



## Preface

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This guide describes the architecture, supporting hardware and software, and management procedures for Cisco Prime Performance Manager. The information in this guide helps you to complete the tasks that are necessary to use Prime Performance Manager to monitor the performance of your network.

Prime Performance Manager is a performance software product that provides key performance indicators and summarized historical statistics for managed network elements. Its core design points are ease of use, extensibility, and scalability.

This section describes the audience, organization, and conventions of the *Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.4 User Guide*. It refers you to related publications and describes online sources of technical information.

For a more detailed description of Prime Performance Manager, see [Chapter 1, “Overview to Prime Performance Manager.”](#) For the latest Prime Performance Manager information and software updates, go to <http://www.cisco.com/go/performance>.

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## Audience

This guide is for system administrators, network operators and basic users who use Prime Performance Manager for reporting on the managed network. They should have:

- Basic network management skills
- Basic Linux system administrator skills

# Organization

This guide is divided into the following chapters and appendices:

- [Chapter 1, “Overview to Prime Performance Manager,”](#) provides brief descriptions of Prime Performance Manager architecture, and an overview of how to use Prime Performance Manager to monitor your network performance.
- [Chapter 2, “Managing Gateways and Units Using the CLI,”](#) tells you how to use Prime Performance Manager commands to manage gateways and units.
- [Chapter 3, “Managing the Web Interface,”](#) describes how to access Prime Performance Manager data from the web interface.
- [Chapter 4, “Prime Central Integration,”](#) provides information and procedures to integrate Cisco Prime Central with Prime Performance Manager.
- [Chapter 5, “Discovering Network Devices,”](#) provides device discovery information and procedures including importing devices from Cisco Prime Network and discovering devices from Prime Performance Manager.
- [Chapter 6, “Managing Users and Security,”](#) provides information about setting up and managing Prime Performance Manager users.
- [Chapter 7, “Managing Reports, Dashboards, and Views,”](#) describes how to view and manage Prime Performance Manager reports, dashboards, views, and groups.
- [Chapter 8, “Managing Devices,”](#) describes how to view and manage devices that have been added to Prime Performance Manager.
- [Chapter 9, “Managing Network Alarms and Events,”](#) describes how to view and manage Prime Performance Manager alarms and events, including upstream OSS host creation and alarm tuning.
- [Chapter 10, “Configuring Thresholds,”](#) describes how to create and manage thresholds in Prime Performance Manager.
- [Chapter 11, “Displaying System Properties, Statuses, Messages, and Logs,”](#) describes Prime Performance Manager system logs and messages.
- [Chapter 12, “Managing Gateways and Units,”](#) describes how to manage Prime Performance Manager units including creating of unit protection groups and gateway high availability.
- [Chapter 13, “Configuring Prime Performance Manager for Firewalls,”](#) tells you how to configure Prime Performance Manager gateways and units for communication through firewalls.
- [Chapter 14, “Backing Up and Restoring Prime Performance Manager,”](#) describes the Prime Performance Manager backup and restore processes.
- [Appendix A, “Prime Performance Manager and IPv6,”](#) provides information about how Prime Performance Manager handles IPv6 addressing.
- [Appendix B, “Prime Performance Manager Commands,”](#) describes the CLI commands that you can use to set up and operate Prime Performance Manager.
- [Appendix C, “Predefined Thresholds,”](#) lists the predefined thresholds that are included in Prime Performance Manager.
- [“Glossary”](#) provides definitions to common industry and Prime Performance Manager terms.

# Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

Item	Convention
Commands and keywords	<b>boldface</b> font
Variables for which you supply values	<i>italic</i> font
Displayed session and system information	screen font
Information you enter	<b>boldface screen</b> font
Variables you enter	<i>italic screen</i> font
Menu items and button names	<b>boldface</b> font
Selecting a menu item in paragraphs	<b>Option &gt; Network Preferences</b>
Selecting a menu item in tables	Option > Network Preferences



## 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.



## Tip

Means *the following is a useful tip*.

# Product Documentation

You can access the following additional Cisco Prime Performance Manager guides on the [Cisco Prime Performance Manager](#) page on Cisco.com:

- [Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.4 User Guide](#) (this guide)
- [Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.4 Release Notes](#)
- [Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.4 Quick Start Guide](#)
- [Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.4 Integration Developer Guide](#)
- [Open Source Used in Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.4](#)
- [Cisco Prime Performance Manager 1.4 Documentation Overview](#)

Prime Performance Manager data sheet can be found at <http://www.cisco.com/go/performance>

# Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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