

Cisco MDS 9506 Multilayer Director

Product Overview

The Cisco[®] MDS 9506 Multilayer Director is a director-class SAN switch designed for deployment in storage networks that can support enterprise clouds and business transformation. Layering a comprehensive set of intelligent features onto a high-performance, protocol-independent switch fabric, the Cisco MDS 9506 addresses the stringent requirements of large virtualized data center storage environments: uncompromising high availability, security, scalability, ease of management, and transparent integration of new technologies for extremely flexible data center SAN solutions. Sharing the same operating system and management interface with other Cisco data center switches, the Cisco MDS 9506 enables seamless deployment of unified fabrics with high-performance Fibre Channel and Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) connectivity to achieve low total cost of ownership (TCO). Compatible with all generations of Cisco MDS 9000 Family switching modules, the Cisco MDS 9506 continues to provide outstanding investment protection.

Figure 1. Cisco MDS 9506 Multilayer Director



Product Highlights

The Cisco MDS 9506 offers the following benefits:

- Scalability and availability: The Cisco MDS 9506 combines nondisruptive software upgrades, stateful
 process restart/failover, and full redundancy of all major components for best-in-class availability.
 Supporting up to 192 Fibre Channel ports in a single chassis and up to 1152 Fibre Channel ports in a single
 rack, the Cisco MDS 9506 is designed to meet the requirements of large data center storage environments.
- Compact design: The Cisco MDS 9506 provides high port density in a small footprint, saving valuable data center floor space. The seven-rack-unit (7RU) chassis allows up to six Cisco MDS 9506 multilayer directors in a standard rack, increasing the number of available Fibre Channel ports.
- Multiprotocol architecture: The multilayer architecture of the Cisco MDS 9000 Family enables a
 consistent feature set over a protocol-independent switch fabric. The Cisco MDS 9506 transparently
 integrates Fibre Channel, FCoE, IBM Fiber Connectivity (FICON), Internet Small Computer System
 Interface (iSCSI), and Fibre Channel over IP (FCIP) in one system.

- 1/2/4/8-Gbps and 10-Gbps Fibre Channel: The Cisco MDS 9506 supports new Cisco MDS 9500
 8-Gbps Advanced Fibre Channel switching modules as well as existing 10-Gbps and 8-Gbps MDS Fibre Channel switching modules for deployment in both open systems and FICON environments.
- 10-Gbps Multihop FCoE: The Cisco MDS 9506 supports multihop FCoE, extending connectivity from FCoE/Fibre Channel fabrics to FCoE/Fibre Channel storage devices. With 10-Gbps Multihop FCoE switching modules, the Cisco MDS 9506 supports extension of Fibre Channel SAN to devices that are connected using FCoE protocol over Ethernet, thereby extending the powerful capabilities of intelligent services to unified fabric deployments.
- 1/2/4/8-Gbps FICON: The Cisco MDS 9506 supports advanced FICON services including cascaded FICON fabrics, VSAN-enabled intermix of mainframe and open systems environments, and N_Port ID virtualization (NPIV) for mainframe Linux partitions. Control Unit Port (CUP) support enables in-band management of Cisco MDS 9000 Family switches from mainframe management applications.
- Intelligent network services: VSAN technology, access control lists (ACLs) for hardware-based intelligent
 frame processing, and fabric-wide quality of service (QoS) enable migration from SAN islands to enterprisewide storage networks. Furthermore, the Cisco Arbitrated Local Switching feature provides highperformance, predictable, fair switching between all hosts attached to the same 8-Gbps Advanced Fibre
 Channel switching module and their associated storage devices.
 - Smart Zoning: When the Smart Zoning feature is enabled, Cisco MDS 9000 Family fabrics provision the hardware access control entries specified by the zone set more efficiently, avoiding the superfluous entries that would allow servers (initiators) to talk to other servers, or allow storage devices (targets) to talk to other storage devices. This feature makes larger zones with multiple initiators and multiple targets feasible without excessive consumption of hardware resources. Thus, smart zones can correspond to applications, application clusters, hypervisor clusters, or other data center entities, saving the time that administrators previously spent creating many small zones, and enabling the automation of zoning tasks.
 - Integrated hardware-based VSANs and Inter-VSAN Routing (IVR): Integration of VSANs into port-level hardware allows any port in a system or fabric to be partitioned into any VSAN. Integrated hardware-based IVR provides line-rate routing between any ports in a system or fabric without the need for external routing appliances.
 - Arbitrated Local Switching: The Cisco Arbitrated Local Switching feature provides line-rate switching
 across all ports on the same module without degrading performance or increasing latency for traffic to
 and from other modules in the chassis. This benefit is achieved through the Cisco MDS 9500 Series
 Multilayer Directors crossbar architecture with a central arbiter arbitrating fairly between local traffic and
 traffic to and from other modules.
- Platform for intelligent storage applications: The Cisco MDS 9506 serves as a platform for intelligent services such as acceleration of storage applications for data replication and backup, storage media encryption for tapes and disks, data migration, and third-party applications such as continuous data protection and remote replication.
 - I/O Accelerator (IOA): Cisco MDS 9000 IOA is a transport- and speed-agnostic traffic acceleration service capable of mitigating the effects of distance (and hence latency) on application throughput, thereby bringing flexibility to the choice of the data center location. Cisco MDS 9000 IOA is supported on the Cisco MDS 9000 Family 18/4-Port Multiservice Module (MSM) and 16-Port Storage Services Node (SSN-16) module.

