



Cisco Catalyst 6500/Cisco 7600 Series Supervisor Engine 720

Product Overview

The Cisco[®] Catalyst[®] 6500/Cisco 7600 Series Supervisor Engine 720 is a family of Supervisor Engine(s) designed to deliver scalable performance and rich set of IP features in hardware. Its hardware-based feature set enables applications such as traditional IP forwarding, Layer 2 and Layer 3 Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) VPNs, Ethernet over MPLS (EoMPLS) with quality of service (QoS) and security features. The Supervisor engine 720 integrates a high-performance 720 Gbps crossbar switch fabric with a forwarding engine in a single module, delivering 40 Gbps of switching capacity per slot (enabling 4-port 10GE and 48-port 10/100/1000 density line cards). With hardware-enabled forwarding for IPv4, IPv6 and MPLS, the system performance is capable of 400 Mpps for IPv4, 200 Mpps for IPv6 traffic, with features and 1024 VRFs each populated with up to 700 routes/VRF for MPLS.



The Cisco Supervisor Engine 720 offers a strong set of security features. System security is hardened with support for features such as Port Security, CPU rate limiting, Multi-Path uRPF and a long list 802.1x extension. Extensive feature support such as QoS mechanisms, hardware-based generic-routing-encapsulation (GRE) tunneling, and access control lists (ACLs) enable customers to build high-performance, feature-rich campus networks, metropolitan (metro) aggregation, and various WAN edge networks.

With enhanced security, rich QoS and scalable performance for Gigabit and 10gigabit, the Sup720 is ideal for enterprise core and distribution and datacenters.

The Supervisor Engine 720 builds on the proven Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF) architecture, by supporting centralized forwarding (CEF) and distributed forwarding (dCEF). The variants of PFC3 distinguish the various Supervisor 720 families of engines. There are three flavors, PFC3A, PFC3B and PFC3BXL, correspond to WS-SUP720, WS-SUP720-3B and WS-SUP720-3BXL. The Supervisor Engine 720 family is supported on both operating systems—Cisco Catalyst OS[®] and Cisco IOS[®].

The Supervisor Engine 720 delivers scalable-performance, intelligence, and a broad set of features to address the needs of the most demanding service provider and enterprise deployment requirements for building modular, resilient, scalable, and secure layer 2 or layer 3 solution by:

- Delivering scalable forwarding Performance: up to 400 Mpps¹ IPv4 and 200 Mpps¹ IPv6 with dCEF
- Multi Protocol Label Switching support (MPLS) in hardware: enabling the use of VPNs and layer 2 tunneling while improving traffic engineering for QoS
- Delivering up to 40 Gbps per slot of switching capacity; 720 Gbps aggregate bandwidth
- Providing support for new high performance next generation gigabit and 10Gigabit interfaces
- Protecting customer's investment, supporting all three generations of Catalyst 6500 series interfaces and service module configurations
- Supporting all 3 generations of Catalyst 6500 series interfaces, services modules and WAN interfaces
- Enabling an increase in chassis interface port density and services module configurations

The Supervisor Engine 720's PFC3 and MSFC3 provide the numerous functions:

MSFC3

The MSFC3 is an integral part of the Supervisor Engine 720, providing high performance, multilayer switching and routing intelligence. Equipped with a high performance processor, the MSFC runs layer 2 protocols on one CPU and layer 3 protocols on the second CPU. These include routing protocol support, layer 2 protocols (Spanning Tree Protocol and VLAN Trunking Protocol for example), and security services.

The MSFC builds the Cisco Express Forwarding information Base (FIB) table in software and then downloads this table to the hardware Application-specific-integrated circuits (ASICs) on the PFC3 and Distributed forwarding engine (if present) that make the forwarding decisions for IP unicast and multicast traffic.

PFC3

The Supervisor Engine 720 features the PFC3, which is equipped with a high-performance ASIC complex supporting a range of hardware-based features. The PFC3 supports routing and bridging, QoS, and multicast packet replication, and processes security policies such as access control lists (ACLs).

The Supervisor engine 720 has a field-upgradeable Policy Feature Card3. The PFC3 is equipped with a high performance ASIC complex supporting a range of hardware based features. The PFC3 supports IPv4, IPv6 routing and bridging functionality, quality of service (QoS) and multicast forwarded and ACL-based policies.

¹ Requires DFC3's

Features and Benefits

The Supervisor Engine 720 with integrated fabric delivers scalable-performance, user-based rate limiting enforcing up to 64 policy rates, rate limiting on per-flow or aggregate basis, security enhancements and wire-rate MPLS and IPv6 hardware support. This section also provides Cisco 6500 Series Virtual Switching Supervisor 720 with 10GE uplinks functionality for completeness.

