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Licensing Cisco MDS 9000 Series NX-OS Software Features

Licenses are available for all switches in the Cisco MDS 9000 Series. Licensing allows you to access specified premium features on the switch after you install the appropriate license for that feature. You can also obtain licenses to activate ports on the Cisco MDS 9148S Multilayer Fabric switch, Cisco MDS 9250i Multiservice Fabric switch, and Cisco MDS 9396S Multilayer Fabric Switch.

Cisco MDS NX-OS Software Licenses

This section contains information related to licensing types, options, procedures, installation, and management for the Cisco MDS NX-OS software.

Licensing Terminology

The following terms are used in this document:

Licensed feature

Permission to use a particular feature through a license file, a hardware object, or a legal contract. This permission is limited to the number of users, number of instances, time span, and the implemented device.

Licensed application

A software feature that requires a license to be used.

License enforcement

A mechanism that prevents a feature from being used without first obtaining a license.

Node-locked license

A license that can only be used on a particular device using the device's unique host ID.

Host IDs

A unique chassis serial number that is specific to each device.

Software license claim certificate

A document entitling its rightful owner to use licensed features on one device as described in that document.

Product Authorization Key (PAK)

The PAK allows you to obtain a license key from one of the sites listed in the software license claim certificate document. After registering at the specified website, you will receive your license key file and installation instructions through e-mail.

License key file

A device-specific unique file that specifies the licensed features. Each file contains digital signatures to prevent tampering and modification. License keys are required to use a licensed feature. License keys are enforced within a specified time span.

Missing license

If the bootflash has been corrupted or a supervisor module replaced after you have installed a license, that license shows as missing. The feature still works. You should reinstall the license as soon as possible.

Evaluation license

A temporary license. Evaluation licenses are time bound (valid for a specified number of days) and are tied to a host ID (device serial number).

Permanent license

A license that is not time bound is called a permanent license.

Grace period

The amount of time the features in a license package can continue functioning without a license.

Support

If you purchased Cisco support through a Cisco reseller, contact the reseller directly. If you purchased support directly from Cisco, contact Cisco Technical Support at this URL: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/support/tsd_cisco_worldwide_contacts.html

Licensing Model

The licensing model defined for the Cisco MDS product line has two options:

- Feature-based licenses allow features that are applicable to the entire switch.
- Module-based licenses allow features that require additional hardware modules. The cost varies based on a per-module usage. SAN Extension over IP license is an example of a module-based license.



Note

Each module requires its own separate license. If you replace a module that requires a license with a module of the same type (such as replacing a Storage Services Module (SSM) with another SSM), the existing license will support the new module.



Note

• The SAN extension features, FCIP-related features, and an enterprise package (ENTERPRISE_PKG) license for IVR are included in the base license for the Cisco MDS 9250i switch.

The Cisco MDS 9250i switch does not support SME.

• A SAN extension license is included in the base license for the Cisco MDS 9000 24/10-Port SAN Extension Module (DS-X9334-K9).

This table describes feature-based licenses.

Table 1: Feature-Based Licenses

Feature License	Features
Enterprise package	FC Port security
(ENTERPRISE_PKG)	VSAN-based access control
	Fibre Channel Security Protocol (FC-SP) authentication
	Advanced traffic engineering—quality of service (QoS)
	• IP security (IPsec) protocol for iSCSI and FCIP using the MPS-14/2 or SSN-16 modules or Cisco MDS 9222i or MDS 9250i switches
	IPsec and IKE for IPv4
	IKE digital certificates
	Enhanced VSAN routing inter-VSAN routing (IVR) over Fibre Channel
	• IVR Network Address Translation (NAT) over Fibre Channel
	Zone-based traffic prioritizing
	• Zone-based FC QoS
	Extended BB_Credits
	Fibre Channel write acceleration
	SCSI flow statistics
	FCIP encryption
	Fabric binding for Fibre Channel
	SAN device virtualization
	Cisco TrustSec Fibre Channel Link Encryption
Mainframe package	Switch cascading
(MAINFRAME_PKG)	IBM TotalStorage Virtual Tape Server (VTS)
	IBM TotalStorage XRC application
	FICON for the Cisco MDS 9250i Multiservice Fabric Switch
	• FICON for the Cisco MDS 9700 Series Switches
	• Port swap, block, prohibit
DCNM-SAN License packages	For DCNM related licensing information, see the Cisco DCNM Licensing Guide.

Feature License		Features				
On-der	mand Port Activation Licensing package	On the Cisco MDS 9250i Fabric Switch, 20 Fibre Channel ports are active				
(PORT_ACTIVATION_PKG)		by default. Each M9250IP20-16G= enables additional 20 Fibre Channe ports.				
(M9250IP20-16G=) (M9396S-PL12)		• On Cisco MDS 9396S 16G Multilayer Fabric Switch, 48 ports are enabled				
		by default. Each M9396S-PL12 enables 12 ports.				
(M914	8S-PL12)	On Cisco MDS 9148S 16G Multilayer Fabric Switch, 12 ports are enabled				
(M914	8T-PL8)	by default. Each M9148S-PL12 enables 12 ports.				
(M939	6T-PL16)					
Note	The license manager does not prevent installing more port licenses than the available physical ports on the switch. The extra licenses if installed, will not affect the normal behavior of the licensed ports.					
Data M	Mobility Manager (DMM)	Online migration of heterogenous arrays				
(DMM	_FOR_SSM_PKG)	Simultaneous migration of multiple LUNs				
(M925)	OIDMMT6M)	Unequal size LUN migration				
		Rate adjusted migration				
		Verification of migrated data				
		Secure erasure of migrated data				
		Dual fabric support				
		Activates DMM on the Cisco MDS 9250i Fabric Switch.				
Cisco I	/O Acceleration (IOA)	Activates IOA for the Cisco MDS 9250i Fabric Switch.				
(M925)	0IIOA=)					



Note

License packages for Cisco DMM (Cisco Data Mobility Manager) and Cisco SME (Cisco Storage Media Encryption) are documented in the Cisco MDS 9000 Series Data Mobility Manager Configuration Guide, and the Cisco MDS 9000 Series Storage Media Encryption Configuration Guide .

