



Release Notes for StarOS™ Software, Release 2025.04.g0

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This Release Notes identifies changes and issues that are related to the Classic Gateway software release.

The key highlights of this release include:

- 1. Configure increased Pilot packet server limits: Network operators can now configure maximum number of 8 pilot packet servers.
- 2. IPv6 address pool utilization visibility: Administrators can now view used and free IPv6 address pool values through Show CLI commands.
- 3. Increased Access Control List (ACL) Capacity on ASR5500: Maximum rules per ACL increased from 128 to 256.
- 4. Monitor subscriber enhancement for Non-VPP PGW-service: This feature enables comprehensive tracing and capture of subscriber control and user plane traffic on non-VPP PGW-Service nodes, generating detailed PCAP files for analysis.

For more information about the StarOS product documentation, see the [Related resources](#) section.

Qualified products and platforms

Table 1. Products and platforms qualified in this release

Component	Qualified?
Products	
CUPS	No
MME	Yes
ePDG	Yes
P-GW	Yes
SAEGW	Yes
SGSN	Yes
Platforms	
ASR 5500	No
VPC-DI	Yes
VPC-SI	Yes

Release lifecycle milestones

The following table provides EoL milestones for Cisco StarOS software:

Table 2. EoL milestone information for StarOS™ Software, Release 2025.04.g0

Milestone	Date
First Customer Ship (FCS)	31-Oct-2025
End of Life (EoL)	31-Oct-2025
End of Software Maintenance (EoSM)	01-May-2027
End of Vulnerability and Security Support (EoVSS)	01-May-2027
Last Date of Support (LDoS)	30-Apr-2028

These milestones and the intervals between them are defined in the [Cisco ASR 5500 and Ultra Packet Core software release lifecycle product bulletin](#) available on cisco.com.

New software features

This section provides a brief description of the new software features introduced in this release.

Table 3. New software features for StarOS™ Software, Release 2025.04.g0

Product impact	Feature	Description
Software reliability	View IPv6 Pool values with Address Hold Timer disabled	This feature allows network administrators to view the used and free IPv6 address pool values using show CLI commands, even when the Address Hold Timer (AHT) is disabled for those pools.
Software reliability	ACL limit extension from 128 to 256	Increases the maximum number of rules per Access Control List (ACL) from 128 to 256, supporting up to 2048 ACLs per context on ASR5500 platforms.
Upgrade	Monitor subscriber enhancement for Non-VPP PGW-Service	This feature enables comprehensive tracing and capture of subscriber control and user plane traffic on non-VPP PGW-Service nodes, generating detailed PCAP files for analysis. It extends the Monitor Subscriber functionality by introducing a new CLI option to activate this capability. The system monitors multiple subscribers, capturing traffic and creating separate PCAP files with configurable naming conventions and storage locations, enhancing troubleshooting. CLI modified: monitor-subscriber-poll-timeout poll_timer_val_milliseconds monitor-subscriber-file-name {none imsi username call_id}
Hardware reliability	Configuring Pilot packet server limits	This feature allows you to configure maximum number of 8 pilot packet servers. Gateways can send pilot packets to up to 8 IPv4 destination servers. Note: You cannot configure IPv6 address as pilot packet servers.

Changes in behavior

This section provides a brief description of the behavior changes introduced in this release.

