



Preparing for Installation

This chapter describes the general equipment, safety, and site preparation requirements for installing the Cisco PA-8T-X21 synchronous serial port adapter. This chapter contains the following sections:

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Required Tools and Equipment

You need the following tools and parts to install a port adapter. If you need additional equipment, contact a service representative for ordering information.

- PA-8T-X21(=) port adapter.
- Catalyst RSM/VIP2 (for installation in the Catalyst 5000 family switches). For information about the specific VIP2 models that support the PA-8T-X21, see the [“Software and Hardware Requirements” section on page 2-2](#).
- Catalyst 6000 family FlexWAN module (for installation in the Catalyst 6000 family switches)
- VIP (for installation in Cisco 7000 series or Cisco 7500 series chassis only). For information about the specific VIP models that support the PA-8T-X21, see the [“Software and Hardware Requirements” section on page 2-2](#).
- Cisco 7304 PCI Port Adapter Carrier Card (for installation in a Cisco 7304 router).
- PA-8T-X21 compact serial cable (PA-8T-X21 compact serial cables are available *only* from Cisco Systems; they are *not* available from outside commercial cable vendors).
- Number 1 Phillips and a 3/16-inch flat-blade screwdriver (for VIP installation only).
- Number 2 Phillips screwdriver.
- Your own electrostatic discharge (ESD)-prevention equipment or the disposable grounding wrist strap included with all upgrade kits, field-replaceable units (FRUs), and spares.
- Antistatic mat.
- Antistatic container.

Software and Hardware Requirements

Table 2-1 lists the recommended minimum Cisco IOS software release required to use the PA-8T-X21 in supported router or switch platforms.

Table 2-1 PA-8T-X21 Software Requirements

Platform	Recommended Minimum Cisco IOS Release
Catalyst 5000 family switches with Catalyst RSM/VIP2¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With Catalyst RSM/VIP2-15(=) or Catalyst RSM/VIP2-40(=) 	Cisco IOS Release 11.2(15)P or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 11.2 P
Catalyst 6000 family switches with Catalyst 6000 family FlexWAN module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catalyst 6000 family MSFC² Supervisor engine software 	Cisco IOS Release 12.1(1)EX or later Catalyst 6000 family supervisor engine software release 5.4(1) or later
Cisco 7100 series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cisco 7120 series and Cisco 7140 series 	Cisco IOS Release 12.0(4)XE or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.0 XE Cisco IOS Release 12.0(5)T or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.0 T
Cisco 7200 series³ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cisco 7204VXR and Cisco 7206VXR 	Cisco IOS Release 12.0(3)T or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.0 T Cisco IOS Release 12.0(2)XE2 or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.0 XE Cisco IOS Release 12.2(4)B or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.2 B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cisco 7204 and Cisco 7206 	Cisco IOS Release 11.1(7)CA or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 11.1 Cisco IOS Release 12.2(4)B or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.2 B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cisco 7202 	Cisco IOS Release 11.1(7)CA or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 11.1 Cisco IOS Release 12.2(4)B or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.2 B
Cisco uBR7200 series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cisco uBR7246 and Cisco uBR7223 	Cisco IOS Release 11.3(7)NA or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 11.3 NA Cisco IOS Release 12.0(3)T or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.0 T
Cisco 7301 router	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(11)YZ or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.2
Cisco 7304 routers With Cisco 7304 PCI Port Adapter Carrier Card	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(14)SZ or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.2SZ
Cisco 7401ASR routers	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(1)DX or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.1 DX Cisco IOS Release 12.2(4)B or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 12.2 B
VIP in the Cisco 7000 series and Cisco 7500 series	Cisco IOS Release 11.1(7)CA or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 11.1 CA Cisco IOS Release 11.1(14)CA or a later release of Cisco IOS Release 11.1 CA

- The specific Catalyst RSM/VIP2 model recommended for the PA-8T-X21 is the VIP2-40, which has 2 MB of SRAM and 32 MB of DRAM. The PA-8T-X21 is also supported by the VIP2-15 with 1 MB of SRAM and 16 MB of DRAM, but we do not recommend its use with this model.
- MSFC = Multi layer Switch Feature Card.
- Cisco IOS Release 11.2(7a)P or a later release of 11.2 P supports half-duplex and binary synchronous communications (Bisync) operation on PA-8T-X21 port adapters in Cisco 7200 series routers.

