

Release Notes for Cisco 6200 for Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA

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These release notes describe features and caveats for the Cisco 6200 advanced digital subscriber line access multiplexer (DSLAM) supported in Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA4 and earlier releases in the 11.3(1)DA train.

For more detailed information about the features in these release notes, refer to the "Related Documentation" section on page 20. For more information about caveats, see the "Cisco Connection Online" section on page 23. Information about electronic documentation can be found in the "Cisco Connection Online" section on page 23 and in the "Documentation CD-ROM" section on page 24.

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2. Determining Your Cisco IOS Software Release

To determine the version of Cisco IOS software running on your system, log on and enter the **show version** user EXEC command:

```
c6200> show version
```

The following text appears. The Cisco IOS version appears in the second line.

```
Cisco Internetwork Operating System Software
IOS (tm) C6200 Software (C6200-DCM-M), Version 11.3(1)DA4, EARLY DEPLOYMENT
RELEASE SOFTWARE (fc1)
Copyright (c) 1986-1998 by cisco Systems, Inc.
```

The full output includes additional information, such as processor revision numbers, memory amounts, hardware IDs, and partition information.

3. Important Notes

3.1 Changes to CLI Commands

Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA4 includes no changes to CLI commands.

Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA3 includes the following new and changed CLI commands:

Command **Description of Change** Example dsl check-bytes Specifies the number of check bytes per c6200(config-if)# dsl check-bytes downstream 6 downstream value symbol (DSL frame) used by the forward upstream 10 upstream value¹ error correction (FEC) feature. Using more check bytes improves error correction, but also increases overhead, which lowers usable bandwidth. Valid values are even numbers from 0 to 16. The default value is 16 in both directions. You can set auto mode using the command no dsl check-bytes. In auto mode,

the line card determines the best setting based on the line rate. This command is available for

DMT interfaces only.

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Command	Description of Change	Example
dsl interleaving {on off} ²	Turns on (or off) the interleaving feature that mixes bytes of data from different frames on the line. When interleaving is on, error correction is more effective for protecting against impulse (bursty) noise on the line. The drawback to interleaving: it can add significant delay at the sending side. The amount of delay added is equivalent to the interleaving delay value that you set by means of the dsl int-delay command described below. When you turn interleaving off, data still uses the interleaving path, but delay is set to 0. By default, interleaving is turned on. This command is available for DMT interfaces only.	c6200(config-if)# dsl interleaving on
dsl int-delay downstream value upstream value ²	Sets delay values, in msec, for the interleaving feature (see also the dsl interleaving command, above). If bursty or impulse noise is a concern, set int-delay to a value greater than the longest expected duration of the noise. If delay is a concern, set int-delay as low as possible. Valid values are 0, 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16. The default value is 16 in both directions. This command is available for DMT interfaces only.	<pre>c6200(config-if)# dsl interleaving-delay downstream 8 upstream 8</pre>
dsl loopback [local dsl-line]	Sets up a local or dsl-line loopback path. Both are passive loopbacks. A local loopback allows an external device to test transmission of data from the trunk port on the NTC, across the backplane, and back to the trunk port. A dsl-line loopback allows an external device (the CPE) to test data transmission from the CPE, through the modem on the subscriber line card (SLC), and back to the CPE. The CPE must generate a data pattern and check the returned data for errors. You must issue commands to the CPE to allow this. This command is available for DMT interfaces only.	c6200(config-if)# dsl loopback dsl-line
dsl LOSconfig {off on}	Controls the issuance of a minor alarm upon loss of signal (LOS), loss of frame (LOF), or loss of cell delineation (LOCD). By default, LOS, LOF, and LOCD cause minor alarms; enter dsl losconfig on to disable the issuance of an alarm. This command is available for DMT interfaces only.	c6200(config-if)# dsl losconfig off

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Command	Description of Change	Example
dsl margin downstream value upstream value	Allows you to adjust the margin added to the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) to which the line trains. A higher margin results in fewer errors on the line; a lower margin results in longer reach and tends to increase the bit rate. The default is 6 (db). Valid values are whole numbers from 0 to 127. This command is available for DMT interfaces only.	c6200(config-if)# dsl margin downstream 9 upstream 3
dsl power_boost value ²	Allows you to increase the power of the signal that the Cisco 6200 sends downstream. Increasing the power improves the reach on the line, but can also cause cross-talk—resulting in higher error rates or failure to train. Valid values are whole numbers from 0 to 9 (db). The default value is 0.	c6200(config-if)# dsl power_boost 6
	Cisco recommends against changing the power_boost value. If you do change it, we recommend that you set power_boost to a value no higher than 2 db. Performance for settings above 2 db varies with loop conditions. This command is available for DMT interfaces only.	
dsl quick-training {off $ \mathbf{on} ^2$	Allows you to turn on a faster training algorithm that may limit interoperability. When quick-training is on, the symbols-codeword and check-bytes options are ignored. By default, quick-training is off. This command is available for DMT interfaces only.	c6200(config-if)# dsl quick-training on

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Command

Description of Change

Example

upstream 2

c6200(config-if)# dsl

symbols-codeword downstream 4

dsl symbols-codeword downstream value upstream $value^2$

Specifies the number of symbols (DSL frames) per FEC codeword. Valid values are 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16. You can set auto mode using the command **no dsl symbols-codeword**. In auto mode, the SLC determines the best setting based on the line rate. Auto mode is applied to the line in both directions; you cannot use auto mode in one direction and an explicit value in the other direction. Auto mode is the default setting.