Table 1. Scalability Table

| Name | WS-SUP720-3B | WS-SUP720-3BXL | VS-S720-10G-3C * | VS-S720-10G-3CXL * |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| VSS | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Uplinks | 2 Gigabit | 2 Gigabit | 2 SFP based gigabit 1 10/100/100 2 10Gb | 2 SFP based gigabit 1 10/100/100 2 10Gb |
| IPv4 Routing | In hardware Up to 400 Mpps** | In hardware Up to 400 Mpps** | In hardware Up to 450 Mpps** | In hardware Up to 450 Mpps** |
| IPv6 Routing | In hardware Up to 200 Mpps** | In hardware Up to 200 Mpps** | In hardware Up to 225 Mpps** | In hardware Up to 225 Mpps** |
| L2 Bridging | In hardware Up to 400 Mpps** | In hardware Up to 400 Mpps** | In hardware Up to 400 Mpps** | In hardware Up to 400 Mpps** |
| MPLS | MPLS in hardware to enable use of layer 3 VPNs and EoMPLS tunneling. Up to 1024 VRFs with a total of up to 256,000 routes per system. | MPLS in hardware to enable use of layer 3 VPNs and EoMPLS tunneling. Up to 1024 VRFs with a total of up to 1,000,000 routes per system. | MPLS in hardware to enable use of layer 3 VPNs and EoMPLS tunneling. Up to 1024 VRFs with a total of up to 256,000 routes per system. | MPLS in hardware to enable use of layer 3 VPNs and EoMPLS tunneling. Up to 1024 VRFs with a total of up to 1,000,000 routes per system. |
| GRE | In hardware | In hardware | In hardware | In hardware |
| NAT | Hardware assisted | Hardware assisted | Hardware assisted | Hardware assisted |
| MAC Entries | 64,000 | 64,000 | 96,000 | 96,000 |
| Routes | 256,000 (IPv4); 128,000 (IPv6) | 1,000,000 (IPv4); 500,000 (IPv6) | 256,000 (IPv4); 128,000 (IPv6) | 1,000,000 (IPv4); 500,000 (IPv6) |
| Netflow Entries | 128,000 | 256,000 | 128,000 | 256,000 |

** Requires DFC3's

Table 2. QoS Features

| Feature | WS-SUP720-3B | WS-SUP720-3BXL | VS-S720-10G-3C* | VS-S720-10G-3CXL* |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Layer-3 Classification and Marking Access Control Entries (ACEs) | 32 K dedicated for QoS | 32K dedicated for QoS | 32 K dedicated for QoS | 32K dedicated for QoS |
| Aggregate Rate-Limiting Location | Ingress port or VLAN and egress VLAN or Layer-3 port | Ingress port or VLAN and egress VLAN or Layer-3 port | Ingress port or VLAN and egress VLAN or Layer-3 port | Ingress port or VLAN and egress VLAN or Layer-3 port |
| Rate-Limiting Level Types <i>Committed Information Rate (CIR), Peak Information Rate (PIR)</i> | CIR, PIR | CIR, PIR | CIR, PIR | CIR, PIR |
| Aggregate Traffic Rate-Limiting Policers | 1023 | 1023 | 1023 | 1023 |
| Flow-Based Rate-Limiting Method; Number of Rates | Per source address, destination address, or full flow; 64 rates | Per source address, destination address, or full flow; 64 rates | Per source address, destination address, or full flow; 64 rates | Per source address, destination address, or full flow; 64 rates |
| MAC ACL's Featuring per-Port/per VLAN Granularity | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Table 3. Security Features

| Feature | WS-SUP720 | WS-SUP720-3B | VS-S720-10G-3C* | VS-S720-10G-3CXL* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACE Counters | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Port Security | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| IEEE 802.1x and 802.1x Extensions | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| VLAN and Router ACLs and Port ACLs | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Security ACL Entries | 32K | 32 K | 32K | 32 K |
| Reflexive ACLs | 128K | 128 K | 128K | 128 K |
| uRPF Check in Hardware | Up to 6 paths | Up to 6 paths | Up to 6 paths | Up to 6 paths |
| CPU Rate Limiters (DoS Protection) | 10 special case rate limiters plus Control Plane Policing | 10 special case rate limiters plus Control Plane Policing | 10 special case rate limiters plus Control Plane Policing | 10 special case rate limiters plus Control Plane Policing |
| Private VLANs | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Number of Interfaces with Unique ACLs | 512 | 4000 | 512 | 4000 |
| MAC ACLs on IP | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) Intercept Hardware Acceleration | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Table 4. MPLS Features

