



# H Commands

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

# hostname

To configure the hostname for the switch, use the **hostname** command. To revert to the default, use the **no** form of this command.

**hostname** *name*

**no hostname**

## Syntax Description

|             |                                                                                                                                             |
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| <i>name</i> | Hostname for the switch. The name is alphanumeric, case sensitive, can contain special characters, and can have a maximum of 32 characters. |
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## Command Default

“switch” is the default hostname.

## Command Modes

EXEC mode

## Command History

| Release     | Modification                 |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 6.0(2)N1(1) | This command was introduced. |

## Usage Guidelines

The Cisco NX-OS software uses the hostname in command-line interface (CLI) prompts and in default configuration filenames.

The **hostname** command performs the same function as the **switchname** command.

## Examples

This example shows how to configure the hostname for a Cisco Nexus 5000 Series switch:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# hostname Engineering2
Engineering2(config)#
```

This example shows how to revert to the default hostname:

```
Engineering2# configure terminal
Engineering2(config)# no hostname
switch(config)#
```

## Related Commands

| Command                | Description                     |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>show hostname</b>   | Displays the switch hostname.   |
| <b>show switchname</b> | Displays the switch hostname.   |
| <b>switchname</b>      | Configures the switch hostname. |