Licensing High Availability

As with other Cisco NX-OS features, the licensing feature also maintains the following high-availability standards:

- Installing any license in the device is a nondisruptive process.
- Installing a license automatically saves a copy of permanent licenses to the chassis.

• If you have enabled the grace period feature, enabling a licensed feature that does not have a license key starts a counter on the grace period. You then have 120 days to install the appropriate license keys, disable the use of that feature, or disable the grace period feature. If at the end of the 120-day grace period the device does not have a valid license key for the feature, the Cisco NX-OS software automatically disables the feature and removes the configuration from the device.



Note

Some licenses, for example, Cisco TrustSec, do not have a grace period.

Devices with dual supervisors have the following additional high-availability features:

- The license software runs on both supervisor modules and provides failover protection.
- The license key file is mirrored on both supervisor modules. Even if both supervisor modules fail, the license file continues to function from the version that is available on the chassis.

License Installation

You can either obtain a factory-installed license (only applies to new device orders) or perform a manual license installation of the license (applies to existing devices in your network).

Obtaining a Factory-Installed License

You can obtain factory-installed licenses for a new Cisco NX-OS device.

Procedure

Step 1 Contact your reseller or Cisco representative and request this service.

Note

If you purchased Cisco support through a Cisco reseller, contact the reseller directly. If you purchased support directly from Cisco, contact Cisco Technical Support at this URL: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/support/tsd_cisco_worldwide_contacts.html

Your device is shipped with the required licenses installed in the system.

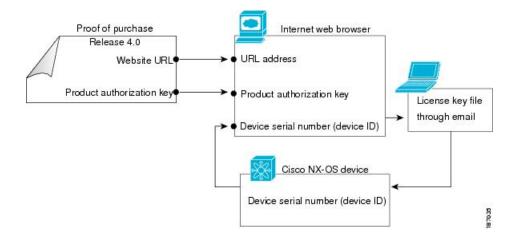
Step 2 Start using the device and the licensed features.

Performing a Manual Installation

If you have existing devices or if you wish to install the licenses on your own, you must first obtain the license key file and then install that file in the device.

Figure 1: Obtaining a License Key File

This figure shows how to obtain a license key file.





Note

You can use the **show license host-id** command to find out which serial number to lock the license against.

For additional information about specific switches and modules and the feature licenses they support, refer to Table 1: Feature-Based Licenses.

Obtaining the License Key File

You can obtain new or updated license key files.

Procedure

Step 1 Obtain the serial number for your device by entering the **show license host-id** command. The host ID is also referred to as the device serial number.

```
switch# show license host-id
License hostid: VDH=FOX064317SQ
```

- Tip Use the entire ID that appears after the equal sign (=). In this example, the host ID is FOX064317SQ.
- Step 2 Obtain your claim software license certificate document. If you cannot locate your software license claim certificate, contact Cisco Technical Support at this URL: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/support/tsd_cisco_worldwide_contacts.html
- **Step 3** Locate the product authorization key (PAK) from the software license claim certificate document.
- Step 4 Locate the website URL from the software license claim certificate document. You can access the Product License Registration website from the Software Download website at this URL: http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/download/index.html
- **Step 5** Follow the instructions on the Product License Registration website to register the license for your device.

The license key file is sent to you by e-mail and is digitally signed to only authorize use on the requested device. The requested features are also enabled once the Cisco NX-OS software on the specified device accesses the license key file.

Caution Do not make any modifications to the license key file. It will alter the digital signature and render the license invalid.

A license is permanent. If you do not have a license, the grace period for using a feature starts from the first time you start using a feature offered by a license.

Note Cisco TrustSec does not have a grace period. You must obtain an Advanced Services license to use Cisco TrustSec.

- **Step 6** Use the **copy licenses** command to save your license file to either the bootflash: directory or a slot0: device.
- **Step 7** You can use the file transfer service (tftp, ftp, sftp, sfp, or scp) or use the Cisco DCNM to copy a license to the switch. For example, Copy tftp://a.b.c.d/<filename> bootflash:

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Installing the License Key File

You can install the license to enable features on your device.



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If you need to install multiple licenses in any device, be sure to provide unique filenames for each license key file.



Note

If you have a single supervisor module on your Cisco NX-OS device and you replace the supervisor module, you must reinstall the license key file.

If you are currently running with a grace period license, to avoid service disruptions when you install your permanent license, do not disable the grace period by using the **no license grace-period** command. Instead, just install your new license. The license manager will automatically transition from grace licensing to the installed license.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log into the device through the console port of the active supervisor.
- You can use the file transfer service (tftp, ftp, sftp, sfp, or scp) or use the Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM) to copy a license to the switch.

For example, copy tftp://a.b.c.d/<filename> bootflash:

On DCNM, copy the license file into INSTALL_DIR/dcnm/licenses directory or if using a Microsoft Windows system, the default INSTALL DIR value is C:\Program Files\Cisco Systems.

Step 3 Perform the installation by using the **install license** command on the active supervisor module from the device console.

```
switch# install license bootflash:license_file.lic
Installing license ..done
```

Note If you provide a target name for the license key file, the file is installed with the specified name. Otherwise, the filename specified in the license key file is used to install the license.

- **Step 4** (Optional) Back up the license key file.
- **Step 5** Exit the device console and open a new terminal session to view all license files installed on the device using the **show** license command.

Note If the license meets all guidelines when the **install license** command is used, all features and modules continue functioning as configured.

You can use the **show license brief** command to display a list of license files installed on the device.

```
switch# show license brief
Enterprise.lic
Ficon.lic
FCIP.lic
```

You can use the **show license file** command to display information about a specific license file installed on the device.

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Backing Up Licenses

If the configuration or bootflash memory on your device becomes corrupted, you might need to reinstall your license. You can do a reinstallation from a backed up copy of the license key file. If you do not have a license key file, you can create a copy of the license key file from your installed license.



Note

If you have a single supervisor module on your Cisco NX-OS device and you replace the supervisor module, you must reinstall the license key file. You cannot reinstall the license key file from the backed-up copy.



