



# Cisco Nexus 3500 Series NX-OS Release Notes, Release 5.0(3)A1(2)

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This document describes the features, caveats, and limitations for Cisco Nexus 3000 Series switches. Use this document in combination with documents listed in the [“Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request”](#) section on page 11.



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

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**Table 1-1**      *Online History Change*

Revision	Date	Description
A0	December 22, 2012	Created NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2) release notes.

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# Introduction

The Cisco NX-OS software is a data center-class operating system built with modularity, resiliency, and serviceability at its foundation. Based on the industry-proven Cisco MDS 9000 SAN-OS software, Cisco NX-OS helps ensure continuous availability and sets the standard for mission-critical data center environments. The highly modular design of Cisco NX-OS makes zero-effect operations a reality and enables exceptional operational flexibility. Cisco NX-OS software offers the following benefits:

- Cisco NX-OS runs on all Cisco data center switch platforms: Cisco Nexus 7000, 5000, 4000, 2000, and 1000V Series.
- Cisco NX-OS interoperates with Cisco products running any variant of Cisco IOS software and also with any networking operating system (OS) that conforms to common networking standards.
- Cisco NX-OS is designed to support distributed multithreaded processing. Cisco NX-OS modular processes are instantiated on demand, each in a separate protected memory space. Processes are started and system resources allocated only when a feature is enabled. The modular processes are governed by a real-time preemptive scheduler that helps ensure timely processing of critical functions.
- Cisco NX-OS provides a programmatic XML interface based on the NETCONF industry standard. The Cisco NX-OS XML interface provides a consistent API for devices. Cisco NX-OS also provides support for Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Versions 1, 2, and 3 MIBs.
- Cisco NX-OS enables administrators to limit access to switch operations by assigning roles to users. Administrators can customize access and restrict it to the users who require it.

## Cisco Nexus 3500 Series Switches

The Cisco Nexus 3500 platform is an extension of the Cisco Nexus 3000 Series of 1, 10, and 40 Gigabit Ethernet switches built from a switch-on-a-chip (SoC) architecture. Switches in the Cisco Nexus 3500 series include the innovative Algorithm Boost (or Algo Boost) technology that is built into the switch application specific integrated circuit (ASIC). Algo Boost allows the Cisco Nexus 3548 switch to achieve Layer 2 and Layer 3 switching latencies of less than 200 nanoseconds (ns). In addition, Algo Boost contains several innovations for latency, forwarding features, and performance visibility:

- Two configurable modes for low latency:
  - Normal mode: This mode is suitable for environments needing low latency and high scalability. In this mode, latencies as low as 250 ns can be paired with the higher of the Layer 2 and Layer 3 scaling values listed later in this document in Table 5.
  - Warp mode: this mode consolidates forwarding operations within the switching ASIC, lowering latency by up to an additional 20 percent compared to normal operation. In this mode, latencies as low as 190 ns can be paired with the smaller of the Layer 2 and Layer 3 scaling values listed later in this document in Table 5.
- Active buffer monitoring: Even on the lowest-latency switches, data packets can incur a millisecond or more of latency during periods of congestion. Previous buffer utilization monitoring techniques were based entirely on software polling algorithms with polling intervals higher than 100ms, which can miss important congestion events. In contrast, Algo Boost accelerates the collection of buffer utilization data in hardware, allowing sampling intervals of 10 ns or less.

## Cisco Nexus 3548 Switch

The Cisco Nexus 3548 switch is the first member of the Cisco Nexus 3500 platform. As a compact one-rack-unit (1RU) form-factor 10 Gigabit Ethernet switch, the Cisco Nexus 3548 switch provides line-rate Layer 2 and 3 switching at ultra low latency. The switch runs Cisco NX-OS software that has comprehensive features and functions that are widely deployed globally. The Cisco Nexus 3548 contains no physical layer (PHY) chips, which allows low latency and low power consumption. The switch supports both forward and reversed airflow and both AC and DC power inputs.

For information about the new Cisco Nexus 3548 switch, see the [“New Hardware Features” section on page 5](#). For information about the Cisco Nexus 3500 Series, see the *Cisco Nexus 3500 Series Hardware Installation Guide*.

## System Requirements

This section includes the following topics:

- [Memory Requirements, page 3](#)
- [Hardware Supported, page 3](#)

## Memory Requirements

The Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2) software requires 135MB of flash memory.

## Hardware Supported

Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2) supports the Cisco Nexus 3500 Series switches. You can find detailed information about supported hardware in the *Cisco Nexus 3500 Series Hardware Installation Guide*.