If you do not use auto mode, set the number of symbols per codeword so that the FEC codeword does not exceed the maximum size of 255 bytes. The total number of bytes in an FEC codeword includes user data bytes (which depend upon rate) plus check-bytes. (You can set check-bytes using the **dsl check-bytes** command, described above.)

For a check-bytes setting of 16 bytes per codeword, use these guidelines to select a symbols-codeword value that is appropriate to the bit rate on the line:

- 16 for rates between 32 and 352 kbps
- 8 for rates between 384 and 800 kbps
- 4 for rates between 832 and 1728 kbps
- 2 for rates between 1760 and 3584 kbps
- 1 for rates between 3616 and 8032 kbps

For lower check-bytes settings, you can use higher symbols-codeword values at some bit rates.

This command is available for DMT interfaces only.

dsl-ucode-load

filename slot port

Loads microcode into modems (ports) on the SLC. For details, see the "Loading New Modem Microcode" section on page 7.

c6200# dsl-ucode-load slot0:newcode.bin 5 all

- 1 Cisco recommends that you leave this parameter set either to its default value or to auto.
- 2 Cisco recommends that you leave this parameter set to its default value.

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Release 11.3(1)DA2 included the following changes to CLI commands:

Command	Description of Change	Example
dsl bitrate	Two new downstream bit rates have been added: 3200 and 5120.	<pre>c6200(config-if)# dsl bitrate downstream 3200 upstream 1088</pre>
dsl lbo	The dsl lbo command has been changed to dsl local-tx-power.	_
dsl local-tx-power	A new command in interface configuration mode allows you to adjust the power of the signal transmitted from the Cisco 6200 to the CPE downstream. To avoid crosstalk, use the lowest power possible to achieve the desired bit rate. The default value is Full. The transmit power values you can use are	c6200(config-if)# dsl local-tx-power minus_3db
	• Full (transmits at the highest power the interface is capable of)	
	 minus_3db (transmits at 3 db below full power) 	
	• minus_6db	
	• minus_9db	
	• minus_12db	
	• minus_15db	
	This command is available on CAP interfaces only.	
dsl remote-tx-power	A new command in interface configuration mode allows you to adjust the power of the signal transmitted from the CPE to the Cisco 6200 upstream. To avoid crosstalk, use the lowest power possible to achieve the desired bit rate. The default value is Full. The transmit power values you can use are	c6200(config-if)# dsl remote-tx-power minus_12db
	• Full (transmits at the highest power the interface is capable of)	
	• minus_3db (transmits at 3 db below full power)	
	• minus_6db	
	• minus_9db	
	• minus_12db	
	• minus_15db	
	This command is available on CAP interfaces only.	

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3.2 Loading New Modem Microcode

In the future, you might need to download new modem microcode from Cisco Connection Online (CCO). Typically, you should load the same microcode on every modem on a card. But the microcode on the Cisco 6200 modem has to be compatible with the microcode on the remote modem. Because you may have no control over remote modems, the dsl-ucode-load command allows you to load microcode on individual modem ports.

Follow this procedure to download new microcode:

- Step 1 Log in to CCO at www.cisco.com. (For more information on reaching CCO, see the "Cisco Connection Online" section on page 23.) Download the latest Cisco 6200 modem microcode from CCO to a local TFTP server.
- Step 2 Use the copy command to copy the microcode file from the TFTP server to the PCMCIA Flash card in the MPC. The command in this example copies a file called newcode.bin to the Flash card in slot 0. When you are prompted to do so, press **Return** to confirm, and then enter the name or IP address of the server (remote host).

```
c6200# copy tftp slot0:newcode.bin
Enter source file name:nagi/alsw7.bin
15794160 bytes available on device slot0, proceed? [confirm] [Return]
Address or name of remote host [255.255.255.255]? crusty
Accessing file "nagi/alsw7.bin" on crusty ...FOUND
Loading nagi/alsw7.bin from 172.31.209.28 (via Ethernet0/0):!
[OK - 1472/2048 bytes]
c6200#
```

Step 3 Use the dsl-ucode-load command to load the microcode from the Flash card into the SLC in the slot you specify. The command in this example loads the microcode into all of the modem ports on the SLC. If you enter a port number (0 to 7) instead of all, the microcode is loaded only for the modem on the specified port.

```
c6200# dsl-ucode-load slot0:newcode.bin 5 all
```

The prompt returns immediately. The file download takes a few minutes.

Step 4 Enter the show command to learn the status of the download. In the resulting display, look at the Line Status field. If it reads "Downloading," the download is not complete. If it reads "Download failed," return to Step 3 and try the download again. If any other value appears in the Line Status field, the download succeeded, and the port will be enabled automatically.

```
c6200# show dsl int dsl 5/0
```

Step 5 Repeat Step 3 and Step 4 for each card or port that needs new microcode.

3.3 Use Firmware Release 1.4.2 on a Cisco 675

We strongly recommend that you use firmware Release 1.4.2 for the Cisco 675 (NetSpeed 204). Firmware Release 1.4.2 solves a problem with signal-to-noise ratios (SNRs) that existed in earlier releases of the software.

