



Preface

This document describes how to install, configure, and use Intrusion Prevention System Device Manager (IDM) 5.1. It includes a glossary that contains expanded acronyms and pertinent IPS terms. It is part of the documentation set for Cisco Intrusion Prevention System 5.1. Use this guide in conjunction with the documents listed in [Related Documentation, page xxii](#).

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Audience

This guide is for administrators who need to do the following:

- Install and configure IDM.
- Secure their network with IPS sensors.
- Prevent intrusion on their networks and monitor subsequent alerts.

Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

Convention	Indication
bold font	Commands and keywords and user-entered text appear in bold font .
<i>italic font</i>	Document titles, new or emphasized terms, and arguments for which you supply values are in <i>italic font</i> .
[]	Elements in square brackets are optional.
{ x y z }	Required alternative keywords are grouped in braces and separated by vertical bars.
[x y z]	Optional alternative keywords are grouped in brackets and separated by vertical bars.

string	A nonquoted set of characters. Do not use quotation marks around the string or the string will include the quotation marks.
courier font	Terminal sessions and information the system displays appear in <code>courier</code> font.
< >	Nonprinting characters such as passwords are in angle brackets.
[]	Default responses to system prompts are in square brackets.
!, #	An exclamation point (!) or a pound sign (#) at the beginning of a line of code indicates a comment line.

**Note**

Means *reader take note*.

**Tip**

Means *the following information will help you solve a problem*.

**Caution**

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

**Timesaver**

Means *the described action saves time*. You can save time by performing the action described in the paragraph.

**Warning**

Means *reader be warned*. In this situation, you might perform an action that could result in bodily injury.

Related Documentation

These documents support Cisco Intrusion Prevention System 5.1 and can be found on Cisco.com at this URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/vpndevc/ps4077/tsd_products_support_series_home.html

- *Installing Cisco Intrusion Prevention System Appliances and Modules 5.1*
- *Configuring the Cisco Intrusion Prevention System Sensor Using the Command Line Interface 5.1*
- *Release Notes for Cisco Intrusion Prevention System 5.1*
- *Documentation Roadmap for Cisco Intrusion Prevention System 5.1*
- *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco Intrusion Detection and Prevention System 4200 Series Appliance Sensor*
- *Command Reference for Cisco Intrusion Prevention System 5.1*

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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:

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