

Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS VSFN Release 2.0(2b)

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This document describes the caveats and limitations for the VERITAS Storage Foundation for Networks (VSFN) software for the Cisco MDS Advanced Services Module (ASM). Use this document in conjunction with the documents listed in the “[Related Documentation](#)” section on page 6.



Note

Release notes are sometimes updated with new information on restrictions and caveats. Refer to the following website for the most recent version of the *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes*:
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/ps4159/ps4358/prod_release_notes_list.html

For information on VERITAS Storage Foundation™ for Networks for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family, refer to the <http://support.veritas.com/> website.

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Introduction

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

- Network-based volume management
- Management and copy services
- 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

Refer to the documents listed in the [“Virtualization Documentation for ASM” section on page 6](#).

System Requirements

This section describes the system requirements for Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 2.0(2b) and includes the following topics:

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Components Supported

[Table 1](#) lists the software and hardware components supported by the Cisco MDS 9000 Family.



Note

To use the Cisco Storage Services Enabler package, the VERITAS Release 1.2(2b) or later must be installed on VERITAS Storage Foundation for Networks.

Table 1 *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components*

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Products
Software	M95SK9-2.0.2	MDS 9500 Series Supervisor/Fabric-I, enterprise software	MDS 9500 Series only
	M92S1K9-2.0.2	MDS 9216 enterprise software	MDS 9216 only
	Not orderable	MDS 9000 ASM add-on image	MDS 9500 Series and 9216

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Table 1 Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components (continued)

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Products
License	M9500SSE1K9	Storage services enabler package	MDS 9500 series with ASM or SSM
	M9500SSE1K9	Storage services enabler package	MDS 9200 series with ASM or 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 ¹ 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
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	
	DS-X9032-SMV	32-port Fibre Channel Advanced Services Module (ASM)	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	

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Table 1 Cisco MDS 9000 Family Supported Software and Hardware Components (continued)

Component	Part Number	Description	Applicable Products
CWDM ²	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 ³ 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)	
	DS-CAC-1900W	1900-W AC power supply	MDS 9506 only
	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. SFP = small form-factor pluggable

2. CWDM = coarse wavelength division multiplexing

3. W = Watt

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 its IP address, logical name, or WWN, and then check its version in the Release column.

Image Upgrade

When ASMs are present in a Cisco MDS 9000 Family switch, several kinds of upgrade may be performed as required—upgrading a previous provider package, upgrading the SAN-OS image, or reformatting the ASM add-on image.

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Refer to the *VERITAS Storage Foundation™ for Networks Installation and Configuration Guide*. You can access this document at <http://support.veritas.com/>.

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New Features

VSFN Release 2.0(2b) is a patch release for switches in the Cisco MDS 9000 Family. See the “[Caveats](#)” [section on page 5](#) for details on open and resolved caveats and limitations.



Note

These release notes are specific to this patch release. For the entire Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 2.0 documentation set, see the “[Related Documentation](#)” [section on page 6](#).

The VSFN Release 2.0(2b) add-on image is compatible with the Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 2.0(2b) image. The VSFN Release 2.0(2b) supports the following new features:

- Mid-range disk support.
- iSCSI access.
- Simplified configuration.
- Separation of fabrics through IVR connection.

Limitations

The following limitations apply to the VSFN Release 2.0(2b) image:

- The VSFN Release 2.0(2b) add-on image requires the Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 2.0(2b) image and will not work with earlier releases.
- ASM cannot run VSFN and Fibre Channel Write Acceleration concurrently.
- When using mirrored volumes, enable Dirty Region Logging (DRL).

Compatibility Matrix

The latest Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for VERITAS Storage Foundation for Networks Software is available from the following Cisco Systems website.

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/ps4159/ps4358/products_device_support_tables_list.html



Note

We recommend that you upgrade to VSFN Release 2.0(2b).

Caveats

There are no caveats for this release.

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Related Documentation

The documentation set for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family includes the following documents:

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS SAN-OS Releases*
- *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 VERITAS Storage Foundation for Networks Software*
- *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family*
- *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 9000 Family Software Upgrade Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Command Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric Manager Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric and Device Manager Online Help*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family SAN Volume Controller Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family MIB Quick Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family CIM Programming Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family System Messages Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Troubleshooting Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Port Analyzer Adapter 2 Installation and Configuration Note*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Port Analyzer Adapter Installation and Configuration Note*

Virtualization Documentation for ASM

For ASM information, refer to the *Cisco MDS 9216 Switch Hardware Installation Guide* or the *Cisco MDS 9500 Series Hardware Installation Guide*.

For Cisco MDS SAN-OS CLI commands, refer to the *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Command Reference*.

For information on VERITAS Storage Foundation™ for Networks 1.1, refer to the following Veritas documents available from the <http://support.veritas.com/> website:

- VERITAS Storage Foundation for Networks Overview
- VERITAS Storage Foundation for Networks Installation and Configuration Guide
- VERITAS Storage Foundation for Networks Obtaining and Installing Licenses
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