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3.4 Verifying the Quality of a CAP Line

Follow this procedure to verify the quality of a line attached to an SLC 8CAP:

Step 1 Enter these commands to enable the port you want to test; *slot/port* specifies the card's slot number and the port number:

```
config terminal
int dsl slot/port
no shut
exit
exit
```

Step 2 To determine the rate at which the modems trained, enter the following command:

```
show dsl interface dsl slot/port
```

Note If the port's operational status is "Down," the modems haven't trained yet. Wait up to 3 minutes and if the status is still "Down," enter the command again.

- **Step 3** In the resulting display, locate the actual bit rates (downstream and upstream) and record them
- **Step 4** Reconfigure the port for the rates you recorded. Use these commands:

```
config terminal
int dsl slot/port
dsl bitrate downstream bitrate_value upstream bitrate_value
exit
exit
```

The port retrains at the new bit rates.

Step 5 Enter this command to run the line test, where *minutes* is the number of minutes you want the test to run (1 to 60; at least 20 minutes is recommended):

```
linetest dsl slot/port linequality duration minutes
```

Step 6 Wait for the line test to complete, and then enter this command to display the results:

```
show dsl interface dsl slot/port
```

Step 7 If the line fails the test, repeat Step 4 through Step 6, choosing the next lowest available bit rate. (Enter **dsl bitrate downstream**? and **dsl bitrate downstream** new_bitrate_value **upstream**? to display lists of bit rates.)

4. Cisco 6200 DSLAM

The Cisco 6200 DSLAM is a Central Office (CO) grade multiplexer that supports up to 80 ADSL ports. The Cisco 6200 DSLAM sends and receives subscriber data (often Internet service) over existing copper telephone lines, concentrating all traffic onto a single high-speed trunk for transport to the Internet or the enterprise intranet. The Cisco 6200 DSLAM is supported by Cisco IOS software.

5. Interfaces Supported on Cisco 6200 DSLAM

These interfaces are supported on the Cisco 6200 DSLAM under Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA4:

- Unshielded twisted pair telco interfaces (50-pin Champ connectors) for subscriber traffic—CAP or DMT
- 155-Mbps Dual-SC SONET STS-3c (OC-3c) ATM interface for network traffic and in-band management—single mode or multimode
- 155-Mbps Dual-SC SDH STM-1 ATM interface for network traffic and in-band management single mode or multimode
- Ethernet (10BaseT) interface for network management traffic

6. New Feature for Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA4

This section describes the feature introduced in Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA4.

6.1 Interoperability with Cisco 676

You must configure the Cisco 676 to interoperate with the Cisco 6200.

Immediately after a DMT line has trained, the Cisco 6200 sends a stream of messages that is interpreted by a connected Cisco 676 CPE as a command to turn off its ATM payload scrambling. Turning off payload scrambling is the first of several steps necessary to allow the Cisco 676 to communicate with the Cisco 6200.

You can configure the Cisco 676 for one of the following:

- RFC 1483 bridging.
- Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) bridging. Use this method if DHCP client functionality is not available on the Cisco 676.
- PPP routing. Use this method if DHCP client functionality is available on the Cisco 676.

The Cisco 6200 plays a passive role, providing a link between the Cisco 676 CPE and a service provider. The bridging or routing method you choose to configure must be compatible with the service provider interface with which the Cisco 676 is communicating.

The procedures that follow tell you how to configure each of the three possible bridging or routing methods on the Cisco 676.

6.1.1 Configuring the Cisco 676 as an RFC 1483 Bridge

Step 1 Log in as root.

Step 2 Enter the following commands at the cbos> prompt:

```
set interface wan0-0 close
set interface wan0-0 vpi 0
set interface wan0-0 vci 33
set interface wan0-0 open
set interface wan0 stay
set bridging rfc1483 enable
set interface wan0 scram off
set interface eth0 up
write
reboot
```

Step 3 To verify the new configuration, log in again and enter this command:

sh nvram

6.1.2 Configuring the Cisco 676 as a PPP Bridge

- Step 1 Log in as root.
- **Step 2** Enter the following commands at the cbos> prompt. Note that you must provide a login name and a password in the **set ppp** commands.

```
set bridging rfc1483 disable
set bridging ppp enable
set interface wan0 scram off
set ppp wan0-0 login login_name
set ppp wan0-0 password password
set interface eth0 up
write
reboot
```

Step 3 To verify the new configuration, log in again and enter this command:

sh nvram

6.1.3 Configuring the Cisco 676 as a PPP Router

- Step 1 Log in as root.
- **Step 2** Enter the following commands at the cbos> prompt. Note that you must provide an IP address and a subnet mask for the Cisco 676 in the **set interface** commands.

```
set bridging ppp disable
set interface eth0 address ip_address
set interface eth0 mask subnet_mask
set interface eth0 up
write
reboot
```

Step 3 To verify the new configuration, log in again and enter this command:

sh nvram

7. New Features for Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA3

This section describes features introduced in Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA3.

7.1 One-Port STM-1 Network Trunk Cards

The STS-1 network trunk cards (NTCs) are available in single-mode and multimode versions. The STM-1 NTCs concentrate the data traffic from all Cisco 6200 subscriber ports onto a single high-speed trunk to an ATM network. The interface operates at 155 Mbps.