Table 4. Behavior changes for StarOS™ Software, Release 2025.04.g0

Description	Behavior changes
Consistent SGW Downlink FAR Buffering in CSFB Suspend/Resume [CSCWq94647]	Previous behavior: In the Circuit-Switched Fallback (CSFB) scenario, when a Radio Access Bearer (RAB) Release Request was received along with suspend and resume notifications, the system did not set the SGW downlink Forwarding Action Rule (FAR) to BUFFER due to a specific check. When only suspend and resume notifications were received (without the RAB Release Request), the SGW downlink FAR was moved to BUFFER, resulting in buffering of downlink data. New Behavior: The check preventing the FAR action from moving to BUFFER when the RAB Release Request is present has been removed. This change ensures that the SGW consistently moves the downlink FAR to BUFFER during both scenarios—whether the RAB Release Request is received or not—providing uniform buffering behavior. Customer Impact: Customers will experience consistent buffering of downlink data during CSFB suspend and resume procedures regardless of the presence of a RAB Release Request. This leads to improved handling of downlink data buffering, avoiding discrepancies and potential data loss or forwarding inconsistencies during CSFB suspend and resume operations.
Improved collision handling for Bearer requests [CSCWq79531]	Previous behavior: When a Pure S/Collapsed call was in progress and the system received an Update Bearer Request while the user equipment (UE) was transitioning from Idle to Active, and the SGW was already processing a Modify Bearer Request for the same transition, the Update Bearer Request was rejected with a "No Resource Available" message. New behavior: Now, if an Update Bearer Request arrives while the SGW is already processing a Modify Bearer Request for the same transition (Idle to Active), the SGW will silently drop the Update Bearer Request. The PGW will automatically retry, and the request will be processed successfully. Customer Impact: With this change, Update Bearer Requests in these scenarios are now retried and processed.
Allow N26 traffic over the S10 interface [CSCWr18465]	Previous behavior: Interworking procedures that use the N26 interface enable the exchange of Mobility Management (MM) and Session Management (SM) states between the source and target network. The default eGTP service is supported on the N26 interface. However, N26 traffic is not allowed over the S10 interface in MME. New behavior: To allow N26 traffic over the S10 interface, enable the combine-n26-s10-interface command in the MME service configuration mode. Command changes: <pre>configure context context_name mme-service service_name [no] combine-n26-s10-interface exit</pre> combine-n26-s10-interface: This option lets N26 traffic over the S10 interface. If S10/S3-S11 Interface Separation is not enabled, N26 and S10 use the default EGTP-C instance or service. If S10/S3-S11 Interface Separation is enabled, N26 uses a separate EGTP-C instance or service linked to S10. S10 uses its own EGTP-C instance or service. no: The no option disables N26 traffic over the S10 interface.

Resolved issues

This table lists the resolved issues in this specific software release.

Note: This software release may contain bug fixes first introduced in other releases. To see additional information, click the bug ID to access the [Cisco Bug Search Tool](#). To search for a documented Cisco product issue, type in the browser: <bug number> site:cisco.com.

Table 5. Resolved issues for StarOS™ Software, Release 2025.04.g0

Bug ID	Description	Product Found
CSCWq36099	ePDG VPC-SI : dhmgr mem warn	epdg
CSCWr06145	Emergency Call Incorrect Implicit Detach	mme
CSCWn59725	MME Collision Handling between E-RAB Release Indication and E-RAB Modification Indication	mme
CSCWr08706	[CP-MME] MME is sending Forward Relocation Response with incorrect local IPv6 address	mme
CSCWr06035	sessmgr failure in Function: mme_emm_registered_idle_handle_im_exit_trigger()	mme
CSCWr34679	UE detaches after 60 secs post MME handover to other MME	mme
CSCWr18465	N26/S10 interface separation - allow N26 traffic over S10 interface	mme
CSCWq12952	During X2 handover MME modifies NR UE Security Capabilities received in Path Switch Request prior returning it to eNB	mme
CSCWq68664	Sessmgr restarts after SGW relocation with dedicated Bearers Deletion for MB Response delay with " context not found" scenarios.	pdn-gw
CSCWq55405	Updates to a Group of Ruledefs triggers an mtree data structure rebuild, the configuration under the GOR retains old hash causing packet mismatches	pdn-gw
CSCWq83591	sessmgr crash when using certain RG acsmgr_dcca_get_cca_n_premptive_request_rating_groups()	pdn-gw
CSCWq97734	Add support for generating the pcap file from the hexdump for a monsub session of a PGW service	pdn-gw
CSCWq36837	Sessmgr task restart at function sessmgr_get_ipv6_end_user_address()	pdn-gw
CSCWq22148	Legacy-GW ATT : ASR5500 chassis hwctrl process shows warn state in show task resources	pdn-gw
CSCWq56968	Discrepancy observed while modification of 'cdr transfer-mode push' CLI	pdn-gw
CSCWq00151	Sessmgr restarts after enabling VoLTE for specific inroamer IMSIs ranges	pdn-gw
CSCWr18037	SGW calls are not getting created due to sessmgr assertion	pdn-gw
CSCWp60108	session manager crash with an unknown signature time encoding data at smgr_gr_encode_uplane_call_info_uchckpt_cmd	sae-gw
CSCWq56385	Assertion failure at midplane/libsn_midplane.c in SPGW	sae-gw

Bug ID	Description	Product Found
CSCwr57827	sessmgr reload at Function: is_dhcp_server_down()	staros
CSCwo01479	Unplanned SF migration caused diamproxy instance # out of range	staros

Open issues

This table lists the open issues in this specific software release.

