



Preface

This preface describes the audience, organization, and conventions of the *Cisco DCNM Fundamentals Configuration Guide, Release 5.x*. It also provides information on how to obtain related documentation.

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Audience

This publication is for experienced network administrators who configure and maintain Cisco NX-OS devices.

Document Organization

This document is organized into the following chapters:

Chapter	Description
Chapter 1, “Overview”	Provides an overview of what you need to do to start using Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM).
Chapter 2, “Installing and Launching the Cisco DCNM Client”	Describes how to install and set up the Cisco DCNM client.
Chapter 3, “Using the Cisco DCNM Client”	Introduces the Cisco DCNM client and explains how to use it.
Chapter 4, “Administering DCNM Authentication Settings”	Describes how to administer Cisco DCNM server user accounts.
Chapter 5, “Administering Device Discovery”	Describes how to use the Device Discovery feature.
Chapter 6, “Administering Devices and Credentials”	Describes how to use the Devices and Credentials feature.

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Chapter	Description
Chapter 7, “Administering DCNM Licensed Devices”	Describes how to use the DCNM Licensed Devices feature.
Chapter 8, “Working with Topology”	Describes how to use the Topology feature.
Chapter 9, “Configuring Network Servers”	Describes how to use the Network Servers feature.
Chapter 10, “Configuring Device Groups”	Describes how to use the Device Groups feature.
Chapter 11, “Working with Cluster Administration”	Describes how to use the Cluster Administration feature.
Chapter 12, “Administering Auto-Synchronization with Devices”	Describes how to use the Auto-Synchronization with Devices feature.
Chapter 14, “Administering Statistical Data Collection”	Describes how to control statistical data collection.
Chapter 15, “Administering DCNM Server Log Settings”	Describes how to control Cisco DCNM server logs.
Chapter 16, “Starting and Stopping Cisco DCNM Servers”	Describes how to start and stop the Cisco DCNM server.
Chapter 17, “Maintaining the Cisco DCNM Database”	Explains how to maintain the Cisco DCNM database.
Chapter 18, “Troubleshooting Cisco DCNM”	Explains how to resolve problems that you might encounter with Cisco DCNM.

Document Conventions

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.

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