

Cisco 5520 and 8540 Wireless Controller Troubleshooting Guide

Overview of Cisco 5520 Wireless Controller

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Cisco 5520 Wireless Controller Rear Panel View



- 1 Two Type A 3.0 USB ports
- 2 CIMC port 10/100/1000 Base-T
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- 6 VGA Connector—Rear panel has a standard VGA port using a female D-Sub-15 Connector
- 7 ID Switch and LED



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4	Port-n Link Activity
5	Two 1/10 G SFP/SFP+ Ports

Rear Panel LEDs, Definitions of States

Table 1 lists the Cisco 5520 Wireless Controller Rear Panel LEDs, Definitions of States.

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LED Name	Function	State
Pwr OK		
		Amber On—Power is good
10 G		Amber On—10 G mode
		Amber Off—1 G mode
Port-n Link Status	—	Green On—Link is up

LED Name	Functio	n State
Port-n Link Activity		
		Green blinking—Link activity
Service Port and Redundancy Port LED (present on the port)	Interfac Speed (LED on port)	e Port Off—Link Speed = 10 Mbps the left the Amber On—Link Speed = 100 Mbps
		Green On—Link Speed = 1 Gbps
	Interfac Status (right LF the port	e Port Off—No link the ED on) Green On—Link
		Blinking—Traffic present

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Overview of CIMC

The Cisco Integrated Management Controller (CIMC) is the management service for the C-Series servers. CIMC runs within the server.

CIMC is a separate management module that is built into the motherboard. CIMC has its own ARM-based processor which runs the CIMC software. It is shipped with a running version of the firmware. Users can update CIMC firmware through the Firmware Update Management page. You need not worry about installing the initial CIMC firmware.

Logging in to CIMC

Before starting

Check if Adobe Flash Player 10 or higher is installed on your local machine.

Step 1	Type or select the web link for CIMC in your web browser.
Step 2	A security dialog box is displayed, do the following:
	a . Optional: Check the check box to accept all content from Cisco.
	b . Click Yes to accept the certificate and continue.
Step 3	Enter your Username and password in the log in window.
Step 4	Click Log In.

Setting up CIMC

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Setting up CIMC for 5520 and 8540 Wireless Controller

To setup the CIMC interface follow the given steps:

Connect the CIMC cable to the 10/100/1000 port in base T.
Use the command imm dhcp enable on WLC CLI to enable DHCP to set the IP.
If DHCP is not available, use the command imm address <ip address=""> <net mask=""> <gateway ip=""></gateway></net></ip>
View the IP and details, using the command imm summary.
address IMM Static IP Configuration
dhcp Enable Disable Fallback DHCP
restart Saves settings and Restarts IMM Module
summary Displays IMM Parameters
username Configures Login Username for IMM



Default password will be either 'password' or 'Cisco1234'. You can change this via the username command

CIMC Configurations that are required for reliable WLC operation



Once the user logs in to CIMC the following should not be changed. This will cause issues for WLC operation.

- Do not change the NIC mode to shared. It should be in dedicated mode
- Do not change the FlexFlash Mode
- Do not change the SSD/Virtual disk settings
- BIOS parameters should not be changed

Expectations when logged in via CIMC

- FlexFlash is configured for RAID but only one flash is populated this causes CIMC to show the FlexFlash as degraded. We can safely dis-regard the FlexFlash degradation warning in our case.
- Expect to see only one CPU populated
- Do not configure Software Raid on SSD

IMM Chassis Command reference

```
>show imm chassis
bios Fetch Chassis BIOS information
current Fetch Chassis Current information
fan Fetch Chassis FAN information
mac Fetch Chassis MAC information
memory Fetch Chassis Memory information
power-supply Fetch Chassis Power Supply information
sol-info Fetch Serial Over Lan information
temperature Fetch Chassis Temperature information
```

Some Example Outputs

```
>show imm chassis bios
BIOS Information
Vendor: Cisco Systems, Inc.
Version: C240M4.2.0.4a.0.042220151400
Release Date: 04/22/2015
```

>show imm chassis fan

FAN1_SPEED	13h	ok	29.1	16000	RPM
FAN2_SPEED	14h	ok	29.2	16000	RPM
FAN3_SPEED	15h	ok	29.3	17100	RPM
FAN4_SPEED	16h	ok	29.4	17100	RPM
FAN5_SPEED	17h	ok	29.5	17100	RPM
FAN6_SPEED	18h	ok	29.6	17100	RPM