[Table 1-2](#) shows the hardware supported by Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2) software.

**Table 1-2 Hardware Supported by Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2) Software**

Hardware	Part Number	Supported Software Release
<b>Cisco Nexus 3500 Series</b>		
Cisco Nexus 3548 switch	N3K-C3548P-10G	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 individual fan, forward airflow (port side exhaust)	NXA-FAN-30CFM-F	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 individual fan, reversed airflow (port side intake)	NXA-FAN-30CFM-B	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 400W AC power supply, forward airflow (port side exhaust)	N2200-PAC-400W	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 400W AC power supply, reversed airflow (port side intake)	N2200-PAC-400W-B	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases

**Table 1-2**      **Hardware Supported by Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2) Software (continued)**

Hardware	Part Number	Supported Software Release
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 400W DC power supply, forward airflow (port side exhaust)	N2200-PDC-400W	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco Nexus 2000 or Nexus 3000 350W DC power supply, reversed airflow (port side intake)	N3K-PDC-350W-B	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
<b>Transceivers</b>		
<b>10-Gigabit</b>		
10GBASE-SR SFP+ module (multimode fiber [MMF])	SFP-10G-SR	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
10GBASE-LR SFP+ module (single-mode fiber [SMF])	SFP-10G-LR	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Cisco 10GBASE-ER SFP+ Module for SMF	SFP-10G-ER	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
10GBASE-CU SFP+ cable 1 m (Twinax cable)	SFP-H10GB-CU1M	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
10GBASE-CU SFP+ cable 3 m (Twinax cable)	SFP-H10GB-CU3M	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
10GBASE-CU SFP+ cable 5 m (Twinax cable)	SFP-H10GB-CU5M	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Active Twinax cable assembly, 7 m	SFP-H10GB-ACU7M	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Active Twinax cable assembly, 10 m	SFP-H10GB-ACU10M	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
<b>1-Gigabit Ethernet</b>		
1000BASE-T SFP	GLC-T	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Gigabit Ethernet SFP, LC connector SX transceiver (MMF)	GLC-SX-MM	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Gigabit Ethernet SFP, LC connector SX transceiver (MMF)	GLC-SX-MMD	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Gigabit Ethernet SFP, LC connector LX/LH transceiver (SMF)	GLC-LH-SM	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases
Gigabit Ethernet SFP, LC connector LX/LH transceiver (SMF)	GLC-LH-SMD	5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases

## New and Changed Features

This section describes the new features introduced in Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2). This section includes the following topics:

- [New Hardware Features, page 5](#)
- [New Software Features, page 5](#)

## New Hardware Features

There are no new hardware features in Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2).

## New Software Features

Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2) includes the software features described in this section.

The Cisco Nexus 3500 Series switches are supported by Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(1) and later releases. Cisco NX-OS interoperates with any networking OS, including Cisco IOS software, that conforms to the networking standards mentioned in this data sheet.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Multicast Features, page 5](#)
- [Security Features, page 5](#)
- [System Management Features, page 5](#)
- [Licensing, page 6](#)



### Note

The following features are not available in Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(1) or Release 5.0(3)A1(2): IPv6, ERSPAN, PTP, BFD, POAP, PVLAN, Priority Flow Control (PFC), sFlow, vPC, Unicast RPF, ARP Inspection, DCHP snooping, and CoPP.

## Multicast Features

This release includes the following multicast feature:

- Threshold-infinity and prebuild SPT configuration

Support has been added for configuring PIM without a source state and for prebuilding SPT by triggering PIM.

## Security Features

This release includes the following security feature:

- Hitless NAT

This feature allows you to add or remove a NAT translation in the NAT configuration without affecting NAT traffic flows

## System Management Features

This release includes the following system management feature:

- Warp SPAN

Warp SPAN is AlgoBoost feature that spans the traffic coming into a dedicated port to a group of ports at very low latency. In Warp SPAN, traffic arriving at one dedicated ingress port is replicated to a user configurable group of egress ports. The packet replication happens without any filters or lookup mechanisms. Unlike normal or Warp mode traffic forwarding, the incoming traffic is

replicated before any traffic classification or ACL processing occurs. Because traffic bypasses these processes, the latency for the replicated packets is as low as 50ns. The Warp SPAN functions independently and simultaneously to normal traffic forwarding.

## Licensing

The Cisco NX-OS licensing feature allows you to access premium features on the device after you install the appropriate license for that feature. Any feature not included in a license package is bundled with the Cisco NX-OS software and is provided to you at no extra charge.