For configuration guidelines on port adapters in the Cisco 7200 series, refer to the *Cisco 7200 Series Port Adapter Hardware Configuration Guidelines*.

Checking Hardware and Software Compatibility

To check the minimum software requirements of Cisco IOS software with the hardware installed on your router, Cisco maintains the Software Advisor tool on Cisco.com. This tool does not verify whether modules within a system are compatible, but it does provide the minimum IOS requirements for individual hardware modules or components.



Note

Access to this tool is limited to users with Cisco.com login accounts.

To access Software Advisor, click **Login** at Cisco.com and go to **Technical Support Help—Cisco TAC: Tool Index: Software Advisor**. You can also access the tool by pointing your browser directly to <http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/support/CompNav/Index.pl>.

Choose a product family or enter a specific product number to search for the minimum supported software release needed for your hardware

Safety Guidelines

This section provides safety guidelines that you should follow when working with any equipment that connects to electrical power or telephone wiring.

Safety Warnings

Safety warnings appear throughout this publication in procedures that, if performed incorrectly, might harm you. A warning symbol precedes each warning statement.



Warning

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

This warning symbol means danger. You are in a situation that could cause bodily injury. Before you work on any equipment, be aware of the hazards involved with electrical circuitry and be familiar with standard practices for preventing accidents. To see translations of the warnings that appear in this publication, refer to the translated safety warnings that accompanied this device.

Note: SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Note: This documentation is to be used in conjunction with the specific product installation guide that shipped with the product. Please refer to the Installation Guide, Configuration Guide, or other enclosed additional documentation for further details.

Waarschuwing BELANGRIJKE VEILIGHEIDSINSTRUCTIES

Dit waarschuwingssymbool betekent gevaar. U verkeert in een situatie die lichamelijk letsel kan veroorzaken. Voordat u aan enige apparatuur gaat werken, dient u zich bewust te zijn van de bij elektrische schakelingen betrokken risico's en dient u op de hoogte te zijn van de standaard praktijken om ongelukken te voorkomen. Voor een vertaling van de waarschuwingen die in deze publicatie verschijnen, dient u de vertaalde veiligheidswaarschuwingen te raadplegen die bij dit apparaat worden geleverd.

Opmerking **BEWAAR DEZE INSTRUCTIES.**

Opmerking Deze documentatie dient gebruikt te worden in combinatie met de installatiehandleiding voor het specifieke product die bij het product wordt geleverd. Raadpleeg de installatiehandleiding, configuratiehandleiding of andere verdere ingesloten documentatie voor meer informatie.

Varoitus TÄRKEITÄ TURVALLISUUTEEN LIITTYVIÄ OHJEITA

Tämä varoitusmerkki merkitsee vaaraa. Olet tilanteessa, joka voi johtaa ruumiinvammaan. Ennen kuin työskentelet minkään laitteiston parissa, ota selvää sähkökytkentöihin liittyvistä vaaroista ja tavanomaisista onnettomuuksien ehkäisykeinoista. Tässä asiakirjassa esitettyjen varoitusten käännökset löydät laitteen mukana toimitetuista ohjeista.

Huomautus **SÄILYTÄ NÄMÄ OHJEET**

Huomautus Tämä asiakirja on tarkoitettu käytettäväksi yhdessä tuotteen mukana tulleen asennusoppaan kanssa. Katso lisätietoja asennusoppaasta, kokoonpano-oppaasta ja muista mukana toimitetuista asiakirjoista.

