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Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Storage Services Interface Image Release 3.0(1)

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This document describes the caveats and limitations for the Storage Service Interface (SSI) software for the Cisco MDS Storage Services Module (SSM). Use this document in conjunction with the documents listed in the [“Related Documentation”](#) section on page 8.

[Table 1](#) shows the on-line change history for this document.

Table 1 **Online History Change**

Version	Date	Description
A0	4/17/2006	Release note created.
B0	9/1/2006	Updated the New Features section.

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Introduction

The SSM provides distributed intelligent storage services for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family and supports up to 32 Fibre Channel ports. It provides the following:

- Network-based volume management
- Management and copy services
- Network assisted storage applications via SANTap
- 32 autosensing 1-Gbps/2-Gbps Fibre Channel interfaces
- Hot-swappable Fibre Channel small form-factor pluggable (SFP) transceiver connectivity
 - Short wavelength (SWL) for connectivity up to 500 m
 - Long wavelength (LWL) for connectivity up to 10 km
 - Coarse wavelength-division multiplexing (CWDM) for connectivity up to 100 km and aggregation of up to 8 ports onto a single optical fiber
- Fibre Channel Write Acceleration (FC-WA) and SCSI Flow Statistics
- Network-Accelerated Serverless Backup (NASB)

System Requirements

This section describes the system requirements for Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 3.0(1) and includes the following topics:

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Components Supported

[Table 2](#) lists the software and hardware components supported by the Cisco MDS 9000 Family.

Table 2 Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Products
Software	M95S1K9-3.0.1	MDS 9500 Supervisor/Fabric-I, SAN-OS software SAN-OS	MDS 9500 Series only
	M92S1K9-3.0.1	MDS 9216 Supervisor/Fabric-I, SAN-OS Software	MDS 9216 only
	SSI-M9K9-3.0.1 ¹	MDS 9000 Storage Services Interface	MDS 9500 Series and MDS 9216

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Table 2 Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components (continued)

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Products
License	M9500ENT1K9	Enterprise package	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200ENT1K9	Enterprise package	MDS 9200 Series
	M9100ENT1K9	Enterprise package	MDS 9100 Series
	M9500FIC1K9	Mainframe package	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200FIC1K9	Mainframe package	MDS 9200 Series
	M9100FIC1K9	Mainframe package	MDS 9100 Series
	M9500FMS1K9	Fabric Manager Server package	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200FMS1K9	Fabric Manager Server package	MDS 9200 Series
	M9100FMS1K9	Fabric Manager Server package	MDS 9100 Series
	M9500EXT1K9	SAN Extension over IP package for IPS-8 module	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200EXT1K9	SAN Extension over IP package for IPS-8 module	MDS 9200 Series
	M9500EXT14K9	SAN Extension over IP package for IPS-4 module	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200EXT14K9	SAN Extension over IP package for IPS-4 module	MDS 9200 Series
	M9500EXT12K9	SAN Extension over IP package for MPS-14/2 module	MDS 9500 Series
	M9200EXT12K9	SAN Extension over IP package for MPS-14/2 module	MDS 9200 Series
	M9500SSE1K9	Storage Services Enabler package	MDS 9500 Series with SSM
	M9200SSE1K9	Storage Services Enabler package	MDS 9200 Series with SSM
Chassis	DS-C9509	MDS 9509 director, base configuration (9-slot modular chassis includes 7 slots for switching modules and 2 slots for supervisor modules—SFPs sold separately)	MDS 9509 only
	DS-C9506	MDS 9506 director (6-slot modular chassis includes 4 slots for switching modules and 2 slots for supervisor modules—SFPs ² sold separately)	MDS 9506 only
	DS-C9216-K9	MDS 9216 16-port semi-modular fabric switch (includes 16 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel ports, power supply, and expansion slot—SFPs sold separately)	MDS 9216 only
	DS-C9216A-K9	MDS 9216A 16-port semi-modular fabric switch (includes 16 1-Gbps/2-Gbps Fibre Channel ports, power supply, and expansion slot—SFPs sold separately).	MDS 9216A only
	DS-C9216i-K9	MDS 9216i 16-port semi-modular fabric switch (includes 14 1-Gbps/2-Gbps Fibre Channel ports, 2 Gigabit Ethernet ports, power supply, and expansion slot—SFPs sold separately).	MDS 9216i only
Supervisor modules	DS-X9530-SF1-K9	MDS 9500 Supervisor/Fabric-I, module	MDS 9500 Series only