You must purchase and install a license for each device.

For a Cisco Nexus 3548Series switch running Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(1) or Release 5.0(3)A1(2), the following software features and licenses are available:

- [System Default, page 6](#)
- [Base License, page 6](#)
- [LAN Enterprise License, page 6](#)
- [Algo Boost License, page 7](#)

### System Default

The following features do not require a license and are included as the system default on the device:

- Comprehensive Layer 2 feature set: VLAN, IEEE 802.1Q trunking, Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP), Unidirectional Link Detection (UDLD) (Standard and Aggressive), Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP), Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP), Spanning Tree Protocol guards, and VLAN Trunk Protocol (VTP) Transparent
- Security: Authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA), access control lists (ACL), Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) snooping, storm control, and configurable Control-Plane Policing (CoPP)
- Management features: Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM) support, console, Secure Shell Version 2 (SSHv2) access, Cisco Discovery Protocol, SNMP, and syslog

### Base License

The Base License (N3K-BAS1K9) for the Cisco Nexus 3548 switch provides the following features:

- Layer 3 IP routing: Inter-VLAN routing, static routes, Routing Information Protocol Version 2 (RIPv2), ACLs, Open Shortest Path First Version 2 (OSPFv2; limited to 256 routes), Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP) stub, Hot Standby Router Protocol (HSRP), Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP), and Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (URPF)
- Multicast: Protocol-Independent Multicast Sparse Mode (PIM-SM), Source-Specific Multicast (SSM), and Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP)

### LAN Enterprise License

The LAN Enterprise license (N3K-LAN1K9) requires the Base License and includes the following features:

- Advanced Layer 3 IP Routing: OSPFv2, EIGRP, Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), and Virtual Routing and Forwarding Lite (VRF-Lite)

## Algo Boost License

The Algo Boost license (N3K-ALGK9) provides the following features:

- Algo Boost Features: NAT and warp mode
- Warp SPAN

For detailed information about the features that require licensing and Cisco NX-OS license installation, see the *Cisco NX-OS Licensing Guide*.

For information about troubleshooting licensing issues, see the *Cisco Nexus 3500 Series NX-OS Troubleshooting Guide*.

## Limitations

The following limitations exist in Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2):

- [IPv4 Routing Table Size, page 7](#)
- [CRC Errors on Ports in a Warp SPAN Session, page 7](#)

## IPv4 Routing Table Size

When upgrading from Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(1) to Release 5.0(3)A1(2), the size of the IPv4 routing table does not increase from 16,000 to 24,000 entries. To increase the IPv4 routing table to 24,000 entries, enter the **write erase** command and the **reload** command on the device following the upgrade.

## CRC Errors on Ports in a Warp SPAN Session

When you have a destination group in a warp SPAN session and you enter the **shut** command for the session followed by the **no shut** command, CRC errors occur on the ports that are in the no shutdown state. CRC errors can sometimes increment to a large number like 2895623 when the **shut** command and **no shut** command are repeated several times in a row. The CRC errors are not an issue and should stop. This limitation is related to CSCud65371.

## Caveats

Open and resolved caveat record numbers are provided with links to the Bug Toolkit where you can find details about each caveat.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Open Caveats, page 8](#)
- [Resolved Caveats, page 10](#)

## Open Caveats

[Table 1-3](#) lists descriptions of open caveats in Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2). The record ID links to the Cisco Bug Toolkit where you can find details about the caveat.