Caution

If you erase any existing licenses installed on your device, you can only reinstall them by using the **install license** command using the license key file.

Backing Up the License Key File

You can back up your license key file to a remote server or to an external device by using the copy command.

This example shows how to save a license key file to a remote server:

```
switch# copy bootflash:license file.lic tftp://10.10.1.1//license file.lic
```

Some Cisco NX-OS platforms support external flash devices. This example shows how to save a license key file to an external Flash device:

```
switch# copy bootflash:license_file.lic slot0:license_file.lic
```

Backing Up an Installed License

You can back up your license key file to a remote server or to an external device by using the copy command.

This example saves all licenses installed on your device to a .tar file and copies it to a remote UNIX-based server:

```
switch# copy licenses bootflash:Enterprise.tar
Backing up license done
switch# copy bootflash:lEnterprise.tar tftp://10.10.1.1//Enterprise.tar
```

You can uncompress the .tar file on the remote UNIX-based server to create one or more backup license key files, depending on how many licenses you have installed. You can also extract the license files on your Cisco NX-OS device by using the **tar extract** command.

This example shows how to extract license files from a .tar file:

```
switch# tar extract bootflash:Enterprise.tar
```

Identifying License Features in Use

When you enable a Cisco NX-OS software feature, it can activate a license grace period.

```
switch# show license usage ENTERPRISE_PKG
Application
-----
ivr
qos_manager
-----
```

Use the **show license usage** command to identify all of the active features.

```
        switch# show license usage

        Feature
        Ins
        Lic
        Status
        Expiry
        Date
        Comments

        Count
        Count
        The count
```

ENTERPRISE_PKG	Yes	-	Unused never	license missing
DMM_FOR_SSM_PKG	No	0	Unused	-
SAN_EXTN_OVER_IP	Yes	16	Unused never	-
PORT_ACTIVATION_PKG	No	0	Unused	-
SME_FOR_IPS_184_PKG	No	0	Unused	Grace 86D 5H
SAN_EXTN_OVER_IP_18_4	No	0	Unused	-
SAN_EXTN_OVER_IP_IPS2	Yes	1	Unused never	1 license(s) missing
SAN_EXTN_OVER_IP_IPS4	No	0	Unused	-
10G_PORT_ACTIVATION_PKG	No	0	Unused	-
SAN_EXTN_OVER_IP_18_4	No	0	Unused	-
STORAGE_SERVICES_ENABLER_PKG	Yes	1	Unused never	1 license(s) missing

Uninstalling Licenses

You can only uninstall a permanent license that is not in use. If you try to delete a permanent license that is currently being used, the software rejects the request and issues an error message. Uninstalling an unused license causes the grace period to come into effect. The grace period is counted from the first use of the feature without a license and is reset when a valid license file is installed.



Tip

If you are using an evaluation license and would like to install a new permanent license, you can do so without service disruption and before the evaluation license expires. Removing an evaluation license immediately triggers a grace period without service disruption.



Caution

You must disable the features that are related to the feature before uninstalling a license. The delete procedure fails if the license is in use.

Procedure

Step 1 Save your running configuration to a remote server by using the **copy** command.

```
switch# copy running-config tftp://server/path/filename
```

Step 2 Display a list of all installed license key files and identify the file to be uninstalled by using the **show license brief** command. In this example, the file to be uninstalled is the Enterprise.lic file.

```
switch# show license brief
Enterprise.lic
Ficon.lic
```

Step 3 Disable the features provided by the license to be uninstalled. Use the **show license usage** *package_name* command to view the enabled features for a specified package.

```
switch# show license usage ENTERPRISE_PKG
Application
-----
ivr
qos manager
```

Step 4 Uninstall the Enterprise.lic file by using the **clear license** *filename* command, where *filename* is the name of the installed license key file.

```
switch# clear license Enterprise.lic
Clearing license Enterprise.lic:
SERVER this_host ANY
VENDOR cisco
```

Step 5 Continue uninstalling the license by entering **y** for yes.

```
Do you want to continue? (y/n) \boldsymbol{y} Clearing license ..done
```

The Enterprise.lic license key file is now uninstalled.

Updating Licenses

If your license is time bound, you must obtain and install an updated license. Contact technical support to request an updated license.



Note

If you purchased Cisco support through a Cisco reseller, contact the reseller directly. If you purchased support directly from Cisco, contact Cisco Technical Support at this URL: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/support/tsd cisco worldwide contacts.html

Procedure

- **Step 1** Obtain the updated license file.
- **Step 2** Save your running configuration to a remote server by using the **copy** command.
- **Step 3** Verify the name of the file to be updated by using the **show license brief** command.

```
switch# show license brief
Enterprise.lic
```

Step 4 Update the license file by using the **update license** *url* command, where *url* specifies the bootflash:, slot0:, usb1:, or usb2: location of the updated license file.

```
switch# update license bootflash:Enterprise1.lic Enterprise.lic
```

Step 5 Continue with the license update by entering y (yes is the default).

```
Do you want to continue? (y/n) {\bf y} Updating license ..done switch#
```

The Enterprise.lic license key file is now updated.

Related Topics

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Obtaining the License Key File, on page 7

Configuring the Grace Period Feature

The grace period feature allows you to use licensed features that do not have a license key. By default, the license period feature is disabled. While the grace period feature is disabled, users cannot accidentally enable licensed features.

Enabling the License Grace Period

Enable the grace period feature by using the license grace-period command:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# license grace-period
```

You might have to enable a licensed feature to configure it. To enable a licensed feature, use the **feature** *feature-name* command in global configuration mode. For example, you can enable the Inter-VSAN Routing (IVR) feature as follows:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# feature ivr
```

Related Topics

Licensing Model, on page 3

Disabling the License Grace Period

To disable the grace period, you must disable all features that use the license grace period. Otherwise, the Cisco NX-OS software rejects the request and issues an error message.



Note

To avoid service disruptions, you should not disable the grace period before you install a permanent license.

