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Cisco Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms

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The Cisco Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms are best-in-class, 5G-ready, cloud edge platforms designed for accelerated services, multilayer security, cloud-native agility, and edge intelligence to accelerate your journey to cloud.



The Cisco® Catalyst® 8300 Series Edge Platforms with Cisco IOS® XE SD-WAN software deliver Cisco’s secure, cloud-scale SD-WAN solution for the branch. The platforms are purpose-built for high performance and integrated SD-WAN services along with flexibility to deliver security and networking services together from the cloud or on premises. The Catalyst 8300 Series provides higher WAN port density and a redundant power supply capability. The platforms have a wide variety of interface options to choose from, ranging from lower to higher module density, with backward compatibility to a variety of existing WAN, LAN, voice, and compute modules. Powered by Cisco IOS XE, a fully programmable software architecture, and API support, these platforms can facilitate automation at scale to achieve zero-touch IT capability while migrating workloads to the cloud. The Catalyst 8300 Series also comes with a trustworthy solutions 2.0 infrastructure that secures the platforms against threats and vulnerabilities with integrity verification and remediation of threats.

The 8300 Series is well suited for medium-sized and large enterprise branch offices that need high WAN IPsec performance with integrated SD-WAN services.

Product overview

Product highlights

Table 1. Product highlights

Product feature	Benefits and description
Multicore processors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intel® x86 CPU with 8 GB memory default (up to 32 GB memory upgrade) • High-performance multicore processors that support high-speed WAN connections • Dynamic core allocation architecture that can leverage data plane cores for I/O and service plane as per the user’s configuration
Embedded IPsec VPN hardware acceleration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 5 Gbps of IPsec Internet Mix (IMIX) traffic • Increases scalability for IPsec throughput needs for medium-sized and large branches • Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and crypto hardware acceleration
Integrated Gigabit Ethernet ports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides six built-in 10/100/1000/10G Ethernet ports for WAN or LAN • All platforms have at least two Ethernet ports that can support Small Form-Factor Pluggable (SFP) or SFP+ based connectivity in addition to four RJ-45 connections, enabling fiber or copper connectivity
DRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Catalyst 8300 platforms have 8 GB default DRAM and can be upgraded to 16 GB and 32 GB for higher scale and performance

Product feature	Benefits and description
Flash memory support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Catalyst 8300 platforms have an integrated onboard 8-GB flash that is not upgradable. M.2 storage provides upgrade options
M.2 storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Catalyst 8300 models ship with default 16-GB M.2 USB for SD-WAN logging and additional storage on the platform. It can be upgraded to 32-GB M.2 USB and 600-GB M.2 Non-Volatile Memory Express (NVMe)
Default dual power supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Catalyst 8300 platforms ship with default dual power supplies for power supply redundancy DC, Power over Ethernet (PoE), and High-Voltage DC (HVDC) options are available on all models PoE ports can be added in both the Network Interface Module (NIM) and Service Module (SM) slots, which will need a PoE power supply
Modularity and form factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Rack-Unit (1RU) and 2RU form factors Supports SM, NIM, and Pluggable Interface Module (PIM) slots
Integrated security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hardware-anchored Secure Boot and Secure Unique Device Identification (SUDI) support for Plug and Play to verify the identity of the hardware and software

Platform details

Models and configurations

Figures 1 through 4 highlight the different models included in the Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms.



Figure 1.

C8300-2N2S-4T2X platform with two SM slots, two NIM slots, two 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports, and four 1 Gigabit Ethernet ports (C8300 2RU w/ 10G WAN)



Figure 2.

C8300-2N2S-6T platform with two SM slots, two NIM slots, and six 1 Gigabit Ethernet ports (C8300 2RU w/ 1G WAN)



Figure 3.

C8300-1N1S-4T2X platform with one SM slot, one NIM slot, two 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports, and four 1 Gigabit Ethernet ports (C8300 1RU w/ 10G WAN)



Figure 4.

C8300-1N1S-6T platform with one SM slot, 1 NIM slot, and six 1 Gigabit Ethernet ports (C8300 1RU w/ 1G WAN)

Tables 2 and 3 detail platform specifications and performance, respectively.