7.2 Eight-Port DMT Subscriber Line Card

Each subscriber line card (SLC) provides eight subscriber ports that support DSL access with discrete multitone (DMT) modems. The SLC DMT8 transports data at speeds up to 8 Mbps downstream and receives at speeds up to 800 kbps upstream. The Cisco 6200 DSLAM supports up to ten SLCs.

7.3 In-band Management

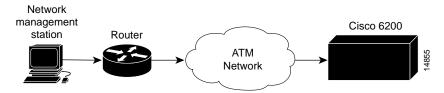
In the Cisco 6200, management activities like saving and loading of configuration files via TFTP, running CLI remotely over a Telnet session, and SNMP-based network management require IP connectivity.

The Cisco 6200 supports two ways to achieve this connectivity:

- Using the dedicated Ethernet port on the MPC. This is called out-of-band management.
- Using a data path through the ATM trunk. This is called in-band management.

The typical network configuration for in-band management is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 A Network Using In-band Management



To use in-band management, configure the ATM port on the MPC to handle IP over ATM (RFC 1483) and either establish a static path between the management station and the ATM port, or set up a default gateway, as described below. Follow these steps at the Cisco 6200 console or via Telnet:

Step 1 Enter **enable** and the password to go to privileged EXEC mode.

c6200> enable Password:

Step 2 Enter **configure terminal** to go to global configuration mode.

c6200# configure terminal

Step 3 Enter the **interface** command to go to interface configuration mode. Specify the ATM port (0/0) and subinterface (.1) on the MPC, and set up a point-to-point connection.

c6200(config)# interface atm 0/0.1 point-to-point

Note If you wish to set up the ATM connection on the interface (0/0) rather than the subinterface (0/0.1), do the following:

- In Step 3, specify only the port, not the subinterface, and omit the keyword **point-to-point** (that is, enter **interface atm 0.0**).
- Follow Step 4 and Step 5 as given below.
- Use the **map-group** command to assign a map group to the ATM port. Then use the **map-list** command to establish mapping between the ATM PVC and an outgoing IP address. Finally, resume this procedure with Step 6.

Step 4 Enter the **ip address** command to assign an IP address and subnet mask to the ATM subinterface.

c6200(config-if)# ip address <ip-address> <mask>

Step 5 Enter the **atm pvc** command to set up the ATM permanent virtual circuit (PVC).

c6200(config-if)# atm pvc <vc_num> vpi vci

- **Step 6** Do *only one* of the following:
 - To set up a static route between the management station and the ATM port you are now configuring, enter the **ip route** command.

c6200(config-if)# ip route <dest-ip-address> <mask> <forwarding interface>

• To set up a default gateway for the ATM port you are now configuring, enter the **ip default-gateway** command.

c6200(config-if)# ip default-gateway <gateway-ip-addr>

- Step 7 Set up the corresponding PVC, IP address, and static route (if you configured a static route in Step 6) on the router that connects the Cisco 6200 management station to the ATM network.
- **Step 8** Verify the connection by pinging from the management station to the Cisco 6200 ATM port's IP address.

Note No IP routing is supported other than static routing or default gateway. Do not turn on IP routing.

7.4 New CLI Commands

See the "Changes to CLI Commands" section on page 2 for descriptions of the new commands added to the command line interface in Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA3.

8. New Features for Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA2

There are no new features in Release 11.3(1)DA2. This is a maintenance release designed to improve the reliability and performance of the Cisco 6200 DSLAM.

9. New Features for Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA1

The features discussed in the following paragraphs are supported by the Cisco 6200 DSLAM in Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA1 and subsequent releases in the DA train.

9.1 Cisco IOS Software

The Cisco 6200 DSLAM runs Cisco's industry-leading IOS software. Cisco IOS software's command line interface (CLI) provides tools for managing the DSLAM. CLI commands support the following functions:

- Configure interfaces and system-wide parameters as needed or in advance
- Monitor status and traffic flow for each interface
- Display, investigate, and turn off critical, major, and minor alarms

- Store software image and configuration data on a local PCMCIA Flash card or on a remote server, and reload from these sources if necessary
- Isolate and address problems

Note The Cisco 6200 DSLAM is a layer 2 ATM multiplexer. Although it runs Cisco IOS software, it does not perform layer 3 routing.

9.2 Element Management Support

For configuration and management of the Cisco 6200 DSLAM, Cisco provides the Cisco 6200 Manager software application, an SNMP-based graphical user interface that runs under Windows NT. The Manager can be used in place of or in addition to the command line management tool provided by Cisco IOS software.

9.3 ATM Circuits Require No Configuration

On the Cisco 6200 DSLAM, ATM permanent virtual channels (PVCs) are statically defined; you do not configure them. Enabling a port enables all associated PVCs.

9.4 Management Processor Card

The management processor card (MPC) performs management and storage tasks for the Cisco 6200 DSLAM. It supports

- The Cisco IOS command line interface (CLI) for configuration and monitoring
- An SNMP agent for communicating between the DSLAM and the Cisco 6200 Manager software
- Alarm contacts and environmental monitoring of key system resources
- Line card configuration and fault polling
- Nonvolatile storage of configurations
- Two PCMCIA Flash card slots for storage of software images and configuration data

9.5 One-Port OC-3 Network Trunk Cards

The STS-3c/OC-3c network trunk cards (NTCs) are available in single-mode and multimode versions. The NTCs concentrate the data traffic from all Cisco 6200 subscriber ports onto a single high-speed trunk to an ATM network. The interface operates at 155 Mbps.