Procedure

Step 1 Display the licenses using the grace period by using the **show license usage** command.

switch# show license usage

Feature	Ins	Lic Count	Status	Expiry Date	Comments
			,		
FM_SERVER_PKG	Yes	-	Unused	never	_
ENTERPRISE_PKG	Yes	-	In use	never	-
PORT_ACTIVATION_PKG	No	8	In use	never	-
10G_PORT_ACTIVATION_PKG	No	0	Unused		-

Step 2 Disable the features provided by the license using the grace period. Display the enabled features for a specified package by using the **show license usage** package name command.

```
switch# show license usage ENTERPRISE_PKG
Application
-----
ivr
qos_manager
------
```

Step 3 Disable the grace period.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# no license grace-period
```

Grace Period Alerts

The Cisco NX-OS software gives you a 120-day grace period. This grace period starts or continues when you are evaluating a feature for which you have not installed a license.

The grace period stops if you disable a feature that you are evaluating, but if you enable that feature again without a valid license, the grace period countdown continues where it left off.



Note

When you install the permanent license, to avoid service disruptions, do not disable the grace period by using the **no license grace-period** command. Instead, just install your new license. The license manager will automatically transition from grace licensing to the installed license.

Once the license manager is using your installed license, the grace period alerts will cease.

The grace period operates across all features in a license package. License packages can contain several features. If you disable a feature during the grace period and there are other features in that license package that are still enabled, the countdown does not stop for that license package. To suspend the grace period countdown for a license package, you must disable every feature in that license package.

```
switch# show license usage MAINFRAME_PKG
Application
-----
Ficon
```

The Cisco NX-OS license counter keeps track of all licenses on a device. If you are evaluating a feature and the grace period has started, you will receive console messages, SNMP traps, system messages, and Call Home messages on a daily basis.

Beyond that, the frequency of these messages become hourly during the last seven days of the grace period. For example, if you enabled a licensed feature on January 30, you will receive grace period ending messages as follows:

- Daily alerts from January 30 to May 21.
- Hourly alerts from May 22 to May 30.

On May 31, the grace period ends, and the licensed feature is automatically disabled. You will not be allowed to use the licensed feature until you purchase a valid license.



Note

You cannot modify the frequency of the grace period messages.



Caution

After the final seven days of the grace period, the feature is turned off and your network traffic may be disrupted. Any future upgrade to Cisco NX-OS will enforce license requirements and the 120-day grace period.

Use the **show license usage** command to display grace period information for a device.

switch# show license usage Feature		Lic Count	Status Expiry Dat	e Comments
FM SERVER PKG	No	_	Unused	Grace 79D 16H
MAINFRAME PKG	No		Unused	Grace expired
ENTERPRISE PKG	Yes	_	Unused never	license missing
DMM FOR SSM PKG	No	0	Unused	-
SAN EXTN OVER IP	Yes	16	Unused never	-
PORT ACTIVATION PKG	No	0	Unused	-
SME FOR IPS 184 PKG	No	0	Unused	Grace 86D 5H
SAN_EXTN_OVER_IP_18_4	No	0	Unused	_
SAN EXTN OVER IP IPS2	Yes	1	Unused never	1 license(s) missing
SAN_EXTN_OVER_IP_IPS4	No	0	Unused	_
10G_PORT_ACTIVATION_PKG	No	0	Unused	_
SAN EXTN OVER IP 18 4	No	0	Unused	-
STORAGE SERVICES ENABLER PKG	Yes	1	Unused never	1 license(s) missing

License Transfers Between Devices

A license is specific to the physical device for which it is issued and is not valid on any other physical device. The license cannot be transferred.



Note

- Cisco ONE Software license can be transferred from one device to another as a replacement.
- Return Material Authorization (RMA) certified devices need new license file and can be obtained from Technical Assistance Center (TAC) license team.
- If you have a single supervisor module on your Cisco NX-OS device and you replace the supervisor module, you must reinstall the license key file.
- If you are evaluating a license when you replace the supervisor module, the grace period of the license is usually set to 120 days. On a dual supervisor system, the grace period of the license will be overwritten from the existing active supervisor module to the new stand-by supervisor module.
- If you purchased Cisco support through a Cisco reseller, contact the reseller directly. If you purchased support directly from Cisco, contact Cisco Technical Support at this URL: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/support/tsd_cisco_worldwide_contacts.html

Verifying the License Configuration

To display the license configuration information, perform one of the following tasks:

Command	Purpose
show license [brief]	Displays information for all installed license files.
show license file	Displays information for a specific license file.
show license host-id	Displays the host ID for the physical device.
show license usage	Displays the usage information for installed licenses.

For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the for your platform.

On-Demand Port Activation Licensing

This section describes how to use the on-demand port activation licensing feature on the Cisco MDS 9148S Multilayer Fabric switch, Cisco MDS 9250i Multiservice Fabric switch, and Cisco MDS 9396S Multilayer Fabric Switch.

About On-Demand Port Activation Licensing

You can expand your SAN connectivity as needed by enabling users to purchase and install additional port licenses. By default, all ports are eligible for license activation.

Port-Naming Conventions

This table describes the port-naming conventions for the Cisco Fabric switches.

Table 2: Port-Naming Conventions for Cisco Fabric Switches

Cisco MDS 9148S Switch	fc1/1 through fc1/48
Cisco MDS 9250i Switch	fc1/1 through fc1/40 and IPS 1/1-2 ETH 1/1-8
Cisco MDS 9396S Switch	fc1/1 through fc1/96

Port Licensing

On the Cisco MDS 9250i Switch, 20 16-Gbps Fibre Channel ports are active by default. To enable the other 20 16-Gbps Fibre Channel ports, you must obtain a license. The 8 10-Gbps FCoE ports are active by default. The two fixed 10-Gbps IP storage services ports do not require additional license

Default Configuration

The following example shows the default port license configuration for the Cisco MDS 9148S Switch:

switch# show port-license Available port activation licenses are 36 Interface Cookie Port Activation License

fc1/1	16777216	acquired
fc1/2	16781312	acquired
fc1/3	16785408	acquired
fc1/4	16789504	acquired
fc1/5	16793600	acquired
fc1/6	16797696	acquired
fc1/7	16801792	acquired
fc1/8	16805888	acquired
fc1/9	16809984	acquired
fc1/10	16814080	acquired
fc1/11	16818176	acquired
fc1/12	16822272	acquired
fc1/13	16826368	eligible
fc1/14	16830464	eligible
fc1/15	16834560	eligible
fc1/16	16838656	eligible
fc1/17	16842752	eligible
fc1/18	16846848	eligible
fc1/19	16850944	eligible
fc1/20	16855040	eligible
fc1/21	16859136	eligible
fc1/22	16863232	eligible
fc1/23	16867328	eligible
fc1/24	16871424	eligible
fc1/25	16875520	eligible
fc1/26	16879616	eligible
fc1/27	16883712	eligible
fc1/28	16887808	eligible
fc1/29	16891904	eligible
fc1/30	16896000	eligible
fc1/31	16900096	eligible
fc1/32	16904192	eligible
fc1/33	16908288	eligible
fc1/34	16912384	eligible
fc1/35	16916480	eligible
fc1/36	16920576	eligible
fc1/37	16924672	eligible
fc1/38	16928768 16932864	eligible
fc1/39		eligible
fc1/40 fc1/41	16936960 16941056	eligible eligible
fc1/42	16945152	eligible
fc1/43	16949248	eligible
fc1/44	16953344	eligible
fc1/45	16957440	eligible
fc1/46	16961536	eligible
fc1/47	16965632	eligible
fc1/48	16969728	eligible
,		



Note

The cookie is used to acquire a license. Use the show license usage PORT_ACTIV_9148S_PKG command to show the cookies for acquired licenses.

