



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 for people with basic web browser skills and the need to create VMs (virtual machines) for other people to use.
- [What is it about?](#)—It explains how to allocate or create VMs, power them up and down, and remove them from a cloud.
- [How is it organized?](#)—There is only one chapter.
- [What other documentation do I need?](#)—Describes other Cisco OverDrive 4.0 documentation.
- [Conventions](#)—Explains conventions used in this guide.
- [Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request](#)—Contains information on obtaining documentation and submitting a service request.

Is this guide for me?

This guide is designed for two basic audiences:

- Resellers of OverDrive who want to create and manage VMs for use by end users, within packages of OverDrive clouds.
- Mid-level computer users such as office managers, occasional or junior IT admins, and so on, who want to make VMs available to users in their groups and departments.

What is it about?

This guide explains how to use the OverDrive Cloud Orchestration Manager to create VMs within previously created clouds; how to power the VMs off and on; and how to gather their hostnames and IP addresses to give to end users.

How is it organized?

Chapter 2 is meant to be photocopied or embedded in HTML such as in a wiki, or made available in edited format as appropriate.

What other documentation do I need?

For task-oriented help in managing an OverDrive network, see *Cisco OverDrive 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*.

Introducing Cisco OverDrive 4.0 describes the OverDrive product, its concepts and architecture. This guide provides a common background that all users, installation experts, and network admins are expected to know or be able to reference.

Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

Item	Convention
Commands and keywords	boldface font
Variables for which you supply values	<i>italic font</i>
Displayed session and system information	<code>screen font</code>
Information you enter	boldface screen font
Variables you enter	<i>italic screen font</i>
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.

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

For information on obtaining documentation, submitting a service request, and gathering additional information, see the monthly *What's New in Cisco Product Documentation*, which also lists all new and revised Cisco technical documentation, at:

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