



# Preface

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This preface describes the audience, organization of, and conventions used in the Cisco MDS 9000 Series Configuration Guides. It also provides information on how to obtain related documentation, and contains the following chapters:

## Audience

This publication is for experienced network administrators who configure and maintain Cisco Multilayer Director Switches (MDS) Devices.

## Document Conventions

Command descriptions use the following conventions:

Convention	Description
<b>bold</b>	Bold text indicates the commands and keywords that you enter literally, as shown.
<i>Italic</i>	Italic text indicates arguments for which a user supplies the values.
[x]	Square brackets enclose an optional element (keyword or argument).
[x   y]	Square brackets enclosing keywords or arguments separated by a vertical bar indicate an optional choice.
{x   y}	Braces enclosing keywords or arguments separated by a vertical bar indicate a required choice.
[x {y   z}]	Nested set of square brackets or braces indicate optional or required choices within optional or required elements. Braces and a vertical bar within square brackets indicate a required choice within an optional element.

Convention	Description
<code>variable</code>	Indicates a variable for which you supply values, in contexts where italics cannot be used.
<code>string</code>	A nonquoted set of characters. Do not use quotation marks around the string or the string will include the quotation marks.

Examples use the following conventions:

Convention	Description
<code>screen font</code>	Terminal sessions and information the switch displays are in screen font.
<b><code>boldface screen font</code></b>	Information you must enter is in boldface screen font.
<i><code>italic screen font</code></i>	Arguments for which you supply values are in italic screen font.
<code>&lt; &gt;</code>	Nonprinting characters, such as passwords, are in angle brackets.
<code>[ ]</code>	Default responses to system prompts are in square brackets.
<code>!, #</code>	An exclamation point (!) or a pound sign (#) at the beginning of a line of code indicates a comment line.

This document uses the following conventions:



#### Note

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



#### Caution

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

## Related Documentation

The documentation set for the Cisco MDS 9000 Series Switches includes the following documents.

#### Release Notes

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/storage-networking/mds-9000-nx-os-san-os-software/products-release-notes-list.html>

#### Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/switches/datacenter/mds9000/hw/regulatory/compliance/RCSI.html>

#### Compatibility Information

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/storage-networking/mds-9000-nx-os-san-os-software/products-device-support-tables-list.html>

#### Installation and Upgrade

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/storage-networking/mds-9000-nx-os-san-os-software/products-installation-guides-list.html>

#### **Configuration**

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/storage-networking/mds-9000-nx-os-san-os-software/products-installation-and-configuration-guides-list.html>

#### **CLI**

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/storage-networking/mds-9000-nx-os-san-os-software/products-command-reference-list.html>

#### **Troubleshooting and Reference**

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/storage-networking/mds-9000-nx-os-san-os-software/tsd-products-support-troubleshoot-and-alerts.html>

To find a document online, use the Cisco MDS NX-OS Documentation Locator at:

[http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/storage/san\\_switches/mds9000/roadmaps/doclocator.html](http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/storage/san_switches/mds9000/roadmaps/doclocator.html)

## **Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request**

For information on obtaining documentation, using the Cisco Bug Search Tool (BST), submitting a service request, and gathering additional information, see *What's New in Cisco Product Documentation*, at:

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/general/whatsnew/whatsnew.html>.

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