



## ADMINISTRATION GUIDE

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# Getting Started

This section provides an introduction to the user interface, and covers the following topics:

- **Starting the Web-based Switch Configuration Utility**
- **Quick Start Switch Configuration**
- **Interface Naming Conventions**
- **Window Navigation**

## Starting the Web-based Switch Configuration Utility

This section describes how to navigate the web-based switch configuration utility.

If you are using a pop-up blocker, make sure it is disabled.

Browsers have the following restrictions:

- If you are using Internet Explorer 6, you cannot directly use an IPv6 address to access the switch. You can, however, use the DNS (Domain Name System) server to create a domain name that contains the IPv6 address, and then use that domain name in the address bar in place of the IPv6 address.
- In Firefox, the automatic pop-up on top option is disabled by default. Certain add-ons enable this feature during installation. To disable this option, go to Tools -> Options. Click on the Content Tab and then click on Enable JavaScript, then Advanced. Select the option Raise or lower windows.
- If you have multiple IPv6 interfaces on your management station, use the IPv6 global address instead of IPv6 link local address to access the switch from your browser.

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## Launching the Configuration Utility

To open the user interface:

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- STEP 1** Open a Web browser.
  - STEP 2** Enter the IP address of the switch you are configuring in the address bar on the browser, and then press **Enter**. The *Login* page opens.

**NOTE** When the switch is using the factory default IP address of 192.168.1.254, its power LED flashes continuously. When the switch is using a DHCP assigned IP address or an administrator-configured static IP address, the power LED is on solid.

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## Logging In

The default username is **cisco** and the default password is **cisco**. The first time that you log in with the default username and password, you are required to enter a new password.

**NOTE** If you have not previously selected a language for the GUI, the language of the Login page is determined by the language(s) requested by your browser and the languages configured on your switch. If your browser requests Chinese, for example, and Chinese has been loaded into your switch, the Login page is automatically displayed in Chinese. If Chinese has not been loaded into your switch, the Login page is displayed in English.

The languages loaded into the switch have a language and country code (en-US, en-GB and so on). For the Login page to be automatically displayed in a particular language, based on the browser request, both the language and country code of the browser request must match those of the language loaded on the switch. If the browser request contains only the language code without a country code (for example: fr.) the first embedded language with a matching language code is taken (without matching the country code, for example: fr\_CA).

To log in to the device configuration utility:

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- STEP 1** Enter the username/password. The password can contain up to 64 ASCII characters. Password-complexity rules are described in the **Setting Password Complexity Rules** section of the **Configuring Security** chapter.
  - STEP 2** If you are not using English, select the desired language from the *Language* drop-down menu. To add a new language to the switch or update a current one, refer to the *Upgrade/Backup Firmware/Language* section.

- STEP 3** If this is the first time that you logged on with the default user ID (**cisco**) and the default password (**cisco**) or your password has expired, the *Change Password* Page opens. See *Password Expiration* for additional information.
- STEP 4** Choose whether to select **Disable Password Complexity Enforcement** or not. For more information on password complexity, see the *Setting Password Complexity Rules* section.
- STEP 5** Enter the new password and click **Apply**.

When the login attempt is successful, the *Getting Started* page opens.

If you entered an incorrect username or password, an error message is displayed and the *Login* page remains displayed on the window.

Select **Don't show this page on startup** to prevent the *Getting Started* page from being displayed each time that you logon to the system. If you select this option, the *System Summary* page is opened instead of the *Getting Started* page.

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## Password Expiration

The *New Password* page is displayed:

- The first time you access the switch with the default username **cisco** and password **cisco**. This page forces you to replace the factory default password.
- When the password expires, this page forces you to select a new password.

## Logging Out

By default, the application logs out after ten minutes of inactivity. You can change this default value as described in the **Defining Idle Session Timeout** section in the **General Administrative Information and Operations** chapter.



**CAUTION** Unless the Running Configuration is copied to the Startup Configuration, all changes made since the last time the file was saved are lost if the switch is rebooted. Save the Running Configuration to the Startup Configuration before logging off to preserve any changes you made during this session.

A flashing red X icon displayed to the left of the **Save** application link indicates that Running Configuration changes have been made that have not yet been saved to the Startup Configuration file. The flashing can be disabled by clicking on the **Disable Save Icon Blinking** button on the **Copy/Save Configuration** page

When the switch auto-discovers a device, such as an IP phone, it configures the port appropriately for the device. These configuration commands are written to the Running Configuration file. This causes the Save icon to begin blinking when the user logs on even though the user did not make any configuration changes.

When you click **Save**, the *Copy/Save Configuration* page is displayed. Save the Running Configuration file by copying it to the Startup Configuration file. After this save, the red X icon and the Save application link are no longer displayed.

To logout, click **Logout** in the top right corner of any page. The system logs out of the switch.

When a timeout occurs or you intentionally log out of the system, a message is displayed and the *Login* page opens, with a message indicating the logged-out state. After you log in, the application returns to the initial page.

The initial page displayed depends on the “Do not show this page on startup” option in the *Getting Started* page. If you did not select this option, the initial page is the *Getting Started* page. If you did select this option, the initial page is the *System Summary* page.

## Quick Start Switch Configuration

To simplify switch configuration through quick navigation, the *Getting Started* page provides links to the most commonly used pages.

### Links on the Getting Started page

Category	Link Name (on the Page)	Linked Page
Initial Setup	Change System Mode	<i>System Mode and Stack Management</i> page
	Change Management Applications and Services	<i>TCP/UDP Services</i> page
	Change Device IP Address	<i>IPv4 Interface</i> page

## Links on the Getting Started page (Continued)

Category	Link Name (on the Page)	Linked Page
	Create VLAN	<i>Create VLAN</i> page
	Configure Port Settings	<i>Port Setting</i> page
<b>Device Status</b>	System Summary	<i>System Summary</i> page
	Port Statistics	<i>interface</i> page
	RMON Statistics	<i>Statistics</i> page
	View Log	<i>RAM Memory</i> page
<b>Quick Access</b>	Change Device Password	<i>User Accounts</i> page
	Upgrade Device Software	<i>Upgrade/Backup Firmware/ Language</i> page
	Backup Device Configuration	<i>Download/Backup Configuration/Log</i> page
	Create MAC Based ACL	<i>MAC Based ACL</i> page
	Create IP Based ACL	<i>IPv4 Based ACL</i> page
	Configure QoS	<i>QoS Properties</i> page
	Configure Port Mirroring	<i>Port and VLAN Mirroring</i> page

There are two hot links on the Getting Started page that take you to Cisco web pages for more information. Clicking on the **Support** link takes you to the switch product support page, and clicking on the **Forums** link takes you to the Small Business Support Community page.

## Interface Naming Conventions

Within the GUI, interfaces are denoted by concatenating the following elements:

- **Type of interface:** The following types of interfaces are found on the various types of devices:
  - **Fast Ethernet (10/100 bits)** - This are displayed as **FE**.
  - **Gigabit Ethernet ports (10/100/1000 bits)** - This are displayed as **GE**.

- **Ten Gigabit Ethernet ports (10000 bits)** - These are displayed as **XG**.
- **LAG (Port Channel)** - These are displayed as **LAG**.
- **VLAN** - These are displayed as **VLAN**.
- **Tunnel** - These are displayed as **Tunnel**.
- **Unit Number** - Unit in stack. In standalone models this is always 1.
- **Slot Number** - The slot number is either 1 or 2. Slot number 1 identifies an SG500 or SG500X device. Slot number 2 identifies an SF500.
- **Interface Number: Port, LAG, tunnel or VLAN ID**

## Window Navigation

This section describes the features of the web-based switch configuration utility.

### Application Header

The Application Header is displayed on every page. It provides the following application links:

#### Application Links

Application Link Name	Description
	<p>A flashing red X icon displayed to the left of the <b>Save</b> application link indicates that Running Configuration changes have been made that have not yet been saved to the Startup Configuration file. The flashing of the red X can be disabled on the Copy/Save Configuration page.</p> <p>Click <b>Save</b> to display the <i>Copy/Save Configuration</i> page. Save the Running Configuration file type by copying it to the Startup Configuration file type on the switch. After this save, the red X icon and the Save application link are no longer displayed. When the switch is rebooted, it copies the Startup Configuration file type to the Running Configuration and sets the switch parameters according to the data in the Running Configuration.</p>
<b>Username</b>	Displays the name of the user logged on to the switch. The default username is <b>cisco</b> . (The default password is <b>cisco</b> .)
<b>Language Menu</b>	Select a language or load a new language file into the switch. If the language required is displayed in the menu, select it. If it is not displayed, select <b>Download Language</b> . For more information about adding a new language, refer to the <i>Upgrade/Backup Firmware/Language</i> .
<b>Logout</b>	Click to logout of the web-based switch configuration utility.
<b>About</b>	Click to display the switch name and switch version number.

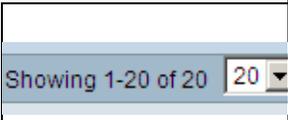
### Application Links (Continued)

Application Link Name	Description
<b>Help</b>	Click to display the online help.
	The SYSLOG Alert Status icon is displayed when a SYSLOG message, above the <i>critical</i> severity level, is logged. Click the icon to open the <i>RAM Memory</i> page. After you access this page, the SYSLOG Alert Status icon is no longer displayed. To display the page when there is not an active SYSLOG message, follow the <b>Status and Statistics &gt; View Log &gt; RAM Memory</b> page path.

### Management Buttons

The following table describes the commonly-used buttons that appear on various pages in the system.

#### Management Buttons

Button Name	Description
	The Administrator can use the pull-down menu to configure how many entries per page they wish to see at a time.
	Indicates a mandatory field.
<b>Add</b>	Click to display the related <i>Add</i> page and add an entry to a table. Enter the information and click <b>Apply</b> to save it to the Running Configuration. Click <b>Close</b> to return to the main page. Click <b>Save</b> to display the <i>Copy/Save Configuration</i> page and save the Running Configuration to the Startup Configuration file type on the switch.

**Management Buttons (Continued)**

Button Name	Description
<b>Apply</b>	Click to apply changes to the Running Configuration on the switch. If the switch is rebooted, the Running Configuration is lost, unless it is saved to the Startup Configuration file type or another file type. Click <b>Save</b> to display the <i>Copy/Save Configuration</i> page and save the Running Configuration to the Startup Configuration file type on the switch.
<b>Cancel</b>	Click to reset changes made on the page.
<b>Clear All Interfaces Counters</b>	Click to clear the statistic counters for all interfaces.
<b>Clear Interface Counters</b>	Click to clear the statistic counters for the selected interface.
<b>Clear Logs</b>	Clears log files.
<b>Clear Table</b>	Clears table entries.
<b>Close</b>	Returns to main page. If there are changes that were not applied to the Running Configuration, a message is displayed.
<b>Copy Settings</b>	<p>A table typically contains one or more entries containing configuration settings. Instead of modifying each entry individually, it is possible to modify one entry and then copy it to multiple entries, as described below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Select the entry to be copied. Click <b>Copy Settings</b> to display the popup.</li> <li>2. Enter the destination entry numbers in the <b>to</b> field.</li> <li>3. Click <b>Apply</b> to save the changes and click <b>Close</b> to return to the main page.</li> </ol>
<b>Delete</b>	Select the entry in the table to be deleted and click <b>Delete</b> to remove entries from a table. The entry is deleted.
<b>Details</b>	Click to display the details associated with the entry selected on the main page.

### Management Buttons (Continued)

Button Name	Description
<b>Edit</b>	Select the entry and click <b>Edit</b> to open the entries for editing. The <i>Edit</i> page opens, and the entry can be modified.  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Click <b>Apply</b> to save the changes to the Running Configuration.</li><li>2. Click <b>Close</b> to return to the main page.</li></ol>
<b>Go</b>	Enter the query filtering criteria and click <b>Go</b> . The results are displayed on the page.
<b>Test</b>	Click <b>Test</b> to perform the related tests.

## Viewing Statistics

This section describes how to view switch statistics.

It covers the following topics:

- [Viewing Ethernet Interfaces](#)
- [Viewing Etherlike Statistics](#)
- [Viewing GVRP Statistics](#)
- [Viewing 802.1X EAP Statistics](#)
- [Viewing TCAM Utilization](#)
- [Managing RMON](#)

### Viewing Ethernet Interfaces

The *Interface* page displays traffic statistics per port. The refresh rate of the information can be selected.

This page is useful for analyzing the amount of traffic that is both sent and received and its dispersion (Unicast, Multicast, and Broadcast).

To display Ethernet statistics and/or set the refresh rate:

**STEP 1** Click **Status and Statistics > Interface**. The *Interface* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

- **Interface**—Select the type of interface and specific interface for which Ethernet statistics are to be displayed.
- **Refresh Rate**—Select the time period that passes before the interface Ethernet statistics are refreshed. The available options are:
  - *No Refresh*—Statistics are not refreshed.
  - *15 Sec*—Statistics are refreshed every 15 seconds.
  - *30 Sec*—Statistics are refreshed every 30 seconds.
  - *60 Sec*—Statistics are refreshed every 60 seconds.

The Receive Statistics area displays information about incoming packets.

- **Total Bytes (Octets)**—Octets received, including bad packets and FCS octets, but excluding framing bits.
- **Unicast Packets**—Good Unicast packets received.
- **Multicast Packets**—Good Multicast packets received.
- **Broadcast Packets**—Good Broadcast packets received.
- **Packets with Errors**—Packets with errors received.

The Transmit Statistics area displays information about outgoing packets.

- **Total Bytes (Octets)**—Octets transmitted, including bad packets and FCS octets, but excluding framing bits.
- **Unicast Packets**—Good Unicast packets transmitted.
- **Multicast Packets**—Good Multicast packets transmitted.
- **Broadcast Packets**—Good Broadcast packets transmitted.

To clear statistics counters:

- Click **Clear Interface Counters** to clear counters for the interface displayed.
- Click **Clear All Interface Counters** to clear counters for all interfaces.

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## Viewing Etherlike Statistics

The *Etherlike* page displays statistics per port according to the Etherlike MIB standard definition. The refresh rate of the information can be selected. This page provides more detailed information regarding errors in the physical layer (Layer 1), which might disrupt traffic.

To view Etherlike Statistics and/or set the refresh rate:

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**STEP 1** Click **Status and Statistics > Etherlike**. The *Etherlike* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

- **Interface**—Select the type of interface and specific interface for which Ethernet statistics are to be displayed.
- **Refresh Rate**—Select the amount of time that passes before the Etherlike statistics are refreshed.

The fields are displayed for the selected interface.

- **Frame Check Sequence (FCS) Errors**—Received frames that failed the CRC (cyclic redundancy checks).
- **Single Collision Frames**—The number of frames involved in a single collision, but were successfully transmitted.
- **Late Collisions**—Collisions that have been detected after the first 512 bits of data.
- **Excessive Collisions**—Number of transmissions due to excessive collisions.
- **Oversize Packets**—Packets greater than 1518 octets received.
- **Internal MAC Receive Errors**—Frames rejected because of receiver errors.
- **Pause Frames Received**—Received flow control pause frames.
- **Pause Frames Transmitted**—Flow control pause frames transmitted from the selected interface.

To clear statistics counters:

- Click **Clear Interface Counters** to clear the selected interface's counters.
  - Click **Clear All Interface Counters** to clear the counters of all interfaces.
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## Viewing GVRP Statistics

The *GVRP* page displays information regarding GARP VLAN Registration Protocol (GVRP) frames that were sent or received from a port. GVRP is a standards-based Layer 2 network protocol, for automatic configuration of VLAN information on switches. It was defined in the 802.1ak amendment to 802.1Q-2005.

GVRP statistics for a port are only displayed if GVRP is enabled globally and on the port. This is done in the *GVRP* page.

To view GVRP statistics and/or set the refresh rate:

**STEP 1** Click **Status and Statistics > GVRP**. The *GVRP* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

- **Interface**—Select the interface and specific interface for which GVRP statistics are to be displayed.
- **Refresh Rate**—Select the time period that passes before the GVRP statistics page is refreshed.

The Attribute Counter block displays the counters for various types of packets per interface.

- **Join Empty**—Number of GVRP Join Empty packets received/transmitted.
- **Empty**—Number of GVRP empty packets received/transmitted.
- **Leave Empty**—Number of GVRP Leave Empty packets received/transmitted.
- **Join In**—Number of GVRP Join In packets received/transmitted.
- **Leave In**—Number of GVRP Leave In packets received/transmitted.
- **Leave All**—Number of GVRP Leave All packets received/transmitted.

The GVRP Error Statistics section displays the GVRP error counters.

- **Invalid Protocol ID**—Invalid protocol ID errors.
- **Invalid Attribute Type**—Invalid attribute ID errors.
- **Invalid Attribute Value**—Invalid attribute value errors.
- **Invalid Attribute Length**—Invalid attribute length errors.
- **Invalid Event**—Invalid events.

To clear statistics counters:

- Click **Clear Interface Counters** to clear the selected counters.
- Click **Clear All Interface Counters** to clear the counters of all interfaces.

## Viewing 802.1X EAP Statistics

The *802.1x EAP* page displays detailed information regarding the EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol) frames that were sent or received. To configure the 802.1X feature, see the *802.1X Properties* page.

To view the EAP Statistics and/or set the refresh rate:

- STEP 1** Click **Status and Statistics > 802.1x EAP**. The *802.1x EAP* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select the **Interface** that is polled for statistics.
- STEP 3** Select the time period (**Refresh Rate**) that passes before the EAP statistics are refreshed.

The values are displayed for the selected interface.

- **EAPOL Frames Received**—Valid EAPOL frames received on the port.
- **EAPOL Frames Transmitted**—Valid EAPOL frames transmitted by the port.
- **EAPOL Start Frames Received**—EAPOL Start frames received on the port.
- **EAPOL Logoff Frames Received**—EAPOL Logoff frames received on the port.
- **EAP Response/ID Frames Received**—EAP Resp/ID frames received on the port.
- **EAP Response Frames Received**—EAP Response frames received by the port (other than Resp/ID frames).
- **EAP Request/ID Frames Transmitted**—EAP Req/ID frames transmitted by the port.
- **EAP Request Frames Transmitted**—EAP Request frames transmitted by the port.

- **Invalid EAPOL Frames Received**—Unrecognized EAPOL frames received on this port.
- **EAP Length Error Frames Received**—EAPOL frames with an invalid Packet Body Length received on this port.
- **Last EAPOL Frame Version**—Protocol version number attached to the most recently received EAPOL frame.
- **Last EAPOL Frame Source**—Source MAC address attached to the most recently received EAPOL frame.

To clear statistics counters:

- Click **Clear Interface Counters** to clear the selected interface's counters.
- Click **Clear All Interface Counters** to clear the counters of all interfaces.

## Viewing TCAM Utilization

The switch architecture uses a TCAM (Ternary Content Addressable Memory) to support extensive data search in a short period of time.

TCAM holds the rules produced by other applications, such as ACLs (Access Control Lists) and Quality of Service (QoS).

The maximum number of TCAM rules that can be allocated by all applications on the SG500X device is 3072 and the Sx500 device is 2048.

Some applications allocate rules upon their initiation. Additionally, processes that initialize during system boot use some of their rules during the startup process.

To view TCAM utilization, click **Status and Statistics > TCAM Utilization**.

The *TCAM Utilization* page is displayed, showing the percentage of TCAM utilization per system and per stack unit. There is also a listing for the number of Max TCAM Entries.

### TCAM Rules

**Table 1** lists all processes that can allocate TCAM rules. Each process has its specific allocation policy.

To view how the allocation among various processes can be changed (for the Sx500 device), see the [TCAM Allocation](#) section.

**Table 1 TCAM Rules Per Process**

Process	Per Port/ Per Switch	Allocation on Activation	Process Upper Limit	TCAM Rules Used Up Per User Entry	Comments
QoS Advanced Mode Rules	Per port	6/device	No limit	1 or 2 TCAM entries per rule.	
Access Control Rules	Per port	6/device	No limit	1 or 2 TCAM entries per rule.	
Protocol- based VLAN	Per port	0	No limit	1 or 2	Rules are duplicated for protocol- based VLANs (two rules per VLAN).
MAC Based VLAN	Per port	0	No limit	No limit	Rules are duplicated for MAC- based VLANs (two rules per VLAN).
VLAN Rate Limiting	Per port or switch	0	255	1 global rule per VLAN rate limit.	An additional rule is created for each Permit rule on the interface.

## Managing RMON

RMON (Remote Networking Monitoring) is an SNMP specification that enables an SNMP agent in the switch to proactively monitor traffic statistics over a given period and send traps to an SNMP manager. The local SNMP agent compares actual, real-time counters against predefined thresholds and generates alarms, without the need for polling by a central SNMP management platform. This is an effective mechanism for proactive management, provided that you have right thresholds set relative to your network's base line.

RMON decreases the traffic between the manager and the switch because the SNMP manager does not have to poll the switch frequently for information, and enables the manager to get timely status reports, because the switch reports events as they occur.

With this feature, you can perform the following actions:

- View statistics (counter values) as they are currently, meaning since the last time they were cleared. You can also collect the values of these counters over a period of time, and then view the table of collected data, where each collected set is a single line of the *History* tab.
- Define interesting changes in counter values, such as “reached a certain number of late collisions” (defines the alarm), and then define what action to perform when this event occurs (log, trap, or log and trap).

### Viewing RMON Statistics

The *Statistics* page displays detailed information regarding packet sizes and some information regarding physical layer errors. The information displayed is according to the RMON standard. An oversized packet is defined as an Ethernet frame with the following criteria:

- Packet length is greater than MRU byte size
- Collision event has not been detected
- Late collision event has not been detected
- Rx error event has not been detected
- Packet has a valid CRC

To view RMON statistics and/or set the refresh rate:

- STEP 1** Click **Status and Statistics > RMON > Statistics**. The *Statistics* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select the **Interface** for which Ethernet statistics are to be displayed.
- STEP 3** Select the **Refresh Rate**, the time period that passes before the interface statistics are refreshed.

The statistics are displayed for the selected interface.

- **Bytes Received**—Number of octets received, including bad packets and FCS octets, but excluding framing bits.
- **Drop Events**—Number of packets that were dropped.
- **Packets Received**—Number of good packets received, including Multicast and Broadcast packets.
- **Broadcast Packets Received**—Number of good Broadcast packets received. This number does not include Multicast packets.
- **Multicast Packets Received**—Number of good Multicast packets received.
- **CRC & Align Errors**—Number of CRC and Align errors that have occurred.
- **Undersize Packets**—Number of undersized packets (less than 64 octets) received.
- **Oversize Packets**—Number of oversized packets (over 1518 octets) received.
- **Fragments**—Number of fragments (packets with less than 64 octets, excluding framing bits, but including FCS octets) received.
- **Jabbers**—Total number received packets that were longer than 1632 octets. This number excludes frame bits, but includes FCS octets that had either a bad FCS (Frame Check Sequence) with an integral number of octets (FCS Error) or a bad FCS with a non-integral octet (Alignment Error) number. A Jabber packet is defined as an Ethernet frame that satisfies the following criteria:
  - Packet data length is greater than MRU
  - Packet has an invalid CRC
  - Rx Error Event has not been detected

- **Collisions**—Number of collisions received. If Jumbo Frames are enabled, the threshold of Jabber Frames is raised to the maximum size of Jumbo Frames.
- **Frames of 64 Bytes**—Number of frames, containing 64 bytes that were received.
- **Frames of 65 to 127 Bytes**—Number of frames, containing 65-127 bytes that were received.
- **Frames of 128 to 255 Bytes**—Number of frames, containing 128-255 bytes that were received.
- **Frames of 256 to 511 Bytes**—Number of frames, containing 256-511 bytes that were received.
- **Frames of 512 to 1023 Bytes**—Number of frames, containing 512-1023 bytes that were received.
- **Frames greater than 1024 Bytes**—Number of frames, containing 1024-2000 bytes, and Jumbo Frames, that were received.

To clear statistics counters:

- Click **Clear Interface Counters** to clear the selected interface's counters.
- Click **Clear All Interface Counters** to clear the counters of all interfaces.

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## Configuring RMON History

The RMON feature enables monitoring statistics per interface.

The *History Control Table* page defines the sampling frequency, amount of samples to store and the port from where to gather the data.

After the data is sampled and stored, it is displayed in the *History Table* page that can be viewed by clicking **History Table**.

To enter RMON control information:

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- STEP 1** Click **Status and Statistics > RMON > History**. The *History Control Table* page is displayed. The fields displayed on this page are defined in the *Add RMON History*

*page, below.* The only field is that is on this page and not defined in the Add page is:

- **Current Number of Samples**—RMON is allowed by standard to not grant all requested samples, but rather to limit the number of samples per request. Therefore, this field represents the sample number actually granted to the request that is equal or less than the requested value.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add RMON History* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **New History Entry**—Displays the number of the new History table entry.
- **Source Interface**—Select the type of interface from where the history samples are to be taken.
- **Max No. of Samples to Keep**—Enter the number of samples to store.
- **Sampling Interval**—Enter the time in seconds that samples were collected from the ports. The field range is 1-3600.
- **Owner**—Enter the RMON station or user that requested the RMON information.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The entry is added to the *History Control Table* page, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

**STEP 5** Click **History Table** to view the actual statistics.

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## Viewing the RMON History Table

The *History Table* page displays interface-specific statistical network samplings. The samples were configured in the History Control table described above.

To view RMON history statistics:

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**STEP 1** Click **Status and Statistics > RMON > History**. The *History* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Click **History Table**. The *History Control Table* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Click **History Table** to go to the *History Table* page.

**STEP 4** From the **History Entry No.** list, select the entry number to display the samples associated with that history entry.

The fields are displayed for the selected sample.

- **Owner**—History table entry owner.
- **Sample No.**—Statistics were taken from this sample.
- **Drop Events**—Dropped packets due to lack of network resources during the sampling interval. This may not represent the exact number of dropped packets, but rather the number of times dropped packets were detected.
- **Bytes Received**—Octets received that including bad packets and FCS octets, but excluding framing bits.
- **Packets Received**—Packets received, including bad packets, Multicast, and Broadcast packets.
- **Broadcast Packets**—Good Broadcast packets received. This number does not include Multicast packets.
- **Multicast Packets**—Good Multicast packets received.
- **CRC Align Errors**—CRC and Align errors that have occurred.
- **Undersize Packets**—Undersized packets (less than 64 octets) received.
- **Oversize Packets**—Oversized packets (over 1518 octets) received.
- **Fragments**—Fragments (packets with less than 64 octets) received, excluding framing bits, but including FCS octets).
- **Jabbers**—Total number of received packets that were longer than 2000 octets. This number excludes frame bits, but includes FCS octets that had either a bad FCS (Frame Check Sequence) with an integral number of octets (FCS Error) or a bad FCS with a non-integral octet (Alignment Error) number.
- **Collisions**—Collisions received.
- **Utilization**—Percentage of current interface traffic compared to maximum traffic that the interface can handle.

## Defining RMON Events Control

You can control the occurrences that trigger an alarm and the type of notification that occurs when an alarm is triggered. This is performed as follows:

- **Events Page**—Configures what happens when an alarm is triggered. This can be any combination of logs and traps.
- **Alarms Page**—Configures the occurrences that trigger an alarm.

To define RMON events:

**STEP 1** Click **Status and Statistics > RMON > Events**. The *Events* page is displayed.

This page displays previously-defined events.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add RMON Events* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Event Entry**—Displays the event entry index number for the new entry.
- **Community**—Enter the SNMP community string to be included when traps are sent (optional).
- **Description**—Enter a name for the event. This name is used in the *Add RMON Alarm* page to attach an alarm to an event.
- **Notification Type**—Select the type of action that results from this event. Values are:
  - *None*—No action occurs when the alarm goes off.
  - *Log (Event Log Table)*—Add a log entry to the Event Log table when the alarm goes off.
  - *Trap (SNMP Manager and SYSLOG Server)*—Send a trap to the remote log server when the alarm goes off.
  - *Log and Trap*—Add a log entry to the Event Log table and send a trap to the remote log server when the alarm goes off.
- **Time**—The time of the event. (This is a read-only table in the parent window and cannot be defined).
- **Owner**—Enter the device or user that defined the event.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The RMON event is written to the Running Configuration file.

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- STEP 5** Click **Event Log Table** to display the log of alarms that have occurred and that have been logged (see description below).
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## Viewing the RMON Events Logs

The *Event Log Table* page displays the log of events (actions) that occurred. An event can be logged when the type of the event is *Log* or *Log and Trap*. The action in the event is performed when the event is bound to an alarm (see the *Alarms* page) and the conditions of the alarm have occurred.

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- STEP 1** Click **Status and Statistics > RMON > Events**. The *Events* page is displayed.

- STEP 2** Click **Event Log Table**. The *Event Log Table* page is displayed.

This page displays the following fields:

- **Event Entry No.**—Events log entry number.
  - **Log No.**—Log number (within the event).
  - **Log Time**—Time that the log entry was entered.
  - **Description**—Description of event that triggered the alarm.
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## Defining RMON Alarms

RMON alarms provide a mechanism for setting thresholds and sampling intervals to generate exception events on any counter or any other SNMP object counter maintained by the agent. Both the rising and falling thresholds must be configured in the alarm. After a rising threshold is crossed, another rising event is not generated until the companion falling threshold is crossed. After a falling alarm is issued, the next alarm is issued when a rising threshold is crossed.

One or more alarms are bound to an event, which indicates the action to be taken when the alarm occurs.

The *Alarms* page provides the ability to configure alarms and to bind them with events. Alarm counters can be monitored by either absolute values or changes (delta) in the counter values.

To enter RMON alarms:

**STEP 1** Click **Status and Statistics > RMON > Alarms**. The *Alarms* page is displayed. All previously-defined alarms are displayed. The fields are described in the *Add RMON Alarm* page below. In addition to those fields, the following field is displayed:

- **Counter Value**—Displays the value of the statistic during the last sampling period.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add RMON Alarm* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Alarm Entry**—Displays the alarm entry number.
- **Interface**—Select the type of interface for which RMON statistics are displayed.
- **Counter Name**—Select the MIB variable that indicates the type of occurrence measured.
- **Sample Type**—Select the sampling method to generate an alarm. The options are:
  - *Absolute*—If the threshold is passed, an alarm is generated.
  - *Delta*—Subtracts the last sampled value from the current value. The difference in the values is compared to the threshold. If the threshold was passed, an alarm is generated.
- **Rising Threshold**—Enter the value that triggers the rising threshold alarm.
- **Rising Event**—Select an event, from those that you defined in the Events table, to be performed when a rising event is triggered. Events are created in the *Events* page.
- **Falling Threshold**—Enter the value that triggers the falling threshold alarm.
- **Falling Event**—Selects an event, from those defined in the Events table, to be performed when a falling event is triggered.
- **Startup Alarm**—Select the first event from which to start generation of alarms. Rising is defined by crossing the threshold from a low-value threshold to a higher-value threshold.
  - *Rising Alarm*—A rising value triggers the rising threshold alarm.
  - *Falling Alarm*—A falling value triggers the falling threshold alarm.

- *Rising and Falling*—Both a rising and falling value triggers the alarm.
- **Interval**—Enter the alarm interval time in seconds.
- **Owner**—Enter the name of the user or network management system that receives the alarm.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The RMON alarm is written to the Running Configuration file.

## Managing System Logs

This section describes the System Log feature, which enables the switch to generate several independent logs. Each log is a set of messages describing system events.

The switch generates the following local logs:

- Log sent to the console interface
- Log written into a cyclical list of logged events in the RAM and erased when the switch reboots.
- Log written to a cyclical log-file saved to the Flash memory and persists across reboots.

In addition, you can send messages to remote SYSLOG servers in the form of SNMP traps and SYSLOG messages.

This section covers the following sections:

- [Setting System Log Settings](#)
- [Setting Remote Logging Settings](#)
- [Viewing Memory Logs](#)

### Setting System Log Settings

You can enable or disable logging on the *Log Settings* page, and select whether to aggregate log messages.

You can select the events by severity level. Each log message has a severity level marked with the first letter of the severity level concatenated with a dash (-) on each side (except for *Emergency* that is indicated by the letter F). For example, the log message "%INIT-I-InitCompleted: ..." has a severity level of **I**, meaning *Informational*.

The event severity levels are listed from the highest severity to the lowest severity, as follows:

- *Emergency*—System is not usable.
- *Alert*—Action is needed.
- *Critical*—System is in a critical condition.
- *Error*—System is in error condition.
- *Warning*—System warning has occurred.
- *Notice*—System is functioning properly, but a system notice has occurred.
- *Informational*—Device information.
- *Debug*—Provides detailed information about an event.

You can select different severity levels for RAM and Flash logs. These logs are displayed in the *RAM Memory* page and *Flash Memory* page, respectively.

Selecting a severity level to be stored in a log causes all of the higher severity events to be automatically stored in the log. Lower severity events are not stored in the log.

For example, if **Warning** is selected, all severity levels that are **Warning** and higher are stored in the log (Emergency, Alert, Critical, Error, and Warning). No events with severity level below **Warning** are stored (Notice, Informational, and Debug).

To set global log parameters:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > System Log > Log Settings**. The *Log Settings* page opens.
- STEP 2** Enter the parameters.
- **Logging**—Select to enable message logging.
  - **Syslog Aggregator**—Select to enable the aggregation of SYSLOG messages and traps. If enabled, identical and contiguous SYSLOG messages and traps are aggregated over an interval of time and sent in a single message. The aggregated messages are sent in the order of their arrival. Each message states the number of times it was aggregated.
  - **Max Aggregation Time**—Enter the interval of time that SYSLOG messages are aggregated.

