



Release Notes for the Cisco Cloud Native BNG Control Plane, Version 2024.02

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Cisco Cloud Native BNG Control Plane

Introduction

This Release Notes identifies changes and issues related to this software release.

Release Package Version Information

Software Packages	Version
bng.2024.02.0.SPA.tgz	2024.02.0

Descriptions for the various packages provided with this release are available in the [Release Package Descriptions, on page 5](#) section.

Verified Compatibility

This version of the cnBNG Control Plane has been verified with the following software components/packages. Consult the individual components/packages release notes for details.

Products	Version
BNG UP (ASR 9K)	IOS XR Release 24.3.1
SMI CEE	2024.02.1.i14
SMI Cluster Deployer	2024.02.1.i14
SMI Base ISO Image	20.04.0-20240406

What's New in this Release

New in Documentation

This version of Release Notes includes a new section titled **What's New in this Release** comprising all new features, enhancements, and behavior changes applicable for the release.

This section will be available in all the 5G release notes and will supersede content in the Release Change Reference (RCR) document. Effective release 2024.02, the RCR document will be deprecated.

Features and Enhancements

This section covers a brief description of the features and enhancements introduced in this release. It also includes links to detailed documentation, where available.

Feature	Description
Enhanced CoA with Conditional Retry Logic	We have introduced a conditional approach to Change of Authorization (CoA) retries based on the Error-Cause AVPs carried in CoA response messages. The CoA client uses the error cause reason and determines whether to initiate a CoA retry. This enhancement can reduce unnecessary traffic and processing overhead, resulting in more efficient network operations and better allocation of resources.
Support of Different Interim Intervals for Service and Session Accounting	We have introduced support for setting different interim intervals for service and session accounting.
Support of IPv6 Transport between the Control Plane and a peer User Plane	We now support IPv6 transport between the Control Plane and a peer User Plane.
IPAM Chunk-Optimization with Node Manager Pair for SRG	You can now optimize the allocation of chunks and hence avoid underutilization or wastage of chunks. With this feature, a Subscriber Redundancy Group is persistently associated with a designated Node Manager (NM), and chunks are allocated only to the associated NM. Earlier, subscribers across different groups were load-balanced between both NMs, and chunks were allocated for both NMs. This sometimes resulted in underutilization or wastage of chunks.
Dynamic Chunk Allocation for CP-GR	This feature provides you greater control over how chunks are managed across active and remote clusters. This feature introduces an optimized mechanism that eliminates the need for pre-reserving chunks on the remote cluster, thus conserving resources and improving overall system efficiency.
AS-Path Prepending for BGP VIP Routes	This feature allows the cnBNG to prepend the AS-path attribute to BGP Virtual IP (VIP) routes when advertising to neighboring routers. By manipulating the AS-path length, cnBNG influences the route preference on the border leaf routers, which programs the BGP routes into the network. With this feature, you can ensure that the correct routing path is selected in a multi-VRF or multi-AS deployment scenario.
IPv6 Support for BGP Route Advertisement and Neighbor Peering	We have now introduced IPv6 support for BGP route advertisement and neighbor peering. In addition, we have enhanced the Show CLI commands with an address family specific filtering capability. With this feature you can filter output based on the address family type, either IPv4 or IPv6, enabling you to view the configurations and status of network elements that are specific to an address type.

Related Documentation

For a complete list of documentation available for this release, go to:

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/routers/cloud-native-broadband-network-gateway-bng/products-installation-and-configuration-guides-list.html>

Installation and Upgrade Notes

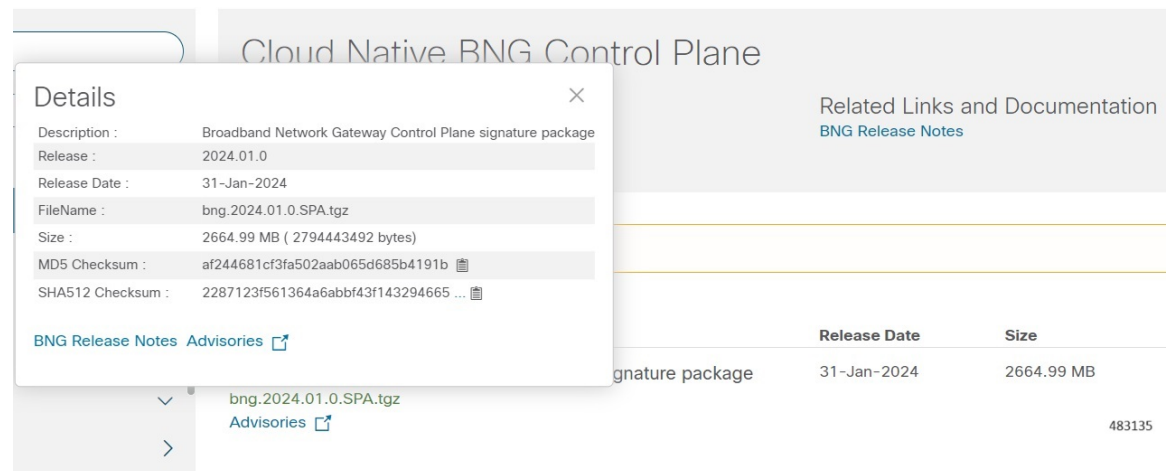
This Release Note does not contain general installation and upgrade instructions. Refer to the existing installation documentation for specific installation and upgrade considerations.

