



## About this Guide

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This document provides an overview of Control and User Plane Separation (CUPS), an evolution of 3GPP Evolved Packet Core (EPC) architecture in which S-GW and P-GW are separated into their constituent User Plane and Control Plane functions.

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## Conventions Used

The following tables describe the conventions used throughout this documentation.

Notice Type	Description
Information Note	Provides information about important features or instructions.

Notice Type	Description
Caution	Alerts you of potential damage to a program, device, or system.
Warning	Alerts you of potential personal injury or fatality. May also alert you of potential electrical hazards.

Typeface Conventions	Description
Text represented as a <code>screen display</code>	This typeface represents displays that appear on your terminal screen, for example:  <code>Login:</code>
Text represented as <b>commands</b>	This typeface represents commands that you enter, for example:  <b>show ip access-list</b>  This document always gives the full form of a command in lowercase letters. Commands are not case sensitive.
Text represented as a <b>command</b> <i>variable</i>	This typeface represents a variable that is part of a command, for example:  <b>show card</b> <i>slot_number</i>  <i>slot_number</i> is a variable representing the desired chassis slot number.
Text represented as menu or sub-menu names	This typeface represents menus and sub-menus that you access within a software application, for example:  Click the <b>File</b> menu, then click <b>New</b>