



Determine the Scope of Work

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This section will help you determine:

- the scope of your upgrade or migration
- the best upgrade or migration method to use for your deployment
- where to find the information that you need to complete the upgrade or migration process

Procedure

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Step 1	Determine whether you need to update the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardware Requirements • Virtual Machine Configuration 	Ensure that your system meets the requirements of the new release.
Step 2	Verify the Supported Upgrade and Migration Paths .	Use the information in this chapter to determine whether you can upgrade or migrate directly from your currently installed version, or whether you need to upgrade or migrate to an intermediate version before proceeding.
Step 3	Identify the Type of Deployment	Identify the type of deployment you have and use this information to find the upgrade or migration method that Cisco recommends.
Step 4	Determine the Sequencing Rules and Time Requirements	Direct upgrades only. The sequence in which you perform upgrade procedures depends on your deployment, and on how you want to balance the level of user impact with the amount of time required to complete the upgrade. You must identify the sequence that you will follow

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		<p>before you are ready to perform the upgrade process.</p> <p>The information in this section applies only if you are performing a direct upgrade using either the Unified CMOS Administration interface or the PCD Upgrade task. PCD Migrations do not require this step. If you are performing a PCD migration, proceed to the next task in this list.</p>
Step 5	Find Additional Upgrade Documentation .	Find the correct upgrade documentation to use based on the needs of your deployment and the recommended upgrade or migration method.