Preface

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This guide describes how to use Cisco Secure Access Control System (ACS) 5.3.

Audience

This guide is for security administrators who use ACS, and who set up and maintain network and application security.

Document Conventions

This guide uses the convention whereby the symbol **^** represents the key labeled *Control*. For example, the key combination **^z** means hold down the **Control** key while you press the **z** key.

Command descriptions use these conventions:

- Examples that contain system prompts denote interactive sessions, indicating the commands that you should enter at the prompt. The system prompt indicates the current level of the EXEC command interpreter. For example, the prompt `Router>` indicates that you should be at the *user* level, and the prompt `Router#` indicates that you should be at the *privileged* level. Access to the privileged level usually requires a password.
- Commands and keywords are in **boldface** font.
- Arguments for which you supply values are in *italic* font.
- Elements in square brackets ([ ]) are optional.
- Alternative keywords of which you must choose one are grouped in braces ({ }) and separated by vertical bars (|).

Examples use these conventions:

- Terminal sessions and sample console screen displays are in `screen` font.
- Information you enter is in `boldface screen` font.
- Nonprinting characters, such as passwords, are in angle brackets (< >).
- Default responses to system prompts are in square brackets ([]).
- An exclamation point (!) at the beginning of a line indicates a comment line.

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Caution   Means *reader be careful*. You are capable of doing something that might result in equipment damage or loss of data.

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Timesaver   Means *the described action saves time*. You can save time by performing the action described in the paragraph.

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Note   Means *reader take note*. Notes identify important information that you should reflect upon before continuing, contain helpful suggestions, or provide references to materials not contained in the document.

Documentation Updates

Table 1 lists the updates to the *User Guide for the Cisco Secure Access Control System 5.3*.

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Date	Description
9/27/2013	Fixed the following bugs: • CSCuh90646 • CSCuj24445
09/17/2012	Updated theViewing and Editing Alarms in Your Inbox, page 3 with list of all alarm messages.
08/28/2012	The complete behaviour of Configuring Data Purging and Incremental Backup and database compress operations has been changed. Updated the documents with the respective changes.
04/02/2012	Updated the Attribute type with the ACS Reserved attributes in Table 18-10.
02/09/2012	Added a note in the section Understanding Distributed Deployment to fix the bug CSCtx03270.
02/02/2012	Fixed the bug CSCtw41634 by updating the section Configuring an AD Identity Store.
01/05/2012	Updated the Property Data Type of the content for the Object Downloadable ACLs in the Table 5-9.
10/04/2011	Cisco Secure Access Control System, Release 5.3.

Related Documentation

Table 2 lists a set of related technical documentation available on Cisco.com. To find end-user documentation for all products on Cisco.com, go to: http://www.cisco.com/go/techdocs.

Select **Network Management > Security and Identity Management > Cisco Secure Access Control Server Products > Cisco Secure Access Control System**.

Note We sometimes update the printed and electronic documentation after original publication. Therefore, you should also review the documentation on Cisco.com for any updates.

Table 2   Product Documentation

Document Title	Available Formats
Open Source and Third Party Licenses used in Cisco Secure Access Control System, 5.3	http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9911/products_licensing_information_listing.html
License and Documentation Guide for the Cisco Secure Access Control System 5.3	http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9911/products_documentation_roadmaps_list.html
Release Notes for the Cisco Secure Access Control System 5.3	http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9911/prod_release_notes_list.html
Migration Guide for the Cisco Secure Access Control System 5.3	http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9911/prod_installation_guides_list.html
CLI Reference Guide for the Cisco Secure Access Control System 5.3	http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9911/prod_command_reference_list.html
Supported and Interoperable Devices and Softwares for the Cisco Secure Access Control System 5.3	http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9911/products_device_support_tables_list.html
Installation and Upgrade Guide for the Cisco Secure Access Control System 5.3	http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9911/prod_installation_guides_list.html
Software Developer's Guide for the Cisco Secure Access Control System 5.3	http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9911/products_programming_reference_guides_list.html
Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for Cisco Identity Services Engine, Cisco 1121 Secure Access Control System, Cisco NAC Appliance, Cisco NAC Guest Server, and Cisco NAC Profiler	http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/cisco_secure_access_control_system/5.1/regulatory/compliance/csacsrcsi.html

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