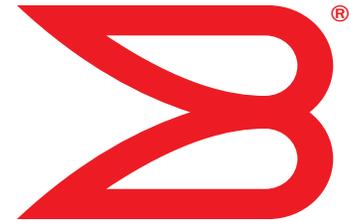


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# About This Document

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## Audience

This document is designed for system administrators with a working knowledge of Layer 2 and Layer 3 switching and routing.

## How this document is organized

This document is organized to help you find information about performing software upgrades for the following devices:

- Brocade MLX Series devices (Brocade MLX and Brocade MLXe)
- Brocade NetIron XMR devices
- Brocade NetIron CER devices
- Brocade NetIron CES devices

The guide contains the following chapters:

- [Chapter 1, “Important Upgrade Information for all Supported Devices”](#) Describes how to find the upgrade information relevant to your devices.
- [Chapter 2, “Software upgrades for Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron XMR devices”](#) Provides upgrade instructions for Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron XMR routers.
- [Chapter 3, “Brocade MLX Series and NetIron XMR supplemental upgrade procedures”](#) Provides additional upgrade instructions (not covered in the basic upgrade) for Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron XMR routers.
- [Chapter 4, “Software Upgrades for Brocade NetIron CER and Brocade NetIron CES devices”](#) Provides upgrade instructions for Brocade NetIron CER and Brocade NetIron CES devices.
- [Chapter 5, “Hitless OS Upgrade for all Supported Devices”](#) Provides Hitless OS Upgrade instructions.
- [Chapter 6, “Simplified Upgrade and Auto Upgrade”](#) Provides Simplified Upgrade instructions and instructions on enabling the Auto Upgrade feature.
- [Chapter 7, “Port and software-based licensing”](#) Provides software-based licensing upgrade instructions for all devices.
- [Chapter 8, “Loading and saving configuration files”](#) Provides instructions on how to load and save configuration files after an upgrade.
- [Appendix A, “Device module considerations”](#) Provides specific interface module requirements.
- [Appendix B, “Troubleshooting”](#) Provides troubleshooting information and additional information about upgrading and installing specific hardware, including management modules, interface modules, switch fabric modules, and fans.

## Supported hardware

In instances in which procedures or parts of procedures documented here apply to some devices but not to others, this guide identifies exactly which devices are supported and which are not.

Although many different hardware configurations are tested and supported by Brocade Communications Systems, Inc., documenting all possible configurations and scenarios is beyond the scope of this document.

The following hardware platforms are described in this document:

- Brocade MLXe-4 router
- Brocade MLXe-8 router
- Brocade MLXe-16 router
- Brocade MLXe-32 router
- Brocade MLX-4 router
- Brocade MLX-8 router
- Brocade MLX-16 router
- Brocade MLX-32 router
- Brocade NetIron XMR 4000 router
- Brocade NetIron XMR 8000 router
- Brocade NetIron XMR 16000 router
- Brocade NetIron XMR 32000 router
- Brocade NetIron CES 2000 Series
- Brocade NetIron CER 2000 Series

## Document conventions

This section describes text formatting conventions and important notice formats used in this document.

### Text formatting

The narrative-text formatting conventions that are used are as follows:

<b>bold text</b>	Identifies command names
	Identifies the names of user-manipulated GUI elements
	Identifies keywords
	Identifies text to enter at the GUI or CLI
<i>italic text</i>	Provides emphasis
	Identifies variables
	Identifies document titles
<code>code text</code>	Identifies CLI output

## Command syntax conventions

Command syntax in this manual follows these conventions:

<b>command and parameters</b>	Commands and parameters are printed in bold.
[ ]	Optional parameter.
< <i>variable</i> >	Variables are printed in italics enclosed in angled brackets < >.
...	Repeat the previous element, for example “member [;member...]”
	Choose from one of the parameters.

## Command examples

This document describes how to perform simple upgrade and configuration tasks using the command line interface (CLI), but does not describe the commands in detail. For complete descriptions of commands for Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron XMR routers, see the *Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron Family Configuration Guide*.

## Notes, cautions, and danger notices

The following notices and danger statements are used in this manual. They are listed below in order of increasing severity of potential hazards.

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### NOTE

A note provides a tip, guidance, or advice, emphasizes important information, or provides a reference to related information.

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### CAUTION

A Caution statement alerts you to situations that can be potentially hazardous to you or cause damage to hardware, firmware, software, or data.

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### DANGER

A Danger statement indicates conditions or situations that can be potentially lethal or extremely hazardous to you. Safety labels are also attached directly to products to warn of these conditions or situations.

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## Getting technical help or reporting errors

To contact Technical Support, go to <http://www.brocade.com/services-support/index.page> for the latest e-mail and telephone contact information.

### Technical support

Contact your supplier for hardware, firmware, and software support, including product repairs and part ordering. To expedite your call, have the following information immediately available:

#### General information

- Technical Support contract number, if applicable
- Device model
- Operating system version
- Error numbers and messages received
- Detailed description of the problem, including the
- device or network behavior immediately following the problem, and specific questions
- Description of any troubleshooting steps already performed and the results
- Device serial number

Brocade is committed to ensuring that your investment in our products remains cost-effective. If you need assistance or find errors in the manuals, contact Brocade using one of the following options.

# Important Upgrade Information for all Supported Devices

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This chapter contains important information you will need to perform your Multi-Service IronWare software upgrade. Read the following sections carefully before you begin your upgrade process:

- [“General upgrade considerations”](#) on page 1
- [“General downgrade considerations”](#) on page 3
- [“Special upgrade information for Brocade MLXe devices”](#) on page 3

For additional upgrade information on the following topics, refer to [Appendix B, “Troubleshooting”](#):

- [“Upgrading devices in MCT topologies”](#) on page 81
- [“Recovering from a failed upgrade”](#) on page 81

## General upgrade considerations

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### NOTE

The upgrade process for R05.2.00 and later releases are different than the releases prior to R05.2.00. The upgrade instructions documented here must be followed to upgrade a system from a pre R5.2.00 release to R5.2.00 or higher. If you need assistance with the upgrade process, please contact Brocade Support.

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The following general considerations apply to upgrades of Multi-Service IronWare software.

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### NOTE

Before you begin your R05.6.00 upgrade, you must clear enough code flash memory for the upgrade to be successful. Refer to [“Important memory information for an R05.6.00 upgrade”](#) on page 9.

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- Because of code flash memory considerations, software versions R05.2.00 and later releases operate using a single copy of each image instead of primary and secondary images. R05.2.00 and later releases only support a single (primary) image on each module.
- The combined interface module FPGA image can exceed 32 MB in size, which is greater than the file size limit in older versions of TFTP server applications. Before you use TFTP to transfer image files, be sure that you are using an updated TFTP server capable of handling larger file sizes.
- In most cases boot images do not need to be upgraded, regardless of whether you are using the combined IronWare image, or are copying images to the management module and interface modules individually. Do not upgrade boot images unless you are explicitly instructed to do so in the upgrade instructions for the version you are using.
- Hitless OS upgrades are only supported for upgrades within a major software release. Hitless OS upgrades are not supported for upgrades from one major release to another major release. For more information about hitless upgrades, refer to [Chapter 5, “Hitless OS Upgrade for all Supported Devices”](#).

# 1 General upgrade considerations

- Simplified Upgrades are only supported for upgrades from MultiService IronWare R05.3.00 to a higher release. For more information about Simplified Upgrades, refer to [Chapter 6, “Simplified Upgrade and Auto Upgrade”](#).
- The combined FPGA image is not supported in releases prior to MultiService IronWare R04.1.00.
- For 32-slot devices, you must copy the SBRIDGE image to each switch fabric module. If you are already running SBRIDGE version 6, this upgrade step is not necessary. Verify your SBRIDGE image using the show version command.
- If you are currently running MultiService IronWare R04.1.00 or 04.1.00a, DO NOT upgrade to SBRIDGE image 6. When loading the SBRIDGE image from a system running 4.1.00 or 4.1.00a, the image on the switch fabric modules may become corrupted. The recommended procedure is to upgrade all images except the SBRIDGE image, reload the device, then upgrade the SBRIDGE image.
- Beginning with MultiService IronWare R05.3.00, all types of POS modules are not supported.
- Beginning with MultiService IronWare R05.3.00, SNTP is not supported. When upgrading to R05.3.00, all SNTP configurations will be lost. SNTP functionality is replaced with NTP. For more information, refer to the Network Time Protocol chapter of the *Multi-Service IronWare Administration Configuration Guide*.
- When upgrading FPGA images on a Line Card, a power cycle of the Line Card is required using either the MP system **reload** or **power-off lp** and **power-on lp** commands. The **lp boot sys flash** command does not perform a Line Card power cycle and is not sufficient to upgrade the FPGA images.
- The use of the “wait-for-all-cards” configuration in MultiService IronWare R05.3.00 may cause ports on any 1G module to stay down after boot-up, even if configured to be enabled. To avoid such an occurrence, it is recommended that the “wait-for-all-cards” configuration be removed from the startup-config prior to reloading the router with R05.3.00 code. For more information, refer to [Appendix B, “Troubleshooting”](#).
- If the standby management module is inserted while the chassis is booting, the system may not detect it. To recover, you must remove and reinsert the module for it to synchronize and be recognized when the chassis come online.
- It is recommended to start a log file to capture the upgrade process for troubleshooting purposes if an unexpected event occurs.
- LP Auto-upgrade does a manifest file integrity check with signatures.

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## NOTE

LP auto-upgrade is not supported in FIPS mode.

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File integrity checks rely on the correct signatures being present on the system at the time of the check, based on the currently running version of the device.

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## NOTE

Refer to the **Federal Information Processing Standards and Common Criteria Guide for NetIron 5.6.00** for more information when upgrading from non-SHA256 signatures to SHA256 signature packages or downgrading from SHA256 signature to non-SHA256 signature packages.

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When downgrading from SHA256 signed packages to SHA1 signed packages following errors might be seen:

```
TFTP: Download to flash done.  
TFTP: Download to flash failed - Server Message: File not found
```

```
Failed to rename manifest_tmp.sig into manifest.sig
```

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**NOTE**

If this is a downgrade to R05.6.00b or earlier, the above errors may be ignored.

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## General downgrade considerations

The following general considerations apply to downgrades of Multi-Service IronWare software.

- Brocade MLXe routers must not be downgraded to software releases prior to R05.0.00c.
- Brocade MLX and Brocade NetIron XMR 24x1G-X modules (BR-MLX-1GFx24-X-ML, BR-MLX-1GFx24-X, BR-MLX-1GCx24-X-ML, BR-MLX-1GCx24-X) must not be downgraded to versions prior to R05.1.00.
- Brocade MLX and Brocade NetIron XMR 4x10G-X modules (BR-MLX-10Gx4-X, BR-MLX-10Gx4-X-ML) must not be downgraded to versions prior to R05.1.00.
- Brocade MLX 8x10G modules (NI-MLX-10Gx8-M, NI-MLX-10Gx8-D) must not be downgraded to versions prior to R05.0.00b.
- Brocade NetIron XMR 8x10G modules (BR-MLX-10Gx8-X) must not be downgraded to versions prior to R05.2.00.
- Brocade MLX and Brocade NetIron XMR 100G modules (BR-MLX-100Gx2-X, BR-MLX-100Gx1-X) must not be downgraded to versions prior to R05.2.00.
- MLX-32 devices must not be downgraded to versions prior to R03.6.00.
- Brocade NetIron CER devices must not be downgraded versions prior to R04.1.00a software.
- A two cycle downgrade is required from SHA256 signature packages to non-SHA256 signature packages for Ip-autoupgrade.

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**NOTE**

Downgrade from SHA256 signature to non-SHA256 signature packages requires two downgrade cycles to update the signature files from SHA256 signatures for Ip-autoupgrade to use the non-SHA256 signatures for manifest file signature check.

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When downgrading the following warning message may be seen:

```
Failed to rename manifest_tmp.sig into manifest.sig
```

## Special upgrade information for Brocade MLXe devices

The following general considerations apply to upgrade Brocade MLXe devices:

- Brocade MLXe devices require a minimum software release of R05.0.00c.
- In rare circumstances, you may receive management modules with MLXe devices that are running R04.0.00b or R04.0.00g.

If your management module is running R04.0.00b, when you boot the device, you will see the following message:

```
"Error: unknown chassis type value 000000f0, system can't come up!"
```

If this occurs, contact Technical Support for guidance on how to upgrade the software.

# 1 Special upgrade information for Brocade MLXe devices

If your management module is running R04.0.00g, when you boot the device it is recognized as a Brocade NetIron XMR device. Contact Technical support for guidance on how to upgrade the software.

- Although not recommended, if you want to use a management module that has a software image loaded in flash that is older than R05.0.00c in your MLXe chassis, you must first upgrade the module software to R05.0.00c or later. Contact Technical Support for guidance on how to upgrade the software on this module.

## FPGA image upgrade information

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### NOTE

You must use FPGA images that are specified for Brocade MLX Series or Brocade NetIron XMR devices. If you use FPGA images intended for other products your device will be inoperable.

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The following rules apply when upgrading FPGA images on interface modules:

- FPGA images on interface modules must be compatible with the software version running on the router.
- You can upgrade FPGA images individually, or upgrade all FPGA images using the combined FPGA image.
- When you copy the combined FPGA image from to the management module, the management module selects the FPGA images to be downloaded based on the types of interface modules installed and checks for duplicates before downloading the images.
- The FPGA upgrade utility compares the FPGA image version currently installed to new images being downloaded. If the versions are identical, the download is aborted and a warning message is displayed. You can use the force-overwrite option with the FPGA upgrade command to override this feature.
- The bundled FPGA image is more than 32 MB in size. If you are using a TFTP server, be sure that it is capable of handling larger file sizes.

## ifIndex allocation

The SNMP Management Information Base (MIB) uses the Interface Index (ifIndex) to assign a unique value to each port on a module or slot. The number of indexes that can be assigned per module is 20, 40, or 64, depending on the number of ports on the module.

For modules with 1 to 20 ports, the ifindex can be set to 20 or 40.

For modules with 24 or more ports, you must set the ifindex to 64 before you install the module. This applies to 48-T interface modules and 1Gx24 copper or fiber interface modules.

To change the ifIndex number, enter the following command at the global config level of the CLI.

```
snmp-server max-ifindex-per-module 64
```

For hardware installation instructions, refer to the *Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron XMR Hardware Installation Guide*.

## Upgrade memory requirements

Before you begin your upgrade, verify that you have enough available bytes free in the flash memory. You should have a minimum of 18 MB available for 32-slot devices, and 16MB for 4, 8, and 16-slot devices to complete your upgrade. To clear enough memory you must first delete existing files. Refer to [“Clearing code flash memory”](#) on page 9.

# 1 Special upgrade information for Brocade MLXe devices

# Software upgrades for Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron XMR devices

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This chapter describes how to upgrade your Multi-Service IronWare software to R05.6.00.

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**NOTE**

The software described in this chapter applies only to the Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron XMR devices. You cannot use this software on other Brocade devices.

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Before you begin your upgrade, read [Chapter 1, “Important Upgrade Information for all Supported Devices”](#) to make sure your system does not have special upgrade requirements.

## R05.6.00 images

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**NOTE**

When upgrading from Multi-Service Ironware R05.2.xx to R05.3.00 or later, you do not need to upgrade the boot image for management or interface modules, however the monitor image must be upgraded.

When downgrading from R05.3.00 or later to R5.2.xx, you only need to downgrade the monitor image for the management and interface modules.

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- LP Auto-upgrade does a manifest file integrity check with signatures (even in non-FIPS mode).
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**NOTE**

LP auto-upgrade is not supported in FIPS mode.

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File integrity checks rely on the correct signatures being present on the system at the time of the check, based on the currently running version of the device.

Refer to the **Federal Information Processing Standards and Common Criteria Guide for NetIron 5.6.00** for more information when upgrading from non-SHA256 signatures to SHA256 signature packages or downgrading from SHA256 signature to non-SHA256 signature packages.

When downgrading from SHA256 signed packages to SHA1 signed packages following errors might be seen:

```
TFTP: Download to flash done.  
TFTP: Download to flash failed - Server Message: File not found  
Failed to rename manifest_tmp.sig into manifest.sig
```

---

**NOTE**

If this is a downgrade to 5.6B or earlier, the above errors may be ignored.

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## 2 R05.6.00 images

Refer to the latest version of the Multi-Service IronWare Release Notes for all R05.6.00xx patch images.

Table 1 lists the required images for a basic upgrade.

**TABLE 1** Required images for a basic R05.6.00a software upgrade

Image description	Image name
Combined application image for management modules	xm05600a.bin
Monitor image for management modules	xmb05600.bin
Monitor image for interface modules	xmlb05600.bin
Boot image for management modules	xmprm05600.bin
Boot image for interface modules	xmlprm05600.bin
Combined FPGA image for interface modules	lpfpga05600a.bin

For a list of all images for Multi-Service IronWare R05.6.00a, refer to the *Multi-Service IronWare R05.6.00a Release Notes*.

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## Clearing code flash memory

To provide enough code flash memory to perform the upgrade you must delete the secondary application image files from the active management module. The Multi-Service IronWare software will sync the changes needed to accommodate R05.6.00 to the standby management module during the course of the upgrade process.

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**NOTE**

Because of code flash memory considerations, R05.2.00 and later software operates using a single copy of each image instead of primary and secondary images.

R05.2.00 and later supports only a single (primary) image on each module.

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**NOTE**

You should not need to remove any other files than the ones specified below from the code flash to complete the upgrade.

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**NOTE**

It is recommended that you copy all files to a file server for later retrieval if necessary.