- Cisco Storage Media Encryption (SME): Cisco SME services offer solutions that enable companies to address Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standards (DSS) 2.0 compliance and other legislative regulations such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which require companies to store and protect data at rest for a specified number of years while publicly disclosing security breaches. Cisco SME is a fabric-based service and so is scalable and nondisruptive and addresses heterogeneous server and storage environments. Cisco SME enables data on disk arrays, tapes, and VTLs to be compressed, encrypted, and authenticated for centralized security management and data management and recovery. Cisco SME services employ clustering technology to create a highly available solution. The cryptographic cluster formed enhances reliability and availability, provides automated load balancing and failover capabilities, and simplifies provisioning as a single SAN fabric service rather than as individual switches or modules. The Cisco Key Management Center (KMC) provides comprehensive key management for Cisco SME, with support for single- and multiple-site deployments. Cisco KMC provides essential features such as key archival, secure export and import and translation for distribution, and key shredding.
- Cisco Data Mobility Manager (DMM): Cisco DMM is a fabric-based data migration solution that transfers block data non-disruptively across heterogeneous storage volumes and across distances, whether the host is online or offline. This data center-class solution helps address the challenges experienced in migrating data, such as downtime, the need to add data migration software to servers, and the potential for data loss and corruption. Enabling the Cisco DMM feature on the Cisco MDS 9000 18/4-Port Multiservice Modules located anywhere in the SAN allows data migration to be configured without host agents, without rewiring, with minimal effect on performance, and without downtime.
- Virtual machine transparency: The Cisco MDS 9000 Family provides deterministic hardware performance and a comprehensive feature set that allows virtual machines to have the same SAN attributes as a physical server. On a per-virtual machine basis, the Cisco MDS 9000 NX-OS Software offers VSANs, QoS policies, access control, performance monitoring, and data protection to promote the scalability and mobility of virtual machines. Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM) for SAN provides end-to-end visibility all the way from the virtual machine down to storage, with resource allocation, performance measurements, and predictions available on a per-virtual machine basis to enable rapid troubleshooting in mission-critical virtualized environments.
- Comprehensive security: In addition to support for services such as VSANs, hardware-enforced zoning, ACLs, per-VSAN role-based access control (RBAC), Cisco SME for tapes and disks, and Cisco TrustSec® Fibre Channel Link Encryption, the Cisco MDS 9000 Family supports a comprehensive security framework consisting of RADIUS and TACACS+, Fibre Channel Security Protocol (FC-SP), Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), Secure Shell (SSH) Protocol, and Simple Network Management Protocol Version 3 (SNMPv3) implementing Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). Cisco TrustSec Fibre Channel Link Encryption delivers transparent, hardware-based 8-Gbps line-rate encryption of Fibre Channel data on both generations of 8-Gbps Fibre Channel Switching modules.
- Unified SAN management: The Cisco MDS 9000 Family includes built-in storage network management
 with all features available through a command-line interface (CLI) or the Cisco DCNM (formerly called Cisco
 Fabric Manager), a centralized management tool that simplifies management of unified fabrics. Cisco
 DCNM supports integration with third-party storage management applications to allow seamless interaction
 with existing management tools. Cisco DCNM supports federation of up to 10 Cisco DCNM servers to
 manage up to 150,000 devices using a single management console.

 Sophisticated diagnostics: The Cisco MDS 9506 provides intelligent diagnostics, protocol decoding, network analysis tools as well as integrated Call Home capability for added reliability, faster problem resolution, and reduced service costs.

Main Benefits

Business Transformation with Enterprise Cloud Deployment

Enterprise clouds provide organizations with elastic compute and network capabilities enabling IT to scale up or scale down resources on an as needed basis in a quick and cost efficient manner. Cisco MDS 9506 provides pay-as-you-grow flexibility to meet the scalability needs of enterprise clouds, multihop FCoE required to provision storage in a multiprotocol unified fabric, robust security required for multi-tenancy cloud applications, predictable high performance required to meet stringent service-level agreements (SLAs), resilient connectivity required for always-on cloud infrastructure, and Advanced Traffic Management capabilities such as QoS and Port Bandwidth Reservation to quickly and cost efficiently allocate elastic network capabilities to cloud applications. Furthermore, Cisco DCNM for SAN provides resource monitoring and capacity planning on a per-virtual machine basis, enabling efficient, consolidated enterprise cloud deployments, federation of up to 10 Cisco DCNM servers for ease of management of large-scale clouds, and resource usage information via SMI-S based developer APIs to deliver IT as a service.

Convergence with Multihop FCoE

FCoE enables an evolutionary approach towards network and I/O convergence by preserving all Fibre Channel constructs, maintaining the latency, security, and traffic management attributes of Fibre Channel while preserving investments in Fibre Channel tools, training, and SANs. With multihop FCoE connectivity, Cisco MDS 9506 extends advanced fabric services to unified fabric deployments attached to Cisco Nexus[®] Family data center switches. Sharing the same operating system and management plane with Cisco Nexus switches, the Cisco MDS 9506 provides seamless coexistence in a unified fabric with any-to-any connectivity for Fibre Channel, FCoE, iSCSI, and network-attached (NAS) storage.

Scalable Expansion with Outstanding Investment Protection

The Cisco MDS 9506 is designed to make optimal use of valuable data center floor space. It is just 12.25 inches tall (7RUs), with single-side connection management for both interface and power terminations. This space-efficient design allows deployment of up to six Cisco MDS 9506 Multilayer Directors per standard 7-foot rack (42RUs), increasing the number of available Fibre Channel ports per rack.

Using Cisco MDS 9000 Family switching modules, the Cisco MDS 9506 supports up to 192 1/2/4/8-Gbps autosensing Fibre Channel ports, up to 64 1-Gbps Ethernet ports, and up to 16 10-Gbps Fibre Channel ports in a six-slot modular chassis. The Cisco MDS 9506 provides up to 1152 Fibre Channel ports in a single rack.

The Cisco MDS 9506 provides a very high level of system commonality. All Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fibre Channel switching modules are compatible with all Cisco MDS 9500 Series Multilayer Directors. Designed to grow with your storage environment, the Cisco MDS 9506 provides smooth migration, common sparing, and outstanding investment protection.

Enterprise-Class Availability

The Cisco MDS 9506 was designed from the beginning for high availability. Beyond meeting the basic requirements of non-disruptive software upgrades and redundancy of all critical hardware components, the Cisco MDS 9506 software architecture offers an exceptional level of availability. The Cisco MDS 9500 Series Supervisor Modules automatically restart failed processes, making the Cisco MDS 9506 exceptionally robust. In the rare event that a supervisor module is reset, complete synchronization between the active and standby supervisor modules helps ensure stateful failover with no disruption to traffic.