Table 2. Platform specifications

Model	Description	10G port density	1G port density	Slots	Memory (DRAM) default	Storage (M.2 SSD) default
C8300-2N2S-4T2X	C8300 2RU w/ 10G WAN (2 SM and 2 NIM slots, and 2x 10 Gigabit Ethernet and 4x 1 Gigabit Ethernet ports)	2	4	2 SM 2 NIM 1 PIM	8 GB	16 GB
C8300-2N2S-6T	C8300 2RU w/ 1G WAN (2 SM and 2 NIM slots, and 6x 1 Gigabit Ethernet ports)	-	6	2 SM 2 NIM 1 PIM	8 GB	16 GB
C8300-1N1S-4T2X	C8300 1RU w/ 10G WAN (1 SM slot and 1 NIM slot, and 2x 10 Gigabit Ethernet and 4x 1 Gigabit Ethernet ports)	2	4	1 SM 1 NIM 1 PIM	8 GB	16 GB
C8300-1N1S-6T	C8300 1RU w/ 1G WAN (1 SM slot and 1 NIM slot, and 6x 1 Gigabit Ethernet ports)	-	6	1 SM 1 NIM 1 PIM	8 GB	16 GB

Platform performance

Table 3a Cisco controller mode (SD-WAN) performance specifications

Feature	C8300-2N2S-4T2X (2RU w/ 10G WAN)	C8300-1N1S-4T2X (1RU w/ 10G WAN)	C8300-2N2S-6T (2RU w/ 1G WAN)	C8300-1N1S-6T (1RU w/ 1G WAN)
SD-WAN IPsec throughput (1400 bytes, clear text)	Up to 18 Gbps	Up to 15 Gbps	Up to 1.9 Gbps	Up to 1.9 Gbps
SD-WAN IPsec throughput (IMIX,* clear text**)	5 Gbps	4.3 Gbps	1.75 Gbps	1.75 Gbps
SD-WAN overlay tunnels scale	6000	6000	6000	6000

* IMIX is average packet size of 352 bytes.

**Based on clear text traffic measurement from traffic generator.

Table 3b Cisco autonomous mode (non SD-WAN) performance specifications

Feature	C8300-2N2S-4T2X (2RU w/ 10G WAN)	C8300-1N1S-4T2X (1RU w/ 10G WAN)	C8300-2N2S-6T (2RU w/ 1G WAN)	C8300-1N1S-6T (1RU w/ 1G WAN)
IPv4 forwarding throughput (1400 bytes)	Up to 19.7 Gbps	Up to 19.7 Gbps	Up to 19.7 Gbps	Up to 19.7 Gbps
IPsec throughput (1400 bytes, clear text**)	Up to 18.8 Gbps	Up to 15.8 Gbps	Up to 1.9 Gbps	Up to 1.9 Gbps
Number of IPsec Static Virtual Tunnel Interface (SVTI) tunnels	4000	4000	4000	4000

**Based on clear text traffic measurement from traffic generator.

Table 3c Cisco autonomous mode (non SD-WAN) system scalability

Feature	C8300-2N2S-4T2X (2RU w/ 10G WAN)	C8300-1N1S-4T2X (1RU w/ 10G WAN)	C8300-2N2S-6T (2RU w/ 1G WAN)	C8300-1N1S-6T (1RU w/ 1G WAN)
Number of Access Control Lists (ACLs) per system	4000	4000	4000	4000
Number of IPv4 Access Control Entries (ACEs) per system	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000
Number of IPv4 routes	1.6M with default 8 GB, up to 4M with 32 GB	1.6M with default 8 GB, up to 4M with 32 GB	1.6M with default 8 GB, up to 4M with 32 GB	1.6M with default 8 GB, up to 4M with 32 GB
Number of IPv6 routes	1.5M with default 8 GB, up to 4M with 32 GB	1.5M with default 8 GB, up to 4M with 32 GB	1.5M with default 8 GB, up to 4M with 32 GB	1.5M with default 8 GB, up to 4M with 32 GB

