

# About this Guide

This preface describes the *VPC-DI System Administration Guide*, how it is organized and its document conventions.

Cisco Virtualized Packet Core Distributed Instance (VPC-DI) consists of a fully distributed network of multiple virtual machines (VMs) grouped to form a single StarOS instance with VMs performing management, input/output (I/O), and packet processing. The VMs run on commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) servers. This guide describes how to configure and administer the various components of the VPC-DI.

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This guide describes how to generally configure and maintain StarOS running on an virtualized platform. It also includes information on monitoring system performance and troubleshooting. Supplemental information related to general StarOS operation and supported network gateway functions can be found in the StarOS documentation.


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# Conventions Used

The following tables describe the conventions used throughout this documentation.

| Notice Type | Description |
|---|---|
| Information Note | Provides information about important features or instructions. |
| Caution | Alerts you of potential damage to a program, device, or system. |
| Warning | Alerts you of potential personal injury or fatality. May also alert you of potential electrical hazards. |

| Typeface Conventions | Description |
|---|---|
| Text represented as a `screen display` | This typeface represents displays that appear on your terminal screen, for example:<br>`Login:` |
| Text represented as **commands** | This typeface represents commands that you enter, for example:<br>**show ip access-list**<br>This document always gives the full form of a command in lowercase letters. Commands are not case sensitive. |
| Text represented as a **command** *variable* | This typeface represents a variable that is part of a command, for example:<br>**show card** *slot_number*<br>*slot_number* is a variable representing the desired chassis slot number. |
| Text represented as menu or sub-menu names | This typeface represents menus and sub-menus that you access within a software application, for example:<br>Click the **File** menu, then click **New** |

| Command Syntax Conventions | Description |
|---|---|
| **{ keyword** or *variable* **}** | Required keyword options and variables are those components that are required to be entered as part of the command syntax.<br>Required keyword options and variables are surrounded by grouped braces { }. For example:<br>**sctp-max-data-chunks { limit** *max_chunks* **\| mtu-limit }**<br>If a keyword or variable is not enclosed in braces or brackets, it is mandatory. For example:<br>**snmp trap link-status** |
| **[ keyword** or *variable* **]** | Optional keywords or variables, or those that a user may or may not choose to use, are surrounded by brackets. |
| \| | Some commands support multiple options. These are documented within braces or brackets by separating each option with a vertical bar.<br>These options can be used in conjunction with required or optional keywords or variables. For example:<br>**action activate-flow-detection { intitiation \| termination }**<br>or<br>**ip address [ count** *number_of_packets* **\| size** *number_of_bytes* **]** |

# Related Documentation

The most up-to-date information for this product is available in the product *Release Notes* provided with each software release.

The following user documents are available on www.cisco.com:

- *AAA Interface Administration and Reference*
- *Command Line Interface Reference*
- *GTPP Interface Administration and Reference*
- *IPSec Reference*
- *Release Change Reference*
- *SNMP MIB Reference*
- *Statistics and Counters Reference*
- *Thresholding Configuration Guide*
- Product-specific and feature-specific Administration guides

# Contacting Customer Support

Use the information in this section to contact customer support.

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