**Table 1-3 Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(1) and Release 5.0(3)A1(2)—Open Caveats**

Record Number	Open Caveat Headline
<a href="#">CSCCua40331</a>	The IGMP snooping querier with the lowest address cannot win the querier selection when the SVI IGMP querier is active.
<a href="#">CSCCua42953</a>	During a class-default MTU check, the system checks against itself.
<a href="#">CSCCua47505</a>	There is inconsistent information for the MTU displayed in the output of the <b>show queueing interface</b> command and the <b>show policy network-qos</b> command.
<a href="#">CSCCua66832</a>	The Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) protocol link state advertisement (LSA) is not advertised and the route is not in the forwarding information base (FIB) or the routing information base (RIB).
<a href="#">CSCCub24649</a>	A syslog entry is not created when unicast routes in the route table hit the threshold set by the <b>hardware profile unicast syslog-threshold x</b> command.
<a href="#">CSCCub32923</a>	NTP failed to configure the source interface message following a switch reload.
<a href="#">CSCCub38034</a>	When a port channel is an active Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP) link, the sa-cache is empty.
<a href="#">CSCCub46233</a>	A Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP) instance does not get deleted, even though its VLANs are shut down.
<a href="#">CSCCub59387</a>	The output of the <b>show forward multicast route</b> command has incorrect information.
<a href="#">CSCCub64511</a>	Layer IPv6 traffic does not set or rewrite CoS correctly.
<a href="#">CSCCub89134</a>	2-tuple is not displayed in the incompatibility check.
<a href="#">CSCCuc02277</a>	Need to add support for the <b>hardware profile multicast prefer-source-tree</b> command.
<a href="#">CSCCuc12318</a>	IGMP snooping v3 report suppression cannot be enabled.
<a href="#">CSCCuc24329</a>	A port goes to an error disabled state on the port configured by the <b>switchport monitor</b> command when you try to change to Layer 3 using the <b>no switchport</b> command.
<a href="#">CSCCuc38422</a>	While deleting NAT entries, the top entry in the TCAM gets reset first.
<a href="#">CSCCuc49524</a>	The port status, port LED, and negotiate setting are inconsistent among Cisco Nexus 3000 Series switches.
<a href="#">CSCCuc52002</a>	SFP, port LED, and status errors occur.
<a href="#">CSCCuc64496</a>	The <b>pim register-policy</b> command does not work.
<a href="#">CSCCuc86075</a>	When changing NAT inside or outside on SVIs, the switch displays a “service not responding” message.
<a href="#">CSCCud62354</a>	ABM: the <b>logging level mtc-usd</b> command does not survive a reload.
<a href="#">CSCCud68615</a>	Warp SPAN is not removed when downgrading from Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2) to Release 5.0(3)A1(1). For information on how to work around this issue, see <a href="#">Additional Information for Open Caveats CSCud68615 and CSCud82687</a> .
<a href="#">CSCCud82687</a>	Session 18 is converted to a WARP session after upgrading to Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2). For information on how to work around this issue, see <a href="#">Additional Information for Open Caveats CSCud68615 and CSCud82687</a> .

**Additional Information for Open Caveats CSCud68615 and CSCud82687**

- **CSCud68615:** Customers who have a warp SPAN session in Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2) must remove the warp SPAN session configuration before downgrading to Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(1).  
**Workaround:** Enter the **no monitor session 18** command to delete the SPAN session and restore the normal state.
- **CSCud82687:** Customers who have a normal SPAN session 18 in Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(1) must remove the SPAN session 18 configuration before upgrading to Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2).  
**Workaround:** Enter the **no monitor session warp** command to delete the SPAN session and restore the normal state.

## Resolved Caveats

Table 1-4 lists descriptions of resolved caveats in Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2). The record ID links to the Cisco Bug Toolkit where you can find details about the caveat.

**Table 1-4** *Cisco NX-OS Release 5.0(3)A1(2)—Resolved Caveats*

Record Number	Open Caveat Headline
<a href="#">CSCuc26236</a>	An IGMP group query expires in a congested scenario.
<a href="#">CSCuc34467</a>	A CRC error can be seen sometimes when warp SPAN is enabled.
<a href="#">CSCuc38422</a>	While deleting NAT entries, the top entry in the TCAM gets reset first.
<a href="#">CSCuc49005</a>	XML support for the buffer management reporting.
<a href="#">CSCuc75236</a>	The WARP_MCST_LPM_TBL_100_PERCENT_LIMIT: syslog message displays just once.
<a href="#">CSCuc88840</a>	During switch bootup, usdk_isr_gpe_config_intr system messages are displayed, but there is no functional impact.
<a href="#">CSCuc89323</a>	When the <b>add-route</b> keyword is used for configuring NAT outside and the <b>shut</b> command followed by the <b>no shut</b> command is entered on the interfaces, the routes are incorrect.
<a href="#">CSCuc99249</a>	A pure Layer 3 VRF entry is incorrectly programmed with all mrouter index 12272.
<a href="#">CSCud01408</a>	The NAT process fails when removing an outside translation or static route 0.0.0.0/32.
<a href="#">CSCud02738</a>	If one destination port is shut down, the SPAN traffic on the other three ports is stopped when you use the new warp SPAN CLI commands.

## Related Documentation

Documentation for the Cisco Nexus 3000 Series Switch is available at the following URL:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11541/tsd\\_products\\_support\\_series\\_home.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11541/tsd_products_support_series_home.html)

The documentation set is divided into the following categories:

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The release notes are available at the following URL:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11541/prod\\_release\\_notes\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11541/prod_release_notes_list.html)

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