



Release Notes for UCC 5G SMF, Release 2026.03.1



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Ultra Cloud Core - Session Management Function, Release 2026.03.1

This Release Notes identifies changes and issues related to the software release of 5G Converged Core Session Management Function (SMF).

For more information about Ultra Cloud Core - Session Management Function, see the [Related resources](#) section.

Release lifecycle milestones

The following table provides EoL milestones for Cisco UCC SMF software:

Table 1. EoL milestone information for UCC SMF, Release 2026.03.1

Milestone	Date
First Customer Ship (FCS)	23-July-2026
End of Life (EoL)	23-July-2026
End of Software Maintenance (EoSM)	22-Jan-2028
End of Vulnerability and Security Support (EoVSS)	31-Jan-2028
Last Date of Support (LDoS)	31-Jan-2029

These milestones and the intervals between them are defined in the [Cisco Ultra Cloud Core \(UCC\) Software Release Lifecycle Product Bulletin](#) available on cisco.com.

New software features

There are no new software features in this specific software release.

Changes in behavior

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

Table 2. Behavior changes for UCC SMF, Release 2026.03.1

Description	Behavior changes
Randomized selection for NF profiles with equal priority and zero capacity [CSCwu38206]	Previous Behavior: When an NRF discovery response or locally configured peers contained multiple NF profiles with the same priority and zero capacity, the SMF did not perform any randomization among zero capacity profiles. It followed a fixed, deterministic order, resulting in the same NF profile being selected for every request. New Behavior: The SMF now performs a randomized selection of NF profiles that have the same priority and zero capacity. While the standard weighted selection logic, remains unchanged for profiles with non-zero capacities, the system now randomizes the selection for "all-zero" cases or any remaining zero-weight endpoints. Customer Impact: This change improves load distribution by ensuring the same NF profile is not always selected when multiple equal-priority options exists with zero capacity and non-zero capacity profiles are not in serviceable state, preventing potential over-utilization of a single node.

Resolved issues

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 3. Resolved issues for UCC SMF, Release 2026.03.1

Bug ID	Description
CSCwv48377	Error: application communication failure- Observed with multiple different CLIs.

Open issues

There are no open bugs in this specific software release.

Compatibility

This section lists compatibility information of the Cisco UCC software products that are verified to work with this version of the UCC SMF software.

Table 4. Compatibility information for UCC SMF, Release 2026.03.1

Product	Supported Release
Ultra Cloud Core SMI	2026.03.1.08
Ultra Cloud CDL	2.3.0
Ultra Cloud Core UPF	2026.03.0
Ultra Cloud cnSGWc	2026.03.1

Supported software packages

This section provides information about the release packages associated with UCC SMF software.

Table 5. Software packages for UCC SMF, Release 2026.03.1

Software Package	Description	Release
cgc-2026.03.1.SPA.tgz	The SMF offline release signature package. This package contains the SMF deployment software, NED package, as well as the release signature, certificate, and verification information.	2026.03.1
ncs-6.4.8.3-cgc-nc-1.1.2026.03.1.tar.gz	The NETCONF NED package. This package includes all the yang files that are used for NF configuration.	6.4.8.3
ncs-6.1.14-cgc-nc-1.1.2026.03.1.tar.SPA.tgz	Note that NSO is used for the NED file creation.	6.1.14

Cloud native product version numbering system

The show helm list command displays detailed information about the version of the cloud native product currently deployed.

Figure 1. Cloud native product versioning format and description
Versioning: Format & Field Description

Where,

YYYY → 4 Digit year.

- Mandatory Field.
- Starts with 2020.
- Incremented after the last planned release of year.

RN → Major Release Number.

- Mandatory Field.
- Starts with 1.
- Support preceding 0.
- Reset to 1 after the last planned release of a year(YYYY).

MN → Maintenance Number.

- Mandatory Field.
- Starts with 0.
- Does not support preceding 0.
- Reset to 0 at the beginning of every major release for that release.
- Incremented for every maintenance release.
- Preceded by "m" for bulbs from main branch.

TTN → Throttle of Throttle Number.

- Optional Field, Starts with 1.
- Precedes with "t" which represents the word "throttle or throttle".
- Applicable only in "Throttle of Throttle" cases.
- Reset to 1 at the beginning of every major release for that release.

DN → Dev branch Number

- Same as TTN except Used for DEV branches.
- Precedes with "d" which represents "dev branch".

MR → Major Release for TOT and DEV branches

- Only applicable for TOT and DEV Branches.
- Starts with 0 for every new TOT and DEV branch.

BN → Build Number

- Optional Field, Starts with 1.
- Precedes with "t" which represents the word "interim".
- Does not support preceding 0.
- Reset at the beginning of every major release for that release.
- Reset of every throttle of throttle.

The appropriate version number field increments after a version has been released. The new version numbering format is a contiguous sequential number that represents incremental changes between releases. This format facilitates identifying the changes between releases when using Bug Search Tool to research software releases.

Software integrity version

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. To find the checksum, hover the mouse pointer over the software image you have downloaded.

Figure 2. Sample of converged core gateway software image

Details

Description : SMF CCG image signature package

Release : 2023.01.6

Release Date : 02-Aug-2023

FileName : ccg-2023.01.6.SPA.tgz

Size : 2952.10 MB (3095503046 bytes)

MD5 Checksum : dR0R817c27482614dac8b88471427bf

SHA512 Checksum : 42d1c1fec15d90b057bea1d7c4313bae ...

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Related Links and Documentation

[SMF Release Notes](#)

Release Date	Size
02-Aug-2023	2952.10 MB

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 following table and verify that it matches the one provided on the software download page.

To calculate a SHA512 checksum on your local desktop, see this table.

Table 6. 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 type 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 not to 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

SMF software images are signed via x509 certificates. Please view the README file packaged with the software for information and instructions on how to validate the certificates.

Related resources

This table provides key resources and links to the support information and essential documentation for SMF and other Ultra Cloud Core (UCC) products.

Table 7. Related resources and additional information

Resource	Link
SMF documentation	Session Management Function
cnSGWc documentation	Serving Gateway Function
SMI documentation	Subscriber Microservices Infrastructure
UPF documentation	User Plane Function
Service request and additional information	Cisco Support

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