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### For management modules

R05.2.00 and later only support a single image on each module. To manually delete the secondary files from the *active management module*, perform the following steps:

---

**NOTE**

If your set up is not running a secondary image, and you perform these steps, you will receive the following error message:

```
Remove file /flash/secondary failed - File not found
```

---

1. Delete the secondary application image by entering the following command.  
**delete secondary**
2. Delete the secondary Ip application image by entering the following command.  
**delete ip-secondary-0**
3. Delete any **\_\_\_mbridge.old** files from the active management module by entering the following command (three underscores are required in front of **mbridge.old**).  
**delete \_\_\_mbridge.old**

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4. Enter the **dir** command to check available memory, as shown in this sample output. You should have approximately 18 MB available for 32-slot devices, and approximately 16 MB for 4, 8, and 16-slot devices to complete your upgrade.

```
Brocade# dir
Directory of /flash/
01/11/201103:18:422 $$snmp_boots
09/30/200903:47:505,201 $$sshdsspub.key
06/15/201121:19:04660,145___mbridge
12/07/201022:16:23139 boot parameter
06/15/201121:20:00524,288 lp-monitor-0
06/15/201121:07:444,950,939 lp-primary-0
06/15/201121:19:28524,053 monitor
06/15/201121:08:376,986,237 primary
06/20/201117:11:42620,225 startup-config
9 File(s)14,271,229 bytes
0 Dir(s)16,515,072 bytes free
```

5. Manually delete all unwanted backup configuration files to provide enough memory to accommodate the new images.

### For interface modules

R05.2.00 and later support only a single image on each module. To remove secondary application image files from each *interface module*, perform the following steps:

1. Enter the **show module** command and note the slots the interface modules are installed into for the device.
2. Rconsole to each interface module and enter the delete secondary command as shown in this sample output. You should delete the secondary application image file on each interface module.

```
telnet@Router1#rconsole 1
Remote connection to LP slot 1 established
Press CTRL-X or type 'exit' to disconnect it
LP-1>enable
LP-1#delete secondary
LP-1# <ctrl-x>
...
```

3. Enter the **dir** command to check available memory, as shown in this sample output. You should have approximately 8.0 MB per interface module to complete your upgrade.

```
LP-2# dir
Directory of /flash/
File NameSizeChksum
PBIF11281ed
XPP 112 7ff7
boot5242886c2b
monitor524288fd4a
primary4950939df45
5 File(s) 5999739 bytes
Available 58982400 bytes
```

## Performing a basic upgrade

The overall procedure for a basic upgrade involves copying only the new application, boot, monitor, and combined FPGA image. If any of the other image versions do not match those listed in the *NetIron R05.6.00 Release Notes*, you will need to upgrade those images as well (for example, individual FPGAs or the MBRIDGE or SBRIDGE images). For instructions on how to upgrade additional images, refer to [“Brocade MLX Series and NetIron XMR supplemental upgrade procedures” on page 21](#).

### Basic upgrade Steps

Please read the full upgrade instructions, listed below, carefully.

Once you have cleared enough code flash memory, you must perform the following steps to complete a basic software upgrade:

- [“Step 1 - Determining current software image versions” on page 11](#).
- [“Step 2 - Upgrading the management module monitor image” on page 14](#).
- [“Step 3 - Upgrading the management module boot image” on page 14](#).
- [“Step 4 - Upgrading the combined application image on management modules” on page 15](#).
- [“Step 5 - Upgrading boot and monitor images on interface modules” on page 16](#).
- [“Step 6 - Upgrading interface modules using the combined FPGA image” on page 16](#).
- [“Step 7 - Performing supplemental image upgrades \(as needed\)” on page 18](#).
- [“Step 8 - Performing an image coherence check” on page 18](#).
- [“Step 9 - Reloading the management module” on page 19](#).

### Step 1 - Determining current software image versions

Before you upgrade your software, you must check the image versions currently installed to determine which ones need to be upgraded (in addition to the images needed for the basic upgrade).

To display image version information, enter the **show flash** or **show version** command. Compare the image versions to the compatible image version numbers listed in *NetIron R05.6.00 Release Notes*.

You can view the images stored in flash memory using the **show flash** command.

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#### NOTE

Output examples have been shortened for brevity and do not necessarily reflect all components installed in a system. This example output may not exactly match output from your system.

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#### show flash command output example

In the following examples, the image versions appear in bold.

```
Brocade# show flash
~~~~~
Active Management Module (Left Slot)
Code Flash - Type MT28F128J3, Size 32 MB
o IronWare Image (Primary)
Version 5.1.0T163, Size 6986803 bytes, Check Sum 74d5
```

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```
Compiled on Mar 16 2011 at 17:49:56 labeled as xmr05100
o IronWare Image (Secondary)
Version 5.1.0T163, Size 6984593 bytes, Check Sum d570
Compiled on Mar 17 2011 at 16:13:36 labeled as xmr05100
o LP Kernel Image (Monitor for LP Image Type 0)
Version 5.1.0T175, Size 493244 bytes, Check Sum fd4a
Compiled on Mar 11 2011 at 14:07:42 labeled as xmlb05100
o LP IronWare Image (Primary for LP Image Type 0)
Version 5.1.0T177, Size 4950936 bytes, Check Sum d368
Compiled on Mar 16 2011 at 17:55:24 labeled as xmlp05100
o LP IronWare Image (Secondary for LP Image Type 0)
Version 5.1.0T177, Size 4947628 bytes, Check Sum 3f13
Compiled on Aug 18 2011 at 17:39:16 labeled as xmlp05100
o Monitor Image
Version 5.1.0T165, Size 524053 bytes, Check Sum 70b1
Compiled on Mar 11 2011 at 14:06:30 labeled as xmb05100
o Startup Configuration
Size 12652 bytes, Check Sum dd86
Modified on 21:57:42 Pacific Thu Sep 16 2010
Boot Flash - Type AM29LV040B, Size 512 KB
o Boot Image
Version 5.1.0T165, Size 524038 bytes, Check Sum 59a3
Compiled on Mar 11 2011 at 14:06:58 labeled as xmprm05100
~~~~~
Standby Management Module (Right Slot)
Code Flash: Type MT28F128J3, Size 32 MB
o IronWare Image (Primary)
Version 5.1.0T163, Size 6986803 bytes, Check Sum 74d5
Compiled on Mar 16 2011 at 17:49:56 labeled as xmr05100
o IronWare Image (Secondary)
Version 5.1.0T163, Size 6984593 bytes, Check Sum d570
Compiled on Mar 17 2011 at 16:13:36 labeled as xmr05100
o LP Kernel Image (Monitor for LP Image Type 0)
Version 5.1.0T175, Size 493244 bytes, Check Sum fd4a
Compiled on Mar 11 2011 at 14:07:42 labeled as xmlb05100
o LP IronWare Image (Primary for LP Image Type 0)
Version 5.1.0T177, Size 4950936 bytes, Check Sum d368
Compiled on Mar 16 2012 at 17:55:24 labeled as xmlp05100
o LP IronWare Image (Secondary for LP Image Type 0)
Version 5.1.0T177, Size 4947628 bytes, Check Sum 3f13
Compiled on Mar 18 2011 at 17:39:16 labeled as xmlp05100
o Monitor Image
Version 5.1.0T165, Size 524053 bytes, Check Sum 70b1
Compiled on Mar 11 2011 at 14:06:30 labeled as xmb05100
o Startup Configuration
Size 12652 bytes, Check Sum dd86
Modified on 14:15:27 Pacific Fri Mar 17 2011
Boot Flash: Type AM29LV040B, Size 512 KB
o Boot Image Version 5.1.0T165, Size 524038 bytes, Check Sum 59a3
Compiled on Mar 11 2011 at 14:06:58 labeled as xmprm05100
~~~~~
Line Card Slot 4
Code Flash: Type MT28F640J3, Size 16 MB
o IronWare Image (Primary)
Version 5.1.0T177, Size 4950936 bytes, Check Sum d368
Compiled on Mar 16 2011 at 17:55:24 labeled as xmlp05100
o IronWare Image (Secondary)
Version 5.1.0T177, Size 4947628 bytes, Check Sum 3f13
Compiled on Mar 18 2011 at 17:39:16 labeled as xmlp05100b1
o Monitor Image
```

```

Version 5.1.0T175, Size 493244 bytes, Check Sum fd4a
Compiled on Mar 11 2011 at 14:07:42 labeled as xmlb05100
Boot Flash: Type AM29LV040B, Size 512 KB
o Boot Image
Version 5.1.0T175, Size 492544 bytes, Check Sum 6c2b
Compiled on Mar 11 2011 at 14:07:20 labeled as xmlprm05100
FPGA Version (Stored In Flash):
PBIF Version = 3.24, Build Time = 8/4/2010 14:57:00
XPP Version = 6.03, Build Time = 2/18/2010 16:38:00
STATS Version = 0.08, Build Time = 2/18/2010 16:30:00
~~~~~
All show flash done

```

### show version command output example

```

Brocade# show version
System Mode: MLX
Chassis: Brocade 8-slot (Serial #: GOLD, Part #: 35549-000C)
NI-X-SF Switch Fabric Module 1 (Serial #: PR23050271, Part #: 31523-100A)
FE 1: Type fe200, Version 2
FE 3: Type fe200, Version 2
NI-X-SF Switch Fabric Module 2 (Serial #: SA21091164, Part #: 35523-302A)
FE 1: Type fe200, Version 2
FE 3: Type fe200, Version 2
NI-X-SF Switch Fabric Module 3 (Serial #: SA21091204, Part #: 35523-302A)
FE 1: Type fe200, Version 2
FE 3: Type fe200, Version 2
=====
SL M2: NI-MLX-MR Management Module Active (Serial #: SA21091472, Part #:
35524-103C):
Boot: Version 5.1.0T165 Copyright(c)1996-2011 Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Feb 11 2011 at 14:06:58 labeled as xmprm05100
(524038 bytes) from boot flash
Monitor: Version 5.1.0T165 Copyright(c)1996-2011 Brocade Communications Systems,
Inc.
Compiled on Feb 11 2011 at 14:06:30 labeled as xmb05100
(524053 bytes) from code flash
IronWare: Version 5.1.0T163 Copyright(c)1996-2011 Brocade Communications Systems,
Inc.
Compiled on Feb 16 2011 at 17:49:56 labeled as xmr05100
(6986803 bytes) from Primary
Board ID : 00 MBRIDGE Revision : 32
916 MHz Power PC processor 7447A (version 8003/0101) 166 MHz bus
512 KB Boot Flash (AM29LV040B), 32 MB Code Flash (MT28F128J3)
1024 MB DRAM
Active Management uptime is 1 minutes 28 seconds
=====
SL 4:NI-MLX-1Gx48-T 48-port 10/100/1000Base-T MRJ21 Module(Serial#:
SA05091472,Part#: 35663-20EA)
Boot: Version 5.1.0T175 Copyright(c) 1996-2011 Brocade Communications Systems,
Inc.
Compiled on Feb 11 2011 at 14:07:20 labeled as xmlprm05100
(492544 bytes) from boot flash
Monitor: Version 5.1.0T175 Copyright(c)1996-2011 Brocade Communications Systems,
Inc.
Compiled on Feb 11 2011 at 14:07:42 labeled as xmlb05100
(493244 bytes) from code flash
IronWare: Version 5.1.0T177 Copyright(c)1996-2011 Brocade Communications Systems,
Inc.
Compiled on Feb 16 2011 at 17:55:24 labeled as xmlp05100

```

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```
(4950936 bytes) from Primary
FPGA versions:
Valid PBIF Version = 3.24, Build Time = 8/4/2010 14:57:00
Valid XPP Version = 6.03, Build Time = 2/18/2010 16:38:00
Valid STATS Version = 0.08, Build Time = 2/18/2010 16:30:00
BCM56502GMAC 0
BCM56502GMAC 1
666 MHz MPC 8541 (version 8020/0020) 333 MHz bus
512 KB Boot Flash (AM29LV040B), 16 MB Code Flash (MT28F640J3)
1024 MB DRAM, 8 KB SRAM, 0 Bytes BRAM
PPCR0: 768K entries CAM, 8192K PRAM, 2048K AGE RAM
PPCR1: 768K entries CAM, 8192K PRAM, 2048K AGE RAM
LP Slot 4 uptime is 58 seconds
=====
All show version done
```

### Step 2 - Upgrading the management module monitor image

To upgrade the monitor image on a management module, perform the following steps:

1. Place the new monitor image on an SCP or TFTP server, or on a flash card inserted in slot 1 or 2 in the management module.
2. Copy the new monitor image to the device by entering one of the following commands:

- Using SCP on a remote client:

```
C:> scp xmb<xxxx>.bin <user>@<device-lpAddress>:flash:monitor
```

The *<device-lpAddress>* variable is the lp address of the device where image needs to be transferred.

- Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:  
**copy tftp flash <tftp-srvr> xmb<xxxx>.bin monitor**
- Using the flash card:  
**copy [slot 1 | slot 2] flash xmb<xxxx>.bin monitor**

3. Verify that the new monitor image has been successfully copied by entering the **show flash** command.

### Step 3 - Upgrading the management module boot image

To upgrade the boot image on a management module, perform the following steps:

1. Place the new boot image on an SCP or TFTP server, or on a flash card inserted in slot 1 or 2 in the management module.
2. Copy the new boot image to the device by entering one of the following commands.
  - Using SCP on a remote client:

```
C:> scp xmprn<xxxx>.bin <user>@<device-IPAddress>:flash:boot
```

The `<device-IPAddress>` variable is the IP address of the device where image needs to be transferred.

- Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:

```
copy tftp flash<tftp-srvr> xmprn<xxxx>.bin boot
```

- Using the flash card:

```
copy [slot 1 | slot 2] flash xmprn<xxxx>.bin boot
```

3. Verify that the new boot image has been successfully copied by entering the **show flash** command. Check the image versions, and the date and time when the new images were built.

## Step 4 - Upgrading the combined application image on management modules

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### NOTE

Because of code flash memory considerations, R05.2.00 and later software operates using a single copy of each image instead of primary and secondary images.

R05.2.00 and later only supports a single (primary) image on each module.

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### NOTE

Do not use the **copy tftp flash** command when upgrading the *Combined Application Image* (for example: *xm05600.bin*) or the system will only upgrade the Management Module Application image and will not upgrade the Interface Module Application image.

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1. Place the new software images on an SCP or TFTP server, or on a flash card inserted in slot 1 or 2 on the active management module.
2. Copy the new combined image by entering one of the following commands.

- Using SCP on a remote client:

```
C:> scp xm<xxxx>.bin <user>@<device-IPAddress>:image: [primary | secondary]
```

- Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:

```
copy tftp image <tftp-srvr> xm<xxxx>.bin [primary | secondary] [delete-first]
```

- Using the flash card

```
copy [slot 1 | slot 2] image xm<xxxx>.bin [primary | secondary] [delete-first]
```

The **primary** option copies the files to the primary image on the management module.

The **secondary** option copies the files to the secondary image on the management module.

The **delete-first** option automatically deletes the existing primary **or** secondary flash images before installing the new images.

3. Verify that the new image has been successfully copied by entering the show flash command at the Privileged Exec level of the CLI and checking the image name and the date and time that it was placed in the directory.

### Step 5 - Upgrading boot and monitor images on interface modules

It is recommended that you perform this upgrade from a PC or terminal that is directly connected to the Console port on the management module. You can also perform this procedure through a Telnet or SSHv2 session.

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**NOTE**

If you use the **all** keyword, the LP monitor code is always saved to monitor code space on the management module. If you specify a slot number, the management module copy of the LP code is not changed.

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To upgrade monitor and boot images for all interface modules or a specified interface module perform the following steps.

1. Place the new monitor and boot images on an SCP or TFTP server or on a flash card inserted in slot 1 or 2 of the management module.
2. Copy the new monitor and boot images to all interface modules, or to a specified interface module by entering one of the following commands:

- Using SCP on a remote client:

```
C:> scp xmlb<xxxx>.bin <user>@<device-IpAddress>:lp:monitor:[all | <slot-number>]
```

```
C:> scp xmlprm<xxxx>.bin <user>@<device-IpAddress>:lp:boot:[all | <slot-number>]
```

The *<device-IpAddress>* variable is the ip address of the device where image needs to be transferred.

- Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:

```
copy tftp lp <tftp-srvr> xmlb<xxxx>.bin monitor [all | <slot-number>]
```

```
copy tftp lp <tftp-srvr> xmlprm<xxxx>.bin boot [all | <slot-number>]
```

- Using the flash card

```
copy [slot 1 | slot 2] lp xmlb<xxx>.bin monitor [all | <slot-number>]
```

```
copy [slot 1 | slot 2] lp xmlprm<xxx>.bin boot [all | <slot-number>]
```

The **all** keyword copies the image to all interface modules.

The *<slot-number>* variable copies the image to a specific interface module.

3. Verify that the new images were successfully copied by entering the **show flash** command. Check the image versions, and the date and time when the new images were built.

### Step 6 - Upgrading interface modules using the combined FPGA image

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**NOTE**

The combined interface module FPGA image can exceed 32 MB in size, which is greater than the file size limit in older versions of TFTP server applications. Before you use TFTP to transfer image files, be sure that you are using an updated TFTP server capable of handling larger file sizes.

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To upgrade FPGA images on interface modules using the combined FPGA image, perform the following steps:

1. Place the combined FPGA image on an SCP or TFTP server, or on a flash card inserted in management module slot 1 or 2.
2. Copy the combined FPGA image to all interface modules, or to a specific interface module by entering one of the following commands:

- Using SCP on a remote client:

```
C:> scp lpfpga<xxxx>.bin <user>@<device-IpAddress>:lp:fpga-all:[all | <slot-number>]
[:force-overwrite]
```

The *<device-IpAddress>* variable is the Ip address of the device where image needs to be transferred.

- Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:

```
copy tftp lp <tftp-srvr> lpfpga<xxxx>.bin fpga-all [<slot-num> | all] [force -overwrite]
```

- Using the flash card:

```
copy [slot 1 | slot 2] lp lpfpga<xxxx>.bin [<slot-num> | all] [force -overwrite]
```

The *<tftp-server>* variable is the address of the TFTP server.