High availability is implemented at the fabric level using robust and high-performance Inter-Switch Links (ISLs). PortChannel capability allows users to aggregate up to 16 physical links into one logical bundle. The bundle can consist of any speed-matched ports in the chassis, helping ensure that the bundle can remain active in the event of a port, application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC), or module failure. ISLs in a PortChannel can have significantly different lengths. This capability is valuable in campus and metropolitan area network (MAN) environments, because logical links can now be spread over multiple physical paths, helping ensure uninterrupted connectivity even if one of the physical paths is disrupted. The Cisco MDS 9506 takes high availability to a new level, helping ensure that solutions exceed the 99.999 percent uptime requirements of today's most demanding environments.

Integrated Mainframe Support

The Cisco MDS 9506 is mainframe-ready, with full support for IBM System z FICON and Linux environments. Qualified by IBM for attachment to all FICON-enabled devices in an IBM System z operating environment, the Cisco MDS 9506 supports transport of the FICON protocol in both cascaded and non-cascaded fabrics, as well as an intermix of FICON and open systems Fibre Channel Protocol traffic on the same switch. VSANs simplify an intermix of SAN resources between z/OS, mainframe Linux, and open systems environments, allowing for increased SAN utilization and simplified SAN management. VSAN-based intermix mode eliminates the uncertainty and instability often associated with zoning-based intermix techniques. VSANs also eliminate the possibility of a mis-configuration or component failure in one VSAN affecting operation in other VSANs. VSAN-based management access control simplifies partitioning of SAN management responsibilities between mainframe and open systems environments, enhancing security. FICON VSANs can be managed using the integrated Cisco DCNM; the Cisco CLI; or IBM CUP-enabled management tools, including SA/390, Resource Measurement Facility (RMF), or Dynamic Channel Path Management (DCM). Extended Remote Copy (XRC) acceleration improves performance and bandwidth utilization over WAN links for IBM z/OS Global Mirror dynamic updates. FICON Tape Acceleration (FTA) improves read and write performance of physical and virtual tape applications across WAN links.

Advanced Traffic Management

Advanced traffic management capabilities integrated into the Cisco MDS 9506 simplify deployment and optimization of large-scale fabrics:

- Virtual output queuing: Helps ensure line-rate performance on each port, independent of traffic pattern, by eliminating head-of-line blocking
- **Up to 4095 buffer-to-buffer credits:** Can be assigned to an individual port for optimal bandwidth utilization across distance
- PortChannels: Allow users to aggregate up to 16 physical ISLs into a single logical bundle, providing
 optimized bandwidth utilization across all links; the bundle can consist of any speed-matched ports from any
 module in the chassis, helping ensure that the bundle can remain active even in the event of a module
 failure

- Fabric Shortest Path First (FSPF)-based multipathing: Provides the intelligence to load balance across
 up to 16 Fibre Channel or FCoE equal-cost paths and, in the event of a switch failure, dynamically reroute
 traffic
- QoS: Can be used to manage bandwidth and control latency to prioritize critical traffic
- · Port bandwidth reservation: Allows users to define dedicated bandwidth on a per-port basis

Ease of Management

To meet the needs of all users, the Cisco MDS 9506 provides three principal modes of management: the Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI, Cisco DCNM, and integration with third-party storage management tools.

The Cisco MDS 9506 presents the user with a consistent, logical CLI. Adhering to the syntax of the widely known Cisco IOS® Software CLI, the Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI is easy to learn and delivers broad management capabilities. The Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI is an extremely efficient and direct interface designed to provide optimal capabilities to administrators in enterprise environments.

Cisco DCNM (formerly Cisco Fabric Manager) is an easy-to-use application that simplifies management across multiple switches and converged fabrics. Focused on supporting efficient operations and management of virtual machine-aware fabrics, Cisco DCNM provides a robust framework and comprehensive feature set that meets the routing, switching, and storage administration needs of present and future virtualized data centers. Cisco DCNM streamlines provisioning the unified fabric and proactively monitors the LAN and SAN components. Cisco DCNM can be licensed for managing a combination of SAN and LAN environments.

Cisco DCNM can be used independently or in conjunction with third-party management applications. Cisco provides an extensive API for integration with third-party and user-developed management tools.

Comprehensive Solution for Robust Security

Addressing the need for fool-proof security in storage networks, the Cisco MDS 9506 offers an extensive security framework to protect the highly sensitive data crossing today's enterprise networks. The MDS 9506 employs intelligent packet inspection at the port level, including the application of ACLs for hardware enforcement of zones, VSANs, and advanced Port Security features. VSANs are used to achieve higher security and greater stability by providing complete isolation among devices that are connected to the same physical SAN. IVR enables controlled sharing of resources between VSANs. In addition, FC-SP provides switch-to-switch and host-to-switch Diffie-Hellman Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (DH-CHAP) authentication supporting RADIUS or TACACS+, to help ensure that only authorized devices access protected storage networks. Cisco TrustSec Fibre Channel Link Encryption, available on the Cisco MDS 9000 Family 8-Gbps modules, allows you to transparently encrypt ISLs at up to line-rate 10-Gbps Fibre Channelspeeds, providing an additional layer of protection for traffic within and between data centers.

Advanced Diagnostics and Troubleshooting Tools

Management of large-scale storage networks requires proactive diagnostics, tools to verify connectivity and route latency, and mechanisms for capturing and analyzing traffic. The Cisco MDS 9506 integrates advanced analysis and debugging tools. Power-on self test (POST) and online diagnostics provide proactive health monitoring. The Cisco MDS 9506 provides the integrated functions required to implement diagnostic capabilities such as Fibre Channel Traceroute to detail the exact path and timing of flows and Switched Port Analyzer (SPAN) and Remote Switched Port Analyzer (RSPAN) to intelligently capture network traffic. After traffic has been captured, it can be analyzed with Cisco Fabric Analyzer, an embedded Fibre Channel analyzer. Comprehensive port-based and flow-based statistics enable sophisticated performance analysis and SLA accounting. With the Cisco MDS 9506, Cisco delivers a comprehensive tool set for troubleshooting and analysis of storage networks.

