

M2 SATA Module

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M2 SATA Module on Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series High Performance and 9500X Switches

To support the storage needs on the switch, the Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series High Performance Switches support pluggable Serial Advanced Technology Attachment (SATA) Solid State Drive (SSD) module. The SATA SSD module slot is located on the rear panel of the switch.

The SATA module is a Field Replaceable Unit (FRU). A hot-swap button on the rear panel of the switch initiates the removal of the SATA module. For more information on inserting and removing the SSD SATA module, refer the *Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switch Installation Guide*.

The SSD module storage capacity ranges are 240GB, 480GB and 960GB. SATA SSD mainly provides storage for application hosting. Applications can be hosted on Kernel Virtual Machines (KVM), Linux containers or Docket Containers. SATA SSD module can also be used to store software generated packet captures and trace logs.

Figure 1: SATA Module on the Rear Panel of Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series High Performance Switches

This figure displays the SATA module on the rear panel of the switch.



File System and Storage on M2 SATA

The default file system format of SATA is EXT4. However, SATA supports all extended file systems-EXT2, EXT3, and EXT4.

The SATA device has the following characteristics:

- Files stored on the M2 SATA partition are compatible with files stored on other devices.
- You can copy or store files between M2 SATA and other types of devices such as USB, eUSB, flash, and other IOS-XE file-system or storage.
- You can also read, write, delete, and format the SATA device.

You can check the type of current file system using the **show disk0: filesys** command:

Device# show disk0: filesys

Filesystem: disk0

Filesystem Path: /vol/disk0 Filesystem Type: ext3 Mounted: Read/Write

Limitations of M2 SATA

- Non-EXT based file systems are not supported on M2 SATA.
- You cannot use M2 SATA to boot images from ROMMON.
- You cannot upgrade the firmware on the M2 SATA drive.
- M2 SATA is supported only on Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches High Performance models.

Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology System (S.M.A.R.T.) Health Monitoring

Cisco Catalyst IOS XE Release 16.9.1 gives you the ability to monitor the health of the device through CLIs. You can monitor internal hot-spots, flash wear-outs, and hardware failure of the SATA device and alert your users about a SATA failure. These users can then backup data and obtain a new SATA device.

A linux deamon smartd starts when the SATA is inserted into the Switch. By default, the polling interval is set to 2 days for offline test, 6 days for short test and 14 days for long test. The warnings and error messages are saved in /crashinfo/tracelogs/smart_errors.log and are also sent to the IOSd console.

The S.M.A.R.T. feature and smartd daemon are enabled by default when the SATA device is detected by the switch.



Note

If the SATA is not detected after insertion, check the existing file system on the device. If it is not EXT based, SATA will not be detected. In that case, change the filesystem to EXT and reinsert the SATA.

The following CLI shows the logs from the smartd daemon:

```
Device# more crashinfo:tracelogs/smart_errors.log
%IOSXEBOOT-4-SMART_LOG: (local/local): Mon Jan 4 00:13:10 Universal 2016
INFO: Starting SMART deamon
```

You can monitor the overall health of the device through the following CLI:

```
Device# more flash:smart_overall_health.log
smartctl 6.4 2015-06-04 r4109 [x86_64-linux-4.4.131] (local build)
Copyright (C) 2002-15, Bruce Allen, Christian Franke, www.smartmontools.org
=== START OF READ SMART DATA SECTION ===
SMART overall-health self-assessment test result: PASSED
```

Accessing File System on M2 SATA

The mounted file system from the SATA flash card is accessed at disk0:. Use the **show file systems** command to view the details of each type of available file system.

Copying files to and from bootflash: or usbflash0: is supported.

Formatting the M2 SATA Flash Disk

To format a new flash disk, use the **format disk0**: command

The format command recursively deletes all files on the device. This command fails if any file is open during its execution.

```
ext4 ext4 filesystem type
    secure Securely format the file system
<cr> <cr> <cr>
    Format disk0:
Format operation may take a while. Continue? [confirm]
Format operation will destroy all data in "disk0:". Continue? [confirm] Format of disk0:
complete
```

Operations on the SATA Module

The following are some of the operations that you can perform on the SATA:

Command	Description	
dir filesystem	Displays the directories on the specified file system.	
copy source-file destination-url	Copies files from specified source to a specified destination.	
delete	Deletes a specified file	
format	Formats the filesystem on the disk.	
show disk0:	Displays the content and details of disk0:	
show file information file-url	Displays information about a specific file.	
show file systems	Displays the available file system on your device.	
show inventory	Displays the details of the existing modules on the device.	

