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This preface introduces the *Cisco Security Appliance Command Reference*.

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Document Objectives

This guide contains the commands available for use with the security appliance to protect your network from unauthorized use and to establish Virtual Private Networks to connect remote sites and users to your network.

You can also configure and monitor the security appliance by using ASDM, a web-based GUI application. ASDM includes configuration wizards to guide you through some common configuration scenarios, and online Help for less common scenarios. For more information, see: <http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/netsec/secmgmt/asdm/index.htm>.

This guide applies to the Cisco PIX 500 series security appliances (PIX 515/515E, PIX 525, and PIX 535) and the Cisco ASA 5500 series security appliances (ASA 5505, ASA 5510, ASA 5520, ASA 5540, and ASA 5550). Throughout this guide, the term “security appliance” applies generically to all supported models, unless specified otherwise. The PIX 501, PIX 506E, and PIX 520 security appliances are not supported in software Version 8.0.

Audience

This guide is for network managers who perform any of the following tasks:

- Manage network security
- Install and configure firewall/security appliances
- Configure VPNs
- Configure intrusion detection software

Use this guide with the *Cisco Security Appliance Command Line Configuration Guide*.

Document Organization

- [“Using the Command-Line Interface”](#) introduces you to the security appliance commands and access modes.
- Chapters 1 through 32 list all commands in alphabetical order.

Document Conventions

The security appliance command syntax descriptions use the following conventions:

Command descriptions use these conventions:

- Braces ({ }) indicate a required choice.
- Square brackets ([]) indicate optional elements.
- Vertical bars (|) separate alternative, mutually exclusive elements.
- **Boldface** indicates commands and keywords that are entered literally as shown.
- *Italics* indicate arguments for which you supply values.

Examples use these conventions:

- Examples depict screen displays and the command line in `screen` font.
- Information you need to enter in examples is shown in **boldface screen** font.
- Variables for which you must supply a value are shown in *italic screen* font.
- Examples might include output from different platforms; for example, you might not recognize an interface type in an example because it is not available on your platform. Differences should be minor.

**Note**

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

For information on modes, prompts, and syntax, see [Chapter , “Using the Command-Line Interface.”](#)

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documentation:

- *Cisco Security Appliance Command Line Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco ASA 5500 Series Release Notes*
- *Release Notes for Cisco ASDM*
- *Cisco ASA 5580 Adaptive Security Appliance Getting Started Guide*
- *Cisco ASA 5500 Series Hardware Maintenance Guide*
- *Cisco ASA 5500 Getting Started Guide*
- *Cisco ASA 5505 Getting Started Guide*
- *Cisco PIX Security Appliance Release Notes*
- *Cisco PIX 515E Quick Start Guide*
- *Cisco Security Appliance System Log Messages*
- *Cisco ASA 5580 Adaptive Security Appliance System Log Messages Guide*
- *Guide for Cisco PIX 6.2 and 6.3 Users Upgrading to Cisco PIX Software Version 7.0*
- *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco ASA 5500 Series*
- *Release Notes for Cisco Secure Desktop*
- *Migration Guide for Converting Cisco PIX Configurations to Cisco ASA 5500 Series Configurations*
- *Migrating to ASA for VPN 3000 Concentrator Series Administrators*
- *Selected ASDM VPN Configuration Procedures for the Cisco ASA 5500 Series*

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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