- **RAM Memory Logging**—Select the severity levels of the messages to be logged to the RAM.
- **Flash Memory Logging**—Select the severity levels of the messages to be logged to the Flash memory.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

## Setting Remote Logging Settings

The *Remote Log Servers* page enables defining remote SYSLOG servers where log messages are sent (using the SYSLOG protocol). For each server, you can configure the severity of the messages that it receives.

To define SYSLOG servers:

**STEP 1** Click **Administration > System Log > Remote Log Servers**. The *Remote Log Servers* page opens.

This page displays the list of remote log servers.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add Remote Log Server* page opens.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Server Definition**—Select whether to specify the remote log server by IP address or name.
- **IP Version**—Select the supported IP format.
- **IPv6 Address Type**—Select the IPv6 address type (if IPv6 is used). The options are:
  - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
- **Link Local Interface**—Select the link local interface (if IPv6 Address Type Link Local is selected) from the list.

- **Log Server IP Address/Name**—Enter the IP address or domain name of the log server.
- **UDP Port**—Enter the UDP port to which the log messages are sent.
- **Facility**—Select a facility value from which system logs are sent to the remote server. Only one facility value can be assigned to a server. If a second facility code is assigned, the first facility value is overridden.
- **Description**—Enter a server description.
- **Minimum Severity**—Select the minimum level of system log messages to be sent to the server.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The *Add Remote Log Server* page closes, the SYSLOG server is added, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

## Viewing Memory Logs

The switch can write to the following logs:

- Log in RAM (cleared during reboot).
- Log in Flash memory (cleared only upon user command).

You can configure the messages that are written to each log by severity, and a message can go to more than one log, including logs that reside on external SYSLOG servers.

### RAM Memory

The *RAM Memory* page displays all messages that were saved in the RAM (cache) in chronological order. Entries are stored in the RAM log according to the configuration in the *Log Settings* page.

To view log entries, click **Status and Statistics > View Log > RAM Memory**. The *RAM Memory* page opens.

The top of the page has a button that allows you to Disable Alert Icon Blinking. Click to toggle between disable and enable.

This page displays the following fields:

- **Log Index**—Log entry number.
- **Log Time**—Time when message was generated.
- **Severity**—Event severity.
- **Description**—Message text describing the event.

To clear the log messages, click **Clear Logs**. The messages are cleared.

## Flash Memory

The *Flash Memory* page displays the messages that were stored in the Flash memory, in chronological order. The minimum severity for logging is configured in the *Log Settings* page. Flash logs remain when the switch is rebooted. You can clear the logs manually.

To view the Flash logs, click **Status and Statistics > View Log > Flash Memory**. The *Flash Memory* page opens.

This page displays the following fields:

- **Log Index**—Log entry number.
- **Log Time**—Time when message was generated.
- **Severity**—Event severity.
- **Description**—Message text describing the event.

To clear the messages, click **Clear Logs**. The messages are cleared.

## Managing System Files

This section describes how system files are managed. System files are files that contain configuration information, firmware images or boot code.

Various actions can be performed with these files, such as: selecting the firmware file from which the switch boots, copying various types of configuration files internally on the switch, or to or from an external device, such as a PC.

The possible methods of file transfer are:

- Internal copy.
- HTTP/HTTPS that uses the facilities that the browser provides.
- TFTP client, requiring a TFTP server.

Configuration files on the switch are defined by their *type*, and contain the settings and parameter values for the device.

When a configuration is referenced on the switch, it is referenced by its *configuration file type* (such as *Startup Configuration* or *Running Configuration*), as opposed to a file name that can be modified by the user.

Content can be copied from one file type to another, but the names of the file types cannot be changed by the user.

Other files on the device include firmware, boot code, and log files, and are referred to as *operational files*.

The configuration files are text files and can be edited by a user in a text editor, such as Notepad after they are copied to an external device, such as a PC.

### Files and File Types

The following types of configuration and operational files are found on the switch:

- **Running Configuration**—Contains parameters that are currently being used by the switch to operate. This is the only file type that is modified by you when parameter values are modified, and these changes must be

manually saved in some other configuration file, such as the Startup Configuration, to be preserved.

If the switch is rebooted, the Running Configuration is lost. When the switch is rebooted, the Startup Configuration, stored in Flash is copied to the Running Configuration, stored in RAM.

To preserve any changes made to the switch, you must save the Running Configuration to the Startup Configuration, or another file type if you want the switch to reboot with this configuration. If you have saved the Running Configuration to the Startup Configuration, when the switch is rebooted, it recreates a Running Configuration that includes the changes you have made since the last time the Running Configuration was saved to the Startup Configuration.

- **Startup Configuration**—The parameter values that were saved by copying another configuration (usually the Running Configuration) to the Startup Configuration.

The Startup Configuration is retained in Flash and is preserved when the switch is rebooted. At this time, the Startup Configuration is copied to RAM and identified as the Running Configuration.

- **Mirror Configuration**—A copy of the Startup Configuration, created by the switch when the following conditions exist:
  - The switch has been operating continuously for 24 hours.
  - No configuration changes have been made to the Running Configuration in the previous 24 hours.
  - The Startup Configuration is identical to the Running configuration.

Only the system can copy the Startup Configuration to the Mirror Configuration. However, you can copy from the Mirror Configuration to other file types or to another device.

If the switch is rebooted, the Mirror Configuration is reset to the factory default parameters. In all other aspects, the Mirror Configuration behaves the same as a Backup Configuration, providing a copy of the parameter values that is preserved if the switch is rebooted.

- **Backup Configuration**—A manual copy of a configuration file used for protection against system shutdown or for the maintenance of a specific operating state. You can copy the Mirror Configuration, Startup Configuration, or Running Configuration to a Backup Configuration file. The

Backup Configuration exists in Flash and is preserved if the device is rebooted.

- **Firmware**—The program that controls the operations and functionality of the switch. More commonly referred to as the *image*.
- **Boot Code**—Controls the basic system startup and launches the firmware image.
- **Language File**—The dictionary that enables the GUI windows to be displayed in the selected language.
- **Flash Log**—SYSLOG messages stored in Flash memory.

### File Actions

The following actions can be performed to manage firmware and configuration files:

- Upgrade the firmware or boot code, or replace a second language, as described in [Upgrade/Backup Firmware/Language](#) section.
- View the firmware image currently in use or select the image to be used in the next reboot as described in the [Selecting the Active Image](#) section.
- Save configuration files on the switch to a location on another device as described in the [Downloading or Backing-up a Configuration or Log](#) section.
- Clear the Startup Configuration or Backup Configuration file types as described in the [Displaying Configuration File Create Date](#) section.
- Copy one configuration file type onto another configuration file type as described in the [Copying Configuration Files](#) section.
- Enable automatically uploading a configuration file from a TFTP server to the switch, from a DHCP server, as described in the [Setting DHCP Auto Configuration](#) section.

**CAUTION**

Unless the Running Configuration is manually copied to the Startup Configuration, Backup Configuration, or an external file, all changes made since the last time the file was saved are lost when the switch is rebooted. We recommend that you save the Running Configuration to the Startup Configuration before logging off to preserve any changes you made during this session.

A red X icon, displayed to the left of the **Save** application link at the top right of the screen, indicates that configuration changes have been made and have not yet been saved to the Startup Configuration file.

When you click **Save**, the *Copy/Save Configuration* page is displayed. Save the Running Configuration file by copying it to the Startup Configuration file. After this save, the red X icon and the Save link is hidden.

This section covers the following topics:

- [Upgrade/Backup Firmware/Language](#)
- [Selecting the Active Image](#)
- [Downloading or Backing-up a Configuration or Log](#)
- [Displaying Configuration File Create Date](#)
- [Copying Configuration Files](#)
- [Setting DHCP Auto Configuration](#)

## Upgrade/Backup Firmware/Language

The [Upgrade/Backup Firmware/Language](#) process can be used to:

- Upgrade or backup the firmware image
- Upgrade or backup the boot code
- Import or upgrade a second language file

The following methods for transferring files are supported:

- HTTP/HTTPS that uses the facilities provided by the browser
- TFTP that requires a TFTP server

If a new language file was loaded onto the switch, the new language can be selected from the drop-down menu. (It is not necessary to reboot the switch.)

All software images on the stack must be identical to ensure the proper operation of the stack. There are two different ways to update images across the stack:

- Image can be updated prior to connecting a unit to the stack. This is the recommended method.
- Upgrade master. The slave units are automatically updated.

These steps can be done from the menu-based CLI or from the web interface.

- Copy image from TFTP server to master.
- Change active image on master.
- Reboot master.

There are two firmware images stored on the switch. One of the images is identified as the *active image* and other image is identified as the *inactive image*.

When you upgrade the firmware, the new image always replaces the image identified as the inactive image.

After uploading new firmware on the switch, the switch continues to boot by using the active image (the old version) until you change the status of the new image to be the active image by using the procedure in the [Selecting the Active Image](#) section. Then boot the switch.

**NOTE** If the switch is running in stack mode, the new firmware will be pushed to all of the stack units. However, if there is a new switch joining the stack with a different firmware version, the master unit will sync up the firmware version automatically with this newly joined unit. This occurs transparently, without any manual intervention.

## Upgrading/Backing Up Firmware or Language File

After uploading new firmware on the switch, the switch continues to boot by using the active image (the old version) until you change the status of the new image to be the active image by using the procedure in the [Selecting the Active Image](#) section. Then boot the switch by using the process described in the [Rebooting the Switch](#) section.

To upgrade or backup a system or language file:

- STEP 1** Click **Administration > File Management > Upgrade/Backup Firmware/Language**. The *Upgrade/Backup Firmware/Language* page opens.
- STEP 2** Click the Transfer Method. If you selected TFTP, go to **STEP 3**. If you selected **via HTTP/HTTPS**, go to **STEP 4**.
- STEP 3** If you selected **via TFTP**, enter the parameters as described in this step. Otherwise, skip to **STEP 4**.

Select either the Upgrade or Backup **Save Action**.

**Upgrade Save Action**—Specifies that the file type on the switch is to be replaced with a new version of that file type located on a TFTP server. Enter the following fields.

- a. **File Type**—Select the destination file type. Only valid file types are shown. (The file types are described in the **Files and File Types** section.) Note that the boot code can only be upgraded via TFTP.
- b. **Server Definition**—Select whether to specify the TFTP server by IP address or domain name.
- c. **IP Version**—Select whether an IPv4 or an IPv6 address is used.
- d. **IPv6 Address Type**—Select the IPv6 address type (if IPv6 is used). The options are:

**Link Local**—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of FE80, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.

**Global**—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.

- e. **Link Local Interface**—Select the link local interface (if IPv6 is used) from the list.
- f. **TFTP Server IP Address/Name**—Enter the IP address or the domain name of the TFTP server.
- g. **Source File Name**—Enter the name of the source file.

**Backup Save Action**—Specifies that a copy of the file type is to be saved to a file on another device. Enter the following fields:

- a. **File Type**—Select the source file type. Only valid file types can be selected. (The file types are described in the **Files and File Types** section.)
- b. **Server Definition**—Select either By IP Address or By name.
- c. **IP Version**—Select whether an IPv4 or an IPv6 address is used.
- d. **IPv6 Address Type**—Select the IPv6 address type (if used). The options are:
  - Link Local**—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of FE80, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - Global**—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
- e. **Link-Local Interface**—Select the link local interface (if IPv6 is used) from the list.
- f. **TFTP Server IP Address/Name**—Enter the IP address of the TFTP server.
- g. **Destination File Name**—Enter the name of the Destination file.

**STEP 4** If you selected **via HTTP/HTTPS**, you can only Upgrade. Enter the parameters as described in this step.

- a. **File Type**—Select the configuration file type. Only valid file types can be selected. (The file types are described in the **Files and File Types** section.)
- b. **File Name**—Click **Browse** to select a file or enter the path and source file name to be used in the transfer.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply** or **Done**. The file is upgraded or backed up.

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## Language Files

You can remove a second language file from the switch (if a second language file installed). When you open the Language menu, you will see the option **Delete Language**.

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- STEP 1** Click **Delete Language**.
- STEP 2** A confirmation window appears asking you to click **OK** to remove the file.
- STEP 3** Click **OK** to remove the file.
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If you already have a second language file and want to load another, you will receive a confirmation window asking you to click **OK** if you want to replace the existing language file with a new one.

## Selecting the Active Image

There are two firmware images stored on the switch. One of the images is identified as the *active image* and other image is identified as the *inactive image*. The switch boots from the image you set as the *active image*. You can change the image identified as the *inactive image* to the *active image*. (You can reboot the switch by using the process described in the [Rebooting the Switch](#) section.)

To select the active image:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > File Management > Active Image**. The *Active Image* page opens.

The page displays the following:

- **Active Image**—Displays the image file that is currently active on the switch.
  - **Active Image Version Number**—Displays the firmware version of the active image.
  - **Active Image After Reset**—Displays the image that will be active after reset.
  - **Active Image Version Number After Reset**—Displays the firmware version of the active image as it will be after reset.
- STEP 2** Select the image from the **Active Image After Reboot** menu to identify the firmware image that is used as the active image after the switch is rebooted. The **Active Image Version Number After Reboot** displays the firmware version of the active image that is used after the switch is rebooted.

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**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The active image selection is updated.

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## Downloading or Backing-up a Configuration or Log

The *Download/Backup Configuration/Log* page enables the backup from configuration file types or the flash log on the switch to a file on another device, or the restoration of configuration file of various types from another device to the switch.

**NOTE** If the device is working in stack mode, the configuration files are taken from the master unit.

When restoring a configuration file to the Running Configuration, the imported file *adds* any configuration commands that did not exist in the old file and *overrides* any parameter values in the existing configuration commands.

When restoring a configuration file to the Startup Configuration or a backup configuration file, the new file *replaces* the previous file.

When restoring to Startup Configuration, the switch must be rebooted for the restored Startup Configuration to be used as the Running Configuration. You can reboot the switch by using the process described in the [Rebooting the Switch](#) section.

To backup or restore the system configuration file:

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**STEP 1** Click **Administration > File Management > Download/Backup Configuration/Log**. The *Download/Backup Configuration/Log* page opens.

**STEP 2** Select the **Transfer Method**.

**STEP 3** If you selected **via TFTP**, enter the parameters. Otherwise, skip to **STEP 4**.

Select either Download or Backup as the **Save Action**.

**Download Save Action**—Specifies that the file on another device will replace a file type on the switch. Enter the following fields:

- a. **Server Definition**—Select whether to specify the TFTP server by IP address or by domain name.
- b. **IP Version**—Select whether an IPv4 or an IPv6 address is used.

**NOTE** If the server is selected by name in the Server Definition, there is no need to select the IP Version related options.

- c. **IPv6 Address Type**—Select the IPv6 address type (if used). The options are:
  - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
- d. **Link-Local Interface**—Select the link local interface from the list.
- e. **TFTP Server**—Enter the IP address of the TFTP server.
- f. **Source File Name**—Enter the source file name. File names cannot contain slashes (\ or /), the leading letter of the file name should not be a period (.), and the file name should be between 1 and 160 characters. (Valid characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, “.”, “-”, “\_”).
- g. **Destination File Type**—Enter the destination configuration file type. Only valid file types are displayed. (The file types are described in the **Files and File Types** section.)

**Backup Save Action**—Specifies that a file type is to be copied to a file on another device. Enter the following fields:

- a. **Server Definition**—Select whether to specify the TFTP server by IP address or by domain name.
- a. **IP Version**—Select whether an IPv4 or an IPv6 address is used.
- b. **IPv6 Address Type**—Select the IPv6 address type (if used). The options are:
  - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
- c. **Link-Local Interface**—Select the link local interface from the list.

- d. **TFTP Server IP Address/Name**—Enter the IP address or domain name of the TFTP server.
- e. **Source File Type**—Enter the source configuration file type. Only valid file types are displayed. (The file types are described in the [Files and File Types](#) section.)
- f. **Destination File Name**—Enter the destination file name. File names cannot contain slashes (\ or /), the leading letter of the file name should not be a period (.), and the file name should be between 1 and 160 characters. (Valid characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, “.”, “-”, “\_”).

**STEP 4** If you selected **via HTTP/HTTPS**, enter the parameters as described in this step.

Select the **Save Action**.

If for the **Save Action** you select *Download* to specify that the file type on the switch is to be replaced with a new version of that file type from a file on another device, do the following. Otherwise, go to the next procedure in this step.

- a. **Source File Name**—Click **Browse** to select a file or enter the path and source file name to be used in the transfer.
- b. **Destination File Type**—Select the configuration file type. Only valid file types are displayed. (The file types are described in the [Files and File Types](#) section.)
- c. Click **Apply**. The file is transferred from the other device to the switch.

If for the **Save Action** you selected *Backup* to specify that a file type is to be copied to a file on another device, do the following:

- a. **Source File Type**—Select the configuration file type. Only valid file types are displayed. (The file types are described in the [Files and File Types](#) section.)
- b. Click **Apply**. The **Download/Backup Configuration/Log** window displays.

**STEP 5** Click **Done**. The file is upgraded or backed up on the switch (depending upon the file type).

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## Displaying Configuration File Create Date

The *Configuration Files Properties* page enables viewing when various system configuration files were created. It also enables deleting the Startup Configuration. You cannot delete the other configuration file types.

**NOTE** If the device is working in stack mode, the configuration files are taken from the master unit.

To view when configuration files were created, click **Administration > File Management > Configuration Files Properties**. The *Configuration Files Properties* page opens.

This page provides the following fields:

- **Configuration File Name**—Displays the type of file.
- **Creation Time**—Displays the date and time that file was modified.

To clear the Startup Configuration file, select it and click **Clear Files**.

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## Copying Configuration Files

When you click **Apply** on any window, changes that you made to the switch configuration settings are stored *only* in the Running Configuration. To preserve the parameters in the Running Configuration, the Running Configuration must be copied to another configuration type or saved as a file on another device.



**CAUTION** Unless the Running Configuration is copied to the Startup Configuration or another configuration file, all changes made since the last time the file was copied are lost when the switch is rebooted.

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The following combinations of copying internal file types are allowed:

- From the Running Configuration to the Startup Configuration or Backup Configuration.
- From the Startup Configuration to the Backup Configuration.
- From the Backup Configuration to the Startup Configuration.
- From the Mirror Configuration to the Startup Configuration or Backup Configuration.

To copy one type of configuration file to another type of configuration file:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > File Management > Copy/Save Configuration**. The *Copy/Save Configuration* page opens.
  - STEP 2** Select the **Source File Name** to be copied. Only valid file types are displayed. (The file types are described in the **Files and File Types** section.)
  - STEP 3** Select the **Destination File Name** to be overwritten by the source file.
  - STEP 4** To disable/enable blinking of Save icon, click **Disable/Enable Save Icon Blinking**.
  - STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The file is copied.
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## Setting DHCP Auto Configuration

DHCP Auto Configuration provides a means of passing configuration information automatically to the switch at the time it receives its IP address. By default, the switch is enabled as a DHCP client.

If the device is configured to receive its IP address dynamically from a DHCP server, DHCP Auto Configuration can also be enabled and will function.

If the IP address of the device is static, DHCP Auto Configuration will not be functional, even if it is enabled.

When the IP address is allocated or renewed from a DHCP server, such as during a reboot or upon an explicit DHCP renewal request, and if the switch and the server are configured to do so, the switch transfers a configuration file from the TFTP server identified to the switch by DHCP. This process is known as *auto configuration*.

The *DHCP Auto Configuration* page can be used to configure the switch to receive DHCP information from a specific file on a specific TFTP server, in the following cases:

- The information was not provided in a DHCP message.
- For manual configuration.

Note the following regarding the DHCP auto-update process:

- A configuration file that is placed on the TFTP server must match the form and format requirements of a supported configuration file. The form and format of the file are checked, but the validity of the configuration *parameters* is not checked prior to loading it to the Startup Configuration.
- To ensure that the device configuration functions as intended, due to allocation of different IP addresses with each DHCP renew cycle, IP addresses must be bound to MAC addresses in the DHCP server table. This ensures that each device has its own reserved IP address and other relevant information.

To configure DHCP server auto configuration:

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**STEP 1** Click **Administration > File Management > DHCP Auto Configuration**. The *DHCP Auto Configuration* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter the values.

- **Auto Configuration Via DHCP**—Select this field to enable DHCP Auto Configuration.
- **Server Definition**—Select **By IP Address** or **By name** to configure the TFTP server.

**STEP 3** Enter the following information to be used if DHCP Auto Configuration is not enabled, or if it is enabled, but no configuration file was received from the DHCP server.

- **Backup TFTP Server IP Address/Name**—Enter the IP address or the name of the TFTP server to be used if no TFTP server IP address was specified in the DHCP message.
- **Backup Configuration File**—Enter the path and file name of the file to be used if no configuration file name was specified in the DHCP message.

The window displays the following:

- **Last Auto Configuration TFTP Server IP Address**—Displays the IP address of the TFTP server last used to perform auto configuration.
- **Last Auto Configuration File Name**—Displays the last file name used by the switch in auto configuration.

**NOTE** The **Last Auto Configuration TFTP Server IP Address** and the **Last Auto Configuration File Name** are compared with the information received from a DHCP server when an IP address is received for the switch. If these values do not match, the switch transfers the configuration file from the TFTP server identified by the DHCP server into the Startup Configuration file, and initiates a reboot. If the values match, no action is taken.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The DHCP Auto Configuration feature is updated in the Running Configuration.

# Stack Management

This section describes how stacks are managed. It covers the following topics:

- **Overview**
- **Types of Units in Stack**
- **Stack Ports**
- **Stack Topology**
- **Unit ID Assignment**
- **Master Selection Process**
- **Stack Changes and Unit ID Assignment**
- **Unit Failure in Stack**
- **Software Auto Synchronization in Stack**
- **Stack Configuration**

## Overview

Devices of type Sx500 or SG500X can either function on their own, or they can be connected into a stack of up to four devices (units).

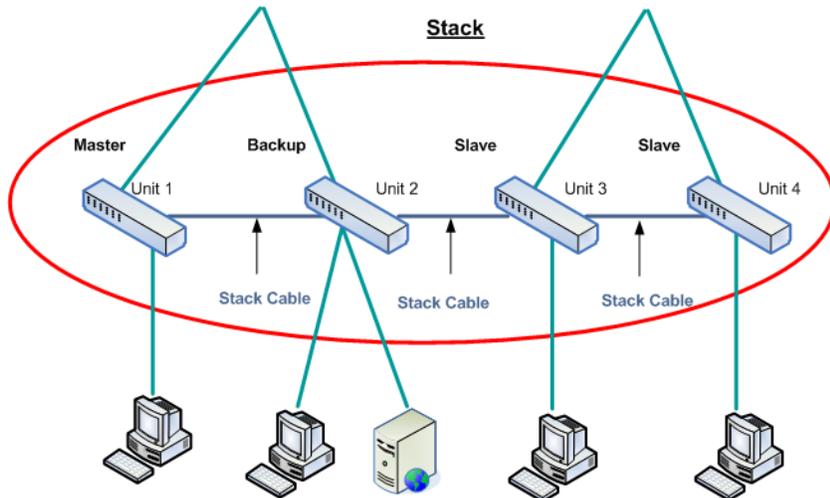
When a unit functions by itself, its stack mode is Standalone. When it functions as part of a stack, its stack mode is Native Stacking mode. In Native mode, all units in the stack must be of the same type (Sx500 or SG500X). By default, all Sx500 and SG500X devices operate in Native Stacking Mode.

The units in a stack are connected through stack ports. These devices are then collectively managed as a single logical device.

The stack is based on a single master/backup and multiple slaves model.

An example of four devices connected into a stack is shown in **Figure 1**.

**Figure 1 Stack Architecture**



A Stack provides the following benefits:

- Network capacity can be expanded or contracted dynamically. By adding a unit, the administrator can dynamically increase the number of ports in the stack while maintaining a single, logically-managed device. Similarly, units can be removed to decrease network capacity.

- The stacked system supports redundancy in the following ways:
  - The backup unit becomes the master of the stack if the original master fails.
  - The stack system supports two types of topologies: chain and ring. In ring topology, if one of the stack ports fails, the stack continues to function in chain topology.

## Types of Units in Stack

A Stack consists of a maximum of four units. A unit in a stack is one of the following types:

- **Master**—The master unit's ID must be either 1 or 2. The stack is managed through the master unit who manages itself, the backup unit and the slave units.
- **Backup**—If the master unit fails, the backup unit assumes the master role (switchover). The backup unit's ID must be either 1 or 2.
- **Slave**—These units are managed by the master unit.

In order for a group of units to function as a stack, there must be a master and/or backup unit. When the master unit fails, the stack continues to function as long as there is a backup unit (the active unit that assumes the master role).

## Stack Mode

Every Sx500 and SG500X device can operate in one of the following modes:

- **Standalone**—A device does not have a stack port and will not join any other devices to form a stack. The device operates on its own.
- **Native Stacking**—A device is capable of joining other devices in native mode with its stack ports to form a stack. All units in a native stack must be of the same type (all Sx500 or all SG500X).

### Changing the Stack Mode

A device can be switched from native stacking mode to standalone mode (to remove it from a stack) or vice versa (to prepare it for becoming part of a stack). Changing the stack mode might affect whether the Startup Configuration is retained and the switch's system mode (Layer 2 or Layer 3) after reboot.

The startup configuration removal is done via the boot process at reboot.

The Layer 2/Layer 3 system mode of the backup and slaves units are derived from master unit. This mode can be configured before the reboot process and might be affected after reboot.

**Table 1** describes whether the Startup Configuration and the system mode are retained after reboot.

**Table 1 Switching Stack Mode**

	SG500X		Sx500	
	Startup Configuration	Layer 2/3	Startup Configuration	Layer 2/3
<b>Standalone to Native</b>	The Startup Configuration is retained only when the unit ID is set to 1 (force setting).	Layer 3 mode is always supported.	The Startup Configuration is retained only when the unit ID is set to 1 (force setting).	Current mode is retained.
<b>Native to Standalone</b>	Startup Configuration is removed.	Layer 3 mode is always supported.	Startup Configuration is removed.	If the current mode is not specifically set before reboot, the device is in Layer 2 mode after reboot.

## Stack Ports

Stack ports are used to connect units in the stack and to transfer data and protocol packets among the units.

**Table 2** describes the possible types of stack ports and their speeds on the various types of devices:

If auto selection of the stack port speed is configured, the system automatically identifies the stack cable type and selects the highest speed supported by the cable and the port.

If auto selection of the stack port speed is not configured, all stack ports must be set to the same speed, in order for the stack to functions correctly

**Table 2 Stack Port Speeds**

Device Type of Units in Stack	Stack Port Name on Front Panel	Stack Port Speeds in Stack	Auto Speed Selection Available
SG500X	S1, S2 - XG	10G/1G	Yes
SG500X	S1, S2 - 5G	1G/5G	Yes
Sx500	S1, S2	1G	No
Sx500	S3, S4	1G/5G	Yes

When a Sx500 operates in stacking mode, S1 and S2 operate as regular network ports, and S3 and S4 operate as stack ports by default. On the SG500X, S1 and S2 are stack ports by default. You can manually reconfigure S1/S2 and S3/S4 as network ports or stack ports as desired. All the stack ports on a device operates in standalone mode will automatically become regular Ethernet network ports.

**NOTE** The stack ports do not support 1G auto negotiation.

## Cables Types

The following describes the possible combinations of cables types and ports.

**Table 3 Port Speeds Availability per Cable Type**

Cable Type	Stack Ports			Network Ports		
	S1,S2 - 5G for SG500X and S3, S4 for Sx500	S1, S2 in Sx500	S1,S2 - XG in SG500X	S1,S2 - 5G for SG500X and S3, S4 for Sx500	S1,S2 in Sx500	S1,S2 - XG in SG500X
Cisco SFP-H10GB-CU1M – Copper Cable	5G	1G	10G	1G	1G	10G
Cisco SFP-H10GB-CU3M – Copper Cable	5G	1G	10G	1G	1G	10G
Cisco SFP-H10GB-CU5M – Copper Cable	5G	1G	10G	1G	1G	10G
Cisco SFP-10G-SR	Not supported	Not supported	10G	Not supported	Not supported	10G
Cisco SFP-10G-LRM	Not supported	Not supported	10G	Not supported	Not supported	10G
Cisco SFP-10G-LR	Not supported	Not supported	10G	Not supported	Not supported	10G
1G SFP Module MGBSX1	1G	1G	1G	1G	1G	1G
1G SFP Module MGBLH1	1G	1G	1G	1G	1G	1G
1G SFP Module MGBT1	1G	1G	1G	1G	1G	1G
1G SFP Module MGBLX1	1G	1G	1G	1G	1G	1G
1G SFP Module MGBBX1	1G	1G	1G	1G	1G	1G
100Mbps SFP Module MFELX1	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	100Mbps	Not supported
100Mbps SFP Module MFEFX1	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	100Mbps	Not supported

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Cable Type	Stack Ports			Network Ports		
	S1,S2 - 5G for SG500X and S3, S4 for Sx500	S1, S2 in Sx500	S1,S2 - XG in SG500X	S1,S2 - 5G for SG500X and S3, S4 for Sx500	S1,S2 in Sx500	S1,S2 - XG in SG500X
100Mbps SFP Module MFEBX1	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	Not supported	100Mbps	Not supported
Other SFPs	1G	According to: Forced user speed EPROM speed 1G speed	According to: Forced user speed EPROM speed 1G speed	1G	According to: Forced user speed EPROM speed 1G speed	According to: Forced user speed EPROM speed 10G speed

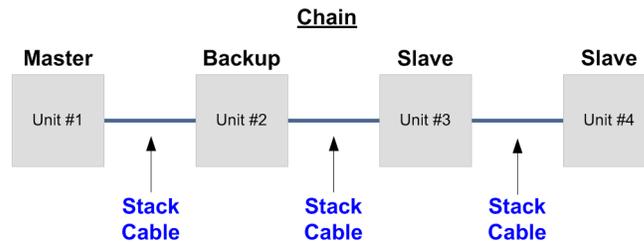
## Stack Topology

### Types of Stack Topology

The units in a stack can be connected in one of the following types of topologies:

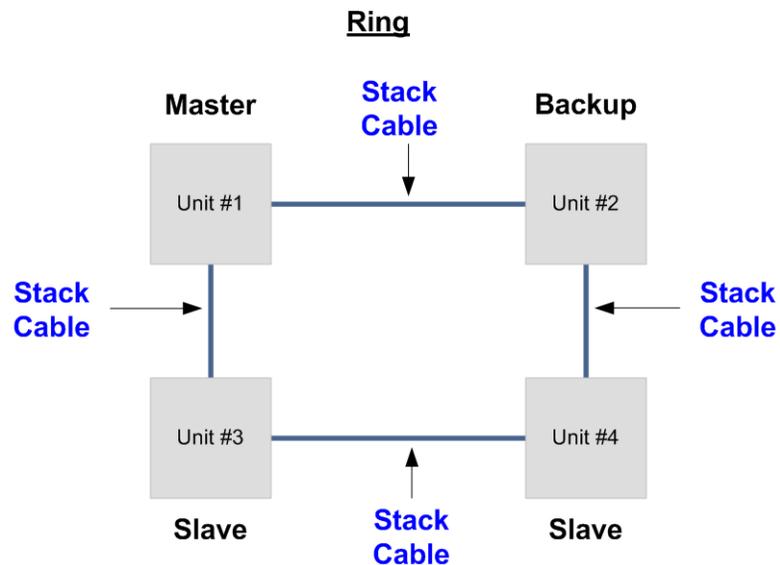
- **Chain Topology**—One stack port (either left or right) of the first unit is connected to the stack port in the second unit. This is continued until all units in the stack are connected (except for the first and last one). **Figure 2** shows a chain topology:

**Figure 2 Stack in Chain Topology**



- **Ring Topology**—All the units in the stack are connected in a chain. The last unit is connected to the first unit. **Figure 3** shows a ring topology:

**Figure 3 Stack in Ring Topology**



A ring topology is more reliable than a chain topology. The failure of one link in a ring does not affect the function of the stack, whereas the failure of one link in a chain connection causes the stack to be split.

## Topology Discovery

A stack is established by a process called topology discovery. This process is triggered by a change in the up/down status of a stack port.

The process is triggered in the following cases:

- Changing the stack topology from a ring to a chain
- Merging two stacks into a single stack
- Splitting the stack
- Inserting other slave units to the stack, for instance because the units were previously disconnected from the stack, due to failure. This might happen in chain topology if a unit in the middle of the stack fails.

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During topology discovery, each unit in a stack exchanges packets, which contain topology information. After the topology discovery process is completed, each unit contains the stack mapping information table of all units in the stack.

## Unit ID Assignment

After topology discovery is completed, each unit in a stack is assigned a unique unit ID.

The unit ID is set in the *System Mode and Stack Management* page in one of the following ways:

- **Automatically (Auto)**—Unit ID is assigned by the topology discovery process. This is the default setting.
- **Manually**—By manually setting the unit ID.

### Duplicate Unit IDs

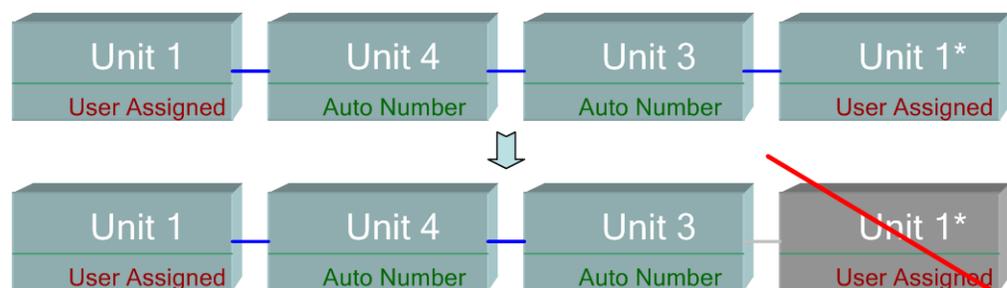
If the user assigns the same unit ID to two separate units, only one of them can join the stack with that unit ID.

