



Release Notes for StarOS™ Software Version 21.28.m3

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Introduction

This Release Note identifies changes and issues related to this software release. This emergency release is based on release 21.28.m2. These release notes are applicable to ASR5500, VPC-SI, VPC-DI and RCM platforms.

Release Package Version Information

Table 1 - Release Package Version Information

| Software Packages | Version |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| StarOS packages | 21.28.m3, build 88506 |

Feature and Behavior Changes

Refer to the [Release Change Reference](#) for a complete list of feature and behavior changes associated with this software release.

Related Documentation

For the complete list of CUPS documentation available for this release, go to <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/wireless/virtual-packet-core/products-installation-and-configuration-guides-list.html>.

For the complete list of the corresponding StarOS documentation, go to <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/wireless/asr-5000-series/products-installation-and-configuration-guides-list.html>.

Installation and Upgrade Notes

This Release Note does not contain general installation and upgrade instructions. Refer to the existing installation documentation for specific installation and upgrade considerations.

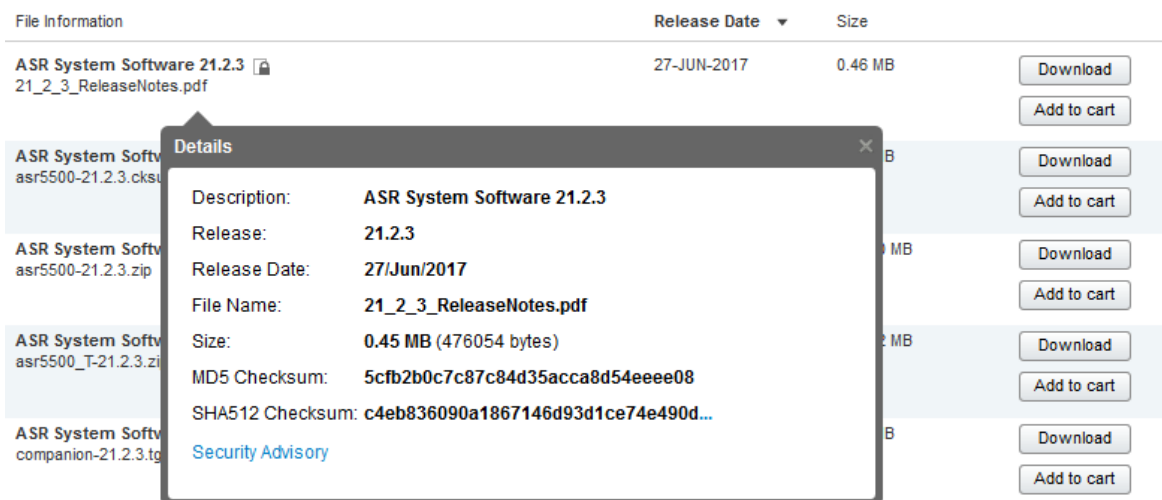
Firmware Updates

There are no firmware upgrades required for this release.

Software Integrity Verification

To verify the integrity of the software image you have from Cisco, you can validate the SHA512 checksum information against the checksum identified by Cisco for the software.

Image checksum information is available through **Cisco.com Software Download Details**. To find the checksum, hover the mouse pointer over the software image you have downloaded.



At the bottom you find the SHA512 checksum, if you do not see the whole checksum you can expand it by pressing the "..." at the end.

To validate the information, calculate a SHA512 checksum using the information in [Table 2](#) and verify that it matches either the one provided on the software download page.

To calculate a SHA512 checksum on your local desktop see [Table 2](#).

Table 2 - Checksum Calculations per Operating System

| Operating System | SHA512 checksum calculation command examples |
|--|--|
| Microsoft Windows | Open a command line window and type the following command <pre>> certutil.exe -hashfile <filename>.<extension> SHA512</pre> |
| Apple MAC | Open a terminal window and type the following command <pre>\$ shasum -a 512 <filename>.<extension></pre> |
| Linux | Open a terminal window and type the following command <pre>\$ sha512sum <filename>.<extension></pre> <p>Or</p> <pre>\$ shasum -a 512 <filename>.<extension></pre> |
| NOTES: <filename> is the name of the file. <extension> is the file extension (e.g. .zip or .tgz). | |

If the SHA512 checksum matches, you can be sure that no one has tampered with the software image or the image has not been corrupted during download.