```
switch# show license usage PORT_ACTIV_9148S_PKG
Application
```

Port Manager (fc1/1)

Port Manager (fc1/2) Port Manager (fc1/3)

Port Manager (fc1/4) Port Manager (fc1/5)

```
Port Manager (fc1/6)
Port Manager (fc1/7)
Port Manager (fc1/8)
Port Manager (fc1/9)
Port Manager (fc1/10)
Port Manager (fc1/11)
Port Manager (fc1/12)
```

The following example shows the default port license configuration for the Cisco MDS 9250i Switch:

switch# show port-license

Available port activation licenses are 20

Interface		Port Activation License
fc1/1	16777216	acquired
fc1/2	16781312	acquired
fc1/3	16785408	acquired
fc1/4	16789504	acquired
fc1/5	16793600	acquired
fc1/6	16797696	acquired
fc1/7	16801792	acquired
fc1/8	16805888	acquired
fc1/9	16809984	acquired
fc1/10	16814080	acquired
fc1/11	16818176	acquired
fc1/12	16822272	acquired
fc1/13	16826368	acquired
fc1/14	16830464	acquired
fc1/15	16834560	acquired
fc1/16	16838656	acquired
fc1/17	16842752	acquired
fc1/18	16846848	acquired
fc1/19	16850944	acquired
fc1/20	16855040	acquired
fc1/21	16859136	eligible
fc1/22	16863232	eligible
fc1/23	16867328	eligible
fc1/24	16871424	eligible
fc1/25	16875520	eligible
fc1/26 fc1/27	16879616 16883712	eligible eligible
fc1/28	16887808	eligible
fc1/29	16891904	eligible
fc1/30	16896000	eligible
fc1/31	16900096	eligible
fc1/32	16904192	eligible
fc1/33	16908288	eligible
fc1/34	16912384	eligible
fc1/35	16916480	eligible
fc1/36	16920576	eligible
fc1/37	16924672	eligible
fc1/38	16928768	eligible
fc1/39	16932864	eligible
fc1/40	16936960	eligible



Note

The cookie is used to acquire a license. Use the **show license usage PORT_ACTIV_20P** command to show the cookies for acquired licenses.

switch# show license usage PORT_ACTIV_20P Application ______ Port Manager (fc1/1) Port Manager (fc1/2) Port Manager (fc1/3) Port Manager (fc1/4) Port Manager (fc1/5) Port Manager (fc1/6) Port Manager (fc1/7) Port Manager (fc1/8) Port Manager (fc1/9) Port Manager (fc1/10) Port Manager (fc1/11) Port Manager (fc1/12) Port Manager (fc1/13) Port Manager (fc1/14) Port Manager (fc1/15) Port Manager (fc1/16) Port Manager (fc1/17) Port Manager (fc1/18) Port Manager (fc1/19) Port Manager (fc1/20)

The following example shows the default port license configuration for the Cisco MDS 9396S Switch:

switch# show port-license

Available port activation licenses are 0

Interface	Cookie	Port Activation License
fc1/1	16777216	acquired
fc1/2	16781312	acquired
fc1/3	16785408	acquired
fc1/4	16789504	acquired
fc1/5	16793600	acquired
fc1/6	16797696	acquired
fc1/7	16801792	acquired
fc1/8	16805888	acquired
fc1/9	16809984	acquired
fc1/10	16814080	acquired
fc1/11	16818176	acquired
fc1/12	16822272	acquired
fc1/13	16826368	acquired
fc1/14	16830464	acquired
fc1/15	16834560	acquired
fc1/16	16838656	acquired
fc1/17	16842752	acquired
fc1/18	16846848	acquired
fc1/19	16850944	acquired
fc1/20	16855040	acquired
fc1/21	16859136	acquired
fc1/22	16863232	acquired
fc1/23	16867328	acquired
fc1/24	16871424	acquired
fc1/25	16875520	acquired
fc1/26	16879616	acquired
fc1/27	16883712	acquired
fc1/28	16887808	acquired
fc1/29	16891904	acquired
fc1/30	16896000	acquired
fc1/31	16900096	acquired

fc1/32	16904192	acquired
fc1/33	16908288	acquired
		_
fc1/34	16912384	acquired
fc1/35	16916480	acquired
fc1/36	16920576	acquired
fc1/37	16924672	acquired
fc1/38	16928768	acquired
fc1/39	16932864	acquired
fc1/40	16936960	acquired
fc1/41	16941056	acquired
fc1/42	16945152	acquired
fc1/43	16949248	acquired
fc1/44		
	16953344	acquired
fc1/45	16957440	acquired
fc1/46	16961536	acquired
fc1/47	16965632	acquired
		_
fc1/48	16969728	acquired
fc1/49	16973824	eligible
fc1/50	16977920	eligible
fc1/51		
	16982016	eligible
fc1/52	16986112	eligible
fc1/53	16990208	eligible
fc1/54	16994304	eligible
fc1/55	16998400	eligible
fc1/56	17002496	eligible
fc1/57	17006592	eligible
fc1/58	17010688	eligible
fc1/59	17014784	eligible
fc1/60	17018880	eligible
fc1/61	17022976	eligible
fc1/62	17027072	eligible
fc1/63	17031168	eligible
fc1/64		eligible
	17035264	
fc1/65	17039360	eligible
fc1/66	17043456	eligible
fc1/67	17047552	eligible
fc1/68	17051648	eligible
fc1/69	17055744	eligible
fc1/70	17059840	eligible
fc1/71	17063936	eligible
fc1/72	17068032	eligible
fc1/73	17072128	eligible
		_
fc1/74	17076224	eligible
fc1/75	17080320	eligible
fc1/76	17084416	eligible
fc1/77	17088512	eligible
		_
fc1/78	17092608	eligible
fc1/79	17096704	eligible
fc1/80	17100800	eligible
fc1/81	17104896	eligible
fc1/82	17108992	
		eligible
fc1/83	17113088	eligible
fc1/84	17117184	eligible
fc1/85	17121280	eligible
fc1/86	17125376	eligible
fc1/87	17129472	eligible
fc1/88	17133568	eligible
fc1/89	17137664	eligible
fc1/90	17141760	eligible
fc1/91	17145856	eligible
fc1/92	17149952	eligible
fc1/93	17154048	eligible
fc1/94	17158144	eligible

fc1/95 17162240 eligible fc1/96 17166336 eligible



Note

The cookie is used to acquire a license. Use the **show license usage PORT_ACTIV_9396S_PKG** command to show the cookies for acquired licenses.

switch# show Application			 _	 	
Port Manager					
Port Manager					
Port Manager					
Port Manager					
Port Manager					
Port Manager					
Port Manager					
Port Manager	(fc1/8)				
Port Manager	(fc1/9)				
Port Manager	(fc1/10))			
Port Manager	(fc1/11))			
Port Manager	(fc1/12))			
Port Manager	(fc1/13))			
Port Manager	(fc1/14))			
Port Manager	(fc1/15))			
Port Manager	(fc1/16))			
Port Manager	(fc1/17))			
Port Manager	(fc1/18))			
Port Manager	(fc1/19))			
Port Manager	(fc1/20))			
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Port Manager	(fc1/48))			

License Status Definitions

This table defines the port activation license status terms.

Table 3: Port Activation License Status Definitions

Port Activation License Status	Definition
acquired	The port is licensed and active.
eligible	The port is eligible to receive a license but does not yet have one.
ineligible	The port is not allowed to receive a license.

By default, when you install additional port license activation packages, the activation status of ports changes from "eligible" to "acquired." If you prefer to accept the default behavior, no further action is required.



Note

You can uninstall licenses for ports not in use; however, you cannot uninstall default licenses.

This table describes the port license assignments for the Cisco MDS 9148S Switch.

Table 4: Default Port License Assignments for Cisco MDS 9148S Switch

License Package (PORT_ACTIV_9148S_PKG)	Assigned to Ports on the Cisco MDS 9148S Switch
Default	1–12
PORT_ACTIV_9148S_PKG	13–48

You can use the **show license usage** command to view any licenses assigned to a switch. If a license is in use, the status displayed is In use. If a license is installed but features or ports have acquired the license, then the status displayed is Unused.

The default license package for the Cisco MDS 9148S Switch is as follows:

switch# show license usage

Feature		ic unt	Status	Expiry	Date	Comments
FM_SERVER_PKG ENTERPRISE_PKG PORT_ACTIV_9148S_PKG	No	-	Unused Unused In use			- Grace expired -

This example displays the output when you do not have port licenses and try to active a port license:

```
switch# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config)# interface fc1/50
switch(config-if)# shutdown
switch(config-if)# port-license acquire
fc1/50: (error) port activation license not available
switch(config-if)# no shutdown
```

```
switch(config-if)# end
switch# show interface fc1/50
fc1/50 is down (SFP not present)
    Hardware is Fibre Channel
    Port WWN is 20:32:8c:60:4f:0d:27:70
    Admin port mode is F, trunk mode is off
    snmp link state traps are enabled
    Port vsan is 1
   Receive data field Size is 2112
    Beacon is turned off
    Logical type is Unknown(0)
    5 minutes input rate 0 bits/sec, 0 bytes/sec, 0 frames/sec
    5 minutes output rate 0 bits/sec, 0 bytes/sec, 0 frames/sec
      0 frames input, 0 bytes
        0 discards,0 errors
        0 invalid CRC/FCS, 0 unknown class
        0 too long,0 too short
      0 frames output, 0 bytes
       0 discards,0 errors
      0 input OLS, 0 LRR, 0 NOS, 0 loop inits
      0 output OLS, 0 LRR, 0 NOS, 0 loop inits
    Last clearing of "show interface" counters : never
switch# show running-config interface fc1/50
!Command: show running-config interface fc1/50
!Time: Mon Apr 17 11:47:08 2017
version 8.1(1)
interface fc1/50
  switchport mode F
 no shutdown
switch# show port-license | i 1/50
  fc1/50
              16977920
                              eligible
```

This table describes the port license assignments for the Cisco MDS 9250i Switch.

Table 5: Default Port License Assignments for Cisco MDS 9250i Switch

License Package (PORT_ACTIV_20P)	Assigned to Ports on the Cisco MDS 9250i Switch
Default	1–20
PORT_ACTIV_20P	21–40

You can use the **show license usage** command to view any licenses assigned to a switch. If a license is in use, the status displayed is In use. If a license is installed but no ports have acquired a license, then the status displayed is Unused.

The default license package for the Cisco MDS 9250i Switch is as follows:

switch# show license usage Feature	Ins C	Lic ount	Status Expiry	Date Comments
DMM 9250	No	0	Unused	-
	No	0	Unused	-
XRC_ACCL	No	-	Unused	_
FM SERVER PKG	Yes	-	Unused never	_
MAINFRAME_PKG	No	-	Unused	_
ENTERPRISE_PKG	No	-	Unused	-

PORT_ACTIV_20P	No	20	In use never	-

This table describes the port license assignments for the Cisco MDS 9396S Switch.

Table 6: Default Port License Assignments for Cisco MDS 9396S Switch

License Package (PORT_ACTIV_9396S_PKG)	Assigned to Ports on the Cisco MDS 9396S Switch
Default	1–48
First PORT_ACTIV_9396S_PKG	49-60
Second PORT_ACTIV_9396S_PKG	61-72
Third PORT_ACTIV_9396S_PKG	73-84
Fourth PORT_ACTIV_9396S_PKG	85-96

You can use the **show license usage** command to view any licenses assigned to a switch. If a license is in use, the status displayed is In use. If a license is installed but features or ports have acquired the license, then the status displayed is Unused.

The default license package for the Cisco MDS 9396S Switch is as follows:

switch# show license usage

Feature		Lic Count	Status Expiry D	Date Comments
FM_SERVER_PKG	No	-	Unused	-
ENTERPRISE_PKG	No		In use	Grace 24D OH
PORT_ACTIV_9396S_PKG	No		In use never	-

Configuring Port Activation Licenses

This section describes how to configure port activation licenses.

Making a Port Eligible for a License

By default, all ports are eligible to receive a license. However, if a port has already been made ineligible and you prefer to activate it, then you must make that port eligible by using the **port-license** command.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 2	interface fc slot/port	Specifies the port interface that you want to make eligible
	Example:	for a license.

	Command or Action	Purpose		
	<pre>switch(config) # interface fc1/1 switch(config-if) #</pre>	Note The name of the port depends on the switch you are using.		
Step 3	[no] port-license	Makes the port eligible to acquire a license.		
	<pre>Example: switch(config-if)# port-license</pre>	Use the no form of the command to remove a license from a port if it already has been assigned, and also make the port ineligible to acquire a license.		
		Note You can remove licenses only from ports that are not in an administrative shutdown state.		
Step 4	exit	Exits interface configuration mode.		
	Example:			
	<pre>switch(config-if)# exit switch(config)#</pre>			
Step 5	(Optional) show port-license	Displays the port license configuration.		
	Example:			
	switch(config) # show port-license			
Step 6	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup		
	Example:	configuration.		
	<pre>switch(config) # copy running-config startup-config</pre>			

Acquiring a License for a Port

If you do not prefer to accept the default on-demand port license assignments, you will need to first acquire licenses for ports to which you want to move the license.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose		