Product Specifications

Table 1 lists the product specifications for the Cisco MDS 9506 Multilayer Director.

 Table 1.
 Product Specifications

Cisco MDS 9000 Family
Cisco MDS SAN-OS Software Release 3.0(1) or later
Fibre Channel standards
• FC-PH, Revision 4.3 (ANSI INCITS 230-1994)
 FC-PH, Amendment 1 (ANSI INCITS 230-1994/AM1-1996)
• FC-PH, Amendment 2 (ANSI INCITS 230-1994/AM2-1999)
• FC-PH-2, Revision 7.4 (ANSI INCITS 297-1997)
• FC-PH-3, Revision 9.4 (ANSI INCITS 303-1998)
• FC-PI, Revision 13 (ANSI INCITS 352-2002)
 FC-PI-2, Revision 10 (ANSI INCITS 404-2006)
• FC-PI-3, Revision 4 (ANSI INCITS 460-2011)
• FC-PI-4, Revision 8 (ANSI INCITS 450-2008)
• FC-PI-5, Revision 6 (ANSI INCITS 479-2011)
FC-FS, Revision 1.9 (ANSI INCITS 373-2003)
• FC-FS-2, Revision 1.01 (ANSI INCITS 424-2007)
• FC-FS-2, Amendment 1 (ANSI INCITS 424-2007)
• FC-FS-3, Revision 1.11 (ANSI INCITS 470-2011)
• FC-LS, Revision 1.62 (ANSI INCITS 433-2007)
• FC-LS-2, Revision 2.21 (ANSI INCITS 477-2011)
• FC-SW-2, Revision 5.3 (ANSI INCITS 355-2001)
• FC-SW-3, Revision 6.6 (ANSI INCITS 384-2004)
• FC-SW-4, Revision 7.5 (ANSI INCITS 418-2006)
• FC-SW-5, Revision 7.5 (ANSI INCITS 410-2000)
• FC-GS-3, Revision 7.01 (ANSI INCITS 348-2001)
• FC-GS-4, Revision 7.91 (ANSI INCITS 387-2004)
• FCP, Revision 12 (ANSI INCITS 269-1996)
• FCP-2, Revision 8 (ANSI INCITS 350-2003)
 FCP-3, Revision 4 (ANSI INCITS 416-2006)
• FCP-4, Revision 2
• FC-SB-2, Revision 2.1 (ANSI INCITS 349-2001)
• FC-SB-3, Revision 1.6 (ANSI INCITS 374-2003)
 FC-SB-3, Amendment 1 (ANSI INCITS 374-2003/AM1-2007)
• FC-SB-4, Revision 3.0 (ANSI INCITS 466-2011)
• FC-BB-2, Revision 6.0 (ANSI INCITS 372-2003)
 FC-BB-3, Revision 6.8 (ANSI INCITS 414-2006)
 FC-BB-4, Revision 2.7 (ANSI INCITS 419-2008)
• FC-BB-5, Revision 2.0 (ANSI INCITS 462-2010)
 FC-VI, Revision 1.84 (ANSI INCITS 357-2002)
 FC-SP, Revision 1.8 (ANSI INCITS 426-2007)
• FAIS, Revision 1.03 (ANSI INCITS 432-2007)
 FAIS-2, Revision 2.23 (ANSI INCITS 449-2008)
• FC-IFR, Revision 1.06 (ANSI INCITS 475-2011)
• FC-FLA, Revision 2.7 (INCITS TR-20-1998)
• FC-PLDA, Revision 2.7 (INCITS TR-19-1998)
• FC-Tape, Revision 1.17 (INCITS TR-19-1999)
• FC-Tape, Revision 1.17 (INCITS TR-24-1999) • FC-MI, Revision 1.92 (INCITS TR-30-2002)
• FC-MI-2, Revision 2.6 (INCITS TR-39-2005)
FC-DA, Revision 3.1 (INCITS TR-36-2004) Class of service: Class 2, Class 3, and Class F

- Fibre Channel standard port types: E, F, FL, and B
- Fibre Channel enhanced port types: SD, ST, and TE
- T11 standards-compliant FC-BB-5 Revision 2.0
- T11 FCoE Initialization Protocol (FIP) (FC-BB-5)
- Fibre Channel forwarding (FCF)
- Fibre Channel enhanced port types: VE, TE and VF
- IP over Fibre Channel (RFC 2625)
- IPv6, IPv4, and ARP over Fibre Channel (RFC 4338)
- Extensive IETF-standards-based TCP/IP, SNMPv3, and remote monitoring (RMON) MIBs
- IP standards
- RFC 791 IPv4
- RFC 793 and 1323 TCP
- ∘ RFC 894 IP/Ethernet
- o RFC 1041 IP/802
- o RFC 792, 950, and 1256 ICMP
- RFC 1323 TCP performance enhancements
- RFC 2338 VRRP
- RFC 2460 and 4291 IPv6
- RFC 2463 and 4443 ICMPv6
- RFC 2461 and 2462 IPv6 neighbor discovery and stateless autoconfiguration
- ∘ RFC 2464 IPv6/Ethernet
- · RFC 3270 and 3980 iSCSI
- RFC 3643 and 3821 FCIP
- Ethernet standards
 - · IEEE 802.3-2005 Ethernet
- ∘ IEEE 802.1Q-2005 VLAN
- IPsec
- RFC 2401 and 4301 security architecture for IP
- RFC 2403 and 2404 HMAC
- RFC 2405, 2406, 2451, and 4303 IP ESP
- RFC 2407 and 2408 ISAKMP
- RFC 2412 OAKLEY Key Determination Protocol
- RFC 3566, 3602, and 3686 AES
- Internet Key Exchange (IKE)
- RFC 2409 IKEv1
- RFC 4306 IKEv2
- CEE DCB
 - Priority flow control (PFC)
- Data Center Bridging Exchange (DCBX)
- Enhanced Transmission Selection (ETS)