9.6 Eight-Port CAP Subscriber Line Card

Each subscriber line card (SLC) provides eight subscriber ports that support DSL access with rate-adaptive carrierless amplitude modulation/phase modulation (RADSL/CAP) modems. The CAP SLC transports data at speeds up to 7 Mbps downstream and receives up to 1 Mbps upstream. The Cisco 6200 DSLAM supports up to ten SLCs.

10. Caveats for Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA4

This section describes unexpected behavior in Release 11.3(1)DA4. A DDTs tracking number, if one exists, is provided in square brackets at the end of each description. Please refer to the DDTs tracking number if you communicate with Cisco about any of these issues.

10.1 Problems with Statistical Counters

- On SLC 8DMT interfaces, the display for the command show interface atm1/0 counts cells instead of packets. [CSCdk30838]
- On SLC 8DMT interfaces, the Cisco 6200's far end uncorrected error count does not match the CPE's error count. [CSCdk34723]

10.2 ATM Loopback Testing

When an ATM port is in loopback mode, ignore the output/transmit counters displayed by the commands **show int atm 1/0** and **show dsl atm1/0**. [CSCdk12919]

10.3 Modems Train Poorly

- On SLC 8CAP ports, modems train poorly if the phone on the line is ringing. [CSCdk02256]
- SLC 8DMT modems cannot train to the maximum rate when quick training is turned on. [CSCdk48012]

10.4 IP Routing Interferes with Communication Among Cards

The Cisco 6200 DSLAM functions as an IP host, not as an IP router. When IP routing is enabled on the MPC, the MPC cannot communicate with the trunk and line cards. Do not turn on IP routing.

10.5 Alarm Cutoff Command Does Not Work

The **alarmcutoff** CLI command does not stop audible alarms on the external alarm connector. **Workaround:** Use the ACO button on the front panel of the MPC to turn off alarms. [CSCdk22404]

10.6 Answering Phone Can Cause Loss of Cells

On DMT lines, lifting the receiver on a ringing line can result in loss of cells. Cell loss occurs both on pickups during rings and on pickups between rings. [CSCdk29640]

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11.1 Problems with Statistical Counters

- On DMT interfaces, the display for the command show interface atm1/0 counts cells instead of packets. [CSCdk30838]
- On DMT interfaces, Far End Counters (corrected and uncorrected blocks) increase in a stable environment where no traffic is present.

Occasionally the line trains and everything appears to be operating normally with one exception: there is a steady stream of far-end corrected and uncorrected block errors. When this happens, all other indications imply a healthy line (there are no uncorrected block errors, margins are good, user data passes OK). The far-end corrected block errors indicate that there are minor errors on the line in the downstream direction that the Reed-Solomon error correction algorithm is able to correct.

Workaround: If the far-end corrected block errors are a concern, force the line to retrain by issuing a shut/no shut sequence of commands in interface configuration mode:

```
c6200# configure terminal
c6200(config)# interface dsl 8/2
c6200(config-if)# shutdown
c6200(config-if)# no shutdown
```

When the line retrains, the errors should disappear. [CSCdk37192]

• For a DMT interface, it is not possible to clear ATM counters on a trunk card. [CSCdk37343]

11.2 Power-boost Setting Incorrectly Displayed

On DMT interfaces, the power-boost value (configured with the **dsl power_boost** command) is not displayed correctly when you enter **show dsl int dsl** *slot/port*. The system displays the correct value in the "Configured" section of the output, but not in the "Actual" section. [CSCdk47515]

11.3 DSL Line Quality Testing

- When the line quality test is run simultaneously on two or more ports of an SLC 8CAP, it may
 give invalid results. Workaround: At any given time, run the line quality test on no more than
 one port per card. [CSCdk03276]
- Do not reboot the Cisco 6200 during a line quality test on a CAP port. If the system is rebooted, the port on which the test was run never comes back up. **Workaround:** Reenter the command to run the test and then enter **linetest dsl** *slot/port* **abort**. [CSCdk08158]

11.4 ATM Loopback Testing

- When an ATM port is in loopback mode, ignore the output/transmit counters displayed by the commands **show int atm 1/0** and **show dsl atm1/0**. [CSCdk12919]
- When you put an ATM port in loopback mode, cells received on the ATM port are sent to the internal H-bus as well as being looped to the transmit port. This could cause data flooding problems downstream. [CSCdk24500]

11.5 Modems Train Poorly

On SLC 8CAP ports, modems train poorly while the phone on the line is ringing. [CSCdk02256]

11.6 Configuring for Optimal Line Throughput

The Cisco 6200 has limited cell buffers. If the upstream switch does not perform traffic shaping, extremely bursty traffic might cause buffers to overflow. As a result, in some cases, packets are dropped and throughput degrades. [CSCdk09616]

Workaround: If subscribers are experiencing poor performance, you might be able to alleviate the problem using the traffic shaping feature on the device upstream from the Cisco 6200 DSLAM. Set the VBR Peak Cell Rate and Sustainable Cell Rate to values in kbps that you are sure can be reliably reached in your environment. (On any line that connects at a rate lower than the rate you specify, packets will be lost and performance could be poor.) We recommend a value no greater than 7000 kbps for both VBR Peak Cell Rate and Sustainable Cell Rate.

