

Release Notes for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine, Release 3.1.3

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This document provides new features, system requirements, compatibility information, and open and resolved caveats for the Cisco UCS E-Series Server and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine (NCE) software release 3.1.3. Use this document in conjunction with the documents in the [Related Documentation, on page 8](#).



Note

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Overview

The Cisco UCS E-Series Servers (E-Series Servers) and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine (NCE) are a family of size-, weight-, and power-efficient blade servers that are housed within the Generation 2 Cisco Integrated Services Routers (Cisco ISR G2) and the Cisco ISR 4000 series. These servers provide a general-purpose compute platform for branch-office applications deployed either as bare-metal on operating systems, such as Microsoft Windows or Linux, or as virtual machines on hypervisors, such as VMware vSphere Hypervisor, Microsoft Hyper-V, or Citrix XenServer.

The E-Series Servers are purpose-built with powerful Intel Xeon processors for general-purpose compute. They come in the following form factors: single-wide and double-wide. The single-wide E-Series Server fits into one server module (SM) slot, and the double-wide E-Series Server fits into two SM slots.

The NCEs are price-to-power optimized modules that are built to host Cisco network applications and other lightweight general-purpose applications. They come in three form factors: SM, EHWIC, and NIM. The SM E-Series NCE fits into one SM slot, the NIM E-Series NCE fits into one NIM slot, and the EHWIC E-Series NCE fits into two EHWIC slots.



Note

EHWIC E-Series NCE can be installed in the Cisco ISR G2 only.

- NIM E-Series NCE can be installed in the Cisco ISR 4000 series only.
- The Cisco ISR 4331 has one SM slot. The Cisco ISR 4321 and the Cisco ISR 4431 have no SM slots.
- Citrix XenServer is supported on the E-Series Servers only.

- Cisco UCS-E160S-M3/K9 server is supported on the Cisco ISR 4000 series only.

System Requirements

Hardware Requirements


Note

E-Series Servers and the SM E-Series NCE can be installed in the Cisco ISR G2 and the Cisco ISR 4000 series.

- The EHWIC E-Series NCE can be installed in the Cisco ISR G2 only.
- The NIM E-Series NCE can be installed in the Cisco ISR 4000 series only.

The following M1 E-Series Servers are supported:

- UCS-E140S-M1—Single-wide E-Series Server, 4-cores CPU, 1.0-GHz clock speed
- UCS-E140D-M1—Double-wide E-Series Server, 4-cores CPU, 2.0-GHz clock speed
- UCS-E160D-M1—Double-wide E-Series Server, 6-cores CPU, 1.8-GHz clock speed
- UCS-E140DP-M1—Double-wide E-Series Server, 4-cores CPU, with PCIe, 2.0-GHz clock speed
- UCS-E160DP-M1—Double-wide E-Series Server, 6-cores CPU, with PCIe, 1.8-GHz clock speed

The following M2 E-Series Servers and SM E-Series NCE are supported:

- UCS-EN120S-M2—SM E-Series NCE, 2-cores CPU, 2.0-GHz clock speed
- UCS-E140S-M2—Single-wide E-Series Server, 4-cores CPU, 1.8-GHz clock speed
- UCS-E160D-M2—Double-wide E-Series Server, 6-cores CPU, 2.0-GHz clock speed
- UCS-E180D-M2—Double-wide E-Series Server, 8-cores CPU, 1.8-GHz clock speed

The following M3 E-Series Servers are supported:

- UCS-E160S-M3—Single-wide E-Series Server, 6-cores CPU, 2.0-GHz clock speed


Note

The M1, M2, and M3 E-Series Servers naming terminology indicates different generations of Intel processors within the respective servers.

The following EHWIC E-Series NCE is supported:

- UCS-EN120E—EHWIC E-Series NCE, 2-cores CPU, 1.7-GHz clock speed

The following NIM E-Series NCE is supported:

- UCS-EN140N-M2—NIM E-Series NCE, 4-cores CPU, 1.7-GHz clock speed

**Note**

For details about the M1, M2, and M3 E-Series Servers and the EHWIC E-Series NCE hardware, see the “Hardware Requirements” section in the *Hardware Installation Guide for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine*.

Software Requirements

E-Series Servers require three major software systems:

CIMC Firmware

Cisco Integrated Management Controller (CIMC) is a management module, which is built into the motherboard. A dedicated ARM-based processor, separate from the main server CPU, runs the CIMC firmware. The system ships with a running version of the CIMC firmware. You can update the CIMC firmware, but no initial installation is needed.

CIMC is the management service for the E-Series Servers. CIMC runs within the server. You can use CIMC to access, configure, administer, and monitor the server.

