



Preface

Audience

This guide is for the networking or computer technician responsible for installing and configuring a Catalyst 2900 series XL switch. We assume that you are familiar with the concepts and terminology of Ethernet and local area networking.

Purpose

The *Catalyst 2900 Series XL Hardware Installation Guide* documents the hardware features of Catalyst 2900 series XL switches. It describes the physical and performance characteristics of the switches, explains how to install a switch, and provides troubleshooting information and specifications.

Organization

This guide is organized into the following chapters:

[Chapter 1, “Product Overview,”](#) summarizes the switch features and describes the ports, the standards they support, and the LEDs.

[Chapter 2, “Installation,”](#) provides the procedures for installing a switch in a rack, on a desk, or on a wall.

[Chapter 3, “Troubleshooting,”](#) describes how to identify and resolve some of the problems that might arise when you are installing the switch.

[Appendix A, “Technical Specifications,”](#) lists the physical and environmental specifications for the switches and the regulatory agency approvals.

[Appendix B, “Connectors and Cable Specifications,”](#) describes the connectors, cables, and adapters that can be used to connect to the switch.

[Appendix C, “Translated Safety Warnings,”](#) provides translations in various languages of the warnings in this guide.

Conventions

This guide uses the following conventions to convey instructions and information:

Command descriptions use these conventions:

- Commands and keywords are in **boldface**.
- Arguments for which you supply values are in *italic*.

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 warnings use the following 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.

**Warning**

This warning symbol means *danger*. You are in a situation that could cause bodily injury. Before you work on any equipment, be aware of the hazards involved with electrical circuitry and be familiar with standard practices for preventing accidents. (To see translations of the warnings that appear in this publication, refer to the [Appendix C, “Translated Safety Warnings.”](#))

Waarschuwing

Dit waarschuwingssymbool betekent gevaar. U verkeert in een situatie die lichamelijk letsel kan veroorzaken. Voordat u aan enige apparatuur gaat werken, dient u zich bewust te zijn van de bij elektrische schakelingen betrokken risico's en dient u op de hoogte te zijn van standaard maatregelen om ongelukken te voorkomen. (Voor vertalingen van de waarschuwingen die in deze publicatie verschijnen, kunt u het aanhangsel C “Translated Safety Warnings” (Vertalingen van veiligheidsvoorschriften) raadplegen.)

Varoitus

Tämä varoitusmerkki merkitsee vaaraa. Olet tilanteessa, joka voi johtaa ruumiinvammaan. Ennen kuin työskentelet minkään laitteiston parissa, ota selvää sähkökytkentöihin liittyvistä vaaroista ja tavanomaisista onnettomuuksien ehkäisykeinoista. (Tässä julkaisussa esiintyvien varoitusten käännökset löydät liitteestä C “Translated Safety Warnings” (käännetyt turvallisuutta koskevat varoitukset).)

Attention

Ce symbole d'avertissement indique un danger. Vous vous trouvez dans une situation pouvant entraîner des blessures. Avant d'accéder à cet équipement, soyez conscient des dangers posés par les circuits électriques et familiarisez-vous avec les procédures courantes de prévention des accidents. Pour obtenir les traductions des mises en garde figurant dans cette publication, veuillez consulter l'annexe intitulée C « Translated Safety Warnings » (Traduction des avis de sécurité).

- Warnung** Dieses Warnsymbol bedeutet Gefahr. Sie befinden sich in einer Situation, die zu einer Körperverletzung führen könnte. Bevor Sie mit der Arbeit an irgendeinem Gerät beginnen, seien Sie sich der mit elektrischen Stromkreisen verbundenen Gefahren und der Standardpraktiken zur Vermeidung von Unfällen bewußt. (Übersetzungen der in dieser Veröffentlichung enthaltenen Warnhinweise finden Sie im Anhang mit dem Titel C "Translated Safety Warnings" (Übersetzung der Warnhinweise).)
- Avvertenza** Questo simbolo di avvertenza indica un pericolo. Si è in una situazione che può causare infortuni. Prima di lavorare su qualsiasi apparecchiatura, occorre conoscere i pericoli relativi ai circuiti elettrici ed essere al corrente delle pratiche standard per la prevenzione di incidenti. La traduzione delle avvertenze riportate in questa pubblicazione si trova nell'appendice C, "Translated Safety Warnings" (Traduzione delle avvertenze di sicurezza).
- Advarsel** Dette varselsymbolet betyr fare. Du befinner deg i en situasjon som kan føre til personskade. Før du utfører arbeid på utstyr, må du være oppmerksom på de faremomentene som elektriske kretser innebærer, samt gjøre deg kjent med vanlig praksis når det gjelder å unngå ulykker. (Hvis du vil se oversettelser av de advarslene som finnes i denne publikasjonen, kan du se i vedlegget C "Translated Safety Warnings" [Oversatte sikkerhetsadvarsler].)
- Aviso** Este símbolo de aviso indica perigo. Encontra-se numa situação que lhe poderá causar danos físicos. Antes de começar a trabalhar com qualquer equipamento, familiarize-se com os perigos relacionados com circuitos eléctricos, e com quaisquer práticas comuns que possam prevenir possíveis acidentes. (Para ver as traduções dos avisos que constam desta publicação, consulte o apêndice C "Translated Safety Warnings" - "Traduções dos Avisos de Segurança").