Chassis slot configuration

- Module slots: 4
- Supervisor slots: 2
- Fan tray: front fan tray
- Power supply bays: 2

Performance and scalability • Supported Fibre Channel port speeds ∘ 1/2/4/8-Gbps autosensing o 1/2/4-Gbps autosensing · 10-Gbps fixed rate • Supported FCoE port speeds · 10-Gbps fixed rate • Supported Ethernet port speeds 1-Gbps fixed rate • Buffer credits: 32- and 48-port 8-Gbps Advanced Fibre Channel modules: 32 per port (shared-mode ports) Up to 500 per port (dedicated-mode ports) standard Up to 4095 on an individual port (dedicated-mode ports with optional Cisco MDS 9000 Enterprise Package license activated) • Buffer credits: 24- and 48-port 8-Gbps Fibre Channel modules: 32 per port (shared-mode ports) Up to 500 per port (dedicated-mode ports) standard Up to 4095 on an individual port (dedicated-mode ports with optional Cisco MDS 9000 Enterprise Package license activated) • Buffer credits: 4/44-port 8-Gbps Fibre Channel module: 32 per port (shared-mode ports) Up to 250 per port (dedicated-mode ports) standard Up to 4095 on an individual port (dedicated-mode ports with optional Cisco MDS 9000 Enterprise Package license activated) • Buffer credits:18/4-port Multiservice Module: · 16 per port (shared-mode ports) Up to 250 per port (dedicated-mode ports) standard Up to 4095 on an individual port (dedicated-mode ports with optional Cisco MDS 9000 Enterprise Package license activated) • Ports per chassis: Up to 192 1/2/4/8-Gbps Fibre Channel ports Up to 32 10-Gbps FCoE ports · Up to 16 10-Gbps Fibre Channel ports Up to 64 1-Gbps Ethernet ports Ports per rack: Up to 1152 1/2/4/8-Gbps Fibre Channel ports • Up to 192 10-Gbps FCoE ports Up to 96 10-Gbps Fibre Channel ports · Up to 384 1-Gbps Ethernet ports • PortChannel: Up to 16 ports (the channel can span any speed-matched port on any module in the chassis) **Features and Functions Fabric services** Name server • Registered State Change Notification (RSCN) · Login services • Fabric Configuration Server (FCS) • Public loop Broadcast

In-order delivery

Advanced functionality	VSANs Inter-VSAN Routing PortChannel with Multipath Load Balancing QoS: flow-based, zone-based N_Port ID Virtualization
Diagnostics and troubleshooting tools	 Power-on-self-test (POST) diagnostics Online diagnostics Internal port loopbacks Switch Port Analyzer (SPAN) and Remote SPAN (RSPAN) Fibre Channel Traceroute Fibre Channel Ping Fibre Channel Debug Cisco Fabric Analyzer Syslog Online system health Port-level statistics Real Time Protocol Debug
Network security	VSANs Access Control Lists Per-VSAN role-based access control Fibre Channel Zoning N_Port WWN N_Port FC-ID Fx_Port WWN and interface index Fx_Port domain ID and interface index Fx_Port domain ID and port number Fibre Channel Security Protocol (FC-SP) DH-CHAP switch-switch authentication DH-CHAP host-switch authentication Port Security and Fabric Binding Management access SSHv2 implementing AES SIMPv3 implementing AES SFTP Cisco TrustSec Fibre Channel Link Encryption
FICON	FC-SB-3 compliant Cascaded FICON fabrics Intermix of FICON and Fibre Channel FCP traffic CUP management interface FICON tape read and write acceleration XRC Acceleration for IBM z/OS Global Mirror
Serviceability	 Configuration file management Non-disruptive software upgrades for Fibre Channel interfaces Call Home Power-management LEDs Port beaconing System LED SNMP traps for alerts Network boot

Reliability and availability • Online, nondisruptive software upgrades • Stateful nondisruptive supervisor module failover • Hot-swappable redundant supervisor modules • Hot-swappable 1+1 redundant power • Hot-swappable fan tray with integrated temperature and power management • Hot-swappable Small Form-Factor pluggable (SFP) optics • Hot swappable Enhanced small form-factor pluggable (SFP+) optics • Hot-swappable small pluggable (X2) optics (10-Gbps) • Hot swappable switching modules Stateful process restart • Any module, any port configuration for PortChannels • Fabric-based multipathing • Per-VSAN fabric services Online diagnostics · Port tracking • Virtual Routing Redundancy Protocol (VRRP) for management **Network management** • Access methods through Cisco MDS 9500 Series Supervisor Module • Out-of-band 10/100/1000 Ethernet port Supervisor-2A Module) • RS-232 serial console port • In-band IP-over-Fibre Channel DB-9 COM port • Access methods through Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fibre Channel switching module • In-band FICON-CUP over-Fibre Channel · Access protocols • CLI: via console and Ethernet ports • SNMPv3: via Ethernet port and in-band IP over-Fibre Channel access • Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) Storage Management Initiative Specification (SMI-S) • FICON CUP • Distributed Device Alias service · Network security Per-VSAN role-based access control using RADIUS and TACACS+ based authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) functions SETP • SSHv2 implementing AES • SNMPv3 implementing AES · Management applications • Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI • Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM) • Cisco Device Manager • CiscoWorks Resource Manager Essentials (RME) and Device Fault Manager (DFM) **Programming interfaces** Scriptable CLI • Data Center Network Manager web services API Device Manager GUI Power and cooling • Power supplies (1900W AC) ∘ Input: 100-240V AC nominal (±10% for full range); 12A maximum; 50-60 Hz nominal (±3 Hz for full range) · Output: 1050W (100V AC at 12A); 1900W (200V AC at 12A) · 300 linear feet per minute (Ifm) through system fan assembly • Cisco recommends that you maintain a minimum air space of 2.5 inches (6.4 cm) between walls and the chassis air vents and a minimum horizontal separation of 6 inches (15.2 cm) between two chassis to prevent overheating