Following are sample outputs of the operations:

```
Device# dir disk0:
Directory of disk0:/

11 drwx 16384 May 11 2018 16:06:14 +00:00 lost+found
10747905 drwx 4096 May 25 2018 13:03:43 +00:00 test
236154740736 bytes total (224072925184 bytes free)
```

Copy a file from the disk0: to USB

```
Device# copy disk0:test.txt usbflash0:

Destination filename [test.txt]?

Copy in progress...C

17866 bytes copied in 0.096 secs (186104 bytes/sec)

Device# dir usbflash0:

Directory of usbflash0:/

12 -rw- 33554432 Jul 28 2017 10:12:58 +00:00 nvram_config
11 drwx 16384 Jul 28 2017 10:09:46 +00:00 lost+found
13 -rw- 17866 Aug 11 2017 09:52:16 +00:00 test.txt

189628416 bytes total (145387520 bytes free)
```

Delete the file test.txt from disk0:

```
Device# delete disk0:test.txt
Delete filename [test.txt]?
Delete disk0:/test.txt? [confirm]
```

```
Device# dir disk0:
Directory of disk0:/
No files in directory
118148280320 bytes total (112084135936 bytes free)
Copy file test.txt from USB to disk0:
Device# copy usbflash0:test.txt disk0:
Destination filename [test.txt]?
Copy in progress...C
17866 bytes copied in 0.058 secs (308034 bytes/sec)
Device# dir disk0:
Directory of disk0:/
                     17866 Aug 11 2017 09:53:03 +00:00 test.txt
 11 -rw-
118148280320 bytes total (112084115456 bytes free)
Format the disk
To format the ext4 filesystem, use the following command:
Device# format disk0: ext4
Show commands
Device# show disk0:
-#- --length-- ------ path
        17866 Aug 11 2017 09:54:06.000000000 +00:00 test.txt
112084115456 bytes available (62513152 bytes used)
Device# show file information disk0: test.txt
disk0:test.txt:
 type is image (elf64) []
 file size is 448 bytes, run size is 448 bytes
Foreign image, entry point 0x400610
Device# show file systems
File Systems:
             Size(b)
                        Free(b)
                                      Type Flags Prefixes
 11250098176 9694093312
                              disk
                                       rw bootflash: flash:
   1651314688 1232220160
                              disk
                                       rw
                                            crashinfo:
                             disk
  118148280320 112084115456
                                       rw
                                             disk0:
                              disk
    189628416
                145387520
                                        rw
                                             usbflash0:
   7763918848
                7696850944
                               disk
                                             webui:
                                        ro
                            opaque
                                        rw
                                            null:
                            opaque
                                       ro
                                            tar:
                         - network
                                            tftp:
                                       rw
     33554432
                33532852
                                       rw
                             nvram
                                            nvram:
                             opaque
                                        WO
                                             syslog:
                             network
                                        rw
                                             rcp:
                                       rw
                             network
                                             http:
                            network
                                       rw
                                             ftp:
                             network
                                       rw
                                             scp:
                            network
                                       rw
                                             https:
                             opaque
                                        ro
                                             cns:
Device# show disk0: filesys
   Filesystem: disk0
   Filesystem Path: /vol/disk0
```

```
Filesystem Type: ext4
Mounted: Read/Write

Device# show inventory

NAME: "Power Supply Module 1", DESCR: "Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series 650W AC Power Supply"
PID: C9K-PWR-650WAC-R , VID: V00 , SN: DCI2136201N

NAME: "Fan Tray 0", DESCR: "Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Fan Tray"
PID: C9K-T1-FANTRAY , VID: , SN:
NAME: "Fan Tray 1", DESCR: "Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Fan Tray"
PID: C9K-T1-FANTRAY , VID: , SN:
NAME: "Slot 1 Supervisor", DESCR: "Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Router"
PID: C9500-32QC , VID: V00 , SN: CAT2148L16K
NAME: "SATA disk", DESCR: "disk0 Drive"
PID: C9K-F1-SSD-960G , VID: V00 , SN: CAT2148L0D2
```

Feature History for M2 SATA Module

This table provides release and related information for features explained in this module.

These features are available on all releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless noted otherwise.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.1	M2 SATA Module	This feature is introduced on Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series High Performance Switches.
Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.7.1	M2 SATA Module	This feature is introduced on 9500X-28C8D model of Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches.

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