

Release Notes for Cisco MGX 8240 Release 3.0.1.8 VCLI

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Introduction

Release 3.0.1.8 of the virtual command line interface (VCLI) Release Notes provide additional information to the Release 3.0 VCLI documentation.

This document is intended for customer functional and operational groups and engineers responsible for installing and provisioning Cisco MGX 8240 switches.

These release notes include a list of known caveats and those previous caveats that have been fixed.



System Requirements

This section lists the system requirements needed to deploy the VCLI.

Hardware Supported

Release 3.0.1.8 supports all hardware components of Release 3.0.

Software Compatibility

VCLI Release 3.0.1.8 has all the functionality of the previous VCLI software releases. The last official release of the VCLI was Release 3.0.0.9.

Release 3.0.1.8 supports all previous PSM (formally CES) and IMC card software versions. The VCLI also supports different software versions of the PSM cards in the same chassis.

Release 3.0.1.8 includes bug fixes to the previous 2.2.8.5 and 2.1.3 releases.

New and Changed Information

VCLI Release 3.0.1.8 manages an MGX 8240 (formally ULTIMATE 1600) switch with or without the presence of an IMC card. If the MGX 8240 is connected to a CIM, the VCLI also manages the CES cards.

The VCLI supports the In-Band or Out-Of-Band IP management route discovery for the PSM cards. When the In-Band route is up and operational, In-Band management is the preferred route of all management traffic between the VCLI and the PSM cards.

For a comprehensive list of VCLI features, refer to the Cisco MGX 8240 VCLI User's Guide Release 3.0.

New Features in MGX 8240 Release 3.0.1.8

The following command is added for usability:

• quit—Same as the exit command.

The following new commands support switch software 3.0.0.9:

- change cescard linkinfo—Replaces the change system cescard command.
- **change switch sntp**—Changes the synchronous network time protocol (SNTP) on a card.
- change cescard selfcheck—Changes the health monitoring attributes for a backup card.
- show cescard linkinfo—Replaces the show system cescard command.
- **show switch sntp config**—Shows SNTP configuration for one card or all cards in network.
- show switch sntp status—Shows SNTP status for one card or all cards in a network.
- show cescard selfcheck—Shows the health monitoring information for the backup card.
- show switch summary—Shows information about all of the cards in the switch.

The following commands reflect changes to the MIB since Release 2.2.8.5:

- change physicalport ds1
- change physicalport ds3
- · show cescard info
- show imccard info
- show physicalport ds1 config
- show physicalport ds3 config
- · show blademon info
- · add connection pl
- · add system cescard

The following commands are no longer supported by VCLI as of Release 3.0.0.9:

- **change system cescard**—Use the **change cescard linkinfo** command.
- show system cescard—Use the show cescard linkinfo command.

Upgrading to a New Software Release

Release 3.0.1.8 of VCLI software contains the upgrade capability from Release 2.X and 3.0 to Release 3.0.1.X. The software preserves configuration across the upgrade on deployed switches.



Release 3.0 does not support the upgrade feature. Therefore, users running Release 2.2 must upgrade to 3.0.1.X.

Upgrading from Release 3.0 to Release 3.0.1.X

The VCLI upgrade file is found on the VCLI CD-ROM and is named RX.X.X.tar where X.X.X is the specific release number for version 3.0.1.X listed on the distribution media (for example, R3.0.1.X.tar).

To upgrade from Release 2.X or 3.0 to Release 3.0.1.X, complete the following steps:

- Step 1 Login as root user.
- **Step 2** Change the directory to the installation directory:

cd /opt/Sentient/vcli

Step 3 Unarchive the upgrade file:

tar -xvf R3.0.1.X.tar

This command extracts three files:

- 1. vcli-install.txt
- 2. vcli-new-VERSION-3.0.1.X.tar.Z
- 3. vcli-upgrade-VERSION-3.0.1.X.tar.Z
- Step 4 To complete the upgrade or install, follow the instructions in the vcli-install.txt file.

Extracting Switch Software

This section provides the steps for extracting the switch software from Release 3.0 to Release 3.0.1.X.

Perform the upgrade in the image directory found in the VCLI installation directory. When the archive file extracts its contents, a subdirectory is created. This directory reflects the version of the switch software, for example /opt/Sentient/vcli/image/R3o0o1oX.

The upgrade files are on the MGX 8240 software CD-ROM or at ftp.sentientnet.com under the /pub/williams/switch directory. For PSM cards, use the file cpeR3.0.1.X.tar. For IMC cards, use the file imcR3.0.1.X.tar.

