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This guide describes how to use the Cisco Prime Network Analysis Module (NAM) 5.0(1T) software with the Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series Network Analysis Module (NAM-3).

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## Chapter Overview

This guide contains the following chapters:

- [Chapter 1, “Overview”](#) provides an overview of the Network Analysis Module (NAM-3), discusses new features in this release, describes the new GUI, and provides information about how to use various components of the NAM. It also provides a brief overview of the steps users will take after booting up, which are described in more detail in Chapter 2.
- [Chapter 2, “Setting Up The NAM,”](#) provides information about the steps users should take to set up the NAM.
- [Chapter 3, “Monitoring and Analysis”](#) provides information about options for viewing and monitoring various types data.
- [Chapter 4, “Capturing and Decoding Packet Data”](#) provides information about setting up multiple sessions for capturing, filtering, and decoding packet data, managing the data in a file control system, and displaying the contents of the packets.
- [Chapter 5, “User and System Administration”](#) provides information about performing user and system administration tasks and generating diagnostic information for obtaining technical assistance.
- [Chapter 6, “NAM 5.0\(1T\) Usage Scenarios”](#) provides scenarios for NAM deployment and the details you may need to know about them.

# Audience

This guide is designed for network administrators who are responsible for setting up and configuring Network Analysis Modules (NAMs) to monitor traffic and diagnose emerging problems on network segments. As a network administrator, you should be familiar with:

- Basic concepts and terminology used in internetworking.
- Network topology and protocols.
- Basic UNIX commands or basic Windows operations.

# Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

Item	Convention
Commands and keywords	<b>boldface font</b>
Variables for which you supply values	<i>italic font</i>
Displayed session and system information	<code>screen font</code>
Information you enter	<b>boldface screen font</b>
Variables you enter	<i>italic screen font</i>
Menu items and button names	<b>boldface font</b>
Selecting a menu item in paragraphs	<b>Option &gt; Network Preferences</b>
Selecting a menu item in tables	Option > Network Preferences



## Note

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



## Caution

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

# Notices

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# Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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