>show imm chassis mac MAC Address: a4:6c:2a:39:0f:be Verify that the chasis mac and show inventory mac are conservative and not the same.

```
>show inventory
Burned-in MAC Address...... A4:6C:2A:39:0F:BF
Power Supply 1..... Present, OK
Power Supply 2..... Present, OK
Maximum number of APs supported..... 6000
NAME: "Chassis", DESCR: "Cisco 8540 Wireless Controller"
PID: AIR-CT8540-K9, VID: V01, SN: FCH1913V18E
```

```
>show imm chassis temperature
FP_TEMP_SENSOR | 46h | ok | 12.1 | 23 degrees C
DDR4_P1_A1_TEMP | 64h | ok | 8.0 | 26 degrees C
DDR4_P1_B1_TEMP | 6Ah | ok | 8.3 | 26 degrees C
DDR4_P1_C1_TEMP | 71h | ok | 8.6 | 25 degrees C
DDR4_P1_D1_TEMP | 77h | ok | 8.9 | 25 degrees C
P1_TEMP_SENS | A1h | ok | 3.1 | 31 degrees C
PSU1_TEMP | C4h | ok | 10.1 | 24 degrees C
PSU2_TEMP | C5h | ok | 10.2 | 25 degrees C
PCH_TEMP_SENS | C6h | ok | 7.0 | 27 degrees C
RISER2_INLET_TMP | E8h | ok | 7.1 | 26 degrees C
RISER1_INLET_TMP | E4h | ok | 7.3 | 28 degrees C
RISER2_OUTLETTMP | E8h | ok | 7.4 | 26 degrees C
```

```
>show imm chassis current
PSU1_IOUT | 28h | ok | 10.1 | 6 Amps
PSU2_IOUT | 2Eh | ok | 10.2 | 7 Amps
```

```
>show imm chassis power-supply
PSU1_POUT | 29h | ok | 10.1 | 72 Watts
PSU2_POUT | 2Fh | ok | 10.2 | 88 Watts
POWER_USAGE | C1h | ok | 7.0 | 176 Watts
PSU1_PIN | C2h | ok | 10.1 | 80 Watts
PSU2_PIN | C3h | ok | 10.2 | 96 Watts
```

>show imm chassis sol-info

Serial over LAN Configuration: When SOL is enabled, external console does not work

Set in progress: set-complete Enabled: false Force Encryption: false Force Authentication: false Privilege Level: USER Character Accumulate Level (ms): 50 Character Send Threshold: 201 Retry Count: 7 Retry Interval (ms): 500 Volatile Bit Rate (kbps): 115.2 Non-Volatile Bit Rate (kbps): 115.2 Payload Channel: 14 (0x0e) Payload Port: 623

>show imm chassis memory Size: 8192 MB Locator: DIMM A1 Size: No Module Installed Locator: DIMM_A2 Size: No Module Installed Locator: DIMM_A3 Size: 8192 MB Locator: DIMM_B1 Size: No Module Installed Locator: DIMM_B2 Size: No Module Installed Locator: DIMM_B3 Size: 8192 MB Locator: DIMM_C1 Size: No Module Installed Locator: DIMM_C2 Size: No Module Installed Locator: DIMM_C3 Size: 8192 MB Locator: DIMM D1 Size: No Module Installed

>debug fastpath dump temperature Debug command to see the Dataplane card temperature

```
FP0.21:Address of Temp sensor SA56004 is 4c
FP0.21:
Configured Temperature values:
FP0.21:Crit Remote/local=105,90 Remote High/Low = 85,0 Local High/Low = 85,0
FP0.21:Status Reg= 0 Config =1 ,hysteresis=10
FP0.21:Octeon temp: 50.250 C, SA56004 temp: 25.750 C, Max/Min Temp = 55 / 0 C
FP0.21:
GPIO Stats:
FP0.21:Fan Status: Not Present
FP0.21:Temperature alert: Happened
Gives some advanced debugs for temperature related issue
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Configure/View CIMC IP from console during bootup

Press F8 in the BIOS screen at the time of Bootup to view CIMC IP address configuration and to reset password.

Step 1 Choose either DHCP or Static config.

Step 2 Enter the VLAN tag if needed.

Step 3 Enter the CIMC password.

Step 4 Press F5 to display the configured IP after making changes to IP or enabling DHCP.