- ¡Advertencia!** Este símbolo de aviso significa peligro. Existe riesgo para su integridad física. Antes de manipular cualquier equipo, considerar los riesgos que entraña la corriente eléctrica y familiarizarse con los procedimientos estándar de prevención de accidentes. (Para ver traducciones de las advertencias que aparecen en esta publicación, consultar el apéndice titulado C “Translated Safety Warnings.”)
- Varning!** Denna varningssymbol signalerar fara. Du befinner dig i en situation som kan leda till personskada. Innan du utför arbete på någon utrustning måste du vara medveten om farorna med elkretsar och känna till vanligt förfarande för att förebygga skador. Se förklaringar av de varningar som förekommer i denna publikation i dokumentet *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information* (Efterrättelse av föreskrifter och säkerhetsinformation), vilket medföljer denna anordning.
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Related Publications

You can order printed copies of documents with a DOC-xxxxxx= number.

The following publications provide more information about the switches:

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

<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/lan/c2900xl/index.htm>

You can order printed copies of documents with a DOC-xxxxxx= number from the Cisco.com sites and from the telephone numbers listed in the “[Obtaining Documentation](#)” section on page xvi.

- *Release Notes for the Catalyst 2900 Series XL and Catalyst 3500 Series XL Switches* (not orderable but is available on Cisco.com)



Note

Switch requirements and procedures for initial configurations and software upgrades tend to change and therefore appear only in the release notes. Before installing, configuring, or upgrading the switch, refer to the release notes on Cisco.com for the latest information.

- *Catalyst 2900 Series XL and Catalyst 3500 Series XL Software Configuration Guide* (order number DOC-786511=)
- Cluster Management Suite (CMS) online help (available only from the switch CMS software)
- *Catalyst 2900 Series XL Hardware Installation Guide* (order number DOC-786461=)
- *Catalyst 3500 Series XL Hardware Installation Guide* (order number DOC-786456=)
- *Catalyst 2900 Series XL Modules Installation Guide* (order number DOC-CAT2900-IG=)
- *Catalyst 2900 Series XL ATM Modules Installation and Configuration Guide* (order number DOC-785472=)
- *1000BASE-T Gigabit Interface Converter Installation Note* (not orderable but is available on Cisco.com)
- *Catalyst GigaStack Gigabit Interface Converter Hardware Installation Guide* (order number DOC-786460=)
- *Cisco LRE CPE Hardware Installation Guide* (order number DOC-7811469=)
- *Installation Notes for the Cisco LRE 48 POTS Splitter* (order number DOC-7812250=)
- *Installation Notes for Wall-Mount Brackets* (order number DOC-7813035=)

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The following sections provide sources for obtaining documentation from Cisco Systems.

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Contacting TAC by Using the Cisco TAC Website

If you have a priority level 3 (P3) or priority level 4 (P4) problem, contact TAC by going to the TAC website:

<http://www.cisco.com/tac>

P3 and P4 level problems are defined as follows:

- P3—Your network performance is degraded. Network functionality is noticeably impaired, but most business operations continue.
- P4—You need information or assistance on Cisco product capabilities, product installation, or basic product configuration.

In each of the above cases, use the Cisco TAC website to quickly find answers to your questions.

To register for Cisco.com, go to the following website:

<http://www.cisco.com/register/>

If you cannot resolve your technical issue by using the TAC online resources, Cisco.com registered users can open a case online by using the TAC Case Open tool at the following website:

<http://www.cisco.com/tac/caseopen>

Contacting TAC by Telephone

If you have a priority level 1 (P1) or priority level 2 (P2) problem, contact TAC by telephone and immediately open a case. To obtain a directory of toll-free numbers for your country, go to the following website:

<http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/687/Directory/DirTAC.shtml>

P1 and P2 level problems are defined as follows:

- P1—Your production network is down, causing a critical impact to business operations if service is not restored quickly. No workaround is available.
- P2—Your production network is severely degraded, affecting significant aspects of your business operations. No workaround is available.