Power Consumption	Cisco MDS 9506	
	Ports	Typical (Watts)
	192 -ports	1463
Environmental	Relative humidity, ambient (non-	ating and storage: -40 to 167°F (-40 to 75°C) condensing) operating: 10 to 90% condensing) non-operating and storage: 10 to 95%
Physical dimensions	 Dimensions (H x W x D) 12.25 x 17.37 x 21.75 in (31.1 x 4) Chassis depth including cable gurack 	44.1 x 55.25 cm) -7 RU lide is 26.75 in. (67.9 cm). All units rack mountable in standard 19 inch EIA
Weight	 Chassis (includes fan tray): 46 lb Chassis fully configured with two supplies: 124 lb (56 kg) 	· · · · · ·
Approvals and compliance	 Chassis fully configured with two supervisor/fabric modules, four switching modules, and two 1900W power supplies: 124 lb (56 kg) Safety compliance CE Marking UL 60950 CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950 EN 60950 IEC 60950 TS 001 AS/NZS 3260 IEC60825 21 CFR 1040 EMC compliance FCC Part 15 (CFR 47) Class A ICES-003 Class A EN 55022 Class A CISPR 22 Class A AS/NZS 3548 Class A VCCI Class A EN 55024 EN 50082-1 EN 61000-3-2 EN 61000-3-3 FIPS certified FIPS certified 	

Ordering Information

Table 2 provides ordering information for the Cisco MDS 9506 Multilayer Director.

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Part Number	Product Description	
Cisco MDS 9506 Components		
DS-C9506	Cisco MDS 9506 Chassis	
DS-X9530-SF2AK9	Cisco MDS 9500 Series Supervisor/Fabric-2A	
DS-X9232-256K9	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 32-Port 8-Gbps Advanced Fibre Channel Switching Module	
DS-X9248-256K9	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 48-Port 8-Gbps Advanced Fibre Channel Switching Module	
DS-X9224-96K9	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 1/2/4/8-Gbps 24-Port Fibre Channel Module	

Part Number	Product Description
DS-X9248-96K9	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 1/2/4/8-Gbps 48-Port Fibre Channel Module
DS-X9248-48K9	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 1/2/4/8-Gbps 4/44-Port Host-Optimized Fibre Channel Module
DS-X9304-18K9	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 18/4-Port Multiservice Module
DS-X9316-SSNK9	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 16-Port GE Storage Services Node
DS-X9704	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 10-Gbps 4-port Fibre Channel switching module
DS-X9708-K9	Cisco MDS 9000 10-Gbps 8-Port FCoE Module
SFP-10G-SR	10GBASE-SR SFP+ Module (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-10G-LR	10GBASE-LR SFP+ Module (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-H10GB-CU1M	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Cable 1 Meter, passive (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-H10GB-CU3M	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Cable 3 Meter, passive (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-H10GB-CU5M	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Cable 5 Meter, passive (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-H10GB-ACU7M	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Active Copper Cable 7 Meter (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-H10GB-ACU10M	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Active Copper Cable 10 Meter (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
DS-SFP-FC8G-SW	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 2/4/8-Gbps Fibre Channel-Shortwave, SFP+, LC
DS-SFP-FC8G-LW	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 2/4/8-Gbps Fibre Channel-Longwave, SFP+, LC (10-km reach)
DS-SFP-FC8G-ER	2/4/8-Gbps Fibre Channel Extended Reach SFP+, LC (40km Reach)
DS-SFP-FC4G-SW	1/2/4-Gbps Fibre Channel: Shortwave, Small Form-Factor Pluggable (SFP), LC (Supported only with 1/2/4-Gbps and 1/2/4/8-Gbps FC ports)
DS-SFP-FC4G-LW	1/2/4-Gbps Fibre Channel: Longwave, SFP, LC (10-km reach) (Supported only with 1/2/4-Gbps and 1/2/4/8-Gbps FC ports)
DS-X2-FC10G-SR	10-Gbps Fibre Channel: Shortreach X2, SC (Supported only with 10-Gbps FC ports)
DS-X2-FC10G-LR	10-Gbps Fibre Channel: Longreach X2, SC (Supported only with 10-Gbps FC ports)
DS-X2-FC10G-ER	10-Gbps Fibre Channel-ER X2, SC (Supported only with 10-Gbps FC ports)
DS-SFP-FCGE-SW	1-Gbps Ethernet and 1/2-Gbps Fibre Channel: Shortwave SFP, LC
DS-SFP-FCGE-LW	1-Gbps Ethernet and 1/2-Gbps Fibre Channel: Longwave SFP, LC
DS-SFP-GE-T	Gigabit Ethernet Copper SFP, RJ-45
DS-CAC-1900W	Cisco MDS 9506 1900W AC Power Supply
MEM-MDS-FLD512M	Cisco MDS 9500 Supervisor Compact Flash Disk, 512 MB
CAB-C19-CBN	Cabinet Jumper Power Cord, 250 VAC 16A, C20-C19 Connectors
CAB-1900W-CH	Power Cord, 250VAC, 16A GB1002 Plug, China
CAB-1900W-EU	Power Cord 250VAC 16A, Europe, Src Plug CEE 7/7
CAB-1900W-INT	Power Cord 250VAC 16A, International, Src Plug IEC 309
CAB-1900W-ISR	Power Cord 250VAC 16A, Israel, Src Plug SI16S3
CAB-1900W-KOR	Power Cord, 250VAC, Korea
CAB-1900W-SA	Power Cord 250VAC 16A, South Africa, Src Plug EL 208, SABS 1661
CAB-1900W-SW	Power Cord 250VAC 16A, Switzerland, Src Plug SEV 1011
CAB-1900W-TWN	Power Cord, 250VAC, CNS10917-2, Taiwan
CAB-1900W-UK	Power Cord 250VAC 13A, United Kingdom, Src Plug BS1363 (13A fuse)
CAB-1900W-US1	Power Cord 250VAC 20A, U.S./Japan, Src Plug NEMA 6-20
CAB-1900W-US2	Power Cord 250VAC 20A, U.S./Japan, Src Plug NEMA L6-20
Advanced Software Packages	
M9500EXT1AK9	SAN Extension Over IP package for one 18/4-Port Multiservice Module in MDS 9500
M95EXTSSNK9	SAN Extension License (1 engine) for the SSN-16 module in MDS 9500
M9500ENT1K9	Cisco MDS 9500 Series Enterprise Package
DCNM-SAN-M95-K9	DCNM for SAN Advanced Edition for MDS 9500