The *<slot-num>* variable specifies the slot number.

The management module compares the copied FPGA versions to the images currently installed on all interface modules (the **all** option), or on a specified interface module (*<slot-number>*). If the FPGA images are identical, the download is aborted and a message appears:

```
Copying 1st image (PBIF - Ethernet) to slot(s) 6, 8 skipped, same version
exists. Use "force overwrite" if required.
```

The download continues for interface modules that do not have matching FPGA images.

The **force-overwrite** option allows you to copy the FPGA image identical to the image currently installed. A warning message is not sent. The **force-overwrite** option can also be used for a specific module type.

### Step 7 - Performing supplemental image upgrades (as needed)

This procedure is generally not required for a major software upgrade. To determine whether you need to upgrade these images, refer to the images and versions listed in the *NetIron R05.6.00 Release Notes*. If your system image versions differ from those listed in the table, you will need to upgrade them using the following sections:

- “Upgrading MBRIDGE or MBRIDGE32 images on management modules” on page 21
- “Upgrading the SBRIDGE image on 32-slot devices” on page 22
- “Upgrading the HSBIDGE image on 32-slot devices” on page 22

### Step 8 - Performing an image coherence check

When you enter the **reload-check** command, Multi-Service IronWare software performs a coherence check to ensure that compatible versions are installed on management and interface modules, and that all interface module FPGAs are compatible with the current software version. If the software discovers incompatible images, a warning message is sent.

The image coherence check is performed in the following sequence:

1. Check management module and interface module application images for compatibility.
2. Checks the interface module monitor image on the management module and all interface modules.
3. Checks the management module monitor image for compatibility with the management module application image.
4. Checks the interface module monitor image for compatibility the management and interface module application images.
5. Checks all interface module FPGAs for compatibility with the application image. FPGAs include XPP, PBIF, XGMAC, STATS.

If step 1 does not succeed, verification is stopped and a warning is issued. If step 1 succeeds, the rest of the checks are conducted in parallel.

#### *Performing a coherence check without a reload*

Enter the **reload-check** command to perform a coherence check *without* performing a reload.

Example output from this command that shows some inconsistencies is shown here.

```
Brocade# reload-check
Checking for coherence...

Warning: The new LP PBIF-8X10 FPGA will not be compatible with the new LP 3
application.

Warning: The new LP XPP-8X10 FPGA will not be compatible with the new LP 3
application.
Done.
```

### *Error messages generated by a coherence check*

The following error messages are generated if a coherence check fails:

```
Warning: Image coherence check skipped due to insufficient info: Invalid active LP
flash images in Primary/Secondary.
```

```
Warning: Image coherence check skipped due to insufficient info: Invalid active MP
flash images in Primary/Secondary.
```

```
Warning: Image coherence check skipped due to insufficient inf: MP/LP not booting
from flash.
```

```
Warning: Image coherence check skipped due to failure to communicate with LP.
```

If interface modules are in interactive mode, or the system is unable to communicate with the interface modules, the system sends the following warning message:

```
Can't check LP for coherence.
```

## Step 9 - Reloading the management module

When you complete your upgrade process, you must reload the management module, which then reboots the interface modules.

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### NOTE

When upgrading FPGA images on a Line Card, a power cycle of the Line Card is required using either the MP system **reload** or **power-off lp** and **power-on lp** commands. The **lp boot sys flash** command does not perform a Line Card power cycle and is not sufficient to upgrade the FPGA images.

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Before reloading the management module, use the **write memory** command to save the current configuration.

To reload the management module, enter one of the following commands:

**reload** (this command boots from the default boot source, which is the primary code flash)

example:

```
Brocade# reload
Checking for coherence...
Done.
Are you sure? (enter 'y' or 'n'): y
Halt and reboot
```

### **boot system flash [primary]**

When the management module reboots, the following synchronization events occur:

- The system compares the monitor, primary, and secondary images on a standby management module (if installed) to those on the active management module. If you have updated these images on the active module, the system automatically synchronizes the images on the standby module to match those on the active management module.

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If you copied the primary and secondary image to all interface modules using the **copy** command with the **all** keyword, the management module copied the image and stored it in flash memory under the names **lp-primary-0** or **lp-secondary-0**. By default, the system compares the images on the interface modules to the images on the management module to confirm that they are identical. (These images are stored on the management module only and are not run by the management or interface modules.) If the images are not identical, the system gives you the following options.

To replace the images in interface module flash memory with the images in the management module flash memory, enter the **lp cont-boot sync <slot-number>** command at the Privileged EXEC prompt.

To retain the images in the interface module flash memory, enter the **lp cont-boot no-sync <slot-number>** command at the Privileged EXEC prompt.

After the management module finishes booting, perform the following steps.

1. Enter the **show module** command, and verify that the status of all interface modules is **CARD\_STATE\_UP**.
2. Enter the **show version** command, and verify that all management and interface modules are running the new software image version.

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### NOTE

If an interface module is in a waiting state or is running an older software image, you may have forgotten to enter the **lp cont-boot sync <slot-number>** command at the Privileged EXEC prompt.

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3. If your upgrade fails, for recovery information refer to [Appendix B, “Troubleshooting,”](#) [“Recovering from a failed upgrade”](#) on page 81.
4. Verify that the new images were successfully copied by entering the **show flash** command. Check the image versions, and the date and time when the new images were built.

# Brocade MLX Series and NetIron XMR supplemental upgrade procedures

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The following chapter describe additional upgrade procedures that may be required to upgrade individual images. To determine whether you need to upgrade these images, refer to the *Multi-Service IronWare R05.6.00 Release Notes*.

## Upgrading MBRIDGE or MBRIDGE32 images on management modules

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**NOTE**

This procedure is generally not required for a major software upgrade. To determine whether you need to upgrade these images, refer to the *Multi-Service IronWare R05.6.00 Release Notes*.

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To upgrade the MBRIDGE image on your management module, perform the following steps:

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**NOTE**

If you are upgrading a 32-slot device, use the MBRIDGE32 image.

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1. Place the new MBRIDGE image on an SCP or TFTP server, or on a flash card inserted in slot 1 or 2 in the management module.
2. Copy the new MBRIDGE image by entering one of the following commands.
  - Using SCP on a remote client:  

```
C:> scp mbridge_<xxx>.xsvf <user>@<device-IpAddress>:mbridge
```
  - Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:  

```
copy tftp mbridge <tftp-srvr> mbridge_<xxx>.xsvf
```
  - Using the flash card  

```
copy [slot 1 | slot 2] mbridge mbridge_<xxx>.xsvf
```
3. Verify that the new image has been successfully copied by entering the show flash command. Check the image version and the date and time when the new image was built.

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**NOTE**

Always use TELNET on the MLX-32 chassis (instead of SSH). PROM write operations consume substantial CPU cycles, starving other tasks such as SSH. The end result includes timeouts within affected tasks. TELNET does not have similar issues (i.e. hello exchanges) and hence is not impacted.

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## Upgrading the SBRIDGE image on 32-slot devices

The SBRIDGE image applies to standard switch fabric modules on 32-slot devices.

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### NOTE

This procedure is generally not required for a major software upgrade. To determine whether you need to upgrade these images, refer to the *Multi-Service IronWare R05.6.00 Release Notes*

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To upgrade the SBRIDGE image on switch fabric modules installed in a 32-slot device, perform the following steps:

1. Place the new SBRIDGE image on an SCP or TFTP server, or on a flash card in slot 1 or 2 of the management module.
2. Copy the SBRIDGE image to all switch fabric modules or to a specified switch fabric module by entering one of the following commands:

- Using SCP on a remote client:

```
C:> scp sbridge_<xxx>.mcs <user>@<device-IpAddress>:snm:sbridge:[all | <slot-number>]
```

- Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:

```
copy tftp snm <tftp-srvr> sbridge_<xxx>.mcs sbridge [all | <slot-number>]
```

- Using the flash card

```
copy [slot 1 | slot 2] snm sbridge_<xxx>.mcs sbridge [all | <slot-number>]
```

The all keyword copies the image to all switch fabric modules.

The <slot-number> variable copies the image to a specified switch fabric module.

3. Verify that the SBRIDGE image has been successfully copied by entering the show version command. Check the image name and the date and time when the new image was built.

## Upgrading the HSBRIDGE image on 32-slot devices

The HSBRIDGE image applies to high-speed switch fabric modules installed in 32-slot devices.

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### NOTE

This procedure is generally not required for a major software upgrade. To determine whether you need to upgrade these images, refer to the *Multi-Service IronWare R05.6.00 Release Notes*

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To upgrade the HSBRIDGE image on high-speed switch fabric modules installed in a 32-slot device, perform the following steps.

1. Place the new HSBRIDGE image on an SCP or TFTP server, or on a flash card in slot 1 or 2 of the management module.
2. Copy the HSBRIDGE image to all high-speed switch fabric modules or to a specified high-speed switch fabric module by entering one of the following commands:

- Using SCP on a remote client:

```
C:> scp hsbridge_<xxxx>.mcs <user>@<device-ipAddress>:snm:sbridge:[all | <snm-index>]
```

- Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:

```
copy tftp snm <tftp-srvr> hsbridge_<xxxx>.mcs sbridge [all | <snm-index>]
```

- Using the flash card

```
copy [slot 1 | slot 2] snm hsbridge_<xxxx>.mcs sbridge [all | <snm-index>]
```

The all keyword copies the image to all high-speed switch fabric modules.

The <snm-index> variable copies the image to a specific high-speed switch fabric module.

3. Verify that the HSBIDGE image has been successfully copied by entering the show version command. Check the image name and the date and time the new image was built.

## Upgrading individual FPGA images on interface modules

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### NOTE

This procedure is generally not required for a major software upgrade. To determine whether you need to upgrade these images, refer to the *Multi-Service IronWare R05.6.00 Release Notes*.

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### NOTE

Brocade recommends using the combined FPGA image to simplify the FPGA image upgrade procedure.

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### NOTE

When upgrading FPGA images on a Line Card, a power cycle of the Line Card is required using either the MP system **reload** or **power-off lp** and **power-on lp** commands. The **lp boot sys flash** command does not perform a Line Card power cycle and is not sufficient to upgrade the FPGA images.

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To upgrade FPGA images individually, perform the following steps.

1. Copy each FPGA image from the TFTP server or a flash card to all interface modules, or to a specified interface module by entering one of the following commands:

- Using SCP on a remote client:

```
C:> scp <fpga-image-namexxxx.bin> <user>@<device-ipAddress>:lp:[fpga-pbif | fpga-stats | fpga-xgmac | fpga-xpp]:[all | <lp-slot-num>] [:force-overwrite]
```

- Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:

```
copy tftp lp <tftp-srvr> <fpga-image-namexxxx.bin> [all | <slot-number> <image-type> <module-type>] [force-overwrite]
```

- Using the PCMCIA flash card

```
copy [slot 1 | slot 2] lp <fpga-image-namexxxx.bin>.bin [all | <module-type>] [force-overwrite]
```

Specify the <fpga-image-namexxxx.bin> of the FPGA file you are copying, for example pbifsp2\_05600.bin, xppsp2\_05600.bin, etc. For a complete list of individual FPGA file names, refer to the *Multi-Service IronWare R05.6.00 Release Notes*.

### 3 Upgrading individual FPGA images on interface modules

If you specify the *<module-type>* the device copies the images for that module only. If you specify all without a module-type, the system copies the appropriate images to the corresponding modules.

The system compares FPGA versions being copied to those currently on the interface modules. If the images are identical, the download is aborted, and the following warning message appears.

```
Warning: same version of FPGA already exists on LP, no need to download FPGA again, use force-overwrite option to force download.
```

If you use the all option, the system checks each interface module, and sends warning messages for interface modules that have matching FPGA images. For interface modules that do not have matching FPGA images, the software proceeds with the download.

If you use the force-overwrite option, an identical image is downloaded and no warning message is sent.

2. The new FPGA images take effect when the management module is rebooted. You can also force the FPGA image to take effect on an interface module without rebooting the management module by “power cycling” the interface module using either of the following methods:
  - Turn the power off and on for the interface module using the power-off lp *<slot-number>* command followed by the power-on lp *<slot-number>* command.
  - Remove and reinsert the interface module.

When the interface module boots, the FPGA Version Check utility confirms that compatible versions of the FPGA images have been installed. At restart or when you enter the show version command, the following information appears (the output on your system might vary from this example):

```
Valid PBIF Version = 3.21, Build Time = 03/11/2011 14:44:00
Valid XPP Version = 6.02, Build Time = 02/31/2011 10:52:00
Valid STATS Version = 0.07, Build Time = 01/11/2011 13:33:00
```

If there is a problem with your FPGA upgrade, one of the following warnings will be displayed:

```
WARN: Invalid FPGA version = 1.2, Build Time = 2/13/2011 13:20:0 <<<---
```

This message indicates an FPGA version mismatch, or that one of the versions is not current:

```
ERROR: failed to read FPGA versions from flash <<<---
```

This message indicates that you have not completed a mandatory FPGA upgrade.

# Software Upgrades for Brocade NetIron CER and Brocade NetIron CES devices

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This chapter describes how to upgrade software on Brocade NetIron CER and Brocade NetIron CES devices. The procedures described are identical for all models, except where indicated.

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## NOTE

The software described in this section applies only to the Brocade NetIron CER and Brocade NetIron CES devices. You cannot use this software on other Brocade devices.

- LP Auto-upgrade does a manifest file integrity check with signatures (even in non-FIPS mode).

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## NOTE

LP auto-upgrade is not supported in FIPS mode.

File integrity checks rely on the correct signatures being present on the system at the time of the check, based on the currently running version of the device.

Refer to the **Federal Information Processing Standards and Common Criteria Guide for NetIron 5.6.00** for more information when upgrading from non-SHA256 signatures to SHA256 signature packages or downgrading from SHA256 signature to non-SHA256 signature packages.

When downgrading from SHA256 signed packages to SHA1 signed packages following errors might be seen:

```
TFTP: Download to flash done.
TFTP: Download to flash failed - Server Message: File not found
Failed to rename manifest_tmp.sig into manifest.sig
```

---

## NOTE

If this is a downgrade to 5.6B or earlier, the above errors may be ignored.

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## R05.6.00 images

Refer to the latest version of the **Multi-Service IronWare Release Notes** for all R05.6.00xx patch images.

[Table 2](#) lists the required images and image names for an upgrade to R05.6.00a.

**TABLE 2** Required images for a basic R05.6.00a software upgrade

Image description	Image name	Compatible version
Application - Multi-Service IronWare	ce05600a.bin	
Boot and monitor image (for Brocade NetIron CER and Brocade NetIron CES devices, the boot and monitor images are the same)	ceb005600.bin	
fpga-pbif image	pbifmetro_05600a.bin	0x0161

## Performing a basic upgrade

The following sections describe how to perform a basic software upgrade to R05.6.00.

Before you begin your upgrade, read [Chapter 1, “Important Upgrade Information for all Supported Devices”](#) to make sure your system does not require special upgrade steps.

Upgrading Multi-Service IronWare software for Brocade NetIron CES and CER devices usually requires that you upgrade the combined application image only. Boot and monitor images should only be upgraded if you are specifically instructed to do so.

This upgrade requires the following steps:

Step 1 - Determine the image versions currently running on your system. Refer to [“Step 1 - Determining current image versions”](#) on page 26.

Step 2 - Upgrade the application image. Refer to [“Step 2 - Upgrading the application image”](#) on page 27.

In most cases, these steps are all that is required. If you are directed to upgrade monitor or boot images, follow the procedures described in [“Upgrading monitor and boot images on Brocade NetIron CES and CER devices”](#) on page 28.

Step 3 - Upgrade the fpga-pbif on the device. Refer to [“Step 3 - Upgrading the fpga-pbif”](#) on page 28

Step 4 - Reboot the device. Refer to [“Step 4 - Reboot the device”](#) on page 28

### Step 1 - Determining current image versions

Before you upgrade the images on a Brocade NetIron CER or Brocade NetIron CES device, you should check the image versions already installed to determine which ones need to be upgraded. You should also check the versions after you complete your upgrade to confirm that the upgrade was successful. Use the show flash and show version commands to display this information.

Compare the image versions in the output of these commands to the versions listed in [Table 2](#). Upgrade any image versions that do not match those shown in the table.

Examples of output from these commands is shown here.

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#### NOTE

These examples may differ slightly from the information displayed for your system.

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show flash command output

```
Brocade#show flash
~~~~~
Code Flash - Type MT28F256J3, Size 64 MB
  o IronWare Image (Primary)
    Version 5.3.0T183, Size 14385657 bytes, Check Sum e848
    Compiled on Jan 20 2012 at 18:56:08 labeled as ce05300
  o Monitor Image
    Version 5.3.0T185, Size 447585 bytes, Check Sum 58c7
    Compiled on Nov 16 2011 at 10:06:46 labeled as ceb05300
  o Startup Configuration
    Size 6002 bytes, Check Sum cc8a
    Modified on 19:50:20 GMT+00 Fri Jan 27 2012

Boot Flash - Type AM29LV040B, Size 512 KB
  o Boot Image
```

```
Version 5.3.0T185, Size 447585 bytes, Check Sum 58c7
Compiled on Nov 16 2011 at 10:06:46 labeled as ceb05300
~~~~~
```

#### show version command output

```
Brocade#show version
System: NetIron CER (Serial #: K40533F00H, Part #: 40-1000372-04)
License: RT_SCALE, ADV_SVCS_PREM (LID: mJFKIIhFFj)
Boot      : Version 5.3.0T185 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Nov 16 2011 at 10:06:46 labeled as ceb05300
(447585 bytes) from boot flash
Monitor   : Version 5.3.0T185 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Nov 16 2011 at 10:06:46 labeled as ceb05300
(447585 bytes) from code flash
IronWare  : Version 5.3.0T183 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Jan 20 2012 at 18:56:08 labeled as ce05300
(14385657 bytes) from Primary
CPLD Version: 0x00000010
Micro-Controller Version: 0x0000000d
Extended route scalability
PBIF Version: 0x56
800 MHz Power PC processor 8544 (version 8021/0022) 400 MHz bus
512 KB Boot Flash (AM29LV040B), 64 MB Code Flash (MT28F256J3)
2048 MB DRAM
System uptime is 1 minutes 37 seconds
Brocade#
```

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#### NOTE

Upgrading the legacy NetIron CES and NetIron CER devices to R05.5.00 is a two step process now. First the application image has to be installed. After the device is on R05.5.00 application image, the corresponding PBIF image can be installed.