If auto numbering has been selected, the duplicate unit is assigned a new unit number. If auto numbering was not selected, the duplicate unit is shut down.

The following are examples of unit ID duplication that might occur.

**Figure 4** shows a case where two units received the same unit ID, manually. The second unit 1 was subsequently shut down.

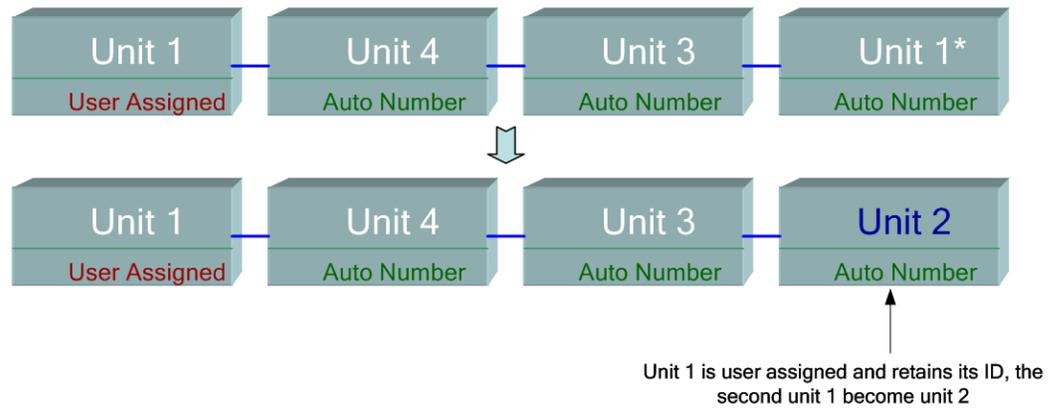
**Figure 4 Duplicate Unit Shut Down**



In the figure above, Unit 1 does not join the stack and is shut down. It did not win the master selection process between the master-enabled units (1 or 2).

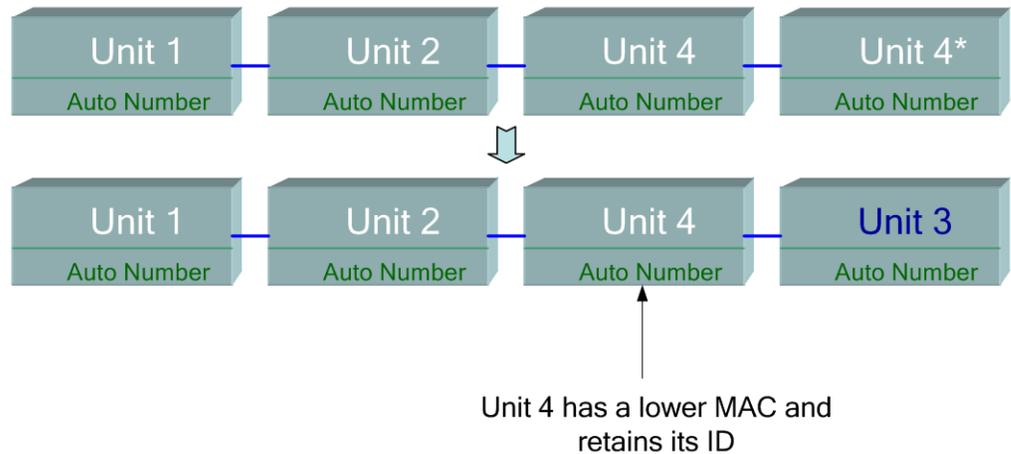
**Figure 5** shows a case where one of the duplicate units (auto-numbered) is renumbered.

**Figure 5 Duplicate Unit Renumbered**



**Figure 6** shows a case where one of the duplicate units is renumbered. The one with the lower MAC retains its unit ID (see **Master Selection Process** for a description of this process).

**Figure 6 Duplication Between Two Units With Auto Number Unit ID**



If a new stack has more than the maximum number of units (4), all extra units are shut down.

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## Master Selection Process

The master unit is selected from among the master-enabled units (1 or 2). The following are taken into account in the following priority:

- **Force Master** - If force master is activated on a unit, it is selected. If a unit is forced, it remains forced even after reboot.
- **System Up Time** -The master-enabled units exchange up time, which is measured in segments of 10 minutes. The unit with the higher number of segments is selected as the master. **Note:** The up time of the backup unit is retained when it is selected as master in the switch failover process.
- **Unit ID** - If both units have the same number of time segments, the unit with the lowest unit ID is selected.
- **MAC Address** - If both units IDs are the same, the unit with the lowest MAC address is chosen.

**NOTE** For a stack to operate, it must have a master unit. A master unit is defined as the active unit that assumes the master role. The stack must contain a unit 1 and/or unit 2 after the master selection process. Otherwise, the stack and all its units are partially shut down, not as a complete power-off, but in a condition where the LEDs are still on, but traffic-passing capabilities are halted.

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## Stack Changes and Unit ID Assignment

This section describes various events that can cause a change to the stack. A stack topology changes when one of the following occurs:

- One or more units are connecting and/or disconnecting to and from the stack.
- Link up and down of any of its stack ports, and/or
- The stack changes between ring and chain formation

When units are added or removed to and from a stack, it triggers topology changes, master election process, and/or unit ID assignment.

### Connecting/Disconnecting a Stack Cable

Connecting or disconnecting a stack cable, or configuring a stack port link up or down, triggers a topology change. This can be the result of adding or removing a unit from the stack, or from changing the stack topology between a chain and a ring.

### Connecting a New Unit

When a unit is inserted into the stack, a stack topology change is triggered. The unit ID is assigned (in case of auto numbering), and the configuration is downloaded from the master.

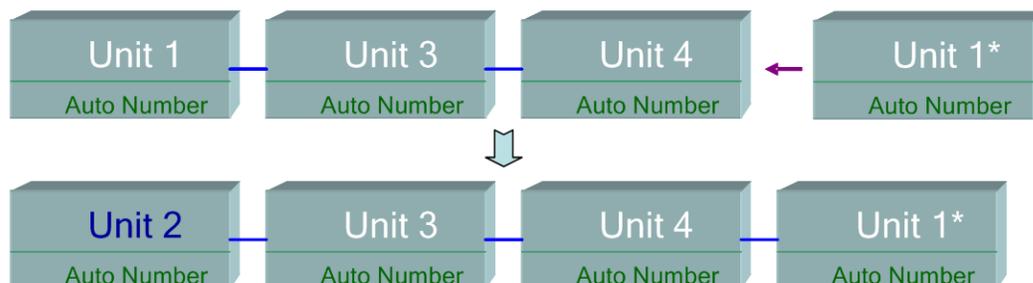
One of the following cases will occur when connecting a new unit to an existing stack.

- No duplicate unit IDs exist.
  - Units with user-defined IDs retain their unit ID.
  - Units with automatically-assigned IDs retain their unit ID.
  - Factory default units receive unit IDs automatically, beginning from the lowest available ID.

- One or more duplicate unit IDs exist. Auto numbering resolves conflicts and assigns unit IDs. In case of manual numbering, only one unit retains its unit ID and the other(s) are shutdown.
- Number of units in stack exceeds maximum number of units allowed. The new units that joined the stack are shut down, and a notification is sent to the SYSLOG server.

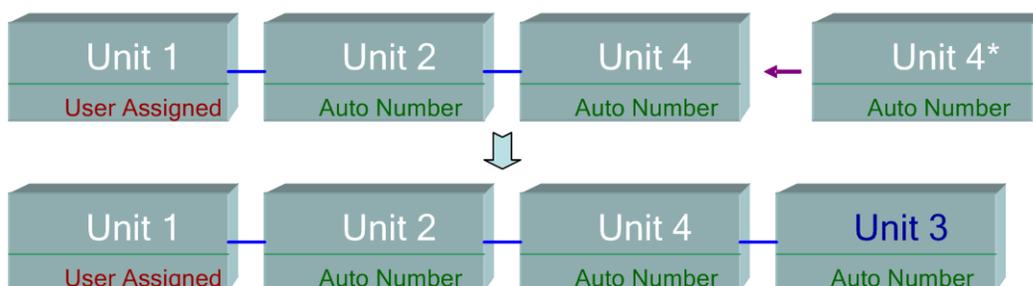
**Figure 7** shows an example of auto numbering when a master-enabled unit joins the stack. There are two units with unit ID = 1. The master selection process selects the best unit to be the master unit (it was up longer than the original one). The other unit is made the backup.

**Figure 7 Auto-numbered Master-enabled Unit**



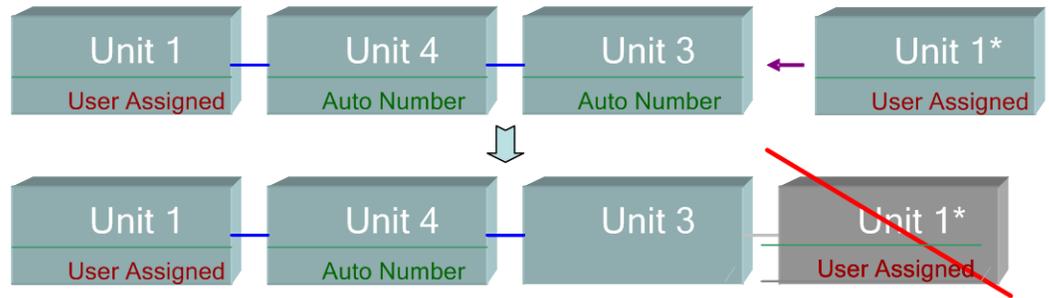
**Figure 8** shows an example of auto numbering when a new unit joins the stack. The existing units retain their ID. The new unit receives the lowest available ID.

**Figure 8 Auto Number Unit**



**Figure 9** shows what happens when a user-assigned, master-enabled unit with Unit ID 1 joins a stack that already has a master unit with user-assigned unit ID 1. Unit 1 does not join the stack and is shutdown.

**Figure 9 User-assigned Master-enabled Unit**



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## Unit Failure in Stack

### Failure of Master Unit

If the Master fails, the backup unit takes over the master role and continues to operate the stack normally.

In order for the backup to be able to take the place of the master, both units maintain a warm standby at all times. In warm standby, the master and its backup units are synchronized with the static configuration (contained in both the Startup and Running configuration files). Backup configuration files are not synchronized. The backup configuration file remains on the previous master.

Dynamic process-state information, such as the STP state table, dynamically-learned MAC addresses, dynamically-learned Smartport types, MAC Multicast tables, LACP, and GVRP are not synchronized.

When a master is being configured, it synchronizes the backup immediately. Synchronization is performed as soon as a command is executed. This is transparent to the user.

If a unit is inserted into a running stack, and is selected as a backup unit, the master synchronizes it so that it has an up-to date configuration, and then generates a SYSLOG.

### Master/Backup Switchover

When a master fails or when the user configures a force master on the backup unit, a switchover occurs.

The backup unit becomes the master, and all of its processes and protocol stacks are initialized to take responsibility for the entire stack. As a result, there is temporarily no traffic forwarding in this unit, but slave units remain active.

### Slave Unit Handling

During the transition of the backup becoming the master, the active slave units remain active and continue to forward packets based on the configuration from the original master. This minimizes data traffic interruption in units. After the backup unit has completed the transition to the master state, it starts initializing the slave units one at a time by performing the following operations:

- Clear and reset the configuration of the slave unit to default (to prevent an incorrect configuration from the new master unit). As a result, there is no traffic forwarding on the slave unit.
- Apply related user configurations to the slave unit.
- Exchange dynamic information such as port STP state, dynamic MAC addresses, and link up/down status between the master and the slave unit. Packet forwarding on the slave unit resumes after the state of its ports are set to forwarding by the master according to STP.

**NOTE** Packet flooding to unknown unicast MAC addresses will occur until the MAC addresses are learned or relearned.

## Reconnecting the Original Master Unit After Failover

After failover, if the original master is connected again, the master selection process is performed. If the original master (unit 1) is reselected to be the master, the current master (unit 2, which was the original backup unit) is rebooted and becomes the backup once again.

Note that during master/backup failover, the up time of the backup unit is retained.

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## Software Auto Synchronization in Stack

All the units in the stack must run the same software version (firmware and bootcode). Each unit in a stack will automatically download firmware and bootcode from the master unit if the firmware and/or boot code the unit and the master are running are different. The unit will automatically reboot itself to run the new version.

## Stack Configuration

This section describes how to configure a standalone device, a stack, and devices in the stack. For additional information regarding stack related hardware options, see the Quick Start Guide.

From the *System Mode and Stack Management* page, you can perform the following:

- Change a standalone device to stacking mode.
- Change the stacking mode, the stack unit ID, stack ports, and the bit rate of the stack port of the devices in a stack.
- Change the Layer 2/Layer3 system mode of a standalone or a stack.

### Stack Settings

To configure the stack at the stack level:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > System Mode and Stack Management**. The *System Mode and Stack Management* page opens.

The operational status of a standalone device or a stack is displayed in the **Operational Status** block:

- **Stack Mode**—Displays that the stack/standalone devices are operating in L3 and L2 mode.
  - *Standalone*—Device is not part of a stack.
  - *Native Stacking*—Device is part of a stack.
- **Stack Topology**—Displays which topology is in use with the stack, Chain or Ring.

- **System Mode**—Displays whether the stack/standalone devices are operating in Layer 2 or Layer 3 mode.
- **Stack Master**—Displays the unit ID of the master unit of the stack.
- **Master Election Status**—Displays how the stack master unit was selected. See [Master Selection Process](#).

**STEP 2** To configure the system mode after reboot, select one of the following options:

- **System Mode**—Select whether the stack/standalone device is to operate in Layer 2 or Layer 3 mode after reboot. (Applies to Sx500 Models only, not applicable to the 500X Models)

**STEP 3** Configure the units in a stack from the **Stack Administrative Settings Table**. These changes will become effective after reboot.

**NOTE** If the device is an Sx500 and if the stack mode is changed from Native to Standalone, the device will be in Layer 2 mode after reboot, unless the user changes the **System Mode** field to Layer 3.

The following operational status and information of every unit in a stack are shown in the table.

- **Stack Unit Number**—Displays the unit ID of a known and active unit.
- **Model Name**—Model name of a known and active unit.
- **Port**—The name of the port that is connected.
- **Neighbor**—Name of the neighbor stack unit.
- **Stack Connection**—Displays information about the stack port, its baud rate, and the neighboring stacking unit it is connecting to.
- **Stack Operational Ports Speed**—Displays the current speed defined for the stack ports on the device.

The configurable parameters for the units in a stack are as follows:

- **Stack Unit Mode**—The stack mode (Native Stacking or Standalone) of the unit after reboot.
- **Stack Unit Number**—The unit ID of the unit after reboot. The following options are available:
  - *Auto*—The unit ID of the unit is automatically assigned by the master of the stack.
  - 1,2,3,4—The unit ID of the unit is manually assigned to either 1, 2, 3, or 4.

- *1 - Force Master*—The unit ID of the unit is manually assigned to 1 and the unit will force itself to take on the master role after reboot.
- *2 - Force Master*—The unit ID of the unit is manually assigned to 2 and the unit will force itself to take on the master role after reboot.
- This number can be either Auto which indicates that the system will number the unit or the number that was manually set (in the Stack Unit Settings page).
- **Stack Ports**—The pair of ports that are to be used as stack ports, if the unit is to remain in stacking mode after reboot.
- **Stack Port Speed**—The speed of the network ports for connecting to neighbor units in the stack after reboot.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply and Reboot** to reboot the device with the new settings.

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# General Administrative Information and Operations

This section describes how to view system information and configure various options on the switch.

It covers the following topics:

- **System Information**
- **Switch Models**
- **Rebooting the Switch**
- **TCAM Allocation**
- **Monitoring the Fan Status and Temperature**
- **Defining Idle Session Timeout**
- **Pinging a Host**
- **Traceroute**

## System Information

The *System Summary* page provides a graphic view of the switch, and displays switch status, hardware information, firmware version information, general Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) status, and other items.

### Displaying the System Summary

To view system information, click **Status and Statistics > System Summary**. The *System Summary* page opens.

The *System Summary* page displays system and hardware information.

**System Information:**

- **System Stack Mode**—A description of the type of stack.
- **System Operational Mode**—Specifies whether the system is operating in Switch (Layer 2) or Router (Layer 3) mode.
- **System Description**—A description of the system.
- **System Location**—Physical location of the switch. Click **Edit** to go the *System Settings* page to enter this value.
- **System Contact**—Name of a contact person. Click **Edit** to go the *System Settings* page to enter this value.
- **Host Name**—Name of the switch. Click **Edit** to go the *System Settings* page to enter this value. By default, the switch hostname is composed of the word *switch* concatenated with the three least significant bytes of the switch MAC address (the six furthest right hexadecimal digits).
- **System Object ID**—Unique vendor identification of the network management subsystem contained in the entity (used in SNMP).
- **System Uptime**—Time that has elapsed since the last reboot.
- **Current Time**—Current system time.
- **Base MAC Address**—Switch MAC address. If the system is in stack mode, the base MAC address of the master unit is displayed.
- **Jumbo Frames**—Jumbo frame support status. This support can be enabled or disabled by using the *Port Settings* page of the Port Management menu.

**NOTE** Jumbo frames support takes effect only after it is enabled, and after the switch is rebooted.

**Software Information:**

- **Firmware Version (Active Image)**—Firmware version number of the active image.
  - NOTE** If the system is in stack mode, the Firmware Version number shown on the GUI is based on the version of the master.
- **Firmware MD5 Checksum (Active Image)**—MD5 checksum of the active image.

- **Firmware Version (Non-active Image)**—Firmware version number of the non-active image. If the system is in stack mode, the version of the master unit is displayed.
- **Firmware MD5 Checksum (Non-active Image)**—MD5 checksum of the non-active image.
- **Boot Version**—Boot version number.
- **Boot MD5 Checksum**—MD5 checksum of the boot version.
- **Locale**—Locale of the first language. (This is always English.)
- **Language Version**—Language package version of the first or English language.
- **Language MD5 Checksum**—MD5 checksum of the language file.

#### TCP/UDP Services Status:

- **HTTP Service**—Displays whether HTTP is enabled/disabled.
- **HTTPS Service**—Displays whether HTTPS is enabled/disabled.
- **SNMP Service**—Displays whether SNMP is enabled/disabled.
- **Telnet Service**—Displays whether Telnet is enabled/disabled.
- **SSH Service**—Displays whether SSH is enabled/disabled.

Click **Edit** to take you directly to the *Security > TCP/UDP Services* Page.

#### PoE Power Information on Master Unit:

- **Maximum Available PoE Power (W)**—Maximum available power that can be delivered by the PoE.
- **Total PoE Power Consumption (W)**—Total PoE power delivered to connected PoE devices.
- **PoE Power Mode**—Port Limit or Class Limit.

There is a *Detail* link next to **PoE Power Information on Master Unit** that when selected, takes you directly to the *Port Management > PoE > Properties* page. This page shows the PoE power information on a per unit basis.

The units in the stack are displayed graphically, along with the following information for each unit:

- **Unit ID of Master Unit**
- **Model Description**—Switch model description.
- **Serial Number**—Serial number.
- **PID VID**—Part number and version ID.

## Configuring the System Settings

To enter system settings:

**STEP 1** Click **Administration > System Settings**. The *System Settings* page opens.

**STEP 2** Modify the system settings.

- **System Description**—Displays a description of the switch.
- **System Location**—Enter the location where the switch is physically located.
- **System Contact**—Enter the name of a contact person.
- **Host Name**—Select the host name of this switch. This is used in the prompt of CLI commands:
  - *Use Default*—The default hostname (System Name) of these switches is: *switch123456*, where 123456 represents the last three bytes of the switch MAC address in hex format.
  - *User Defined*—Enter the hostname. Use only letters, digits, and hyphens. Host names cannot begin or end with a hyphen. No other symbols, punctuation characters, or blank spaces are permitted (as specified in RFC1033, 1034, 1035).
- **Custom Login Screen Settings**—If you want text to be displayed on the *Login* page, enter the text in the **Login Banner** text box. Click **Preview** to view the results.

**NOTE** When the user defines a login banner from the web interface, it also activates the banner for the CLI interfaces (Console, Telnet, and SSH).

**STEP 3** Click **Apply** to set the values in the Running Configuration file.

## Switch Models

All models can be fully managed through the web-based switch configuration utility.

In Layer 2 mode, the switch forwards packets as a VLAN-aware bridge. In Layer 3 mode, the switch performs both IPv4 routing and VLAN-aware bridging.

**NOTE** The 500X switches always run in Layer 3 (Router) mode.

When the switch operates in Layer 3 mode, the VLAN Rate Limit, and QoS policers are not operational. Other QoS Advanced mode features are operational.

The Sx500 models do not support Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP), and Routing Information Protocol (RIP). The 500X models do support VRRP and RIP.

Fast Ethernet (10/100) ports are designated as **FE** and Gigabit Ethernet ports (10/100/1000) are designated as **GE** in the table below.

**NOTE** Acronyms used for port descriptions have varied across software versions. In previous releases, 'e' was used for fast Ethernet, 'g' for 'gigabit Ethernet' in the GUI. In the CLI, fa is used for Fast Ethernet and gi for Gigabit Ethernet

The following table describes the various models, the number and type of ports on them and the number of ports that support PoE.

### Stackable Managed Switch Models

Model Name	Product ID (PID)	Description of Ports on Device	Power Dedicated to PoE	No. of Ports that Support PoE
SF500-24	SF500-24-K9	24-Port 10/100 Stackable Managed Switch		
SF500-24P	SF500-24P-K9	24-Port 10/100 PoE Stackable Managed Switch	180W	24
SF500-48	SF500-48-K9	48-Port 10/100 Stackable Managed Switch		
SF500-48P	SF500-48P-K9	48-Port 10/100 PoE Stackable Managed Switch	375W	48

Stackable Managed Switch Models (Continued)

Model Name	Product ID (PID)	Description of Ports on Device	Power Dedicated to PoE	No. of Ports that Support PoE
SG500-28	SG5000-28-K9	28-Port Gigabit Stackable Managed Switch		
SG500-28P	SG500-28P-K9	28-Port Gigabit PoE Stackable Managed Switch	180W	24
SG500-52	SG500-52-K9	52-Port Gigabit Stackable Managed Switch		
SG500-52P	SG500-52P-K9	52-Port Gigabit PoE Stackable Managed Switch	375W	48
SG500X-24	SG500X-24-K9	24-Port Gigabit with 4-Port 10-Gigabit Stackable Managed Switch		
SG500X-24P	SG500X-24P-K9	24-Port Gigabit with 4-Port 10-Gigabit PoE Stackable Managed Switch	375W	24
SG500X-48	SG500X-48-K9	48-Port Gigabit with 4-Port 10-Gigabit Stackable Managed Switch		
SG500X-48P	SG500X-48P-K9	48-Port Gigabit with 4-Port 10-Gigabit PoE Stackable Managed Switch	375W	48

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## Rebooting the Switch

Some configuration changes, such as enabling jumbo frame support, require the system to be rebooted before they take effect. However, rebooting the switch deletes the Running Configuration, so it is critical that the Running Configuration is saved to the Startup Configuration before the switch is rebooted. Clicking **Apply** does not save the configuration to the Startup Configuration. For more information on files and file types, see the [Files and File Types](#) section in the [Managing System Files](#) section.

You can back up the configuration by using *Administration > File Management > Copy/Save Configuration* or click **Save** at the top of the window. You can also upload the configuration from a remote device. See the [Downloading or Backing-up a Configuration or Log](#) section in the [Managing System Files](#) section.

To reboot the switch:

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**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Reboot**. The *Reboot* page opens.

**STEP 2** Click one of the **Reboot** buttons to reboot the switch.

- **Clear Startup Configuration File**—Check to clear the configuration on the switch for the next time it boots up.
- **Reboot**—Reboots the switch. Since any unsaved information in the Running Configuration is discarded when the switch is rebooted, you must click **Save** in the upper-right corner of any window to preserve current configuration across the boot process. If the Save option is not displayed, the Running Configuration matches the Startup Configuration and no action is necessary.
- **Reboot to Factory Defaults**—Reboots the switch by using factory default configuration. This process erases the Startup Configuration file; any settings that are not saved to another file are cleared when this action is selected.



**CAUTION** DHCP Auto Configuration is enabled by default in the factory settings. In order to properly reboot the switch to factory defaults, you need to disable the DHCP Auto Configuration (for example connect the switch by local terminal and run the appropriate CLI to disable the auto configuration feature) so the switch does not automatically download a configuration from a local server.

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**NOTE** If you factory reset unit 1 (the master unit), then you will only reset the master unit. The backup will take over as the master temporarily and the slaves will act as if nothing happened. If you factory reset the stack, then all the units, including slaves, will be factory reset at the same time.

## TCAM Allocation

Use the *TCAM Allocation Settings* page to customize TCAM allocation. TCAM entries are divided into the following groups:

- **IP Entries**—TCAM entries reserved for IPv4 static routes, IP interfaces, and IP hosts. Each type generates the following number of TCAM entries:
  - IPv4 static routes—One entry per route
  - IP interface—Two entries per interface
  - IP Hosts—One entry per host
- **Non-IP Entries**—TCAM entries reserved for other applications, such as ACL rules, CoS policers, and VLAN rate limits.

TCAM allocation can be modified incorrectly, in one of the following ways:

- The number of TCAM entries you allocate is less than the number currently in use.
- The number of TCAM entries that you allocate is greater than the maximum available for that category. (maximum values are displayed on the page).

If you change the TCAM allocation incorrectly, an error message is displayed. If your TCAM allocation is feasible, a message is displayed that an automatic reboot will be performed with the new settings.

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**STEP 1** On the Sx500 models, Click **Administration > TCAM Allocation Settings**.

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On the 500X models, Click **Administration > IP TCAM Allocation Settings**.

The *appropriate* page opens.

The following fields are displayed for the SG500X device:

- **IPv4 Routes**—Displays the number of IPv4 routes entries used and available.

- **IP Interfaces**—Displays the number of used and available IP interfaces entries.
- **IP Host**—Displays the number of IP host entries used and available.

The following blocks are displayed for the Sx500 device:

**NOTE** These blocks are available in Layer 3 mode only.

- **Reserved TCAM Size**—Displays the current number of available TCAM entries.
    - **IP Entries**—See definition above.
    - **Non IP Entries**—See definition above.
    - **Total**—Displays the number of IP entries and non IP entries.
  - **Actual TCAM Allocation**—Displays the current number of TCAM entries that have been used and the number still available.
    - **IPv4 Routes**—Displays the number of IPv4 routes entries used and available.
    - **IP Interfaces**—Displays the number of used and available IP interfaces entries.
    - **IP Host**—Displays the number of IP host entries used and available.
    - **Non IP Entries**—See definition above.
- STEP 2** To change the TCAM allocation for IP entries (on the Sx500 models only), enter the new value(s) in the **New Settings** block.
- You must save your current configuration before changing the TCAM Allocation Settings.
- STEP 3** Save the new settings by clicking on the **Save** link. This checks the feasibility of the TCAM allocation. If it is incorrect, an error message is displayed. If it is correct, the allocation is copied to the Running Configuration file.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply** and an automatic reboot is performed using the new settings.

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## Monitoring the Fan Status and Temperature

The *Health* page displays the switch fan status and temperature on all PoE devices with fans.

The page displays the fan status only on the rest of the devices.

To view the switch health parameters, click **Status and Statistics > Health**. The *Health* page opens.

The *Health* page displays the following fields:

- **Fan Status**—Fan status. OK indicates that the fans are operating normally.
  - **Temperature**—The internal temperature of the switch (for relevant devices).
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## Defining Idle Session Timeout

The *Idle Session Timeout* configures the time intervals that the management sessions can remain idle before they timeout and the user must login again to reestablish one of the following sessions:

- **HTTP Session Timeout**
- **HTTPS Session Timeout**
- **Console Session Timeout**
- **Telnet Session Timeout**
- **SSH Session Timeout**

To set the idle session timeout for various types of sessions:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Idle Session Timeout**. The *Idle Session Timeout* page opens.
  - STEP 2** Select the timeout for the each session from the corresponding list. The default timeouts are 10 minutes.
  - STEP 3** Click **Apply** to set the configuration settings on the switch.
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## Pinging a Host

Ping is a utility used to test if a remote host can be reached and to measure the round-trip time for packets sent from the switch to a destination device.

Ping operates by sending Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) echo request packets to the target host and waiting for an ICMP response, sometimes called a pong. It measures the round-trip time and records any packet loss.

To ping a host:

**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Ping**. The *Ping* page opens.

**STEP 2** Configure ping by entering the fields:

- **Host Definition**—Select whether to specify hosts by their IP address or name.
- **IP Version**—If the host is identified by its IP address, select either IPv4 or IPv6, to indicate that it will be entered in the selected format.
- **IPv6 Address Type**—Select Link Local or Global as the type of IPv6 address to enter.
  - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
- **Link Local Interface**—If the IPv6 address type is Link Local, select from where it is received.
- **Host IP Address/Name**—Address or host name of the device to be pinged. Whether this is an IP address or host name depends on the Host Definition.
- **Ping Interval**—Length of time the system waits between ping packets. Ping is repeated a “Number of Pings” number of times, whether it succeeds or not. Choose to use the default or specify your own value.
- **Number of Pings**—The number of times the ping operation will be performed. Choose to use the default or specify your own value.
- **Status**—Displays whether the ping succeeded or failed.

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- STEP 3** Click **Activate Ping** to ping the host. The ping status is displayed and another message is added to the list of messages, indicating the result of the ping operation.
- STEP 4** View the results of ping in the **Ping Counters and Status** section of the page.
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## Traceroute

Traceroute discovers the IP routes along which packets were forwarded by sending an IP packet to the target host and back to the switch. The *Traceroute* page shows each hop between the switch and a target host, and the round-trip time to each such stop.

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Traceroute**. The *Traceroute* page opens.
- STEP 2** Configure Traceroute by entering the fields:
- **Host Definition**—Select whether hosts will be identified by their IP address or name.
  - **IP Version**—If the host will be identified by its IP address, select either IPv4 or IPv6 to indicate that it will be entered in the selected format.
  - **IPv6 Address Type**—Select Link Local or Global as the type of IPv6 address to enter.
    - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
    - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
  - **Link Local Interface**—If the IPv6 address type is Link Local, select from where it is received.
  - **Host IP Address/Name**—Enter the host address or name.

- **TTL**—Enter the maximum number of stops that Traceroute permits. This is used to prevent a case where the sent frame gets into an endless loop. The Traceroute command terminates when the destination is reached or when this value is reached. To use the default value (30) select **Use Default**.
- **Timeout**—Enter the length of time that the system waits for a frame to return before declaring it lost or select **Use Default**.

**STEP 3** Click **Activate Traceroute**. The operation is performed.

A page is displayed showing the Round Trip Time (RTT) and status for each trip in the fields:

- **Index**—Displays the number of the hop.
- **Host**—Displays a stop along the route to the destination.
- **Round Trip Time (1-3)**—Displays the round trip time in (ms) for the 1-3rd frame and the status of the 1-3rd operation.

# System Time

Synchronized system clocks provide a frame of reference between all devices on the network. Network time synchronization is critical because every aspect of managing, securing, planning, and debugging a network involves determining when events occur. Without synchronized clocks, accurately correlating log files between devices when tracking security breaches or network usage is impossible.

Time also reduces confusion in shared file systems, as it is important for the modification times to be consistent, regardless of the machine on which the files systems reside.

For these reasons, it is important that the time configured on the all devices on the network be accurate.

**NOTE** The switch supports Simple Network Time Protocol (SNTP) and when enabled, the switch dynamically synchronizes the switch time with time from an SNTP server. The switch operates only as an SNTP client, and cannot provide time services to other devices.

This section describes the options for configuring system time, time zone, and Daylight Savings Time (DST). It covers the following topics:

- [System Time Options](#)
- [SNTP Modes](#)
- [Configuring System Time](#)

## System Time Options

System time can be set manually by the user, dynamically from an SNTP server, or synchronized from the PC running the GUI. If an SNTP server is chosen, the manual time settings are overwritten when communications with the server are established.

As part of the boot process, the switch always configures the time, time zone, and DST in some way. These parameters are obtained from either the PC running the GUI, SNTP, values set manually, or if all else fails, from the factory defaults.

## Time

The following methods are available for setting the system time on the switch:

- **Manual**—The user manually sets the time.
- **From PC**—Time can be received from the PC by using browser information.

The configuration of time from the computer is saved to the Running Configuration file. You must copy the Running Configuration to the Startup Configuration in order to enable the device to use the time from the computer after reboot. The time after reboot is set during the first WEB login to the device.

When the user configures this feature for the first time, if the time was not already set, the device sets the time from the PC.

This way of setting time works with both HTTP and HTTPS connections.

- **SNTP**—Time can be received from SNTP time servers. SNTP ensures accurate network time synchronization of the switch up to the millisecond by using an SNTP server for the clock source. When specifying an SNTP server, if choosing to identify it by hostname, three suggestions are given in the GUI:
  - time-a.timefreq.bldrdoc.gov
  - time-b.timefreq.bldrdoc.gov
  - time-c.timefreq.bldrdoc.gov

After the time has been set by any of the above sources, it is not set again by the browser.

**NOTE** SNTP is the recommended method for time setting.

## Time Zone and Daylight Savings Time (DST)

The Time Zone and DST can be set on the switch in the following ways:

- Dynamic configuration of the switch through a DHCP server, where:
  - Dynamic DST, when enabled and available, always takes precedence over the manual configuration of DST.

