



# Introduction to Configuring Cisco 1600 Series Routers

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This chapter describes the following methods that you can use to configure Cisco 1600 series routers:

- [ConfigMaker](#)
- [Cisco IOS Software](#)

## ConfigMaker

Cisco ConfigMaker is a Windows 95/Windows NT 4.0 application for configuring a single Cisco router or a network of Cisco routers and devices (Ethernet LAN segments, dial-in PCs, and the Internet). Use Cisco ConfigMaker if you have multiple routers or a network to configure.

Instructions for loading and using the software are in the CD booklet, *Getting Started with Cisco ConfigMaker*, that shipped with Cisco ConfigMaker. ConfigMaker software and documentation is included in the Software Feature Pack for Cisco 1600 series routers.

## Cisco IOS Software

If you understand Cisco IOS software and you are experienced with configuring network devices, use the Cisco IOS command line interface (CLI) to configure your router. The main purpose of this guide is to help you use Cisco IOS software to configure your Cisco 1600 router. Cisco IOS software provides the most configuration capability and flexibility of the three software options describes in this chapter.

Refer to the [“Cisco IOS Basic Skills”](#) chapter to get started with Cisco IOS software.