| Feature | WS-SUP720-3B | WS-SUP720-3BXL | VS-S720-10G-3C* | VS-S720-10G-3CXL* |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| Interface Support | LAN and WAN interface modules, as applicable | LAN and WAN interface modules as applicable | LAN and WAN interface modules, as applicable | LAN and WAN interface modules as applicable |
| Label Imposition/Disposition (MPLS-PE), Swapping (MPLS-P) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Tag Distribution Protocol Support (TDP) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| MPLS VPN | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| VRF Lite | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| QoS Mechanisms Using Experimental (EXP) Bits | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| MPLS-RSVP-TE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| MPLS Differentiated Services (DiffServ)-Aware Traffic Engineering (MPLS-DS-TE) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| MPLS Traceroute | Yes, see release notes for details | Yes, see release notes for details | Yes, see release notes for details | Yes, see release notes for details |
| EoMPLS | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

*Please see Cisco 6500 Series Virtual Switching Supervisor 720 with 10GE uplinks datasheet at http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/switches/ps5718/ps9336/product_data_sheet0900aecd806ed759.html

Summary/Conclusion

Suited for deployment in the distribution and core and in the data center, Supervisor engine 720 supports all Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series interface module classes (Classic, CEF256, dCEF256, and CEF720) offering hardware support for MPLS and IPv6. Supported in both IOS and hybrid (IOS on RP and CatOS on SP) the Supervisor engine 720 offers significant improvements in performance (upto 400 Mpps) with dCEF, maximum bandwidth of 720 Gbps, DRAM of up to 1GB, integrated switch fabric.

Table 5. Product Specifications

| Product | Specifications |
|---|--|
| Chassis Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco 6503, 6503-E, 6404-E, 6506, 6506-E, 6509, 6509-E, 6509-NEB, 6509-NEB-A, 6513 • Cisco 7603, 7606, OSR-7609, 7609, 7613 |
| Fan Tray and Power Supply Required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High speed fan • 2500W AC or DC |
| Slot Requirements | <p>Occupies the switch fabric slots in the chassis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-slot chassis: slots 1 and 2 • 4-slot chassis: slots 1 and 2 • 6-slot chassis: slots 5 and 6 • 9-slot chassis: slots 5 and 6 • 13-slot chassis: slots 7 and 8 |
| Software Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalyst 6500 Series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ CatOS ◦ WS-Sup720: 8.1(1) and higher ◦ WS-Sup720-3B: 8.3(2) and higher ◦ WS-Sup720-3BXL: 8.3(2) and higher • Native <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ WS-SUP720: 12.2(14)SX and higher ◦ WS-Sup720-3B: 12.2(17d)SXB1 and higher ◦ WS-Sup720-3BXL: 12.2(17d)SXB1 and higher • Cisco 7600 Series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ WS-SUP720 supports Cisco IOS 12.2(14)SX2 and later ◦ WS-SUP720-3B supports Cisco IOS 12.2(17d)SXB1 and later ◦ WS-SUP720-3BXL supports Cisco IOS 12.2(17b)SXB and later |
| Protocols | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layer 3 routing protocols, Border Gateway Protocol version 4 (BGPv4), Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System (IS-IS), Routing Information Protocol (RIP), Distributed FIB Switching, Cisco Discover Protocol (CDP), Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) • Traditional Protocols such as Internetwork Packet Exchange (IPX), Appletalk, DECnet, Virtual Integrated Network Service (VINES), Connectionless Network Service (CLNS) • Multicast forwarding, Protocol independent Multicast (PIM) (both sparse and dense mode), (S,G), (*,G), Bi-Directional PIM in hardware • Comprehensive MPLS support • Cisco Group Management Protocol and Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) snooping |
| Memory | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WS-SUP720 supports 512MB of DRAM for the route processor and 512 MB for the switch processor • WS-SUP720-3B supports 512MB of DRAM for the route processor and 512 MB for the switch processor, upgradeable to 1GB • WS-SUP720-3BXL supports 1GB DRAM for route the processor and 1GB DRAM for the switch processor • 64MB or 512MB (s/w image dependent) Boot Flash for SP switch processor and 64-MB of Boot Flash for the route processor |
| Options | Removable storage: 64MB, 128 MB, 256 MB, 512 MB (Compact Flash) |
| Uplink Ports | Two Gigabit Ethernet ports, one Small Form-Factor Pluggable (SFP), one selectable SFP or 10/100/100 RJ-45 |
| Console Ports | One (RS-232) |

