

Introduction to Configuring the Cisco 1700 Router

This chapter describes the following methods that you can use to configure the Cisco 1700 router:

- ConfigMaker Software
- Cisco IOS Software

ConfigMaker Software

Cisco ConfigMaker is a Windows 95 or 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 the Cisco 1700 router.

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 1700 router. Cisco IOS software provides the most configuration capability and flexibility of the three software options describes in this chapter.

Refer to the following “Cisco IOS Basic Skills” chapter to get started with Cisco IOS software.

