

# About This Guide

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PIX (Private Internet Exchange) Firewall provides full firewall protection that completely conceals the architecture of an internal network from the outside world.

This guide describes:

- Chapter 1, “Introduction,” describes the PIX Firewall, its Adaptive Security feature and new features for this release.
- Chapter 2, “Installing PIX Firewall,” describes how to install PIX Firewall for the first time or when upgrading from a previous version.
- Chapter 3, “Configuring and Testing PIX Firewall,” describes how to initially configure the PIX Firewall to participate on the network, how to test the new configuration, and how to improve the configuration to access each feature.
- Chapter 4, “Command Reference,” describes each PIX Firewall command and provides syntax, usage guidelines, and an example.

## Audience

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

- managing network security
- installing and configuring firewalls
- managing default and static routes, and TCP and UDP services

If you are not familiar with firewalls and network security, the book *Firewalls and Internet Security* by William Cheswick and Steven Bellows, 1994, Addison-Wesley, ISBN 0-201-63357-4 is highly recommended.

## Document Conventions

This guide uses the following conventions:

- The symbol ^ represents the key labeled Ctrl (control). To enter a control key; for example, ^z, hold down the Ctrl key while you press the z key.
- Command names are in **boldface**. PIX Firewall commands are described in Chapter 4, “Command Reference.”
- Command syntax in Chapter 4, “Command Reference,” that you supply is in *italics*. Command options in square brackets [ ] can be optionally entered, and commands separated by a vertical bar (|) require you to enter one command, but not the other(s).

- Examples depict screen displays and the command line in screen font. Information you need to enter is in **boldface**.



**Warning** This warning symbol means *danger*. You are in a situation that could cause bodily injury. Before you work on any equipment, be aware of the hazards involved with electrical circuitry and be familiar with standard practices for preventing accidents.

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**Note** Means *reader take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions, indicate commands that will be obsolete in the next release, and draw your attention to material that needs to be considered before performing an activity.

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