| Product | Specifications |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Reliability and Availability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSU (Fast software upgrade) • RPR+ (Route Processor Redundancy+) • SSO+NSF (Stateful Switchover + Nonstop Forwarding) • OIR (Online insertion and removal) Hot Swap |
| MIBs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPLS LDP MIB, MPLS Label Switch Router (LSR) MIB, MPLS-TE MIB, MPLS VPN MIB; see software release notes for additional information • Check the following MIB finder for more info: http://www.cisco.com/public/sw-center/netmgmt/cmtk/mibs.shtml |
| Network Management | Cisco Works |
| Physical Specifications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (H x W x D): 1.6 x 15.3 x 16.3 in. (4.0 x 37.9 x 40.3 cm) • Weight: 11.5 lb |
| Power Consumption | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sup720 (includes PFC3A, MSFC3): 7.5A (315W) • Sup720-3B (includes PFC3B, MSFC3): 6.72A (282W) • Sup720-3BXL (includes PFC3BXL, MSFC3): 7.82A (328W) |
| Environmental Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating temperature: 32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C) • Storage temperature: -40 to 167°F (-40 to 75°C) • Relative humidity: 10 to 90 percent, noncondensing • Regulatory compliance |
| Compliance | <p>CE Markings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ UL 60950 ◦ EN 60950 ◦ CSA-C22.2 No. 60950 ◦ IEC 60950 ◦ AS/NZS 3260 ◦ IEC 60825-1,-2 ◦ EN 60825 -1,-2 ◦ 21CFR1040-10 ◦ TS001 • EMC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ FCC Part 15 (CFR 47) Class A ◦ ICES-003 Class A ◦ EN 55022 Class A ◦ CISPR 22 Class A ◦ AS/NZS 3548 Class A ◦ VCCI Class A ◦ EN55024 ◦ ETS300 386 ◦ EN50082-1 ◦ EN61000-6-1 |

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Ordering Information

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Table 6. Ordering Information

| Part Number | Description |
|------------------------|--|
| WS-SUP720-3BXL | Catalyst 6500/Cisco 7600 Supervisor 720 Fabric MSFC3 PFC3BXL |
| WS-SUP720-3B | Catalyst 6500/Cisco 7600 Supervisor 720 Fabric MSFC3 PFC3B |
| WS-SUP720 | Catalyst 6500/Cisco 7600 Supervisor 720 Fabric MSFC3 PFC3A |
| MEM-S3-1GB | Catalyst 6500 1GB SP DRAM for Sup720 and Sup720-3B |
| MEM-MSFC2-512MB | Catalyst 6500 512MB DRAM on the MSFC2 or SUP720 MSFC3 |
| MEM-MSFC3-1GB | 1GB Mem for Sup720, Sup720-3B and MSFC2A |

| Part Number | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| MEM-C6K-CPTFL128M | Cat6500 Sup720 Compact Flash Mem 128MB |
| MEM-C6K-CPTFL256M | Cat6500 Sup720 Compact Flash Mem 256MB |
| MEM-C6K-CPTFL512M | Catalyst 6500 Sup720 Compact Flash Mem 512MB |
| MEM-C6K-CPTFL1GB | Catalyst 6500 Compact Flash Memory 1GB |
| WS-F6K-PFC3BXL | Sup720 PFC-3BXL Plus 2x1Gig Mem |
| WS-F6K-PFC3B | Catalyst 6500 Sup720 Policy Feature Card-3B |
| GLC-LH-SM | Gigabit Ethernet SFP singlemode fiber optics, LC connector LX/LH transceiver |
| GLC-SX-MM | Gigabit Ethernet SFP multimode fiber optics, LC connector SX transceiver |
| GLC-T | Gigabit Ethernet SFP Category 5 unshielded twisted pair (UTP), RJ-45 connector |
| GLC-ZX-SM | Gigabit Ethernet SFP singlemode fiber optics, LC connector ZX transceiver |
| FAN-MOD-3HS | Cisco Catalyst 6503 high-speed fan tray |
| WS-C6K-6SLOT-FAN2 | Cisco Catalyst 6506 high-speed fan tray |
| WS-C6K-9SLOT-FAN2 | Cisco Catalyst 6509 high-speed fan tray |
| FAN-MOD-09 | Cisco Catalyst 6509-NEB-A high-speed fan tray |
| WS-C6K-13SLT-FAN2 | Cisco Catalyst 6513 high-speed fan tray |
| WS-6509-NEB-UPGRD= | Upgrade to NEB chassis to support Sup720 |

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