



Preface

Audience

This guide is for the networking professional managing the Catalyst 2960 switch, hereafter referred to as the *switch*. Before using this guide, you should have experience working with the Cisco IOS software and be familiar with the concepts and terminology of Ethernet and local area networking.

Purpose

This guide provides the information that you need to configure Cisco IOS software features on your switch. The Catalyst 2960 software provides enterprise-class intelligent services such as access control lists (ACLs) and quality of service (QoS) features.

This guide provides procedures for using the commands that have been created or changed for use with the switch. It does not provide detailed information about these commands. For detailed information about these commands, see the *Catalyst 2960 Switch Command Reference* for this release. For information about the standard Cisco IOS Release 12.2 commands, see the Cisco IOS documentation set available from the Cisco.com home page at **Documentation > Cisco IOS Software**.

This guide does not provide detailed information on the graphical user interfaces (GUIs) for the embedded device manager or for Cisco Network Assistant (hereafter referred to as *Network Assistant*) that you can use to manage the switch. However, the concepts in this guide are applicable to the GUI user. For information about the device manager, see the switch online help. For information about Network Assistant, see *Getting Started with Cisco Network Assistant*, available on Cisco.com.

This guide does not describe system messages you might encounter or how to install your switch. For more information, see the *Catalyst 2960 Switch System Message Guide* for this release and the *Catalyst 2960 Switch Hardware Installation Guide*.

For documentation updates, see the release notes for this release.

Conventions

This publication uses these conventions to convey instructions and information:

Command descriptions use these conventions:

- Commands and keywords are in **boldface** text.
- Arguments for which you supply values are in *italic*.
- Square brackets ([]) mean optional elements.
- Braces ({ }) group required choices, and vertical bars (|) separate the alternative elements.
- Braces and vertical bars within square brackets ([{ | }]) mean a required choice within an optional element.

Interactive examples use these conventions:

- Terminal sessions and system displays are in `screen` font.
- Information you enter is in **boldface screen** font.
- Nonprinting characters, such as passwords or tabs, are in angle brackets (< >).

Notes, cautions, and timesavers use these conventions and symbols:



Note

Means *reader take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to materials not contained in this manual.



Caution

Means *reader be careful*. In this situation, you might do something that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.

Related Publications

These documents provide complete information about the switch and are available from this Cisco.com site:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6406/tsd_products_support_series_home.html



Note

Before installing, configuring, or upgrading the switch, see these documents:

- For initial configuration information, see the “Using Express Setup” section in the getting started guide or the “Configuring the Switch with the CLI-Based Setup Program” appendix in the hardware installation guide.
- For device manager requirements, see the “System Requirements” section in the release notes (not orderable but available on Cisco.com).
- For Network Assistant requirements, see the *Getting Started with Cisco Network Assistant* (not orderable but available on Cisco.com).

- For cluster requirements, see the *Release Notes for Cisco Network Assistant* (not orderable but available on Cisco.com).
- For upgrading information, see the “Downloading Software” section in the release notes.

See these documents for other information about the switch:

- *Release Notes for the Catalyst 3750, 3560, 2970, and 2960 Switches*
- *Catalyst 3750, 3560, 3550, 2970, and 2960 Switch System Message Guide*
- *Catalyst 2960 Switch Software Configuration Guide*
- *Catalyst 2960 Switch Command Reference*
- Device manager online help (available on the switch)
- *Catalyst 2960 Switch Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Catalyst 2960 Switch Getting Started Guide*
- *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Catalyst 2960 Switch*
- *Getting Started with Cisco Network Assistant*
- *Release Notes for Cisco Network Assistant*
- *Cisco Small Form-Factor Pluggable Modules Installation Notes*
- *Cisco RPS 300 Redundant Power System Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco RPS 675 Redundant Power System Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco Redundant Power System 2300 Hardware Installation Guide*
- For more information about the Network Admission Control (NAC) features, see the *Network Admission Control Software Configuration Guide*
- These compatibility matrix documents are available from this Cisco.com site:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/modules/ps5455/products_device_support_tables_list.html

- Cisco Gigabit Ethernet Transceiver Modules Compatibility Matrix
- Cisco 100-Megabit Ethernet SFP Modules Compatibility Matrix
- Cisco Small Form-Factor Pluggable Modules Compatibility Matrix
- Compatibility Matrix for 1000BASE-T Small Form-Factor Pluggable Modules

Obtaining Documentation, Obtaining Support, and Security Guidelines

For information on obtaining documentation, submitting a service request, and gathering additional information, see the monthly *What's New in Cisco Product Documentation*, which also lists all new and revised Cisco technical documentation, at:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/general/whatsnew/whatsnew.html>

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