



Preface

This guide describes the architecture, supporting hardware and software, and management procedures for Prime Performance Manager. The information in this guide, helps you to complete the tasks that are necessary to use Prime Performance Manager to monitor the performance of your network.

The Cisco Prime Performance Manager is a performance software product that provides key performance indicators and summarized historical statistics for managed network elements. Its core design points are ease of use, extensibility, and scalability.

This section describes the audience, organization, and conventions of the *Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.0 User Guide*. It refers you to related publications and describes online sources of technical information.

For a more detailed description of Prime Performance Manager, see [Chapter 1, “Overview.”](#) For the latest Prime Performance Manager information and software updates, go to <http://www.cisco.com/go/performance>.

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Audience

This guide is for system administrators, network operators and basic users who use Prime Performance Manager for reporting on the managed network. They should have:

- Basic network management skills
- Basic Solaris system administrator skills
- Basic Linux system administrator skills

Organization

This guide contains the following chapters and appendixes:

- “[Overview](#)” provides brief descriptions of Prime Performance Manager architecture, and an overview of how to use Prime Performance Manager to monitor your network performance.
- “[Configuring Security](#)” provides information about configuring Prime Performance Manager security and limiting access to Prime Performance Manager.
- “[Setting Up Your Server](#)” provides procedures to set up your Prime Performance Manager server.
- “[Getting Started](#)” provides basic information and procedures for using Prime Performance Manager.
- “[Accessing Data from the Web Interface](#)” describes how to access Prime Performance Manager data from the web interface.
- “[Command Reference](#)” describes the commands used to set up and operate Prime Performance Manager.
- “[FAQs](#)” provides a list of frequently asked questions and troubleshooting tips for Prime Performance Manager.
- [Troubleshooting Prime Performance Manager and the Network](#) provides information for troubleshooting basic Prime Performance Manager and network problems.
- “[MIB Reference](#)” lists the MIBs used by Prime Performance Manager.

Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

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

**Tip**

Means *the following is a useful tip*.

Product Documentation

You can access the following additional Cisco Prime Performance Manager guides on the [Cisco Prime Performance Manager](#) page on Cisco.com:

- [Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.0 User Guide](#) (this guide)
- [Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.0 Release Notes](#)
- [Open Source Used in Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.0](#)
- [Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.0 Documentation Overview](#)
- [Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.0 Quick Start Guide](#)

Cisco License Manager data sheet can be found at <http://www.cisco.com/go/performance>

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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