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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.

This guide applies only to the Cisco ASA 5580 Adaptive Security Appliance.

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 ASA 5580 Adaptive Security Appliance Command Line Configuration Guide*.

Document Organization

This document is organized as follows:

- “[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, refer to the following documentation:

- *Navigating the Cisco ASA 5500 Series Documentation*
- *Cisco ASA 5580 Adaptive Security Appliance Getting Started Guide*
- *Cisco ASA 5580 Adaptive Security Appliance Hardware Maintenance Guide*
- *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco ASA 5580 Adaptive Security Appliance*
- *Cisco ASA 5580 Release Notes*
- *Cisco ASDM Release Notes*
- *Cisco ASDM User Guide*

- *Cisco ASA 5580 Adaptive Security Appliance Command Line Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco ASA Adaptive Security Appliance System Log Messages Guide*
- *Cisco Secure Desktop Configuration Guide for Cisco ASA 5500 Series Administrators*
- *Open Source Software Licenses for Cisco ASA 5580 Adaptive Security Appliances*
- *Cisco ASA 5580 Implementation Note for NetFlow Collectors*

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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