Software Integrity Verification

To verify the integrity of the software image you have from Cisco, you can validate the SHA512 checksum information against the checksum identified by Cisco for the software.

Image checksum information is available through **Cisco.com Software Download Details**. To find the checksum, hover the mouse pointer over the software image you have downloaded.

The following screenshot is an example of a cnBNG CP release posted in the Software Download page.



At the bottom you find the SHA512 checksum, if you do not see the whole checksum you can expand it by pressing the "..." at the end.

To validate the information, calculate a SHA512 checksum using the information in Table 1 and verify that it matches either the one provided on the software download page.

To calculate a SHA512 checksum on your local desktop, refer to the following table.

Table 1: Checksum Calculations per Operating System

Operating System	SHA512 checksum calculation command examples
Microsoft Windows	Open a command line window and type the following command: <pre>> certutil.exe -hashfile filename.extension SHA512</pre>

Operating System	SHA512 checksum calculation command examples
Apple MAC	Open a terminal window and type the following command: <pre>\$ sha512sum -a 512 filename.extension</pre>
Linux	Open a terminal window and type the following command: <pre>\$ sha512sum filename.extension</pre> Or <pre>\$ sha512sum -a 512 filename.extension</pre>
NOTES: <i>filename</i> is the name of the file. <i>extension</i> is the file extension (for example, .zip or .tgz).	

If the SHA512 checksum matches, you can be sure that no one has tampered with the software image or the image has not been corrupted during download.

If the SHA512 checksum does not match, we advise you to not attempt upgrading any systems with the corrupted software image. Download the software again and verify the SHA512 checksum again. If there is a constant mismatch, please open a case with the Cisco Technical Assistance Center.

Certificate Validation

cnBNG CP software images are signed via x509 certificates. View the README file packaged with the software for information and instructions on how to validate the certificates..

Open Bugs for this Release

The following table lists the open bugs in this specific software release.



Note This software release may contain open bugs first identified in other releases. Additional information for all open bugs for this release are available in the [Cisco Bug Search Tool](#).

Bug ID	Headline
CSCwj86509	PPPoE_L2TP: CDL Records with Duplicate IP's

Operator Notes

Cloud Native Product Version Numbering System

The show helm list command displays detailed information about the version of the cloud native product currently deployed.

Versioning: Format & Field Description

YYYY.RN.MN[.TTN] [-dN] [-MR][.iBN]

Where,

YYYY → 4 Digit year.

- Mandatory Field.
- Starts with 2020.
- Incremented after the last planned release of year.

RN → Major Release Number.

- Mandatory Field.
- Starts with 1.
- Support preceding 0.
- Reset to 1 after the last planned release of a year(YYYY).

MN → Maintenance Number.

- Mandatory Field.
- Starts with 0.
- Does not support preceding 0.
- Reset to 0 at the beginning of every major release for that release.
- Incremented for every maintenance release.
- Preceded by "m" for bulbs from main branch.

TTN → Throttle of Throttle Number.

- Optional Field, Starts with 1.
- Precedes with "t" which represents the word "throttle or throttle".
- Applicable only in "Throttle of Throttle" cases.
- Reset to 1 at the beginning of every major release for that release.

DN → Dev branch Number

- Same as TTN except Used for DEV branches.
- Precedes with "d" which represents "dev branch".

MR → Major Release for TOT and DEV branches

- Only applicable for TOT and DEV Branches.
- Starts with 0 for every new TOT and DEV branch.

BN → Build Number

- Optional Field, Starts with 1.
- Precedes with "t" which represents the word "interim".
- Does not support preceding 0.
- Reset at the beginning of every major release for that release.
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The appropriate version number field increments after a version has been released. The new version numbering format is a contiguous sequential number that represents incremental changes between releases. This format facilitates identifying the changes between releases when using Bug Search Tool to research software releases.

Release Package Descriptions

The following table provides descriptions for the packages that are available with this release.

Software Packages	Description
bng.<version>.SPA.tgz	The cnBNG CP offline release signature package. This package contains the cnBNG CP deployment software as well as the release signature, certificate, and verification information.

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

For information on obtaining documentation, using the Cisco Bug Search Tool (BST), submitting a service request, and gathering additional information, refer to <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/index.html>.

