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## Document Objectives

The purpose of this guide is to help you configure the ASA using ASDM. This guide does not cover every feature, but describes only the most common configuration scenarios.

This guide applies to the Cisco ASA series. Throughout this guide, the term “ASA” applies generically to supported models, unless specified otherwise.



### Note

ASDM supports many ASA versions. The ASDM documentation and online help includes all of the latest features supported by the ASA. If you are running an older version of ASA software, the documentation might include features that are not supported in your version. Similarly, if a feature was added into a maintenance release for an older major or minor version, then the ASDM documentation includes the new feature even though that feature might not be available in all later ASA releases. Please refer to the feature history table for each chapter to determine when features were added. For the minimum supported version of ASDM for each ASA version, see [Cisco ASA Series Compatibility](#).

## Audience

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

- Manage network security
- Install and configure firewalls/ASAs
- Configure VPNs
- Configure intrusion detection software

## Related Documentation

For more information, see *Navigating the Cisco ASA Series Documentation* at <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/security/asa/roadmap/asaroadmap.html>.

## Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

Convention	Indication
<b>bold font</b>	Commands and keywords and user-entered text appear in <b>bold font</b> .
<i>italic font</i>	Document titles, new or emphasized terms, and arguments for which you supply values are in <i>italic font</i> .
[ ]	Elements in square brackets are optional.
{ x   y   z }	Required alternative keywords are grouped in braces and separated by vertical bars.
[ x   y   z ]	Optional alternative keywords are grouped in brackets and separated by vertical bars.
string	A nonquoted set of characters. Do not use quotation marks around the string or the string will include the quotation marks.
courier font	Terminal sessions and information the system displays appear in <code>courier font</code> .
<b>courier bold font</b>	Commands and keywords and user-entered text appear in <b>bold courier font</b> .
<i>courier italic font</i>	Arguments for which you supply values are in <i>courier italic font</i> .
< >	Nonprinting characters such as passwords are in angle brackets.
[ ]	Default responses to system prompts are in square brackets.
!, #	An exclamation point (!) or a pound sign (#) at the beginning of a line of code indicates a comment line.



### Note

Means *reader take note*.



### Tip

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



### Caution

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

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# Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

For information on obtaining documentation, submitting a service request, and gathering additional information, see *What's New in Cisco Product Documentation* at:

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