Note: This software release may contain open bugs first introduced in other releases. To see additional information, click the bug ID to access the [Cisco Bug Search Tool](#). To search for a documented Cisco product issue, type in the browser: <bug number> site:cisco.com.

Table 6. Open issues for StarOS™ Software, Release 2025.04.g0

Bug ID	Description	Product Found
CSCwq38956	Interfaces are down Post upgrade : 21.28.h14.98513	cups-up
CSCwr83413	Unexpected DeleteSessionRequest after UEContextReleaseRequest	mme
CSCwr60848	CUTO Ctrl and VPP library version is not displaying	sae-gw
CSCwr87117	Wrong Time Quota observed in second SX_SESSION_MODIFICATION_REQUEST when new quota with RAR Trigge	cups-cp

Known issues

This section describes the known issue that may occur during the upgrade of the StarOS image.

Install and Upgrade Notes

This Release Note does not contain general installation and upgrade instructions. Refer to the existing installation documentation for specific installation and upgrade considerations.

When upgrading the StarOS image from a previous version to the latest version, issues may arise if there is a problem with the Cisco SSH/SSL upgrade. To avoid such issues, ensure that the boot file for Service Function (SF) cards is properly synchronized.

To synchronize the boot file for all the Service Function (SF) VPC-DI non-management cards, use the following CLI command:

```
[local] host_name# system synchronize boot
```

This ensures that the changes in boot file are identically maintained across the SF cards.

Note: Ensure that you execute the system synchronize boot command before reloading for a version upgrade from any version less than 21.28.m23 to 21.28.m23, or versions higher than 21.28.m23.

Upgrade the confd version

This section explains upgrading third-party software. Upgrade the confd software to ensure system compatibility and performance.

Note: During the July 2025.03.0 release, confd is upgraded to 8.1.16.2 version.

Prerequisites

1. Ensure you have appropriate permissions to perform this upgrade.
2. Back up all necessary data and configurations to avoid permanent loss during file deletion.

Perform these steps to upgrade the confd version on the system.

1. Enter the debug shell using debug shell command.
2. Navigate to the confd directory.
3. Run the command: `cd /mnt/hd-raid/meta/confd/` to access the directory.
4. Remove existing files with the command; `rm -rf *`

All files and subdirectories are deleted, preparing the system for a fresh installation. To preserve data across the Method of Procedure, users with ConfD configured must contact their Cisco representative.

MOP: Upgrade/Downgrade Between Non-Hermes and Hermes Builds

CSCwr80301: HD-RAID Not Ready During Upgrade from Non-Hermes to Hermes

Issue: When upgrading from a non-Hermes (202x.0x.gx) to a Hermes (202x.0x.ghx) build on both Virtualized Packet Core—Distributed Instance (VPC-DI) and Virtualized Packet Core—Single Instance (VPC-SI) platforms, the HD-RAID may not come up as expected.

Workaround: To avoid this hd-raid failure, follow the steps below during the upgrade and downgrade (for example, from 2025.03.g0 to 2025.04.gh0):

1. Pre-requisite: Back up all files stored in /hd-raid before upgrading from the .mx to .mhx build.

Note: All data in /hd-raid will be lost during recovery.

2. Before the upgrade: On the .mx build, run the **hd raid clear** command.
3. Upgrade and reboot: Reboot the node to upgrade to the .mhx build.

Note: It is recommended to use this Method of Procedure (MOP) for both upgrading and downgrading between Hermes and Non-Hermes StarOS builds.

Compatibility

This section provides compatibility information about the StarOS package version, and the hardware and software requirements for the Legacy Gateway software release.

Compatible StarOS package version

Table 7. Release package version information

StarOS packages	Version	Build number
StarOS package	2025.04.g0	21.28.m38.99199

Compatible software and hardware components

This table lists only the verified basic software and hardware versions. For more information on the verified software versions for the products qualified in this release contact the Cisco account representative.