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## Step 2 - Upgrading the application image

To upgrade the combined application image (primary or secondary) for Brocade NetIron CER or Brocade NetIron CES devices, perform the following steps:

1. Place the application on an SCP or TFTP server.
2. Copy the new combined image by entering one of the following commands.
  - Using SCP on a remote client:  
C:> scp ce<xxx>.bin<user>@<device-IpAddress>:flash:[ primary ]
  - Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:  
copy tftp flash <tftp-srvr> ce<xxx>.bin [primary ]
3. Verify that the new image has been successfully copied by entering the show flash command. Check the image version and the date and time the new image was added.

### Step 3 - Upgrading the fpga-pbif

To upgrade the fpga-pbif on the Brocade NetIron CER or Brocade NetIron CES device, perform the following steps.

1. Place the pbifmetro\_<XXXX>.bin file on a tftp server.

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**NOTE**

This command must be entered from the console and is recommended to upgrade from console.

The workaround is to telnet or SSH to the device and issue the **rconsole** command to get into the console prompt and upgrade.

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2. Copy the fpga-pbif by entering the following command.

- Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC Level of the CLI:

```
copy tftp fpga-pbif <tftp-srvr> pbifmetro_<XXXX>.bin
```

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**NOTE**

System may take several minutes to finish this procedure, and return control of the console to the user.

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### Step 4 - Reboot the device

When you complete your upgrade process, you must reboot the device.

1. To reboot the device, enter one of the following commands:

```
reload (this command boots from the default boot source, which is the primary code flash)
```

```
boot system flash [primary]
```

2. After the device finishes booting, enter the show version command, and verify that the device is running the new software image version.

## Upgrading monitor and boot images on Brocade NetIron CES and CER devices

In most cases, when upgrading from one major release to another, it is not necessary to upgrade the boot and monitor image for Brocade NetIron CES and CER devices, unless you are specifically instructed to do so.

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**NOTE**

Brocade NetIron CER or Brocade NetIron CES devices use the same image for boot and monitor.

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To upgrade the monitor and boot image, perform the following steps:

1. Place the new monitor and boot image on an SCP or TFTP server.

2. Copy the new monitor and boot image to the switch using one of the following commands:

- Using SCP on a remote client:

```
C:> scp ceb<xxxx>.bin <user>@<device-IPAddress>:flash:[boot | monitor]
```

- Using TFTP at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:  
copy tftp flash <tftp-srvr> ceb<xxxx>.bin [boot | monitor]

3. Verify that the new monitor and boot images have been successfully copied by entering the show flash command at the Privileged level of the CLI.

If your upgrade fails, for recovery information refer to [Appendix B, “Troubleshooting,”](#) “[Recovering from a failed upgrade](#)” on page 81.

## 4 Performing a basic upgrade

# Hitless OS Upgrade for all Supported Devices

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This chapter describes the Hitless OS Upgrade feature.

You can upgrade Multi-Service IronWare software using the Hitless OS Upgrade feature with no loss of service or disruption in most functions and protocols. During the hitless upgrade process, all ports and links remain operational.

## Hitless OS Upgrade support limitations

Depending on the software version, Hitless OS Upgrade has the following limitations:

- Hitless OS Upgrade is not supported for R05.0.00, R05.0.00a, R5.2.00b, R05.0.00c, R5.2.00d, R5.2.00f, or R5.3.00a, R5.3.00b, R5.3.00c., R5.5.00, R05.5.00c, R05.6.00b, R05.6.00c, R05.6.00d, R05.6.00e, and R05.6.00f.
- Hitless OS Upgrade is not supported for releases prior to R05.1.00d. This includes R05.1.00, R05.1.00b, R05.1.00c and R05.1.00d.

## Special considerations for Hitless OS Upgrade

Depending on the software version, Hitless OS Upgrade has the following limitations:

- Both active and standby management modules must be installed to use this feature.
- To avoid disruptions of Layer-3 traffic to OSPF or BGP routes, OSPF Non-stop routing or OSPF Graceful Restart and BGP Graceful Restart features must be configured on the router. In addition, OSPF neighbors of the router must have OSPF Graceful Restart Helper enabled if OSPF Graceful Restart is enabled.
- To avoid disruptions of IPv4 Layer 3 multicast traffic, the unicast routing protocol for multicast RPF routes must be either Non-Stop routing- or Graceful Restart-capable and enabled.
- The time required for the hitless upgrade process ranges from 1 to 10 minutes, depending on the size of the MAC table and the routing table, and the number of OSPF and BGP neighbors. Router configuration is unavailable during the entire hitless upgrade process. The message “--SW Upgrade In Progress - Please Wait--” is displayed at the console if configuration is attempted. Operational command of the router is allowed during the upgrade process.
- Because the active management module becomes the standby management module during the hitless upgrade process, you will need a connection to the console interface on both management modules.
- When they are reset, management and interface modules are unable to send and receive packets. Once the management and interface modules are again operational, modules can send and receive packets, even before the hitless upgrade process is complete.
- Router configuration cannot be changed during the hitless upgrade process.
- Changes to the system-max parameter (or other configuration changes that require a system reload, such as “cam-mode” and “cam-profile” changes) do not take effect after a hitless upgrade.

- FPGA images cannot be upgraded using the hitless upgrade process.
- Hitless upgrade cannot be used to downgrade an image to a version older than the version currently running on the device.
- If there are protocol dependencies between neighboring nodes, it is recommended that you upgrade nodes one at a time.
- After hitless upgrade, the running configuration on the router will be the same as it was before the upgrade. A configuration that is not saved before a hitless upgrade is not removed and the existing startup configuration does not take effect. This behavior is similar to the management module switchover feature.

Table 3 lists supported and unsupported protocols and features for Hitless OS Upgrade.

**TABLE 3 Supported and unsupported protocols and features for Hitless OS Upgrade**

Supported for Hitless OS Upgrade	Not supported for Hitless OS Upgrade
Layer 2 switching	802.1s
Layer 2 protocols:	All MPLS features
MRP	IPv4 and IPv6 multicast snooping
STP	IPv6 multicast routing
RSTP	VLAN translation
VSRP	Policy-based routing
Layer 3 protocols	FPGA upgrades
IGMP	VRRP and VRRP-E
PIM	All VPN features
OSPF	MCT (Multi-chassis trunking)
BGP	Network management to the device:
IS-IS	SSH
Static IP routes	Telnet
Layer-3 forwarding	SNTP
GRE tunnels	HTTP/HTTPS
ACLs (the following ACLS continue to function but ACL counters are reset)	sFlow (interface modules only)
Layer 2 ACLs	Ping
IPv4 ACLs	Traceroute
IPv6 ACLs	Syslog messages are cleared
IP Receive ACLs	SNMP and SNMP trap
IPv4 and Layer-2 ACL-based traffic policing	DNS
Traffic	DHCP
UDLD	AAA
LACP	ERP (G.8032)
BFD	Management VRF
802.1ag over VLANs	ToS-based QoS
IPv4 multicast routing	

Features not supported for Hitless OS Upgrade may encounter disruptions when the management and interface modules are restarted, but will resume normal operation once the modules become operational.

## The hitless upgrade process

A hitless upgrade of Multi-Service IronWare software is performed in the following sequence:

1. Multi-Service IronWare software is installed in flash memory to the primary and secondary image on active and standby management modules and interface modules.
2. Enter the hitless-reload command on the active management module.

3. The hitless upgrade process starts on the active management module, which initiates the upgrade process on the standby management module.
4. The standby management module is reset.
5. The active management module is reset and the standby management module becomes the active module.
6. Active console control is lost to the previously active management module as it becomes the standby management module.
7. The active management module initiates the upgrade process on all interface modules.
8. The router is now running the new Multi-Service IronWare software. The management module that was initially configured as the standby management module is now the active management module and the management module that was initially configured as the active management module is now the standby management module. If you want the original management module to be active, you must manually fail-over control to it.

## Performing a hitless upgrade

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### NOTE

Hitless upgrades are *generally* supported for upgrades within a major release (for example, 05.3.00 to 05.3.00a) but are not supported for upgrades from one major release to another (for example 05.2.xx to 05.3.xx). Please refer to [“Hitless OS Upgrade support limitations”](#) on page 31 for a list of releases that do not support Hitless Upgrade.

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Some features and protocols are not supported for hitless upgrade. Before you perform a hitless upgrade, refer to [Table 3](#) for a list of supported and not-supported features and protocols.

A Hitless OS Upgrade loads from the primary and secondary images on the management modules.

To perform a Hitless OS Upgrade, use the following procedure:

1. Copy the Multi-Service IronWare software images to the primary and secondary flash on the active and standby management modules and on interface modules.
1. Set up a console connection to both the active and standby management modules. These connections can be serial console sessions or sessions established through Telnet or SSH.
2. Enter the hitless-reload command at the console of the active management module.

```
hitless-reload mp [primary] | lp [primary]
```

The mp parameter specifies that the image will be copied to the *management module*.

The lp parameter specifies that the image will be reloaded to the *interface module*.

## 5 Hitless OS Upgrade for all Supported Devices

# Simplified Upgrade and Auto Upgrade

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This chapter describes how to upgrade your MultiService IronWare software from R05.6.00 using a single command, copy tftp system manifest. Before beginning your upgrade, refer to the appropriate chapters in this document for your device to make sure your system does not have special upgrade requirements.

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**NOTE**

The Simplified Upgrade feature is available only when upgrading from R05.3.00.

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- LP Auto-upgrade does a manifest file integrity check with signatures (even in non-FIPS mode).
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**NOTE**

LP auto-upgrade is not supported in FIPS mode.

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File integrity checks rely on the correct signatures being present on the system at the time of the check, based on the currently running version of the device.

Refer to the **Federal Information Processing Standards and Common Criteria Guide for Netlon 5.6.00** for more information when upgrading from non-SHA256 signatures to SHA256 signature packages or downgrading from SHA256 signature to non-SHA256 signature packages.

When downgrading from SHA256 signed packages to SHA1 signed packages following errors might be seen:

```
TFTP: Download to flash done.  
TFTP: Download to flash failed - Server Message: File not found  
Failed to rename manifest_tmp.sig into manifest.sig
```

---

**NOTE**

If this is a downgrade to 5.6B or earlier, the above errors may be ignored.

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## Simplified Upgrade

Simplified Upgrade is a single operation that performs a full system upgrade of all the images. It can be as simple as one command from the CLI or one set-request operation from the SNMP. Prior to R05.3.00, several commands were required to upgrade your system. That method is still supported as described in the appropriate chapter for your device, however using the copy tftp system with the new all-images and manifest parameters introduced in R05.3.00, you can upgrade your system by issuing only one command.

In this release, the process will be optimized by introducing a version-check of the images to determine whether it is necessary to download/upgrade the image or not.

This simplified upgrade method greatly reduces the possibility of having incompatible interface modules due to incompatible image versions.

The command can be issued to download images from either of the following:

- TFTP server, as described in [“Upgrading the software using a TFTP server”](#) on page 40
- auxiliary storage device, as described in [“Upgrading the software using an auxiliary storage device”](#) on page 41

The system will always enable FPGA Mismatch-check regardless of whether Auto-upgrade is configured or not. When it finds a mismatch in the FPGA it will put the card to Interactive state with a reason as FPGA-Mismatched.

The LP Auto-upgrade will be modified to start only if the card state is Interactive and the reason is FPGA Mismatched. Since an FPGA mismatch-check has already been done outside the Auto-upgrade, it can proceed to upgrade all the FPGA images applicable to the card.

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### NOTE

LP Auto-upgrade will only upgrade the FPGA images.

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## Brocade NetIron XMR and Brocade MLX Series single-command (full-system) upgrade

There is no change in the syntax for the full-system upgrade; however, the expected behavior for the keyword **all-images** has changed.

**Syntax:** copy tftp system [all-images] <server-ip-address> manifest <File name> [lp-sec | mp-sec | secondary]

**Syntax:** copy <slot1 | slot2> system [all-images] manifest <File name> [lp-sec | mp-sec | secondary]

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### NOTE

BOOT images are not included in the upgrade process. The optional keyword **all-images** specifies to include only the MP FPGA images (MBRIDGE/MBRIDGE32 and SBRIDGE/HSBRIDGE).

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## Brocade NetIron CER and Brocade NetIron CES single-command (full-system) upgrade

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### NOTE

BOOT images are not included in the upgrade process. The optional keyword **all-images** specifies to include only the MP FPGA images (MBRIDGE/MBRIDGE32 and SBRIDGE/HSBRIDGE).

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**Syntax:** copy tftp system [all-images] <server-ip-address> manifest <File name> [secondary]

## Step 1: Download Manifest file and Validation

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### NOTE

While the simplified upgrade is in progress, CLI commands or SNMP set-requests that initiate a TFTP download are rejected.

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When you issue the copy tftp system command using the manifest parameter, the first step the system performs is to download the digital signature file associated with the manifest file, download the manifest file and perform a signature check. This ensures the manifest file download is indeed created by Brocade, and not modified by anybody.

## Step 2: Download File Images

Next, the system upgrades the system file images. The file images upgraded depend on how you enter the command. If you use the manifest and all images parameters, the files are upgraded in the following sequence:

- management module Boot image
- interface module Boot image
- management module Monitor image
- interface module Monitor image
- management module Application image
- interface module Application image
- Bundled FPGA image for all interface modules
- MBRIDGE (or MBRIDGE32 for 32-slot chassis)
- SBRIDGE or HSBRDGE image (for 32-slot chassis only)

If you do not use the all images parameter, the files are upgraded in the following sequence:

- management module Monitor image
- interface module Monitor image
- management module Application image
- interface module Application image
- Bundled FPGA image for all interface modules

Depending on the type of management module (MR or MR2) in the system, the system follows different behavior in downloading and installing the images.

## Systems with MR management modules

In systems with MR management modules, the following events are performed for *each* image:

- download the signature of the image
- download the image file
- perform CRC check
- install the image

Even if it encounters a failure in one of the images, it will proceed to upgrade the other images.

## In systems running MR2 management modules

In systems running MR2 management modules, all images and their signature files are first downloaded and saved to temporary files in the embedded Slot1 Compact Flash. Once all the images are successfully downloaded, the system proceeds to install them.

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### NOTE

If there is any failure during download operation for any file copy, the entire operation is terminated and a messages is posted to the syslog. For a list of Simplified Upgrade syslog messages, refer to [Table 4](#) on page 44.

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The following events occur during the install operation:

- perform a CRC check
- install the image

## Version Check

Prior to this release, Simplified Upgrade and LP Auto-Upgrade reads the manifest file for the location of the image to be used for the upgrade, and proceeds to download the image file.

For instance, when Simplified Upgrade is upgrading the LP FPGA of the interface modules, it downloads the bundled FPGA file then later attempt to install individual FPGA types to the applicable interface modules. In the individual FPGA installation, it performs a version check between the downloaded image and the currently running image.

If both versions are the same, Simplified Upgrade will skip the upgrade for that FPGA type and proceed to the next FPGA type. In a case where all interface modules are up-to-date, all will be skipped.

### *Version Information*

This release will address the above mentioned example by introducing version checking at the beginning. The manifest file will now have a version field for every specified image. For example, a line in a manifest file for XPP MRJ FPGA image may look something like this,

```
xppmrj_05600.bin 1.00
xpp8x10_05600i066.bin 6.14
pbif8x10_05600i066.bin 1.30
```

For every FPGA type in the manifest file that is applicable to the system, its version will be compared to the image that is currently running. If any of the following conditions is satisfied, it will start to download the bundled FPGA image and proceed to install the applicable FPGAs conditionally:

- At least one card is not in UP state.
- At least one FPGA type version does not match.
- Failure to retrieve the running version (due to internal error).

Otherwise, if all the FPGA types match the versions, Simplified Upgrade will skip this step. The display output will look like this:

```
Bundled FPGA skipped, same version exists.
```

### *Option to Ignore the Version*

By default, the upgrade operation will perform a version check. An optional parameter to ignore the version field will be available in the CLI command as well as SNMP MIB.

The user may choose to perform a forced upgrade.

Similarly, if the specified manifest file does not have a version field, it will perform a forced upgrade for backward compatibility.

### *Supported Images*

The version comparison is done for the following images:

- Interface Module FPGA (LP FPGA)
- Management Module FPGA (MBRIDGE and MBRIDGE-32)

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#### **NOTE**

Simplified Upgrade (single-command) must be performed before LP Auto-Upgrade can be configured. The later one uses the manifest file that the former one downloaded in the system flash.

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## Summary Report

During the simplified upgrade process, the system keeps track of the status of every image download, validation and installation and creates a summary report that is displayed at the end of the upgrade. If any image download or installation fails, the summary report indicates the operation failed and details of the failure. You can individually upgrade any failed images using existing upgrade commands for individual images. The summary report also identifies any potential incompatibility issues.

