Preface

This section explains the objectives and intended audience of this publication and describes the conventions that convey instructions and other information.

Objectives

This guide explains how to use Cisco Prime Optical 9.3 to manage Cisco Optical Networking System (ONS) network elements (NEs).

Use this guide to learn about:

- Cisco Prime Optical, an element management system (EMS)
- Prime Optical GateWay, an EMS-to-network management system (NMS) interface architectural component

Audience

The primary audience for this guide includes network operations personnel and system administrators. This guide assumes that you are familiar with the following products and topics:

- Basic internetworking terminology and concepts
- Network topology and protocols
- Microsoft Windows Vista, Windows 2000 Professional, Windows XP Professional, and Windows Server 2003 Terminal Server
- Sun Microsystems Solaris administration
- Oracle database administration
- Telecommunication Management Network (TMN) architecture model

Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

Item	Convention
Commands and keywords	**boldface** font
Displayed session and system information	`screen` font
Information that the user must enter	**`boldface screen`** font
Variables that the user must supply	*`italic screen`* font
Menu items and button names	**boldface** font
Selecting a menu item	**Option > Network Preferences**

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

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

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

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

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