



## Downgrade Scenarios

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This section describes downgrade scenarios and procedures.

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### Downgrade Scenario 1: UCSM-Managed Server



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**Note** This procedure requires server downtime.

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This procedure can be used to downgrade to earlier supported processors. This scenario assumes the following conditions:

- The M5 server is managed by Cisco UCS Manager.
- The Cisco UCS Manager software is already at 4.0(4) or later.
- The M5 server BIOS/Cisco IMC is already at 4.0(4) or later.
- The M5 server is using the Second Generation Intel Xeon Scalable processors.

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**Step 1** Decommission and then power off the server.

**Step 2** Replace the Second Generation Intel Xeon Scalable processors with the earlier supported CPUs.  
Use the CPU replacement procedures in the Installation and Service guide for your server:

- [Cisco UCS C240 M5](#)
- [Cisco UCS C220 M5](#)
- [Cisco UCS C480 M5](#)
- [Cisco UCS S3260 M5](#)

**Step 3** Power on the server.

**Step 4** Wait for Cisco UCS Manager to automatically discover and associate the server.

**Note** The Cisco IMC bundle, including the server Cisco IMC and BIOS, is backward-compatible with earlier supported processors so the following firmware downgrade steps are optional.

**Step 5** Optional: Downgrade your server Cisco IMC.

Use the Cisco IMC firmware management procedures in the GUI or CLI [Integrated Management Controller Configuration Guide](#) for your release.

**Step 6** Optional: Downgrade your server BIOS.

Use the Cisco IMC firmware management procedures in the GUI or CLI [Integrated Management Controller Configuration Guide](#) for your release.

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## Downgrade Scenario 2: Standalone Server



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**Note** This procedure requires server downtime.

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This procedure can be used to downgrade to earlier supported processors. This scenario assumes the following conditions:

- The M5 server is in standalone mode.
- The M5 server is using BIOS/Cisco IMC 4.0(4) or later.
- The M5 server is using the Second Generation Intel Xeon Scalable processors.

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**Step 1** Power off the server.

**Step 2** Replace the Second Generation Intel Xeon Scalable processors with the earlier supported CPUs.

Use the CPU replacement procedures in the Installation and Service guide for your server:

- [Cisco UCS C240 M5](#)
- [Cisco UCS C220 M5](#)
- [Cisco UCS C480 M5](#)
- [Cisco UCS S3260 M5](#)

**Step 3** Power on the server.

**Note** The Cisco IMC bundle, including the server Cisco IMC and BIOS, is backward-compatible with earlier supported processors so the following firmware downgrade steps are optional.

**Step 4** Optional: Downgrade your server Cisco IMC.

Use the Cisco IMC firmware management procedures in the GUI or CLI [Integrated Management Controller Configuration Guide](#) for your release.

**Step 5** Optional: Downgrade your server BIOS.

Use the Cisco IMC firmware management procedures in the GUI or CLI [Integrated Management Controller Configuration Guide](#) for your release.

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