



Preface

This preface describes the audience, organization, and conventions of the *Cisco DCNM Fundamentals Configuration Guide, Release 4.1*. It also provides information on how to obtain related documentation.

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Audience

This publication is for experienced network administrators who configure and maintain Cisco NX-OS devices.

Document Organization

This document is organized into the following chapters:

Chapter	Description
Chapter 1, “Overview”	Provides an overview of what you need to do to start using Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM).
Chapter 2, “Installing and Launching the DCNM Server”	Describes how to install and set up the DCNM server, which is required for using the DCNM client.
Chapter 3, “Installing and Launching the DCNM Client”	Describes how to install and set up the DCNM client.
Chapter 4, “Using the DCNM Client”	Introduces the DCNM client and explains how to use it.

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Chapter	Description
Chapter 5, “Administering DCNM Server Users”	Describes how to administer DCNM server user accounts.
Chapter 6, “Administering Device Discovery”	Describes how to use the Device Discovery feature.
Chapter 7, “Administering Devices and Credentials”	Describes how to use the Devices and Credentials feature.
Chapter 8, “Administering DCNM Licensed Devices”	Describes how to use the DCNM Licensed Devices feature.
Chapter 9, “Working with Topology”	Describes how to use the Topology feature.
Chapter 10, “Managing Events”	Describes how to use the Event Browser and feature-specific Events tabs.
Chapter 11, “Working with Inventory”	Describes how to use the Inventory feature.
Chapter 12, “Configuring SPAN”	Describes how to use the Switched Port Analyzer (SPAN) feature.
Chapter 13, “Managing Device Operating Systems”	Describes how to use the Device OS Management feature.
Chapter 14, “Working with Configuration Change Management”	Describes how to use the Configuration Change Management feature.
Chapter 15, “Administering Auto-Synchronization with Devices”	Describes how to use the Auto-Synchronization with Devices feature.
Chapter 16, “Administering Statistical Data Collection”	Describes how to control statistical data collection.
Chapter 17, “Administering DCNM Server Log Settings”	Describes how to control DCNM server logs.
Chapter 18, “Maintaining the DCNM Database”	Explains how to maintain the DCNM database.
Chapter 19, “Troubleshooting DCNM”	Explains how to resolve problems that you might encounter with DCNM.

Document Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:



Note

Means reader *take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to material not covered in the manual.



Caution

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

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Related Documentation

Cisco DCNM documentation is available at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9369/tsd_products_support_series_home.html

The documentation set for Cisco DCNM includes the following documents:

Release Notes

Cisco DCNM Release Notes, Release 4.1

DCNM Configuration Guides

Cisco DCNM Getting Started with Virtual Device Contexts, Release 4.1

Cisco DCNM Fundamentals Configuration Guide, Release 4.1

Cisco DCNM Interfaces Configuration Guide, Release 4.1

Cisco DCNM Layer 2 Switching Configuration Guide, Release 4.1

Cisco DCNM Web Services API Guide, Release 4.1

Cisco DCNM Security Configuration Guide, Release 4.1

Cisco DCNM Unicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 4.1

Cisco DCNM Virtual Device Context Configuration Guide, Release 4.1

Cisco DCNM Software Upgrade Guide, Release 4.1

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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