



CHAPTER 6

Optimize

Optimizing Your System

Optimization covers any changes to an existing system, including hardware and software upgrades, that enhance the functionality and performance of your network.

Collecting and analyzing data from your system's performance reports will provide crucial information for optimizing your system. By maintaining the routine system management procedures that you set up for your operations lifecycle, you will know when your traffic load increases and when to expand capacity.

Input to This Process

Your network has been operational for some period of time and is ready to be optimized based on system performance criteria. Your daily operations and growing business needs provide continuous feedback for optimization.

Output of This Process

User feedback, audits, and test results provide data to continue optimizing the system.

Major Tasks in This Process

- [Performing Your System Upgrade](#)

Performing Your System Upgrade

Before You Begin

See [Plan and Prepare for Your System Upgrade](#) on the Prepare and Plan tab to plan your overall strategy.


Upgrade IPT Software Components

Once you have your upgrade plan and preparations in place, perform your system upgrade following the guidelines and sequence in [Performing Your System Upgrade](#):

- See [IPT Deployment Models](#) for the general upgrade sequence for the various components in the different deployment models, including IPT Single Site, IPT Multisite Centralized and SRST, and IPT Multisite WAN Distributed.

- See [Upgrading IPT Components](#) for system-level upgrade procedures for each major upgrade strategy: single-stage system upgrade, multistaged system upgrade, and multistaged migration upgrade.
- See [Related Documentation](#) for links to component installation and upgrade documentation.

Additional Sites and Services

Steps to Success is a Cisco methodology that outlines the tasks required to complete a successful customer engagement. Registered users can visit the [Steps to Success](#)  resource site for Cisco Unified Communications process flows.

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