Feature	C8300-2N2S-4T2X (2RU w/ 10G WAN)	C8300-1N1S-4T2X (1RU w/ 10G WAN)	C8300-2N2S-6T (2RU w/ 1G WAN)	C8300-1N1S-6T (1RU w/ 1G WAN)
Number of queues	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
Number of Network Address Translation (NAT) sessions	1.2M with default 8 GB, up to 2M with 32 GB	1.2M with default 8 GB, up to 2M with 32 GB	1.2M with default 8 GB, up to 2M with 32 GB	1.2M with default 8 GB, up to 2M with 32 GB
Number of firewall sessions	512,000	512,000	512,000	512,000
Number of Virtual Route Forwarding (VRF) instances	4000	4000	4000	4000

Overall platform benefits

Accelerated services with Cisco Software-Defined WAN

Cisco SD-WAN is a set of intelligent software services that allow you to connect users, devices, and branch office locations reliably and securely across a diverse set of WAN transport links. The Cisco Catalyst 8000 Edge Platforms Family can dynamically route traffic across the “best” link based on up-to-the-minute application and network conditions for great application experiences. You get tight control over application performance, bandwidth usage, data privacy, and availability of your WAN links – control you need as your branches conduct greater volumes of mission-critical business with both on-premises and cloud controllers.

Application performance optimization

Ensure that SD-WAN networks meet Service-Level Agreements (SLAs) and maintain strong performance, even if network problems occur. With branch multicloud access, you can accelerate your Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) applications with a simple template push from the SD-WAN controller. Features such as TCP optimization, Forward Error Correction (FEC), and packet duplication help application performance for a better user experience.

Multilayer security

You can now move your traditional and complex WAN networks to a more agile software-defined WAN with integrated security. The Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms connect branch offices to the internet and cloud, with industry-leading protection against major web attacks. Secure Direct Internet Access (DIA) to the branches helps optimize branch workloads for improved performance, specifically for cloud-hosted applications. At the same time, DIA helps ensure that your branch is protected from external threats.

Application visibility*

Applications and users are more distributed than ever, and the internet has effectively become the new enterprise WAN. As organizations continue to embrace internet, cloud, and SaaS, network and IT teams are challenged to deliver consistent and reliable connectivity and application performance over networks and services they don't own or directly control.

The Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms are fully integrated with Cisco ThousandEyes internet and cloud intelligence. IT managers now have expanded visibility, including hop-by-hop analytics, into network underlay, proactive monitoring of SD-WAN overlay, and performance measurement of SaaS applications. This granular visibility ultimately lowers the Mean Time To Identification of issues (MTTI) and accelerates resolution time.

*Available in Release 17.6, targeted for Q3CY21.

Unified communications

The Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms offer rich voice services in both SD-WAN and traditional Cisco IOS XE software feature stacks. Cisco is the only SD-WAN vendor to natively integrate analog and digital IP directly into single Customer Premises Equipment (CPE), reducing CapEx and OpEx. In SD-WAN mode, the Catalyst 8300 Series also helps prevent internal and external outages with Survivable Remote Site Telephony (SRST), enabling branch routers to assume the role of call control PBX for telephony survivability. They also continue to support a long list of traditional Cisco IOS XE voice use cases such as Cisco Unified Border Element (CUBE), Cisco Unified Communications Manager, Session Border Controller, SRST, ISDN, and voice over IP.

Cloud-native agility with a programmable software architecture

Cisco continues to offer a feature-rich traditional Cisco IOS XE routing stack on the Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms. IP routing, IPsec, Quality of Service (QoS), firewall, NAT, Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR), Flexible NetFlow (FNF), and many other features are part of Cisco IOS XE, a fully programmable software architecture with API support and a wide variety of protocols and configurations. With an integrated software image and a single binary file, you can now choose between Cisco IOS XE SD-WAN and Cisco IOS XE. And you can easily move from one to the other when you choose to do so.

5G-ready

The Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms are built for future 5G networks. With higher throughputs with Cat18 LTE and 5G, wireless WAN solutions are becoming feasible as the primary transport for different use cases. These platforms will support both integrated pluggable modules as well as external cellular gateway modules with LTE and 5G capability for improved throughput that addresses all of those use cases. Depending on the particular branch's direct line of sight and cellular coverage, either an integrated or external gateway can be chosen.