To extract the switch software, complete the following steps:

Step 1 Change to the installation directory.

cd /opt/Sentient/vcli

Step 2 If an image directory does not exist, create the directory.

mkdir image

Step 3 Change to the image directory.

cd image

Step 4 Verify that the current working directory is /opt/Sentient/vcli/image.

pwd

- Step 5 Copy the switch upgrade file cpeR3.0.1.X.tar or imcR3.0.1.X.tar to the current directory.
- Step 6 Unarchive the switch upgrade file:

tar -xvf cpeR3.0.1.X.tar (for PSM cards)

tar -xvf imcR3.0.1.X.tar (for IMC cards)

To upgrade PSM or IMC cards, follow the steps in the release notes listed in the Related Documentation section.

Caveats

This section contains the known caveats of Release 3.0.1.8 and fixed caveats of prior releases.

Open Caveats - Release 3.0.1.8

The following table lists the open caveats in VCLI Release 3.0.1.8.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description	Comments
CSCdp39816	High	Redundancy	When the primary card is not responding to SNMP PDUs, the VCLI is unable to communicate to switched-out primary and the switched-in backup.	
			This non communication occurs when the primary card is pulled out of the switch.	
			The work around to specify the switched-in backup card for all VCLI queries.	
CSCdm90826	High	OC3 status	If the OC3 port is APS enabled and switches to the protection line, the VCLI reports an incorrect SONET path operational status of the Access side.	Not affected when the APS is disabled or the working line is active.
CSCsn05508	Medium	APS	VCLI displays an error if default card is invalid for command change cescard aps .	Only occurs when help requested.
CSCdp35469	Medium	IMC	VCLI does not report the software version of the backup IMC card from backup IMC. Instead, the VCLI displays the software version of the primary card.	
CSCsn05671	Low	Performance	Request to increase VCLI performance by packaging more vars per PDU.	Not a bug. Performance is slow.
CSCsn05455	Low	Show commands	Some show commands do not recognize invalid options. The VCLI ignores these invalid options because they are not needed rather than report them as illegal.	
CSCsn04479	New feature	Usability	Need real terminal mode for line editing. An enhancement allows true cursor controlled line edits.	Use the built-in VCLI line editing.
CSCsn04947	New feature	Config files	Add capability to backup and restore config files.	
CSCsn04974	New feature	Software upgrade	Download related code should display information about the user, time downloaded, and the location of the download for record keeping.	
CSCsn05072	Low	Switch database	Alphabetize switch names under Network Options.	

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description	Comments
CSCsn05073	New feature	Trap handling	To know when to switch between In-Band and Out-of-Band, integrate VCLI trap handling with redundancy related code.	
CSCdp08025	Medium	Redundancy	When the PSM software has an incompatible I/O card, the PSM card reports a redundancy role value of 3. This value is not legal according to the SNMP definition of the redundancyRole.	When the I/O card is incompatible, a serious PSM
			When the PSM card returns a value of 3, the VCLI displays a hyphen (-) for role.	problem has occurred.
				The VCLI display of a hyphen (-) is minor.
CSCdp40302	Low	Output display	The q command to cease the output of data to the screen does not work the first time for the command show physical oc3 stat.	
CSCdp23296	Low	Chassis command	When executing chassis commands, the VCLI prompts the user for either q (to quit) or cr (to continue).	
			This constant querying hampers the switch level upgrade and unnecessarily expects user input.	
CSCsn05714	Low	Change command	When a required command line argument is not given, the VCLI is not displaying the actual missing argument. Instead, the VCLI displays a generic message stating that an argument is missing.	
CSCdp33107	Low	Download Help	Help for the command download – card ? does not display that the IMC is card 1, and the PSMs are cards 2–16.	
CSCdr35069	Medium	Delete	Remote endpoint circuit through Ascend is not deleted by VCLI.	
			VCLI command delete connection pl – epid xxx deletes one end in the switch database, but not the other end.	
			The work around is to execute the delete connection pl – epid yyy command again to delete the whole circuit(s). The xxx or yyy can be either end point number or all.	
CSCds60487	High	Delete	Database locks when executing delete connection for FE endpoint .	
CSCds74632	High	Performance	Core dump occurs when modifying channelization on DS1.	
CSCds79867	High	Save config	An SNMPSet error for Save Cfg File message occurred when unable to communicate with a PSM card.	
CSCds87884	High	Save config	VCLI does not autosave for the PSM-2 back up card.	
CSCds68685	High	Connections	After executing a force back command, the VCLI reported remote-pls instead of seg-pls.	

