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Document Objectives

The purpose of this guide is to help you configure general operations for the Cisco ASA series using the Adaptive Security Device Manager (ASDM). This guide does not cover every feature, but describes only the most common configuration scenarios.

Throughout this guide, the term “ASA” applies generically to supported models, unless specified otherwise.

Note

ASDM supports many ASA versions. The ASDM documentation and online help includes all of the latest features supported by the ASA. If you are running an older version of ASA software, the documentation might include features that are not supported in your version. Please refer to the feature history table for each chapter to determine when features were added. For the minimum supported version of ASDM for each ASA version, see Cisco ASA Series Compatibility.

Related Documentation

For more information, see Navigating the Cisco ASA Series Documentation at http://www.cisco.com/go/asadocs.

Document Conventions

This document adheres to the following text, display, and alert conventions.
### Text Conventions

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<th>Convention</th>
<th>Indication</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>boldface</strong></td>
<td>Commands, keywords, button labels, field names, and user-entered text appear in <strong>boldface</strong>. For menu-based commands, the full path to the command is shown.</td>
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<td><strong>italic</strong></td>
<td>Variables, for which you supply values, are presented in an italic typeface. Italic type is also used for document titles, and for general emphasis.</td>
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<td><strong>monospace</strong></td>
<td>Terminal sessions and information that the system displays appear in monospace type.</td>
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<td>`{x</td>
<td>y</td>
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<td><code>[ ]</code></td>
<td>Elements in square brackets are optional.</td>
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<td><code>[ ]</code></td>
<td>Default responses to system prompts are also in square brackets.</td>
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<td><code>&lt; &gt;</code></td>
<td>Non-printing characters such as passwords are in angle brackets.</td>
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<td><code>!, #</code></td>
<td>An exclamation point (!) or a number sign (#) at the beginning of a line of code indicates a comment line.</td>
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### Reader Alerts

This document uses the following for reader alerts:

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

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

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

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

- **Warning**
  
  Means *reader be warned*. In this situation, you might perform an action that could result in bodily injury.
Communications, Services, and Additional Information

- To receive timely, relevant information from Cisco, sign up at Cisco Profile Manager.
- To get the business impact you’re looking for with the technologies that matter, visit Cisco Services.
- To submit a service request, visit Cisco Support.
- To discover and browse secure, validated enterprise-class apps, products, solutions and services, visit Cisco Marketplace.
- To obtain general networking, training, and certification titles, visit Cisco Press.
- To find warranty information for a specific product or product family, access Cisco Warranty Finder.

Cisco Bug Search Tool

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