Open Bugs in this Release

If the SHA512 checksum does not match, we advise you to not attempt upgrading any systems with the corrupted software image. Download the software again and verify the SHA512 checksum again. If there is a constant mismatch, please open a case with the Cisco Technical Assistance Center.

Certificate Validation

In 21.12.0 and later releases, software images for StarOS, VPC-DI, and VPC-SI, and the companion software packages for StarOS and VPC are signed via x509 certificates. In pre-21.12.0 releases, image signing is not supported for VPC-DI and VPC-SI images, and for StarOS and VPC companion software packages.

USP ISO images are signed with a GPG key.

For more information and instructions on how to validate the certificates, refer to the README file available with the respective software packages.

Open Bugs in this Release

The following table lists the known bugs that were found in, and remain open in this software release.

NOTE: This software release may contain open bugs first identified in other releases. Additional information for all open bugs for this release are available in the [Cisco Bug Search Tool](#).

Table 3 - Open Bugs in this Release

| Bug ID | Headline | Product Found* |
|------------|--|----------------|
| CSCwd94049 | [BP-CUPS]observed smgr restart acsmgr_check_n_delete_pdrs_for_deleting_bearer in Efence build | cups-cp |
| CSCwd59111 | "[BP-CUPS] [Syslogs] msid <310260390152986>, CSReq with HO received without valid fteid or with Remot" | cups-cp |
| CSCvu48856 | [BP-CUPS]: [gtpc 47514 error] GTPC Misc error: Deactivation already in progress. | cups-cp |
| CSCwe08636 | [BP-CUPS] Dynamic rule is not getting installed with no policy-control update-default-bearer | cups-cp |
| CSCwc41191 | [BP-CUPS][sessmgr 12341 error]<sessmgr:19> sessmgr_uplane.c:36963][SXB]Updated URR doesn't exist.0x27 | cups-cp |
| CSCwe07449 | Crash Observed in 21.23.24 of CUPS CP | cups-cp |
| CSCwe19158 | [BP-CUPS]: Assertion failure at sess/egtp/egtpc/egtpc_main.c:1477 | cups-cp |
| CSCwd27672 | [BP-CUPS]:Assertion failure at Function: sn_memblock_memcache_alloc() | cups-cp |
| CSCwd42172 | [BP-CUPS] ECS matches TCP ACK with non-zero length segment to ruledef with tcp payload-length = 0 | cups-up |
| CSCwd96944 | sessmgr process restarted at function sessmgr_populate_pdr_in_teid_list() | cups-up |
| CSCwd84011 | [CUPS] eDNS enrichment is not working | cups-up |
| CSCwc73243 | [BP-CUPS] Assertion failure at sess/sctrl/sessctrl_uplane_cfg_sync.c:23721 | cups-up |
| CSCwd80215 | [BP-CUPS] Observed sx-mand-ie-incorrect disconnects post PFD push complete | cups-up |
| CSCwd88991 | [CUPS-UP]: Packets stats not coming correct after quota exhaustion for TCP v4 traffic | cups-up |
| CSCwd90855 | [BP-CUPS] Observed stats issue while validating the analyzer statistics for TCP | cups-up |