Attention IMPORTANTES INFORMATIONS DE SÉCURITÉ

Ce symbole d'avertissement indique un danger. Vous vous trouvez dans une situation pouvant causer des blessures ou des dommages corporels. Avant de travailler sur un équipement, soyez conscient des dangers posés par les circuits électriques et familiarisez-vous avec les procédures couramment utilisées pour éviter les accidents. Pour prendre connaissance des traductions d'avertissements figurant dans cette publication, consultez les consignes de sécurité traduites qui accompagnent cet appareil.

Remarque **CONSERVEZ CES INFORMATIONS**

Remarque Cette documentation doit être utilisée avec le guide spécifique d'installation du produit qui accompagne ce dernier. Veuillez vous reporter au Guide d'installation, au Guide de configuration, ou à toute autre documentation jointe pour de plus amples renseignements.

Warnung WICHTIGE SICHERHEITSANWEISUNGEN

Dieses Warnsymbol bedeutet Gefahr. Sie befinden sich in einer Situation, die zu einer Körperverletzung führen könnte. Bevor Sie mit der Arbeit an irgendeinem Gerät beginnen, seien Sie sich der mit elektrischen Stromkreisen verbundenen Gefahren und der Standardpraktiken zur Vermeidung von Unfällen bewusst. Übersetzungen der in dieser Veröffentlichung enthaltenen Warnhinweise sind im Lieferumfang des Geräts enthalten.

Hinweis BEWAHREN SIE DIESE SICHERHEITSANWEISUNGEN AUF

Hinweis Dieses Handbuch ist zum Gebrauch in Verbindung mit dem Installationshandbuch für Ihr Gerät bestimmt, das dem Gerät beiliegt. Entnehmen Sie bitte alle weiteren Informationen dem Handbuch (Installations- oder Konfigurationshandbuch o. Ä.) für Ihr spezifisches Gerät.

Figyelem! FONTOS BIZTONSÁGI ELŐÍRÁSOK

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Megjegyzés ŐRIZZE MEG EZEKET AZ UTASÍTÁSOKAT!

Megjegyzés Ezt a dokumentációt a készülékhez mellékelt üzembe helyezési útmutatóval együtt kell használni. További tudnivalók a mellékelt Üzembe helyezési útmutatóban (Installation Guide), Konfigurációs útmutatóban (Configuration Guide) vagy más dokumentumban található.

Avvertenza IMPORTANTI ISTRUZIONI SULLA SICUREZZA

Questo simbolo di avvertenza indica un pericolo. La situazione potrebbe causare infortuni alle persone. Prima di intervenire su qualsiasi apparecchiatura, occorre essere al corrente dei pericoli relativi ai circuiti elettrici e conoscere le procedure standard per la prevenzione di incidenti. Per le traduzioni delle avvertenze riportate in questo documento, vedere le avvertenze di sicurezza che accompagnano questo dispositivo.

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Nota La presente documentazione va usata congiuntamente alla guida di installazione specifica spedita con il prodotto. Per maggiori informazioni, consultare la Guida all'installazione, la Guida alla configurazione o altra documentazione acclusa.

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Dette varselssymbolet betyr fare. Du befinner deg i en situasjon som kan forårsake personskade. Før du utfører arbeid med utstyret, bør du være oppmerksom på farene som er forbundet med elektriske kretssystemer, og du bør være kjent med vanlig praksis for å unngå ulykker. For å se oversettelser av advarslene i denne publikasjonen, se de oversatte sikkerhetsvarslene som følger med denne enheten.

Merk TA VARE PÅ DISSE INSTRUKSJONENE

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Aviso INSTRUÇÕES IMPORTANTES DE SEGURANÇA

Este símbolo de aviso significa perigo. O utilizador encontra-se numa situação que poderá ser causadora de lesões corporais. Antes de iniciar a utilização de qualquer equipamento, tenha em atenção os perigos envolvidos no manuseamento de circuitos eléctricos e familiarize-se com as práticas habituais de prevenção de acidentes. Para ver traduções dos avisos incluídos nesta publicação, consulte os avisos de segurança traduzidos que acompanham este dispositivo.