Part Number	Product Description
DCNM-S-PAK-M95-K9	DCNM for SAN Advanced Edition for MDS 9500 configurable PAK (part of DCNM-SAN-PAK=)
L-DCNM-S-M95-K9	E-Delivery DCNM for SAN Advanced Edition for MDS 9500 PAK (part of L-DCNM-S-PAK=)
M9500FIC1K9	Cisco MDS 9500 Series Mainframe Package
M95DMM184K9	MDS 9500 Data Mobility Manager (DMM) License for one 18/4
M9500SME1MK9	Storage Media Encryption package for one 18/4-port Multiservice Module
M95SMESSNK9	Storage Media Encryption package for one service engine on SSN-16 on MDS 9500
M95IOA184	Cisco I/O Accelerator License for MSM-18/4 on MDS 9500, Spare
M95IOASSN	Cisco I/O Accelerator License (1 engine) for SSN-16 on MDS 9500
Spare Components	
DS-C9506=	Cisco MDS 9506 Chassis, Spare
DS-X9530-SF2AK9=	Cisco MDS 9500 Series Supervisor/Fabric-2A, Spare
DS-X9232-256K9=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 32-Port 8-Gbps Advanced Fibre Channel Switching Module, Spare
DS-X9248-256K9=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 48-Port 8-Gbps Advanced Fibre Channel Switching Module, Spare
DS-X9224-96K9=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 1/2/4/8-Gbps 24-Port Fibre Channel Module, Spare
DS-X9248-96K9=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 1/2/4/8-Gbps 48-Port Fibre Channel Module, Spare
DS-X9248-48K9=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 1/2/4/8-Gbps 4/44-Port Host-Optimized Fibre Channel Module, Spare
DS-X9304-18K9=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 18/4-Port Multiservice Module, Spare
DS-X9316-SSNK9=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 16-Port GE Storage Services Node, Spare
DS-X9704=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 10-Gbps 4-port Fibre Channel switching module, Spare
DS-X9708-K9=	Cisco MDS 9000 10-Gbps 8-Port FCoE Module, Spare
SFP-10G-SR=	10GBASE-SR SFP+ Module, Spare (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-10G-LR=	10GBASE-LR SFP+ Module, Spare (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-H10GB-CU1M=	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Cable 1 Meter, passive, spare (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-H10GB-CU3M=	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Cable 3 Meter, passive, spare (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-H10GB-CU5M=	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Cable 5 Meter, passive, spare (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-H10GB-ACU7M=	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Active Copper Cable 7 Meter, Spare (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
SFP-H10GB-ACU10M=	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Active Copper Cable 10 Meter, Spare (supported only with DS-X9708-K9)
DS-SFP-FC8G-SW=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 2/4/8-Gbps Fibre Channel-Shortwave, SFP+, LC, Spare (Supported only with 1/2/4/8-Gbps FC ports)
DS-SFP-8G-SW-4=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 2/4/8-Gbps Fibre Channel-Shortwave, SFP+, LC, Four Pack, Spare (Supported only with 1/2/4/8-Gbps FC ports)
DS-SFP-FC8G-LW=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family 2/4/8-Gbps Fibre Channel-Longwave, SFP+, LC (10-km reach), Spare (Supported only with 1/2/4/8-Gbps FC ports)
DS-SFP-FC8G-ER=	2/4/8-Gbps Fibre Channel Extended Reach SFP+, LC, Spare (40km Reach)
DS-SFP-4G-SW=	1/2/4-Gbps Fibre Channel: Shortwave, SFP, LC, Spare (Supported only with 1/2/4-Gbps and 1/2/4/8-Gbps FC ports)
DS-SFP-4G-SW-4=	1/2/4-Gbps Fibre Channel: Shortwave, SFP, LC, Four Pack, Spare (Supported only with 1/2/4-Gbps and 1/2/4/8-Gbps FC ports)
DS-SFP-FC4G-LW=	1/2/4-Gbps Fibre Channel: Longwave, SFP, LC (10 Km reach), Spare (Supported only with 1/2/4-Gbps and 1/2/4/8-Gbps FC ports)
DS-X2-FC10G-SR=	10-Gbps Fibre Channel: Shortreach X2, SC, Spare (Supported only with 10-Gbps FC ports)
DS-X2-FC10G-LR=	10-Gbps Fibre Channel: Longreach X2, SC, Spare (Supported only with 10-Gbps FC ports)
DS-X2-FC10G-ER=	10-Gbps Fibre Channel-ER X2, spare (Supported only with 10-Gbps FC ports)
DS-X2-E10G-SR=	10-Gbps Ethernet-SR X2, spare (Supported only with 10-Gbps FC ports)
DS-SFP-FCGE-SW=	1-Gbps Ethernet and 1/2-Gbps Fibre Channel: Shortwave, SFP, LC, Spare
DS-SFP-FCGE-LW=	1-Gbps Ethernet and 1/2-Gbps Fibre Channel: Longwave, SFP, LC, Spare