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description	Comments
CSCds70675	High	Connections	The VCLI is unable to create circuits through a switched-in backup when the primary fails.	
CSCds27447	Medium	Software upgrade	When VCLI executed the ch ces image command, an Error: Changing IP address for physical card2 message displayed.	
CSCds61267	Medium	Show command	The show ces inb conf command fails.	
CSCds68646	Medium	Delete command	When deleting a connection from a switched-in backup, an error message occurs.	
CSCds71410	Medium	BERT	BERT direction should not be allowed to be set while test is running.	
CSCds73879	Medium	Connections	When creating a circuit between two cards on two switches, an SNMPSet error for Save Cfg File1 message occurs.	
			This error occurs when creating circuits with switch software Releases 1.1.2.10 and 2.2.0.6.	
CSCds74641	Medium	Show command	An error occurs when retrieving attributes.	
CSCds75179	Medium	All commands	VCLI does not communicate with logical card when the physical card is not functioning.	
CSCds50326	Medium	Delete command	The remote endpoint circuit through Ascend is not deleted by VCLI.	
CSCds74093	Medium	Connections	Either VCLI or software Release 2.2.0.6 does not save on switched-out state.	
CSCds73971	Medium	Connections	Autosave does not save the near endpoint for circuit creations.	
CSCds74843	Low	Change command	Help line for OC3 4-port indicates support for 1–4, but only 1 and 2 are supported.	
CSCds74841	Low	Show command	For queries, the VCLI q command does not terminate the query. The output continues.	
CSCdt31900	Low	Connections	The add conn command reports an error when the near-end card is Release 2.X and the far-end card is Release 3.X.	Ignore the error. The connection is made correctly.

Resolved Caveats - Release 3.0.1.8

The following table consists of the caveats fixed in Release 3.0.1.8.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description
CSCds25899	High	Software upgrade	IMC upgrade/downgrade occasionally fails.
CSCds37710	Medium	Performance	VCLI creates a defunct process at startup.
CSCds50506	Medium	Card control	Reboot command does not function for blades with Release 2.2.0.6.
CSCds60290	Medium	Software upgrade	An error message displays during an upgrade/downgrade of IMC software.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description
CSCds60303	Medium	Software upgrade	The IMC upgrade error message should be a warning message.
CSCds72862	High	Software upgrade	VCLI upgrades IMC backup despite executing a No command to the warning message.
CSCdt03689	Medium	Software upgrade	VCLI does not detect a software image change failure on the IMC card. The IMC might have inconsistent images.
CSCdt07031	Medium	Card control	The reboot command does not function for blades with Release 3.0.1.X.
CSCdt13064	Medium	Software upgrade	VCLI downloads to the incorrect IMC directory. This situation occurs when the backup IMC is in the top slot, and the software directories for the primary and backup cards are different. The software downloads into the wrong directory on the primary card.
CSCdt13076	Low	Software upgrade	If an error occurs during the change image command, a message appears asking to continue to the next switch. If no is entered, the VCLI still continues to next switch.

Resolved Caveats - Release 3.0.0.9

The following table consists of the caveats fixed in Release 3.0.0.9.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description
CSCdm30982	Medium	Background polling	When BladeMon process dies, the redundancy status of the 1600 cards in the network gets stale without the VCLI being aware of it. The workaround is to remove the file blade.pid and restart a VCLI.
CSCdm70079	New feature	Show connections	Add feature to show the default physical ports when listing the connections on a cardFeature request.
CSCdm71570	High	Redundancy	VCLI allows configuration change to cards while redundancy state is force back in progress (FBP).
CSCdm73811	High	Connection creation	VCLI is unable to make connections between PSM cards running different software versions.
CSCdm88355	Medium	Bert	The VCLI does not display digits after the decimal point for the attribute PercentErrorFreeSeconds when viewing Bert Status for DS1 or Circuit Bert tests.
CSCdp33137	Low	Download command	In the download command, the VCLI does not give an informative error message when the card type argument does not match the slot of the card.
CSCdp34882	Medium	Check BERT	VCLI cannot set the transmit and receive bit inversion attributes for PL and SegPL type circuit BERT tests. These attributes only apply to user data pattern configured BERT tests.
CSCdp35483	Medium	IMC	The command show imc info does not check for the presence of a backup IMC in the switch. Consequently, if the backup card is not present, the command takes several seconds to complete.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description
CSCdp35740	Medium	Connection creation	VCLI cannot create a circuit from Release 2 to Release 1 on different switches. Function call used to pause the Blade Monitor process.
CSCdp37110	Low	Connection creation	The VCLI creates a local PL type connection without having the second endpoint specified on the command line. Both endpoints should be specified on the command line for any type of PL circuit.
CSCdp40572	Medium	SONET path thresholds	VCLI cannot change the error threshold values for the SONET Path level on the channelized access OC3 ports.
CSCsn05494	Low	CES card addition	If two or more users make changes to the VCLI database (for example, add/delete cards or add/delete switches), the changes are overwritten in the VCLI database.
			Users should have a single user making database changes.