Table 8. Compatibility software and hardware information, Release 2025.04.g0

Product	Version
ADC P2P Plugin	2.74.12.2726
ESC	5.6.108
CVIM	4.4.3
Host OS	RHEL 8.4
RedHat OpenStack	RHOSP 16.2
Intel XL710C NIC Version	Driver version: i40e-2.17.4 Firmware: 7.00 0x80005119 0.385.115
CIMC	4.0 (4)
NED Package	ncs-6.1.11.2-nso-mob-fp-3.5.2-ad74d4f-2024-10-18T1052 ncs-6.1.11.2-nso-mob-fp-3.5.2-ad74d4f-2024-10-18T1052.tar.gz
NSO	nso-mob-fp-3.5.2.2024.04.g0

Note: CVIM and ESC versions are qualified as part of 2025.03.0 release.

Supported software packages

This section provides information about the release packages associated with StarOS Classic Gateway software.

Table 9. Software packages for Release 2025.04.g0

Software package	Description
NSO	
nso-mob-fp-3.5.2-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains the signed NSO software image, the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.

Software package	Description
VPC companion package	
companion-vpc-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains numerous files pertaining to this version of the VPC including SNMP MIBs, RADIUS dictionaries, ORBEM clients. These files pertain to both VPC-DI and VPC-SI, and for trusted and non-trusted build variants.
VPC-DI	
qvpc-di-2025.04.g0.bin.zip	Contains the VPC-DI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations.
qvpc-di_T-2025.04.g0.bin.zip	Contains the trusted VPC-DI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations.
qvpc-di-2025.04.g0.iso.zip	Contains the VPC-DI ISO used for new deployments; a new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image.
qvpc-di_T-2025.04.g0.iso.zip	Contains the trusted VPC-DI ISO used for new deployments, a new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image.
qvpc-di-template-vmware-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains the VPC-DI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware.
qvpc-di-template-vmware_T-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains the trusted VPC-DI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware.
qvpc-di-template-libvirt-kvm-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains the same VPC-DI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM.
qvpc-di-template-vmware-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains the VPC-DI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware.
qvpc-di-template-libvirt-kvm_T-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains the same trusted VPC-DI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM.
qvpc-di-2025.04.g0.qcow2.zip	Contains the VPC-DI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack.
qvpc-di_T-2025.04.g0.qcow2.zip	Contains the trusted VPC-DI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack.
VPC-SI	
intellig3nt_onboarding-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains the VPC-SI onboarding signature package that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations.
qvpc-si-2025.04.g0.bin.zip	Contains the VPC-SI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations.
qvpc-si_T-2025.04.g0.bin.zip	Contains the trusted VPC-SI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing

Software package	Description
	installations.
qvpc-si-2025.04.g0.iso.zip	Contains the VPC-SI ISO used for new deployment. A new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image.
qvpc-si_T-2025.04.g0.iso.zip	Contains the trusted VPC-SI ISO used for new deployments a new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image.
qvpc-si-template-vmware-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains the VPC-SI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware.
qvpc-si-template-vmware_T-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains the trusted VPC-SI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware.
qvpc-si-template-libvirt-kvm-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains the same VPC-SI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM.
qvpc-si-template-libvirt-kvm_T-2025.04.g0.zip	Contains the same trusted VPC-SI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM.
qvpc-si-2025.04.g0.qcow2.zip	Contains the VPC-SI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack.
qvpc-s3_T-2025.04.g0.qcow2.zip	Contains the trusted VPC-SI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack.
RCM	
rcm-vm-airgap-2025.04.g0.ova.zip	Contains the RCM software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware.
rcm-vm-airgap-2025.04.g0.qcow2.zip	Contains the RCM software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack.
rcm-vm-airgap-2025.04.g0.vmdk.zip	Contains the RCM virtual machine disk image software for use with VMware deployments.

