



Release Notes for Cisco MGX-RPM-1FE-CP Back Card for Cisco IOS Release 12.2(8)MC1

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These release notes are for the Cisco MGX-RPM-1FE-CP for Cisco IOS Release 12.2(8)MC1. These release notes are updated as needed to describe new features, memory requirements, hardware support, software platform deferrals, and changes to the microcode and related documents.

For a list of the software caveats that apply to Cisco IOS Release 12.2(8)MC1, see the [“Caveats in Cisco IOS Release 12.2\(8\)MC1” section on page 4](#).

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Introduction

The MGX-RPM-1FE-CP (one-port, Fast Ethernet-Co-processor) back card is a Cisco MGX 8850 RPM-PR back card that off-loads the following processes from the Route Processor Module (RPM-PR):

- Compression/decompression of Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP)/User Datagram Protocol (UDP) headers (cRTP/cUDP)
- Multiplexing/demultiplexing of Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) frames

The MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card is designed to be used with an MGX 8850 that is equipped with one or more RPM-PRs and that terminates some number of T1 lines. Each MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card has a termination capacity of up to eight T1s (four per MLP bundle). The MGX-RPM-1FE-CP is only supported with the MLP encapsulation.

The MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card contains one Fast Ethernet (100Base-Tx) interface. The interface has an RJ45 connector that is used to connect the card to a Category 5 un-shielded twisted pair (UTP) cable. Both half- and full-duplex operation are supported.

MGX-RPM-1FE-CP Back Card in an IP-RAN of a Mobile Wireless Network

The MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card off loads the compression/decompression of RTP/UDP headers and the multiplexing/demultiplexing of PPP frames.

The supported use of the MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card is within an IP-RAN of a mobile wireless network. In mobile wireless networks, radio coverage over a geographical space is provided by a network of radios and supporting electronics (Base Transceiver Station or BTS) distributed over a wide area. Each radio and supporting electronics represents a “cell.” In traditional networks, the radio signals or radio data frames collected in each cell are forwarded over a T1 (or similar low-speed, leased) line to a centralized Base Station Controller (BSC) where they are processed.

The implementation of the MGX-RPM-1FE-CP backcard in the IP-RAN solution requires the following components:

- Cisco MGX 8850
- RPM-PR
- MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card
- FRSM card
- BTS router (Cisco MWR 1900 Mobile Wireless Edge Router)

The solution uses OSPF as the routing protocol and requires MLP for transmission of the packets between the aggregation node (MGX8850) and the BTS. It requires you to configure the following:

- The Fast Ethernet (FE) interface to support OSPF. Enable multicast routing and indicate a Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) mode.
- One or more PPP multilink interfaces with PPP mux and RTP header compression attributes.
- A virtual template for each of the multilink groups.
- A PVC under the switch subinterface that references the virtual template.

In addition, you must configure a connection between the PVC and the FRSM as well as a connection between the FRSM and the PVC.

For detailed information about the MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card and its implementation in the IP-RAN solution, see the *MGX-RPM-1FE-CP Back Card Installation and Configuration Note*.

System Configuration Requirements

The MGX-RPM-1FE-CP requires the following system configuration:

- Cisco IOS 12.2(8) MC1 or a later Cisco IOS Release 12.2 MC image be installed on the corresponding Cisco MGX 8850 RPM-PR.
- The FE interface be configured via the Cisco IOS software command line interface.

Memory Recommendations

Table 1 Memory Recommendations for the Cisco MGX 8850 RPM-PR

Platform	Software Image	Flash Memory Recommended	DRAM Memory Recommended	Runs From
Cisco MGX-RPM-1FE-CP	rpm-js-mz	32 MB Flash	256 MB DRAM	RAM

Determining the Software Version

To determine the version of Cisco IOS software copied on the RPM-PR, access the CLI of the RPM-PR and enter the **show version** command:

```
rpm> show version
Cisco Internetwork Operating System Software
IOS (tm) RPM Software (RPM-JS-M), Version 12.2(8)MC1, EARLY DEPLOYMENT RELEASE
SOFTWARE (fc1)
```

Upgrading to a New Software Release

For information about copying Cisco IOS images to RPM-PR Flash memory, see the *RPM-PR Installation and Configuration* document.

For general information about upgrading to a new Cisco IOS software release, refer to Software Installation and Upgrade Procedures located at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/130/upgrade_index.shtml

New Features in the MGX-RPM-1FE-CP with Cisco Release 12.2(8)MC1 Software

For detailed descriptions of each of these features, see the *MGX-RPM-1FE-CP Back Card Installation and Configuration Note*.

- Fast Ethernet—Single 10/100 FE port that can be used with or without cRTP/cUDP or PPP Multiplexing configured.
- cUDP/cRTP—Header compression that compresses UDP/RTP headers to 2 to 4 bytes.
- PPP Multiplexing—Method, as defined in RFC 3153, of sending multiple PPP encapsulated packets in a single PPP frame.