Interface flexibility

Switch ports

We are introducing a Cisco Unified Access® Data Plane (UADP)-based 22-port and 50-port Layer 2 switch module for the Catalyst 8300 Series. The edge platform can be a branch-in-a-box solution with this integrated switch module with 1 Gigabit Ethernet, Cisco Multigigabit technology, and 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports for downstream switches and devices. The 22-port Layer 2 module is a single-wide module that can be used on both the 1RU and 2RU platforms. The 50-port Layer 2 module is a double-wide module that can be used on the 2RU platforms.

Cisco UCS E-Series compute

The Catalyst 8300 Series supports the Cisco UCS® E-Series M3 modules for branch compute needs. We support both Cisco and third-party Virtual Network Functions (VNFs) on the Cisco Enterprise NFV Infrastructure Software (NFVIS) hypervisor running on the Cisco UCS E-Series blade server. Cisco UCS E-Series M3 modules have 6-, 8-, and 12-core options to choose from, based on the number of VNFs that need to be run at the branch.

Voice modules

The Catalyst 8300 Series continues Cisco's support for a variety of voice modules for the different voice needs at the branch. Voice module examples include Foreign Exchange Station (FXS), Foreign Exchange Office (FXO), Digital Signal Processor (DSP), etc.

Supported modules

Table 4. Modules supported

Product number	Description
Ethernet WAN modules	
C-NIM-1X	Cisco NIM module 1-port 10G SFP/SFP+ with MACsec
LAN modules	
NIM-ES2-4	Cisco 4-port Gigabit Ethernet switch NIM
NIM-ES2-8	Cisco 8-port Gigabit Ethernet switch NIM
NIM-ES2-8-P	Cisco 8-port Gigabit Ethernet switch NIM with PoE support
C-SM-16P4M2X	Cisco 22-port Catalyst L2 switch module with UADP ASIC
C-SM-40P4M2X	Cisco 50-port Catalyst L2 switch module with UADP ASIC
Compute modules	
UCS-E160S-M3/K9	UCS-E, single-wide, Intel Broadwell 6-core CPU; up to 64 GB RAM, 1-2 HDD
UCS-E180D-M3/K9	UCS-E, double-wide, Intel Broadwell 8-core CPU; up to 128 GB RAM, 1-4 HDD
UCS-E1120D-M3/K9	UCS-E, double-wide, Intel Broadwell 12-core CPU; up to 128 GB RAM, 1-4 HDD

Product number	Description
Voice modules	
NIM-2FXO	2-port FXO NIM
NIM-4FXO	4-port FXO NIM
NIM-2FXSP	2-port FXS NIM
NIM-4FXSP	4-port FXS NIM
NIM-2FXSP/4FXOP	2-port FXS and 4-port FXO NIM
NIM-4E/M	4-port E/M NIM
NIM-2BRI-NT/TE	2-port BRI (NT and TE) NIM
NIM-4BRI-NT/TE	4-port BRI (NT and TE) NIM
SM-X-8FXS/12FXO	8-port FXS and 12-port FXO single-wide service module
SM-X-16FXS/2FXO	16-port FXS and 2-port FXO single-wide service module
SM-X-24FXS/4FXO	24-port FXS and 4-port FXO single-wide service module
SM-X-72FXS	72-port FXS double-wide service module
NIM-PVDM-32	32-channel voice DSP NIM
NIM-PVDM-64	64-channel voice DSP NIM
NIM-PVDM-128	128-channel voice DSP NIM
NIM-PVDM-256	256-channel voice DSP NIM
SM-X-PVDM-3000	3080-channel high-density voice DSP module
SM-X-PVDM-2000	2048-channel high-density voice DSP module
SM-X-PVDM-1000	1024-channel high-density voice DSP module
SM-X-PVDM-500	768-channel high-density voice DSP module
NIM-1MFT-T1/E1	1-port multiflex trunk voice/clear-channel data T1/E1 module
NIM-2MFT-T1/E1	2-port multiflex trunk voice/clear-channel data T1/E1 module
NIM-4MFT-T1/E1	4-port multiflex trunk voice/clear-channel data T1/E1 module
NIM-8MFT-T1/E1	8-port multiflex trunk voice/clear-channel data T1/E1 module