Resolved Bugs in this Release

| Bug ID | Headline | Product Found* |
|---|---|----------------|
| CSCWe14834 | [BP-CUPS]:sessmgr crash on UP sessmgr_uplane_process_sx_update_far_update_tep_teid.part.1368() | cups-up |
| CSCwd94756 | Bulkstat counters show lower IPv6 throughput compared to real throughput | cups-up |
| CSCwd83922 | [CUPS-UP]: Incorrect values under cli show up-event-record statistics interface-type sxb | cups-up |
| CSCwd91525 | [CUPS-LI] Collisions were seen after UP planned and unplanned switchover in RCM setup | cups-up |
| CSCwc65963 | sessmgr restart is seen when configuring and unconfiguring Lawful intercept CLIs multiple times | mme |
| CSCwd29108 | [NSO-MOB-FP] error with nvf-vim package with NSO 5.7.6.2 or 5.8.4 or 5.6.8 and MFP 3.4 | nso-mob-fp |
| CSCWe15218 | Diamproxy Restart After FQDN Configuration on Gy Endpoint | pdn-gw |
| CSCwd75230 | AVP Framed-IP-Address missing in radius accounting when HO from LTE to VoWIFI | pdn-gw |
| CSCwd91543 | IKE notify packets are not responded after pod reload | rcm |
| CSCwd94821 | chkpointmgr pod restart does not initiate sock conn towards stby sessmgr | rcm |
| CSCwd95524 | chkpointmgr pushing other active's info instead of failing active to the stby at SWO | rcm |
| * Information in the "Product Found" column identifies the product in which the bug was initially identified. | | |

Resolved Bugs in this Release

The following table lists the known bugs that are resolved in this specific software release.

NOTE: This software release may contain bug fixes first introduced in other releases. Additional information for all resolved bugs for this release are available in the [Cisco Bug Search Tool](#).

Table 4 - Resolved Bugs in this Release

| Bug ID | Headline | Product Found* |
|---|--|----------------|
| CSCwd76879 | Sessmgr process restarted at function sessmgr_compress_call_info() | cups-cp |
| CSCwd87905 | [BP-CUPS] Observed sessmgr restart free_acct() during sessmgr kill in longevity setup. | cups-cp |
| CSCwd52626 | Assert at egtpc_resume_suspended_proc() | mme |
| CSCwd97399 | Observing mmemgr crash:: cmPAsnDecChExt | mme |
| CSCWe10556 | [UPF] Flow Idle timing out even though traffic is seen on fastpath | upf |
| * Information in the "Product Found" column identifies the product in which the bug was initially identified. | | |

Operator Notes

StarOS Version Numbering System

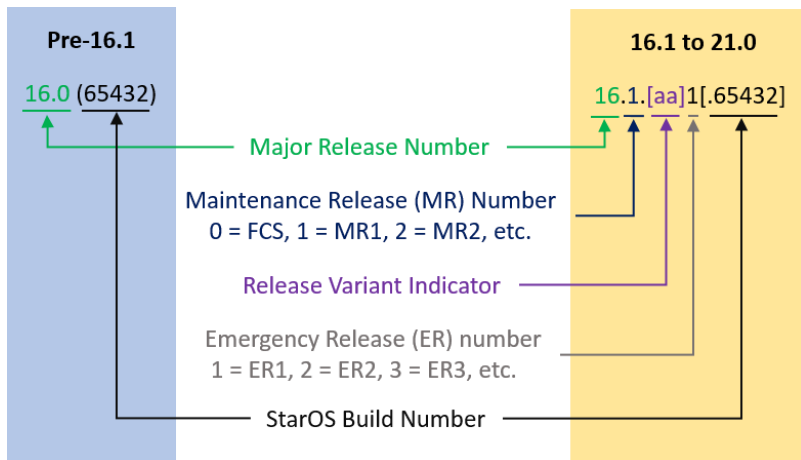
The output of the **show version** command displays detailed information about the version of StarOS currently running on the ASR 5x00 or Cisco Virtualized Packet Core platform.