Limitations, Restrictions, and Important Notes

When working with a MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card, please take note of the following limitations, restrictions, and important notes:

- FE and multilink interfaces should be shut down before online insertion and removal (OIR) of the MGX-RPM-1FE-CP.
- The MGX-RPM-1FE-CP is only supported on the Cisco MGX 8850 RPM-PR.
- For PPP Multiplexing, MLP must be configured on the MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card.
- For error messages to be stored, console logging must be configured.
- The IP MTU should be set to 512 bytes or less on multilink interfaces.
- The MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card supports up to 8 multilink interfaces.
- MLP with LFI is not supported by the Cisco MWR 1900 router. Therefore, MLP with LFI must be disabled on peer devices connecting to the Cisco MWR 1900 router T1 MLP connections.
- To fully disable PPP Multiplexing, issue the **no ppp mux** command on the T1 interfaces of the routers at both ends of the T1 link. If PPP Multiplexing remains configured on one side of the link, that side will offer to receive PPP multiplexed packets.

Caveats in Cisco IOS Release 12.2(8)MC1

The following sections list and describe the open and closed caveats for the Cisco MGX-RPM-1FE-CP with Cisco IOS Release 12.2(8)MC1.

Open Caveats

The caveats listed in this section are open in Release 12.2(8)MC1.

- CSCdw40302

If two MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back cards are installed at boot up or a second MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card is installed in a running system, cryptic error messages might display and the system might become unstable. If the system becomes unstable, the instability could lead to a system crash.

Workaround: Only one MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card is supported per RPM-PR. Do not install a second MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card before removing the first back card. If two back cards are installed at any one time, we recommend that you reload the RPM-PR with only one MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card installed.

Resolved Caveats

The caveats listed in this section are resolved in Release 12.2(8)MC1.

- CSCdx18889

Attempts to ping a Cisco MWR 1900 router through the MGX RPM-PR to a destination off the FE port fails and no ARP entries are added to the RPM-PR.

- CSCdx61465

An incorrect hit ratio is displayed when issuing the **show ip rtp header-compression** command.

- CSCdx84922

cUDP/cRTP and PPP multiplexing performance cannot sustain 60,000 pps bidirectional traffic.

Troubleshooting

To collect data for reporting back card and router issues, issue the following command:

- **show tech-support**—Displays general information about the router when it reports a problem.
- **show logging**—Displays information in the syslog history table.

Documentation Updates

This section contains information that was not included or was documented incorrectly in the *MGX-RPM-1FE-CP Back Card Installation and Configuration Note*. The heading in this section corresponds with the applicable section title in the documentation.

show ppp mux

The efficiency improvement factor calculation documented in the **show ppp mux** command section is incorrect. The correct improvement factor calculation uses bytes, not packets, and is as follows:

Multiplex efficiency improvement factor = $100 * (\text{Total bytes saved}) / (\text{Total bytes received})$

Where total bytes saved = bytes_received_at_muxer - bytes_sent_at_muxer.

Demultiplex efficiency improvement factor = $100 * (\text{Total bytes saved}) / (\text{Total bytes sent})$

Where total bytes saved = bytes_sent_at_demuxer - bytes_received_at_demuxer.

Related Documentation

The following sections describe the documentation available related to the Cisco MGX-RPM-1FE-CP back card. These documents consist of hardware and software installation guides, Cisco IOS configuration guides and command references, system error messages, and other documents.

Documentation is available as printed manuals or electronic documents.

Platform-Specific Documents

These documents are available for the Cisco MWR 1900 Mobile Wireless Edge Router on Cisco.com and the Documentation CD-ROM:

- *MGX-RPM-1FE-CP Back Card Installation and Configuration Note*
- *RPM-PR Installation and Configuration*
- Cisco MWR 1900 Mobile Wireless Edge Router
 - *Cisco MWR 1900 Hardware Installation Guide*
 - *Cisco MWR 1900 Software Configuration Guide*
 - *Cisco MWR 1900 Rack Mounting Instructions*
 - *Cisco MWR 1900 Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information*
- *VWIC-2MFT-T1-DIR, VWIC-2MFT-E1-DIR Installation Instructions*

Feature Modules

Feature modules describe new features supported by Cisco IOS Release 12.2 MC and are updates to the Cisco IOS documentation set. A feature module consists of an overview of the feature, configuration tasks, and a command reference.

On Cisco.com at:

Technical Documents: Cisco IOS Software: Cisco IOS Release 12.2: New Feature Documentation: New Features in 12.2-Based Limited Lifetime Releases: New Features in Release 12.2 MC: New Features in Release 12.2 MC1

On the Documentation CD-ROM at:

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- Priority level 2 (P2)—Your production network is severely degraded, affecting significant aspects of business operations. No workaround is available.
- Priority level 1 (P1)—Your production network is down, and a critical impact to business operations will occur if service is not restored quickly. No workaround is available.

The Cisco TAC resource that you choose is based on the priority of the problem and the conditions of service contracts, when applicable.

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<http://www.cisco.com/tac>

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<http://www.cisco.com/register/>

If you are a Cisco.com registered user, and you cannot resolve your technical issues by using the Cisco TAC Web Site, you can open a case online by using the TAC Case Open tool at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/tac/caseopen>

If you have Internet access, we recommend that you open P3 and P4 cases through the Cisco TAC Web Site.

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