Product number	Description
DSL/broadband	
NIM-VAB-A	Multi-mode VDSL2/ADSL/2/2+ NIM Annex A
NIM-VA-B	Multi-mode VDSL2/ADSL/2/2+ NIM Annex B
NIM-VAB-M	Multi-mode VDSL2/ADSL/2/2+ NIM Annex M
NIM-4SHDSL-EA	Multi-mode G.SHDSL NIM
Channelized T1/E1 and ISDN PRI	
NIM-1CE1T1-PRI	1-port Multiflex trunk voice/channelized data T1/E1 module
NIM-2CE1T1-PRI	2-port Multiflex trunk voice/channelized data T1/E1 module
NIM-8CE1T1-PRI	8-port Multiflex trunk voice/channelized data T1/E1 module
Serial WAN interface	
SM-X-1T3/E3	1-port clear-channel T3/E3 service module
NIM-1T	1-port serial high-speed WAN interface card
NIM-2T	2-port serial high-speed WAN interface card
NIM-4T	4-port serial high-speed WAN interface card
Async WAN interface	
NIM-16A	16-port Asynchronous Module
NIM-24A	24-port Asynchronous Module
Wireless WAN (LTE)	
P-LTEAP18-GL	4G/CAT18 LTE Advanced Pro Pluggable - Global
P-LTEA-EA	4G/CAT6 LTE Advanced Pluggable for North American and Europe
P-LTEA-LA	4G/ CAT6 LTE Advanced Pluggable for APAC, ANZ, and LATAM
NIM-LTEA-EA	LTE Advanced for Europe and North America
NIM-LTEA-LA	LTE Advanced for Asia Pacific, Australia and LATAM

Memory, storage, and accessory options

Table 5. Memory, storage, and accessory options

Product number	Description
MEM-C8300-8GB	Cisco C8300 Edge Platform - 8 GB Memory
MEM-C8300-16GB	Cisco C8300 Edge Platform - 16 GB Memory
MEM-C8300-32GB	Cisco C8300 Edge Platform - 32 GB Memory
M2USB-16G	Cisco C8000 Edge Platform - 16 GB M.2 USB SSD Storage
M2USB-32G	Cisco C8000 Edge Platform - 32 GB M.2 USB SSD Storage
SSD-M2NVME-600G	Cisco C8000 Edge Platform - 600 GB M.2 NVMe SSD Storage
C8300-RM-19-1R	Cisco C8300 1RU Edge Platform - Rack Mount kit - 19"
C8300-RM-23-1R	Cisco C8300 1RU Edge Platform - Rack Mount kit - 23"
C8300-RM-19-2R	Cisco C8300 2RU Edge Platform - Rack Mount kit - 19"
C8300-RM-23-2R	Cisco C8300 2RU Edge Platform - Rack Mount kit - 23"
C8300-WM-1R	Cisco C8300 1RU Edge Platform - Wall Mount Kit
C8300-FAN-1R	Cisco C8300 1RU Edge Platform - Fan Tray Assembly
C8300-FAN-2R	Cisco C8300 2RU Edge Platform Fan Tray Assembly
C-RFID-1R	Cisco C8300 1RU Edge Platform - RFID
C-RFID-2R	Cisco C8300 2RU Edge Platform - RFID
C8300-SM-BLANK	Cisco C8300 SM Blank
C8300-NIM-BLANK	Cisco C8300 NIM Blank
C8300-PIM-BLANK	Cisco C8300 PIM Blank

The fan tray is shipped by default with the Catalyst 8300 Series.

Optics and transceivers modules

Find a full list of optics and transceivers [here](#).

Resiliency and high availability

Platform redundancy is critical for branch operations, as any downtime has a direct impact on a customer's business. To address that priority, Cisco makes a dual power supply the default on all Catalyst 8300 platforms to help ensure that there is always a backup power supply in case the primary power supply fails.