- If the server supplying the source parameters fails, or dynamic configuration is disabled by the user, the manual settings are used.
- Dynamic configuration of the time zone and DST continues after the IP address lease time has expired.
- Manual configuration of the time zone and DST by the user becomes the Operational time zone and DST, only if the dynamic configuration is disabled or fails.

**NOTE** The DHCP server must supply DHCP option 100 in order for dynamic timezone configuration to take place.

## SNTP Modes

The switch can receive the system time from an SNTP server in one of the following ways:

- **Client Broadcast Reception (passive mode)**

SNTP server(s) broadcasts the time, and the switch listens to these broadcasts. When the switch is in this mode, there is no need to define a Unicast SNTP server.

- **Client Broadcast Transmission (active mode)**—The switch, as an SNTP client, periodically requests SNTP time updates. This mode can work in either of the following ways:

- **SNTP Anycast Client Mode**—The switch broadcasts time request packets to all SNTP servers in the subnet, and waits for a response.
- **Unicast SNTP Server Mode**—The switch sends Unicast queries to a list of manually-configured SNTP servers, and waits for a response.

The switch supports having all of the above modes active at the same time and selects the best system time received from an SNTP server, according to an algorithm based on the closest stratum (distance from the reference clock).

## Configuring System Time

### Selecting Source of System Time

Use the *System Time* page to select the system time source. If the source is manual, you can enter the time here.



**CAUTION** If the system time is set manually and the switch is rebooted, the manual time settings must be reentered.

To define system time:

**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Time Settings > System Time**. The *System Time* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

**Clock Source Settings**—Select the source used to set the system clock.

- **Main Clock Source (SNTP Servers)**—If you enable this, the system time is obtained from an SNTP server. To use this feature, you must also configure a connection to an SNTP server in (*SNTP Interface Settings* page). Optionally, enforce authentication of the SNTP sessions by using the *SNTP Authentication* page.
- **Alternate Clock Source (PC via active HTTP/HTTPS sessions)**—Select to set the date and time from the configuring computer using the HTTP protocol.

**NOTE** The Clock Source Setting needs to be set to either of the above in order for RIP MD5 authentication to work.

**Manual Settings**—Set the date and time manually. The local time is used when there is no alternate source of time, such as an SNTP server:

- **Date**—Enter the system date.
- **Local Time**—Enter the system time.

**Time Zone Settings**—The local time is used via DHCP or Time Zone offset.

- **Get time zone from DHCP**—Select to enable dynamic configuration of the time zone and the DST from the DHCP server. Whether one or both of these parameters can be configured depends on the information found in the DHCP packet. If this option is enabled, *you must also enable DHCP client on the switch*. To do this, set the **IP Address Type** to **Dynamic** in the *IPv4 Interface* page.

**NOTE** The DHCP server must supply DHCP option 100 in order for dynamic timezone configuration to take place.

DCHPv6 is not supported. Therefore, even if there is a stateful DHCPv6 server in the network, this feature will not work with IPv6.

- **Time Zone Offset**—Select the difference in hours between *Greenwich Mean Time* (GMT) and the local time. For example, the Time Zone Offset for Paris is GMT + 1, while the Time Zone Offset for New York is GMT – 5.

**Daylight Savings Settings**—Select how DST is defined:

- **Daylight Savings**—Select to enable daylight Savings Time.
- **Time Set Offset**—Enter the number of minutes offset from GMT ranging from 1—1440. The default is 60.
- **Daylight Savings Type**—Click one of the following:
  - *USA*—DST will be set according to the dates used in the USA
  - *European*—DST will be set according to the dates used by the European Union and other countries that use this standard.
  - *By Dates*—DST will be set manually, typically for a country other than the USA or a European country. Enter the following parameters:
  - *Recurring*—DST occurs on the same date every year. Enter the following parameters:

Selecting *By Dates* allows customization of the start and stop of DST:

- **From**—Day and time that DST starts.
- **To**—Day and time that DST ends.

Selecting *Recurring* allows different customization of the start and stop of DST:

- **From**—Date when DST begins each year.
  - *Day*—Day of the week on which DST begins every year.

- *Week*—Week within the month from which DST begins every year.
- *Month*—Month of the year in which DST begins every year.
- *Time*—The time at which DST begins every year.
- **To**—Date when DST ends each year. For example, DST ends locally every fourth Friday in October at 5:00 am. The parameters are:
  - *Day*—Day of the week on which DST ends every year.
  - *Week*—Week within the month from which DST ends every year.
  - *Month*—Month of the year in which DST ends every year.
  - *Time*—The time at which DST ends every year.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The system time values are written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Adding a Unicast SNTP Server

Up to eight Unicast SNTP servers can be configured.

**NOTE** To specify a Unicast SNTP server by name, you must first configure DNS server(s) on the switch (see the [Defining DNS Servers](#) section). In order to add a Unicast SNTP server, check the box enable **SNTP Client Unicast**.

To add a Unicast SNTP server:

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**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Time Settings > SNTP Unicast** The *SNTP Unicast* page opens.

This page displays the following information for each Unicast SNTP server:

- **SNTP Server**—SNTP server IP address. Up to eight SNTP servers can be defined. The preferred server, or hostname, is chosen according to its stratum level.
- **Poll Interval**—Displays whether polling is enabled or disabled.
- **Authentication Key ID**—Key Identification used to communicate between the SNTP server and switch.

- **Stratum Level**—Distance from the reference clock expressed as a numerical value. An SNTP server cannot be the primary server (stratum level 1) unless polling interval is enabled.
- **Status**—SNTP server status. The possible values are:
  - *Up*—SNTP server is currently operating normally.
  - *Down*—SNTP server is currently not available.
  - *Unknown*—SNTP server is currently being searched for by the switch.
  - *In Process*—Occurs when the SNTP server has not fully trusted its own time server (i.e. when first booting up the SNTP server).
- **Last Response**—Date and time of the last time a response was received from this SNTP server.
- **Offset**—The estimated offset of the server's clock relative to the local clock, in milliseconds. The host determines the value of this offset using the algorithm described in RFC 2030.
- **Delay**—The estimated round-trip delay of the server's clock relative to the local clock over the network path between them, in milliseconds. The host determines the value of this delay using the algorithm described in RFC 2030.

**STEP 2** To add a Unicast SNTP server, enable **SNTP Client Unicast**.

**STEP 3** Click **Add** to display the *Add SNTP Server* page.

**STEP 4** Enter the following parameters:

- **Server Definition**—Select if the SNTP server is going to be identified by its IP address or if you are going to select a well-known SNTP server by name from the list.

**NOTE** To specify a well-known SNTP server, the switch must be connected to the Internet and configured with a DNS server or configured so that a DNS server is identified by using DHCP. (See the [Defining DNS Servers](#) section.)

- **IP Version**—Select the version of the IP address: **Version 6** or **Version 4**.

- **IPv6 Address Type**—Select the IPv6 address type (if IPv6 is used). The options are
  - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
- **Link Local Interface**—Select the link local interface (if IPv6 Address Type Link Local is selected) from the list.
- **SNTP Server IP Address**—Enter the SNTP server IP address. The format depends on which address type was selected.
- **SNTP Server**—Select the name of the SNTP server from a list of well-known NTP servers. If **other** is chosen, enter name of SNTP server in the adjacent field.
- **Poll Interval**—Select to enable polling of the SNTP server for system time information. All NTP servers that are registered for polling are polled, and the clock is selected from the server with the lowest stratum level (distance from the reference clock) that is reachable. The server with the lowest stratum is considered to be the primary server. The server with the next lowest stratum is a secondary server, and so forth. If the primary server is down, the switch polls all servers with the polling setting enabled, and selects a new primary server with the lowest stratum.
- **Authentication**—Select the check box to enable authentication.
- **Authentication Key ID**—If authentication is enabled, select the value of the key ID. (Create the authentication keys using the *SNTP Authentication* page.)

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The STNP server is added, and you are returned to the main page.

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## Configuring the SNTP Mode

The switch can be in active and/or passive mode (see [SNTP Modes](#) for more information).

To enable receiving SNTP packets from all servers on the subnet and/or to enable transmitting time requests to SNTP servers:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Time Settings > SNTP Multicast/Anycast**. The *SNTP Multicast/Anycast* page opens.
- STEP 2** Select from the following options:
- **SNTP Multicast Client Mode (Client Broadcast Reception)**—Select to receive system time from any SNTP server on the subnet.
  - **SNTP Anycast Client Mode (Client Broadcast Transmission)**—Select to transmit SNTP Broadcast synchronization packets requesting system time information. If SNTP servers have been defined, the packets go to these servers; otherwise, the packets are transmitted to all SNTP servers on the subnet.
- STEP 3** If the system is in Layer 3 (router) mode (the 500X device is always in Layer 3 mode), click **Add** to enter the interface for SNTP reception/transmission. The *Add SNTP Interface Settings* page opens.
- Select an interface and select the reception/transmission options.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply** to save the settings to the Running Configuration file.
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## Defining SNTP Authentication

SNTP clients can authenticate responses by using HMAC-MD5. An SNTP server is associated with a key, which is used as input together with the response itself to the MD5 function; the result of the MD5 is also included in the response packet.

The *SNTP Authentication* page enables configuration of the authentication keys that are used when communicating with an SNTP server that requires authentication.

The authentication key is created on the SNTP server in a separate process that depends on the type of SNTP server you are using. Consult with the SNTP server system administrator for more detail on this.

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*Workflow*

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- STEP 1** Enable authentication in the *SNTP Authentication* page.
- STEP 2** Create a key in the *SNTP Authentication* page.
- STEP 3** Associate this key with an SNTP server in the *SNTP Unicast* page.

To enable SNTP authentication and define keys:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Time Settings > SNTP Authentication**. The *SNTP Authentication* page opens.
- STEP 2** Select **SNTP Authentication** to support authentication of an SNTP session between the switch and an SNTP server.
- STEP 3** Click **Apply** to update the switch.
- STEP 4** Click **Add**. The *Add SNTP Authentication* page opens.
- STEP 5** Enter the following parameters:
- **Authentication Key ID**—Enter the number used to identify this SNTP authentication key internally.
  - **Authentication Key**—Enter the key used for authentication (up to eight characters). The SNTP server must send this key for the switch to synchronize to it.
  - **Trusted Key**—Select to enable the switch to receive synchronization information only from a SNTP server by using this authentication key.
- STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The SNTP Authentication parameters are written to the Running Configuration file.
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# Managing Device Diagnostics

This section contains information for configuring port mirroring, running cable tests, and viewing device operational information.

It covers the following topics:

- **Testing Copper Ports**
- **Displaying Optical Module Status**
- **Configuring Port and VLAN Mirroring**
- **Viewing CPU Utilization and Secure Core Technology**

## Testing Copper Ports

The *Copper Test* page displays the results of integrated cable tests performed on copper cables by the Virtual Cable Tester (VCT).

VCT performs two types of tests:

- Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) technology tests the quality and characteristics of a copper cable attached to a port. Cables of up to 140 meters long can be tested. These results are displayed in the Test Results block of the *Copper Test* page.
- DSP-based tests are performed on active GE links to measure cable length. These results are displayed in the Advanced Information block of the *Copper Test* page.

### *Preconditions to Running the Copper Port Test*

Before running the test, do the following:

- (Mandatory) Disable Short Reach mode (see the Port Management > Green Ethernet > *Properties* page)

- (Optional) Disable EEE (see the Port Management > Green Ethernet > *Properties* page)

Use a CAT5 data cable to run all cable testing (VCT).

Accuracy of the test results can have an error range of +/- 10 for Advanced Testing and +/- 2 for basic testing.

**CAUTION**

When a port is tested, it is set to the Down state and communications are interrupted. After the test, the port returns to the Up state. It is not recommended that you run the copper port test on a port you are using to run the web-based switch configuration utility, because communications with that device are disrupted.

To test copper cables attached to ports:

- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Diagnostics > Copper Test**. The *Copper Test* page opens.
- STEP 2** Select the port on which to run the test.
- STEP 3** Click **Copper Test**.
- STEP 4** When the message is displayed, click **OK** to confirm that the link can go down or **Cancel** to abort the test.

The following fields are displayed in the Test Results block:

- **Last Update**—Time of the last test conducted on the port.
- **Test Results**—Cable test results. Possible values are:
  - *OK*—Cable passed the test.
  - *No Cable*—Cable is not connected to the port.
  - *Open Cable*—Cable is connected on only one side.
  - *Short Cable*—Short circuit has occurred in the cable.
  - *Unknown Test Result*—Error has occurred.
- **Distance to Fault**—Distance from the port to the location on the cable where the fault was discovered.
- **Operational Port Status**—Displays whether port is up or down.

If the port being tested is a Giga port, the **Advanced Information** block displays the following information (it is refreshed each time you enter the page):

- **Cable Length:** Provides an estimate for the length.
- **Pair**—Cable wire pair being tested.
- **Status**—Wire pair status. Red indicates fault and Green indicates status OK.
- **Channel**—Cable channel indicating whether the wires are straight or cross-over.
- **Polarity**—Indicates if automatic polarity detection and correction has been activated for the wire pair.
- **Pair Skew**—Difference in delay between wire pairs.

**NOTE** TDR tests cannot be performed when the port speed is 10Mbit/Sec.

## Displaying Optical Module Status

The *Optical Module Status* page displays the operating conditions reported by the SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable) transceiver. Some information might not be available for SFPs that do not support the digital diagnostic monitoring standard SFF-8472.

### MSA-compatible SFPs

The following FE SFP (100Mbps) transceivers are supported:

- MFEBX1: 100BASE-BX-20U SFP transceiver for single-mode fiber, 1310 nm wavelength, supports up to 20 km.
- MFEFX1: 100BASE-FX SFP transceiver, for multimode fiber, 1310 nm wavelength, supports up to 2 km.
- MFELX1: 100BASE-LX SFP transceiver, for single-mode fiber, 1310 nm wavelength, supports up to 10 km.

The following GE SFP (1000Mbps) transceivers are supported:

- MGBBX1: 1000BASE-BX-20U SFP transceiver, for single-mode fiber, 1310 nm wavelength, supports up to 40 km.

- MGBLH1: 1000BASE-LH SFP transceiver, for single-mode fiber, 1310 nm wavelength, supports up to 40 km.
- MGBLX1: 1000BASE-LX SFP transceiver, for single-mode fiber, 1310 nm wavelength, supports up to 10 km.
- MGBSX1: 1000BASE-SX SFP transceiver, for multimode fiber, 850 nm wavelength, supports up to 550 m.
- MGBT1: 1000BASE-T SFP transceiver for category 5 copper wire, supports up to 100 m.

To view the results of optical tests, click **Administration > Diagnostics > Optical Module Status**. The *Optical Module Status* page opens.

This page displays the following fields:

- **Port**—Port number on which the SFP is connected.
- **Temperature**—Temperature (Celsius) at which the SFP is operating.
- **Voltage**—SFP's operating voltage.
- **Current**—SFP's current consumption.
- **Output Power**—Transmitted optical power.
- **Input Power**—Received optical power.
- **Transmitter Fault**—Remote SFP reports signal loss. Values are True, False, and No Signal (N/S).
- **Loss of Signal**—Local SFP reports signal loss. Values are True and False.
- **Data Ready**—SFP is operational. Values are True and False

## Configuring Port and VLAN Mirroring

Port mirroring is used on a network switch to send a copy of network packets seen on one switch port, multiple switch ports, or an entire VLAN to a network monitoring connection on another port on the switch. This is commonly used for network appliances that require monitoring of network traffic, such as an intrusion-detection system. A network analyzer connected to the monitoring port processes the data packets for diagnosing, debugging, and performance monitoring. Up to eight sources can be mirrored. This can be any combination of eight individual ports and/or VLANs.

A packet that is received on a network port assigned to a VLAN that is subject to mirroring, is mirrored to the analyzer port even if the packet was eventually trapped or discarded. Packets sent by the switch are mirrored when Transmit (Tx) mirroring is activated.

Mirroring does not guarantee that all traffic from the source port(s) is received on the analyzer (destination) port. If more data is sent to the analyzer port than it can support, some data might be lost.

VLAN mirroring is not active on a VLAN that was not manually created. For example, if VLAN 23 was created by GVRP, and you manually created VLAN 34, and you create port mirroring that includes VLAN 23, VLAN 34, or both, and later on delete VLAN 34, the status in port mirroring is set to **Not Ready**, because the VLAN34 is no longer in the database and VLAN23 was not created manually.

Only one instance of mirroring is supported system-wide. The analyzer port (or target port for VLAN mirroring or port mirroring) is the same for all the mirrored VLANs or ports.

To enable mirroring:

**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Diagnostics > Port and VLAN Mirroring**. The *Port and VLAN Mirroring* page opens.

This page displays the following fields:

- **Destination Port**—Port to which traffic is to be copied; the analyzer port.
- **Source Interface**—Interface, port, or VLAN, from which traffic is sent to the analyzer port.
- **Type**—Type of monitoring: incoming to the port (Rx), outgoing from the port (Tx), or both.
- **Status**— Displays one of the following values:
  - *Active*—Both source and destination interfaces are up and forwarding traffic.
  - *Not Ready*—Either source or destination (or both) are down or not forwarding traffic for some reason.

**STEP 2** Click **Add** to add a port or VLAN to be mirrored. The *Add Port and VLAN Mirroring* page opens.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters:

- **Destination Port**—Select the analyzer port to where packets are copied. A network analyzer, such as a PC running Wireshark, is connected to this port. If a port is identified as an analyzer destination port, it remains the analyzer destination port until all entries are removed.
- **Source Interface**—Select the source port or source VLAN from where traffic is to be mirrored.
- **Type**—Select whether incoming, outgoing, or both types of traffic are mirrored to the analyzer port. If **Port** is selected, the options are:
  - *Rx Only*—Port mirroring on incoming packets.
  - *Tx Only*—Port mirroring on outgoing packets.
  - *Tx and Rx*—Port mirroring on both incoming and outgoing packets.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. Port mirroring is added to the Running Configuration.

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## Viewing CPU Utilization and Secure Core Technology

This section describes the Secure Core Technology (SCT) and how to view CPU usage.

The switch handles the following types of traffic, in addition to end-user traffic:

- Management traffic
- Protocol traffic
- Snooping traffic

Excessive traffic burdens the CPU, and might prevent normal switch operation.

The switch uses the Secure Core Technology (SCT) feature to ensure that the switch will receive and process management and protocol traffic, no matter how much total traffic is received.

SCT is enabled by default on the device and cannot be disabled.

There are no interactions with other features.

To display CPU utilization:

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**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Diagnostics > CPU Utilization**.

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**STEP 2** Click **Security > Denial of Service Prevention > Security Suite Settings** and click **Details**.

The *CPU Utilization* page opens.

The **CPU Input Rate** field displays the rate of input frames to the CPU per second.

**STEP 3** Select **CPU Utilization** to enable viewing CPU resource utilization information.

The window displays a graph of the CPU utilization. The Y axis is percentage of usage, and the X axis is the sample number.

**STEP 4** Select the **Refresh Rate** (time period in seconds) that passes before the statistics are refreshed. A new sample is created for each time period.

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# Configuring Discovery

This section provides information for configuring Discovery.

It covers the following topics:

- [Configuring Bonjour Discovery](#)
- [LLDP and CDP](#)
- [Configuring LLDP](#)
- [Configuring CDP](#)

## Configuring Bonjour Discovery

As a Bonjour client, the switch periodically broadcasts Bonjour Discovery protocol packets to directly-connected IP subnet(s), advertising its existence and the services that it provides, for example, HTTP, HTTPs, and Telnet. (Use the *Security > TCP/UDP Services* page to enable or disable the switch services.) The switch can be *discovered* by a network management system or other third-party applications. By default, Bonjour is enabled on the Management VLAN. The Bonjour console automatically detects the device and displays it.

### Bonjour for a System in Layer 2 Mode

When the switch is in Layer 2 mode Bonjour Discovery is enabled globally; it cannot be enabled on a per-port or per-VLAN basis. The switch advertises all of the services that have been turned on by the administrator based on the configuration on the *Services* page.

When Bonjour Discovery and IGMP are both enabled, the IP Multicast address of Bonjour is displayed on the *Adding IP Multicast Group Address*.

When Bonjour Discovery is disabled, the switch stops any service type advertisements and does not respond to requests for service from network management applications.

To globally enable Bonjour when the system is in Layer 2:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - Bonjour**. The *Discovery - Bonjour* page opens.
  - STEP 2** Select **Enable** to enable Bonjour Discovery globally on the switch.
  - STEP 3** Click **Apply**. Bonjour is enabled or disabled on the switch according to the selection.
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## Bonjour for a System in Layer 3 Mode

In Layer 3 mode, each interface (VLAN, port, or LAG) can be assigned an IP address. When Bonjour is enabled, the switch can send Bonjour Discovery packets on all interfaces that have IP addresses. Bonjour can individually be assigned per-port and/or per-VLAN basis. When Bonjour is enabled, the switch can send Bonjour Discovery packets to interfaces with IP addresses that have been associated with Bonjour on the Bonjour Discovery Interface Control table. (When the switch is operating in Layer 3 mode, go to **IP Configuration > Management and IP Interface > IPv4 Interface** to configure an IP address to an interface.)

If a interface, such as a VLAN, is deleted, Goodbye packets are sent to deregister services the switch is advertising from the neighboring cache table within the local network. The Bonjour Discovery Interface Control Table shows interfaces with IP addresses that are associated with the Bonjour feature. Any Bonjour advertisement will only be broadcasted to interfaces listed in this table. (See the Bonjour Discovery Interface Control Table on *Administration > Discovery - Bonjour* page. If the available services are changed, those changes are advertised, deregistering services that are turned off and registering services that are turned on. If an IP address is changed, that change is advertised.

If Bonjour is disabled, the switch does not send Bonjour Discovery advertisements and it does not listen for Bonjour Discovery advertisements sent by other devices.

To configure Bonjour when the switch is in Layer 3 mode:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - Bonjour**. The *Discovery-Bonjour* page opens.
  - STEP 2** Select **Enable** to enable Bonjour discovery globally.
  - STEP 3** Click **Apply** to update the Running Configuration file.
  - STEP 4** To enable Bonjour on an interface, click **Add**.
  - STEP 5** Select the interface, and click **Apply**.

**NOTE** Click **Delete** to disable Bonjour on an interface (this performs the delete operation without any additional operation, such as Apply).

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## LLDP and CDP

LLDP (Link Layer Discovery Protocol) and CDP (Cisco Discovery Protocol) are link layer protocols for directly connected LLDP and CDP capable neighbors to advertise themselves and their capabilities to each other. By default, the switch sends an LLDP/CDP advertisement periodically to all its interfaces and terminates and processes incoming LLDP and CDP packets as required by the protocols. In LLDP and CDP, advertisements are encoded as TLV (Type, Length, Value) in the packet.

The following are additional points about CDP/LLDP configuration:

- CDP/LLDP can be globally enabled or disabled and enabled/disabled per port. The CDP/LLDP capability of a port is relevant only if CDP/LLDP is globally enabled.
- If CDP/LLDP is globally enabled, the switch filters out incoming CDP/LLDP packets from ports that are CDP/LLDP-disabled.
- If CDP/LLDP is globally disabled, the switch can be configured to discard, VLAN-aware flooding, or VLAN-unaware flooding of all incoming CDP/LLDP packets. VLAN-aware flooding floods an incoming CDP/LLDP packet to the VLAN where the packet is received excluding the ingress port. VLAN-unaware flooding floods an incoming CDP/LLDP packet to all the ports excluding the ingress port. The default is to discard CDP/LLDP packets when CDP/LLDP is globally disabled. You can configure the discard/flooding of incoming CDP and LLDP packets from the CDP Properties page and the LLDP Properties page respectively.

- Auto Smartport requires CDP and/or LLDP to be enabled. Auto Smartport automatically configures an interface based on the CDP/LLDP advertisement received from the interface.
- CDP and LLDP end devices, such as IP phones, learn the voice VLAN configuration from CDP and LLDP advertisements. By default, the switch is enabled to send out CDP and LLDP advertisement based on the voice VLAN configured at the switch. Refer to the Voice VLAN and Auto Voice VLAN sections for details.

**NOTE** CDP/LLDP does not distinguish if a port is in a LAG. If there are multiple ports in a LAG, CDP/LLDP transmit packets on each port without taking into account the fact that the ports are in a LAG.

The operation of CDP/LLDP is independent of the STP status of an interface.

If 802.1x port access control is enabled at an interface, the switch will transmit and receive CDP/LLDP packets to and from the interface only if the interface is authenticated and authorized.

If a port is the target of mirroring, then for CDP/LLDP it is considered down.

**NOTE** CDP and LLDP are link layer protocols for directly connected CDP/LLDP capable devices to advertise themselves and their capabilities. In deployments where the CDP/LLDP capable devices are not directly connected and are separated with CDP/LLDP incapable devices, the CDP/LLDP capable devices may be able to receive the advertisement from other device(s) only if the CDP/LLDP incapable devices flood the CDP/LLDP packets they receives. If the CDP/LLDP incapable devices perform VLAN-aware flooding, then CDP/LLDP capable devices can hear each other only if they are in the same VLAN. It should be noted that a CDP/LLDP capable device may receive advertisement from more than one device if the CDP/LLDP incapable devices flood the CDP/LLDP packets.

## Configuring LLDP

This section describes how to configure LLDP. It covers the following topics:

- [LLDP Overview](#)
- [Setting LLDP Properties](#)
- [Editing LLDP Port Settings](#)
- [LLDP MED](#)

- [Configuring LLDP MED Port Settings](#)
- [Displaying LLDP Port Status](#)
- [Displaying LLDP Local Information](#)
- [Displaying LLDP Neighbors Information](#)
- [Accessing LLDP Statistics](#)
- [LLDP Overloading](#)

## LLDP Overview

The Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) is a protocol that enables network managers to troubleshoot and enhance network management in multi-vendor environments. LLDP standardizes methods for network devices to advertise themselves to other systems, and to store discovered information.

LLDP enables a device to advertise its identification, configuration, and capabilities to neighboring devices that then store the data in a Management Information Base (MIB). The network management system models the topology of the network by querying these MIB databases.

LLDP is a link layer protocol. By default, the switch terminates and processes all incoming LLDP packets as required by the protocol.

The LLDP protocol has an extension called LLDP Media Endpoint Discovery (LLDP-MED), which provides and accepts information from media endpoint devices such as VoIP phones and video phones. For further information about LLDP-MED, see [LLDP MED](#).

### LLDP Configuration Workflow

Following are examples of actions that can be performed with the LLDP feature and in a suggested order. You can refer to the LLDP/CDP section for additional guidelines on LLDP configuration. LLDP configuration pages are accessible under the **Administration > Discovery LLDP** menu.

1. Enter LLDP global parameters, such as the time interval for sending LLDP updates using the *LLDP Properties* page.
2. Configure LLDP per port by using the *Port Settings* page. On this page, interfaces can be configured to receive/transmit LLDP PDUs, send SNMP notifications, specify which TLVs to advertise, and advertise the switch's management address.

3. Create LLDP MED network policies by using the *LLDP MED Network Policy* page.
4. Associate LLDP MED network policies and the optional LLDP-MED TLVs to the desired interfaces by using the *LLDP MED Port Settings* page.
5. If Auto Smartport is to detect the capabilities of LLDP devices, enable LLDP in the Smartport Properties page.
6. Display overloading information by using the *LLDP Overloading* page.

## Setting LLDP Properties

The *LLDP Properties* page enables entering LLDP general parameters. These include enabling/disabling the feature globally and setting timers.

To enter LLDP properties:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - LLDP > Properties**. The *Properties* page opens.
- STEP 2** Enter the parameters.
- **LLDP Status**—Select to enable LLDP on the switch (selected by default).
  - **LLDP Frames Handling**—If LLDP is not enabled, select the action to be taken if a packet that matches the selected criteria is received:
    - *Filtering*—Delete the packet.
    - *Flooding*—Forward the packet to all VLAN members.
  - **TLV Advertise Interval**—Enter the rate in seconds at which LLDP advertisement updates are sent or use the default.
  - **Topology Change SNMP Notification Interval**—Enter the minimum time interval between SNMP notifications.
  - **Hold Multiplier**—Enter the amount of time that LLDP packets are held before the packets are discarded, measured in multiples of the TLV Advertise Interval. For example, if the TLV Advertise Interval is 30 seconds, and the Hold Multiplier is 4, then the LLDP packets are discarded after 120 seconds.
  - **Reinitializing Delay**—Enter the time interval in seconds that passes between disabling and reinitializing LLDP, following an LLDP enable/disable cycle.

- **Transmit Delay**—Enter the amount of time in seconds that passes between successive LLDP frame transmissions due to changes in the LLDP local systems MIB.

For a description of LLDP MED, refer to the *LLDP MED Network Policy* section.

- STEP 3** In the **Fast Start Repeat Count** field, enter the number of times LLDP packets are sent when the LLDP-MED Fast Start mechanism is initialized. This occurs when a new endpoint device links to the switch.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The LLDP properties are added to the Running Configuration file.

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## Editing LLDP Port Settings

The *Port Settings* page enables activating LLDP and SNMP notification per port, and entering the TLVs that are sent in the LLDP PDU.

The LLDP-MED TLVs to be advertised can be selected in the *LLDP MED Port Settings* page, and the management address TLV of the switch may be configured.

To define the LLDP port settings:

- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - LLDP > Port Settings**. The *Port Settings* page opens.

This page displays the port LLDP information.

- STEP 2** Select a port and click **Edit**. The *Edit LLDP Port Settings* page opens.

This page provides the following fields:

- **Interface**—Select the port to edit.
- **Administrative Status**—Select the LLDP publishing option for the port. The values are:
  - *Tx Only*—Publishes but does not discover.
  - *Rx Only*—Discovers but does not publish.
  - *Tx & Rx*—Publishes and discovers.
  - *Disable*—Indicates that LLDP is disabled on the port.

- **SNMP Notification**—Select **Enable** to send notifications to SNMP notification recipients, for example, an SNMP managing system, when there is a topology change.

The time interval between notifications is entered in the Topology Change SNMP Notification Interval field in the *LLDP Properties* page. Define SNMP Notification Recipients by using the *SNMP > Notification Recipient v1,2* and/or *SNMP > Notification Recipient v3* page.

- **Available Optional TLVs**—Select the information to be published by the switch by moving the TLV to the **Selected Optional TLVs** list. The available TLVs contain the following information:
  - *Port Description*—Information about the port, including manufacturer, product name and hardware/software version.
  - *System Name*—System's assigned name (in alpha-numeric format). The value equals the sysName object.
  - *System Description*—Description of the network entity (in alpha-numeric format). This includes the system's name and versions of the hardware, operating system, and networking software supported by the switch. The value equals the sysDescr object.
  - *System Capabilities*—Primary functions of the switch, and whether or not these functions are enabled in the switch. The capabilities are indicated by two octets. Bits 0 through 7 indicate Other, Repeater, Bridge, WLAN AP, Router, Telephone, DOCSIS cable device, and station respectively. Bits 8 through 15 are reserved.
  - *802.3 MAC-PHY*—Duplex and bit rate capability and the current duplex and bit rate settings of the sending device. It also indicates whether the current settings are due to auto-negotiation or manual configuration.
  - *802.3 Link Aggregation*—Whether the link (associated with the port on which the LLDP PDU is transmitted) can be aggregated. It also indicates whether the link is currently aggregated, and if so, provides the aggregated port identifier.
  - *802.3 Maximum Frame*—Maximum frame size capability of the MAC/PHY implementation.

The following fields relate to the Management Address:

- **Advertisement Mode**—Select one of the following ways to advertise the IP management address of the switch:

- *Auto Advertise*—Specifies that the software would automatically choose a management address to advertise from all the IP addresses of the product. In case of multiple IP addresses the software chooses the lowest IP address among the dynamic IP addresses. If there are no dynamic addresses, the software chooses the lowest IP address among the static IP addresses.
  - *None*—Do not advertise the management IP address.
  - *Manual Advertise*—Select this option and the management IP address to be advertised. We recommended that this option be selected when the switch is in Layer 3 mode and the switch is configured with multiple IP addresses.
    - **IP Address**—If Manual Advertise was selected, select the Management IP address from the addresses provided.
- STEP 3** Enter the relevant information, and click **Apply**. The port settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

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## LLDP MED

*LLDP Media Endpoint Discovery* (LLDP-MED) is an extension of LLDP that provides the following additional capabilities to support media endpoint devices. Some of the features of the LLDP Med Network Policy are:

- Enables the advertisement and discovery of network policies for real-time applications such as voice and/or video.
- Device location discovery to allow creation of location databases and, in the case of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), Emergency Call Service (E-911) by using IP Phone location information.
- Troubleshooting information. LLDP MED sends alerts to network managers upon:
  - Port speed and duplex mode conflicts
  - QoS policy misconfigurations

### Setting LLDP MED Network Policy

An LLDP-MED network policy is a related set of configuration settings for a specific real-time application such as voice, or video. A network policy, if configured, will be included into the outgoing LLDP packets to the attached LLDP media endpoint device. The media endpoint device should send its traffic as specified in the network policy it receives. For example, a policy can be created for VoIP traffic that instructs VoIP phone to:

- Send voice traffic on VLAN 10 as tagged packet and with 802.1p priority 5.
- Send voice traffic with DSCP 46

Network policies are associated with ports by using the *LLDP MED Port Settings* page. An administrator can manually configure one or more network policies and the interfaces where the policies are to be sent. It is the administrator's responsibility to manually create the VLANs and their port memberships according to the network policies and their associated interfaces.