Resolved Caveats - Release 2.2.8.5

The following table consists of the caveats fixed in Release 2.2.8.5.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description
CSCdp72169	High	Blade Monitor	The Blade Monitor process stops polling the network.
			The fix is to change the UNIX function used to pause the Blade Monitor process.
CSCdp72170	High	Software upgrade	The VCLI proceeds with a CES and IMC software upgrade even though the contents file is not found in the directory containing the new software images.
			The fix is that the VCLI stops the upgrade process if this file is not found.

Resolved Caveats - Release 2.2.8.4

The following table consists of the caveats fixed in Release 2.2.8.4.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description
CSCdp36225	High	Ascend provisioning	The stored Ascend uplink string truncates if the U1600 slot is greater than 9. This truncation causes the Ascend provisioning server to fail creating the ATM connection in the Ascend cloud.
CSCdp38871	Medium	Blade Monitor	The command show blademon info displays the In-Band communication state to a card twice if the Out-Of-Band and In-Band links are down.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description
CSCdp38890	Medium	Blade Monitor	Blade Monitor reports that the Out-Of-Band link is down when the In-Band link is up. The Out-Of-Band link status should be reported regardless of the In-Band link state.
CSCdp38898	High	Blade Monitor	Illegal characters in a switch name causes the Blade Monitor to cease working properly. The fix is that the VCLI checks for legal characters in switch name when users add new switches to the VCLI database.

Resolved Caveats - Release 2.2.8.2

The following table consists of the caveats fixed in Release 2.2.8.2.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description
CSCdp02650	Medium	IMC redundancy	If the IMC card with a U1600 chassis is not available for IP communication, the VCLI command show switch redundancy displays that the chassis is available. All other IMC commands fail. Verified: Yes
CSCdp33191	High	IMC software upgrade	During an upgrade, if the IMC backup returns an error to the SNMP_SET request, the VCLI does not cease the upgrade. The upgrade continues by attempting to upgrade the other IMC card in the chassis.
CSCdp33196	High	IMC software upgrade	The VCLI is not waiting long enough for IMC redundancy after the backup IMC has rebooted and is ready to become primary. The VCLI is proceeding with the upgrade of the second IMC too soon.

Resolved Caveats - Release 2.2.8.1

The following table consists of the caveats fixed in Release 2.2.8.1.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description
CSCdm73051	Medium	Connection deletion	The VCLI does not delete far endpoint of a pl type connection when only the near endpoint of the connection is given.
			However, if the far endpoint is given on the command line, both endpoints are deleted.
			The work around is to delete the far endpoint, or to delete both endpoints separately.
			Verified: Yes
CSCdm73801	High, Status is Closed	M13 IP address	The VCLI command change system cescard -m13?ip 0 does not work.
			This is not a bug. Changing IP addresses requires a few seconds for the CPE card to make the change visible to the VCLI. Setting 0.0.0.0 works.
			Verified: Yes
CSCdp00218	Low	CES redundancy	When executing the show switch redundancy command, the VCLI does not differentiate between unreachable configured cards and empty slots. The VCLI shows a hyphen (-) in both these instances. The VCLI should display an unknown message for configured cards.
			Verified: Yes
CSCdp00556	Low	PL circuit config	The loopback state of a PL type circuit is not shown anywhere in the VCLI. This state should be displayed in the output of the command show conn pl config .
CSCdp01075	Low	CES card addition	When an existing CES card is added to a switch, the VCLI returns an uninformative error message.
			Verified: Yes
CSCdp02650	Medium	IMC redundancy	If the IMC card is not available for IP communication, the VCLI command show switch redundancy shows that card is available. All other IMC commands fail.