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Table 2 Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components (continued)

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Products
Switching modules	DS-X9016	MDS 9000 16-port 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel module (SFPs sold separately)	MDS 9500 Series and 9216
	DS-X9032	MDS 9000 32-port 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel module (SFPs sold separately)	
Services modules	DS-X9308-SMIP	8-port Gigabit Ethernet IP Storage Services module	
	DS-X9304-SMIP	4-port Gigabit Ethernet IP Storage Services module	MDS 9000 Family
	DS-X9032-SSM	MDS 9000 32-Port 1-Gbps/2-Gbps Fibre Channel Storage Services Module (SSM)	
LC-type fiber-optic SFP	DS-SFP-FC-2G-SW	1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel — short wavelength SFP	
	DS-SFP-FC-2G-LW	1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel — long wavelength SFP	
	DS-SFP-FCGE-SW	1-Gbps Ethernet and 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel—short wavelength SFP	
	DS-SFP-FCGE-LW	1-Gbps Ethernet and 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel — long wavelength SFP	
CWDM ³	CWDM-SFP-xxxx-2G	Gigabit Ethernet and 1-Gbps /2-Gbps Fibre Channel SFP LC interface xxxx nm, where xxxx = 1470, 1490, 1510, 1530, 1550, 1570, 1590, or 1610 nm	MDS 9000 Family
	CWDM-MUX-4	Add/drop multiplexer for 4 CWDM wavelengths	
	CWDM-MUX-8	Add/drop multiplexer for 8 CWDM wavelengths	
	CWDM-CHASSIS-2	Two slot chassis for CWDM add/drop multiplexer(s)	
Power supplies	DS-CAC-300W	300-W ⁴ AC power supply	MDS 9100 Series only
	DS-CAC-845W	845-W AC power supply	MDS 9216 only
	DS-CAC-2500W	2500-W AC power supply	MDS 9509 only
	DS-CDC-2500W	2500-W DC power supply	
	DS-CAC-4000W-US	4000-W AC power supply for US (cable attached)	
	DS-CAC-4000W-INT	4000-W AC power supply international (cable attached)	MDS 9506 only
	DS-CAC-1900W	1900-W AC power supply	
	DS-CDC-1900W	1900-W DC power supply	
CompactFlash	MEM-MDS-FLD512M	MDS 9500 supervisor Compact Flash disk, 512 MB	MDS 9500 Series only
Port analyzer adapter	DS-PAA	A standalone Fibre Channel-to-Ethernet adapter that allows for simple, transparent analysis of Fibre Channel traffic in a switched fabric	MDS 9000 Family
	DS-PAA-2		

1. Supports the Storage Services Module (SSM) only. The last SSI image supported on the ASM is SSI-M9K9-2.1.1.
2. SFP = small form-factor pluggable
3. CWDM = coarse wavelength division multiplexing
4. W = Watt

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Determining the Software Version



Note

We strongly recommend that you use the latest available software release supported by your vendor for all Cisco MDS 9000 Family products.

To determine the version of the Cisco SAN-OS software currently running on a Cisco MDS 9000 Family switch using the CLI, log into the switch and enter the **show version EXEC** command.

To determine the version of the Cisco SAN-OS software currently running on a Cisco MDS 9000 Family switch using the Fabric Manager, from the Switches tab in the information pane, locate the switch using the IP address, logical name, or WWN, and then check its version in the Release column.

