



## Preface

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This section explains the objectives and intended audience of this publication and describes the conventions that convey instructions and other information.

## Objectives

This guide explains how to use Cisco Prime Optical 9.8 to manage Cisco Optical Networking System (ONS) network elements (NEs).

Use this guide to learn about:

- Cisco Prime Optical, an element management system (EMS)
- Prime Optical GateWay, an EMS-to-network management system (NMS) interface architectural component

## Audience

The primary audience for this guide includes network operations personnel and system administrators. This guide assumes that you are familiar with the following products and topics:

- Basic internetworking terminology and concepts
- Network topology and protocols
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional, Windows XP Professional, and Windows Server 2003 Terminal Server
- Sun Microsystems Solaris administration
- Oracle database administration
- Telecommunication Management Network (TMN) architecture model

# Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

Item	Convention
Commands and keywords	<b>boldface</b> font
Displayed session and system information	<code>screen</code> font
Information that the user must enter	<b>boldface screen</b> font
Variables that the user must supply	<i>italic screen</i> font
Menu items and button names	<b>boldface</b> font
Selecting a menu item	<b>Option &gt; Network Preferences</b>



## Caution

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



## Note

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



## Timesaver

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



## Tip

Means *the following information will help you solve a problem*.

## Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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