End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement of Five Additional Cisco Catalyst 2950 Series Switches

EOL5850

Cisco® announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco Catalyst 2950 Series Switches. The last day to order the affected product(s) is October 21, 2008. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) as shown in Table 1 of the EoL bulletin. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product(s). Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement. For customers with active and paid service and support contracts, support will be available until the termination date of the contract, even if this date exceeds the Last Date of Support shown in Table 1.

In a previous announcement dated April 17, 2006, Cisco completed the first end-of-sale and end-of-life announcement (EOL1094) for Select Cisco Catalyst 2950G and Catalyst 2950T Series Switches. This EoS and EoL announcement (EOL5850) is specific to five additional models of Cisco Catalyst 2950 Series Switches.

Not affected by this or any previous end-of-sale and end-of-life announcement is the Cisco Catalyst 2950G 24 EI DC Switch (WS-C2950G-24-EI-DC).

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco Catalyst 2960 Series Switches. The Catalyst 2960 Series Switches with the enhanced Layer 2+ LAN Base software enable intelligent LAN services by providing enhanced security, QoS, and availability for new converged applications. The Catalyst 2960 Series Switches with the standard Layer 2 LAN Lite software simplify the migration from unmanaged and nonintelligent devices to a reliable and scalable managed network by providing entry-level security, QoS, and availability with a focus on ease of use to lower the network total cost of ownership.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco Catalyst 2950 Series Switches

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.	October 22, 2007
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.	October 21, 2008
Last Ship Date: HW	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	January 20, 2009
End of Software Maintenance Releases Date: SW	The last date that Ciso 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.	October 21, 2009
End of Routine Failure Analysis Date: HW	The last-possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of product failure or defect.	October 21, 2009
End of New Service Attachment Date: HW	For equipment and software that is not covered by a service-and-support contract, this is the last date to order a new service-and-support contract or add the equipment and/or software to an existing service-and-support contract.	October 21, 2009
End of Service Contract Renewal Date: HW	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	January 19, 2013

Milestone	Definition	Date
Last Date of Support: HW	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.	October 20, 2013

HW = Hardware

OS SW = Operating System Software

App. SW = Application Software

Table 2 contains the products reaching their end-of-sale date and the corresponding replacement products.

Table 2.   Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description
WS-C2950-12	12 port, 10/100 Catalyst Switch, Standard Image only	WS-C2960-24-S	Catalyst 2960 24 10/100 LAN Lite Image
WS-C2950-24	24 port, 10/100 Catalyst Switch, Standard Image only	WS-C2960-24-S	Catalyst 2960 24 10/100 LAN Lite Image
WS-C2950C-24	24 10/100 ports with 2 100BASE-FX uplinks, Enhanced Image	WS-C2960-24TC-L	Catalyst 2960 24 10/100 + 2T/SFP LAN Base Image
WS-C2950SX-24	24 10/100 ports w/2 1000BASE-SX ports, Standard Image only	WS-C2960-24TC-S	Catalyst 2960 24 10/100 + 2 T/SFP LAN Lite Image
WS-C2950SX-48-SI	48 10/100 and 2 1000BASE-SX uplink ports, Standard Image	WS-C2960-48TC-S	Catalyst 2960 48 10/10 ports + 2 T/SFP LAN Lite Image

Product Migration Options

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco Catalyst 2960 Series Switches. Information about this product series can be found at:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6406/index.html.

Table 3.   Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco Catalyst 2950 with Standard Image	Cisco Catalyst 2960 with LAN Base	Cisco Catalyst 2960 with LAN Lite
LLDP	No	Yes (+MED)	Yes
ACL Classification	No	Yes	No
Auto QoS	No	Yes	No
802.1x MAC-Auth Bypass	No	Yes	Yes
802.1x Web-Auth	No	Yes	No
DHCP Server	No	Yes	No
Jumbo Frames	No	Yes	Yes
Auto-MDIX	No	Yes	Yes
TDR	No	Yes	Yes
DHCP Snooping	No	Yes	No
Flex Link	No	Yes	No
Link STate Tracking	No	Yes	No
SSH/SSL/SCP	SSH Only	Yes	Yes
SNMPv3 Crypto	No	Yes	Yes
IPv6 Host	No	Yes	No
MLD Snooping	No	Yes	No
# of VLAN's	128	255	64
RPS Support	Yes	Yes	No

Customers can use the Cisco Technology Migration Plan (TMP) to trade in products and receive credit toward the purchase of new Cisco equipment. For more information about Cisco TMP, go to http://www.cisco.com/go/tradein/. The Cisco TMP application requires all users to have a Cisco.com user ID.

Customers may be able to continue to purchase the end-of-sale product through the Cisco Certified Refurbished Equipment program. Refurbished units of the end-of-sale product are available in limited supply for sale in certain countries on a first-come, first-served basis. For information about the refurbished equipment program, go to: http://cisco.com/go/remarketing

For More Information

For more information about the Cisco Catalyst 2960 Series Switches, visit http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6406/index.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

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