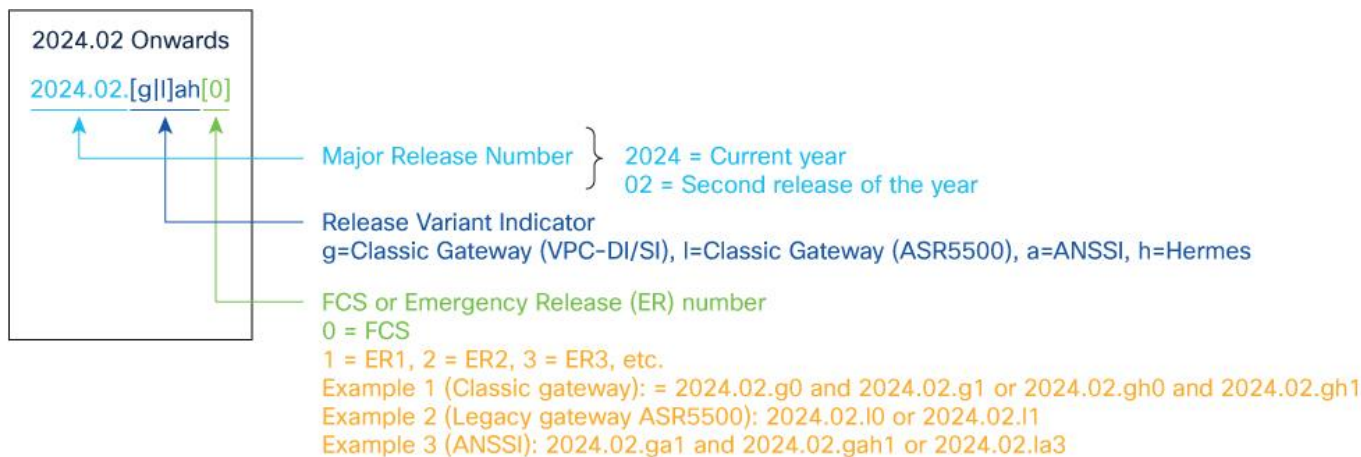
StarOS product version numbering system

The output of the show version command displays detailed information about the version of StarOS currently running on the ASR 5500 or Cisco Virtualized Packet Core platform.

Starting 2024.01.0 release (January 2024), Cisco is transitioning to a new release versioning scheme. The release version is based on the current year and product. Refer to the figure for more details.

Note: During the transition phase, some file names will reflect the new versioning whereas others will refer to the 21.28.x- based naming convention. With the next release, StarOS-related packages will be completely migrated to the new versioning scheme.

Figure 1. Version numbering for FCS, emergency, and maintenance releases



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Note: For any clarification, contact your Cisco account representative.

Software integrity verification

To verify the integrity of the software image you have from Cisco, you can validate the SHA512 checksum information against the checksum identified by Cisco for the software. Image checksum information is available through [Cisco.com Software Download](#) details. Click Linux and then choose the Software Image Release Version.

To find the checksum, hover the mouse pointer over the software image you have downloaded. At the bottom you find the SHA512 checksum, if you do not see the whole checksum, you can expand it by pressing the "..." at the end.

To validate the information, calculate a SHA512 checksum using the information in the table and verify that it matches the one provided on the software download page. To calculate a SHA512 checksum on your local desktop see the table.

Table 10. Checksum calculations per operating system

Operating system	SHA512 checksum calculation command examples
Microsoft Windows	Open a command line window and type the following command: <code>> certutil.exe -hashfile <filename>.<extension> SHA512</code>
Apple MAC	Open a terminal window and type the following command: <code>\$ shasum -a 512 filename.extension</code>
Linux	Open a terminal window and type the following command: <code>\$ sha512sum filename.extension</code> OR <code>\$ shasum -a 512 filename.extension</code>
Note: filename is the name of the file. extension is the file extension (for example, .zip or .tgz).	

If the SHA512 checksum matches, you can be sure that no one has tampered with the software image or the image has not been corrupted during download.

If the SHA512 checksum does not match, we advise you to not attempt upgrading any systems with the corrupted software image. Download the software again and verify the SHA512 checksum again. If there is a constant mismatch, please open a case with the Cisco Technical Assistance Center.

Certificate validation

In 2024.01 and later releases, software images for StarOS, VPC-DI, and VPC-SI, and the companion software packages for StarOS and VPC are signed via x509 certificates. USP ISO images are signed with a GPG key. For more information and instructions on how to validate the certificates, refer to the README file available with the respective software packages.

Related resources

This table provides key resources and links to the support information and essential documentation for StarOS products.

Table 11. Related resources and additional information

Resource	Link
Cisco ASR 5500 documentation	StarOS documentation
Cisco Ultra Packet Core documentation	CUPS documentation
Service request and additional information	Cisco Support

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