Power supplies

Table 6. 1RU platform power supply specifications

Power supply feature	PWR-CC1-250WAC	PWR-CC1-500WAC	PWR-CC1-400WDC	PWR-CC1-400WHV
Power maximum rating	250W	500W PoE (yes) PoE budget: 250W	400W	400W
Input-voltage range and frequency	100 to 240 VAC 50 to 60 Hz	100 to 240 VAC 50 to 60 Hz	DC: -40 to -72V	DC: 240 - 380V
Power supply efficiency	80 Plus Silver	80 Plus Silver	85%	80 Plus Platinum
Input current	3A - 1.25A	6A - 2.5A	13A - 7.25A	1.75A - 1.1A
Output ratings	12V 21A	12V 21A 54V 4.5A	1V 33.5A	12V 54A
Output holdup time	20 ms	20 ms	2 ms	20 ms
Power supply input receptacles	IEC 320 C14	IEC 320 C14	Terminal block	Saf-D-Grid
Power cord rating	5A	10A	15A #14 wire	5A

Table 7. 2RU platform power supply specifications

Power supply feature	PWR-CC1-650WAC	PWR-CC1-1000WAC	PWR-CC1-650WDC
Power maximum rating	650W	1000W PoE (yes) PoE budget: 250W	650W
Input-voltage range and frequency	100 to 240 VAC 50 to 60 Hz	100 to 240 VAC 50 to 60 Hz	DC: -40 to -72V
Power supply efficiency	80 Plus Gold	80 Plus Gold	80 Plus Gold
Input current	7.2A - 3A	11.5A - 4.63A	18A - 10A
Output ratings	12V 54A	12V 83A	12V 54A
Output holdup time	20 ms	20 ms	4 ms
Power supply input receptacles	IEC 320 C14	IEC 320 C14	Terminal block
Power cord rating	10A	12A	20A #14 wire

RFID tags: Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms have an embedded RFID tag that holds the serial number and product ID for easy asset and inventory management using commercial RFID readers. The RFID tag is external and can be easily removed if needed or can be unselected at the time of ordering.

Software requirements

Cisco DNA Software for the Catalyst 8300 Series offers comprehensive solutions for enterprise branch networks.

Table 8. Minimum software requirements

Platform product ID (PID)	Description	Minimum software requirement
C8300-2N2S-4T2X C8300-1N1S-4T2X C8300-2N2S-6T C8300-1N1S-6T	Cisco Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms	Cisco IOS XE Software Release 17.3.2

Table 9. ThousandEyes requirements

Feature	Requirements
Cisco ThousandEyes	ThousandEyes is natively integrated with the Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms with a minimum 8 GB DRAM and 8 GB bootflash/storage. Additional memory and storage will be necessary for concurrently running the ThousandEyes agent with containerized SD-WAN security services.

Table 10a. Software features and protocols for autonomous mode

Feature	Description
Protocols	IPv4, IPv6, static routes, Routing Information Protocol Versions 1 and 2 (RIP and RIPv2), Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP), Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), BGP Route Reflector, Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System (IS-IS), Multicast Internet Group Management Protocol Version 3 (IGMPv3), Protocol Independent Multicast Sparse Mode (PIM SM), PIM Source-Specific Multicast (SSM), Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP), Cisco Discovery Protocol, Encapsulated Remote Switched Port Analyzer (ERSPAN), Cisco IOS IP Service-Level Agreements (IPSLA), Call Home, Cisco IOS Embedded Event Manager (EEM), Internet Key Exchange (IKE), ACLs, Ethernet Virtual Connections (EVC), Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), Frame Relay, DNS, Locator ID Separation Protocol (LISP), Hot Standby Router Protocol (HSRP), RADIUS, authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA), Application Visibility and Control (AVC), Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol (DVMRP), IPv4-to-IPv6 Multicast, Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS), Layer 2 and Layer 3 VPN, IPsec, Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol Version 3 (L2TPv3), Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD), IEEE 802.1ag, and IEEE 802.3ah
Encapsulations	Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE), Ethernet, 802.1q VLAN, Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP), Multilink Point-to-Point Protocol (MLPPP), Frame Relay, Multilink Frame Relay (MLFR) (FR.15 and FR.16), High-Level Data Link Control (HDLC), serial (RS-232, RS-449, X.21, V.35, and EIA-530), and PPP over Ethernet (PPPoE)
Traffic management	QoS, Class-Based Weighted Fair Queuing (CBWFQ), Weighted Random Early Detection (WRED), Hierarchical QoS, Policy-Based Routing (PBR), Performance Routing (PfR), and NBAR
Cryptographic algorithms	<p>Encryption: Data Encryption Standard (DES), 3DES, Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)-128 or AES-256 (in Cipher Block Chaining [CBC] and Galois/Counter Mode [GCM])</p> <p>Authentication: RSA (748/1024/2048 bit), ECDSA (256/384 bit)</p> <p>Integrity: MD5, SHA, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512</p>
Unified communications	Call Admission Control (CAC), CUBE, Cisco Unified Communications Manager, dialer, ISDN, Interactive Voice Response (IVR), RADIUS, RFC 4040-based clear channel codec signaling with Session Initiation Protocol (SIP), Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP), RTP Control Protocol (RTCP), Service Advertisement Framework (SAF), Session Border Controller (SBC), SIP for VoIP, SRST, Secure Real-Time Transport Protocol (SRTP), Voice over Frame Relay (FRF.11), VoIP, and voice modules