The summary report display is modified to indicate that the upgrade was skipped for the image. It will appear similarly to the example report as follows:

#### **Example**

```
System Upgrade Done.
Upgrade Summary
Source: tftp 10.120.75.21 Directory /XMR-MLX
1) Installed /XMR-MLX/Boot/ManagementModule/xmprm05600.bin to MP Boot
2) Installed /XMR-MLX/Boot/InterfaceModule/xmlprm05600.bin to LP Boot on all LP
slots
3) Installed /XMR-MLX/Monitor/ManagementModule/xmb05600.bin to MP Monitor
```

```
4) Installed /XMR-MLX/Monitor/InterfaceModule/xmlb05600.bin to LP Monitor on all
LP slots
5) Installed /XMR-MLX/Application/ManagementModule/xmr05600b296.bin to MP Primary
6) Installed /XMR-MLX/Application/InterfaceModule/xmlp05600b296.bin to LP Primary
on all LP slots
7) Skipped LP FPGA Bundled, same version exists.
8) Installed /XMR-MLX/FPGA/ManagementModule/mbridge_05600b296.xsvf to FPGA
MBRIDGE
Checking for coherence...
Done.
```

### Single-Command Package Upgrade

The CLI command is modified to have an optional parameter to ignore or bypass version checking.

Full syntax (using a TFTP server as the source):

```
NetIron# copy tftp system [all-images] <server-ip-address>
manifest <File name> [lp-sec | mp-sec | secondary]
[skip-version-check]
```

Full syntax (using a removable storage device as the source):

```
NetIron# copy <slot1 | slot2> system [all-images]
manifest <File name> [lp-sec | mp-sec | secondary]
[skip-version-check]
```

### Interface Module Auto-Upgrade

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#### NOTE

Interface Module Auto-Upgrade does not support LP Auto-Upgrade, which allows the system to automatically upgrade the Boot and FPGA images of an inserted interface module.

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In a full-system upgrade where an external set of images (or, release package) is to be applied to the system, it makes sense to perform a version comparison between what is currently running in the system and the release package (while LP Auto-Upgrade compares the image version in LP and that of the system).

## Upgrading the software

The command can be issued to specify the source of the images, whether it is from a TFTP server or auxiliary storage device.

### Upgrading the software using a TFTP server

To upgrade the management and interface boot, monitor, and application images, as well as FPGA images, enter the following command using TFTP as the source of the images.

The full syntax for the command when using a TFTP server is as follows:

```
NetIron# copy tftp system [all-images] <server-ip-address> manifest <File
name> [lp-sec | mp-sec | secondary ]
```

The following parameters are available:

- The optional parameter `[all-images]` specifies that the management and interface boot, monitor, and application images, as well as FPGA images should be upgraded. If the parameter is not entered, only the management and interface monitor and application images and bundled FPGA image for interface modules which don't include MBRIDGE and SBRIDGE are upgraded.
- The parameter `<server-ip-address>` specifies the TFTP server IP address in IPv4 or IPv6.
- The parameter `<File name>` specifies the manifest filename, including its relative path to the TFTP server root directory.
- The optional parameter `[lp-sec | mp-sec | secondary]` specifies the destination code image. If not specified, it defaults to primary for both MP and LP. This is for the application image only.
  - `lp-sec` specifies that MP image goes to primary while LP goes to secondary.
  - `mp-sec` specifies that MP image goes to secondary while LP image goes to primary.
  - `secondary` means both MP and LP images goes to secondary.

## Upgrading the software using an auxiliary storage device

The storage card must have the manifest file at the top-most of the base directory and all the images must be in the directory structure specified in the manifest file.

The full syntax for the command when using an auxiliary storage device is as follows:

```
# copy <slot1|slot2> system [all-images] manifest <filename>
    [lp-sec | mp-sec | secondary]
```

The following parameters are available:

- The parameter `<slot1 | slot2>` identifies the source auxiliary storage device slot number.
- The optional parameter `[all-images]` specifies that the management and interface boot, monitor, and application images, as well as FPGA images, including MBRIDGE and SBRIDGE, should be upgraded. If the parameter is not entered, only the management and interface monitor and application images and bundled FPGA image for interface modules which don't include MBRIDGE and SBRIDGE are upgraded.
- The parameter `<filename>` specifies the manifest filename, which should be located at the root directory of the storage device.
- The optional parameter `[lp-sec | mp-sec | secondary]` specifies the destination code image. If not specified, it defaults to primary for both MP and LP. This is for the application image only.
  - `lp-sec` specifies that MP image goes to primary while LP goes to secondary.
  - `mp-sec` specifies that MP image goes to secondary while LP image goes to primary.
  - `secondary` means both MP and LP images goes to secondary.

## Auto upgrade

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### NOTE

This feature is available only on devices that have been upgraded to R05.3.00 or later using the Simplified Upgrade feature as it requires the manifest file.

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**NOTE**

The auto upgrade feature is disabled by default and must be enabled to take effect.

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If you have used the simplified upgrade procedure to upgrade your system to R05.3.00 or later, you can take advantage of the auto upgrade feature. The auto upgrade feature allows the system to automatically upgrade the images of a newly inserted interface module if it detects a mismatch in monitor and application image files, as synched in releases prior to R05.3.00 or later, as well as boot and FPGA image files, depending on the parameters used.

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**NOTE**

If all of the images of an interface card are upgraded successfully during the auto-upgrade, the card is reset by the system for the upgraded image to take into effect.

If one or more image fails during the auto-upgrade, the card is not reset by the system; once the auto upgrade is complete, you must correct the problem with the failed file and manually reset the upgraded interface card for the new image(s) to take into effect.

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### In systems running MR management modules

If the device is running an MR management module, it will take the following steps:

1. Perform a signature check of the manifest file.
2. Open the manifest file to lookup for the filename of the image and its relative path.
3. For the TFTP source, download the image using the TFTP info specified in `lp auto-upgrade tftp` command.

For the case of storage card source, it will copy the image from the specified auxiliary storage slot number.

4. Install the image to the destination interface module.

It will repeat the same steps for all images necessary for the upgrade.

If an image cannot be located, an error is logged and it will proceed to boot with application and monitor images synched from the MP.

### In systems running MR2 management modules

For devices running an MR2 management module, the images `lp-boot` and `lp-fpga-all`, kept in the flash memory, are used. If the image is not found in the flash memory, the system downloads it from the source specified in the command (TFTP or storage card).

At the end of the auto-upgrade process, regardless if it was completed successfully or not, syslog messages and traps are posted.

## Enabling Auto Upgrade

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**NOTE**

The auto upgrade feature is disabled by default and must be manually enabled to take effect.

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The full syntax for the command is as follows:

```
(config)# lp auto-upgrade <slot1 | slot2 | tftp <ip-address>> [path <directory  
pathname>]
```

Parameter descriptions:

- The parameter tftp <server-ip-address> specifies the TFTP server IP address in IPv4 or IPv6.
- The parameter <slot1 | slot2> specifies the source auxiliary storage device slot number.
- The optional parameter path < directory pathname > specifies the base directory path of the TFTP server to get the images. If not specified, it defaults to the TFTP root.

To enable the auto upgrade feature of interface modules in your device from a TFTP, enter the following:

```
(config)# lp auto-upgrade tftp <ip-address> [path <directory pathname>]
```

To enable the auto upgrade feature of interface modules in your device using a auxiliary storage device, enter the following:

```
(config)# lp auto-upgrade <slot1 | slot2> [path <directory pathname>]
```

At the end of the auto-upgrade process, regardless if it was completed successfully or not, syslog messages and trap are posted.

## Disabling Auto Upgrade

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**NOTE**

The auto upgrade feature is disabled by default and must be manually enabled to take effect.

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Auto-upgrade of interface module can be disabled by applying 'no' to the command. When the auto upgrade feature is disabled, the newly inserted interface modules boot after syncing the application and monitor images from the management module without syncing the interface boot image and interface FPGAs.

To disable the auto upgrade feature of interface modules in your device, enter the following:

```
(config)# no lp auto-upgrade
```

This will post a syslog after the completion of the process, whether successful or not.

## Syslog messages for Simplified Upgrade and Auto Upgrade

Table 4 lists the syslog messages related to the simplified upgrade procedure and auto upgrade feature.

**TABLE 4** Simplified Upgrade and Auto Upgrade syslog messages

Event Description	Message
Simplified upgrade has started	Single-command upgrade has started.
Simplified upgrade is complete	Single-command upgrade completed. or Single-command upgraded with error(s).
Auto upgrade has started	Auto-upgrade for slot <slot-id> has started.
Auto upgrade is complete	Auto-upgrade for slot <slot-id> completed. or Auto-upgrade for slot <slot-id> completed with errors.

The following SNMP traps are generated:

snTrapUpgradeSingleCmdStart ::= { snTraps 1216 }

snTrapUpgradeSingleCmdDone ::= { snTraps 1217 }

snTrapAutoUpgradeStart ::= { snTraps 1218 }

snTrapAutoUpgradeDone ::= { snTraps 1219 }

For more information on the SNMP traps, refer to the *Unified MIB Reference*.

## MIB information for Simplified Upgrade and Auto Upgrade

For MIB information related to the simplified upgrade and auto upgrade features, refer to the *Unified IP MIB Reference*, supporting NetIron R05.6.00.

## Port and software-based licensing

Table 5 lists the individual Brocade NetIron devices and the software licensing features they support.

**TABLE 5** Supported software licensing features

Features supported	NetIron XMR Series	NetIron MLX Series	NetIron CES 2000 Series BASE package	NetIron CES 2000 Series ME_PREM package	NetIron CES 2000 Series L3_PREM package	CER 2000 Series BASE package	CER 2000 Series Advanced Services package
Software-based licensing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Port based-licensing	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
License generation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
License query	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Deleting a license	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## Software license terminology

This section defines the key terms used in this chapter.

- Entitlement certificate – The proof-of-purchase certificate (*paper-pack*) issued by Brocade when a license is purchased. The certificate contains a unique *transaction key* that is used in conjunction with the *License ID* of the Brocade device to generate and download a software license from the Brocade software portal.
- License file – The file produced by the Brocade software portal when the license is generated. The file is uploaded to the Brocade device and controls access to a *licensed feature* or feature set.
- License ID (LID) – This is a number that uniquely identifies the Brocade device. The LID is used in conjunction with a *transaction key* to generate and download a software license from the Brocade software portal. The software license is tied to the LID of the Brocade device for which the license was ordered and generated.
- Licensed feature – Any hardware or software feature or set of features that require a valid software license in order to operate on the device.
- Transaction key – This unique key, along with the *LID*, is used to generate a software license from the Brocade software portal. The transaction key is issued by Brocade when a license is purchased. The transaction key is delivered according to the method specified when the order is placed:

- Paper-pack – The transaction key is recorded on an *entitlement certificate*, which is mailed to the customer.
- Electronic – The transaction key is contained in an e-mail, which is instantly sent to the customer after the order is placed. The customer will receive the e-mail generally within a few minutes after the order is placed, though the timing will vary depending on the network, internet connection, etc.

If a delivery method was not specified at the time of the order, the key will be delivered via paper-pack.

## Software-based licensing overview

Prior to the introduction of software-based licensing, Brocade supported *hardware-based licensing*, where an EEPROM was used to upgrade to a premium set of features. With the introduction of *software-based licensing*, one or more valid software licenses are required to run such *licensed features* on the device.

Software-based licensing is designed to work together with hardware-based licensing. The first release of software-based licensing employs a combination of hardware-based and software-based licensing. A Brocade device can use hardware-based licensing, software-based licensing, or both. Future releases that support software-based licensing will use software-based licensing only, eliminating the need for a customer- or factory-installed EEPROM on the management module or switch backplane.

Software-based licensing provides increased scalability and rapid deployment of hardware and software features on the supported Brocade family of switches. For example, for premium upgrades, it is no longer necessary to physically open the chassis and install an EEPROM to upgrade the system. Instead, the Web is used to generate, download, and install a software license that will enable premium features on the device.

### How software-based licensing works

A permanent license can be ordered pre-installed in a Brocade device when first shipped from the factory, or later ordered and installed by the customer. In either case, additional licenses can be ordered as needed.

When a license is ordered separately (not pre-installed), an *entitlement certificate* or e-mail, containing a *transaction key*, are issued to the customer by Brocade as proof of purchase. The *transaction key* and *LID* of the Brocade device are used to generate a license key from the Brocade software licensing portal. The license key is contained within a *license file*, which is downloaded to the customer's PC, where the file can then be transferred to a TFTP or SCP server, then uploaded to the Brocade device.

Once a license is installed on the Brocade device, it has the following effect:

- The license unlocks the licensed feature and it becomes available immediately. There is no need to reload the software.
- When a trial license expires, the commands and CLI related to the feature are disabled, but the feature itself can't be disabled until the system reloads.

## Seamless transition for legacy devices

In this chapter, the term legacy device refers to a Brocade device that was shipped prior to the introduction of software-based licensing, has an EEPROM installed, and is running pre-release 05.0.00 software.

The transition to software-based licensing is seamless for legacy devices. When upgraded to a release that supports software-based licensing, these devices will continue to operate as previously configured.

Though not mandatory, Brocade recommends that once a legacy device is upgraded to a release that supports software-based licensing, it is also registered. This will enable Brocade to track the device in case service is needed. To register the device, refer to the instructions in [“Special replacement instructions for legacy devices”](#) on page 64.

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### NOTE

There are special considerations and instructions for legacy NetIron devices in need of replacement (via a Return Merchandise Agreement (RMA)). For details, refer to [“Special replacement instructions for legacy devices”](#) on page 64.

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## License types

The following license types are supported.

NetIron CES Series license types:

- NI-CES-2024-MEU – Enables Metro Edge Premium upgrade for NetIron CES 2000 Series 24-port models.
- NI-CES-2024-L3U - Enables Layer 3 Premium upgrade for NetIron CES 2000 Series 24-port models.
- NI-CES-2048-MEU – Enables Metro Edge Premium upgrade for NetIron CES 2000 Series 48-port models.
- NI-CES-2048-L3U – Enables Layer 3 Premium upgrade for NetIron CES 2000 Series 48-port models.

NetIron CER Series license types:

- NI-CER-2024-ADV – Enables Layer 3 Advanced Premium upgrade for NetIron CER 2000 Series 24-port models.
- NI-CER-2048-ADV – Enables Layer 3 Advanced Premium upgrade for NetIron CER 2000 Series 48-port models.
- NI-CER-2024F-RT - Enables additional memory to support larger routing tables.
- NI-CER-2024C-RT - Enables additional memory to support larger routing tables.
- NI-CER-2024FX-RT - Enables additional memory to support larger routing tables.
- NI-CER-2024CX-RT - Enables additional memory to support larger routing tables.
- NI-CER-2048F-RT - Enables additional memory to support larger routing tables.
- NI-CER-2048C-RT - Enables additional memory to support larger routing tables.
- NI-CER-2048FX-RT - Enables additional memory to support larger routing tables.
- NI-CER-2048CX-RT - Enables additional memory to support larger routing tables.

### Brocade MLX Series and NetIron XMR license Types:

- BR-MLX-10GX4-X - Enables License upgrade to NetIron MLX and Brocade MLXe 4-port 10-GbE (X) module with IPv4/IPv6/MPLS hardware support - requires XFP optics. Supports 1 million IPv4 routes in FIB.
  - BR-MLX-1GCx24-X - Enables 24-port 1Gbps copper module for wire-speed performance.
  - BR-MLX-1GFx24-X - Enables 24-port 1Gbps fiber module for wire-speed performance.
  - BR-MLX-100GX1-2PUPG - Enables 100 GbE second port license upgrade —requires CFP optics.
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- Trial license – Also called a temporary license, this enables a license-controlled feature to run on the device on a temporary basis. A trial license enables demonstration and evaluation of a licensed feature and can be valid for a period of 45 days. For more information about a trial license, see [“Using a trial license”](#) on page 58.
  - Normal license – Also called a permanent license, this enables a license-controlled feature to run on the device indefinitely.

## Licensed features and part numbers

Table 6 lists the supported licensed features, associated image filenames, and related part numbers.

### NOTE

There are no changes to the part numbers for products with pre-installed (factory-installed) licenses. These part numbers are listed for reference in the last column of Table 6.