Resolved Caveats - Release 2.2.8

The following table consists of the caveats fixed in Release 2.2.8.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description
CSCdm73146	Medium	Change BERT	Unable to invert the transmit patter while running a BERT.
			The command is change connection segpl –txpattinv on –epid <endpointid></endpointid> .
CSCdm75085	High	Show OC3 summary	The VCLI shows the operational state of the SONET path layer on the Access OC3 to be up when either the SONET section or SONET line layers are down.
			Verified: Yes
CSCdm77686	Medium	Show physical DS1	The row label for DS1 frame errors does not say that frame errors are measured as any second that contains a frame error. Instead, the label implies that the count displayed is the actual number of frame errors.
CSCdm77694	High	Show CES information	In release 2.1.X of the VCLI, the manufacturing related information attributes are incorrect for the command show cescard info on the CES cards.
			Verified: Yes
CSCdm77832	High	ATM port stats	The VCLI returned an error when trying to retrieve the statistics with the command show logicalport atm stat .
			Verified: Yes
CSCdm82392	Medium	Change system switch	Executing the command change system switch –sname <new_name> does not update the VCLI database files.</new_name>
			Verified: Yes
CSCsn05541	Medium	Blade Monitor	The VCLI takes a long time to establish communication with CES card after the card reboots.
			The fix is that the VCLI communicates within seconds after the CES card is available for communication.
CSCsn05684	Medium	Blade Monitor	Duplicate problem of CSCsn05541
CSCsn05736	Low	Blade Monitor	Blade Monitor must be a standalone application.
CSCsn05781	Low	Blade Monitor	Exit and restart of VCLI causes delay in communicating with the CES cards in the network.
			The fix is that the Blade Monitor process keeps in contact for the VCLI.
CSCsn05790	High	Redundancy	In certain situations the VCLI gives an error when an CES card changes from a role of None to the primary role.
			Switching the role again clears this error.
			Verified: Yes
CSCsn05808	Medium	Show connection	The VCLI command show conn all sum displays the incorrect circuit type on a backup CES card when a backup is switched-in for a primary.

Resolved Caveats - Release 2.1.3

The following table consists of the caveats fixed in Release 2.1.3.

Bug ID	Severity	Functional Area	Description
CSCsn05743	High	Connection creation	Connection created on switched-out primary card shows type Remote-Pl.
CSCsn05744	High	Show command	The VCLI displays inconsistent or misleading information with the show cescard info command.
CSCsn04734	High	Connection deletion	When the VCLI is unable to delete a connection, the endpoint ID is not displayed.
CSCdm60856	Medium	Switch names	The underline character cannot be used in switch names.
CSCdm59553	High	Change OC3	A feature to change the AIS to RDI flag is missing.
CSCsn05811	High	Switch names	Only three characters of a switch name are displayed on error.
CSCsn05846	High	DS3 summary	Missing check for container down state in command show phy ds3 summary.
CSCsn05864	High	Connection deletion	The VCLI is unable to always delete partially created circuits.
CSCsn05771	High	Redundancy	Loss of communication when redundancy state of the CES cards is unknown.
CSCsn05715	Medium	Connection creation	The VCLI cannot delete an invalid connection.
CSCdm72267	Medium	Connection creation	The VCLI does not show the name of the cktid when a connection is created.
CSCsn05815	Medium	User response	When asking for a user response, acceptance of Y/y and N/n instead of the complete yes/no word is required.

Related Documentation

This section provides the documentation related to MGX 8240 Release 3.0.1.

Release-Specific Documents

The following release notes are related to this documentation:

- Release Notes for Cisco MGX 8240 Release 3.0.1 PSM Switch Software, DOC-7811171=
- Release Notes for Cisco MGX 8240 Release 3.0.1 IMC Software, DOC-7810801=

Hardware Document

The VCLI Release Notes support the *Cisco MGX 8240 Hardware User's Guide Release 3.0*, DOC-7810728=. This manual provides a physical description of the 8240 and includes instructions on installation, logical connectivity, cabling, traffic management, and statistics.

Software Document

The VCLI Release Notes support the *Cisco MGX 8240 VCLI User's Guide Release 3.0*, DOC-7810727=. This manual provides the VCLI installation and provisioning procedures, and includes the specific VCLI commands.

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Contacting TAC by Using the Cisco TAC Website

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http://www.cisco.com/tac

P3 and P4 level problems are defined as follows:

- P3—Your network performance is degraded. Network functionality is noticeably impaired, but most business operations continue.
- P4—You need information or assistance on Cisco product capabilities, product installation, or basic product configuration.

In each of the above cases, use the Cisco TAC website to quickly find answers to your questions.

To register for Cisco.com, go to the following website:

http://www.cisco.com/register/

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http://www.cisco.com/tac/caseopen

Contacting TAC by Telephone

If you have a priority level 1(P1) or priority level 2 (P2) problem, contact TAC by telephone and immediately open a case. To obtain a directory of toll-free numbers for your country, go to the following website:

http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/687/Directory/DirTAC.shtml

P1 and P2 level problems are defined as follows:

- P1—Your production network is down, causing a critical impact to business operations if service is not restored quickly. No workaround is available.
- P2—Your production network is severely degraded, affecting significant aspects of your business operations. No workaround is available.

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