Table 10b. Software features and protocols for controller mode

Feature	Description
Core features	IPv4, IPv6, static routes, OSPF, EIGRP, BGP, Overlay Management Protocol (OMP), Application Aware Routing (AAR), Traffic Engineering, service insertion, zero trust, whitelisting, tamper-proof module, DTLS/TLS, IPsec, classification, prioritization, low latency queuing, remarking, shaping, scheduling, policing, mirroring, Multicast IPv4 support, service advertisement and insertion policy, Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), Network Time Protocol (NTP), DNS client, DHCP, DHCP client, DHCP server, DHCP relay archival, syslog, Secure Shell (SSH), Secure Copy (SCP), Cflowd v10 IPFIX export, IPv6 for transport side, Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP), MPLS, NAT (DIA, service-side, overload/PAT, NAT64, etc.), NAT pools, split DNS, ACLs, BFD, NETCONF over SSH, CLI, NTP server support, BFD with service-side BGP, BGP community propagation to OMP, 6 SLA for AAR, Cisco TrustSec®/SD-Access (inline scalable group tag [SGT] propagation), custom app with Software-Defined AVC (SD-AVC), multicast AAR, dynamic on-demand tunnels, OSM, OSPFv3, route policies, multi-VRF support
Encapsulations	GRE, Ethernet, 802.1q VLAN
Application experience	QoS, FEC, Class of Service (CoS) marking, WRED, Hierarchical QoS, PBR, NBAR, SD-AVC, per-tunnel QoS, Cloud OnRamp for SaaS, Enhanced Office 365 traffic steering, direct access, FNF
Cryptographic algorithms	Encryption: AES-256 (in CBC and GCM modes), Internet Key Exchange (IKE), Cisco Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Authentication: AAA, RSA (2048 bit), ESP-256-CBC, HMAC-SHA1, ECDSA (256/384 bit) Integrity: SHA-1, SHA-2
Security	Built-in end-to-end segmentation (VPNs), zone-based firewall (ZBFW), PKI, Cisco DNA Layer Security, Snort® IPS/IDS, URL filtering, Secure Malware Defense, Secure Malware Analytics, Application-Level Gateway (ALG) for ZBFW
Unified communication	CUBE Connector, SRST, voice modules

Licensing

The Catalyst 8300 Series Edge Platforms are offered only with a Cisco DNA Software subscription, Enterprise Agreement, and Managed Service Licensing Agreement (MSLA). For more details, refer to this [licensing guide](#).

Cisco DNA stack:

- Cisco DNA Essentials
- Cisco DNA Advantage
- Cisco DNA Premier

Network stack:

- Network Essentials
- Network Advantage

Cisco ThousandEyes*

A valid ThousandEyes agent license is required to activate the ThousandEyes agent. Existing ThousandEyes subscriptions can be leveraged on eligible Catalyst 8300 Series platforms. For additional ThousandEyes subscription information, go to

https://www.thousandeyes.com/signup/?utm_source=Cisco&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=CiscoSD-WAN.

*Available in Release 17.6, targeted for Q3CY21.