In addition, an administrator can instruct the switch to automatically generate and advertise a network policy for voice application based on the voice VLAN maintained by the switch. Refer the Auto Voice VLAN section for details on how the switch maintains its voice VLAN.

To define an LLDP MED network policy:

**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - LLDP > LLDP MED Network Policy**. The *LLDP MED Network Policy* page opens.

This page displays previously-created network policies.

**STEP 2** Select **Auto** for LLDP-MED Network Policy for Voice Application if the switch is to automatically generate and advertise a network policy for voice application based on the voice VLAN maintained by the switch.

**NOTE** When this box is checked, the user may not manually configure a voice network policy.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply** to add this setting to the Running Configuration file.

**STEP 4** To define a new policy, click **Add** and the *Add LLDP MED Network Policy* page opens.

**STEP 5** Enter the values.

- **Network Policy Number**—Select the number of the policy to be created.

- **Application**—Select the type of application (type of traffic) for which the network policy is being defined.
- **VLAN ID**—Enter the VLAN ID to which the traffic should be sent.
- **VLAN Tag**—Select whether the traffic is Tagged or Untagged.
- **User Priority**—Select the traffic priority applied to traffic defined by this network policy. This is the CoS value.
- **DSCP Value**—Select the DSCP value to associate with application data sent by neighbors. This informs them how they should mark the application traffic they send to the switch.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The network policy is defined.

**NOTE** You must manually configure the interfaces to include the desired manually defined network policies for the outgoing LLDP packets using the LLDP MED Port Settings.

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## Configuring LLDP MED Port Settings

The LLDP MED Port Settings page enables the selection of the LLDP-MED TLVs and/or the network policies to be included in the outgoing LLDP advertisement for the desired interfaces. Network Policies are configured using the LLDP MED Network Policy page.

**NOTE** If LLDP-MED Network Policy for Voice Application (LLDP-MED Network Policy Page) is Auto and Auto Voice VLAN is in operation, then the switch will automatically generate an LLDP-MED Network Policy for Voice Application for all the ports that are LLDP-MED enabled and are members of the voice VLAN.

To configure LLDP MED on each port:

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**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - LLDP > LLDP MED Port Settings**. The *LLDP MED Port Settings* page opens.

This page displays LLDP MED settings, including enabled TLVs, for all ports.

**STEP 2** The message at the top of the page indicates whether the generation of the LLDP MED Network Policy for the voice application is automatic or not (see [LLDP Overview](#)). Click on the link to change the mode.

**STEP 3** To associate additional LLDP MED TLV and/or one or more user-defined LLDP MED Network Policies to a port, select it, and click **Edit**. The *Edit LLDP MED Port Settings* page opens.

**STEP 4** Enter the parameters.

- **Interface**—Select the interface to configure.
- **LLDP MED Status**—Enable/disable LLDP MED on this port.
- **SNMP Notification**—Select whether SNMP notification is sent on a per-port basis when an end station that supports MED is discovered, for example a SNMP managing system, when there is a topology change.
- **Available Optional TLVs**—Select the TLVs that can be published by the switch by moving them to the *Selected Optional TLVs* list.
- **Available Network Policies**—Select the LLDP MED policies that will be published by LLDP by moving them to the Selected Network Policies list. These were created in the *LLDP MED Network Policy* page. To include one or more user defined network polices in the advertisement, you must also select *Network Policy* from the Available Optional TLVs.

**NOTE** The following fields must be entered in hexadecimal characters in the exact data format that is defined in the LLDP-MED standard (ANSI-TIA-1057\_final\_for\_publication.pdf).

- **Location Coordinate**—Enter the coordinate location to be published by LLDP.
- **Location Civic Address**—Enter the civic address to be published by LLDP.
- **Location (ECS) ELIN**—Enter the Emergency Call Service (ECS) ELIN location to be published by LLDP.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The LLDP MED port settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

## Displaying LLDP Port Status

The *LLDP Port Status Table* page displays the LLDP global information for every port.

- STEP 1** To view the LLDP port status, click **Administration > Discovery - LLDP > LLDP Port Status**. The *LLDP Port Status* page opens.
- STEP 2** Click **LLDP Local Information Detail** to see the details of the LLDP and LLDP-MED TLVs sent to the neighbor.
- STEP 3** Click **LLDP Neighbor Information Detail** to see the details of the LLDP and LLDP-MED TLVs received from the neighbor.

### LLDP Port Status Global Information

- **Chassis ID Subtype**—Type of chassis ID (for example, MAC address).
- **Chassis ID**—Identifier of chassis. Where the chassis ID subtype is a MAC address, the MAC address of the switch is displayed.
- **System Name**—Name of switch.
- **System Description**—Description of the switch (in alpha-numeric format).
- **Supported System Capabilities**—Primary functions of the device, such as Bridge, WLAN AP, or Router.
- **Enabled System Capabilities**—Primary enabled function(s) of the device.
- **Port ID Subtype**—Type of the port identifier that is shown.

### LLDP Port Status Table

- **Interface**—Port identifier.
- **LLDP Status**—LLDP publishing option.
- **LLDP MED Status**—Enabled or disabled.
- **Local PoE**—Local PoE information advertised.
- **Remote PoE**—PoE information advertised by the neighbor.
- **# of neighbors**—Number of neighbors discovered.
- **Neighbor Capability of 1st Device**—Displays the primary functions of the neighbor, for example: Bridge or Router.

## Displaying LLDP Local Information

To view the LLDP local port status advertised on a port:

**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - LLDP > LLDP Local Information**. The *LLDP Local Information* page opens.

**STEP 2** On the bottom of the page, click **LLDP Port Status Table**.

Click **LLDP Local Information Details** to see the details of the LLDP and LLDPMED TLVs sent to the neighbor.

Click **LLDP Neighbor Information Details** to see the details of the LLDP and LLDP-MED TLVs received from the neighbor.

**STEP 3** Select the desired port from the **Port** list.

This page provides the following fields:

### Global

- **Chassis ID Subtype**—Type of chassis ID. (For example the MAC address.)
- **Chassis ID**—Identifier of chassis. Where the chassis ID subtype is a MAC address, the MAC address of the switch is displayed.
- **System Name**—Name of switch.
- **System Description**—Description of the switch (in alpha-numeric format).
- **Supported System Capabilities**—Primary functions of the device, such as Bridge, WLAN AP, or Router.
- **Enabled System Capabilities**—Primary enabled function(s) of the device.
- **Port ID Subtype**—Type of the port identifier that is shown.
- **Port ID**—Identifier of port.
- **Port Description**—Information about the port, including manufacturer, product name and hardware/software version.

### Management Address

Displays the table of addresses of the local LLDP agent. Other remote managers can use this address to obtain information related to the local device. The address consists of the following elements:

- **Address Subtype**—Type of management IP address that is listed in the Management Address field, for example, IPv4.

- **Address**—Returned address most appropriate for management use, typically a Layer 3 address.
- **Interface Subtype**—Numbering method used for defining the interface number.
- **Interface Number**—Specific interface associated with this management address.

#### MAC/PHY Details

- **Auto-Negotiation Supported**—Port speed auto-negotiation support status.
- **Auto-Negotiation Enabled**—Port speed auto-negotiation active status.
- **Auto-Negotiation Advertised Capabilities**—Port speed auto-negotiation capabilities, for example, 1000BASE-T half duplex mode, 100BASE-TX full duplex mode.
- **Operational MAU Type**—Medium Attachment Unit (MAU) type. The MAU performs physical layer functions, including digital data conversion from the Ethernet interfaces' collision detection and bit injection into the network, for example, 100BASE-TX full duplex mode.

#### 802.3 Details

- **802.3 Maximum Frame Size**—The maximum supported IEEE 802.3 frame size.

#### 802.3 Link Aggregation

- **Aggregation Capability**—Indicates whether the interface can be aggregated.
- **Aggregation Status**—Indicates whether the interface is aggregated.
- **Aggregation Port ID**—Advertised aggregated interface ID.

#### 802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) (If device supports EEE)

- **Local Tx**—Indicates the time (in micro seconds) that the transmitting link partner waits before it starts transmitting data after leaving Low Power Idle (LPI mode).
- **Local Rx**—Indicates the time (in micro seconds) that the receiving link partner requests that the transmitting link partner waits before transmission of data following Low Power Idle (LPI mode).
- **Remote Tx Echo**—Indicates the local link partner's reflection of the remote link partner's Tx value.

- **Remote Rx Echo**—Indicates the local link partner's reflection of the remote link partner's Rx value.

### MED Details

- **Capabilities Supported**—MED capabilities supported on the port.
- **Current Capabilities**—MED capabilities enabled on the port.
- **Device Class**—LLDP-MED endpoint device class. The possible device classes are:
  - *Endpoint Class 1*—Indicates a generic endpoint class, offering basic LLDP services.
  - *Endpoint Class 2*—Indicates a media endpoint class, offering media streaming capabilities, as well as all Class 1 features.
  - *Endpoint Class 3*—Indicates a communications device class, offering all Class 1 and Class 2 features plus location, 9 1 1, Layer 2 switch support, and device information management capabilities.
- **PoE Device Type**—Port PoE type, for example, powered.
- **PoE Power Source**—Port power source.
- **PoE Power Priority**—Port power priority.
- **PoE Power Value**—Port power value.
- **Hardware Revision**—Hardware version.
- **Firmware Revision**—Firmware version.
- **Software Revision**—Software version.
- **Serial Number**—Device serial number.
- **Manufacturer Name**—Device manufacturer name.
- **Model Name**—Device model name.
- **Asset ID**—Asset ID.

### Location Information

- **Civic**—Street address.
- **Coordinates**—Map coordinates: latitude, longitude, and altitude.

- **ECS ELIN**—Emergency Call Service (ECS) Emergency Location Identification Number (ELIN).

#### Network Policy Table

- **Application Type**—Network policy application type, for example, Voice.
- **VLAN ID**—VLAN ID for which the network policy is defined.
- **VLAN Type**—VLAN type for which the network policy is defined. The possible field values are:
  - *Tagged*—Indicates the network policy is defined for tagged VLANs.
  - *Untagged*—Indicates the network policy is defined for untagged VLANs.
- **User Priority**—Network policy user priority.
- **DSCP**—Network policy DSCP.

## Displaying LLDP Neighbors Information

The *LLDP Neighbors Information* page displays information that was received from neighboring devices.

After timeout (based on the value received from the neighbor Time To Live TLV during which no LLDP PDU was received from a neighbor), the information is deleted.

To view the LLDP neighbors information:

- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - LLDP > LLDP Neighbors Information**. The *LLDP Neighbors Information* page opens.

This page displays the following fields:

- **Local Port**—Number of the local port to which the neighbor is connected.
- **Chassis ID Subtype**—Type of chassis ID (for example, MAC address).
- **Chassis ID**—Identifier of the 802 LAN neighboring device's chassis.
- **Port ID Subtype**—Type of the port identifier that is shown.
- **Port ID**—Identifier of port.
- **System Name**—Published name of the switch.

- **Time to Live**—Time interval (in seconds) after which the information for this neighbor is deleted.

**STEP 2** Select a local port, and click **Details**. The *Neighbors Information* page opens.

This page displays the following fields:

#### Port Details

- **Local Port**—Port number.
- **MSAP Entry**—Device Media Service Access Point (MSAP) entry number.

#### Basic Details

- **Chassis ID Subtype**—Type of chassis ID (for example, MAC address).
- **Chassis ID**—Identifier of the 802 LAN neighboring device chassis.
- **Port ID Subtype**—Type of the port identifier that is shown.
- **Port ID**—Identifier of port.
- **Port Description**—Information about the port, including manufacturer, product name and hardware/software version.
- **System Name**—Name of system that is published.
- **System Description**—Description of the network entity (in alpha-numeric format). This includes the system name and versions of the hardware, operating system, and networking software supported by the device. The value equals the sysDescr object.
- **Supported System Capabilities**—Primary functions of the device. The capabilities are indicated by two octets. Bits 0 through 7 indicate Other, Repeater, Bridge, WLAN AP, Router, Telephone, DOCSIS cable device, and station respectively. Bits 8 through 15 are reserved.
- **Enabled System Capabilities**—Primary enabled function(s) of the device.

#### Management Address Table

- **Address Subtype**—Managed address subtype, for example, MAC or IPv4.
- **Address**—Managed address.
- **Interface Subtype**—Port subtype.
- **Interface Number**—Port number.

### MAC/PHY Details

- **Auto-Negotiation Supported**—Port speed auto-negotiation support status. The possible values are True and False.
- **Auto-Negotiation Enabled**—Port speed auto-negotiation active status. The possible values are True and False.
- **Auto-Negotiation Advertised Capabilities**—Port speed auto-negotiation capabilities, for example, 1000BASE-T half duplex mode, 100BASE-TX full duplex mode.
- **Operational MAU Type**—Medium Attachment Unit (MAU) type. The MAU performs physical layer functions, including digital data conversion from the Ethernet interfaces' collision detection and bit injection into the network, for example, 100BASE-TX full duplex mode.

### 802.3 Power via MDI

- **MDI Power Support Port Class**—Advertised power support port class.
- **PSE MDI Power Support**—Indicates if MDI power is supported on the port.
- **PSE MDI Power State**—Indicates if MDI power is enabled on the port.
- **PSE Power Pair Control Ability**—Indicates if power pair control is supported on the port.
- **PSE Power Pair**—Power pair control type supported on the port.
- **PSE Power Class**—Advertised power class of the port.

### 802.3 Details

- **802.3 Maximum Frame Size**—Advertised maximum frame size that is supported on the port.

### 802.3 Link Aggregation

- **Aggregation Capability**—Indicates if the port can be aggregated.
- **Aggregation Status**—Indicates if the port is currently aggregated.
- **Aggregation Port ID**—Advertised aggregated port ID.

### 802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)

- **Remote Tx**—Indicates the time (in micro seconds) that the transmitting link partner waits before it starts transmitting data after leaving Low Power Idle (LPI mode).

- **Remote Rx**—Indicates the time (in micro seconds) that the receiving link partner requests that the transmitting link partner waits before transmission of data following Low Power Idle (LPI mode).
- **Local Tx Echo**—Indicates the local link partner's reflection of the remote link partner's Tx value.
- **Local Rx Echo**—Indicates the local link partner's reflection of the remote link partner's Rx value.

### MED Details

- **Capabilities Supported**—MED capabilities enabled on the port.
- **Current Capabilities**—MED TLVs advertised by the port.
- **Device Class**—LLDP-MED endpoint device class. The possible device classes are:
  - *Endpoint Class 1*—Indicates a generic endpoint class, offering basic LLDP services.
  - *Endpoint Class 2*—Indicates a media endpoint class, offering media streaming capabilities as well as all Class 1 features.
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- **PoE Device Type**—Port PoE type, for example, powered.
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- **PoE Power Value**—Port's power value.
- **Hardware Revision**—Hardware version.
- **Firmware Revision**—Firmware version.
- **Software Revision**—Software version.
- **Serial Number**—Device serial number.
- **Manufacturer Name**—Device manufacturer name.
- **Model Name**—Device model name.
- **Asset ID**—Asset ID.

### 802.1 VLAN and Protocol

- **PVID**—Advertised port VLAN ID.

### PPVID Table

- **VID**—Protocol VLAN ID.
- **Supported**—Supported Port and Protocol VLAN IDs.
- **Enabled**—Enabled Port and Protocol VLAN IDs.

### VLAN IDs

- **VID**—Port and Protocol VLAN ID.
- **VLAN Names**—Advertised VLAN names.

### Protocol IDs

- **Protocol ID Table**—Advertised protocol IDs.

### Location Information

Enter the following data structures in hexadecimal as described in section 10.2.4 of the ANSI-TIA-1057 standard:

- **Civic**—Civic or street address.
- **Coordinates**—Location map coordinates—latitude, longitude, and altitude.
- **ECS ELIN**—Device's Emergency Call Service (ECS) Emergency Location Identification Number (ELIN).
- **Unknown**—Unknown location information.

### Network Policies

- **Application Type**—Network policy application type, for example, Voice.
- **VLAN ID**—VLAN ID for which the network policy is defined.
- **VLAN Type**—VLAN type, Tagged or Untagged, for which the network policy is defined.
- **User Priority**—Network policy user priority.
- **DSCP**—Network policy DSCP.

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## Accessing LLDP Statistics

The *LLDP Statistics* page displays LLDP statistical information per port.

To view the LLDP statistics:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - LLDP > LLDP Statistics**. The *LLDP Statistics* page opens.

For each port, the fields are displayed:

- **Interface**—Identifier of interface.
- **Tx Frames Total**—Number of transmitted frames.
- **Rx Frames**
  - *Total*—Number of received frames.
  - *Discarded*—Total number of received frames that were discarded.
  - *Errors*—Total number of received frames with errors.
- **Rx TLVs**
  - *Discarded*—Total number of received TLVs that were discarded.
  - *Unrecognized*—Total number of received TLVs that were unrecognized.
- **Neighbor's Information Deletion Count**—Number of neighbor ageouts on the interface.

- STEP 2** Click **Refresh** to view the latest statistics.
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## LLDP Overloading

LLDP adds information as LLDP and LLDP-MED TLVs into the LLDP packets. LLDP overload occurs when the total amount of information to be included in a LLDP packet exceed the maximum PDU size supported by an interface.

The *LLDP Overloading* page displays the number of bytes of LLDP/LLDP-MED information, the number of available bytes for additional LLDP information, and the overloading status of every interface.

To view LLDP overloading information:

- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - LLDP > LLDP Overloading**. The *LLDP Overloading* page opens.

This page displays the following fields for each port:

- **Interface**—Port identifier.
- **Total (Bytes)**—Total number of bytes of LLDP information in each packet
- **Left to Send (Bytes)**—Total number of available bytes left for additional LLDP information in each packet.
- **Status**—Whether TLVs are being transmitted or if they are overloaded.

- STEP 2** To view the overloading details for a port, select it and click **Details**. The *LLDP Overloading Details* opens.

This page displays the following information for each TLV sent on the port:

- **LLDP Mandatory TLVs**
  - *Size (Bytes)*—Total mandatory TLV byte size.
  - *Status*—If the mandatory TLV group is being transmitted, or if the TLV group was overloaded.
- **LLDP MED Capabilities**
  - *Size (Bytes)*—Total LLDP MED capabilities packets byte size.
  - *Status*—If the LLDP MED capabilities packets were sent, or if they were overloaded.
- **LLDP MED Location**
  - *Size (Bytes)*—Total LLDP MED location packets byte size.
  - *Status*—If the LLDP MED locations packets were sent, or if they were overloaded.
- **LLDP MED Network Policy**
  - *Size (Bytes)*—Total LLDP MED network policies packets byte size.
  - *Status*—If the LLDP MED network policies packets were sent, or if they were overloaded.
- **LLDP MED Extended Power via MDI**

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- *Size (Bytes)*—Total LLDP MED extended power via MDI packets byte size.
  - *Status*—If the LLDP MED extended power via MDI packets were sent, or if they were overloaded.
  - **802.3 TLVs**
    - *Size (Bytes)*—Total LLDP MED 802.3 TLVs packets byte size.
    - *Status*—If the LLDP MED 802.3 TLVs packets were sent, or if they were overloaded.
  - **LLDP Optional TLVs**
    - *Size (Bytes)*—Total LLDP MED optional TLVs packets byte size.
    - *Status*—If the LLDP MED optional TLVs packets were sent, or if they were overloaded.
  - **LLDP MED Inventory**
    - *Size (Bytes)*—Total LLDP MED inventory TLVs packets byte size.
    - *Status*—If the LLDP MED inventory packets were sent, or if they were overloaded.
  - **Total (Bytes)**—Total number of bytes of LLDP information in each packet
  - **Left to Send (Bytes)**—Total number of available bytes left for additional LLDP information in each packet.
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## Configuring CDP

This section describes how to configure CDP.

It covers the following topics:

- [Setting CDP Properties](#)
- [Editing CDP Interface Settings](#)
- [Displaying CDP Local Information](#)
- [Displaying CDP Neighbors Information](#)
- [Viewing CDP Statistics](#)

### Setting CDP Properties

Similar to LLDP, CDP (Cisco Discovery Protocol) is a link layer protocol for directly connected neighbors to advertise themselves and their capabilities to each other. Unlike LLDP, CDP is a Cisco proprietary protocol.

#### *CDP Configuration Workflow*

The following is sample workflow in configuring CDP on the switch. You can also find additional CDP configuration guidelines in the LLDP/CDP section.

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- STEP 1** Enter the CDP global parameters using the *CDP Properties* page
  - STEP 2** Configure CDP per interface using the *Interface Setting* page
  - STEP 3** If Auto Smartport is to detect the capabilities of CDP devices, enable CDP in the *Smartport Properties* page.

See the [Identifying Smartport Type](#) section for a description of how CDP is used to identify devices for the Smartport feature.

To enter CDP general parameters:

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- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - CDP > Properties**. The *Properties* page opens.
  - STEP 2** Enter the parameters.
    - **CDP Status**—Select to enable CDP on the switch.

- **CDP Frames Handling**—If CDP is not enabled, select the action to be taken if a packet that matches the selected criteria is received:
  - *Bridging*—Forward the packet based on the VLAN.
  - *Filtering*—Delete the packet.
  - *Flooding*—VLAN unaware flooding that forwards incoming CDP packets to all the ports excluding the ingress ports.
- **CDP Voice VLAN Advertisement**—Select to enable the switch to advertise the voice VLAN in CDP on all of the ports that are CDP enabled, and are member of the voice VLAN. The voice VLAN is configured in the Voice VLAN Properties page.
- **CDP Mandatory TLVs Validation**—If selected, incoming CDP packets not containing the mandatory TLVs are discarded and the invalid error counter is incremented.
- **CDP Version**—Select the version of CDP to use.
- **CDP Hold Time**—Amount of time that CDP packets are held before the packets are discarded, measured in multiples of the TLV Advertise Interval. For example, if the TLV Advertise Interval is 30 seconds, and the Hold Multiplier is 4, then the LLDP packets are discarded after 120 seconds. The following options are possible:
  - *Use Default*—Use the default time (180 seconds)
  - *User Defined*—Enter the time in seconds.
- **CDP Transmission Rate**—The rate in seconds at which CDP advertisement updates are sent. The following options are possible:
  - *Use Default*—Use the default rate (60 seconds)
  - *User Defined*—Enter the rate in seconds.
- **Device ID Format**—Select the format of the device ID (MAC address or serial number).
- **Source Interface**—IP address to be used in the TLV of the frames. The following options are possible:
  - *Use Default*—Use the IP address of the outgoing interface.
  - *User Defined*—Use the IP address of the interface (in the **Interface** field) in the address TLV.

- **Interface**—If *User Defined* was selected for **Source Interface**, select the interface.
- **Syslog Voice VLAN Mismatch**—Check to send a SYSLOG message when a voice VLAN mismatch is detected. This means that the voice VLAN information in the incoming frame does not match what the local device is advertising.
- **Syslog Native VLAN Mismatch**—Check to send a SYSLOG message when a native VLAN mismatch is detected. This means that the native VLAN information in the incoming frame does not match what the local device is advertising.
- **Syslog Duplex Mismatch**—Check to send a SYSLOG message when duplex information is mismatched. This means that the duplex information in the incoming frame does not match what the local device is advertising.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The LLDP properties are defined.

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## Editing CDP Interface Settings

The *Interface Settings* page enables administrators to enable/disable CDP per port. Notifications can also be triggered when there are conflicts with CDP neighbors. The conflict can be Voice VLAN data, Native VLAN, or Duplex.

By setting these properties it is possible to select the types of information to be provided to devices that support the LLDP protocol.

The LLDP-MED TLVs to be advertised can be selected in the *LLDP MED Interface Settings* page.

To define the LLDP interface settings:

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**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - CDP > Interface Settings**. The *Interface Settings* page opens.

This page displays the following CDP information for each interface.

- **CDP Status**—CDP publishing option for the port.
- **Reporting Conflicts with CDP Neighbors**—Displays the status of the reporting options that are enabled/disabled in the **Edit** page (Voice VLAN/ Native VLAN/Duplex).
- **No. of Neighbors**—Number of neighbors detected.

The bottom of the page has four buttons:

- **Copy Settings**—Select to copy a configuration from one port to another.
- **Edit**—Fields explained in Step 2 below.
- **CDP Local Information Details**—Takes you to the *Administration > Discovery - CDP > CDP Local Information* page.
- **CDP Neighbor Information Details**—Takes you to the *Administration > Discovery - CDP > CDP Neighbor Information* page.

**STEP 2** Select a port and click **Edit**. The *Edit CDP Interface Settings* page opens.

This page provides the following fields:

- **Interface**—Select the interface to be defined.
- **CDP Status**—Select to enable/disable the CDP publishing option for the port.

**NOTE** The next three fields are operational when the switch has been set up to send traps to the management station.

- **Syslog Voice VLAN Mismatch**—Select to enable the option of sending a SYSLOG message when a voice VLAN mismatch is detected. This means that the voice VLAN information in the incoming frame does not match what the local device is advertising.
- **Syslog Native VLAN Mismatch**—Select to enable the option of sending a SYSLOG message when a native VLAN mismatch is detected. This means that the native VLAN information in the incoming frame does not match what the local device is advertising.
- **Syslog Duplex Mismatch**—Select to enable the option of sending a SYSLOG message when duplex information mismatch is detected. This means that the duplex information in the incoming frame does not match what the local device is advertising.

**STEP 3** Enter the relevant information, and click **Apply**. The port settings are written to the Running Configuration.

## Displaying CDP Local Information

To view information that is advertised by the CDP protocol about the local device:

- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - CDP > CDP Local Information**. The *CDP Local Information* page opens.
- STEP 2** Select a local port, and the following fields are displayed:
- **Interface**—Number of the local port.
  - **CDP State**—Displays whether CDP is enabled or not.
  - **Device ID TLV**
    - **Device ID Type**—Type of the device ID advertised in the device ID TLV.
    - **Device ID**—Device ID advertised in the device ID TLV.
  - **Address TLV**
    - **Address1-3**—IP addresses (advertised in the device address TLV).
  - **Port TLV**
    - **Port ID**—Identifier of port advertised in the port TLV.
  - **Capabilities TLV**
    - **Capabilities**—Capabilities advertised in the port TLV)
  - **Version TLV**
    - **Version**—Information about the software release on which the device is running.
  - **Platform TLV**
    - **Platform**—Identifier of platform advertised in the platform TLV.
  - **Native VLAN TLV**
    - **Native VLAN**—The native VLAN identifier advertised in the native VLAN TLV.
  - **Full/Half Duplex TLV**
    - **Duplex**—Whether port is half or full duplex advertised in the full/half duplex TLV.

- **Appliance TLV**
  - **Appliance ID**—Type of device attached to port advertised in the appliance TLV.
  - **Appliance VLAN ID**—VLAN on the device used by the appliance, for instance if the appliance is an IP phone, this is the voice VLAN.
- **Extended Trust TLV**
  - **Extended Trust**—Enabled indicates that the port is trusted, meaning that the host/server from which the packet is received is trusted to mark the packets itself. In this case, packets received on such a port are not re-marked. Disabled indicates that the port is not trusted in which case, the following field is relevant.
- **CoS for Untrusted Ports TLV**
  - **CoS for Untrusted Ports**—If Extended Trust is disabled on the port, this field displays the Layer 2 CoS value, meaning, an 802.1D/802.1p priority value. This is the COS value with which all packets received on an untrusted port are remarked by the device.
- **Power TLV**
  - **Request ID**—Last power request ID received echoes the Request-ID field last received in a Power Requested TLV. It is 0 if no Power Requested TLV was received since the interface last transitioned to Up.
  - **Power Management ID**—Value incremented by 1 (or 2, to avoid 0) each time any one of the following events occur:
    - Available-Power or Management Power Level fields change value
    - A Power Requested TLV is received with a Request-ID field which is different from the last-received set (or when the first value is received)
    - The interface transitions to Down
  - **Available Power**—Amount of power consumed by port.
  - **Management Power Level**—Displays the supplier's request to the powered device for its Power Consumption TLV. The device always displays “No Preference” in this field.

## Displaying CDP Neighbors Information

The *CDP Neighbors Information* page displays CDP information received from neighboring devices.

After timeout (based on the value received from the neighbor Time To Live TLV during which no CDP PDU was received from a neighbor), the information is deleted.

To view the CDP neighbors information:

- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - CDP > CDP Neighbor Information**. The *CDP Neighbor Information* page opens.

This page displays the following fields for the link partner (neighbor):

- **Device ID**—Neighbor's device ID.
- **Local Interface**—Number of the local port to which the neighbor is connected.
- **Advertisement Version**—CDP protocol version.
- **Time to Live (sec)**—Time interval (in seconds) after which the information for this neighbor is deleted.
- **Capabilities**—Capabilities advertised by neighbor.
- **Platform**—Information from Platform TLV of neighbor.
- **Neighbor Interface**—Outgoing interface of the neighbor.

- STEP 2** Select a device, and click **Details**. The *CDP Neighbors Details* page opens.

This page displays the following fields about the neighbor:

- **Device ID**—Identifier of the neighboring device ID.
- **Local Interface**—Interface number of port through which frame arrived.
- **Advertisement Version**—Version of CDP.
- **Time to Live**—Time interval (in seconds) after which the information for this neighbor is deleted.
- **Capabilities**—Primary functions of the device. The capabilities are indicated by two octets. Bits 0 through 7 indicate Other, Repeater, Bridge, WLAN AP, Router, Telephone, DOCSIS cable device, and station respectively. Bits 8 through 15 are reserved.

- **Platform**—Identifier of the neighbor's platform.
- **Neighbor Interface**—Interface number of the neighbor through which frame arrived.
- **Native VLAN**—Neighbor's native VLAN.
- **Duplex**—Whether neighbors interface is half or full duplex.
- **Addresses**—Neighbor's addresses.
- **Power Drawn**—Amount of power consumed by neighbor on the interface.
- **Version**—Neighbor's software version.

**NOTE** Clicking on the **Clear Table** button will disconnect all connected devices if from CDP, and if Auto Smartport is enabled will change all port types to default.

## Viewing CDP Statistics

The *CDP Statistics* page displays information regarding Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP) frames that were sent or received from a port. CDP packets are received from devices attached to the switches interfaces, and are used for the Smartport feature. See [Configuring CDP](#) for more information.

CDP statistics for a port are only displayed if CDP is enabled globally and on the port. This is done in the *CDP Properties* page and the *CDP Interface Settings* page.

To view CDP statistics:

- STEP 1** Click **Administration > Discovery - CDP > CDP Statistics**. The *CDP Statistics* page opens.

The following fields are displayed for every interface:

### Packets Received/Transmitted:

- **Version 1**—Number of CDP version 1 packets received/transmitted.
- **Version 2**—Number of CDP version 2 packets received/transmitted.
- **Total**—Total number of CDP packets received/transmitted.

The CDP Error Statistics section displays the CDP error counters.

- **Illegal Checksum**—Number of packets received with illegal checksum value.

- **Other Errors**—Number of packets received with errors other than illegal checksums.
- **Neighbors Over Maximum**—Number of times that packet information could not be stored in cache because of lack of room.

To clear all counters on all interfaces, click **Clear All Interface Counters**. To clear all counters on an interface, select it and click **Clear All Interface Counters**.

# Port Management

This section describes port configuration, link aggregation, and the Green Ethernet feature.

It covers the following topics:

- [Configuring Ports](#)
- [Setting Basic Port Configuration](#)
- [Configuring Link Aggregation](#)
- [Configuring Green Ethernet](#)

## Configuring Ports

To configure ports, perform the following actions:

1. Configure port by using the *Port Settings* page.
2. Enable/disable the Link Aggregation Control (LAG) protocol, and configure the potential member ports to the desired LAGs by using the *LAG Management* page. By default, all LAGs are empty.
3. Configure the Ethernet parameters, such as speed and auto-negotiation for the LAGs by using the *LAG Settings* page.
4. Configure the LACP parameters for the ports that are members or candidates of a dynamic LAG by using the *LACP* page.
5. Configure Green Ethernet and 802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet by using the *Properties* page.
6. Configure Green Ethernet energy mode and 802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet per port by using the *Port Settings* page.
7. If PoE is supported and enabled for the switch, configure the switch as described in [Managing Power-over-Ethernet Devices](#).

## Setting Basic Port Configuration

The *Port Settings* page displays the global and per port setting of all the ports. This page enables you to select and configure the desired ports from the *Edit Port Settings* page.

To configure port settings:

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- STEP 1** Click **Port Management > Port Settings**. The *Port Settings* page opens.
- STEP 2** Select **Jumbo Frames** to support packets of up to 10 Kb in size. If **Jumbo Frames** is not enabled (default), the system supports packet size up to 2,000 bytes. For jumbo frames to take effect, the switch must be rebooted after the feature is enabled.
- STEP 3** Click **Apply** to update the global setting.

Jumbo frames configuration changes take effect *only* after the Running Configuration is explicitly saved to the Startup Configuration File using the *Copy/Save Configuration* page, and the switch is rebooted.