BIOS Firmware

BIOS initializes the hardware in the system, discovers bootable devices, and boots them in the provided sequence. It boots the operating system and configures the hardware for the operating system to use. BIOS manageability features allow you to interact with the hardware and use it. In addition, BIOS provides options to configure the system, manage firmware, and create BIOS error reports. The system ships with a running version of the BIOS firmware. You can update the BIOS firmware, but no initial installation is needed.

Minimum System Requirements

The management client must meet or exceed the following minimum system requirements:

- Sun JRE 1.6.0_14 or later
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher, Mozilla Firefox 3.0 or higher
- Microsoft Windows 7, Microsoft Windows XP, Microsoft Windows Vista,
- Apple Mac OS X v10.6, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.0 or higher operating systems

E-Series Server Options

E-Series Servers are available in the following options:

- Option 1—E-Series Server without preinstalled operating system or hypervisor
- Option 2—E-Series Server with preinstalled Microsoft Windows Server

At the time of purchase, you can choose the appropriate RAID option that you want enabled on the E-Series Server.

**Note**

If you purchase this option, the Microsoft Windows Server license is preactivated.

- Option 3—E-Series Server with preinstalled VMware vSphere Hypervisor TM

At the time of purchase, you can choose the appropriate RAID option that you want enabled on the E-Series Server.

Cisco ISR G2, E-Series Server, NCE, and Cisco IOS Software Release Compatibility

Table 1: Cisco ISR G2, E-Series Server, NCE, and Cisco IOS Release Compatibility

Cisco ISR G2	Cisco IOS Software Release for Single-Wide E-Series Servers and the SM E-Series NCE	Cisco IOS Software Release for Double-Wide E-Series Servers	Cisco IOS Software Release for the EHWIC E-Series NCE
1921	—	—	15.4(3)M and later releases
1941	—	—	15.4(3)M and later releases
2911	15.2(4)M and later releases		15.4(3)M and later releases
2921	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.4(3)M and later releases
2951	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.4(3)M and later releases
3925	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.4(3)M and later releases
3925e	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.4(3)M and later releases
3945	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.4(3)M and later releases
3945e	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.2(4)M and later releases	15.4(3)M and later releases

Cisco ISR 4000 Series, E-Series Server, NCE, CIMC, and Cisco IOS Software Release Compatibility

Table 2: Cisco ISR 4000 Series, E-Series Server, NCE, CIMC, and Cisco IOS Release Compatibility

Cisco ISR	Cisco IOS Software Release for Single-Wide E-Series Servers and the SM E-Series NCE	Cisco IOS Software Release for Double-Wide E-Series Servers	Cisco IOS Software Release for the NIM E-Series NCE	CIMC
4400 Series	XE 3.12S	XE 3.12S	—	2.2.2 and later releases
	XE 3.13S and later releases	XE 3.13S and later releases	—	2.3.1 and later releases
	—	—	XE 3.15S and later releases	3.0.1 and later releases
	XE 16.2.1	XE 16.2.1	XE 16.2.1	3.0.1 and later releases
4300 Series	XE 3.13S and later releases	XE 3.13S and later releases	—	2.3.1 and later releases
	—	—	XE 3.15S and later releases	3.0.1 and later releases
	XE 16.2.1	XE 16.2.1	XE 16.2.1	3.0.1 and later releases

Important Information About the VMware FL-SRE-V-HOST License

If you are using a VMware FL-SRE-V-HOST license (equivalent to VMware vSphere Hypervisor™ 5.X), make sure that you are using 32 GB or less of RAM. If more than 32 GB of RAM is used, you will get an error message, and you will not be able to apply the license. If you want to use 48 GB RAM, upgrade your license to FL-SRE-V-HOSTVC.

Important Information About the Host Upgrade Utility

Since CIMC release 3.0.1, a separate Host Upgrade Utility User Guide is not supported. All the information that was present in the Host Upgrade Utility User Guide is merged into the *Getting Started Guide for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine*.

Open and Resolved Bugs

The open and resolved bugs are accessible through the [Cisco Bug Search Tool](#) . This web-based tool provides you with access to the Cisco bug tracking system, which maintains information about bugs and vulnerabilities in this product and other Cisco hardware and software products.


Note

You must have a Cisco.com account to log in and access the Cisco Bug Search Tool. If you do not have one, you can [register for an account](#) .

For more information about the Cisco Bug Search Tool, see the [Bug Search Tool Help & FAQ](#) .

Open Bugs in Release 3.1.3

Access the Bug Search tool at <https://www.cisco.com/cisco/psn/bssprt/bss> . Enter the bug identifier in the **Search For** field, and then press **Enter**.