Step 1	Step 1 configure terminal	Enters configuration mode.		
	Example:			
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>			
Step 2	interface fc slot/port	Specifies the port interface for which you want to acquire		
	Example:	a license.		
	<pre>switch(config)# interface fc1/1 switch(config-if)#</pre>	Note The name of the port depends on the switch you are using.		
Step 3	[no] port-license acquire	Grants a license to a port or range of ports.		
	Example:	Use the no form of the command to remove a license from		
	switch(config-if)# port-license acquire	a port or range of ports.		

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	exit	Exits interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch(config-if)# exit switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 5	(Optional) show port-license	Displays the port license configuration.
	Example:	
	switch(config)# show port-license	
Step 6	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup
	Example:	configuration.
	<pre>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config</pre>	

Moving Licenses Among Ports

You can move a license from a port (or range of ports) at any time. If you attempt to move a license to a port and no license is available, then the switch returns the message "port activation license not available."

Procedure

Command or Action	Purpose	
configure terminal	Enters configuration mode.	
Example:		
<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>		
interface fc slot/port	Specifies the port interface from which you want to move	
Example:	a license.	
<pre>switch(config) # interface fc1/1 switch(config-if) #</pre>		
shutdown	Disables the interface.	
Example:		
switch(config-if)# shutdown		
no port-license	Removes the license from port fc1/1 and makes the port ineligible to acquire a license.	
Example:		
switch(config-if)# no port-license		
exit	Exits interface configuration mode.	
Example:		
<pre>switch(config-if)# exit switch(config)#</pre>		
	Example: switch# configure terminal switch(config)# interface fc slot/port Example: switch(config)# interface fc1/1 switch(config-if)# shutdown Example: switch(config-if)# shutdown no port-license Example: switch(config-if)# no port-license exit Example: switch(config-if)# exit	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	interface fc slot/port Example:	Specifies the port interface to which you want to move the license.
	switch(config)# interface fc1/24 switch(config-if)#	Note The name of the port depends on the switch you are using.
Step 7	shutdown	Disables the interface.
	<pre>Example: switch(config-if) # shutdown</pre>	
Step 8	port-license acquire	Grants a license to port fc1/24.
	<pre>Example: switch(config-if) # port-license acquire</pre>	
Step 9	no shutdown	Enables the interface.
	<pre>Example: switch(config-if) # shutdown</pre>	
Step 10	exit	Exits interface configuration mode.
·	<pre>Example: switch(config-if) # exit switch(config) #</pre>	
Step 11	(Optional) show port-license Example: switch(config) # show port-license	Displays the port license configuration.
Step 12	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config) # copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

On-Demand Port License Activation Example

The following example shows how to do the following tasks:

- Make a port ineligible
- Install port activation licenses
- Move licenses from one port to another

If you do not want to accept the default behavior, or you need flexibility in terms of which ports acquire a license, you may want to make a port ineligible. For example, if the first eight ports have a license, but you want to move a license from port 7 to port 9, then you would need to make a port ineligible. Or, if you have a port that should never acquire a license, you can make it ineligible and it will not be a candidate for a license when additional licenses are installed.

Step 1 Display the default port license configuration.

switch# show port-license Available port activation licenses are 0

Interface	Cookie	Port Activation License
fc1/1	16777216	acquired
fc1/2		acquired
fc1/3	16785408	acquired
fc1/4	16789504	acquired
fc1/5	16793600	acquired
fc1/6	16797696	acquired
fc1/7	16801792	acquired
fc1/8	16805888	acquired
fc1/9	16809984	eligible
fc1/10	16814080	eligible
fc1/11	16818176	eligible
fc1/12	16822272	eligible
fc1/13	16826368	eligible
	16830464	eligible
fc1/15	16834560	eligible
fc1/16	16838656	eligible
fc1/17	16842752	eligible
	16846848	eligible
fc1/19		eligible
	16855040	eligible
fc1/21		eligible
	16863232	eligible
	16867328	eligible
fc1/24	16871424	eligible

Step 2 Install an additional license package.