- STEP 4** To update the port settings, select the desired port, and click **Edit**. The *Edit Port Settings* page opens.
- STEP 5** Modify the following parameters:
- **Interface**—Select the port number.
  - **Port Description**—Enter the port user-defined name or comment.
  - **Port Type**—Displays the port type and speed. The possible options are:
    - *Copper Ports*—Regular, not Combo, support the following values: 10M, 100M, and 1000M (type: Copper).
    - *Combo Ports Copper*—Combo port connected with copper CAT5 cable, supports the following values: 10M, 100M, and 1000M (type: ComboC).
    - *Combo Fiber*—*SFP Fiber Gigabit Interface Converter Port* with the following values: 100M and 1000M (type: ComboF).
    - 10G-Fiber Optics—

**NOTE** SFP Fiber takes precedence in Combo ports when both ports are being used.

- **Administrative Status**—Select whether the port should be Up or Down when the switch is rebooted.
- **Operational Status**—Displays whether the port is currently Up or Down.
- **Reactivate Suspended Port**—Select to reactivate a port that has been suspended. There are numerous ways that a port can be suspended, such as through the locked port security option, dot1x single host violation, loopback detection, STP loopback guard or Access Control List (ACL) configurations. The reactivate operation brings the port up without regard to why the port was suspended.
- **Auto-Negotiation**—Select to enable auto-negotiation on the port. Auto-negotiation enables a port to advertise its transmission speed, duplex mode, and Flow Control abilities to the port link partner.
- **Operational Auto-Negotiation**—Displays the current auto-negotiation status on the port.
- **Administrative Port Speed**—Configure the speed of the port. The port type determines which the available speeds. You can designate *Administrative Speed* only when port auto-negotiation is disabled.
- **Operational Port Speed**—Displays the current port speed that is the result of negotiation.
- **Administrative Duplex Mode**—Select the port duplex mode. This field is configurable only when auto-negotiation is disabled, and the port speed is set to 10M or 100M. At port speed of 1G, the mode is always full duplex. The possible options are:
  - *Full*—The interface supports transmission between the switch and the client in both directions simultaneously.
  - *Half*—The interface supports transmission between the switch and the client in only one direction at a time.
- **Operational Duplex Mode**—Displays the port's current duplex mode.
- **Auto Advertisement**—Select the capabilities advertised by auto-negotiation when it is enabled. The options are:
  - *Max Capability*—All port speeds and duplex mode settings can be accepted.
  - *10 Half*—10 Mbps speed and Half Duplex mode.
  - *10 Full*—10 Mbps speed and Full Duplex mode.

- *100 Half*—100 Mbps speed and Half Duplex mode.
- *100 Full*—100 Mbps speed and Full Duplex mode.
- *1000 Full*—1000 Mbps speed and Full Duplex mode.
- **Operational Advertisement**—Displays the capabilities currently published to the port's neighbor. The possible options are those specified in the *Administrative Advertisement* field.
- **Neighbor Advertisement**—Displays the capabilities advertised by the neighboring device (link partner).
- **Back Pressure**—Select the Back Pressure mode on the port (used with Half Duplex mode) to slow down the packet reception speed when the switch is congested. It disables the remote port, preventing it from sending packets by jamming the signal.
- **Flow Control**—Enable or disable 802.3x Flow Control, or enable the auto-negotiation of Flow Control on the port (only when in Full Duplex mode).
- **MDI/MDIX**—the *Media Dependent Interface (MDI)/Media Dependent Interface with Crossover (MDIX)* status on the port.

The options are:

- *MDIX*—Select to swap the port's transmit and receives pairs.
- *MDI*—Select to connect this switch to a station by using a straight through cable.
- *Auto*—Select to configure this switch to automatically detect the correct pinouts for the connection to another device.
- **Operational MDI/MDIX**—Displays the current MDI/MDIX setting.
- **Protected Port**—Select to make this a protected port. (A protected port is also referred as a Private VLAN Edge (PVE).) The features of a protected port are as follows:
  - Protected Ports provide Layer 2 isolation between interfaces (Ethernet ports and LAGs) that share the same VLAN.
  - Packets received from protected ports can be forwarded only to unprotected egress ports. Protected port filtering rules are also applied to packets that are forwarded by software, such as snooping applications.

- Port protection is not subject to VLAN membership. Devices connected to protected ports are not allowed to communicate with each other, even if they are members of the same VLAN.
- Both ports and LAGs can be defined as protected or unprotected. Protected LAGs are described in the [Configuring LAG Settings](#) section.
- **Member in LAG**—If the port is a member of a LAG, the LAG number is displayed; otherwise this field is left blank.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. *The Port Settings* are written to the Running Configuration file.

## Configuring Link Aggregation

This section describes how to configure LAGs. It covers the following topics:

- [Link Aggregation Overview](#)
- [Static and Dynamic LAG Workflow](#)
- [Defining LAG Management](#)
- [Configuring LAG Settings](#)
- [Configuring LACP](#)

### Link Aggregation Overview

Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) is part of the IEEE specification (802.3az) that enables you to bundle several physical ports together to form a single logical channel (LAG). LAGs multiply the bandwidth, increase port flexibility, and provide link redundancy between two devices.

Two types of LAGs are supported:

- *Static*—A LAG is static if the LACP is disabled on it. The group of ports assigned to a static LAG are always active members. After a LAG is manually created, the LACP option cannot be added or removed, until the LAG is edited and a member is removed (which can be added prior to applying), then the LACP button will become available for editing.
- *Dynamic*—A LAG is dynamic if LACP is enabled on it. The group of ports assigned to dynamic LAG are candidate ports. LACP determines which

candidate ports are active member ports. The non-active candidate ports are *standby* ports ready to replace any failing active member ports.

### Load Balancing

Traffic forwarded to a LAG is load-balanced across the active member ports, thus achieving an effective bandwidth close to the aggregate bandwidth of all the active member ports of the LAG.

Traffic load balancing over the active member ports of a LAG is managed by a hash-based distribution function that distributes Unicast and Multicast traffic based on Layer 2 or Layer 3 packet header information.

The switch supports two modes of load balancing:

- **By MAC Addresses**—Based on the destination and source MAC addresses of all packets.
- **By IP and MAC Addresses**—Based on the destination and source IP addresses for IP packets, and destination and source MAC addresses for non-IP packets.

### LAG Management

In general, a LAG is treated by the system as a single logical port. In particular, the LAG has port attributes similar to a regular port, such as state and speed.

The switch supports eight LAGs.

Every LAG has the following characteristics:

- All ports in a LAG must be of the same media type.
- To add a port to the LAG, it cannot belong to any VLAN except the default VLAN.
- Ports in a LAG must not be assigned to another LAG.
- No more than eight ports are assigned to a static LAG and no more than 16 ports can be candidates for a dynamic LAG.
- All the *ports* in a LAG must have auto-negotiation disabled, although the *LAG* can have auto-negotiation enabled.
- When a port is added to a LAG, the configuration of the LAG is applied to the port. When the port is removed from the LAG, its original configuration is reapplied.

- Protocols, such as Spanning Tree, consider all the ports in the LAG to be one port.

## Static and Dynamic LAG Workflow

**NOTE** After a LAG has been manually created, LACP cannot be added or removed until the LAG is edited and a member is removed. Only then will the LACP button become available for editing.

To configure a **static** LAG, perform the following actions:

1. Disable LACP on the LAG to make it static. Assign up to eight member ports to the static LAG by selecting and moving the ports from the **Port List** to the **LAG Members** list. Select the load balancing algorithm for the LAG. Perform these actions in the *LAG Management* page.
2. Configure various aspects of the LAG, such as speed and flow control by using the *LAG Settings* page.

To configure a **dynamic** LAG, perform the following actions:

1. Enable LACP on the LAG. Assign up to 16 candidate ports to the dynamic LAG by selecting and moving the ports from the **Port List** to the **LAG Members** List by using the *LAG Management* page.
2. Configure various aspects of the LAG, such as speed and flow control by using the *LAG Settings* page.
3. Set the LACP priority and timeout of the ports in the LAG by using the *LACP* page.

## Defining LAG Management

The *LAG Management* page displays the global and per LAG settings. The page also enables you to configure the global setting and to select and edit the desired LAG on the *Edit LAG Membership* page.

To select the load balancing algorithm of the LAG:

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- STEP 1** Click **Port Management > Link Aggregation > LAG Management**. The *LAG Management* page opens.
- STEP 2** Select one of the following **Load Balance Algorithms**:
- **MAC Address**—Perform load balancing by source and destination MAC addresses on all packets.

- **IP/MAC Address**—Perform load balancing by the source and destination IP addresses on IP packets, and by the source and destination MAC addresses on non-IP packets

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The Load Balance Algorithm is written to the Running Configuration file.

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To define the member or candidate ports in a LAG.

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**STEP 1** Select the LAG to be configured, and click **Edit**. The *Edit LAG Membership* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter the values for the following fields:

- **LAG**—Select the LAG number.
- **LAG Name**—Enter the LAG name or a comment.
- **LACP**—Select to enable LACP on the selected LAG. This makes it a dynamic LAG. This field can only be enabled after moving a port to the LAG in the next field.
- **Port List**—Move those ports that are to be assigned to the LAG from the **Port List** to the **LAG Members** list. Up to eight ports per static LAG can be assigned, and 16 ports can be assigned to a dynamic LAG.
- **Unit/Slot**—Displays the stacking member for which LAG information is defined.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. LAG membership is written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Configuring LAG Settings

The *LAG Settings* page displays a table of current settings for all LAGs. You can configure the settings of selected LAGs, and reactivate suspended LAGs by launching the *Edit LAG Settings* page.

To configure the LAG settings or reactivate a suspended LAG:

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**STEP 1** Click **Port Management > Link Aggregation > LAG Settings**. The *LAG Settings* page opens.

**STEP 2** Select a LAG, and click **Edit**. The *Edit LAG Settings* page opens.

**STEP 3** Enter the values for the following fields:

- **LAG**—Select the LAG ID number.
- **Description**—Enter the LAG name or a comment.
- **LAG Type**—Displays the port type that comprises the LAG.
- **Administrative Status**—Set the selected LAG to be Up or Down.
- **Operational Status**—Displays whether the LAG is currently operating.
- **Reactivate Suspended LAG**—Select to reactivate a port if the LAG has been disabled through the locked port security option or through ACL configurations.
- **Administrative Auto Negotiation**—Enables or disable auto-negotiation on the LAG. Auto-negotiation is a protocol between two link partners that enables a LAG to advertise its transmission speed and flow control to its partner (the Flow Control default is *disabled*). It is recommended to keep auto-negotiation enabled on both sides of an aggregate link, or disabled on both sides, while ensuring that link speeds are identical.
- **Operational Auto Negotiation**—Displays the auto-negotiation setting.
- **Administrative Speed**—Select the LAG speed.
- **Operational LAG Speed**—Displays the current speed at which the LAG is operating.
- **Administrative Advertisement**—Select the capabilities to be advertised by the LAG. The options are:
  - *Max Capability*—All LAG speeds and both duplex modes are available.
  - *10 Full*—The LAG advertises a 10 Mbps speed and the mode is full duplex.
  - *100 Full*—The LAG advertises a 100 Mbps speed and the mode is full duplex.
  - *1000 Full*—The LAG advertises a 1000 Mbps speed and the mode is full duplex.
- **Operational Advertisement**—Displays the Administrative Advertisement status. The LAG advertises its capabilities to its neighbor LAG to start the negotiation process. The possible values are those specified in the *Administrative Advertisement* field.

- **Administrative Flow Control**—Set Flow Control to either **Enable** or **Disable** or enable the **Auto-Negotiation** of Flow Control on the LAG.
- **Operational Flow Control**—Displays the current Flow Control setting.
- **Protected LAG**—Select to make the LAG a protected port for Layer 2 isolation. See the Port Configuration description in the **Setting Basic Port Configuration** section for details regarding protected ports and LAGs.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

## Configuring LACP

A dynamic LAG is LACP-enabled, and LACP is run on every candidate port defined in the LAG.

### LACP Priority and Rules

LACP system priority and LACP port priority are both used to determine which of the candidate ports become active member ports in a dynamic LAG configured with more than eight candidate ports.

The selected candidate ports of the LAG are all connected to the same remote device. Both the local and remote switches have a LACP system priority.

The following algorithm is used to determine whether LACP port priorities are taken from the local or remote device: the local LACP System Priority is compared to the remote LACP System Priority. The device with the lowest priority controls candidate port selection to the LAG. If both priorities are the same, the local and remote MAC addresses are compared. The priority of the device with the lowest MAC address controls candidate port selection to the LAG.

A dynamic LAG can have up to 16 Ethernet ports of the same type. Up to eight ports can be active, and up to eight ports can be in standby mode. When there are more than eight ports in the dynamic LAG, the switch on the controlling end of the link uses port priorities to determine which ports are bundled into the LAG and which ports are put in hot-standby mode. Port priorities on the other switch (the non-controlling end of the link) are ignored.

The following are additional rules used to select the active or standby ports in a dynamic LACP:

- Any link operating at a different speed from the highest-speed active member or operating at half-duplex is made standby. All the active ports in a dynamic LAG operate at the same baud rate.
- If the port LACP priority of the link is lower than that of the currently-active link members, and the number of active members is already at the maximum number, the link is made inactive, and placed in standby mode.

### Setting Port LACP Parameter Settings

The *LACP* page displays and enables configuration of the LACP System Priority, LACP timeout, and LACP port priority. LACP timeout is a per port parameter, and is the time interval between the sending and receiving of consecutive LACP PDUs. With all factors equal, when the LAG is configured with more candidate ports than the maximum number of active ports allowed, the switch selects ports as active from the dynamic LAG that has the highest priority

**NOTE** The LACP setting is irrelevant on ports that are not members of a dynamic LAG.

To define the LACP settings:

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- STEP 1** Click **Port Management > Link Aggregation > LACP**. The *LACP* page opens.
- STEP 2** Enter the LACP System Priority. See [Configuring LACP](#).
- STEP 3** Select a port, and click **Edit**. The *Edit LACP* page opens.
- STEP 4** Enter the values for the following fields:
- **Interface**—Select the port number to which timeout and priority values are assigned.
  - **LACP Port Priority**—Enter the LACP priority value for the port. See [Setting Port LACP Parameter Settings](#).
  - **LACP Timeout**—Select the periodic transmissions of LACP PDUs, which occur at either a long or short transmission speed, depending upon the expressed LACP timeout preference.
- STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.
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## Configuring Green Ethernet

This section describes the Green Ethernet feature that is designed to save power on the switch.

It contains the following sections:

- [Green Ethernet Overview](#)
- [Setting Global Green Ethernet Properties](#)
- [Setting Green Ethernet Properties for Ports](#)

### Green Ethernet Overview

Green Ethernet is a common name for a set of features that is designed to be environmentally friendly, and to reduce the power consumption of a device. Green Ethernet is different from EEE in that green ethernet energy-detect is enabled on all devices where only the Gigabyte ports are enable with EEE.

The Green Ethernet feature can reduce overall power usage in the following ways:

- **Energy-Detect Mode**—On an inactive link, the port moves into inactive mode, saving power while keeping the Administrative status of the port Up. Recovery from this mode to full operational mode is fast, transparent, and no frames are lost. This mode is supported on both GE and FE ports.
- **Short-Reach Mode**—This feature provides for power savings on a short length of cable. After cable length is analyzed, the power usage is adjusted for various cable lengths. If the cable is shorter than 50 meters, the switch uses less power to send frames over the cable, thus saving energy. This mode is only supported on RJ45 GE ports; it does not apply to Combo ports.

This mode is globally disabled by default. It cannot be enabled if EEE mode is enabled (see below).

In addition to the above Green Ethernet features, the **802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)** is found on devices supporting GE ports. EEE reduces power consumption when there is no traffic on the port. See the [802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet Feature](#) section for more information (available on GE models only).

EEE is enabled globally by default. On a given port, if EEE is enabled, short reach mode will be disabled. If Short Reach Mode is enabled, EEE will be grayed out.

These modes are configured per port, without taking into account the LAG membership of the ports.

Power savings, current power consumption and cumulative energy saved can be monitored. The total amount of saved energy can be viewed as a percentage of the power that would have been consumed by the physical interfaces had they not been running in Green Ethernet mode. The saved energy displayed is only related to Green Ethernet. EEE energy saved is not displayed.

### 802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet Feature

This section describes the 802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) feature.

It covers the following topics:

- [802.3az EEE Overview](#)
- [Advertise Capabilities Negotiation](#)
- [Link Level Discovery for 802.3az EEE](#)
- [Availability of 802.3az EEE](#)
- [Default Configuration](#)
- [Interactions Between Features](#)
- [802.3az EEE Configuration Workflow](#)

#### *802.3az EEE Overview*

802.3az EEE is designed to save power when there is no traffic on the link. In Green Ethernet, power is reduced when the port is down. With 802.3az EEE, power is reduced when the port is up, but there is no traffic on it.

802.3az EEE is only supported on devices with GE ports.

When using 802.3az EEE, systems on both sides of the link can disable portions of their functionality and save power during periods of no traffic.

802.3az EEE supports IEEE 802.3 MAC operation at 100 Mbps and 1000 Mbps:

LLDP is used to select the optimal set of parameters for both devices. If LLDP is not supported by the link partner, or is disabled, 802.3az EEE will still be operational, but it might not be in the optimal operational mode.

The 802.3az EEE feature is implemented using a port mode called Low Power Idle (LPI) mode. When there is no traffic and this feature is enabled on the port, the port is placed in the LPI mode, which reduces power consumption dramatically.

Both sides of a connection (switch port and connecting device) must support 802.3az EEE for it to work. When traffic is absent, both sides send signals indicating that power is about to be reduced. When signals from both sides are received, the Keep Alive signal indicates that the ports are in LPI status (and not in Down status), and power is reduced.

For ports to stay in LPI mode, the Keep Alive signal must be received continuously from both sides.

### *Advertise Capabilities Negotiation*

802.3az EEE support is advertised during the Auto-Negotiation stage. Auto-Negotiation provides a linked device with the capability to detect the abilities (modes of operation) supported by the device at the other end of the link, determine common abilities, and configure itself for joint operation. Auto-Negotiation is performed at the time of link-up, on command from management, or upon detection of a link error. During the link establishment process, both link partners exchange their 802.3az EEE capabilities. Auto-Negotiation functions automatically without user interaction when it is enabled on the device.

**NOTE** If Auto-Negotiation is not enabled on a port, the EEE is disabled. The only exception is if the link speed is 1GB, then EEE will still be enabled even though Auto-Negotiation is disabled.

### *Link Level Discovery for 802.3az EEE*

In addition to the capabilities described above, 802.3az EEE capabilities and settings are also advertised using frames based on the organizationally-specific TLVs defined in Annex G of IEEE Std 802.1AB protocol (LLDP). LLDP is used to further optimize 802.3az EEE operation after auto-negotiation is completed. The 802.3az EEE TLV is used to fine tune system wake-up and refresh durations.

### *Availability of 802.3az EEE*

Please check the release notes for a complete listing of products that support EEE.

### *Default Configuration*

By default, 802.3az EEE and EEE LLDP are enabled globally and per port.

### *Interactions Between Features*

The following describe 802.3az EEE interactions with other features:

- If auto-negotiation is not enabled on the port, the 802.3az EEE operational status is disabled. The exception to this rule is that if the link speed is

1gigabyte, EEE will still be enabled even though Auto-Negotiation is disabled.

- If 802.3az EEE is enabled and the port is going Up, it commences to work immediately in accordance with the maximum wake time value of the port.
- On the GUI, the EEE field for the port is not available when the Short Reach Mode option on the port is checked.
- If the port speed on the GE port is changed to 10Mbit, 802.3az EEE is disabled. This is supported in GE models only.

### 802.3az EEE Configuration Workflow

This section describes how to configure the 802.3az EEE feature and view its counters.

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- STEP 1** Ensure that auto-negotiation is enabled on the port by opening the **Port Management > Port Settings** page.
    - a. Select a port and open the *Edit Port Setting* page.
    - b. Select **Auto Negotiation** field to ensure that it is Enabled.
  - STEP 2** Ensure that **802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)** is globally enabled in the **Port Management > Green Ethernet > Properties** page (it is enabled by default). This page also displays how much energy has been saved.
  - STEP 3** Ensure that 802.3az EEE is enabled on a port by opening the **Green Ethernet > Port Settings** page.
    - a. Select a port, open the *Edit Port Setting* page.
    - b. Check the **802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)** mode on the port (it is enabled by default).
    - c. Select whether to enable or disable advertisement of 802.3az EEE capabilities through LLDP in **802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) LLDP** (it is enabled by default).
  - STEP 4** To see 802.3 EEE-related information on the local device, open the *Administration > Discovery LLDP > LLDP Local Information* page, and view the information in the 802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) block.
  - STEP 5** To display 802.3az EEE information on the remote device, open the *Administration > Discovery LLDP > LLDP Neighbor Information* pages, and view the information in the 802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) block.

## Setting Global Green Ethernet Properties

The *Properties* page displays and enables configuration of the Green Ethernet mode for the switch. It also displays the current power savings.

To enable Green Ethernet and EEE and view power savings:

**STEP 1** Click **Port Management > Green Ethernet > Properties**. The *Properties* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter the values for the following fields:

- **Energy Detect Mode**—Globally enable or disable Energy Detect mode. If this mode is changed, a message is displayed. (Energy Detect Mode does not need to be enabled for EEE to function).

The Energy mode is changed when you click **Apply**.

**NOTE** Disabling or enabling Energy Detect Mode temporarily disconnects the network connections.

- **Short Reach**—Globally enable or disable Short Reach mode if there are GE ports on the switch. If this mode is changed, a message is displayed. The field still shows on switches that do not have GE ports, but is invalid.

**NOTE** If Short Reach is enabled, EEE should be disabled.

- **802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)**— Globally enable or disable EEE mode (only available if there are GE ports on the switch). If this mode is changed, a message is displayed.
- **Power Savings**—Displays the percentage of power saved by running in Green Ethernet mode. The power savings displayed is only relevant to the power saved by short reach and energy detect. The EEE power savings is dynamic by nature since it is based on port utilization and is therefore not taken into consideration.
- **Cumulative Energy Saved**—Displays the amount of energy saved from the last switch reboot. This value is updated each time there is an event that affects power saving. (This value does not take into consideration the amount of energy saved with the use of EEE).

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. *The Port Settings* are written to the Running Configuration file.

## Setting Green Ethernet Properties for Ports

The *Port Settings* page displays the current Green Ethernet and EEE modes per port, and enables configuring Green Ethernet on a port using the *Edit Port Setting* page. For the Green Ethernet modes to operate on a port, the corresponding modes must be activated globally in the *Properties* page.

Note that EEE settings are only displayed for devices that have GE ports. EEE works only when ports are set to Auto negotiation. The exception is that EEE is still functional even when Auto Negotiation is disabled, but the port is at 1GB or higher.

To define per port Green Ethernet settings:

- STEP 1** Click **Port Management > Green Ethernet > Port Settings**. The *Port Settings* page opens.

The *Port Settings* page displays the following:

- **Global Parameter Status**—Describes the enabled features.

For each port the following fields are described:

- **Port**—The port number.
- **Energy Detect**—State of the port regarding Energy Detect mode:
  - *Administrative*—Displays whether Energy Detect mode was enabled.
  - *Operational*—Displays whether Energy Detect mode is currently operating.
  - *Reason*—If Energy Detect mode is not operational, displays the reason.
- **Short Reach**—State of the port regarding Short Reach mode:
  - *Administrative*—Displays whether Short Reach mode was enabled.
  - *Operational*—Displays whether Short Reach mode is currently operating.
  - *Reason*—If Short-Reach mode is not operational, displays the reason.
  - *Cable Length*—Displays VCT-returned cable length in meters.

**NOTE** Short-reach mode is only supported on RJ45 GE ports; it does not apply to Combo ports.

- **802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)**—State of the port regarding the EEE feature:
  - *Administrative*—Displays whether EEE was enabled.
  - *Operational*—Displays whether EEE is currently operating on the local port. This is a function of whether it has been enabled (*Administrative Status*), whether it has been enabled on the local port and whether it is operational on the local port.
  - *LLDP Administrative*—Displays whether advertising EEE counters through LLDP was enabled.
  - *LLDP Operational*—Displays whether advertising EEE counters through LLDP is currently operating.
  - *EEE Support on Remote*—Displays whether EEE is supported on the link partner. EEE must be supported on both the local and remote link partners.

**NOTE** The window displays the Short Reach, Energy Detect and EEE settings for each port; however, they are not enabled on any port unless they are also enabled globally by using the *Properties* page. To enable Short Reach and EEE globally, see the *Setting Global Green Ethernet Properties* section.

**STEP 2** Select a **Port** and click **Edit**. The *Edit Port Setting* page opens.

**STEP 3** Select to enable or disable Energy Detect mode on the port.

**STEP 4** Select to enable or disable Short Reach mode on the port if there are GE ports on the device.

**STEP 5** Select to enable or disable 802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) mode on the port if there are GE ports on the device.

**STEP 6** Select to enable or disable 802.3 Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) LLDP mode on the port (advertisement of EEE capabilities through LLDP) if there are GE ports on the device.

**STEP 7** Click **Apply**. The Green Ethernet port settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

# Smartports

This document describes the Smartports feature.

It contains the following topics:

- **Overview**
- **What is a Smartport**
- **Smartport Types**
- **Smartport Macros**
- **How the Smartport Feature Works**
- **Macro Failure and the Reset Operation**
- **Auto Smartport**
- **Default Configuration**
- **Relationships with Other Features and Backwards Compatibility**
- **Common Smartport Tasks**
- **Web GUI**
- **Built-in Smartport Macros**

## Overview

The Smartport feature provides a convenient way to save and share common configurations. By applying the same Smartport macro to multiple interfaces, the interfaces share a common set of configurations. A Smartport macro is a script of CLI (Command Line Interface) commands

A Smartport macro can be applied to an interface by the macro name, or by the Smartport type associated with the macro. Applying a Smartport macro by macro name can be done only through CLI, you should refer to the CLI guide for details.

There are two ways to apply a Smartport macro by Smartport type to an interface:

- **Static Smartport**—The user manually assigns a Smartport type to an interface. The result is the corresponding Smartport macro is applied to the interface.
- **Auto Smartport**—Auto Smartport waits for a device to be attached to the interface before applying a configuration. When a device is detected from an interface, the Smartport macro (if assigned) that corresponds to the Smartport type of the attaching device is automatically applied.

The Smartport feature consists of various components and works in conjunction with other features on the switch. These components and features are described in the following sections:

- Smartport, Smartport types and Smartport macros, described in this section.
- Voice VLAN and Smartport, described in the [Voice VLAN](#) section.
- LLDP/CDP for Smartport, described in the [Configuring LLDP](#) and [Configuring CDP](#) sections, respectively.

Additionally, typical work flows are described in the [Common Smartport Tasks](#) section.

## What is a Smartport

A Smartport is an interface to which a built-in (or user-defined) macro may be applied. These macros are designed to provide a means of quickly configuring the switch to support the communication requirements and utilize the features of various types of network devices. The network access and QoS requirements vary if the interface is connected to an IP phone, a printer, or a router and/or Access Point (AP).

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## Smartport Types

Smartport types refers to the types of devices attached, or to be attached to Smartports. The switch supports the following Smartport types:

- Printer
- Desktop
- Guest
- Server
- Host
- IP Camera
- IP phone
- IP Phone+Desktop
- Switch
- Router
- Wireless Access Point

Smartport types are named so that they describe the type of device connected to an interface. Each Smartport type is associated with two Smartport macros. One macro, called "the macro," serves to apply the desired configuration. The other, called "the anti-macro," serves to undo all configuration performed by "the macro" when that interface happens to become a different Smartport type.

You can apply a Smartport macro by the following methods:

- The macro name.
- The associated Smartport type.
- Statically from a Smartport macro by name only from the CLI.

A Smartport macro can be applied by its Smartport type statically from CLI and GUI, and dynamically by Auto Smartport. Auto Smartport derives the Smartport types of the attached devices based on CDP capabilities, LLDP system capabilities, and/or LLDP-MED capabilities.

**Table 1** describes the relationship of Smartport types and Auto Smartport

**Table 4**

Smartport Type	Supported by Auto Smartport	Supported by Auto Smartport by default
Unknown	No	No
Default	No	No
Printer	No	No
Desktop	No	No
Guest	No	No
Server	No	No
Host	Yes	No
IP camera	No	No
IP phone	Yes	Yes
IP phone desktop	Yes	Yes
Switch	Yes	Yes
Router	Yes	No
Wireless Access Point	Yes	Yes

## Special Smartport Types

There are two special Smartport types; "default" and "unknown." These two types are not associated with macros, but they exist to signify the state of the interface regarding smartport.

The following describe these special Smartport types:

- **Default**

An interface that does not (yet) have a Smartport type assigned to it has the Default Smartport status.

If Auto Smartport assigns a Smartport type to an interface and the interface is not configured to be Auto Smartport Persistent, then its Smartport type will be re-initialized to Default in the following cases:

- A link down/up operation is performed on the interface.
- The switch is restarted.
- All devices attached to the interface have aged out, which is defined as the absence of CDP and/or LLDP advertisement from the device for a specified time period.

- **Unknown**

If a Smartport macro is applied to an interface and an error occurs, the interface is assigned the Unknown status. In this case, the Smartport and Auto Smartport features do not function on the interface until the user corrects the error and applies the Reset action (performed in the *Interface Settings* pages) that resets the Smartport status.

See the workflow area in [Common Smartport Tasks](#) section for troubleshooting tips.

**NOTE** Throughout this section, the term “aged out” is used to describe the LLDP and CDP messages via their TTL. If Auto Smartport is enabled, and persistent status is disabled, and no more CDP or LLDP messages are received on the interface before both TTLs of the most recent CDP and LLDP packets decrease to 0, then the anti-macro will run, and the Smartport type will return to default.

## Smartport Macros

A Smartport macro is a script of CLI commands that configure an interface appropriately for a particular network device.

Smartport macros should not be confused with global macros. Global macros configure the switch globally, however, the scope of a Smartport macro is limited to the interface on which it is applied.

The macro source may be found by running the show parser macro name [macro\_name] command in privileged exec mode of the CLI or by clicking the **View Macro Source** button on the *Smartport Type Settings* page.

A macro and the corresponding anti-macro are paired together in association with each Smartport type. The macro applies the configuration and the anti-macro removes it.

There are two types of Smartport macros:

- **Built-In**—These are macros provided by the system. One macro applies the configuration profile and the other removes it. The macro names of the built-in Smartport macros and the Smartport type they are associated with as follows
  - macro-name (for example: printer)
  - no\_macro-name (for example: no\_printer)
- **User-Defined**—These are macros written by the users. See the *CLI Reference Guide* for more information about these. To associate a user defined macro to a Smartport type, its anti macro must be defined as well.
  - smartport-type-name (for example: my\_printer)
  - no\_smartport-type-name (for example: no\_my\_printer)

Smartport macros are bound to Smartport types in the *Edit Smartport Type Setting* page.

See the **Built-in Smartport Macros** section for a listing of the built-in Smartport macros for each device type.

## Applying a Smartport Type to an Interface

When Smartport types are applied to interfaces, the Smartport types and configuration in the associated Smartport macros are saved in the Running Configuration File. If the administrator saves the Running Configuration File into the Startup Configuration File, the switch will apply the Smartport types and the Smartport macros to the interfaces after reboot as follows:

- If the Startup Configuration File does not specify a Smartport type for an interface, its Smartport type is set to Default.
- If the Startup Configuration File specifies a static Smartport type, the Smartport type of the interface is set to this static type.
- If the Startup Configuration File specifies a Smartport type that was dynamically assigned by Auto Smartport:
  - If the Auto Smartport Global Operational state, the interface Auto Smartport state, and the Persistent Status are all **Enable**, the Smartport type is set to this dynamic type.

- Else the corresponding anti-macro is applied and the interfaces status is set to Default.

## Macro Failure and the Reset Operation

A Smartport macro might fail if there is a conflict between the existing configuration of the interface and a Smartport macro.

When a Smartport macro fails, a SYSLOG message containing the following parameters is sent:

- Port number
- Smartport type
- The line number of the failed CLI command in the macro

When a Smartport macro fails on an interface, the status of the interface is set to *Unknown*. The reason for the failure can be displayed in the *Interface Settings* page, **Show Diagnostics** popup.

After the source of the problem is determined and the existing configuration or Smartport macro is corrected, you must perform a reset operation to reset the interface before it can be reapplied with a Smartport type (in the *Interface Settings* pages). See the workflow area in **Common Smartport Tasks** section for troubleshooting tips.

## How the Smartport Feature Works

You can apply a Smartport macro to an interface by the macro name, or by the Smartport type associated with the macro. Applying a Smartport macro by macro name can be done only through the CLI, you should refer to the CLI guide for details.

Because support is provided for Smartport types which correspond to devices that do not allow themselves to be discovered via CDP and/or LLDP, these Smartport types must be statically assigned to the desired interfaces. This can be done by navigating to the *Smartport Interface Settings* page, selecting the radio button of the desired interface, and clicking **Edit**. Then, select the Smartport type you want to assign and adjust the parameters as necessary before clicking **Apply**.

There are two ways to apply a Smartport macro by Smartport type to an interface:

- **Static Smartport**

The user manually assigns a Smartport type to an interface. The corresponding Smartport macro is applied to the interface. You can manually assign a Smartport type to an interface from the *Smartport Interface Settings* Page.

- **Auto Smartport**

When a device is detected from an interface, the Smartport macro, if any, that corresponds to the Smartport type of the attaching device is automatically applied. Auto Smartport is enabled by default globally, and at the interface level.

In both cases, the associated anti-macro is run when the Smartport type is removed from the interface, and the anti-macro runs in exactly the same manner, removing all of the interface configuration.

## Auto Smartport

In order for Auto Smartport to automatically assign Smartport types to interfaces, the Auto Smartport feature must be enabled globally and on the relevant interfaces which Auto Smartport should be allowed to configure. By default, Auto Smartport is enabled and allowed to configure all interfaces. The Smartport type assigned to each interface is determined by the CDP and LLDP packets received on the each interface respectively.

- If multiple devices are attached to an interface, a configuration profile that is appropriate for all of the devices is applied to the interface if possible.
- If a device is aged out (no longer receiving advertisements from other devices), the interface configuration is changed according to its Persistent Status. If the Persistent Status is enabled, the interface configuration is retained. If not, the Smartport Type reverts to Default.

