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End-of-Life Announcement For Cisco iSCSI Drivers

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-life dates for the Cisco® iSCSI drivers. The last day to order or download the drivers is January 15, 2006. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until January 15, 2009.

Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected drivers. Table 2 lists the product version numbers affected by this announcement.

Table 3 provides relevant information for migrating to the replacement drivers.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco iSCSI Drivers

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.	July 15, 2005
End-of-Download Date	The last date to download the product through Cisco download mechanisms. The product is no longer available for download after this date.	January 15, 2006
Last Download Date	The last-possible download that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers.	January 15, 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.	January 15, 2006
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.	January 15, 2009

Table 2. Products Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Driver	Release	Release Date
Cisco iSCSI Driver Version 4.2.1 for Windows	4.2.1	June 1, 2005
Cisco iSCSI Driver Version 3.4.5 for AIX	3.4.5	November 4, 2004
Cisco iSCSI Driver Version 3.3.4 for HPUX 11.0	3.3.4	October 15, 2004
Cisco iSCSI Driver Version 4.1.3 for Windows	4.1.3	September 10, 2004
Cisco iSCSI Driver Version 3.4.4 for AIX	3.4.4	June 14, 2004
Cisco iSCSI Driver Version 3.3.6 for Solaris	3.3.6	June 9, 2004
Cisco iSCSI Driver Version 4.1.2 for Windows	4.1.2	May 26, 2004
Cisco iSCSI Driver Version 3.3.5 for Solaris	3.3.5	January 23, 2004
Cisco iSCSI Driver Version 3.3.3 for HPUX 11.0	3.3.3	September 26, 2003
Cisco iSCSI Driver Version 3.1.2 for Win2k	3.1.2	May 29, 2003

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These drivers are used for gateway functions on the Cisco MDS 9000 Family platform, such as the IP storage services modules that deliver four or eight ports of iSCSI connectivity over Gigabit Ethernet.

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

Native iSCSI drivers are available now for several operating systems. Cisco has tested and qualified production versions of these native iSCSI drivers for use with the Cisco MDS 9000 Family and Cisco SN 5400 Series products. For host system requirements on native iSCSI drivers, please consult their release and installation notes.

Native iSCSI drivers are available for download from the sources specified in Table 3:

Table 3. Alternative Download Links

Operating System	Link
Microsoft for Windows	http://www.microsoft.com/WindowsServer2003/technologies/storage/iscsi/default.mspx
SourceForge for Linux	http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=26396&release_id=177564
Novell for Netware	http://www.novell.com/documentation/iscsi10/
Hewlett-Packard for HP-UX	http://h20293.www2.hp.com/portal/swdepot/displayProductInfo.do?productNumber=T1452A
IBM AIX	http://www-1.ibm.com/servers/eserver/support/pseries/aixfixes.html
Sun Solaris	N/A

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Cisco MDS 9000 Series Multilayer Switch interoperability, visit http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/ps4159/ps4358/products_device_support_tables_list.html or contact your local account representative.

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, go to:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_end_of_life.html

To subscribe to receive end-of-life/end-of-sale information, go to:

http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/FieldNoticeTool/field-notice

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