About This Guide

This preface briefly describes what this guide is about, who it is for, and how to read it.

Is this guide for me?

It is designed for most people who are interested in an overview of the Cisco OverDrive Network Hypervisor product, including:

- Network planners, configurators, and users of all types
- Network admins

It is for anyone who wants to know basically what OverDrive Network Hypervisor is, architecturally and component-wise. It provides a common background that all users, installation experts, network admins, cloud creators, and VM providers are expected to know or be able to reference.

What is it about?

It describes the OverDrive Network Hypervisor product, its concepts architecture, terminology, and where to find the guides for how to install and use its various components. It is not task oriented.

How is it organized?

It proceeds from a high-level overview of architecture and concepts, to an introduction to the OverDrive Network Hypervisor Command Center views and terminology, and from there to a quick look at some example network management scenarios. It describes logical components, domains, local resources, VLANs, network identities, sites, collections, protocols, policies, and network topologies.

It then introduces the Cloud Configurator and Cloud Orchestration Manager (a subset of the configurator) as used to create clouds using metamodels, and then to create VMs using metamodels.

Appendices present equipment availability (adding new devices, etc.), and a glossary of terms and abbreviations

What other documentation do I need?

To install Cisco OverDrive Network Hypervisor and bring up the command center, see the *Cisco OverDrive Network Hypervisor 4.0 Installation Guide*; for task-oriented help in managing an OverDrive Network Hypervisor network, see *Cisco OverDrive Network Hypervisor 4.0 User Guide*. For end users to create, power up or down, and remove VMs to be used by people in their group, department, or customer base, see Providing VMs.

Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

Item	Convention
Commands and keywords	**boldface** font
Variables for which you supply values	*italic* font
Displayed session and system information	`screen` font
Information you enter	**`boldface screen`** font
Variables you enter	*`italic screen`* font
Menu items and button names	**boldface** font

Note Means *reader take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to material not covered in the publication.

Caution Means *reader be careful*. In this situation, you might do something that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.

Warning **This symbol means danger. You are in a situation that could cause bodily injury.**

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