Read Me First—Important Notes and Minimum Software Requirements for VSP 8600 Modules

Minimum software requirements

Extreme Networks Virtual Services Platform 8600 is a next generation high performance and highly scalable chassis based modular Ethernet switching platform that features four types of I/O and control (IOC) modules and the 8600SF switch fabric (SF) module.

There is an update to the hardware (HW) revision of all the IOC modules due to an updated Real Time Clock component (RTC) built into the IOC hardware. Revision 14 is the HW revision of the IOC modules with the updated RTC component. There is no change to the Switch Fabric (SF) module hardware. To determine the version of your product, check the label on the box or use the CLI command `show sys-info card` to check the CardHWRevision field.

VSP 8600 switch software must be upgraded to the latest software version so that IOC modules with HW revision 14 or higher can function properly. Refer to the following table for compatibility of the IOC HW revision with the switch SW version.

IOC modules	IOC HW revision	SW version > = 6.2.0.0	SW version < 6.2.0.0
• 8624XS	Rev 14 and higher	Supported	Not supported
• 8624XT	Less than Rev 14	Supported	Supported
• 8616QQ			*8606CQ requires minimum software version 4.5.0.1.*
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The minimum version of software required for proper functioning of the product with the new RTC component is 6.2.0.0. All other older software versions do not support the new RTC component.

This product might contain the new RTC component. Products with the new RTC component are already pre-installed with a software version (6.2.0.0) that supports both the old and the new RTC component versions.

The factory-installed software on products with the new RTC component automatically prevents activation of any unsupported version of the software. Installing the product (IOC module) with the new RTC component in a chassis already running an unsupported software version results in the module getting shutting down. For more information, see *Release Notes for VSP 8600* for software release 6.2 available at http://extremenetworks.com/support/release-notes.