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Preface

This preface describes the audience, organization, and conventions of the *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS Fabric Configuration Guide*. It also provides information on how to obtain related documentation.

Audience

This guide is for experienced network administrators who are responsible for configuring and maintaining the Cisco MDS 9000 Family of multilayer directors and fabric switches.

Organization

The *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS Fabric Configuration Guide* is organized as follows:

| Chapter | Title | Description |
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| Chapter 1 | Fabric Overview | Provides an overview of features described in this guide. |
| Chapter 2 | Configuring and Managing VSANs | Describes how virtual SANs (VSANs) work, explains the concept of default VSANs, isolated VSANs, VSAN IDs, and attributes, and provides details on how to create, delete, and view VSANs. |
| Chapter 3 | Configuring SAN Device Virtualization | Describes how to configure virtual devices to represent physical end devices for switches as of Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 3.1(2) and NX-OS Release 4.1(1). |
| Chapter 4 | Creating Dynamic VSANs | Defines the Dynamic Port VSAN Membership (DPVM) feature that is used to maintain fabric topology when a host or storage device connection is moved between two Cisco MDS switches. |
| Chapter 5 | Configuring and Managing Zones | Defines various zoning concepts and provides details on configuring a zone set and zone management features. |

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| Chapter | Title | Description |
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| Chapter 6 | Distributing Device Alias Services | Describes the use of the Distributed Device Alias Services (device alias) to distribute device alias names on a fabric-wide basis. |
| Chapter 7 | Configuring Fibre Channel Routing Services and Protocols | Provides details and configuration information on Fibre Channel routing services and protocols. |
| Chapter 8 | Configuring Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing | Dense Wavelength-Division Multiplexing (DWDM) multiplexes multiple optical carrier signals on a single optical fiber. DWDM uses different wavelengths to carry various signals. |
| Chapter 9 | Managing FLOGI, Name Server, FDMI, and RSCN Databases | Provides name server and fabric login details required to manage storage devices and display registered state change notification (RSCN) databases. |
| Chapter 10 | Discovering SCSI Targets | Describes how the SCSI LUN discovery feature is started and displayed. |
| Chapter 11 | Configuring FICON | Provides details on the Fibre Channel (FICON) interface, fabric binding, and the Registered Link Incident Report (RLIR) capabilities in Cisco MDS switches. |
| Chapter 12 | Advanced Features and Concepts | Describes the advanced configuration features—time out values, fctrace, fabric analyzer, world wide names, flat FC IDs, loop monitoring, and interoperating switches. |

Document Conventions

Command descriptions use these conventions:

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| boldface font | Commands and keywords are in boldface. |
| <i>italic font</i> | Arguments for which you supply values are in italics. |
| [] | Elements in square brackets are optional. |
| [x y z] | Optional alternative keywords are grouped in brackets and separated by vertical bars. |

Screen examples use these conventions:

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| screen font | Terminal sessions and information the switch displays are in screen font. |
| boldface screen font | Information you must enter is in boldface screen font. |
| <i>italic screen font</i> | Arguments for which you supply values are in italic screen font. |
| < > | Nonprinting characters, such as passwords, are in angle brackets. |

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| [] | Default responses to system prompts are in square brackets. |
| !, # | 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 Family includes the following documents. To find a document online, use the Cisco MDS NX-OS Documentation Locator at:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/storage/san_switches/mds9000/roadmaps/doclocator.htm

Release Notes

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS NX-OS Releases*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for MDS SAN-OS Releases*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Storage Services Interface Images*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Release Notes for Cisco MDS 9000 EPLD Images*
- *Release Notes for Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric Manager*

Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information

- *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family*

Compatibility Information

- *Cisco Data Center Interoperability Support Matrix*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 NX-OS Hardware and Software Compatibility Information and Feature Lists*
- *Cisco MDS NX-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for Storage Service Interface Images*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Switch-to-Switch Interoperability Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS NX-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for IBM SAN Volume Controller Software for Cisco MDS 9000*

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- *Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release Compatibility Matrix for VERITAS Storage Foundation for Networks Software*

Hardware Installation

- *Cisco MDS 9500 Series Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9200 Series Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9100 Series Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9124 and Cisco MDS 9134 Multilayer Fabric Switch Quick Start Guide*

Software Installation and Upgrade

- *Cisco MDS 9000 NX-OS Release 4.1(x) and SAN-OS 3(x) Software Upgrade and Downgrade Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Storage Services Interface Image Install and Upgrade Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Storage Services Module Software Installation and Upgrade Guide*

Cisco NX-OS

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS Fundamentals Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS Licensing Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS System Management Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS Interfaces Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS Fabric Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS Quality of Service Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS Security Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS IP Services Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS Intelligent Storage Services Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS High Availability and Redundancy Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS Inter-VSAN Routing Configuration Guide*

Cisco Fabric Manager

- *Cisco Fabric Manager Fundamentals Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco Fabric Manager System Management Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco Fabric Manager Interfaces Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco Fabric Manager Fabric Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco Fabric Manager Quality of Service Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco Fabric Manager Security Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco Fabric Manager IP Services Configuration Guide*

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- *Cisco Fabric Manager Intelligent Storage Services Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco Fabric Manager High Availability and Redundancy Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco Fabric Manager Inter-VSAN Routing Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco Fabric Manager Online Help*
- *Cisco Fabric Manager Web Services Online Help*

Command-Line Interface

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Command Reference*

Intelligent Storage Networking Services Configuration Guides

- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family I/O Accelerator Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family SANTap Deployment Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Data Mobility Manager Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Storage Media Encryption Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Secure Erase Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Cookbook for Cisco MDS SAN-OS*

Troubleshooting and Reference

- *Cisco NX-OS System Messages Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS Troubleshooting Guide*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS MIB Quick Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family NX-OS SMI-S Programming Reference*
- *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric Manager Server Database Schema*

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

For information on obtaining documentation, submitting a service request, and gathering additional information, see the monthly *What's New in Cisco Product Documentation*, which also lists all new and revised Cisco technical documentation, at:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/general/whatsnew/whatsnew.html>

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