Image Upgrade

If SSMs are present in a Cisco MDS 9000 Family switch, several kinds of upgrade may be performed as required—upgrading a previously provided package, upgrading the SAN-OS image, or reformatting the SSM add-on image.

New Features

This section describes the new features introduced in this release. For more information about the features listed, refer to the documentation set listed in the [“Related Documentation” section on page 8](#).

Compatibility

The SSI image release 3.0(1) add-on image is compatible with the Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 3.0(1) image.

LUN Resizing

SANTap supports LUN resizing if the lun-size-handling field is enabled in the Data Virtual Target. If you are downgrading to Cisco SAN-OS Release 3.0(1) or earlier, you must recreate a DVT in order to view resized LUNs.

Limitations

This sections lists limitations or restrictions associated with this release.

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Configuring SSM Ports in Auto Mode

Starting with Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 3.0(1), the SSM front panel ports can no longer be configured in auto mode. Because auto mode is the default for releases prior to Release 3.0(1), you should modify the configuration of the ports before upgrading the SAN-OS software image to Release 3.0(1) to avoid any traffic disruption.

If the configuration is not updated before the upgrade, the installation process for the new image will automatically convert all ports configured in auto mode to Fx mode. This might cause a disruption if the port is currently operating in E mode.

To make the configuration change without any traffic disruption, follow these steps:

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- Step 1** Change the configuration for the first port of the quad when the admin port mode is auto. A quad is a group of four ports, supported by a data path processor (DPP). The groups are 1 to 4, 5 to 8, 9 to 12, and so on.
- a. If the port is operational in F or FL mode, change the admin mode to Fx.
 - b. If the port is operational in E mode, change the admin mode to E.
- Step 2** Change the configuration for ports 2, 3, and 4 of the quad.
- a. If the admin port mode is auto or E, change the admin port mode to Fx.
 - b. If the first port has admin mode E or if the port is operational in E port mode, change the admin state to shut.
- Step 3** Enter the **copy running-config startup-config** command before the upgrade procedure to ensure that the changes are preserved during and after the upgrade.
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Compatibility Matrix

The latest *Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for Storage Service Interface Images* is available from the following Cisco Systems website.

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps5989/products_device_support_table09186a0080485272.html

Caveats

This section lists the open and resolved caveats for this release. Use [Table 3](#) to determine the status of a particular caveat. In the table, “O” indicates an open caveat and “R” indicates a resolved caveat.

Table 3 Open and Resolved Caveats for Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 3.0(1)

DDTS Number	3.0(1)
Severity 2	
CSCsd42944	R
CSCsc95884	R

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Table 3 **Open and Resolved Caveats for Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 3.0(1)**

DDTS Number	3.0(1)
Severity 2	
Severity 3	
CSCsd27581	R

Resolved Caveats

- CSCsd42944

Symptom: If you make zoning changes while an intelligent application is performing normal storage related operations on the SSM, the console log may fill up with error messages. As a result of the large amount of data to be logged, the console may stop responding and the SSM may fail.

Workaround: Do not make zoning changes in the topology while normal operations are in progress. Make sure any intelligent application running on the SSM has stopped before making any configuration changes.

- CSCsc95884

Symptom: While downgrading from Cisco SAN-OS Release 3.0(1) to Release 2.x, under some circumstances the downgrade of the SSM or ASM might fail.

Workaround: Power down the SSM or ASM, perform the downgrade and then bring-up the new SSM or ASM with the new bootvar set to the 2.x SSI image.

- CSCsd27581

Symptom: The upgrade of an SSM with a configured SSI image may fail under certain conditions. As a result, the **install all** command fails and all the modules installed in slot numbers greater than the SSM slot number are not upgraded.

This failure happens only if the SSM was initialized with the `isapi_debug.conf` file installed in the `modflash:` file system.

In addition, this failure happens if the configured SSI code is version 2.1(2), 2.1(2i), or 2.1(2j) and the user attempts to upgrade to a later version.