Specifications

Table 11. Mechanical specifications

Description	Specification	
Part number	C8300-2N2S-4T2X C8300-2N2S-6T	C8300-1N1S-4T2X C8300-1N1S-6T
Dimensions (H x W x D)	3.50 x 17.25 x 18.52 in. (8.89 x 43.81 x 47.04 cm)	1.73 x 17.50 x 16.25 in. (4.39 x 44.45 x 41.27 cm)
Rack Units (RU)	2RU	1RU
Chassis weight with 2 AC power supplies and fan tray	40 lb (18.1 kg)	20 lb (9.1 kg)
Input voltage	AC: 85 to 264 VAC DC: -40 to 72V; 48V nominal	
Operating temperature	32° to 104° F (0° to 40° C)	
Storage temperature	-40° to 150° F (-40° to 70° C)	
Relative humidity operating and nonoperating noncondensing	Ambient (noncondensing) operating: 5% to 85% Ambient (noncondensing) nonoperating and storage: 5% to 95%	
Altitude	0 to 10,000 feet (0 to 3050 meters)	
Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)	710,300 hours	536,060 hours

Table 12. Safety and compliance

Description	Specification
Safety certifications	UL 60950-1 CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950-1 EN 60950-1 IEC 60950-1 AS/NZS 60950-1 IEC/EN 60825 Laser Safety FDA: Code of Federal Regulations Laser Safety
EMC (emissions)	47 CFR Part 15 Class A ICES 003 Class A AS/NZS CISPR 32 Class A CISPR 32 Class A EN55032 Class A VCCI-CISPR 32 Class A CNS-13438 Class A KN32 Class A IEC/EN 61000-3-2: Power Line Harmonics IEC/EN 61000-3-3: Voltage Fluctuations and Flicker
EMC (immunity)	IEC/EN-61000-4-2: Electrostatic Discharge Immunity IEC/EN-61000-4-3: Radiated Immunity IEC/EN-61000-4-4: Electrical Fast Transient Immunity IEC/EN-61000-4-5: Surge AC, DC, and Signal Ports IEC/EN-61000-4-6: Immunity to Conducted Disturbances IEC/EN-61000-4-8: Power Frequency Magnetic Field Immunity IEC/EN-61000-4-11: Voltage DIPS, Short Interruptions, and Voltage Variations KN35
EMC (ETSI/EN)	EN300 386: Telecommunications Network Equipment (EMC) EN55032: Multimedia Equipment (Emissions) EN55024: Information Technology Equipment (Immunity) EN55035: Multimedia Equipment (Immunity) EN61000-6-1: Generic Immunity Standard

Services

Cisco Customer Experience support services for Catalyst 8000 platforms and Cisco DNA Software for SD-WAN and Routing

This section discusses the Cisco support services available for the Catalyst 8000 platforms and associated Cisco DNA Software for SD-WAN and Routing, as well as optional support service offers.

- **Catalyst 8000 platforms:** Cisco Solution Support is the default and recommended Cisco support service. However, Cisco Solution Support is not mandatory; it can be removed or replaced with another Cisco support service or partner service per the customer's preference.
- **Cisco DNA Software for SD-WAN and Routing:** Cisco Solution Support is the default Cisco support service. However, Cisco Solution Support is not mandatory; the customer may choose to use the Cisco Subscription Embedded Software Support included with the purchase of this software.

Note:

- When Solution Support is selected, it must be ordered on both the Catalyst 8000 platform and Cisco DNA Software for SD-WAN and Routing for complete customer entitlement to this premium support service.
- SD-WAN and Routing customers with Solution Support or Cisco Subscription Embedded Software Support are entitled to maintenance releases and software updates for **Cisco DNA SD-WAN and Routing software only**. Support for the Catalyst 8000 platform's OS and network stack, along with OS updates, is covered by the support contract on the Catalyst 8000 platform.

Cisco Solution Support is a premium support purpose-built for today's multiproduct, multivendor network environments and provides:

- A primary point of contact, centralizing support across a solution deployment
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- Access to www.cisco.com, providing helpful technical and general information on Cisco products, as well as access to Cisco's online Software Center library.

Note: No additional products or fees are required to receive embedded support for Cisco DNA Software for SD-WAN and Routing. However, if using embedded support for this software, hardware support for the Catalyst 8000 platforms must be purchased separately, as Cisco Subscription Embedded Software Support does not cover hardware. In this case, Cisco Smart Net Total Care[®] Service is recommended for the Catalyst 8000 platforms.

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For more information

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