">The MGX-FRSM-2E3/T3 provides interfaces for two-T3 or two-E3 Frame Relay lines, each of which can support either two-T3 lines (each at 44.736 Mbps) or two-E3 lines (each at 34.368 Mbps) FR-UNI, ATM-FUNI, or Frame Forwarding port.</p> <li data-bbox="553 1209 1508 1346"> <p data-bbox="553 1209 1321 1236">• Frame Service Module for <i>channelized</i> T3 (MGX-FRSM-2CT3)</p> <p data-bbox="553 1241 1508 1346">The MGX-FRSM-2CT3 supports interfaces for two-T3 channelized Frame Relay lines. Each interface supports 56 Kbps, 64 Kbps, Nx56 Kbps, Nx64 Kbps, T1 ports for a total of 256 ports that can be freely distributed across the two T3 lines.</p> <li data-bbox="553 1360 1508 1476"> <p data-bbox="553 1360 1349 1388">• Frame Service Module for high speed serial (MGX-FRSM-HS1/B)</p> <p data-bbox="553 1392 1508 1476">The FRSM-HS1/B supports the 12-in-1 back card. This back card supports up to four V.35 or X.25 serial interfaces. This card also supports the two port HSSI back cards with SCSI-2 connectors.</p> <li data-bbox="553 1491 1508 1606"> <p data-bbox="553 1491 1390 1518">• Frame Service Module for unchannelized HSSI (MGX-FRSM-HS2/B)</p> <p data-bbox="553 1522 1508 1606">The MGX-FRSM-HS2/B supports interfaces for two unchannelized HSSI lines. Each interface supports approximately 51 Mbps; with both lines operating, maximum throughput is 70 Mbps.</p>

Table 1-3 MGX 8850 Modules and Cards (continued)

Modules	Description
ATM UNI Service Module (AUSM)	<p data-bbox="597 310 954 338">ATM UNI Service Modules (AUSM)</p> <ul data-bbox="609 348 1518 552" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="609 348 1518 443">• ATM UNI Service Module for T1 (MGX-AUSM/B-8T1) The MGX-AUSM/B-8T1 provides interfaces for up to eight-T1 lines. You can group NxT1 lines to form a single, logical interface (IMA). <li data-bbox="609 453 1518 552">• ATM UNI Service Module for E1 (MGX-AUSM/B-8E1) The MGX-AUSM/B-8E1 provides interfaces for up to eight-E1 lines. You can group NxT1 lines to form a single, logical interface (IMA).
Circuit Emulation Service Module (CESM)	<p data-bbox="597 604 1036 632">Circuit Emulation Service Modules (CESM)</p> <ul data-bbox="609 642 1528 1045" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="609 642 1528 737">• Circuit Emulation Service Module for T1 (AX-CESM-8T1) The AX-CESM-8T1 provides interfaces for up to eight-T1 lines, each of which is a 1.544 Mbps structured or unstructured synchronous data stream. <li data-bbox="609 747 1528 842">• Circuit Emulation Service Module for E1 (AX-CESM-8E1) The AX-CESM-8E1 provides interfaces for up to eight-E1 lines, each of which is a 2.048-Mbps structured or unstructured synchronous data stream. <li data-bbox="609 852 1528 1045">• Circuit Emulation Service Module for T3 and E3 (MGX-CESM-T3/E3) The MGX-CESM-T3E3 provides direct connectivity to one T3 or E3 line for full-duplex communications at the DS3 rate of 44.736 MHz or at the E3 rate of 34.368 MHz. Each T3 or E3 line consists of a pair of 75-ohm BNC coaxial connectors, one for transmit data and one for receive data, along with three LED indicators for line status.

Table 1-3 MGX 8850 Modules and Cards (continued)

Modules	Description
Voice Interworking Service Module (VISM)	<p>Voice Interworking Service Modules (VISM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGX-VISM-8T1 and MGX-VISM-8E1 <p>These cards support eight T1 or E1 ports for transporting digitized voice signals across a packet network. The VISM provides toll-quality voice, fax and modem transmission and efficient utilization of wide-area bandwidth through industry standard implementations of echo cancellation, voice-compression and silence-suppression techniques.</p> <p> Note For configuration information on the Voice Interworking Service Module (VISM), refer to the <i>Cisco Voice Interworking Service Module Installation and Configuration and Configuration</i>.</p>
Route Processor Module (RPM)	<p>Route Processor Module (RPM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RPM is a Cisco 7200 series router redesigned as a double-height card. Each RPM uses two single-height back cards. The back card types are single-port Fast Ethernet, four-port Ethernet, and single-port (FDDI). <p> Note For information on availability and support of the MGX-RPM-128/B and MGX-RPM-PR, refer to the Release Notes for Cisco WAN MGX 8850, MGX 8230, and MGX 8250 software.</p> <p> Note For configuration information on the Route Processor Module (RPM), refer to the <i>Cisco MGX Route Processor Module Installation and Configuration Guide</i>.</p>

Redundancy for Service Modules

Service modules can have either 1:1 redundancy or 1:N redundancy.

Refer to the CiscoView user documentation for instructions on using the CiscoView application to configure redundancy.

1:1 Redundancy

For 1:1 redundancy, place the card sets in adjacent slots and connect the appropriate Y-cable to the paired ports on the active and standby cards. Applicable service modules are

- MGX-FRSM-2CT3
- MGX-FRSM-2T3E3
- MGX-FRSM-HS2

Hot Standby

For hot standby, place the card sets in the same shelf and connect the appropriate Y-cable to the paired ports on the active and hot standby cards. The hot standby card will automatically configure itself to match the configuration of the primary card. This process may take up to eight minutes. After the configuration transfer process is completed, the transfer from the primary to the hot standby card takes less than one second regardless of the number of connections. Any subsequent changes to the primary card are automatically transferred to the hot standby card configuration so the two cards maintain the same configuration. See the [“Redundancy for Frame Service Modules”](#) section on page 2-22 for instructions for setting up a redundant pair.

Applicable service modules are

- MGX-FRSM-2CT3
- MGX-FRSM-2T3E3
- MGX-FRSM-HS2

To determine the hot standby status of the system, enter the **dsphotstandby** command.

1:N Redundancy

For 1:N redundancy, an MGX Service Resource Module-3T3 (MGX-SRM-3T3/C) card set is necessary. This card set supports 1:N redundancy for the following service modules:

- MGX-AUSM-8T1/B
- MGX-AUSM-8E1/B
- AX-FRSM-8T1
- AX-FRSM-8E1
- AX-CESM-8T1
- AX-CESM-8E1
- MGX-VISM-8T1
- MGX-VISM-8E1

With 1:N redundancy, a group of service modules has one standby module. Redundancy by way of the *redundancy bus* on the MGX-SRM-3T3/C requires the redundant card group to have one of the following special back cards for redundancy support:

- R-RJ48-8T1-LM
- R-RJ48-8E1-LM