This problem does not occur if the SSM is started and is running without the configured SSI boot variable.

Workaround: Perform a disruptive upgrade of the SSM to ensure that the **install all** command completes successfully. Follow these steps:

1. Use the **delete modflash** command to remove the `isap_debug.conf` file from the `modflash:` file system, as in this example:

```
switch# delete modflash://ssm-slot-number-1/isapi_debug.conf
```
2. Use the **reload module** command to reload the SSM module, as in this example:

```
switch# reload module ssm-slot-number
```
3. Verify that the **install all** command succeeds once the SSM reaches the OK state.

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Related Documentation

The documentation set for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family includes the following documents. To find a document online, use the Cisco MDS SAN-OS Documentation Locator at:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps5989/products_documentation_roadmap09186a00804500c1.html.

For information on IBM TotalStorage SAN Volume Controller Storage Software for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family, refer to the IBM TotalStorage Support website:

<http://www.ibm.com/storage/support/2062-2300/>

Release Notes

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS SAN-OS Releases*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Storage Services Interface Images*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS SVC Releases*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS 9000 EPLD Images*

Compatibility Information

- *Cisco MDS 9000 SAN-OS Hardware and Software Compatibility Information*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Interoperability Support Matrix*
- *Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for IBM SAN Volume Controller Software for Cisco MDS 9000*
- *Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for Storage Service Interface Images*

Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information

- *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family*

Hardware Installation

- *Cisco MDS 9500 Series Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9200 Series Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9216 Switch Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9100 Series Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9020 Fabric Switch Hardware Installation Guide*

Cisco Fabric Manager

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric Manager Quick Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric Manager Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Fabric Manager Online Help*

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- *Cisco MDS 9000 Fabric Manager Web Services Online Help*

Command-Line Interface

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Software Upgrade and Downgrade Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI Quick Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Command Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Quick Command Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9020 Fabric Switch Configuration Guide and Command Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family SAN Volume Controller Configuration Guide*

Troubleshooting and Reference

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Troubleshooting Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family MIB Quick Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9020 Fabric Switch MIB Quick Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family SMI-S Programming Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family System Messages Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9020 Fabric Switch System Messages Reference*

Installation and Configuration Note

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family SSM Configuration Note*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Port Analyzer Adapter Installation and Configuration Note*

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Submitting a Service Request

Using the online TAC Service Request Tool is the fastest way to open S3 and S4 service requests. (S3 and S4 service requests are those in which your network is minimally impaired or for which you require product information.) After you describe your situation, the TAC Service Request Tool provides recommended solutions. If your issue is not resolved using the recommended resources, your service request is assigned to a Cisco engineer. The TAC Service Request Tool is located at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/techsupport/servicerequest>

For S1 or S2 service requests or if you do not have Internet access, contact the Cisco TAC by telephone. (S1 or S2 service requests are those in which your production network is down or severely degraded.) Cisco engineers are assigned immediately to S1 and S2 service requests to help keep your business operations running smoothly.

To open a service request by telephone, use one of the following numbers:

Asia-Pacific: +61 2 8446 7411 (Australia: 1 800 805 227)

EMEA: +32 2 704 55 55

USA: 1 800 553-2447

For a complete list of Cisco TAC contacts, go to this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/techsupport/contacts>

Definitions of Service Request Severity

To ensure that all service requests are reported in a standard format, Cisco has established severity definitions.

Severity 1 (S1)—Your network is “down,” or there is a critical impact to your business operations. You and Cisco will commit all necessary resources around the clock to resolve the situation.

Severity 2 (S2)—Operation of an existing network is severely degraded, or significant aspects of your business operation are negatively affected by inadequate performance of Cisco products. You and Cisco will commit full-time resources during normal business hours to resolve the situation.

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Severity 3 (S3)—Operational performance of your network is impaired, but most business operations remain functional. You and Cisco will commit resources during normal business hours to restore service to satisfactory levels.

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