Operator Notes

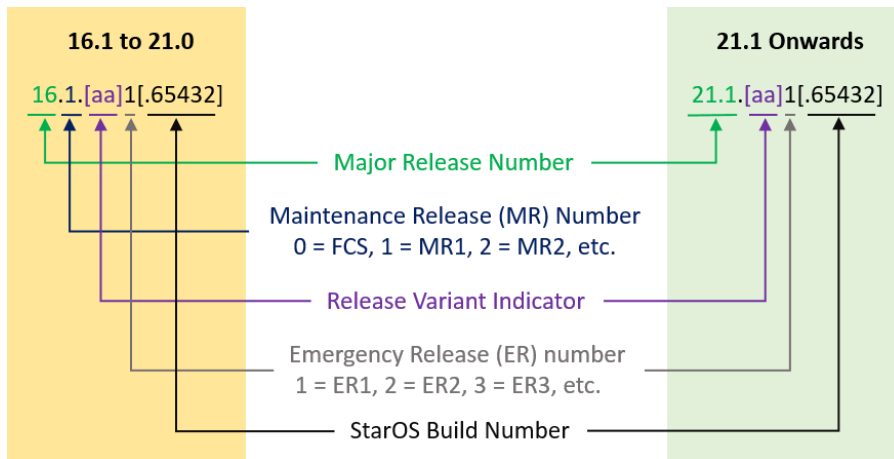
Prior to release 16.1, the *Image Version* field displayed a branch of software including the build number, for example “16.0 (55435)”. Subsequent releases of software for the major release differed only in build number. Lab Quality/EFT releases versus deployment releases also differed only in build number.

From release 16.1 onwards, the output of the **show version** command, as well as the terminology used to describe the Build Version Number fields, has changed. Additionally, **show version** will display slightly different information depending on whether or not a build is suitable for deployment.

The Version Build Number for releases between 16.1 and 21.0 include a major, maintenance, and emergency release number, for example “16.1.2”.



The Version Build Number for releases 21.1 and later include a major and emergency release number, for example, “21.1.1”.



In either scenario, the appropriate version number field increments after a version has been released. The new version numbering format is a contiguous sequential number that represents incremental changes between releases. This format will facilitate identifying the changes between releases when using Bug Search Tool to research software releases.

Release Package Descriptions

[Table 5](#) provides descriptions for the packages that are available with this release.

Table 5 - Release Package Information

| In 21.12.0 and later Releases | In pre-21.12.0 Releases | Description |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| ASR 5500 | | |
| asr5500-<release>.zip | asr5500-<release>.bin | Contains the signed ASR 5500 software image, the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate. |
| asr5500_T-<release>.zip | asr5500_T-<release>.bin | Contains the signed, trusted ASR 5500 software image, the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate. |
| StarOS Companion Package | | |
| companion-<release>.zip | companion-<release>.tgz | Contains numerous files pertaining to this version of the StarOS including SNMP MIBs, RADIUS dictionaries, ORBEM clients. These files pertain to both trusted and non-trusted build variants. In 21.12.0 and later releases, the StarOS companion package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate. |
| VPC-DI | | |
| qvpc-di-<release>.bin.zip | qvpc-di-<release>.bin | Contains the VPC-DI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate. |
| qvpc-di_T-<release>.bin.zip | qvpc-di_T-<release>.bin | Contains the trusted VPC-DI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate. |
| qvpc-di-<release>.iso.zip | qvpc-di-<release>.iso | Contains the VPC-DI ISO used for new deployments, a new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate. |
| qvpc-di_T-<release>.iso.zip | qvpc-di_T-<release>.iso | Contains the trusted VPC-DI ISO used for new deployments, a new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image. In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate. |

| In 21.12.0 and later Releases | In pre-21.12.0 Releases | Description |
|--|--|---|
| qvmc-di-template-vmware-<release>.zip | qvmc-di-template-vmware-<release>.tgz | <p>Contains the VPC-DI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-di-template-vmware_T-<release>.zip | qvmc-di-template-vmware_T-<release>.tgz | <p>Contains the trusted VPC-DI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-di-template-libvirt-kvm-<release>.zip | qvmc-di-template-libvirt-kvm-<release>.tgz | <p>Contains the same VPC-DI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-di-template-libvirt-kvm_T-<release>.zip | qvmc-di-template-libvirt-kvm_T-<release>.tgz | <p>Contains the same trusted VPC-DI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-di-<release>.qcow2.zip | qvmc-di-<release>.qcow2.tgz | <p>Contains the VPC-DI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-di_T-<release>.qcow2.zip | qvmc-di_T-<release>.qcow2.tgz | <p>Contains the trusted VPC-DI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| VPC-SI | | |
| qvmc-si-<release>.bin.zip | qvmc-si-<release>.bin | <p>Contains the VPC-SI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-si_T-<release>.bin.zip | qvmc-si_T-<release>.bin | <p>Contains the trusted VPC-SI binary software image that is used to replace a previously deployed image on the flash disk in existing installations.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |

