



END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CISCO CONTENT SWITCHING MODULE SOFTWARE VERSION 3.2(X)

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for Cisco® Content Switching Module (CSM) Software Version 3.2(X). The last day to order the affected product is March 23, 2006. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until March 23, 2011.

Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement. Table 3 provides migration information.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to Cisco CSM Software Version 4.1(X) or 4.2(X), which contain the features and bug fixes of Version 3.2(X), in addition to new features. In addition to Cisco CSM Software Version 4.1(X) and 4.2(X), Version 3.1(x) remains active and available. Information about Cisco CSM software releases can be found in the release notes:

http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/lan/cat6000/mod_icn/csm/index.htm

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for Cisco CSM Software Version 3.2(X)

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	September 23, 2005
End-of-Sale Date	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	March 23, 2006
Last Shipment Date	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	June 23, 2006
End of Software Maintenance Releases Date	The last date that Cisco Engineering may release any final software maintenance releases or bug fixes. After this date, Cisco Engineering will no longer develop, repair, maintain, or test the product software.	March 23, 2007
Last Date of Support	The last date to receive service and support for the product. After this date, all support services for the product are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	March 23, 2011

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by this Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description
SC6K-3.2.1-CSM	Cisco CSM Software Version 3.2.1	SC6K-4.1.1-CSM or greater or SC6K-4.2.1-CSM or greater	Cisco CSM Software Version 4.1.1 or Cisco CSM Software Version 4.2.1
SC6K-3.2.3-CSM	Cisco CSM Software Version 3.2.3	SC6K-4.1.1-CSM or greater or SC6K-4.2.1-CSM or greater	Cisco CSM Software Version 4.1.1 or Cisco CSM Software Version 4.2.1

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for Cisco CSM Software Version 3.2(X) is Cisco CSM Software Version 4.1(X) or 4.2(X).

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Features	Cisco CSM Software Version 3.2(X)	Cisco CSM Software Version 4.1(X)	Cisco CSM Software Version 4.2(X)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distributed denial of service (DDoS) additions• Delayed for Layer 4• User Datagram Protocol (UDP) probe• Static sticky entry• Show sticky improvements• Firewall load balancing connection reassignment• XML document type definition (DTD) update• MIB updates• Load balancing per packet• Route lookup• TCP fragment support• VLAN increase• Fault-tolerant pre-empt improvements• Static Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) entry• Jumbo frame support	Yes	Yes	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cookie sticky offset and length• Cookie insert• URL learn• IP header insert• Backend Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) support with SSL Module (SSLM) Version 2.1• Server/Application State Protocol (SASP) support	No	Yes	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generic HTTP header sticky• Configuration sync• Interface tracking• Private VLANs• XML show commands• Partial server farm failover• Server probe fail state improvements• Network Address Translation (NAT) configuration enhancements• Secure Hosting Solution Engine (HSE), SASP, and XML communications• Maximum parse length reached behavior change• Infinite idle timeout	No	No	Yes

Features	Cisco CSM Software Version 3.2(X)	Cisco CSM Software Version 4.1(X)	Cisco CSM Software Version 4.2(X)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VIP dependencies • Ordering of policies • Slow start improvements • Non-secure router mode • VServer increase • Microsoft Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) support • Real name option 			

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Cisco Content Switching Module, visit <http://www.cisco.com/go/csm> or contact your local account representative.

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, visit: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_end_of_life.html

To subscribe to receive end-of-life/end-of-sale information, visit: <http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/FieldNoticeTool/field-notice>



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