



## Preface

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## Audience

This guide is for the networking professional using the Cisco IOS command-line interface (CLI) to manage the Catalyst switch, hereafter referred to as *the switch*. Before using this guide, you should have experience working with the Cisco IOS commands and the switch software features. Before using this guide, you should have experience working with the concepts and terminology of Ethernet and local area networking.

## Purpose

This guide provides the information that you need about the Layer 2 commands that have been created or changed for use with the Catalyst switches. For information about the standard Cisco IOS Release 15.2 commands, see the Cisco IOS documentation set available on Cisco.com.

This guide does not provide procedures for configuring your switch. For detailed configuration procedures, see the software configuration guide for this release.

This guide does not describe system messages you might encounter. For more information, see the system message guide for this release.

For documentation updates, see the release notes for this release.

## Conventions

This publication uses these conventions to convey instructions and information:

Command descriptions use these conventions:

- Commands and keywords are in **boldface** text.
- Arguments for which you supply values are in *italic*.
- Square brackets ([ ]) means optional elements.
- Braces ({} ) group required choices, and vertical bars (| ) separate the alternative elements.
- Braces and vertical bars within square brackets ({{ | }}) mean a required choice within an optional element.

Interactive examples use these conventions:

- Terminal sessions and system displays are in `screen font`.
- Information you enter is in **boldface screen font**.
- Nonprinting characters, such as passwords or tabs, are in angle brackets (< >).

Notes, cautions, and warnings use these conventions and symbols:



**Note**

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Means *reader take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to materials not contained in this manual.

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**Caution**

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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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## Filtering show Command Output

The **show** commands have optional output modifiers to filter the command output.

- **| begin**—Display begins with the line that matches the *expression*.
- **| exclude**—Display excludes with the line that matches the *expression*.
- **| include**—Display includes with the line that matches the *expression*.
- *expression*—Expression in the output to use as a reference point.

Expressions are case sensitive. If you enter **| exclude output**, the lines that contain *output* are not displayed, but the lines that contain *Output* are displayed.

## Related Publications



**Note**

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These documents provide complete information about the switch and are available from this Cisco.com site:

Before installing, configuring, or upgrading the switch, see these documents:

- For initial configuration information, see the “Using Express Setup” section in the getting started guide or the “Configuring the Switch with the CLI-Based Setup Program” appendix in the hardware installation guide.
  - For device manager requirements, see the “System Requirements” section in the release notes (not orderable but available on Cisco.com).
  - For Network Assistant requirements, see the *Getting Started with Cisco Network Assistant* (not orderable but available on Cisco.com).
  - For cluster requirements, see the *Release Notes for Cisco Network Assistant* (not orderable but available on Cisco.com).
  - For upgrade information, see the “Downloading Software” section in the release notes.
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See these documents for other information about the switches:

- *Release Notes for the Catalyst 3750, 3560, 3560-C, 2960, 2960-S, and 2960-C Switches*
- *Catalyst 3750, 3560, 2960, and 2960-S Switch System Message Guide*
- *Auto Smartports Configuration Guide*
- *Call Home Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco EnergyWise Configuration Guide*
- *Smart Install Configuration Guide*
- *Release Notes for Cisco Network Assistant*
- *Getting Started with Cisco Network Assistant*
- *Cisco RPS 300 Redundant Power System Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco RPS 675 Redundant Power System Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco Redundant Power System 2300 Hardware Installation Guide*
- For more information about the Network Admission Control (NAC) features, see the *Network Admission Control Software Configuration Guide*.
- Information about Cisco SFP, SFP+, and GBIC modules is available from this Cisco.com site: [http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/modules/ps5455/prod\\_installation\\_guides\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/modules/ps5455/prod_installation_guides_list.html)  
These SFP compatibility matrix documents are available from this Cisco.com site: [http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/modules/ps5455/products\\_device\\_support\\_tables\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/modules/ps5455/products_device_support_tables_list.html)

## Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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