## Enabling Auto Smartport

Auto Smartport can be enabled globally in the *Properties* page in the following ways:

- **Enabled**—This manually enables Auto Smartport and places it into operation immediately.
- **Enable by Auto Voice VLAN**—This enables Auto Smartport to operate if Auto Voice VLAN is enabled and in operation. Enable by Auto Voice VLAN is the default.

**NOTE** In addition to enabling Auto Smartport globally, you must enable Auto Smartport at the desired interface as well. By default, Auto Smartport is enabled at all the interfaces.

See the **Voice VLAN** section for more information on enabling Auto Voice VLAN

## Identifying Smartport Type

If Auto Smartport is globally enabled (in the *Properties* page), and at an interface (in the *Interface Settings* page), the switch applies a Smartport macro to the interface based on the Smartport type of the attaching device. Auto SmartPort derives the SmartPort types of attaching devices based on the CDP and/or LLDP the devices advertise.

If, for example, an IP phone is attached to a port, it transmits CDP or LLDP packets that advertise its capabilities. After reception of these CDP and/or LLDP packets, the switch derives the appropriate SmartPort type for phone and applies the corresponding SmartPort macro to the interface where the IP phone attaches.

Unless Persistent Auto SmartPort is enabled on an interface, the SmartPort type and resulting configuration applied by Auto SmartPort will be removed if the attaching device(s) ages out, links down, reboots, or conflicting capabilities are received. Aging out times are determined by the absence of CDP and/or LLDP advertisements from the device for a specified time period.

## Using CDP/LLDP Information to Identify Smartport Types

The switch detects the type of device attached to the port, based on the CDP/LLDP capabilities.

This mapping is shown in the following tables:

**Table 5 CDP Capabilities Mapping to Smartport Type**

Capability Name	CDP Bit	Smartport Type
Router	0x01	Router
TB Bridge	0x02	Wireless Access Point
SR Bridge	0x04	Ignore
Switch	0x08	Switch
Host	0x10	Host
IGMP conditional filtering	0x20	Ignore
Repeater	0x40	Ignore
VoIP Phone	0x80	ip_phone
Remotely-Managed Device	0x100	Ignore
CAST Phone Port	0x200	Ignore
Two-Port MAC Relay	0x400	Ignore

**Table 6 LLDP Capabilities Mapping to Smartport Type**

Capability Name	LLDP Bit	Smartport Type
Other	1	Ignore
Repeater IETF RFC 2108	2	Ignore
MAC Bridge IEEE Std. 802.1D	3	Switch
WLAN Access Point IEEE Std. 802.11 MIB	4	Wireless Access Point
Router IETF RFC 1812	5	Router
Telephone IETF RFC 4293	6	ip_phone
DOCSIS cable device IETF RFC 4639 and IETF RFC 4546	7	Ignore
Station Only IETF RFC 4293	8	Host

**Table 6 LLDP Capabilities Mapping to Smartport Type (Continued)**

Capability Name	LLDP Bit	Smartport Type
C-VLAN Component of a VLAN Bridge IEEE Std. 802.1Q	9	Switch
S-VLAN Component of a VLAN Bridge IEEE Std. 802.1Q	10	Switch
Two-port MAC Relay (TPMR) IEEE Std. 802.1Q	11	Ignore
Reserved	12-16	Ignore

**NOTE** If only the IP Phone and Host bits are set, then the SmartPort type is `ip_phone_desktop`.

## Multiple Devices Attached to the Port

The switch derives the SmartPort type of a connected device via the capabilities the device advertises in its CDP and/or LLDP packets.

If multiple devices are connected to the switch through one interface, Auto Smartport will consider each capability advertisement it receives through that interface in order to assign the correct Smartport type. The assignment is based on the following algorithm:

- If all devices on an interface advertise the same capability (there is no conflict) the matching Smartport type is applied to the interface.
- If one of the devices is a switch, the *Switch* Smartport type is used.
- If one of the devices is an AP, the *Wireless Access Point* Smartport type is used.
- If one of the devices is an IP phone and another device is a host, the *ip\_phone\_desktop* Smartport type is used.
- If one of the devices is an IP phone desktop and the other is an IP phone or host, the *ip\_phone\_desktop* Smartport type is used.
- In all other cases the default Smartport type is used.

For more information about LLDP/CDP refer to the [Configuring LLDP](#) and [Configuring CDP](#) sections, respectively.

## Persistent Auto Smartport Interface

If the Persistent status of an interface is enabled, its Smartport type and the configuration that is already applied dynamically by Auto Smartport remains on the interface even after the attaching device ages out, the interface goes down, and the switch is rebooted (assuming the configuration was saved). The SmartPort type and the configuration of the interface are not changed unless Auto Smartport detects an attaching device with a different Smartport type. If the Persistent status of an interface is disabled, the interface reverts to the default Smartport type when the attaching device to it ages out, the interface goes down, or the switch is rebooted. Enabling Persistent status on an interface eliminates the device detection delay that otherwise occurs.

**NOTE** The persistence of the Smartport types applied to the interfaces are effective between reboots only if the running configuration with the Smartport type applied at the interfaces is saved to the startup configuration file.

## Error Handling

When a smart port macro fails to apply to an interface, you can examine the point of the failure in the *Interface Settings* page and reset the port and reapply the macro after the error is corrected from the *Interface Settings* and *Interface Settings Edit* pages.

## Default Configuration

Smartport is always available. By default, Auto Smartport is enabled by Auto Voice VLAN, relies on both CDP and LLDP to detect attaching device's Smartport type, and detects Smartport type IP phone, IP phone + Desktop, Switch, and Wireless Access Point.

See the **Voice VLAN** section for a description of the voice factory defaults.

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## Relationships with Other Features and Backwards Compatibility

Auto Smartport is enabled by default and may be disabled. Telephony OUI cannot function concurrently with Auto Smartport, and Auto Voice VLAN. Auto Smartport must be disabled before enabling Telephony OUI.

### Common Smartport Tasks

This section describes some common tasks to setup Smartport and Auto Smartport.

***Workflow1:** To globally enable Auto Smartport on the switch, and to configure a port with Auto Smartport, perform the following steps:*

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- STEP 1** To enable the Auto Smartport feature on the switch, open the *Smartport > Properties* page. Set **Administrative Auto Smartport** to **Enable** or **Enable by Voice VLAN**.
  - STEP 2** Select whether the switch is to process CDP and/or LLDP advertisements from connected devices.
  - STEP 3** Select which type of devices will be detected in the **Auto Smartport Device Detection** field.
  - STEP 4** Click **Apply**
  - STEP 5** To enable the Auto Smartport feature on one or more interfaces, open the *Smartport > Interface Settings* page.
  - STEP 6** Select the interface, and click **Edit**.
  - STEP 7** Select Auto Smartport in the **Smartport Application** field.
  - STEP 8** Check or uncheck **Persistent Status** if desired.
  - STEP 9** Click **Apply**.

**Workflow2:** *To configure an interface as a static Smartport, perform the following steps:*

- STEP 1** To enable the Smartport feature on the interface, open the *Smartport > Interface Settings* page.
- STEP 2** Select the interface, and click **Edit**.
- STEP 3** Select the Smartport type that is to be assigned to the interface in the **Smartport Application** field.
- STEP 4** Set the macro parameters as required.
- STEP 5** Click **Apply**.

**Workflow3:** *To adjust Smartport macro parameter defaults and/or bind a user-defined macro pair to a Smartport type, perform the following steps:*

Through this procedure you can accomplish the following:

- View the macro source.
  - Change parameter defaults.
  - Restore the parameter defaults to the factory settings.
  - Bind a user-defined macro pair (a macro and its corresponding anti-macro) to a Smartport type.
1. Open the *Smartport > Smartport Type Settings* page.
  2. Select the Smartport Type.
  3. Click **View Macro Source** to view the current Smartport macro that is associated with the selected Smartport Type.
  4. Click **Edit** to open a new window in which you can bind user-defined macros to the selected Smartport type and/or modify the default values of the parameters in the macros bound to that Smartport type. These parameter default values will be used when Auto Smartport applies the selected Smartport type (if applicable) to an interface.
  5. In the *Edit* page, modify the fields.
  6. Click **Apply** to rerun the macro if the parameters were changed, or **Restore Defaults** to restore default parameter values to built-in macros if required.

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**Workflow4:** *To rerun a Smartport macro after it has failed, perform the following steps:*

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- STEP 1** In the *Interface Settings* page, select an interface with Smartport type Unknown.
  - STEP 2** Click **Show Diagnostics** to see the problem.
  - STEP 3** Troubleshoot, then correct the problem. See the troubleshooting tip below.
  - STEP 4** Click **Edit**. A new window opens in which you can click **Reset** to reset the interface.
  - STEP 5** Return to the main page and reapply the macro using either **Reapply** (for devices that are not switches, routers or APs) or **Reapply Smartport Macro** (for switches, routers or APs) to run the Smartport Macro on the interface.

A second method of resetting single or multiple unknown interfaces is:

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- STEP 1** In the *Interface Settings* page, select the *Port Type equals to* checkbox.
  - STEP 2** Select *Unknown* and click **Go**.
  - STEP 3** Click **Reset All Unknown Smartports**. Then reapply the macro as described above.

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**TIP** The reason that the macro failed might be a conflict with a configuration on the interface made prior to applying the macro (most often encountered with security and storm-control settings), a wrong port type, a typo or an incorrect command within the user-defined macro, or an invalid parameter setting. Parameters are checked for neither type nor boundary prior to the attempt to apply the macro, therefore, an incorrect or invalid input to a parameter value will almost assuredly cause failure when applying the macro.

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## Web GUI

The Smartport feature is configured in the *Smartport > Properties*, *Smartport Type Settings* and *Interface Settings* pages.

For Voice VLAN configuration, see the **Voice VLAN** section.

For LLDP/CDP configuration, see the **Configuring LLDP** and **Configuring CDP** sections, respectively.

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## Smartport Properties

To configure the Smartport feature globally:

**STEP 1** Click **Smartport > Properties**. The *Properties Page* opens.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

- **Administrative Auto Smartport**—Select to globally enable or disable Auto Smartport. The following options are available:
  - *Disable*—Select to disable Auto Smartport on the device.
  - *Enable*—Select to enable Auto Smartport on the device.
  - *Enable by Auto Voice VLAN*—This enables Auto Smartport, but puts it in operation only when Auto Voice VLAN is also enabled and in operation. Enable by Auto Voice VLAN is the default.
- **Auto Smartport Device Detection Method**—Select whether incoming CDP, LLDP, or both types of packets are used to detect the Smartport type of the attaching device(s). At least one must be checked in order for Auto Smartport to identify devices.
- **Operational CDP Status**—Displays the operational status of CDP. Enable CDP if Auto Smartport is to detect the Smartport type based on CDP advertisement.
- **Operational LLDP Status**—Displays the operational status of LLDP. Enable LLDP if Auto Smartport is to detect the Smartport type based on LLDP/LLDP-MED advertisement.
- **Auto Smartport Device Detection**—Select each type of device for which Auto Smartport can assign Smartport types to interfaces. If unchecked, Auto Smartport will not assign that Smartport type to any interface.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. This sets the global Smartport parameters on the switch.

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## Smartport Type Settings

Use the *Smartport Type Settings* page to edit the Smartport Type settings and view the Macro Source.

By default, each Smartport type is associated with a pair of built-in Smartport macros. See the [Smartport Types](#) page for further information on macro versus anti-macro. Alternatively, you can associate your own pair of user-defined macros with customized configurations to a Smartport type. User-defined macros can be prepared only through CLI. You should refer to the CLI reference guide for details.

Built-in or user-defined macros can have parameters. The built-in macros have up to three parameters.

Editing these parameters for the Smartport types applied by Auto Smartport from the *Smartport Type Settings* page configures the default values for these parameters. These defaults will be used by Auto Smartport.

**NOTE** Changes to Auto Smartport types will cause the new settings to be applied to interfaces which have already been assigned that type by Auto Smartport. In this case, binding an invalid macro or setting an invalid default parameter value will cause all ports of this Smartport type to become unknown.

**STEP 1** Click **Smartport > Smartport Type Settings**. The *Smartport Type Settings* page opens.

**STEP 2** To view the Smartport macro associated with a Smartport type, select a Smartport type and click **View Macro Source**.

**STEP 3** To modify the parameters of a macro or assign a user-defined macro, select a Smartport type and click **Edit**. The *Edit Smartport Type Settings* page opens.

**STEP 4** Enter the fields.

- **Port Type**—Select a Smartport type.
- **Macro Name**—Displays the name of the Smartport macro currently associated with the Smartport type.
- **Macro Type**—Select whether the pair of macro and anti-macro associated with this Smartport type is built-in or user-defined.
- **User Defined Macro**—If desired, select the user-defined macro that is to be associated with the selected Smartport type. The macro must have already been paired with an anti-macro.

Pairing of the two macros is done by name and is described in the Smartport Macro section.

- **Macro Parameters**—Displays the following fields for three parameters in the macro:
  - *Parameter Name*—Name of parameter in macro.

- *Parameter Value*—Current value of parameter in macro. This can be changed here.
- *Parameter Description*—Description of parameter.

You can restore the default parameter values by clicking **Restore Defaults**.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply** to save the changes to the running configuration. If the Smartport macro and/or its parameter values associated with the Smartport type are modified, Auto Smartport will automatically reapply the macro to the interfaces currently assigned with the Smartport type by Auto Smartport. Auto Smartport will not apply the changes to interfaces that were statically assigned a Smartport type.

**NOTE** There is no method to validate macro parameters because they do not have a type association. Therefore, any entry is valid at this point. However, invalid parameter values may cause errors to occur when the Smartport type is assigned to an interface, applying the associated macro.

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## Smartport Interface Settings

Use the *Interface Settings* page to perform the following tasks:

- Statically apply a specific Smartport type to an interface with interface specific values for the macro parameters.
- Enable Auto Smartport on an interface.
- Diagnose a Smartport macro that failed upon application, and caused the Smartport type to become Unknown.
- Reapply a Smartport macro after it fails for one of the following types of interfaces: switch, router and AP. It is expected that the necessary corrections have been made prior to clicking **Reapply**. See the workflow area in **Common Smartport Tasks** section for troubleshooting tips.
- Reapply a Smartport macro to an interface. In some circumstances, you may want to reapply a Smartport macro so that the configuration at an interface is up to date. For instance, reapplying a switch Smartport macro at a switch interface will make the interface a member of the VLANs created since the last macro application. You have to be familiar with the current configurations on the switch and the definition of the macro to determine if a reapplication has any impact on the interface.

- Reset unknown interfaces. This sets the mode of Unknown interfaces to Default.

To apply a Smartport macro:

**STEP 1** Click **Smartport > Interface Settings**. The *Interface Settings* page opens.

Reapply the associated Smartport macro in the following ways:

- Select a group of Smartport types (switches, routers or APs) and click **Reapply Smartport Macro**. The macros are applied to all selected interface types.
- Select an interface that is UP and click **Reapply** to reapply the last macro that was applied to the interface.

The **Reapply** action also adds the interface to all newly-created VLANs.

**STEP 2** Smartport Diagnostic.

If a Smartport macro fails, the Smartport Type of the interface is Unknown. Select an interface which is of unknown type and click **Show Diagnostic**. This displays the command at which application of the macro failed. See the workflow area in **Common Smartport Tasks** section for troubleshooting tips. Proceed to reapply the macro after correcting the problem.

**STEP 3** Resetting all Unknown interfaces to Default type.

- Select the *Port Type equals to* checkbox.
- Select *Unknown* and click **Go**.
- Click **Reset All Unknown Smartports**. Then reapply the macro as described above. This performs a reset on all interfaces with type Unknown, meaning that all interfaces are returned to the Default type. After correcting the error in the macro or on the current interface configuration or both, a new macro may be applied.

**NOTE** Resetting the interface of unknown type does not reset the configuration performed by the macro that failed. This clean up must be done manually.

To assign a Smartport type to an interface or activate Auto Smartport on the interface:

**STEP 1** Select an interface and click **Edit**. The *Edit Interface Settings* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter the fields.

- **Interface**—Select the port or LAG.
  - **Smartport Type**—Displays the Smartport type currently assigned to the port/LAG.
  - **Smartport Application**—Select the Smartport type from the Smartport Application pull-down.
  - **Smartport Application Method**— If Auto Smartport is selected, Auto Smartport automatically assigns the Smartport type based on the CDP and/or LLDP advertisement received from the connecting devices as well as applying the corresponding Smartport macro. To statically assign a Smartport type and apply the corresponding Smartport macro to the interface, select the desired Smartport type.
  - **Persistent Status**—Select to enable the Persistent status. If enabled, the association of a Smartport type to an interface remains even if the interface goes down, or the switch is rebooted. Persistent is applicable only if the Smartport Application of the interface is Auto Smartport. Enabling Persistent at an interface eliminates the device detection delay that otherwise will occur.
  - **Macro Parameters**—Displays the following fields for up to three parameters in the macro:
    - *Parameter Name*—Name of parameter in macro.
    - *Parameter Value*—Current value of parameter in macro. This can be changed here.
    - *Parameter Description*—Description of parameter.
- STEP 3** Click **Reset** to set an interface to Default if it is in Unknown status (as a result of an unsuccessful macro application). The macro can be reapplied on the main page.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply** to update the changes and assign the Smartport type to the interface.

## Built-in Smartport Macros

The following describes the pair of built-in macros for each Smartport type. For each Smartport type there is a macro to configure the interface and an anti macro to remove the configuration.

Macro code for the following Smartport types are provided:

- **desktop**

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- **printer**
  - **guest**
  - **server**
  - **host**
  - **ip\_camera**
  - **ip\_phone**
  - **ip\_phone\_desktop**
  - **switch**
  - **router**
  - **ap**

*desktop*

```
[desktop]
#interface configuration, for increased network security and reliability when connecting a desktop
device, such as a PC, to a switch port.
#macro description Desktop
#macro keywords $native_vlan $max_hosts
#
#macro key description:  $native_vlan: The untag VLAN which will be configured on the port
#                        $max_hosts: The maximum number of allowed devices on the port
#Default Values are
#$native_vlan = Default VLAN
#$max_hosts = 10
#
#the port type cannot be detected automatically
#
#the default mode is trunk
smartport switchport trunk native vlan $native_vlan
#
port security max $max_hosts
port security mode max-addresses
port security discard trap 60
#
smartport storm-control broadcast level 10
smartport storm-control include-multicast
smartport storm-control broadcast enable
#
spanning-tree portfast
#
@
```

**no\_desktop**

```
[no_desktop]
#macro description No Desktop
#
no smartport switchport trunk native vlan
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan remove all
#
no port security
no port security mode
no port security max
#
no smartport storm-control broadcast enable
no smartport storm-control broadcast level
no smartport storm-control include-multicast
#
spanning-tree portfast auto
#
@
```

*printer*

```
[printer]
#macro description printer
#macro keywords $native_vlan
#
#macro key description: $native_vlan: The untag VLAN which will be configured on the port
#Default Values are
#$native_vlan = Default VLAN
#
#the port type cannot be detected automatically
#
switchport mode access
switchport access vlan $native_vlan
#
#single host
port security max 1
port security mode max-addresses
port security discard trap 60
#
smartport storm-control broadcast level 10
smartport storm-control include-multicast
smartport storm-control broadcast enable
#
spanning-tree portfast
#
@
```

**no\_printer**

```
[no_printer]
#macro description No printer
#
no switchport access vlan
no switchport mode
#
no port security
no port security mode
#
no smartport storm-control broadcast enable
no smartport storm-control broadcast level
no smartport storm-control include-multicast
#
spanning-tree portfast auto
#
@
```

*guest*

```
[guest]
#macro description guest
#macro keywords $native_vlan
#
#macro key description: $native_vlan: The untag VLAN which will be configured on the port
#Default Values are
#$native_vlan = Default VLAN
#
#the port type cannot be detected automatically
#
switchport mode access
switchport access vlan $native_vlan
#
#single host
port security max 1
port security mode max-addresses
port security discard trap 60
#
smartport storm-control broadcast level 10
smartport storm-control include-multicast
smartport storm-control broadcast enable
#
spanning-tree portfast
#
@
```

**no\_guest]]**

```
[no_guest]
#macro description No guest
#
no switchport access vlan
no switchport mode
#
no port security
no port security mode
#
no smartport storm-control broadcast enable
no smartport storm-control broadcast level
no smartport storm-control include-multicast
#
spanning-tree portfast auto
#
@
```

*server*

```
[server]
#macro description server
#macro keywords $native_vlan $max_hosts
#
#macro key description:  $native_vlan: The untag VLAN which will be configured on the port
#                       $max_hosts: The maximum number of allowed devices on the port
#Default Values are
#$native_vlan = Default VLAN
#$max_hosts = 10
#
#the port type cannot be detected automatically
#
#the default mode is trunk
smartport switchport trunk native vlan $native_vlan
#
port security max $max_hosts
port security mode max-addresses
port security discard trap 60
#
smartport storm-control broadcast level 10
smartport storm-control broadcast enable
#
spanning-tree portfast
#
@
```

**no\_server**

```
[no_server]
#macro description No server
#
no smartport switchport trunk native vlan
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan remove all
#
no port security
no port security mode
no port security max
#
no smartport storm-control broadcast enable
no smartport storm-control broadcast level
#
spanning-tree portfast auto
#
@
```

*host*

```
[host]
#macro description host
#macro keywords $native_vlan $max_hosts
#
#macro key description: $native_vlan: The untag VLAN which will be configured on the port
#           $max_hosts: The maximum number of allowed devices on the port
#Default Values are
#$native_vlan = Default VLAN
#$max_hosts = 10
#
#the port type cannot be detected automatically
#
#the default mode is trunk
smartport switchport trunk native vlan $native_vlan
#
port security max $max_hosts
port security mode max-addresses
port security discard trap 60
#
smartport storm-control broadcast level 10
smartport storm-control include-multicast
smartport storm-control broadcast enable
#
spanning-tree portfast
#
@
```

**no\_host**

```
[no_host]
#macro description No host
#
no smartport switchport trunk native vlan
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan remove all
#
no port security
no port security mode
no port security max
#
no smartport storm-control broadcast enable
no smartport storm-control broadcast level
no smartport storm-control include-multicast
#
spanning-tree portfast auto
#
@
```

*ip\_camera*

```
[ip_camera]
#macro description ip_camera
#macro keywords $native_vlan
#
#macro key description: $native_vlan: The untag VLAN which will be configured on the port
#Default Values are
#$native_vlan = Default VLAN
#
switchport mode access
switchport access vlan $native_vlan
#
#single host
port security max 1
port security mode max-addresses
port security discard trap 60
#
smartport storm-control broadcast level 10
smartport storm-control include-multicast
smartport storm-control broadcast enable
#
spanning-tree portfast
#
@
```

**no\_ip\_camera**

```
[no_ip_camera]
#macro description No ip_camera
#
no switchport access vlan
no switchport mode
#
no port security
no port security mode
#
no smartport storm-control broadcast enable
no smartport storm-control broadcast level
no smartport storm-control include-multicast
#
spanning-tree portfast auto
#
@
```

*ip\_phone*

```
[ip_phone]
#macro description ip_phone
#macro keywords $native_vlan $voice_vlan $max_hosts
#
#macro key description:  $native_vlan: The untag VLAN which will be configured on the port
#                       $voice_vlan: The voice VLAN ID
#                       $max_hosts: The maximum number of allowed devices on the port
#Default Values are
#$native_vlan = Default VLAN
#$voice_vlan = 1
#$max_hosts = 10
#
#the default mode is trunk
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan add $voice_vlan
smartport switchport trunk native vlan $native_vlan
#
port security max $max_hosts
port security mode max-addresses
port security discard trap 60
#
smartport storm-control broadcast level 10
smartport storm-control include-multicast
smartport storm-control broadcast enable
#
spanning-tree portfast
#
@
```

**no\_ip\_phone**

```
[no_ip_phone]
#macro description no ip_phone
#macro keywords $voice_vlan
#
#macro key description: $voice_vlan: The voice VLAN ID
#
#Default Values are
#$voice_vlan = 1
#
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan remove $voice_vlan
no smartport switchport trunk native vlan
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan remove all
#
no port security
no port security mode
no port security max
#
no smartport storm-control broadcast enable
no smartport storm-control broadcast level
no smartport storm-control include-multicast
#
spanning-tree portfast auto
#
@
```

*ip\_phone\_desktop*

```
[ip_phone_desktop]
#macro description ip_phone_desktop
#macro keywords $native_vlan $voice_vlan $max_hosts
#
#macro key description:  $native_vlan: The untag VLAN which will be configured on the port
#                       $voice_vlan: The voice VLAN ID
#                       $max_hosts: The maximum number of allowed devices on the port
#Default Values are
#$native_vlan = Default VLAN
#$voice_vlan = 1
#$max_hosts = 10
#
#the default mode is trunk
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan add $voice_vlan
smartport switchport trunk native vlan $native_vlan
#
port security max $max_hosts
port security mode max-addresses
port security discard trap 60
#
smartport storm-control broadcast level 10
smartport storm-control include-multicast
smartport storm-control broadcast enable
#
spanning-tree portfast
#
@
```

**no\_ip\_phone\_desktop**

```
[no_ip_phone_desktop]
#macro description no ip_phone_desktop
#macro keywords $voice_vlan
#
#macro key description: $voice_vlan: The voice VLAN ID
#
#Default Values are
#$voice_vlan = 1
#
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan remove $voice_vlan
no smartport switchport trunk native vlan
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan remove all
#
no port security
no port security mode
no port security max
#
no smartport storm-control broadcast enable
no smartport storm-control broadcast level
no smartport storm-control include-multicast
#
spanning-tree portfast auto
#
@
```

*switch*

```
[switch]
#macro description switch
#macro keywords $native_vlan $voice_vlan
#
#macro key description: $native_vlan: The untag VLAN which will be configured on the port
#           $voice_vlan: The voice VLAN ID
#Default Values are
#$native_vlan = Default VLAN
#$voice_vlan = 1
#
#the default mode is trunk
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan add all
smartport switchport trunk native vlan $native_vlan
#
spanning-tree link-type point-to-point
#
@
```

**no\_switch**

```
[no_switch]
#macro description No switch
#macro keywords $voice_vlan
#
#macro key description: $voice_vlan: The voice VLAN ID
#
no smartport switchport trunk native vlan
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan remove all
#
no spanning-tree link-type
#
@
```

*router*

```
[router]
#macro description router
#macro keywords $native_vlan $voice_vlan
#
#macro key description: $native_vlan: The untag VLAN which will be configured on the port
#           $voice_vlan: The voice VLAN ID
#
#Default Values are
#$native_vlan = Default VLAN
#$voice_vlan = 1
#
#the default mode is trunk
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan add all
smartport switchport trunk native vlan $native_vlan
#
smartport storm-control broadcast level 10
smartport storm-control broadcast enable
#
spanning-tree link-type point-to-point
#
@
```

**no\_router**

```
[no_router]
#macro description No router
#macro keywords $voice_vlan
#
#macro key description: $voice_vlan: The voice VLAN ID
#
no smartport switchport trunk native vlan
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan remove all
#
no smartport storm-control broadcast enable
no smartport storm-control broadcast level
#
no spanning-tree link-type
#
@
```

*ap*

```
[ap]
#macro description ap
#macro keywords $native_vlan $voice_vlan
#
#macro key description: $native_vlan: The untag VLAN which will be configured on the port
#           $voice_vlan: The voice VLAN ID
#
#Default Values are
#$native_vlan = Default VLAN
#$voice_vlan = 1
#
#the default mode is trunk
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan add all
smartport switchport trunk native vlan $native_vlan
#
spanning-tree link-type point-to-point
#
@
```

**no\_ap**

```
[no_ap]
#macro description No ap
#macro keywords $voice_vlan
#
#macro key description: $voice_vlan: The voice VLAN ID
#
no smartport switchport trunk native vlan
smartport switchport trunk allowed vlan remove all
#
no spanning-tree link-type
#
@
```

# Managing Power-over-Ethernet Devices

The Power over Ethernet (PoE) feature is only available on PoE-based devices. For a list of PoE-based devices, refer to the [Switch Models](#) section.

This section describes how to use the PoE feature.

It covers the following topics:

- [PoE on the Switch](#)
- [Configuring PoE Properties](#)
- [Configuring the PoE Power, Priority, and Class](#)

## PoE on the Switch

A PoE switch is PSE (Power Sourcing Equipment) that delivers electrical power to connected PD (Powered Devices) over existing copper cables without interfering with the network traffic, updating the physical network or modifying the network infrastructure.

### PoE Features

PoE provides the following features:

- Eliminates the need to run 110/220 V AC power to all devices on a wired LAN.
- Removes the necessity for placing all network devices next to power sources.
- Eliminates the need to deploy double cabling systems in an enterprise significantly decreasing installation costs.

Power over Ethernet can be used in any enterprise network that deploys relatively low-powered devices connected to the Ethernet LAN, such as:

- IP phones
- Wireless access points
- IP gateways
- Audio and video remote monitoring devices

### PoE Operation

PoE implements in the following stages:

- **Detection**—Sends special pulses on the copper cable. When a PoE device is located at the other end, that device responds to these pulses.
- **Classification**—Negotiation between the Power Sourcing Equipment (PSE) and the Powered Device (PD) commences after the Detection stage. During negotiation, the PD specifies its class, which is the amount of maximum power that the PD consumes.
- **Power Consumption**—After the classification stage completes, the PSE provides power to the PD. If the PD supports PoE, but without classification, it is assumed to be class 0 (the maximum). If a PD tries to consume more power than permitted by the standard, the PSE stops supplying power to the port.

PoE supports two modes:

- **Port Limit**—The maximum power the switch agrees to supply is limited to the value the system administrator configures, regardless of the Classification result.
- **Class Power Limit**—The maximum power the switch agrees to supply is determined by the results of the Classification stage. This means that it is set as per the Client's request.

### PoE Configuration Considerations

There are two factors to consider in the PoE feature:

- The amount of power that the PSE can supply
- The amount of power that the PD is actually attempting to consume

You can decide the following:

- Maximum power a PSE is allowed to supply to a PD
- During device operation, to change the mode from Class Power Limit to Port Limit and vice versa. The power values per port that were configured for the Port Limit mode are retained.
- Maximum port limit allowed as a per-port numerical limit in mW (Port Limit mode).
- To generate a trap when a PD tries to consume too much and at what percent of the maximum power this trap is generated.

The PoE-specific hardware automatically detects the PD class and its power limit according to the class of the device connected to each specific port (Class Limit mode).

If at any time during the connectivity an attached PD requires more power from the switch than the configured allocation allows (no matter if the switch is in Class Limit or Port Limit mode), the switch does the following:

- Maintains the up/down status of the PoE port link
- Turns off power delivery to the PoE port
- Logs the reason for turning off power
- Generates an SNMP trap

**NOTE** When a lower voltage PoE switch is connected to the SG500 series switch with PoE, and connected via PoE enabled ports on both ends of the connection, the lower voltage switch will lose its ability to power any powered device. To avoid this condition, either disable PoE support on the SG500 or use a non PoE port.

## Configuring PoE Properties

The *PoE Properties* page enables selecting either the Port Limit or Class Limit PoE mode and specifying the PoE traps to be generated.

These settings are entered in advance. When the PD actually connects and is consuming power, it might consume much less than the maximum power allowed.

Output power is disabled during power-on reboot, initialization, and system configuration to ensure that PDs are not damaged.

To configure PoE on the switch and monitor current power usage:

**STEP 1** Click **Port Management > PoE > Properties**. The *PoE Properties* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter the values for the following fields:

- **Power Mode**—Select one of the following options:
  - *Port Limit*—The maximum power limit per each port is configured by the user.
  - *Class Limit*—The maximum power limit per port is determined by the class of the device, which results from the Classification stage.
- **Traps**—Enable or disable traps. If traps are enabled, you must also enable SNMP and configure at least one SNMP Notification Recipient.
- **Power Trap Threshold**—Enter the usage threshold that is a percentage of the power limit. An alarm is initiated if the power exceeds this value.

The following counters are displayed for each device or for all the units of the stack:

- **Nominal Power**—The total amount of power the switch can supply to all the connected PDs.
- **Consumed Power**—Amount of power currently being consumed by the PoE ports.
- **Available Power**—Nominal power minus the amount of consumed power.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply** to save the PoE properties.

## Configuring the PoE Power, Priority, and Class

The *PoE Settings* page displays system PoE information for enabling PoE on the interfaces and monitoring the current power usage and maximum power limit per port.

Click **Port Management > PoE > Settings**. The *Settings* page opens.

This page limits the power per port in two ways depending on the Power Mode:

- **Port Limit:** Power is limited to a specified wattage. For these settings to be active, the system must be in PoE Port Limit mode. That mode is configured in the *PoE Properties* page.

When the power consumed on the port exceeds the port limit, the port power is turned off.

- **Class Limit:** Power is limited based on the class of the connected PD. For these settings to be active, the system must be in PoE Class Limit mode. That mode is configured in the *PoE Properties* page.

When the power consumed on the port exceeds the class limit, the port power is turned off.

### PoE priority example:

Given: A 48 port switch is supplying a total of 375 watts.

The administrator configures all ports to allocate up to 30 watts. This results in 48 times 30 ports equalling 1440 watts, which is too much. The switch cannot provide enough power to each port, so it provides power according to the priority.

The administrator sets the priority for each port, allocating how much power it can be given.

These priorities are entered in the *PoE Settings* page.

See the **Chapter 6, “Switch Models,”** table for a description of the switch models that support PoE and the maximum power that can be allocated to PoE ports.