**TABLE 6 Licensed features and part numbers for the Netron CES and Netron CER devices**

Product	Licensed feature or feature set	Image filename	Part numbers for software license only	Part numbers for hardware with pre-installed software license
Netron CES	EPREM Metro Edge Premium (Metro Edge Premium License)	cer05600.bin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 ports:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NI-CES-2024F-MEPREM-AC</li> <li>NI-CES-2024F-MEPREM-DC</li> <li>NI-CES-2024C-MEPREM-AC</li> <li>NI-CES-2024C-MEPREM-DC</li> <li>NI-CES-2024FX-MEPREM-AC</li> <li>NI-CES-2024FX-MEPREM-DC</li> <li>NI-CES-2024CX-MEPREM-AC</li> <li>NI-CES-2024CX-MEPREM-DC</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Classic Layer 2 capabilities</li> <li>Base Layer 3 (RIP and static routes)</li> <li>QoS and ACLs</li> <li>Management via SNMP and CLI</li> <li>IP over MPLS (IGP shortcuts)</li> <li>GRE</li> <li>Policy Based Routing (PBR)</li> <li>Provider Bridges (IEEE 802.1ad)</li> <li>Provider Backbone Bridges (IEEE 802.1ah)</li> <li>In-band management for PB/PBB network</li> <li>OSPF and ISIS</li> <li>Connectivity Fault Management (IEEE 802.1ag) and Service OAM</li> <li>Ethernet Service Instance (ESI) framework</li> <li>Multi-VRF</li> <li>MPLS (VPLS, VLL)</li> <li>802.3ah Link OAM</li> <li>Static IPv6</li> <li>RIPng</li> <li>OSPFv3</li> <li>IS-ISv6</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48 ports:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NI-CES-2048F-MEPREM-AC</li> <li>NI-CES-2048F-MEPREM-DC</li> <li>NI-CES-2048C-MEPREM-AC</li> <li>NI-CES-2048C-MEPREM-DC</li> <li>NI-CES-2048FX-MEPREM-AC</li> <li>NI-CES-2048FX-MEPREM-DC</li> <li>NI-CES-2048CX-MEPREM-AC</li> <li>NI-CES-2048CX-MEPREM-DC</li> </ul>

**TABLE 6 Licensed features and part numbers for the Netron CES and Netron CER devices (Continued)**

Product	Licensed feature or feature set	Image filename	Part numbers for software license only	Part numbers for hardware with pre-installed software license
	EPREM L3_PREM (Layer 3 Premium License) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Classic Layer 2 capabilities</li> <li>• Base Layer 3 (RIP and static routes)</li> <li>• QoS and ACLs</li> <li>• Management via SNMP and CLI</li> <li>• Full Layer 3 capabilities, including OSPF, ISIS, and BGP</li> <li>• Multi-VRF</li> <li>• Static IPv6</li> <li>• RIPng</li> <li>• IS-ISv3</li> <li>• OSPFv3</li> <li>• BGP shortcuts (requires L3_PREM and ME_PREM)</li> <li>• GRE</li> <li>• Policy Based Routing (PBR)</li> </ul>	cer05600.bin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 ports: NI-CES-2024-L3U</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48 ports: NI-CES-2048-L3U</li> </ul>	NI-CES-2024F-L3PREM-AC NI-CES-2024F-L3PREM-DC NI-CES-2024C-L3PREM-AC NI-CES-2024C-L3PREM-DC NI-CES-2024FX-L3PREM-AC NI-CES-2024FX-L3PREM-DC NI-CES-2024CX-L3PREM-AC NI-CES-2024CX-L3PREM-DC <hr/> NI-CES-2048F-L3PREM-AC NI-CES-2048F-L3PREM-DC NI-CES-2048C-L3PREM-AC NI-CES-2048C-L3PREM-DC NI-CES-2048FX-L3PREM-AC NI-CES-2048FX-L3PREM-DC NI-CES-2048CX-L3PREM-AC NI-CES-2048CX-L3PREM-DC

**TABLE 6 Licensed features and part numbers for the Netron CES and Netron CER devices (Continued)**

Product	Licensed feature or feature set	Image filename	Part numbers for software license only	Part numbers for hardware with pre-installed software license
Netron CER	Advanced Services Premium:	cer05600.bin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 ports: NI-CER-2024-ADV</li> </ul>	NI-CER-2024F-ADVPREM-AC NI-CER-2024F-ADVPREM-DC NI-CER-2024C-ADVPREM-AC NI-CER-2024C-ADVPREM-DC NI-CER-2024FX-ADVPREM-AC NI-CER-2024FX-ADVPREM-DC NI-CER-2024CX-ADVPREM-AC NI-CER-2024CX-ADVPREM-DC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full Layer 3, including RIP, OSPF, IS-IS, and BGP</li> <li>Virtual routing in non-MPLS environments via Multi-VRF</li> <li>All classic Layer 2 capabilities</li> <li>QoS and ACLs</li> <li>Management via SNMP/CLI</li> <li>Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS)</li> <li>Layer 2 VPNs using VPLS and VLLs</li> <li>Provider Bridges (IEEE 802.1ad)</li> <li>Provider Backbone Bridges (IEEE 802.1ah)</li> <li>Connectivity Fault Management (IEEE 802.1ag) and Service OAM</li> <li>Ethernet Service Instance (ESI) framework</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48 ports: NI-CER-2048-ADV</li> </ul>	NI-CER-2048F-ADVPREM-AC NI-CER-2048F-ADVPREM-DC NI-CER-2048C-ADVPREM-AC NI-CER-2048C-ADVPREM-DC NI-CER-2048FX-ADVPREM-AC NI-CER-2048FX-ADVPREM-DC NI-CER-2048CX-ADVPREM-AC NI-CER-2048CX-ADVPREM-DC
	CER-RT: Adds additional memory to support larger routing tables. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IPv4: 1.5M</li> <li>IPv6: 256K</li> <li>IPv4+IPv6 simultaneously: 1.45M+256K</li> </ul>	cer05600.bin	IP_ROUTE_SCALE	NI-CER-2024F-RT-AC NI-CER-2024F-RT-DC NI-CER-2024C-RT-AC NI-CER-2024C-RT-DC NI-CER-2024FX-RT-AC NI-CER-2024FX-RT-DC NI-CER-2024CX-RT-AC NI-CER-2024CX-RT-DC NI-CER-2048F-RT-AC NI-CER-2048F-RT-DC NI-CER-2048C-RT-AC NI-CER-2048C-RT-DC NI-CER-2048FX-RT-AC NI-CER-2048FX-RT-DC NI-CER-2048CX-RT-AC NI-CER-2048CX-RT-DC

TABLE 7 MLX Series and Netron routers

Product	Licensed feature or feature set	Image filename	Part numbers for software license only	Part numbers for hardware with pre-installed software license
Netron MLX Series and Netron XMR routers	10x4G license upgrade (Netron MLX and Brocade MLXe):	xgmacsp2_05600.bin	BR-MLX-10GX4-XUPG	BR-MLX-10GX4-X
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-port 10-GbE (X) module with IPv4/IPv6/MPLS hardware support - requires XFP optics. Supports 1 million IPv4 routes.</li> </ul>			
	100 GbE second port license upgrade:	xpp2x100_05600.bin	BR-MLX-100GX1-2PUPG	BR-MLX-100GX2-X
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brocade MLX Series 100 GbE second port license upgrade —requires CFP optics.</li> </ul>			
24x1G Copper license upgrade:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enables 24-port 1Gbps copper module for wire-speed performance</li> </ul>	pbifmrj_05600.bin	BR-MLX-1Gx4-UPG	BR-MLX-1GCx24-X
		xppmrj_05600.bin statsmrj_05600.bin		
24x1G Fiber license upgrade:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enables 24-port 1Gbps fiber module for wire-speed performance.</li> </ul>	pbifmrj_05600.bin	BR-MLX-1Gx4-UPG	BR-MLX-1GFx24-X
		xppmrj_05600.bin statsmrj_05600.bin		

## Licensing rules

This section lists the software licensing rules and caveats related to the Brocade devices that support software-based licensing.

## General notes

The following licensing rules apply to all Netron devices that support software licensing:

- A license is tied to the unique LID of the fixed configuration switch for which the license was ordered. Therefore, a license can be used on one particular device only. It cannot be used on any other device.
- More than one license can be installed per device concurrently.

- More than one trial license can be in effect at the same time, as long as each trial license applies to a unique licensed feature.
- A trial license cannot replace or supersede a normal license.

## Configuration tasks

This section describes the configuration tasks for generating and obtaining a software license, then installing it on the Brocade device. Perform the tasks in the order listed in [Table 8](#).

**TABLE 8** Configuration tasks for software licensing

Configuration task	See...
1 Order the desired license.	For a list of available licenses and associated part numbers, see <a href="#">“Licensed features and part numbers”</a> on page 49.
2 When you receive the transaction key, retrieve the LID of the Brocade device. If you received the transaction key via paper-pack, record the LID on the entitlement certificate in the space provided.	<a href="#">“Viewing the License ID (LID)”</a> on page 59
3 Log in to the Brocade software portal to generate and obtain the license file.	<a href="#">“Obtaining a license”</a> on page 53
4 Upload the license file to the Brocade device.	<a href="#">“Installing a license file”</a> on page 57
5 Verify that the license is installed.	<a href="#">“Verifying the license file installation”</a> on page 58

## Obtaining a license

The procedures in this section show how to generate and obtain a software license.

1. Order a license for the desired licensed feature. Refer to [Table 6](#) for a list of valid part numbers and licensed features.

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### NOTE

To order and obtain a *trial license*, contact your Brocade representative.

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2. You can obtain the LID two ways:
  - You can also obtain the LID from the IUID label on the unit.
  - You receive the paper-pack or electronic transaction key, retrieve the LID of your Brocade device by entering the show version command on the device. Example command output is shown in [“Viewing the License ID \(LID\)”](#) on page 59.”

If you received a paper-pack transaction key, write the LID in the space provided on the entitlement certificate.

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### NOTE

Do not discard the entitlement certificate or e-mail with electronic key. Keep it in a safe place in case it is needed for technical support or product replacement (RMAs).

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3. Log in to the Brocade software portal at <http://swportal.brocade.com> and complete the software license request. If you do not have a login ID and password, request access by following the instructions on the screen.

Figure 1 shows the Software Portal Login window.

FIGURE 1 Brocade Software Portal Login window

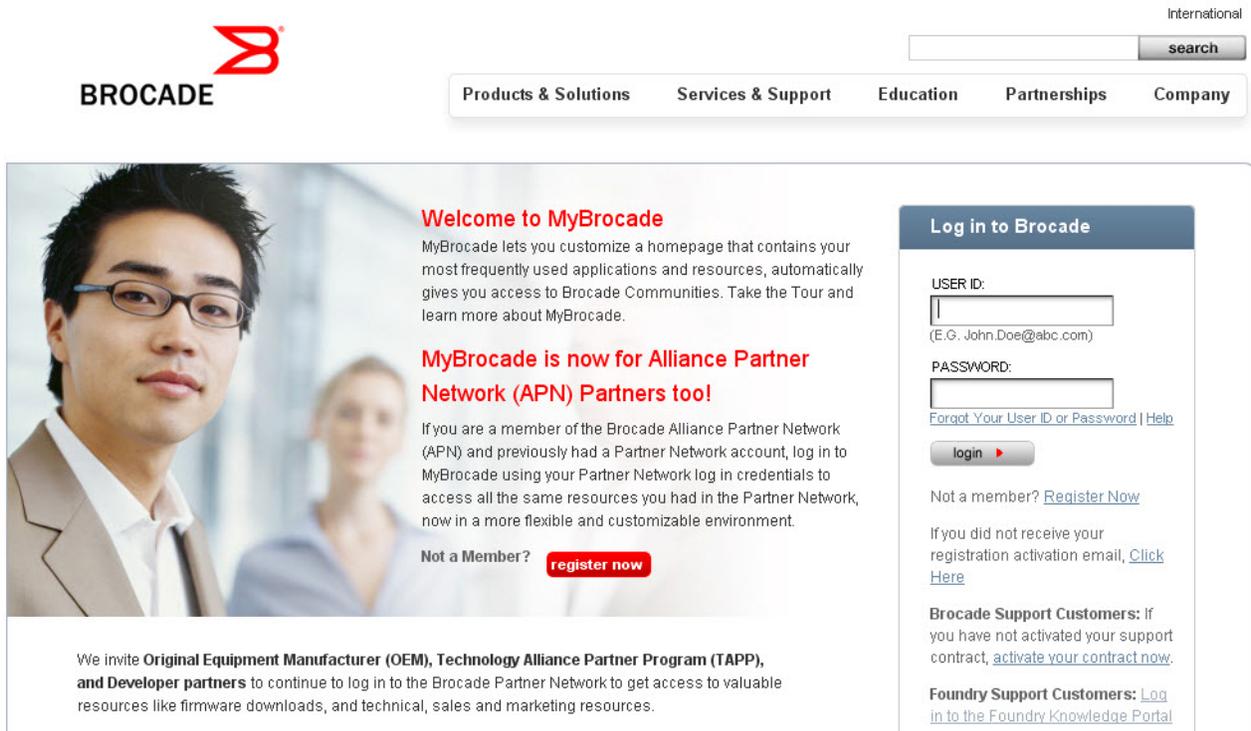


Figure 2 shows the License Management Welcome window that appears after logging in to the software portal. From this window, mouse over the License Management banner, then Brocade IP/Ethernet, then click on License Generation with Transaction key.

FIGURE 2 License Management Welcome window

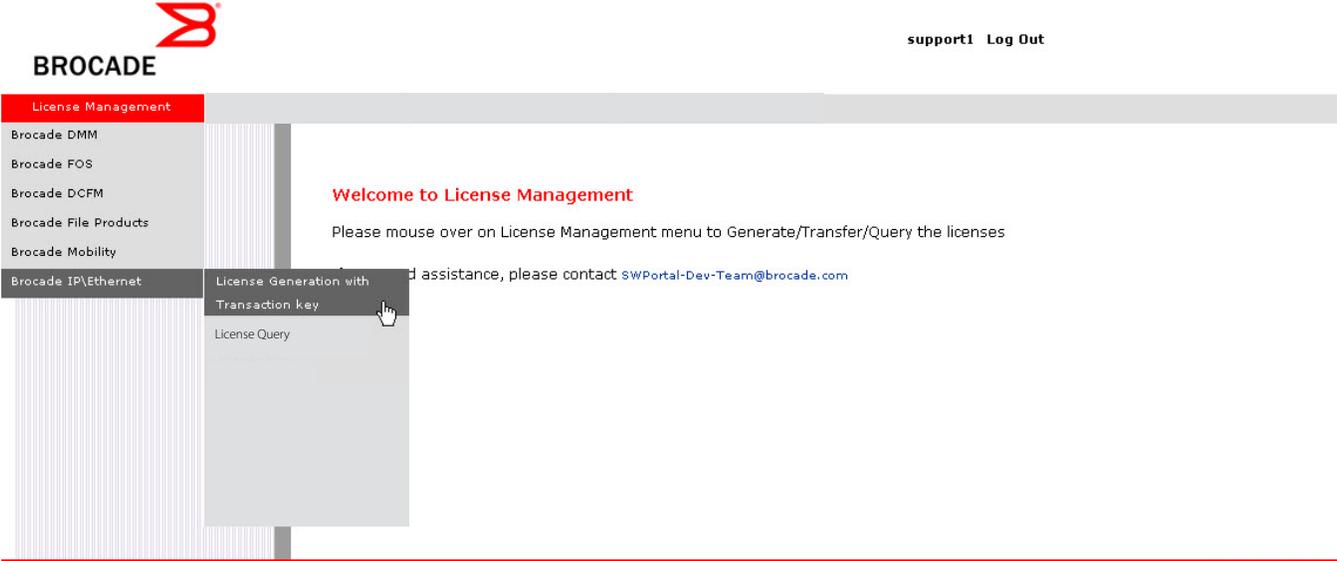


Figure 3 shows the IP/Ethernet License Generation window for generating a license using a transaction key and LID.

FIGURE 3 IP Ethernet License Generation window

[Contact Us](#)

Enter the required information in each text box shown in Figure 3.

- For a description of the field, move the mouse pointer over the text box.
- An asterisk next to a field indicates that the information is required.
- You can generate more than one license at a time. For each license request, enter the Unit Information (Unit ID and transaction key) then click on the Add button.

When you have finished entering the required information, read the Brocade End User License Agreement, then click on the check box to indicate that you have read and accept it.

Press the Generate button to generate the license. Figure 4 shows the results window, which displays an order summary and the results of the license request.

- If the license request was successful, the “Status” field will indicate Success and the “License File” field will contain a hyperlink to the generated license file. The license file will also be automatically emailed to the specified Customer email ID.
- If the license request failed, the “Status” field will indicate the reason it failed and the action to be taken.

**FIGURE 4** IP/Ethernet License Generation Results window

**IP/Ethernet License Generation- Result**

**Customer Information**

Customer email ID    partner501@company.com  
 Site Name  
 Technical Contact  
 Company Name  
 City  
 State/Province  
 Zip/Postal Code  
 Country  
 Phone

Following Generated Licenses have been sent to Email ID(s): **partner501@company.com**

ID Type	Unique Id	Transaction Key	Description	Status	License File
LID	pkeguceGFHM	A0D57D0038E39D9427131B	BR-NI-CES-2048-L3U	Success	License Key

Generate Another License

4. Download the license file to your PC by either clicking on the hyperlink or saving it from the e-mail attachment.
5. Upload the license file to the Brocade device as instructed in the section “[Installing a license file](#)” on page 57.

## Installing a license file

Once you obtain a license file, place it on a TFTP or SCP server to which the Brocade device has access, then use TFTP or SCP to copy the file to the license database of the Brocade device.

### Using TFTP to install a license file

To copy a license file from a TFTP server to the license database of the Brocade device, enter a command such as the following at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:

```
NetIron# copy tftp license 10.1.1.1 lic.xml
```

Syntax: `copy tftp license <IP_address> <license_filename_on_host>`

`<IP_address>` is the address of the IPv4 TFTP server.

`<license_filename_on_host>` is the filename of the license file.

### Using Secure Copy (SCP) to install a license

SSH and SCP must be enabled on the Brocade device before the procedures in this section can be performed. For details, see the chapter [“Configuring SSH2 and SCP”](#) on page 1423.

To copy a license file from an SCP-enabled client to the license database of the Brocade device, enter a command such as the following on the SCP-enabled client.

```
c:\scp c:\license\license101 terry@10.1.1.1:license
```

Syntax: `scp <license_file_on_host> <user>@<IP_address>:license`

### Verifying the license file installation

Use the `show license` command to verify that the license is installed on the device. Details about this command are in the section [“Viewing the license database”](#) on page 60.

## Using a trial license

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#### NOTE

A trial license must be ordered and installed by Brocade representative.

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A trial license enables demonstration and evaluation of a licensed feature and can be valid for a period of up to 45 days. A licensed feature operating under a trial license has the same functionality (CLI and show commands) as does a licensed feature operating under a normal license.

### What happens when a trial license expires

A trial license expires when it exceeds the specified expiration time or date. The countdown starts when the trial license is generated. When the license expires, the licensed feature will continue to run as configured until the system is reloaded. When the system is reloaded, the CLI commands related to the licensed feature will no longer be available.

If a second trial license is installed after the first license expires, the second trial license will not be activated if installed before the first license expires.

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#### NOTE

Trial licenses are not cumulative. The new license replaces the current license. To extend the license, you must contact your Brocade representative.