```
CIMC Configuration Utility
Cisco Systems, Inc Version 1.1
                                  *****
******
IPV4 (Basic)
DHCP enabled: (x)
CIMC IP:172.25.183.20
Subnetmask: 255.255.255.0
Gateway:172.25.183.1
VLAN (Advanced)
VLAN enabled: []
VLAN id:1
Priority:0
Default User (Basic)
Default password:
Reenter password:
                  *****
*****
```



Accessing CIMC

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To access CIMC follow the given steps:

- **Step 1** The POST and the option ROM config is displayed during the boot up process.
- **Step 2** These are the Option ROM config screens, which are displayed:
 - LSI
 - HBA/CNA if installed
 - Additional NICs
 - LOM

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Θ	6	Θ	SEAGATE	ST3146356SS	0007	136 GB	
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Θ			LSILogic	SAS1064E-IB	1.26.00.00	NV 20:03	35437

Step 3 Point a Web browser to the configured CIMC IP address.

• Default username: admin

• Default password: password



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Step 4 Choose Admin > Network Settings and check Settings.

Moderate Fault	Network	
Server Admin	Network Settings Network Security	
User Management Network Communications Services Certificate Management CIMC Log Event Management Firmware Management Utilities	NIC Properties NIC Mode: NIC Redundancy: MAC Address: Common Properties Hostname:	Dedicated None 00:22:BD:CD:CF:2C SanDiego
	IPv4 Properties Enable IPv4: Use DHCP: IP Address: Subnet Mask: Gateway:	Image: State

Step 5 Choose Network and in IPv4 properties, check the Use DHCP box, and reboot the chassis to revert to DHCP, from the Admin tab in the GUI.



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Step 6 Monitor your DHCP server to see when the IP is assigned to your MAC. Point to the new IP server.

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Overall Server Health	0 3 4 📕 0 0
Severe Fault	Network
Server Admin	Network Settings Network Security
User Management	NIC Properties
Network	NIC Mode: Dedicated
Communications Services	NIC Redundancy None
CIMC Log	MAC Address: 02:44:67:94
Event Management	Common Properties
Firmware Management	Hostname: SanDiego
Utilities	IBud Properties
	Enable IPv4:
	Use DHCP:
	IP Address: 172.25.193.5
	Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0

After logging into the CIMC, you can check the network setting:

Troubleshooting

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On Boot up vKVM /Monitor does not display any output Console output not visible / Console port not working APs not joining with and displays certificate Error / Certificates not found APs not joining with and cannot find AP images Serial Console not present at customer can we use SOL Continuous prints are seen on cli related to Temp Breach Controller is starting on connecting the power Service port is not working when CIMC port is connected My management port not coming up Not able to install/update 5520 controller software Not able to detect the 1G SFP Port and Link LEDS

On Boot up vKVM /Monitor does not display any output

Solution

Display Port / VGA Terminal is not supported.

• Connect the RJ45 console at the rear or use console of break out connector.



Console output not visible / Console port not working

Solution



- · Check if the correct console port is connected and not VGA/Video port
- Check if baudrate is 9600

• Check if Serial-over-LAN is disabled in CIMC

Overall Server Status	C S S B S B S B S B S S B S S S S S S S
Server Admin Storage	Virtual KVM Virtual Media Serial over LAN
Summary	Serial over LAN Properties
Inventory	Enabled:
Sensors	Baud Rate: 115.2 kbps 0
Remote Presence	Com Port: com0 \$
BIOS	
Power Policies	
Faults and Logs	
Troubleshooting	

• Get the status of this from the Telnet/SSH to controller using

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<u>Note</u>
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When Serial-Over-LAN is enabled all external consoles will be disabled.

APs not joining with and displays certificate Error / Certificates not found

Solution

show imm chassis sol-info

Check if the certificates are installed and not certificate errors were seen during bootup

Show certificate all The above command shows the certificates present/installed and status

- Check if the FlexFlash is present in the SDcard panel in UCS
- Check if the Flexflash is connected to HOST

Overall Server Status	CLLO		0 0 0						
Good	Cisco FlexFlash (FlexFlash-0)								
Server Admin Borage	Cantroller Job 1	Physical	Drive Sela Vintue	Drive Infa	ry Beckup Unit	Storage Log			
Core Hestfash	Virtual Drive	ID.	Drive Scope	50e	Drive Ratus Degraded	Had Accessible	Drive Type Removable	Operation In Progress	Last Operation Distu

If we remove the SDcard while WLC is powered on, it will get disconnected and cannot be accessed in subsequent boots as well.

Overall Server Status	Cisco FlexFlas	h (Flex	kFlash-0)							
Crever	Consider John T Present Drive Toky What Drive Toky Backup Cold Storage Log									