```
switch# install license bootflash:license_file.lic
Installing license ..done
```

Note If you provide a target name for the license key file, the file is installed with the specified name. Otherwise, the filename specified in the license key file is used to install the license.

(Optional) Release port license from a port.

```
switch(config) # interface fc 1/1
switch(config-if) # shutdown
switch(config-if) # no port-license acquire
switch(config-if) # show running-config interface fc 1/1
!Command: show running-config interface fc1/1
!Time: Tue Apr 18 15:35:03 2017
version 8.1(1)
interface fc1/1
no port-license
```

Step 3 Make port fc1/8 ineligible to receive a license.

Note When you make a port ineligible, the license does not automatically transfer to another port.

```
switch# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config) # interface fc1/8
switch(config-if)# shutdown
switch(config-if)# no port-license
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config)# show port-license
Available port activation licenses are 1
 Interface Cookie Port Activation License
  fc1/1 16777216 acquired
                            acquired
acquired
acquired
acquired
  fc1/2 16781312
            16785408
  fc1/3
  fc1/4
            16789504
            16793600
  fc1/5
                              acquired
  fc1/6
            16797696
            16801792
  fc1/7
                              acquired
         16805888
                          ineligible
  fc1/8
  fc1/9 16809984
fc1/10 16814080
                      eligible
eligible
```

Step 4 Display the licensed features to confirm that you have successfully installed PORT_ACTIVATION_PKG.

Step 5 Display the port license configuration to confirm that additional ports have acquired a license.

acquired

Note Port fc1/8 remains ineligible and one license remains available. Ports fc1/9 through fc1//16 have acquired an additional license.

switch(config)# show port-license Available port activation licenses are 1 Interface Cookie Port Activation License _____ fc1/1 16777216 acquired fc1/2 16781312 acquired fc1/3 16785408 acquired fc1/4 16789504 acquired acquired 16793600 fc1/5 fc1/6 16797696 acquired acquired 16801792 fc1/7 ineligible fc1/8 16805888

16809984

fc1/9

16814080	acquired
16818176	acquired
16822272	acquired
16826368	acquired
16830464	acquired
16834560	acquired
16838656	acquired
16842752	eligible
16846848	eligible
16850944	eligible
16855040	eligible
16859136	eligible
16863232	eligible
16867328	eligible
16871424	eligible
	16818176 16822272 16826368 16830464 16834560 16838656 16842752 16846848 16850944 16855040 16859136 16863232

Step 6 Move the remaining license to port fc1/17.

```
switch(config) # interface fc1/17
switch(config-if) # shutdown
switch(config-if) # port-license acquire
switch(config-if) # no shutdown
switch(config-if) # exit
switch(config) #
```

Step 7 Display the port license configuration to confirm that port fc1/17 has acquired a license.

switch(config) # show port-license
Available port activation licenses are 0

Interface	Cookie	Port Activation License
fc1/1	16777216	acquired
fc1/2	16781312	acquired
fc1/3	16785408	acquired
fc1/4	16789504	acquired
fc1/5	16793600	acquired
fc1/6	16797696	acquired
fc1/7	16801792	acquired
fc1/8	16805888	ineligible
fc1/9	16809984	acquired
fc1/10	16814080	acquired
fc1/11	16818176	acquired
fc1/12	16822272	acquired
fc1/13	16826368	acquired
fc1/14	16830464	acquired
fc1/15	16834560	acquired
fc1/16	16838656	acquired
fc1/17	16842752	acquired
fc1/18	16846848	eligible
fc1/19	16850944	eligible
fc1/20		eligible
fc1/21		eligible
fc1/22		eligible
	16867328	eligible
fc1/24	16871424	eligible

Step 8 Make this configuration your startup configuration by saving the new port license configuration into nonvolatile storage. Once you complete this step, the running and the startup copies of the configuration are identical.

```
switch(config) # copy running-config startup-config
```

Step 9 Display and confirm the licenses in the running configuration by entering the **show running-config** command.

```
switch# show running-config
interface fc1/1
 switchport trunk mode auto
 port-license acquire
 channel-group 122 force
 no shutdown
interface fc1/2
  switchport trunk mode auto
 port-license acquire
 channel-group 122 force
 no shutdown
interface fc1/3
  switchport trunk mode auto
 port-license acquire
 no shutdown
interface fc1/4
 port-license acquire
 no shutdown
interface fc1/5
  switchport trunk mode auto
 port-license acquire
 port-track interface fc1/13
 port-track interface fc1/21
 port-track interface fc1/24
 port-track interface port-channel 122
 no shutdown
interface fc1/6
 switchport trunk mode off
 port-license acquire
 fcsp auto-active
 no shutdown
```

Related Documentation

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

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/storage/san switches/mds9000/roadmaps/doclocater.htm

Cisco DCNM documentation is available at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9369/tsd products support series home.html

Release Notes

- Cisco MDS 9000 Series Release Notes for Cisco MDS NX-OS Releases
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- Cisco MDS 9000 Series Release Notes for Storage Services Interface Images
- Cisco MDS 9000 Series Release Notes for Cisco MDS 9000 EPLD Images
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Compatibility Information

- Cisco Data Center Interoperability Support Matrix
- Cisco MDS 9000 NX-OS Hardware and Software Compatibility Information and Feature Lists
- Cisco MDS NX-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for Storage Service Interface Images
- Cisco MDS 9000 Series Switch-to-Switch Interoperability Configuration Guide
- Cisco MDS NX-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for IBM SAN Volume Controller Software for Cisco MDS 9000

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