[Table 3: Open Bugs in Release 3.1.3](#), on page 6 lists the open bugs in release 3.1.3

Table 3: Open Bugs in Release 3.1.3

Bug ID	Summary	Additional Information
CSCvd99248	CPU and Memory info of E-series and ENCS servers show 'N/A'.	<p>Symptoms: CPU and Memory info of E-series and ENCS servers show 'N/A'.</p> <p>Conditions: The issue is seen for some fields for E-series and ENCS servers even though data is shown in the CIMC GUI. The issue is not observed in the CIMC GUI. It is an IMCS issue only.</p> <p>Workarounds:None</p>

Bug ID	Summary	Additional Information
CSCvd99259	In ENCS and E-series servers, the Storage adapter view gives exception.	<p>Symptoms: Storage adapter view gives exception.</p> <p>Conditions: Add ENCS or E-series account to IMCS.</p> <p>Go to Systems >Inventory and faults >Rack Group >E-Series, and click View details.</p> <p>Go to Storage Adapter tab. If you see adapter/no adapter, double click. Notice the inframgr logs. You can see the exception. Issue is observed in IMC supervisor.</p> <p>Workarounds: None</p>
CSCvd99867	Cannot derive Legacy Boot Policy from ENCS servers.	<p>Symptoms: Cannot derive Legacy Boot Policy from ENCS servers.</p> <p>Conditions: Create Legacy boot order in CIMC under Server->BIOS and then click configure boot order.</p> <p>Add CDROM and HDD and then save.</p> <p>Goto to IMCS and then Policies->Manage Policies and Profiles. Click add.</p> <p>Choose Legacy Boot Order policy. Choose to derive and opt for ENCS server and click Next.</p> <p>You can see CDROM always derived. It does not show the boot order that has been set in the IMC GUI.</p> <p>Workarounds: None</p>

Resolved and Closed Bugs

Table 4: Resolved or Closed Caveats , on page 8 lists the bugs from release 2.x that are resolved or closed in release 3.1.3

Table 4: Resolved or Closed Caveats

Bug ID	Summary
CSCvb66531	IMCS 2: IMCS fails to modify boot policy to boot HUU ISO during firmware upgrade.
CSCux16747	IMCS firmware update on UCSE 140M1 failed.
CSCuy98704	UCS-E module reports P1_TEMP_SENS and will not boot.
CSCva93210	DIMM_Fault: PECl Read Error.
CSCva99268	UCSE: CIMC does not initiate SCP session if ping to server fails.
CSCvb52936	Add-in card missing shown on UCS-E CIMC GUI.
CSCvb57916	CIMC GUI may be unavailable due to empty/corrupt key file.
CSCuy41933	Pilot2FRU.c:292:I2c IOCTL Failed (Bus:01, Dev:AA, Addr:0100).
CSCvb08765	UCSE setting in ISR4xxx router for Power Restore Policy.
CSCva34981	CIMC configuration import with error code 1005: Partially Imported.

Related Documentation

For links to the following http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/unified_computing/ucs/e/1.0/roadmap/e_series_road_map.html Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the NCE documents, see [Documentation Guide for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine](#) :

- *Release Notes for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine, Release 3.1.3 (this document)*
- *Getting Started Guide for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine, Release 3.1.1*
- *Hardware Installation Guide for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine*
- *Cisco Network Modules, Server Modules, and Interface Cards Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information*

- *GUI Configuration Guide for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine Integrated Management Controller, Release 3.1.1*
- *CLI Configuration Guide for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine Integrated Management Controller, Release 3.1.1*
- *CIMC XML API Programmer's Guide for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine*
- *Troubleshooting Guide for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine*
- *Open Source Used in Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine, Release 2.x*
- Third-Party Tools Plug-In Documentation:
 - *Release Notes for Cisco IMC PowerTool, Release 1.x*
 - *Cisco UCS PowerTool, Release 1.1.1 User Guide*
 - *Cisco IMC Remote Action Service 1.1.1 User Guide for HP Operations Orchestration 9.00*
 - *Cisco IMC Smart Plugin 1.0 Installation Guide for HP Operations Manager—Windows*
 - *Cisco IMC Smart Plugin 1.0 Operations Guide for HP Operations Manager—Windows*
 - *Release Notes for Cisco IMC Management Pack, Release 1.1 for Microsoft System Center 2012, 2012 SP1 and 2012 R2, Operations Manager*
 - *Cisco IMC Management Pack User Guide, Release 1.1 for Microsoft System Center 2012, 2012 SP1 and 2012 R2, Operations Manager*

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