This example, an excerpt from a configuration file, shows you how to set traffic shaping on a Cisco 7200 router with an ATM-CES card.

```
!
interface ATM4/0.1 multipoint
pvc 0/176
vbr-nrt 7000 7000
encapsulation aal5ciscoppp Virtual-Template1
!
interface Virtual-Template1
mtu 2048
no ip mroute-cache
no keepalive
no peer default ip address
ppp authentication pap callin
```

The key command in the example is **vbr-nrt 7000 7000**, which breaks down as follows:

vbr-nrt Set virtual bit rate7000 (first instance) Peak Cell Rate

7000 (second instance) Sustainable Cell Rate

11.7 IP Routing Interferes with Communication Among Cards

The Cisco 6200 DSLAM functions as an IP host, not as an IP router. When IP routing is enabled on the MPC, the MPC cannot communicate with the trunk and line cards. Do not turn on IP routing.

11.8 IP Name Server Halts System

The Cisco 6200 system reboots when using the IP name server to resolve a host name (for a Telnet connection, for example). **Workaround:** Use IP addresses instead of host names. [CSCdk13888]

11.9 Line Test Command Incorrectly Changes SNMP Objects

Running the **linetest** command on one port changes the SNMP line test type object for other ports. [CSCdk18930]

11.10 Alarm Cutoff Command Does Not Work

The **alarmcutoff** CLI command does not stop audible alarms on the external alarm connector. **Workaround:** Use the ACO button on the front panel of the MPC to turn off alarms. [CSCdk22404]

12. Caveats for Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA2

This section describes unexpected behavior in Release 11.3(1)DA2. A DDTs tracking number, if one exists, is provided in square brackets at the end of each description. Please refer to the DDTs tracking number if you communicate with Cisco about any of these issues.

12.1 DSL Line Quality Testing

- When the line quality test is run simultaneously on two or more ports of an SLC, it may give
 invalid results. Workaround: At any given time, run the line quality test on no more than one
 port per card. [CSCdk03276]
- Do not reboot the Cisco 6200 during a line quality test. If the system is rebooted, the DSL port on which the test was run never comes back up. **Workaround:** Reenter the command to run the test and then enter **linetest dsl** *slot/port* **abort**. [CSCdk08158]

12.2 ATM Loopback Testing

- When an ATM port is in loopback mode, ignore the output/transmit counters displayed by the commands **show int atm 1/0** and **show dsl atm1/0**. [CSCdk12919]
- When you put an ATM port in loopback mode, cells received on the ATM port are sent to the internal H-bus as well as being looped to the transmit port. This could cause data flooding problems downstream. [CSCdk24500]

12.3 Modems Train Poorly

Modems train poorly while the phone on the line is ringing. [CSCdk02256]

12.4 Configuring for Optimal Line Throughput

The Cisco 6200 has limited cell buffers. If the upstream switch does not perform traffic shaping, extremely bursty traffic might cause buffers to overflow. As a result, in some cases, packets are dropped and throughput degrades. [CSCdk09616]

Workaround: If subscribers are experiencing poor performance, you might be able to alleviate the problem using the traffic shaping feature on the device upstream from the Cisco 6200 DSLAM. Set the VBR Peak Cell Rate and Sustainable Cell Rate to values in kbps that you are sure can be reliably reached in your environment. (On any line that connects at a rate lower than the rate you specify, packets will be lost and performance could be poor.) We recommend a value no greater than 7000 kbps for both VBR Peak Cell Rate and Sustainable Cell Rate.

This example, an excerpt from a configuration file, shows you how to set traffic shaping on a Cisco 7200 router with an ATM-CES card.

```
!
interface ATM4/0.1 multipoint
pvc 0/176
vbr-nrt 7000 7000
encapsulation aal5ciscoppp Virtual-Templatel
!
interface Virtual-Templatel
mtu 2048
no ip mroute-cache
no keepalive
no peer default ip address
ppp authentication pap callin
```

The key command in the example is **vbr-nrt 7000 7000**, which breaks down as follows:

vbr-nrt Virtual bit rate

7000 (first instance) Peak Cell Rate

7000 (second instance) Sustainable Cell Rate

12.5 IP Routing Interferes with Communication Among Cards

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13. Resolved Problems

The bugs listed in Table 1, which were present in Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA3, are fixed in Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA4.

Table 1 Resolved Problems in 11.3(1)DA4

Bug Number	Description	
CSCdk03276	When the line quality test is run simultaneously on two or more ports of an SLC 8CAP, it may give invalid results. Workaround: At any given time, run the line quality test on no more than one port per card.	
CSCdk08158	Do not reboot the Cisco 6200 during a line quality test on a CAP port. If the system is rebooted, the port on which the test was run never comes back up. Workaround: Reenter the command to run the test and then enter linetest dsl <i>slot/port</i> abort .	
CSCdk09616	The Cisco 6200 has limited cell buffers. If the upstream switch does not perform traffic shaping, extremely bursty traffic might cause buffers to overflow. As a result, in some cases, packets are dropped and throughput degrades.	
CSCdk13888	The Cisco 6200 system reboots when using the IP name server to resolve a host name (for a Telnet connection, for example). Workaround: Use IP addresses instead of host names. [CSCdk13888]	
CSCdk18930	Running the linetest command on one port changes the SNMP line test type object for other ports.	
CSCdk24500	When you put an ATM port in loopback mode, cells received on the ATM port are sent to the internal H-bus as well as being looped to the transmit port. This could cause data flooding problems downstream.	
CSCdk37192	On DMT interfaces, Far End Counters (corrected and uncorrected blocks) increase in a stable environment where no traffic is present.	
CSCdk37343	For a DMT interface, it is not possible to clear ATM counters on a trunk card.	
CSCdk47515	On DMT interfaces, the power-boost value (configured with the dsl power_boost command) is not displayed correctly when you enter show dsl int dsl <i>slot/port</i> . The system displays the correct value in the "Configured" section of the output, but not in the "Actual" section.	

