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## CHAPTER 20

# W Commands

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The commands in this chapter apply to the Cisco MDS 9000 Family of multilayer directors and fabric switches. All commands are shown here in alphabetical order regardless of command mode. Please see the Command Mode section to determine the appropriate mode for each command. For more information, see the *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Configuration Guide*.

- write erase

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## write erase

To completely clear a configuration, use the **write erase** command. Once this command is issued, the existing startup configuration is cleared and the startup configuration of the switch reverts to factory defaults. The startup configuration takes effect when the switch is restarted next time.

**write erase [boot | debug]**

Syntax Description		
	<b>boot</b>	Destroys boot configuration.
	<b>debug</b>	Clears the existing debug configuration.

**Defaults** all - both destroyed

**Command Modes** EXEC

**Usage Guidelines** None.

**Examples**

```
switch# write erase
switch#
```