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Este símbolo de aviso indica peligro. Existe riesgo para su integridad física. Antes de manipular cualquier equipo, considere los riesgos de la corriente eléctrica y familiarícese con los procedimientos estándar de prevención de accidentes. Vea las traducciones de las advertencias que acompañan a este dispositivo.

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Varning! VIKTIGA SÄKERHETSANVISNINGAR

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Electrical Equipment Guidelines

Follow these basic guidelines when working with any electrical equipment:

- Before beginning any procedures requiring access to the chassis interior, locate the emergency power-off switch for the room in which you are working.
- Disconnect all power and external cables before moving a chassis; do not work alone when potentially hazardous conditions exist.
- Never assume that power has been disconnected from a circuit; always check.
- Do not perform any action that creates a potential hazard to people or makes the equipment unsafe; carefully examine your work area for possible hazards such as moist floors, ungrounded power extension cables, and missing safety grounds.

Telephone Wiring Guidelines

Use the following guidelines when working with any equipment that is connected to telephone wiring or to other network cabling:

- Never install telephone wiring during a lightning storm.
- Never install telephone jacks in wet locations unless the jack is specifically designed for wet locations.
- Never touch non insulated telephone wires or terminals unless the telephone line has been disconnected at the network interface.
- Use caution when installing or modifying telephone lines.

Preventing Electrostatic Discharge Damage

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) damage, which can occur when electronic cards or components are improperly handled, results in complete or intermittent failures. Port adapters and processor modules comprise printed circuit boards that are fixed in metal carriers. Electromagnetic interference (EMI) shielding and connectors are integral components of the carrier. Although the metal carrier helps to protect the board from ESD, use a preventive antistatic strap during handling.

Following are guidelines for preventing ESD damage:

- Always use an ESD wrist or ankle strap and ensure that it makes good skin contact.
- Connect the equipment end of the strap to an unfinished chassis surface.
- When installing a component, use any available ejector levers or captive installation screws to properly seat the bus connectors in the backplane or midplane. These devices prevent accidental removal, provide proper grounding for the system, and help to ensure that bus connectors are properly seated.
- When removing a component, use any available ejector levers or captive installation screws to release the bus connectors from the backplane or midplane.
- Handle carriers by available handles or edges only; avoid touching the printed circuit boards or connectors.
- Place a removed board component-side-up on an antistatic surface or in a static shielding container. If you plan to return the component to the factory, immediately place it in a static shielding container.
- Avoid contact between the printed circuit boards and clothing. The wrist strap only protects components from ESD voltages on the body; ESD voltages on clothing can still cause damage.
- Never attempt to remove the printed circuit board from the metal carrier.



Caution

For safety, periodically check the resistance value of the antistatic strap. The measurement should be between 1 and 10 megohms (Mohm).

FCC Class A Compliance

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio-frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case users will be required to correct the interference at their own expense.

You can determine whether your equipment is causing interference by turning it off. If the interference stops, it was probably caused by the Cisco equipment or one of its peripheral devices. If the equipment causes interference to radio or television reception, try to correct the interference by using one or more of the following measures:

- Turn the television or radio antenna until the interference stops.
- Move the equipment to one side or the other of the television or radio.
- Move the equipment farther away from the television or radio.

- Plug the equipment into an outlet that is on a different circuit from the television or radio. (That is, make certain the equipment and the television or radio are on circuits controlled by different circuit breakers or fuses.)

**Note**

The Cisco PA-8T-X21 synchronous serial port adapter has been designed to meet these requirements. Modifications to this product that are not authorized by Cisco Systems, Inc., could void the various approvals and negate your authority to operate the product.