| In 21.12.0 and later Releases | In pre-21.12.0 Releases | Description |
|--|--|---|
| qvmc-si-<release>.iso.zip | qvmc-si-<release>.iso | <p>Contains the VPC-SI ISO used for new deployments, a new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-si_T-<release>.iso.zip | qvmc-si_T-<release>.iso | <p>Contains the trusted VPC-SI ISO used for new deployments a new virtual machine is manually created and configured to boot from a CD image.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-si-template-vmware-<release>.zip | qvmc-si-template-vmware-<release>.ova | <p>Contains the VPC-SI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-si-template-vmware_T-<release>.zip | qvmc-si-template-vmware_T-<release>.ova | <p>Contains the trusted VPC-SI binary software image that is used to on-board the software directly into VMware.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-si-template-libvirt-kvm-<release>.zip | qvmc-si-template-libvirt-kvm-<release>.tgz | <p>Contains the same VPC-SI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-si-template-libvirt-kvm_T-<release>.zip | qvmc-si-template-libvirt-kvm_T-<release>.tgz | <p>Contains the same trusted VPC-SI ISO identified above and additional installation files for using it on KVM.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-si-<release>.qcow2.zip | qvmc-si-<release>.qcow2.gz | <p>Contains the VPC-SI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| qvmc-si_T-<release>.qcow2.zip | qvmc-si_T-<release>.qcow2.gz | <p>Contains the trusted VPC-SI binary software image in a format that can be loaded directly with KVM using an XML definition file, or with OpenStack.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, this package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |

| In 21.12.0 and later Releases | In pre-21.12.0 Releases | Description |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| VPC Companion Package | | |
| companion-vpc-<release>.zip | companion-vpc-<release>.tgz | <p>Contains numerous files pertaining to this version of the VPC including SNMP MIBs, RADIUS dictionaries, ORBEM clients. These files pertain to both VPC-DI and VPC-SI, and for trusted and non-trusted build variants.</p> <p>In 21.12.0 and later releases, the VPC companion package also includes the signature file, a verification script, the x509 certificate, and a README file containing information on how to use the script to validate the certificate.</p> |
| Ultra Service Platform | | |
| usp-<version>.iso | | <p>The USP software package containing component RPMs (bundles).</p> <p>Refer to Table 6 for descriptions of the specific bundles.</p> |
| usp_T-<version>.iso | | <p>The USP software package containing component RPMs (bundles). This bundle contains trusted images.</p> <p>Refer to Table 6 for descriptions of the specific bundles.</p> |
| usp_rpm_verify_utils-<version>.tar | | Contains information and utilities for verifying USP RPM integrity. |

Table 6 - USP ISO Bundles

| USP Bundle Name | Description |
|---|--|
| usp-em-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm* | The Element Manager (EM) Bundle RPM containing images and metadata for the Ultra Element Manager (UEM) module. |
| usp-ugp-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm* | The Ultra Gateway Platform (UGP) Bundle RPM containing images for Ultra Packet core (VPC-DI). There are trusted and non-trusted image variants of this bundle. |
| usp-yang-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm | The Yang Bundle RPM containing YANG data models including the VNFD and VNFR. |
| usp-uas-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm | The Ultra Automation Services Bundle RPM containing AutoVNF, Ultra Web Services (UWS), and other automation packages. |
| usp-auto-it-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm | The bundle containing the AutoIT packages required to deploy the UAS. |
| usp-vnfm-bundle-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm | The VNFM Bundle RPM containing an image and a boot-up script for ESC (Elastic Service Controller). |
| ultram-manager-<version>-1.x86_64.rpm* | This package contains the script and relevant files needed to deploy the Ultra M Manager Service. |
| * These bundles are also distributed separately from the ISO. | |

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

For information on obtaining documentation, using the Cisco Bug Search Tool (BST), submitting a service request, and gathering additional information, see *What's New in Cisco Product Documentation*, at:

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