	Virtual Drive	1	Drive Scope	5 an 30432 MB	Drive Statue Degraded	Most Accessible Convented	Drive Type Kernanable	Operation In Progress	Lant Op	
						Enable/Disa	ble VD(s) [©]			
	Actions Trable Trable Sync Virtual Dr Drase Virtual Dr	Virtual Dri vili	we(s)				Seve Cancel			

• Enable HyperVisor in Enable/Disable Virtual Device to connect it back to HOST.

APs not joining with and cannot find AP images

Solution

• Check if the AP image bundle is present on the controller.

Show ap bundle all

<u>Note</u>

The above command is seen if the AP images are present. If not found transfer download AES image to re-install the AP bundle.

Serial Console not present at customer can we use SOL

Solution

Yes. But note that external consoles will be disabled.

• Check this box to enabled in CIMC

Overall Server Status	C S S M C M C O Remote Presence
Server Admin Storage	Virtual KVM Virtual Media Serial over LAN
Summary	Serial over LAN Properties
Inventory	Enabled:
Sensors	Baud Rate: 115.2 kbps 2
Remote Presence	Com Port: com0
BIOS	
Power Policies	
Faults and Logs	
Troubleshooting	

• Log on to CIMC via SSH

• Once logged in execute the command

connect host

• Type Ctrl+X to Exit the serial console.

Continuous prints are seen on cli related to Temp Breach

Solution



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Applicable for only 8.1.122.0 and below.Not applicable for 8.1.131.0 onwards and for 8.2

DP WARN - Ambient Temp 46 Breached remote High limit 45

DP WARN - Core temp 96 Breached remote High limit 95

The above prints related to Temp Breach are seen

• Verify the Fan settings and see that the fans are at least 16000 RPM by running

show imm chassis fan

- Check if the vents in the front and back of controller are not obstructed
- Check if the appliance is not in a thermal hot pocket

Controller is starting on connecting the power

Solution

After a power outage my controller switches on by default

• Set the default power restore policy to power on.



This is done so that you need not press the button to physically start the appliance even after all the LEDS are up. This can be changed in CIMC if required



Service port is not working when CIMC port is connected

Solution

• Check if the NIC is in dedicated mode

Overall Server Status	C 3 4 0 🔤 © 0 0					
Good	Network					
Server Admin Storage	Network Settings	Network Security	NTP Settings			
User Management	NIC Properties-					
Network		NIC Mode:	Dedicated	2		
Communications Services		NIC Redundancy:	None			
Event Management	MAC Address: A8:9D:21:6B:59:02					
Firmware Management	Common Properties					

You can also figure this by comparing chassis mac and Burned in MAC

(Cisco Controller) >show imm chassis mac MAC Address: a4:6c:2a:39:0f:be (Cisco Controller) >show inventory Burned-in MAC Address..... A4:6C:2A:39:0F:BF Check if the show imm chassis mac and show inventory mac are conservative and not the same. Otherwise it will cause discrepancy.

Note

If this happens check if the NIC is set to be in shared more in CIMC

My management port not coming up

Solution

• Verify if the correct port is connected



Note that the port numbering starts from right to left.



ort-4	Port-3	Port-2	Port-1
	<u> </u>		

Not able to install/update 5520 controller software

Solution

Check if you have downloaded the 5520 software . 5508 software is not compatible with 5520

https://software.cisco.com/download/release.html?mdfid=286284738&flowid=74382&softwareid=280 926587&release=8.1.102.0&relind=AVAILABLE&rellifecycle=ED&reltype=latest

Not able to detect the 1G SFP

Solution

If there is nothing installed in port 1, the board will be configured for 10 G mode by default. Therefore, to switch to 1 G mode, install an SFP module in port 1 and the reboot the system.

Conversely, if an SFP module is installed and the user wants to switch to 4 x 10 G mode, then an SFP+ module must be installed in port 1 and the WLC has to be rebooted.

Thus, Online Insertion and Removal (OIR) of SFP and SFP+ between 10 G and 1 G is not possible.

OIR of 10 G to 10 G and 1 G and 1 G is possible.

Note for 1 G SFP to be detected make sure it is MSA compliant.

It is recommended to have all ports as either 10 G or 1 G. In case they are different, port 1 SFP determines the mode of operation and functionality on the other SFPs may not work.

Port and Link LEDS

Solution

LED	Functional Definition
Pwr OK	LED: (Amber) On indicates power is good
10GbE	LED: (Amber) On indicates 10GbE mode.
	LED: Off indicates 1GbE mode
Port-n Link Status	LED: (Green) on indicates link up status
Port-n Link Activity	LED: (Green) blinking indicates link activity

Where n = port number



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Logging out of CIMC

Step 1 In the upper right of CIMC, click **Log Out**.

Logging out returns you to the CIMC log in page.

Step 2 (Optional) Log back in or close your web browser.

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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