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### Console, Syslog, and trap messages for trial license expiration

Three days prior to the date that a trial license is set to expire, the following warning message will appear daily on the console. Syslog and trap messages will also be generated.

```
SYSLOG: <12>Jan 1 00:00:00 624-top License: Package NI-CES-2024-L3U with LID  
BCYXXXXXXXXX expires in 3 days
```

On the day that the license will expire, a warning message will appear every two hours.

```
SYSLOG: <12>Jan 1 00:00:00 624-top License: Package NI-CES-2024-L3U with LID  
BCYXXXXXXXXX expires in 4 hours
```

When the license has expired, the following message will appear on the console. Syslog and trap messages will also be generated.

```
SYSLOG: <13>Jan 1 00:00:00 624-top License: NI-CES-2024-L3U with LID BCYXXXXXXXXX  
has expired
```

## Renewing or extending a trial license

A trial license can be extended once by another trial license of the same type, or by a normal license of the same type. To avoid any interruptions to the network, obtain and install the second trial license before the first license expires. When extended by another trial license, the duration is not cumulative. The countdown starts when the trial license is generated.

To extend the license, you must contact your Brocade representative.

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### NOTE

The start and end date of each trial license is pre-defined, based on the date and time it is generated.

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## Viewing information about software licenses

This section describes the show commands associated with software licensing. These commands are issued on the Brocade device, at any level of the CLI.

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### NOTE

You can also view information about software licenses from the Brocade software portal. Refer to [“Viewing software license information”](#) on page 62.

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## Viewing the License ID (LID)

Brocade devices that ship during and after the release of software licensing will have the LID imprinted on the label affixed to the device. You also can use the CLI command show version to view the LID on these devices, and on devices that shipped before the release of software licensing.

Use the show version command to display the serial number, license, and LID of the device. The following is example output from an CES unit with the license RT\_scale and ADV\_SVCS\_PREM installed.

```
Brocade#show version
System: NetIron CER (Serial #: K40533F00H, Part #: 40-1000372-04)
License: RT_SCALE, ADV_SVCS_PREM (LID: BCYXXXXXXXX)
Boot      : Version 5.3.0T185 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Nov 16 2011 at 10:06:46 labeled as ceb05300
(447585 bytes) from boot flash
Monitor   : Version 5.3.0T185 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Nov 16 2011 at 10:06:46 labeled as ceb05300
(447585 bytes) from code flash
IronWare  : Version 5.3.0T183 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Jan 20 2012 at 18:56:08 labeled as ce05300
(14385657 bytes) from Primary
CPLD Version: 0x00000010
Micro-Controller Version: 0x0000000d
Extended route scalability
PBIF Version: 0x56
800 MHz Power PC processor 8544 (version 8021/0022) 400 MHz bus
512 KB Boot Flash (AM29LV040B), 64 MB Code Flash (MT28F256J3)
2048 MR DRAM
```

## Viewing the license database

To display general information about all software licenses in the license database, use the show license command. The following shows example output.

```
NetIron# show license
Index      Package Name      Lid      License Type      Status      License Period
1          NI-CES-2048-L3U  BCYXXXXXXXX normal            active      unlimited
```

To display detailed information about a particular license, use the show license <index\_number> command. The following shows example output.

```
NetIron# show license 1
License information for license <1>:
+package name:      NI-CES-2048-L3U
+lid                BCYXXXXXXXX
+license type:      normal
+status:            active
+license period:    unlimited
```

Syntax: show license [<index\_number>]

The following table describes the information displayed by the show license command.

**TABLE 9** Output from the show license command

This field...	Displays...
Index	The license hash number that uniquely identifies the license.
Package Name	The package name for the license.
Lid	The license ID. This number is embedded in the Brocade device.

**TABLE 9** Output from the show license command (Continued)

This field...	Displays...
License Type	Indicates whether the license is normal (permanent) or trial (temporary).
Status	Indicates the status of the license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid – A license is valid when the LID matches the serial number of the device for which the license was purchased, and the package name is recognized by the system.</li> <li>• Active – The license is valid and in effect on the device.</li> <li>• Not used – The license is not in effect on the device.</li> <li>• Expired – For trial licenses only, this indicates that the trial license has expired.</li> </ul>
License Period	If the license type is trial (temporary), this field will display the number of days the license is valid. If the license type is normal (permanent), this field will display “unlimited”.
<b>Trial license information</b>	
The following details display in the output of the show license <Index_number> command.	
+ days used	The number of days the trial license has been in effect.
+ hours used	The number of hours the trial license has been in effect.
+ days left	The number of days left before the trial license expires.
+ hours left	The number of hours left before the trial license expires.

## Viewing active packages installed in the device

Use the show version command to view the active packages that are currently installed in the device.

### NOTE

The active package name is not the same as the license name.

```

Brocade#show version
System: NetIron CER (Serial #: K40533F00H, Part #: 40-1000372-04)
License: RT_SCALE, ADV_SVCS_PREM (LID: BCYXXXXXXXX)
Boot      : Version 5.3.0T185 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Nov 16 2011 at 10:06:46 labeled as ceb05300
(447585 bytes) from boot flash
Monitor   : Version 5.3.0T185 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Nov 16 2011 at 10:06:46 labeled as ceb05300
(447585 bytes) from code flash
IronWare  : Version 5.3.0T183 Copyright (c) 1996-2009 Brocade Communications
Systems, Inc.
Compiled on Jan 20 2012 at 18:56:08 labeled as ce05300
(14385657 bytes) from Primary
CPLD Version: 0x00000010
Micro-Controller Version: 0x0000000d
Extended route scalability
PBIF Version: 0x56
800 MHz Power PC processor 8544 (version 8021/0022) 400 MHz bus
512 KB Boot Flash (AM29LV040B), 64 MB Code Flash (MT28F256J3)
2048 MR DRAM

```

Table 10 lists the supported software packages.

**TABLE 10** Software packages

Product	Software package name	License needed?
NetIron CES	NetIron CES 2000 Series BASE	No
	NetIron CES 2000 Series ME_PREM	Yes
	NetIron CES 2000 Series L3_PREM	Yes
NetIron CER	CER 2000 Series BASE	No
	CER 2000 Series ADV_SVCS_PREM	Yes

## Deleting a license

A license will remain in the license database until it is deleted. If you want to delete a license, Brocade recommends that you first disable the licensed feature before deleting the associated license.

To delete a license, enter a command such as the following at the Privileged EXEC level of the CLI:

```
NetIron# license delete 1
```

This command immediately removes the license from the license database. The CLI commands related to the licensed feature will no longer be available from the CLI. The licensed feature will continue to run as configured until the software is reloaded, at which time the feature will be disabled and removed from the system. Syslog and trap messages are generated when the license is deleted.

Syntax: `license delete <index_number>`

`<index_number>` is a valid license index number. This information can be retrieved from the `show license` command output. For more information, refer to “” on page 65.

## Other licensing options available from the Brocade Software Portal

This section describes other software licensing tasks supported from the Brocade software portal.

### Viewing software license information

You can use the License Query option to view software license information for a particular unit, transaction key, or both. You can export the report to Excel for sharing or archiving purposes.

Depending on the status of the license, for example whether or not the license was generated, the report will include the following Information:

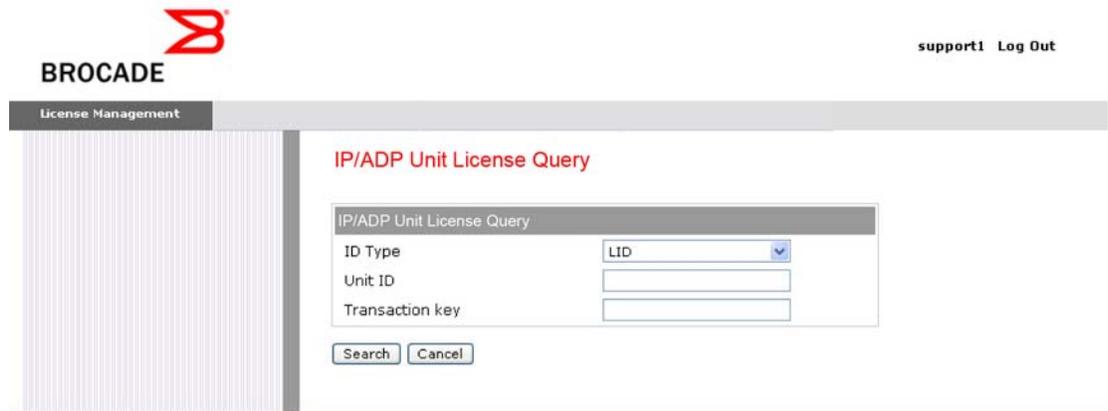
- Hardware part number, serial number, and description
- Software part number, serial number, and description
- Date the license was installed

- Transaction key
- LID
- Feature name
- Product line

To access the License Query option, select it from the License Management Welcome window shown in Figure 2.

Figure 5 shows the License Query window.

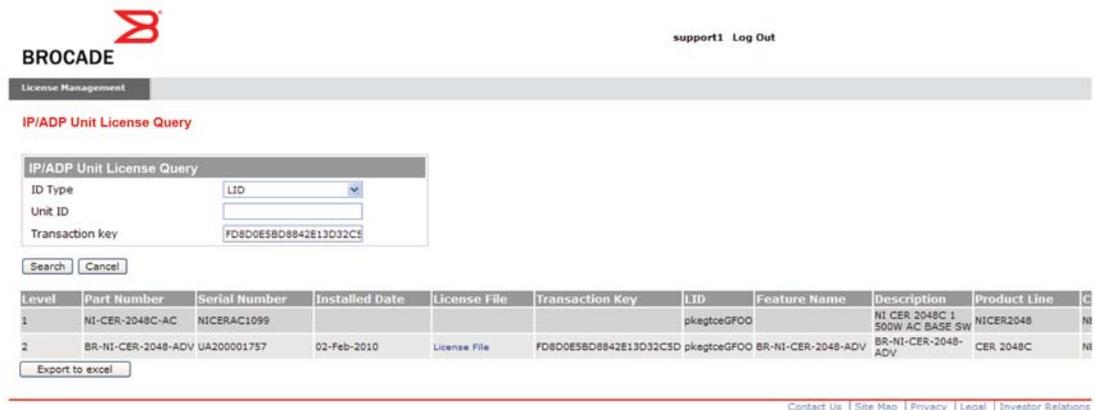
**FIGURE 5** License Query window



- To view software license information for a particular unit, enter the LID in the Unit ID field then click on Search.
- To view software license information for a particular transaction key, enter the unique number in the Transaction key field then click on Search.

Figure 6 shows an example of the license query results.

**FIGURE 6** License Query results window



In this example, the line items for Level 1 display hardware-related information and the line items for Level 2 display software-related information. If the query was performed before the transaction key was generated, the first row (Level 1) would not appear as part of the search results. Similarly, if the query was performed before the license was generated, some of the information in the second row would not be displayed.

## Transferring a license

A license can be transferred between Brocade devices if the following conditions are true:

- The device is under an active support contract, and
- The license is being transferred between two like-models (e.g., from a 24-port model to another 24-port model or from a 48-port model to another 48-port model).

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### NOTE

A license transfer is intended for retrieving licenses from defective units. The licenses are removed from the defective unit in our database and the unit is flagged as removed from service.

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### NOTE

Transferring a license is only available internally for TAC, and externally for designated partners with specific accounts in the Software Portal. Contact your Brocade representative for more information.

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## Special replacement instructions for legacy devices

A legacy device refers to a Brocade device that was shipped prior to the introduction of software-based licensing, has an EEPROM installed, and is running pre-release 05.0.00 software.

For Brocade legacy devices in need of replacement (via a Return Merchandise Agreement (RMA)), the following actions must be taken:

- If the replacement device will be upgraded to a software release that supports software-based licensing, registration of the replacement device is required after the software is upgraded.
- If the replacement device will be using a software release that does *not* support software-based licensing, follow these instructions:
  1. Prior to shipping the device in need of replacement back to the factory, remove the EEPROM from the device. To remove the EEPROM, follow the instructions in the appropriate hardware installation guide or in the instructions that shipped with the EEPROM.
  2. After removing the EEPROM, store it in a safe place.
  3. When the replacement device is received from the factory, install the same EEPROM in the device. To do so, follow the instructions that shipped with the EEPROM.

## Syslog messages and trap information

Table 11 lists the syslog messages and traps supported for software-based licensing.

**TABLE 11** Syslog messages

Message level	Message	Explanation
Informational	License: Package <package_name> with LID <LID_number> is added	Indicates that the license package has been added.
Informational	License: Package <package_name> with LID <LID_number> is removed	Indicates that the license package has been deleted.
Warning	License: Package <package_name> with LID <LID_number> expires in <number> days	The trial license is about to expire. This message will begin to display 3 days before the expiration date, and every day until the license will expire.
Warning	License: Package <package_name> with LID <LID_number> expires in <number> hours	The trial license is about to expire. This message will begin to display every 2 hours on the last day that the license will expire.
Notification	License: Package <package_name> with LID <LID_number> has expired	The trial license has expired.

## 7 Syslog messages and trap information

# Loading and saving configuration files

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This chapter contains information you will need to know when loading and saving configuration files on your Brocade device.

## Brocade MLX Series and NetIron XMR devices

For easy configuration management, the router supports both the download and upload of configuration files between the router and a TFTP server on the network.

You can upload either the startup configuration file or the running configuration to the TFTP server, code flash, or a flash card for backup and use in booting the system.

**Startup configuration file** – This file (startup-config) contains the configuration information that is currently saved in the flash memory. To display this file, enter the show configuration command at any CLI prompt.

**Running configuration** – This active configuration is in the system RAM but not yet saved to flash memory. These changes could represent a short-term requirement or general configuration change. To display this configuration, enter the show running-config or write terminal command at any CLI prompt.

Each device can have one startup configuration file and one running configuration. The startup configuration file is shared by both flash modules. The running configuration resides in DRAM.

### Configuring file size for startup and running configuration

The system allocates 8 MB of contiguous memory per session (console, TELNET, SSH) for processing different configuration commands, such as show run, config terminal, and copy tftp run. In a low memory state, memory is generally fragmented resulting in a failure to allocate contiguous memory to support the session. We now pre-allocate one configuration buffer so that at least one CLI session will remain operational even in low memory condition.

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#### NOTE

Low memory is not a normal operating condition, and may indicate scaling the network beyond system max limits. However, this feature ensures that one CLI session remains operational so you can recover from the condition.

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To specify a configuration file size for both startup and running configuration, enter the following command:

```
Brocade(config)# system-max
```

Syntax: [no] system-max [config-file-size <decimal>]

By default, no system-max parameter is configured.

The config-file-size option specifies the configuration file size for processing various commands.

The *<decimal>* parameter specifies the range supported for configuring file size. The minimum configuration is 2 MB, and the maximum is 16 MB. If the file size is not configured, the default size of 8 MB is used.

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**NOTE**

It is strongly recommended that you use the default size (8 MB) when configuring file size.

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When you enter the system-max command, with the config-file-size parameter included, the following additional information is displayed:

```
Brocade(config)# system-max config-file-size 2097152
Reload required. Please write memory and then reload or power cycle.
Failure to reload could cause system instability on failover.
Newly configured system-max will not take effect during hitless-reload.
Replacing the Startup Configuration with the Running Configuration
```

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**NOTE**

You must enter the write memory command and restart the system for this command to take effect.

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## Replacing the startup configuration with the running configuration

After you make configuration changes to the active system, you can save the changes to flash memory, which replaces the existing startup configuration with the new running configuration.

To replace the startup configuration with the new running configuration, enter the write memory command.

```
Brocade# write memory
```

## Retaining the current startup configuration

After making configuration changes to the active system, if you have not executed a write memory command and you decide you don't want to save the changes, enter the reload command to return to the current startup configuration.

```
Brocade# reload
```

If the system detects differences between the running and startup configurations, it prompts you as follows:

```
Are you sure? (enter 'y' or 'n'):
```

Enter y, and press the Enter key.

## Copying a configuration file to or from an SCP or TFTP server

To copy the startup-config or running-config file to or from an SCP or TFTP server, use the commands shown in this section.

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### NOTE

You can name the configuration file when you copy it to an SCP or TFTP server. However, when you copy a configuration file from the server to a device, the file is always copied as “startup-config” or “running-config”, depending on which type of file you saved to the server.

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#### Using TFTP

To copy the startup-configuration files to a TFTP server, enter the following command:

```
copy startup-config tftp <ip-address> <filename>
```

To upload the running-config from the device to a TFTP server, enter the following command:

```
copy running-config tftp <ip-address> <filename>
```

To upload a copy of the startup-config to the device from a TFTP server, enter the following command.

```
copy tftp startup-config <ip-address> <filename>
```

To upload a running configuration to the device from a TFTP server, enter the following command:

```
copy tftp running-config <tftp -srvr> <filename> [overwrite]
```

This command downloads the access-list to the running-configuration. The new access-list is then appended to the current running configuration of the router.

#### Using SCP

Running configuration backup or appending via scp

To copy the running configuration file on a device to a file on the SCP-enabled host.

```
C:\> scp <user>@<device-IpAddress>:runConfig <dst-file>
```

To download a configuration file and append to running configuration, enter the following command.

```
C:> scp <config-file> <user>@<device-IpAddress>:config:run
```

This command transfers <config-file> to the device and appends to the running configuration.

For backward compatibility, the following syntax is also supported for this command.

```
C:> scp <config-file> <user>@<device-IpAddress>:runConfig
```

Replacing or backing up the startup configuration using SCP

To copy the startup configuration file on the device to a file on the SCP-enabled client, enter the following command:

```
C:> scp <user>@<device-IpAddress>:startConfig <dst-file>
```

To download a configuration file and replace the startup configuration, enter the following command.

```
C:> scp <config-file> <user>@<device-IpAddress>:config:start
```

This command transfers *<config-file>* to the device and replaces the startup configuration in flash.