The bugs listed in Table 2, which were present in Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA1, are fixed in Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA2.

Table 2 Resolved Problems in 11.3(1)DA2

Bug Number	Description
CSCdk03274	The line quality test (an option with the linetest command) failed when the line was overloaded with traffic in the upstream direction. This does not happen if the traffic rate is less than or equal to the xDSL line rate.
CSCdk08345	If you run the CAP hardware test (linetest dsl <i>slot/port</i> caphardware duration 3 berr 10) on a card that has gone down very recently (within 15 seconds or so), no error message is displayed.
CSCdk15261	When you put a DSL port (on the SLC card) into loopback mode, the traffic associated with that port gets looped back from the ATM port as well as from the DSL port. As a result, the ARP table on the upstream link might need to be cleared.
CSCdk13842	Cisco 675 (NetSpeed 204) modems using NetSpeed firmware prior to Version 1.4.2 default to a NO_CHANGE_MARGIN configuration. This maximizes the downstream line rate for a given loop length. It does not guarantee a 10 ⁻⁷ error rate over a line that is subjected to impairments such as crosstalk, POTS signaling, and impulse or background noise. For Cisco 675 modems that have not been upgraded to Firmware Version 1.4.2, refer to the release note for Cisco IOS Release 11.3(1)DA1.
CSCdk14841	In the output of the command show dsl interface dsl , incorrect values are displayed for margins.

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Table 2	Resolved Problems in 11.3(1)DA2 (continued)

Bug Number	Description
CSCdk03285	When you enter the command show dsl interface dsl <i>slot/port</i> , "Statistics" counts appear at the end of the resulting display. Sometimes the "VPI,VCI (0, 33) cells" values exceed the "Total cells" values. These values are read from different registers, and the registers are not read simultaneously.
CSCdk14272	PRFI and LRFI should be critical alarms, not major alarms.

14. Related Documentation

Use these release notes in conjunction with the documents listed in this section.

The documents mentioned below can be found on Cisco Connection Online and on the Documentation CD-ROM. For more information, see the "Cisco Connection Online" section on page 23 and the "Documentation CD-ROM" section on page 24. For location details, see the "Online Navigation for Cisco IOS Software Documentation" section on page 22.

14.1 Cisco 6200 Documentation

The following Cisco 6200 documents are available:

- Cisco 6200 User Guide
- Cisco 6200 FRU Installation and Replacement
- User Guide for the Cisco 6200 Manager

14.2 Cisco IOS Software Documentation

The Cisco 6200 documentation contains all of the information on Cisco IOS software that you need to configure and manage the Cisco 6200. Cisco does not expect that users of the Cisco 6200 will need to refer to the Cisco IOS software documentation set. However, if you want more information about Cisco IOS commands, refer to the Cisco IOS software documentation set, which is described in this section.

The Cisco IOS software documentation is divided into nine modules and two master indexes. There are also four supporting documents.

14.2.1 Documentation Modules

Each module consists of two books: a configuration guide and a corresponding command reference. Chapters in a configuration guide describe protocols, configuration tasks, and Cisco IOS software functions and contain comprehensive configuration examples. Chapters in a command reference provide complete command syntax information. Each configuration guide can be used with its corresponding command reference.

14.2.2 Master Indexes

Two master indexes provide indexing information for the Cisco IOS software documentation set: an index for the configuration guides and an index for the command references. In addition, each book has its own index.

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Note The most up-to-date Cisco IOS documentation can be found on the Web on Cisco Connection Online and on the Documentation CD-ROM. The electronic documents found there contain updates and modifications made after the paper documents were printed. See the section "Online Navigation for Cisco IOS Software Documentation" for more details.

The Cisco IOS documentation set consists of the following books and chapter topics:

Book	Chapter Topic
Configuration Fundamentals Configuration Guide	Configuration Fundamentals Overview
Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference	Cisco IOS User Interfaces
	File Management
	Interface Configuration
	System Management
Network Protocols Configuration Guide, Part 1	IP Addressing
Network Protocols Command Reference, Part 1	IP Services
	IP Routing Protocols
Network Protocols Configuration Guide, Part 2	AppleTalk
Network Protocols Command Reference, Part 2	Novell IPX
Network Protocols Configuration Guide, Part 3	Apollo Domain
Network Protocols Command Reference, Part 3	Banyan VINES
	DECnet
	ISO CLNS
	XNS
Wide-Area Networking Configuration Guide	ATM
Wide-Area Networking Command Reference	Frame Relay
	SMDS
	X.25 and LAPB
Security Configuration Guide	AAA Security Services
Security Command Reference	Security Server Protocols
	Traffic Filtering
	Network Data Encryption
	Passwords and Privileges
	Neighbor Router Authentication
	IP Security Options
Dial Solutions Configuration Guide	Dial Business Solutions and Examples
Dial Solutions Command Reference	Dial-In Port Setup
	DDR and Dial Backup
	Remote Node and Terminal Service
	Cost-Control and Large-Scale Dial Solutions
	VPDN

