



Preface

Audience

This guide is for the networking professional using the Cisco IOS command-line interface (CLI) to manage the Catalyst 2960 switch, hereafter referred to as *the switch*. Before using this guide, you should have experience working with the Cisco IOS commands and the switch software features. Before using this guide, you should have experience working with the concepts and terminology of Ethernet and local area networking.

Purpose

The Catalyst 2960 switch is supported by a software image that provides enterprise-class intelligent services such as access control lists (ACLs) and quality of service (QoS) features.

This guide provides the information that you need about the Layer 2 commands that have been created or changed for use with the Catalyst 2960 switches. For information about the standard Cisco IOS Release 12.2 commands, see the Cisco IOS documentation set available from the Cisco.com home page by selecting **Technical Support & Documentation > Cisco IOS Software**.

This guide does not provide procedures for configuring your switch. For detailed configuration procedures, see the software configuration guide for this release.

This guide does not describe system messages you might encounter. For more information, see the system message guide for this release.

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 ([]) means 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 warnings 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 upgrade information, see the “Downloading Software” section in the release notes.

See these documents for other information about the switches:

- *Release Notes for the Catalyst 3750, 3560, 2975, and 2960 Switches*
- *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*
- *Catalyst 3750, 3560, 3550, 2975, 2975, 2970, and 2960 Switch System Message Guide*
- *Getting Started with Cisco Network Assistant*
- *Release Notes for Cisco Network Assistant*
- *Cisco Small Form-Factor Pluggable Modules Installation Notes*
- *Cisco CWDM GBIC and CWDM SFP Modules Installation Note*
- *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 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 and Submitting a Service Request

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