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## Preface

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This preface describes the audience, organization, and conventions of the *Cisco MDS 9000 Family Command Reference*. It also provides information on how to obtain related documentation.

## Audience

This guide is for experienced network operators and administrators who are responsible for configuring and maintaining the Cisco MDS 9000 family of multilayer directors and fabric switches.

## Organization

This guide is organized as follows:

Chapter	Title	Description
Chapter 1	CLI Overview	Describes the CLI (command-line interface).
Chapter 2	A Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “a.”
Chapter 3	B Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “b.”
Chapter 4	C Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “c.”
Chapter 5	D Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “d.”
Chapter 6	E Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “e.”
Chapter 7	F Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “f.”
Chapter 8	I Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “i.”
Chapter 9	L Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “l.”
Chapter 10	M Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “m.”
Chapter 11	N Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “n.”
Chapter 12	P Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “p.”
Chapter 13	Q Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “q.”
Chapter 14	R Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “r.”
Chapter 15	S Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “s” except for the <b>show</b> commands.

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Chapter	Title	Description
Chapter 16	Show Commands	Describes all the <b>show</b> commands.
Chapter 17	T Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “t.”
Chapter 18	U Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “u.”
Chapter 19	V Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “v.”
Chapter 20	W Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “w.”
Chapter 21	Z Commands	Describes all commands beginning with the letter “z.”

## Document Conventions

Command descriptions use these conventions:

<b>boldface font</b>	Commands and keywords are in boldface.
<i>italic font</i>	Arguments for which you supply values are in italics.
[ ]	Elements in square brackets are optional.
{ x   y   z }	Required alternative keywords are grouped in braces and separated by vertical bars.
[ 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 the switch displays are in <code>screen font</code> .
<b>boldface screen font</b>	Information you must enter is in <b>boldface screen font</b> .
<i>italic screen font</i>	Arguments for which you supply values are in <i>italic screen font</i> .
< >	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.

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## Related Documentation

*Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family*

*Quick Start Guide for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family*

*Cisco MDS 9200 Series Hardware Installation Guide*

*Cisco MDS 9500 Series Hardware Installation Guide*

*Cisco MDS 9000 Family Command Reference*

*Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric Manager User Guide*

*Cisco MDS 9000 Family Troubleshooting Guide*

*Cisco MDS 9000 Family System Messages Guide*

*Cisco MDS 9000 Family MIB Reference Guide*

## Obtaining Documentation

Cisco provides several ways to obtain documentation, technical assistance, and other technical resources. These sections explain how to obtain technical information from Cisco Systems.

### Cisco.com

You can access the most current Cisco documentation on the World Wide Web at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/home/home.htm>

You can access the Cisco website at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com>

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### Documentation CD-ROM

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[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/partner/ordering/ordering\\_place\\_order\\_ordering\\_tool\\_launch.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/partner/ordering/ordering_place_order_ordering_tool_launch.html)

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- Nonregistered Cisco.com users can order documentation through a local account representative by calling Cisco Systems Corporate Headquarters (California, U.S.A.) at 408 526-7208 or, elsewhere in North America, by calling 800 553-NETS (6387).

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# Obtaining Technical Assistance

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<http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/687/Directory/DirTAC.shtml>

Cisco provides Cisco.com, which includes the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) website, as a starting point for all technical assistance. Customers and partners can obtain online documentation, troubleshooting tips, and sample configurations from the Cisco TAC website. Cisco.com registered users have complete access to the technical support resources on the Cisco TAC website, including TAC tools and utilities.

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- Order Cisco learning materials and merchandise
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<http://tools.cisco.com/RPF/register/register.do>

## Technical Assistance Center

The Cisco TAC is available to all customers who need technical assistance with a Cisco product, technology, or solution. Two types of support are available: the Cisco TAC website and the Cisco TAC Escalation Center. The type of support that you choose depends on the priority of the problem and the conditions stated in service contracts, when applicable.

We categorize Cisco TAC inquiries according to urgency:

- Priority level 4 (P4)—You need information or assistance concerning Cisco product capabilities, product installation, or basic product configuration. There is little or no impact to your business operations.
- Priority level 3 (P3)—Operational performance of the network is impaired, but most business operations remain functional. You and Cisco are willing to commit resources during normal business hours to restore service to satisfactory levels.
- Priority level 2 (P2)—Operation of an existing network is severely degraded, or significant aspects of your business operations are negatively impacted by inadequate performance of Cisco products. You and Cisco will commit full-time resources during normal business hours to resolve the situation.

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- Priority level 1 (P1)—An existing network is “down,” or there is a critical impact to your business operations. You and Cisco will commit all necessary resources around the clock to resolve the situation.

## Cisco TAC Website

The Cisco TAC website provides online documents and tools to help troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. To access the Cisco TAC website, go to this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/tac>

All customers, partners, and resellers who have a valid Cisco service contract have complete access to the technical support resources on the Cisco TAC website. Some services on the Cisco TAC website require a Cisco.com login ID and password. If you have a valid service contract but do not have a login ID or password, go to this URL to register:

<http://tools.cisco.com/RPF/register/register.do>

If you are a Cisco.com registered user, and you cannot resolve your technical issues by using the Cisco TAC website, you can open a case online at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/tac/caseopen>

If you have Internet access, we recommend that you open P3 and P4 cases online so that you can fully describe the situation and attach any necessary files.

## Cisco TAC Escalation Center

The Cisco TAC Escalation Center addresses priority level 1 or priority level 2 issues. These classifications are assigned when severe network degradation significantly impacts business operations. When you contact the TAC Escalation Center with a P1 or P2 problem, a Cisco TAC engineer automatically opens a case.

To obtain a directory of toll-free Cisco TAC telephone numbers for your country, go to this URL:

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Before calling, please check with your network operations center to determine the Cisco support services to which your company is entitled: for example, SMARTnet, SMARTnet Onsite, or Network Supported Accounts (NSA). When you call the center, please have available your service agreement number and your product serial number.

# Obtaining Additional Publications and Information

Information about Cisco products, technologies, and network solutions is available from various online and printed sources.

- The *Cisco Product Catalog* describes the networking products offered by Cisco Systems, as well as ordering and customer support services. Access the *Cisco Product Catalog* at this URL:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/products\\_catalog\\_links\\_launch.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/products_catalog_links_launch.html)

- Cisco Press publishes a wide range of networking publications. Cisco suggests these titles for new and experienced users: *Internetworking Terms and Acronyms Dictionary*, *Internetworking Technology Handbook*, *Internetworking Troubleshooting Guide*, and the *Internetworking Design Guide*. For current Cisco Press titles and other information, go to Cisco Press online at this URL:

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<http://www.cisco.com/go/packet>
- iQ Magazine is the Cisco bimonthly publication that delivers the latest information about Internet business strategies for executives. You can access iQ Magazine at this URL:  
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- Internet Protocol Journal is a quarterly journal published by Cisco Systems for engineering professionals involved in designing, developing, and operating public and private internets and intranets. You can access the Internet Protocol Journal at this URL:  
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- Training—Cisco offers world-class networking training. Current offerings in network training are listed at this URL:  
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