Book	Chapter Topic
Cisco IOS Switching Services Configuration Guide	Switching Paths for IP Networks
Cisco IOS Switching Services Command Reference	Fast Switching
	Autonomous Switching
	NetFlow Switching
	Optimum Switching
	Virtual LAN (VLAN) Switching and Routing
	Inter-Switch Link Protocol Encapsulation
	IEEE 802.10 Encapsulation
	LAN Emulation
Bridging and IBM Networking Configuration Guide	Transparent Bridging
Bridging and IBM Networking Command Reference	Source-Route Bridging
	Remote Source-Route Bridging
	DLSw+
	STUN and BSTUN
	LLC2 and SDLC
	IBM Network Media Translation
	DSPU and SNA Service Point
	SNA Frame Relay Access Support
	APPN
	NCIA Client/Server Topologies
	IBM Channel Attach
Cisco IOS Software Command Summary	
Dial Solutions Quick Configuration Guide	
System Error Messages	
Debug Command Reference	

Note The Cisco Management Information Base (MIB) User Quick Reference publication is no longer being published. For the latest list of MIBs supported by Cisco, see the Cisco Network Management Toolkit on Cisco Connection Online (CCO). On CCO, go to Software and Support, select Software Center, and click Network Management Products. Next, select Cisco Network Management Toolkit and click Cisco MIBs.

15. Online Navigation for Cisco IOS Software Documentation

You can access the Cisco IOS software electronic documents either on the Cisco Documentation CD-ROM or at Cisco Connection Online (CCO) on the World Wide Web:

- On the Documentation CD-ROM, go to Cisco Product Documentation, select Cisco IOS Software Configuration, and then select Cisco IOS Release 11.3.
- On CCO, go to Software & Support, scroll down and select Documentation. Next, select
 Documentation, click Cisco IOS Software Configuration, and then click Cisco IOS Release 11.3.

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The following are some of the Cisco IOS Release 11.3 documents:

- Configuration guides, command references
- Feature descriptions
- Product-specific release notes
- Cisco IOS software caveats

For product bulletins on CCO, the path is as follows from Cisco Connection Online:

Products and Ordering: More Information: Product Bulletins. In the *Software* area, under *Cisco IOS* 11.3, click *Cisco IOS Software Release* 11.3 *Upgrade Paths*.

15.1 Online Navigation Enhancements

Cisco IOS Release 11.3 master indexes for the configuration guides and command references can be accessed on the Documentation CD-ROM or through the CCO (Cisco Connection Online) page of the Cisco web site. The CD-ROM is updated monthly, and can be ordered through CCO. To access the Cisco IOS Release 11.3 master indexes, perform the following steps:

- **Step 1** Access the Cisco home page at http://www.cisco.com.
- **Step 2** Select *Software and Support*.
- **Step 3** Under the Software Center bullet, select *Cisco IOS Software*.
- **Step 4** Under the Additional Information bullet, select *Software Configuration*. The Cisco IOS Software Configuration page should now be displayed. It lists the Cisco IOS releases currently available.
- **Step 5** Select *Cisco IOS Release 11.3*, which accesses the Cisco IOS Release 11.3 page. This page lists the various documents available for Release 11.3.
- **Step 6** Select *Cisco IOS 11.3 Configuration Guides, Command References*, and then select the particular document index you would like to view.

For additional information about the Documentation on CCO and the CD-ROM, refer to the sections "Cisco Connection Online" and "Documentation CD-ROM" at the end of these release notes.

16. Cisco Connection Online

Cisco Connection Online (CCO) is Cisco Systems' primary, real-time support channel. Maintenance customers and partners can self-register on CCO to obtain additional information and services.

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You can access CCO in the following ways:

- WWW: http://www.cisco.com
- WWW: http://www-europe.cisco.com
- WWW: http://www-china.cisco.com
- Telnet: cco.cisco.com
- Modem: From North America, 408 526-8070; from Europe, 33 1 64 46 40 82. Use the following terminal settings: VT100 emulation; databits: 8; parity: none; stop bits: 1; and connection rates up to 28.8 kbps.

For a copy of CCO's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), contact cco-help@cisco.com. For additional information, contact cco-team@cisco.com.

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For the latest information on caveats and known problems, follow these steps to consult CCO:

- **Step 1** Connect to CCO as directed in the section above.
- **Step 2** On the CCO home page, click *LOGIN*, which appears in green in the menu bar at the top of the page, and log into CCO. (If you are not a registered CCO user, follow the instructions to register so that you can log in.)
- **Step 3** After you log in, click *Software & Support* on the CCO home page.
- **Step 4** On the Software & Support page, click *Technical Tools*.
- Step 5 On the Technical Tools page, click *Bug Toolkit II*. (Bug Toolkit II is not visible on the Technical Tools page unless you log in to CCO as directed in Step 2.)
- Step 6 Use one of the tools to get up-to-date bug information. For example, click *Search for Bug by ID Number*, then enter a bug ID, such as CSCdk09616, when prompted. For instructions on using the bug tools, go to the bottom of the Bug Toolkit II page and click *Help—How to Use the Bug Toolkit*.

17. Documentation CD-ROM

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