For backward compatibility, the following syntax is also supported for this command.

```
C:> scp <config-file> <user>@<device-IpAddress>:startConfig
```

## Making local copies of the startup configuration file

You can copy the startup-config file in flash memory to a TFTP server or to a PCMCIA flash card inserted in management module slot 1 or 2.

For example, to make a backup copy of the startup-config file and save the backup file to a TFTP server, enter a command such as the following at the Privileged EXEC level in the CLI:

```
Brocade# copy startup-config tftp 10.28.40.21 startup-config.bak
```

Syntax: `copy startup-config tftp <ip-address> <dest-file-name>`

The *<ip-address>* variable specifies the IP address of the TFTP server that you want to save the startup configuration to.

The *<dest-file-name>* specifies the name of the file you copied to a new destination.

For example, to make a backup copy of the startup-config file and save the backup file on a flash card in slot 2, enter a command such as the following at the Privileged EXEC level in the CLI:

```
Brocade# copy startup-config slot2 /backups/startup-config.bak
```

Syntax: `copy startup-config [slot1 | slot2] [/<dest-dir-path>]/<dest-file-name>`

Specify the *<dest-dir-path>* parameter to copy the source file to a file system that does not have current management focus.

The *<dest-file-name>* parameter specifies the name of the file you copied to a new destination.

## NetIron CES Series and NetIron CER devices

For easy configuration management, the device supports both the download and upload of configuration files between the router and a TFTP server on the network.

**Startup configuration file** – This file (startup-config) contains the configuration information that is currently saved in the Brocade NetIron CER and Brocade NetIron CES series flash memory. To display this file, enter the show configuration command at any CLI prompt.

**Running configuration** – This active configuration is in the system RAM but not yet saved to flash memory. These changes could represent a short-term requirement or general configuration change. To display this configuration, enter the show running-config or write terminal command at any CLI prompt.

Each device can have one startup configuration file and one running configuration. The startup configuration file is shared by both flash modules. The running configuration resides in DRAM.

### Configuring file size for startup and running configuration

The system allocates 8 MB of contiguous memory per session (console, TELNET, SSH) for processing different configuration commands, such as show run, config terminal, and copy tftp run. In a low memory state, memory is generally fragmented resulting in a failure to allocate contiguous memory to support the session. We now pre-allocate one configuration buffer so that at least one CLI session will remain operational even in low memory condition.

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#### NOTE

Low memory is not a normal operating condition, and may indicate scaling the network beyond system max limits. However, this feature ensures that one CLI session remains operational so you can recover from the condition.

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To specify a configuration file size for both startup and running configuration, enter the following command:

```
Brocade(config)# system-max
```

Syntax: [no] system-max [config-file-size <decimal>]

By default, no system-max parameter is configured.

The config-file-size option specifies the configuration file size for processing various commands.

The <decimal> parameter specifies the range supported for configuring file size. The minimum configuration is 2 MB, and the maximum is 16 MB. If the file size is not configured, the default size of 8 MB is used.

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#### NOTE

Brocade strongly recommended that you use the default size (8 MB) when configuring file size.

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When you enter the system-max command, with the config-file-size parameter included, the following additional information is displayed:

```
Brocade(config)# system-max config-file-size 2097152
Reload required. Please write memory and then reload or power cycle.
Failure to reload could cause system instability on failover.
Newly configured system-max will not take effect during hitless-reload.
Replacing the Startup Configuration with the Running Configuration
```

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**NOTE**

You must enter the write memory command and restart the system for this command to take effect.

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## Replacing the startup configuration with the running configuration

After you make configuration changes to the active system, you can save the changes to flash memory, which replaces the existing startup configuration with the new running configuration.

To replace the startup configuration with the new running configuration, enter the write memory command.

```
Brocade# write memory
```

## Retaining the current startup configuration

After making configuration changes to the active system, if you have not executed a write memory command and you decide you don't want to save the changes, enter the reload command to return to the current startup configuration.

```
Brocade# reload
```

If the system detects differences between the running and startup configurations, it prompts you as follows:

```
Are you sure? (enter 'y' or 'n'):
```

Enter y, and press the Enter key.

## Copying a configuration file to or from an SCP or TFTP server

To copy the startup-config or running-config file to or from an SCP or TFTP server, use the commands shown in this section.

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**NOTE**

You can name the configuration file when you copy it to an SCP or TFTP server. However, when you copy a configuration file from the server to a device, the file is always copied as "startup-config" or "running-config", depending on which type of file you saved to the server.

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### Using TFTP

To copy startup-configuration files to or from a TFTP server, enter the following command:

```
copy startup-config tftp <ip-address> <filename>
```

To upload the running-config from the device to a TFTP server, enter the following command:

```
copy running-config tftp <ip-address> <filename>
```

To copy a startup-config to the device from a TFTP server, enter the following command.

```
copy tftp startup-config <ip-address> <filename>
```

To upload a running configuration to the device from a TFTP server, enter the following command:

```
copy tftp running-config <tftp -srvr> <filename> [overwrite]
```

This command downloads the access-list to the running-configuration. The new access-list is then appended to the current running configuration of the router.

### Using SCP

Running configuration backup or appending via scp

To copy the running configuration file on a device to a file on the SCP-enabled host.

```
C:\> scp <user>@<device-IpAddress>:runConfig <dst-file>
```

To download a configuration file and append to running configuration, enter the following command.

```
C:> scp <config-file> <user>@<device-IpAddress>:config:run
```

This command transfers <config-file> to the device and appends to the running configuration.

For backward compatibility, the following syntax is also supported for this command.

```
C:> scp <config-file> <user>@<device-IpAddress>:runConfig
```

Replacing or backing up the startup configuration using SCP

To copy the startup configuration file on the device to a file on the SCP-enabled client, enter the following command:

```
C:> scp <user>@<device-IpAddress>:startConfig <dst-file>
```

To download a configuration file and replace the startup configuration, enter the following command.

```
C:> scp <config-file> <user>@<device-IpAddress>:config:start
```

This command transfers <config-file> to the device and replaces the startup configuration in flash.

For backward compatibility, the following syntax is also supported for this command.

```
C:> scp <config-file> <user>@<device-IpAddress>:startConfig
```

## Making local copies of the startup configuration file

Copy the startup-config file in flash memory to a TFTP server.

For example, to make a backup copy of the startup-config file and save the backup file to a TFTP server, enter a command such as the following at the Privileged EXEC level in the CLI:

```
Brocade# copy startup-config tftp 10.28.40.21 startup-config.bak
```

Syntax: `copy startup-config tftp <ip-address> <dest-file-name>`

The `<ip-address>` variable specifies the IP address of the TFTP server that you want to save the startup configuration to.

The `<dest-file-name>` specifies the name of the file you copied to a new destination.

## Device module considerations

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This appendix contains information about specific device components that you may find useful when you perform your Multi-Service IronWare software upgrade.

## Interface module considerations

The following sections contain upgrade and downgrade information for interface modules. When installing or upgrading interface modules, consider the following:

- 1Gx24 copper and fiber interface modules require software version 5.1.00 or later.
- For interface modules with 8 or more ports, you must change the ifindex. Refer to “[ifIndex allocation](#)” on page 4.
- Before you install your 100GbE interface module into an existing working device, you must change the switch fabric data-mode to force-normal, and the system tm credit size to 1024b (which readies the device to forward 100 Gbps traffic. Change these settings by entering the following commands, writing to memory, and reloading the device.

```
Brocade(config)# system-init fabric-data-mode force-normal
Brocade(config)# system-init tm-credit-size credit_1024b
Brocade(config)# exit
Brocade# write memory
Brocade# reload
```

For more information about how to install 100GbE modules, refer to the *Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron XMR Hardware Installation Guide*.

## Upgrading high-speed switch fabric modules

The following interface modules require high-speed switch fabric modules to operate:

- NI-MLX-10Gx8-M (requires R05.0.00c or later)
- NI-MLX-10Gx8-D (requires R05.0.00c or later)
- BR-MLX-10Gx8-X (requires R05.2.00 or later)

If you are installing these modules in your device, you must also install high-speed switch fabric modules (if not already installed). For hardware installation instructions, refer to the *Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron XMR Hardware Installation Guide*.

When you install NI-MLX-10Gx8-M or NI-MLX-10Gx8-D, you must first upgrade the entire system to software R05.0.00c or later, and replace existing switch fabric modules with high-speed switch fabric modules. Be sure to remove all standard switch fabric modules BEFORE you install NI-MLX-10Gx8-M or NI-MLX-10Gx8-D modules.

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**NOTE**

Do not attempt to downgrade NI-MLX-10Gx8-M or NI-MLX-10Gx8-D modules or high-speed switch fabric modules to software versions older than R05.0.00c. The modules will not operate with older software.

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When you install BR-MLX-10Gx8-X interface modules, you must first upgrade the entire system to software R05.2.00 or later, and replace existing switch fabric modules with high-speed switch fabric modules. Be sure to remove all standard switch fabric modules BEFORE you install NI-MLX-10Gx8-M or NI-MLX-10Gx8-D modules.

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**NOTE**

Do not attempt to downgrade BR-MLX-10Gx8-X modules or high-speed switch fabric modules to software versions older than R05.2.00. The modules will not operate with older software.

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If you install NI-MLX-10Gx8-M or NI-MLX-10Gx8-D or BR-MLX-10Gx8-X interface modules without high-speed switch fabric modules, the interface modules will not work. For Brocade MLX and Brocade NetIron XMR 16-slot devices, you must also install high-speed fans. Refer to the *Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron XMR Hardware Installation Guide* for installation instructions.

To upgrade software and install high-speed switch fabric modules and NI-MLX-10Gx8-M or NI-MLX-10Gx8-D or BR-MLX-10Gx8-X modules at the same time, first upgrade your router to the appropriate software version for your interface modules, then perform the following steps:

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**NOTE**

Traffic may be briefly interrupted during an inline upgrade procedure.

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1. Upgrade all application, boot, and monitor files, and all management, interface, and switch fabric module FPGAs to R05.0.00c or later (for NI-MLX-10Gx8-M or NI-MLX-10Gx8-D modules). For BR-MLX-10Gx8-X interface modules, you must upgrade to R05.2.00 or later.
2. Restart your device.
3. Enter the show version command to confirm that the upgrade was successful.
4. Remove a standard switch fabric module.
5. Install a high-speed switch fabric module in the empty switch fabric slot.
6. To confirm that the new module is operating properly, enter the show module command.  
Repeat steps 4 through 6 to replace the remaining switch fabric modules with high-speed switch fabric modules.
7. Install an interface module into an empty interface module slot.
8. To confirm that the module is operating properly, enter the show module command.  
Repeat steps 7 and 8 to install all remaining interface modules.

# Management module considerations

## Upgrading to MR2 management modules

This section describes how to upgrade the management module in your router to an MR2 management module.

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### NOTE

The following scenarios are not supported and may result in damage to the MR2 management module and other hardware:

- Installing the MR2 as a standby management module in a device running code prior to Netlron Release 5.2.00b is not supported.
- Installing the MR2 as a standby management module with an MR module in the same device is not supported.

If the MR2 router no longer boots, please contact Brocade technical support.

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To upgrade to MR2 management modules, perform the following steps:

1. Perform a basic upgrade of your devices to Netlron Release 5.2.00b as documented in the appropriate chapter in this document for your router.

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### NOTE

You must complete this step before continuing to the next step.

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2. Changes in onboard storage form factors between MR and MR2 management modules require that you back up the configuration while upgrading. Use a TFTP server or SSH client to store the configuration.

To back up the running or startup configurations:

- Using TFTP:

To copy the startup configuration files from the device to a TFTP server, enter the following command:

```
copy startup-config tftp <ip-address> <filename>
```

To copy the running configuration files from the device to an TFTP server, enter the following command:

```
copy running-config tftp <ip-address> <filename>
```

- Using SCP:

To copy the running configuration file on a device to a file on the SCP-enabled host:

```
C:\> scp <user>@<device-IpAddress>:runConfig <dst-file>
```

To copy the startup configuration file on the device to a file on the SCP-enabled client, enter the following command:

```
C:> scp <user>@<device-IpAddress>:startConfig <dst-file>
```

3. Remove the power supplies or power cords to power down the device, and remove the MR management modules. For device specific instructions on removing existing management modules, refer to the appropriate chapter in this document for the device you are using.

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**NOTE**

You should label the network, serial, and power cords to ensure that they are reconnected correctly in [step 4](#) and [step 5](#).

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4. Install the MR2 management modules. For device specific instructions on installing management modules, refer to the appropriate chapter in the *Brocade MLX Series and Brocade NetIron XMR Hardware Installation Guide* for the device you are using.  
  
Once the MR2 management modules are correctly installed in the device, reconnect to the serial and network connections.
5. Power the device back on by installing the power supplies or power cords to power on the device.
6. Once the device has come up, connect to the serial port and enter the following commands to assign a temporary IP address to interface m 1, and enable the interface:

```
enable
configure terminal
interface m 1
ip addresss 10.10.10.2/24
enable
exit
ip route 0.0.0.0/0 10.10.10.1
exit
```

You may also need to assign a static route. You should be able to ping the IP address of the TFTP server or SSH client.

7. Copy the startup or running configuration stored from the SSH client or TFTP server back to the device:
  - Using TFTP from the privileged exec mode of the console:  

```
copy tftp startup-config <ip-address> <filename>
```

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**NOTE**

SSH is disabled by default, you will need to configure and enable it before using SCP.

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- Using SCP:  

```
C:> scp <filename> <user>@<device-ipaddress>:config:start
```

8. Issue one of the following commands from the Privileged exec mode of the console to reload the device:

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**NOTE**

You may wish to check that all interface modules are in the up state, and resolve any incompatible versions found before reloading the device.

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- To load the primary code flash enter the reload command:

```
reload
```

The reload command boots from the default boot source, which is the primary code flash.

- To load the secondary code flash, enter the boot system flash secondary command.

```
boot system flash [primary]
```

After the device has reloaded, verify that everything is working order.

## A Management module considerations

# Troubleshooting

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This appendix contains information about specific scenarios and troubleshooting issues that you may find useful when you perform your Multi-Service IronWare software upgrade.

## Upgrading devices in MCT topologies

MCT (multi-chassis trunking) does not support hitless upgrades of devices within the MCT topology. However, it is possible to avoid interruptions of traffic flow when upgrading MCT devices. To do this, you must first issue the client-shutdown on the device that is being upgraded. This forces all traffic to the other MCT devices. Once the traffic is redirected, perform the upgrade using the standard upgrade procedure, and reload the MCT device while it is still in shutdown mode. When the upgrade is complete, remove the client-shutdown by entering the no client-shutdown command and resume forwarding traffic. The commands for this process are shown here.

```
Brocade(config)# cluster abc 1
Brocade(config-cluster-abc)# client-interfaces shutdown
```

Perform the upgrade on this device at this point. When the upgrade is complete, enter the following command to resume traffic flow.

```
Brocade(config-cluster-abc)# no client-interfaces shutdown
```

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**NOTE**

This process must be done separately for each device in the MCT topology. If you attempt an upgrade or reload without issuing the client-shutdown, traffic may be adversely affected for all devices.

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## Recovering from a failed upgrade

This section describes two scenarios in which you may have to recover from a failed upgrade.

- Upgrade fails, no primary image exists. At reboot, system automatically stops in monitor mode.
- An incorrect version of the software has been loaded on the device. At reboot, the system automatically stops in monitor mode

For either instance, the recovery procedure is the same, and is explained here.

If your upgrade fails, when you issue the reload command, you will see output similar to this example.

```
BOOT INFO: load image from primary copy Bad image header
BOOT INFO: load image from secondary copy File not found, 'secondary'
MP-1Monitor>
```

## B Troubleshooting 1G modules stuck in down state

If you issue a dir command, you will see information similar to the following.

```
MP-1 Monitor> dir
 524288 [0000] lp-monitor-0
 6505897 [0000] lp-primary-0
 523622 [0000] monitor
 13667494 [0000] primary
 1688 [ac60] startup-config
 21232924 bytes 15 File(s)
 7602176 bytes free
MP-1 Monitor>
```

You can recover by copying a new image from a TFTP server, as shown in the following steps.

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### NOTE

For R05.2.00 and later, recovery can only be achieved by using a TFTP server.

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1. Assign an IP address to in monitor mode.

```
MP-1 Monitor> ip address 10.10.10.1/24
IP address = 10.10.10.1
MP-1 Monitor> ip default-gateway 10.10.10.254
```

2. Copy the image from the TFTP server using the following command:

```
MP-1 Monitor> copy tftp flash 10.10.10.2 xmr05200.bin primary
```

3. Reload the device using the following command. After the reload, the device should be running R05.6.00 (there will be no secondary image).

```
MP-1 Monitor> reset
Are you sure? (enter 'y' or 'n'): y
NetIron XMR/MLX Boot Code Version 5.2.00
..MP.
Enter 'a' to stop at memory test
Enter 'b' to stop at boot monitor
..BOOT INFO: load monitor from code flash, cksum = 79ca monitor 0x80000100
DMAC0 Link is up
BOOT INFO: verify flash files - max_code_flash_blocks[126].....
read_startup_config
INFO: 4-slot backplane is detected.
g_bp_board_class_val = 134, g_max_slave_slot = 4, g_max_snm_slot = 3,
g_max_power = 3
```

## Troubleshooting 1G modules stuck in down state

The use of the "wait-for-all-cards" configuration in NetIron Release 5.3.00 may cause ports on any 1G module to stay down after boot-up, even if configured to be enabled.

To avoid such an occurrence, it is recommended that the "wait-for-all-cards" configuration be removed from the startup-config prior to reloading the router with R05.3.00 code.

To bring the port back from a "down" state, disable and re-enable the port.