W Commands

This chapter describes the basic Cisco NX-OS system commands that begin with W.

write erase

To erase configurations in persistent memory areas, use the **write erase** command.

write erase [**boot** | **debug**]

Syntax Description

boot	(Optional) Erases only the boot configuration.
debug	(Optional) Erases only the debug configuration.

Command Default   Erases all configuration in persistent memory.

Command Modes   EXEC mode

Command History

Release	Modification
5.0(2)N1(1)	This command was introduced.

Usage Guidelines   You can use this command to erase the startup configuration in the persistent memory when information is corrupted or otherwise unusable. Erasing the startup configuration returns the switch to its initial state.

Examples   This example shows how to erase the startup configuration:

```
switch# write erase
```

This example shows how to erase the debug configuration in the persistent memory:

```
switch# write erase debug
```

Related Commands

Command	Description
copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.
show running-config	Displays the startup configuration.