Part Number	Product Description
DS-SFP-GE-T=	Gigabit Ethernet Copper SFP, RJ-45, Spare
DS-CWDM-XXXX=	Cisco XXXX NM CWDM Gigabit Ethernet and 1/2-Gbps Fibre Channel SFP, spare (where XXXX=1470, 1490, 1510, 1530, 1550, 1570, 1590, 1610)
DS-CWDM4GXXXX=	Cisco XXXX NM CWDM 4-Gbps Fibre Channel SFP, spare (where XXXX=1470, 1490, 1510, 1530, 1550, 1570, 1590, 1610)
ONS-SC-4G-xx.x=	Cisco 4-Gbps DWDM SFP Transceiver, Spare (where xx.x = 50.1, 50.9, 51.7, 52.5, 54.1, 54.9, 55.7, 56.5, 58.1, 58.9, 59.7, 60.6, 30.3, 31.1, 31.9, 32.6, 33.4, 34.2, 35.0, 35.8, 36.6, 37.4, 38.1, 38.9, 39.7, 40.5, 41.3, 42.1, 42.9, 43.7, 44.5, 45.3, 46.1, 46.9, 47.7, 48.5, 49.3, 53.3, 57.3, 61.4)
DWDM-SFP-XXXX=	Cisco 15XX.XX NM DWDM 1/2-Gbps Fibre Channel SFP, spare (where XXXX=6061, 5979, 5898, 5817, 5655, 5575, 5494, 5413, 5252, 5172, 5092, 5012, 4851, 4772, 4692, 4612, 4453, 4373, 4294, 4214, 4056, 3977, 3898, 3819, 3661, 3582, 3504, 3425, 3268, 3190, 3112, 3033)
DWDM-X2-YY.YY=	10GBASE-DWDM 15YY.YY nm X2, spare (100-GHz ITU grid) (where YYYY=6061, 5979, 5898, 5817, 5655, 5575, 5494, 5413, 5252, 5172, 5092, 5012, 4851, 4772, 4692, 4612, 4453, 4373, 4294, 4214, 4056, 3977, 3898, 3819, 3661, 3582, 3504, 3425, 3268, 3190, 3112, 3033)
DS-C9506-CL=	Cisco MDS 9506 Clock Module, Spare
DS-6SL0T-FAN=	Cisco MDS 9506 Fan Tray, Spare
DS-CAC-1900W=	Cisco MDS 9506 1900W AC Power Supply, Spare
MEM-MDS-FLD512M=	Cisco MDS 9500 Supervisor Compact Flash Disk, 512MB, Spare
DS-SCR-K9=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family Smart Card Reader, Spare
DS-SC-K9=	Cisco MDS 9000 Family Smart Cards, Spare
CAB-C19-CBN=	Cabinet Jumper Power Cord, 250 VAC 16A, C20-C19 Connectors, Spare
CAB-1900W-CH=	Power Cord, 250VAC, 16A GB1002 Plug, China, Spare
CAB-1900W-EU=	Power Cord 250VAC 16A, Europe, Src Plug CEE 7/7, Spare
CAB-1900W-INT=	Power Cord 250VAC 16A, International, Src Plug IEC 309, Spare
CAB-1900W-ISR=	Power Cord 250VAC 16A, Israel, Src Plug SI16S3, Spare
CAB-1900W-KOR=	Power Cord, 250VAC, Korea, Spare
CAB-1900W-SA=	Power Cord 250VAC 16A, South Africa, Src Plug EL 208, SABS 1661, Spare
CAB-1900W-SW=	Power Cord 250VAC 16A, Switzerland, Src Plug SEV 1011, Spare
CAB-1900W-TWN=	Power Cord, 250VAC, CNS10917-2, Taiwan, Spare
CAB-1900W-UK=	Power Cord 250VAC 13A, United Kingdom, Src Plug BS1363 (13A fuse), Spare
CAB-1900W-US1=	Power Cord 250VAC 20A, U.S./Japan, Src Plug NEMA 6-20, Spare
CAB-1900W-US2=	Power Cord 250VAC 20A, U.S./Japan, Src Plug NEMA L6-20, Spare
M9500ENT1K9=	Cisco MDS 9500 Enterprise Package license for 1 Cisco MDS 9500 switch, Spare
M9500FIC1K9=	Cisco MDS 9500 Mainframe Package license for 1 Cisco MDS 9500 switch, Spare
M9500XRC=	Cisco MDS 9500 XRC Accel for IBM, Spare
M9500EXT1AK9=	SAN Extension over IP package for one 18/4-Port Multiservice Module in Cisco MDS 9500 Series, Spare
M95EXTSSNK9=	SAN Extension License (1 engine) for the SSN-16 module in Cisco MDS 9500, spare
L-M95EXTSSNK9=	SAN Extension License (1 engine) for the SSN-16 module in MDS 9500, spare, E-delivery
M95IOA184=	Cisco I/O Accelerator License for MSM-18/4 on MDS 9500, Spare
M95IOASSN=	Cisco I/O Accelerator License (1 engine) for the SSN-16 in Cisco MDS 9500, spare
L-M95IOASSN=	Cisco I/O Accelerator License (1 engine) for SSN-16 on MDS 9500, Spare, E-delivery
M95SMESSNK9=	Storage Media Encryption License (1 engine) for one the SSN-16 in Cisco MDS 9500, spare
L-M95IOA184=	Cisco I/O Accelerator License for MSM-18/4 on MDS 9500, Spare, E-delivery
L-M95SMESSNK9=	Cisco Storage Media Encryption License (1 engine) for SSN-16 on MDS 9500, spare, E-delivery
M95DMM184K9=	MDS 9500 Data Mobility Manager (DMM) License for one 18/4-Port Multiservice Module, Spare
M95DMM184TSK9=	MDS 9500 Data Mobility Manager (DMM) License for 18/4-Port Multiservice Module for 180 days, Spare
L-M95DMM184K9=	MDS 9500 Data Mobility Manager (DMM) License for one 18/4, E-delivery

Part Number	Product Description
L-M95DMM184TSK9=	MDS 9500 Data Mobility Manager (DMM) License for 18/4 for 180 days, E-delivery
M9500SSE184K9=	Storage Services Enabler License for MSM-18/4 on MDS 9500, spare
L-DCNM-S-PAK=	E-Delivery DCNM for SAN Advanced Edition configurable PAK
DCNM-SAN-PAK=	DCNM for SAN Advanced Edition e-delivery configurable PAK
L-DCNM-S-M95-K9=	E-Delivery DCNM for SAN Advanced Edition MDS 9500 spare
DCNM-SAN-M95-K9=	DCNM for SAN Advanced Edition for Cisco MDS 9500 spare

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