Preface

This preface describes the audience, organization, and conventions of the *Cisco vPath and vServices Reference Guide for VMware vSphere*. It also provides information about how to obtain related documentation.

This preface includes the following sections:

Audience

This publication is for those who have an understanding of virtualization and experience with using VMware tools to create virtual machines and have the following responsibilities:

- Security Administration—Define and administer security policies and rules.
- Network Administration—Manage and associate the security policies to particular port profiles.
- ESX Server Administration—Select the appropriate port-group (Cisco Nexus 1000V equivalent port-profile) for the particular virtual machines (VM).

Note Knowledge of VMware vNetwork Distributed Switch is not a prerequisite.

Document Organization

This document is organized as follows:

Chapter and Title	Description
Chapter 1, "Cisco vPath and vServices Overview"	Provides overview of vPath and vServices.
Chapter 2, "Configuring Nodes and Services for vPath"	Describes how to configures nodes and services for vPath.
Chapter 3, "Troubleshooting vPath and vServices"	Describes how to troubleshoot vPath and vServices.
Chapter 4, "vPath and vServices Commands"	Describes vPath and vServices commands.

Document Conventions

Command descriptions use these conventions:

Convention	Description
boldface font	Commands and keywords are in boldface.
italic font	Arguments for which you supply values are in italics.
{ }	Elements in curly brackets are required.
[ ]	Elements in square brackets are optional.
[x | y | z]	Optional alternative keywords are grouped in brackets and separated by vertical bars.
string	A nonquoted set of characters. Do not use quotation marks around the string or the string will include the quotation marks.

Screen examples use these conventions:

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

This section contains information about the documentation available for Cisco Virtual Service Nodes and related products.

Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switch Documentation

The Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switch documents are available on Cisco.com at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9902/tsd_products_support_series_home.html

Cisco Virtual Security Gateway Documentation

The following Cisco Virtual Security Gateway for the VMware vSphere documents are available on Cisco.com at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps13095/tsd_products_support_series_home.html

Cisco Virtual Network Management Center Documentation

The following Cisco Virtual Network Management Center documents are available on Cisco.com at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11213/tsd_products_support_series_home.html

Cisco ASA 1000V Cloud Firewall Documentation

The following Cisco ASA 1000V Cloud Firewall documents are available on Cisco.com at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps12233/tsd_products_support_series_home.html

Cisco Virtual Wide Area Application Services (vWAAS) Documentation

The following Cisco Virtual Wide Area Application Services (vWAAS) documents are available on Cisco.com at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11231/tsd_products_support_series_home.html

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