To configure PoE port settings:

- 
- STEP 1** Click **Port Management > PoE > Settings**. The *Settings* page opens. The list of fields below is for Port Limit Power Mode. The fields are slightly different if the Power Mode is Class Limit.
  - STEP 2** Select a port and click **Edit**. The *Edit PoE Settings* page opens. The list of fields below is for Port Limit Power Mode. The fields are slightly different if the Power Mode is Class Limit.
  - STEP 3** Enter the value for the following field:
    - **Interface**—Select the port to configure.
    - **PoE Administrative Status**—Enable or disable PoE on the port.

- **Power Priority Level**—Select the port priority: low, high, or critical, for use when the power supply is low. For example, if the power supply is running at 99% usage and port 1 is prioritized as high, but port 3 is prioritized as low, port 1 receives power and port 3 might be denied power.
- **Administrative Power Allocation**—This field is displayed only if the Power Mode set in the *PoE Properties* page is Port Limit. If the Power mode is Power Limit, enter the power in milliwatts allocated to the port.
- **Max Power Allocation**—Displays the maximum amount of power permitted on this port.
- **Class**—This field is displayed only if the Power Mode set in the *PoE Properties* page is Class Limit. The class determines the power level:

Class	Maximum Power Delivered by Switch Port
0	15.4 watt
1	4.0 watt
2	7.0 watt
3	15.4 watt
4	30.0 watt

- **Power Consumption**—Displays the amount of power in milliwatts assigned to the powered device connected to the selected interface.
- **Overload Counter**—Displays the total number of power overload occurrences.
- **Short Counter**—Displays the total number of power shortage occurrences.
- **Denied Counter**—Displays number of times the powered device was denied power.
- **Absent Counter**—Displays the number of times that power was stopped to the powered device, because the powered device was no longer detected.
- **Invalid Signature Counter**—Displays the times an invalid signature was received. Signatures are the means by which the powered device identifies itself to the PSE. Signatures are generated during powered device detection, classification, or maintenance.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The PoE settings for the port are written to the Running Configuration file.

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# VLAN Management

This section covers the following topics:

- **VLANs**
- **Configuring Default VLAN Settings**
- **Creating VLANs**
- **Configuring VLAN Interface Settings**
- **Defining VLAN Membership**
- **GVRP Settings**
- **VLAN Groups**
- **Voice VLAN**
- **Access Port Multicast TV VLAN**
- **Customer Port Multicast TV VLAN**

## VLANs

A VLAN is a logical group of ports that enables devices associated with it to communicate with each other over the Ethernet MAC layer, regardless of the physical LAN segment of the bridged network to which they are connected.

### **VLAN Description**

Each VLAN is configured with a unique VID (VLAN ID) with a value from 1 to 4094. A port on a device in a bridged network is a member of a VLAN if it can send data to and receive data from the VLAN. A port is an untagged member of a VLAN if all packets destined for that port into the VLAN have no VLAN tag. A port is a tagged member of a VLAN if all packets destined for that port into the VLAN have a VLAN tag. A port can be a member of one untagged VLAN and can be a member of several tagged VLANs.

A port in VLAN Access mode can be part of only one VLAN. If it is in General or Trunk mode, the port can be part of one or more VLANs.

VLANs address security and scalability issues. Traffic from a VLAN stays within the VLAN, and terminates at devices in the VLAN. It also eases network configuration by logically connecting devices without physically relocating those devices.

If a frame is VLAN-tagged, a four-byte VLAN tag is added to each Ethernet frame, increasing the maximum frame size from 1518 to 1522. The tag contains a VLAN ID between 1 and 4094, and a VLAN Priority Tag (VPT) between 0 and 7. See QoS Operation for details about VPT.

When a frame enters a VLAN-aware device, it is classified as belonging to a VLAN, based on the four-byte VLAN tag in the frame.

If there is no VLAN tag in the frame or the frame is priority-tagged only, the frame is classified to the VLAN based on the PVID (Port VLAN Identifier) configured at the ingress port where the frame is received.

The frame is discarded at the ingress port if Ingress Filtering is enabled and the ingress port is not a member of the VLAN to which the packet belongs. A frame is regarded as priority-tagged only if the VID in its VLAN tag is 0.

Frames belonging to a VLAN remain within the VLAN. This is achieved by sending or forwarding a frame only to egress ports that are members of the target VLAN. An egress port may be a tagged or untagged member of a VLAN.

The egress port:

- Adds a VLAN tag to the frame if the egress port is a tagged member of the target VLAN, and the original frame does not have a VLAN tag.
- Removes the VLAN tag from the frame if the egress port is an untagged member of the target VLAN, and the original frame has a VLAN tag.

### **VLAN Roles**

VLANs function at Layer 2. All VLAN traffic (Unicast/Broadcast/Multicast) remains within its VLAN. Devices attached to different VLANs do not have direct connectivity to each other over the Ethernet MAC layer. Devices from different VLANs can communicate with each other only through Layer 3 routers. An IP router, for example, is required to route IP traffic between VLANs if each VLAN represents an IP subnet.

The IP router might be a traditional router, where each of its interfaces connects to only one VLAN. Traffic to and from a traditional IP router must be VLAN untagged. The IP router can be a VLAN-aware router, where each of its interfaces can connect to one or more VLANs. Traffic to and from a VLAN-aware IP router can be VLAN tagged or untagged.

Adjacent VLAN-aware devices exchange VLAN information with each other by using Generic VLAN Registration Protocol (GVRP). As a result, VLAN information is propagated through a bridged network.

VLANs on a device can be created statically or dynamically, based on the GVRP information exchanged by devices. A VLAN can be static or dynamic (from GVRP), but not both. For more information about GVRP, refer to the *GVRP Settings* section.

Some VLANs can have additional roles, including:

- **Voice VLAN:** For more information refer to the *Voice VLAN* section.
- **Guest VLAN:** Set in the *Edit VLAN Authentication* page.
- **Default VLAN:** For more information refer to the *Configuring Default VLAN Settings* section.
- **Management VLAN (in Layer 2-mode systems):** For more information refer to the *Layer 2 IP Addressing* section.

## QinQ

QinQ provides isolation between service provider networks and customers' networks. The switch is a provider bridge that supports port-based c-tagged service interface.

With QinQ, the switch adds an ID tag known as Service Tag (S-tag) to forward traffic over the network. The S-tag is used to segregate traffic between various customers, while preserving the customer VLAN tags.

Customer traffic is encapsulated with an S-tag with TPID 0x8100, regardless of whether it was originally c-tagged or untagged. The S-tag allows this traffic to be treated as an aggregate within a provider bridge network, where the bridging is based on the S-tag VID (S-VID) only.

The S-Tag is preserved while traffic is forwarded through the network service provider's infrastructure, and is later removed by an egress device.

An additional benefit of QinQ is that there is no need to configure customers' edge devices.

QinQ is enabled in the VLAN Management > *Interface Settings* page.

### VLAN Configuration Workflow

To configure VLANs:

1. If required, change the default VLAN by using the [Configuring Default VLAN Settings](#) section.
2. Create the required VLANs by using the [Creating VLANs](#) section.
3. Set the desired VLAN-related configuration for ports and enable QinQ on an interface using the [Configuring VLAN Interface Settings](#) section.
4. Assign interfaces to VLANs by using the [Configuring Port to VLAN](#) section or the [Configuring VLAN Membership](#) section.
5. View the current VLAN port membership for all the interfaces in the [Configuring VLAN Membership](#) section.
6. If required, configure VLAN groups as described in the [MAC-based Groups](#) and [Protocol-based VLANs](#) sections.
7. If required, configure TV VLAN as described in the [Access Port Multicast TV VLAN](#) and [Customer Port Multicast TV VLAN](#) sections.

## Configuring Default VLAN Settings

When using factory default settings, the switch automatically creates VLAN 1 as the default VLAN, the default interface status of all ports is Trunk, and all ports are configured as untagged members of the default VLAN.

The default VLAN has the following characteristics:

- It is distinct, non-static/non-dynamic, and all ports are untagged members by default.
- It cannot be deleted.
- It cannot be given a label.
- It cannot be used for any special role, such as unauthenticated VLAN or Voice VLAN. This is only relevant for OUI-enabled voice VLAN.
- If a port is no longer a member of any VLAN, the switch automatically configures the port as an untagged member of the default VLAN. A port is no longer a member of a VLAN if the VLAN is deleted or the port is removed from the VLAN.

- RADIUS servers cannot assign the default VLAN to 802.1x supplicants by using Dynamic VLAN Assignment.

When the VID of the default VLAN is changed, the switch performs the following on all the ports in the VLAN, after saving the configuration and rebooting the switch:

- Removes VLAN membership of the ports from the original default VLAN (possible only after reboot).
- Changes the PVID (Port VLAN Identifier) of the ports to the VID of the new default VLAN.
- The original default VLAN ID is removed from the switch. To be used, it must be recreated.
- Adds the ports as untagged VLAN members of the new default VLAN.

To change the default VLAN:

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- STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Default VLAN Settings**. The *Default VLAN Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Enter the value for the following field:
- **Current Default VLAN ID**—Displays the current default VLAN ID.
  - **Default VLAN ID After Reboot**—Enter a new VLAN ID to replace the default VLAN ID after reboot.
- STEP 3** Click **Apply**.
- STEP 4** Click **Save** (in the upper-right corner of the window) and save the Running Configuration to the Startup Configuration.

The **Default VLAN ID After Reset** becomes the **Current Default VLAN ID** after you reboot the switch.

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## Creating VLANs

You can create a VLAN, but this has no effect until the VLAN is attached to at least one port, either manually or dynamically. Ports must always belong to one or more VLANs.

Each VLAN must be configured with a unique VID (VLAN ID) with a value from 1 to 4094. The switch reserves VID 4095 as the Discard VLAN. All packets classified to the Discard VLAN are discarded at ingress, and are not forwarded to a port.

To create a VLAN:

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**STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Create VLAN**. The *Create VLAN* page is displayed.

The Create VLAN page displays the following fields for all VLANs:

- **VLAN ID**—User-defined VLAN ID.
- **VLAN Name**—User-defined VLAN name.
- **Type**—VLAN type:
  - *Static*—VLAN is user-defined.
  - *Default*—VLAN is the default VLAN.

**STEP 2** Click **Add** to add a new VLAN or select an existing VLAN and click **Edit** to modify the VLAN parameters. The *Add/Edit VLAN* page is displayed.

The page enables the creation of either a single VLAN or a range of VLANs.

**STEP 3** To create a single VLAN, select the **VLAN** radio button, enter the VLAN ID (VID), and optionally the VLAN Name.

To create a range of VLANs, select the **Range** radio button, and specify the range of VLANs to be created by entering the Starting VID and Ending VID, inclusive. When using the **Range** function, the maximum number of VLANs you can create at one time is 100.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply** to create the VLAN(s).

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## Configuring VLAN Interface Settings

The *Interface Settings* page displays and enables configuration of VLAN-related parameters for all interfaces

To configure the VLAN settings:

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- STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Interface Settings**. The *Interface Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select an interface type (Port or LAG), and click **Go**. Ports or LAGs and their VLAN parameters are displayed.
- STEP 3** To configure a Port or LAG, select it and click **Edit**. The *Edit Interface Setting* page is displayed.
- STEP 4** Enter the values for the following fields:
- **Interface**—Select a Port/LAG. Select the Unit/Slot on a 500 Series switch.
  - **Interface VLAN Mode**—Select the interface mode for the VLAN. The options are:
    - *General*—The interface can support all functions as defined in the IEEE 802.1q specification. The interface can be a tagged or untagged member of one or more VLANs.
    - *Access*—The interface is an untagged member of a single VLAN. A port configured in this mode is known as an access port.
    - *Trunk*—The interface is an untagged member of one VLAN at most, and is a tagged member of zero or more VLANs. A port configured in this mode is known as a trunk port.
    - *Customer*—Selecting this option places the interface in QinQ mode. This enables the user to use their own VLAN arrangements (PVID) across the provider network. The switch will be in Q-in-Q mode when it has one or more customer ports. See [QinQ](#).
  - **Administrative PVID**—Enter the Port VLAN ID (PVID) of the VLAN to which incoming untagged and priority tagged frames are classified. The possible values are 1 to 4094.

- **Frame Type**—Select the type of frame that the interface can receive. Frames that are not of the configured frame type are discarded at ingress. These frame types are only available in General mode. Possible values are:
  - *Admit All*—The interface accepts all types of frames: untagged frames, tagged frames, and priority tagged frames.
  - *Admit Tagged Only*—The interface accepts only tagged frames.
  - *Admit Untagged Only*—The interface accepts only untagged and priority frames.
- **Ingress Filtering**—(Available only in General mode) Select to enable ingress filtering. When an interface is ingress filtering enabled, the interface discards all incoming frames that are classified as VLANs of which the interface is not a member. Ingress filtering can be disabled or enabled on general ports. It is always enabled on access ports and trunk ports.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The parameters are written to the Running Configuration file.

## Defining VLAN Membership

The *Port to VLAN* and *Port VLAN Membership* pages display the VLAN memberships of the ports in various presentations. You can use them to add or remove memberships to or from the VLANs.

When a port is forbidden default VLAN membership, that port is not allowed membership in any other VLAN. An internal VID of 4095 is assigned to the port.

To forward the packets properly, intermediate VLAN-aware devices that carry VLAN traffic along the path between end nodes must either be manually configured or must dynamically learn the VLANs and their port memberships from Generic VLAN Registration Protocol (GVRP).

Untagged port membership between two VLAN-aware devices with no intervening VLAN-aware devices, should be to the same VLAN. In other words, the PVID on the ports between the two devices must be the same if the ports are to send and receive untagged packets to and from the VLAN. Otherwise, traffic might leak from one VLAN to another.

Frames that are VLAN-tagged can pass through other network devices that are VLAN-aware or VLAN-unaware. If a destination end node is VLAN-unaware, but is to receive traffic from a VLAN, then the last VLAN-aware device (if there is one), must send frames of the destination VLAN to the end node untagged.

## Configuring Port to VLAN

Use the *Port to VLAN* page to display and configure the ports within a specific VLAN.

To map ports or LAGs to a VLAN:

**STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Port to VLAN**. The *Port to VLAN* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Select a VLAN and the interface type (Port or LAG), and click **Go** to display or to change the port characteristic with respect to the VLAN.

The port mode for each port or LAG is displayed with its current port mode (Access, Trunk or General) configured from the *Interface Settings* page.

Each port or LAG is displayed with its current registration to the VLAN.

**STEP 3** Change the registration of an interface to the VLAN by selecting the desired option from the following list:

- **Forbidden**—The interface is not allowed to join the VLAN even from GVRP registration. When a port is not a member of any other VLAN, enabling this option on the port makes the port part of internal VLAN 4095 (a reserved VID).
- **Excluded**—The interface is currently not a member of the VLAN. This is the default for all the ports and LAGs. The port can join the VLAN through GVRP registration.
- **Tagged**—The interface is a tagged member of the VLAN.
- **Untagged**—The interface is an untagged member of the VLAN. Frames of the VLAN are sent untagged to the interface VLAN.
- **Multicast TV VLAN**—The interface will be used for Digital TV using multicast IP.
- **PVID**—Select to set the PVID of the interface to the VID of the VLAN. PVID is a per-port setting.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The interfaces are assigned to the VLAN, and written to the Running Configuration file.

You can continue to display and/or configure port membership of another VLAN by selecting another VLAN ID.

## Configuring VLAN Membership

The *Port VLAN Membership* page displays all ports on the device along with a list of VLANs to which each port belongs.

If the port-based authentication method for an interface is 802.1x and the Administrative Port Control is Auto, then:

- Until the port is authenticated, it is excluded from all VLANs, except guest and unauthenticated ones. In the VLAN to Port page, the port will be marked with “P”.
- When the port is authenticated, it receives membership in the VLAN in which it was configured.

To assign a port to one or more VLANs:

- STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Port VLAN Membership**. The *Port VLAN Membership* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select interface type (Port or LAG), and click **Go**. The following fields are displayed for all interfaces of the selected type:
  - **Interface**—Port/LAG ID.
  - **Mode**—Interface VLAN mode that was selected in the *Interface Settings* page.
  - **Administrative VLANs**—Drop-down list that displays all VLANs of which the interface might be a member.
  - **Operational VLANs**—Drop-down list that displays all VLANs of which the interface is currently a member.
  - **LAG**—If interface selected is Port, displays the LAG in which it is a member.
- STEP 3** Select a port, and click the **Join VLAN** button. The *Join VLAN* page is displayed.
- STEP 4** Enter the values for the following fields:
  - **Interface**—Select a Port or LAG. Select the Unit/Slot on a 500 Series switch.

- **Mode**—Displays the port VLAN mode that was selected in the *Interface Settings* page.
  - **Select VLAN**—To associate a port with a VLAN(s), move the VLAN ID(s) from the left list to the right list by using the arrow buttons. The default VLAN might appear in the right list if it is tagged, but it cannot be selected.
  - **Tagging**—Select one of the following tagging/PVID options:
    - **Forbidden**—The interface is not allowed to join the VLAN even from GVRP registration. When a port is not a member of any other VLAN, enabling this option on the port makes the port part of internal VLAN 4095 (a reserved VID).
    - **Excluded**—The interface is currently not a member of the VLAN. This is the default for all the ports and LAGs. The port can join the VLAN through GVRP registration
    - **Tagged**—Select whether the port is tagged. This is not relevant for Access ports.
    - **Untagged**—Select whether port is untagged. This is not relevant for Access ports.
    - **PVID**—Port PVID is set to this VLAN. If the interface is in access mode or trunk mode, the switch automatically makes the interface an untagged member of the VLAN. If the interface is in general mode, you must manually configure VLAN membership.
- STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The settings are modified and written to the Running Configuration file.
- STEP 6** To see the administrative and operational VLANs on an interface, click **Details**.

## GVRP Settings

Adjacent VLAN-aware devices can exchange VLAN information with each other by using the Generic VLAN Registration Protocol (GVRP). GVRP is based on the Generic Attribute Registration Protocol (GARP) and propagates VLAN information throughout a bridged network.

Since GVRP requires support for tagging, the port must be configured in Trunk or General mode.

When a port joins a VLAN by using GVRP, it is added to the VLAN as a dynamic member, unless this was expressly forbidden in the *Port VLAN Membership* page. If the VLAN does not exist, it is dynamically created when Dynamic VLAN creation is enabled for this port (in the *GVRP Settings* page).

GVRP must be activated globally as well as on each port. When it is activated, it transmits and receives GARP Packet Data Units (GPDUs). VLANs that are defined but not active are not propagated. To propagate the VLAN, it must be up on at least one port.

By default, GVRP is disabled globally and on ports.

## Defining GVRP Settings

To define GVRP settings for an interface:

- STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > GVRP Settings**. The *GVRP Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select **GVRP Global Status** to enable GVRP globally.
- STEP 3** Click **Apply** to set the global GVRP status.
- STEP 4** Select an interface type (Port or LAG), and click **Go** to display all interfaces of that type.
- STEP 5** To define GVRP settings for a port, select it, and click **Edit**. The *Edit GVRP Setting* page is displayed.
- STEP 6** Enter the values for the following fields:
  - **Interface**—Select the interface (Port or LAG) to be edited.
  - **GVRP State**—Select to enable GVRP on this interface.
  - **Dynamic VLAN Creation**—Select to enable Dynamic VLAN Creation on this interface.
  - **GVRP Registration**—Select to enable VLAN Registration using GVRP on this interface.
- STEP 7** Click **Apply**. GVRP settings are modified, and written to the Running Configuration file.

## VLAN Groups

VLAN groups are used for load balancing of traffic on a Layer 2 network.

Packets are assigned a VLAN according to various classifications that have been configured (such as VLAN groups).

If several classifications schemes are defined, packets are assigned to a VLAN in the following order:

- **TAG:** If the packet is tagged, the VLAN is taken from the tag.
- **MAC-Based VLAN:** If a MAC-based VLAN has been defined, the VLAN is taken from the source MAC-to-VLAN mapping of the ingress interface.
- **Protocol-Based VLAN:** If a protocol-based VLAN has been defined, the VLAN is taken from the (Ethernet type) protocol-to-VLAN mapping of the ingress interface.
- **PVID:** VLAN is taken from the port default VLAN ID.

### MAC-based Groups

MAC-based VLAN classification enable packets to be classified according to their source MAC address. The user can then define MAC-to-VLAN mapping per interface.

The user can define several MAC-based VLAN groups, which each group containing different MAC addresses.

These MAC-based groups can be assigned to specific ports/LAGs. MAC-based VLAN groups cannot contain overlapping ranges of MAC addresses on the same port.

#### *Workflow*

To define a MAC-based VLAN group:

1. Assign a MAC address to a VLAN group ID (using the *MAC-Based Groups* page).
2. For each required interface:

- a. Assign the VLAN group to a VLAN (using *Mac-Based Groups to VLAN* page). The interfaces must be in General mode.
- b. If the interface does not belong to the VLAN, manually assign it to the VLAN using the Port to VLAN page.

### Assigning MAC-based VLAN Groups

This feature is only available when the switch is in Layer 2 mode.

To assign a MAC address to a VLAN Group:

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- STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > VLAN Groups > MAC-Based Groups**. The *MAC-Based Groups* page is displayed.
  - STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add MAC Based Group* opens.
  - STEP 3** Enter the values for the following fields:
    - **MAC Address**—Enter a MAC address to be assigned to a VLAN group.  
**NOTE** This MAC address cannot be assigned to any other VLAN group.
    - **Prefix Mask**—Enter one of the following:
      - *Host*—Source host of the MAC address
      - *Length*—Prefix of the MAC address
    - **Group ID**—Enter a user-created VLAN group ID number.
  - STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The MAC address is assigned to a VLAN group.

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### Mapping VLAN Group to VLAN Per Interface

This feature is only available when the switch is in Layer 2 mode and for ports/LAGs in General mode.

To assign a MAC-based VLAN group to a VLAN on an interface:

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- STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > VLAN Groups > MAC-Based Groups to VLAN**. The *MAC-Based Groups to VLAN* page is displayed.
  - STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add Mapping Group to VLAN* opens.

**STEP 3** Enter the values for the following fields:

- **Group Type**—Displays that the group is MAC-Based.
- **Interface**—Enter a general interface (port/LAG) through which traffic is received.
- **Group ID**—Select a VLAN group, defined in the *MAC-Based Groups* page.
- **VLAN ID**—Select the VLAN to which traffic from the VLAN group is forwarded.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply** to set the mapping of the VLAN group to the VLAN. This mapping does not bind the interface dynamically to the VLAN; the interface must be manually added to the VLAN.)

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## Protocol-based VLANs

Groups of protocols can be defined and then bound to a port. After the protocol group is bound to a port, every packet originating from a protocol in the group will be assigned the VLAN that is configured in the *Protocol-Based Groups to VLAN* page.

### Workflow

To define a protocol-based VLAN group:

1. Define a protocol group (using the *Protocol-Based Groups* page).
2. For each required interface, assign the protocol group to a VLAN (using *Protocol-Based Groups to VLAN* page). The interfaces must be in General mode and cannot have a Dynamic VLAN (DVA) assigned to it.

## Protocol-Based Groups

Use the *Protocol-Based Groups* page to define a set of protocols.

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**STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > VLAN Groups > Protocol-Based Groups**. The *Protocol-Based Groups* page is displayed.

The *Protocol-Based Groups Page* contains the following fields:

- **Encapsulation**—Displays the protocol on which the VLAN group is based.

- **Protocol/DSAP-SSAP**—Displays the Ethernet type (two-octet field in the Ethernet frame used to indicate which protocol is encapsulated in the payload of the Ethernet packet) for the VLAN group.
- **Group ID**—Displays the protocol group ID to which the interface is added.

**STEP 2** Click the **Add** Button. The *Add Protocol-Based Group* page is displayed

**STEP 3** Enter the following fields:

- **Encapsulation**—Protocol Packet type. The following options are available:
  - *Ethernet V2*—If this is selected, select the **Ethernet Type**.
  - *LLC-SNAP (rfc1042)*—If this is selected, enter the **Protocol Value**.
  - *LLC*—If this is selected, select the **DSAP-SSAP Values**.
- **Group ID**—Enter a protocol group ID.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The Protocol Group is added, and written to the Running Configuration file.

### Protocol-Based Groups to VLAN Mapping

To map a protocol group to a port, the port must be in General mode and not have DVA configured on it (see [Configuring VLAN Interface Settings](#)).

Several groups can be bound to a single port, with each port being associated to its own VLAN.

It is possible to map several groups to a single VLAN as well.

To map the protocol port to a VLAN:

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**STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > VLAN Groups > Protocol-Based Groups to VLAN**. The *Protocol-Based Groups to VLAN* page is displayed.

The currently-defined mappings are displayed.

**STEP 2** To associate an interface with a protocol-based group and VLAN, click **Add**. The *Add Group to VLAN Mapping* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the following fields.

- **Interface**—Port or LAG number assigned to VLAN according to protocol-based group..
- **Group ID**—Protocol group ID.

- **VLAN ID**—Attaches the interface to a user-defined VLAN ID.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The protocol ports are mapped to VLANs, and written to the Running Configuration file.

## Voice VLAN

In a LAN, voice devices, such as IP phones, VoIP endpoints, and voice systems are placed into the same VLAN. This VLAN is referred to as the voice VLAN. If the voice devices are in different voice VLANs, IP (Layer 3) routers are needed to provide communication.

This section covers the following topics:

- [Voice VLAN Overview](#)
- [Configuring Voice VLAN](#)

### Voice VLAN Overview

This section covers the following topics:

- [Dynamic Voice VLAN Modes](#)
- [Auto Voice VLAN, Auto Smartports, CDP, and LLDP](#)
- [Voice VLAN QoS](#)
- [Voice VLAN Constraints](#)
- [Voice VLAN Workflows](#)

The following are typical voice deployment scenarios with appropriate configurations:

- **UC3xx/UC5xx hosted:** All Cisco phones and VoIP endpoints support this deployment model. For this model, the UC3xx/UC5xx, Cisco phones and VoIP endpoints reside in the same voice VLAN. The voice VLAN of UC3xx/UC5xx defaults to VLAN 100.
- **Third-party IP PBX-hosted:** Cisco SBTG CP-79xx, SPA5xx phones and SPA8800 endpoints support this deployment model. In this model, the VLAN used by the phones is determined by the network configuration. There may or may not be separate voice and data VLANs. The phones and VoIP endpoints register with an on-premise IP PBX.
- **IP Centrex/ITSP hosted:** Cisco CP-79xx, SPA5xx phones and SPA8800 endpoints support this deployment model. For this model, the VLAN used by the phones is determined by the network configuration. There may or may not be separate voice and data VLANs. The phones and VoIP endpoints register with an off-premise SIP proxy in “the cloud”.

From a VLAN perspective, the above models operate in both VLAN-aware and VLAN-unaware environments. In the VLAN-aware environment, the voice VLAN is one of the many VLANs configured in an installation. The VLAN-unaware scenario is equivalent to a VLAN-aware environment with only one VLAN.

The switch always operates as a VLAN-aware switch.

The switch supports a single voice VLAN. By default, the voice VLAN is VLAN 1. The voice VLAN is defaulted to VLAN 1. A different voice VLAN can be manually configured. It can also be dynamically learned when Auto Voice VLAN is enabled.

Ports can be manually added to the voice VLAN by using basic VLAN configuration described in the *Configuring VLAN Interface Setting* section, or by manually applying voice-related Smartport macro to the ports. Alternatively, they can be added dynamically if the switch is in Telephony OUI mode, or has Auto Smartports enabled.

### Dynamic Voice VLAN Modes

The switch supports two dynamic voice VLAN modes: Telephony OUI (Organization Unique Identifier) mode and Auto Voice VLAN mode. The two modes affect how voice VLAN and/or voice VLAN port memberships are configured. The two modes are mutually exclusive to each other.

- **Telephony OUI**

In Telephony OUI mode, the voice VLAN must be a manually-configured VLAN, and cannot be the default VLAN.

When the switch is in Telephony OUI mode and a port is manually configured as a candidate to join the voice VLAN, the switch dynamically adds the port to the voice VLAN if it receives a packet with a source MAC address matching to one of the configured telephony OUIs. An OUI is the first three bytes of an Ethernet MAC address. For more information about Telephony OUI, see the *Configuring Telephony OUI* section.

- **Auto Voice VLAN**

In Auto Voice VLAN mode, the voice VLAN can be either the default voice VLAN, manually configured, or learned from external devices such as UC3xx/5xx and from switches that advertise voice VLAN in CDP or VSDP. VSDP is a Cisco defined protocol for voice service discovery.

Unlike Telephony OUI mode that detects voice devices based on telephony OUI, Auto Voice VLAN mode depends on Auto Smartport to dynamically add the ports to the voice VLAN. Auto Smartport, if enabled, adds a port to the voice VLAN if it detects an attaching device to the port that advertises itself as a phone or media end points through CDP and/or LLDP-MED.

### Voice End-Points

To have a voice VLAN work properly, the voice devices, such as Cisco phones and VoIP endpoints, must be assigned to the voice VLAN where it sends and receives its voice traffic. Some of the possible scenarios are as follows:

- A phone/endpoint may be statically configured with the voice VLAN.
- A phone/endpoint may obtain the voice VLAN in the boot file it downloads from a TFTP server. A DHCP server may specify the boot file and the TFTP server when it assigns an IP address to the phone.
- A phone/endpoint may obtain the voice VLAN information from CDP and LLDP-MED advertisements it receives from their neighbor voice systems and switches.

The switch expects the attaching voice devices to send voice VLAN, tagged packets. On ports where the voice VLAN is also the native VLAN, voice VLAN untagged packets are possible.

### Auto Voice VLAN, Auto Smartports, CDP, and LLDP

#### *Defaults*

By factory defaults, CDP, LLDP, and LLDP-MED on the switch are enabled, auto Smartport mode is enabled, Basic QoS with trusted DSCP is enabled, and all ports are members of default VLAN 1, which is also the default Voice VLAN.

In addition, Dynamic Voice VLAN mode is the default to Auto Voice VLAN with enabling based on trigger, and Auto Smartport is the default to be enabled depending on Auto Voice VLAN.

#### *Voice VLAN Triggers*

When the Dynamic Voice VLAN mode is Enable Auto Voice VLAN, Auto Voice VLAN becomes operational only if one or more triggers occur. Possible triggers are static voice VLAN configuration, voice VLAN information received in neighbor CDP advertisement, and voice VLAN information received in the Voice VLAN Discovery Protocol (VSDP). If desired, a user can activate Auto Voice VLAN immediately without waiting for a trigger.

When Auto Smartport is enabled, depending on Auto Voice VLAN mode, Auto Smartport will be enabled when Auto Voice VLAN becomes operational. If desired, a user can make Auto Smartport independent of Auto Voice VLAN.

**NOTE** The default configuration list here applies to switches whose firmware version supports Auto Voice VLAN out of the box. It also applies to unconfigured switches that have been upgraded to the firmware version that supports Auto Voice VLAN.

**NOTE** The defaults and the voice VLAN triggers are designed to have no effect on any installations without a voice VLAN and on switches that have already been configured. You may manually disable and enable Auto Voice VLAN and/or Auto Smartport to fit your deployment if needed.

### *Auto Voice VLAN*

Auto Voice VLAN is responsible to maintain the voice VLAN, but depends on Auto Smartport to maintain the voice VLAN port memberships. Auto Voice VLAN performs the following functions when it is in operation:

- It discovers voice VLAN information in CDP advertisements from directly connected neighbor devices.
- If multiple neighbor switches and/or routers, such as Cisco UC devices, are advertising their voice VLAN, the voice VLAN from the device with the lowest MAC address is used.

**NOTE** If connecting the switch to a Cisco UC device, you may need to configure the port on the UC device using the `switchport voice vlan` command to ensure the UC device advertises its voice VLAN in CDP at the port.

- It synchronizes the voice VLAN-related parameters with other Auto Voice VLAN-enabled switches, using Voice Service Discovery Protocol (VSDP). The switch always configures itself with the voice VLAN from the highest priority source it is aware of. The priority is based on the source type and MAC address of the source providing the voice VLAN information. Source type priority from high to low are static VLAN configuration, CDP advertisement, and default configuration based on changed default VLAN, and default voice VLAN. A numeric low MAC address is of higher priority than a numeric high MAC address.
- It maintains the voice VLAN until a new voice VLAN from a higher priority source is discovered or until the Auto Voice VLAN is restarted by the user. When restarted, the switch resets the voice VLAN to the default voice VLAN and restarts the Auto Voice VLAN discovery.

- When a new voice VLAN is configured/discovered, the switch automatically creates it, and replaces all the port memberships of the existing voice VLAN to the new voice VLAN. This may interrupt or terminate existing voice sessions, which is expected when network topology is altered.

**NOTE** If the switch is in Layer 2 mode, it can synchronize with only VSDP capable switches in the same management VLAN. If the switch is in layer 3 mode, it can synchronize with VSDP capable switches that are in the directly-connected IP subnets configured at the switch.

Auto Smartport works with CDP/LLDP to maintain the port memberships of the voice VLAN when voice end-points are detected from the ports:

- When CDP and LLDP are enabled, the switch sends out CDP and LLDP packets periodically to advertise the voice VLAN to the voice endpoints to use.
- When a device attaching to a port advertises itself as a voice endpoint through CDP and/or LLDP, the Auto Smartport automatically adds the port to the voice VLAN by applying the corresponding Smartport macro to the port (if there is no other devices from the port advertising a conflicting or superior capability). If a device advertises itself as a phone, the default Smartport macro is phone. If a device advertises itself as a phone and host or phone and bridge, the default Smartport macro is phone+desktop.

### Voice VLAN QoS

Voice VLAN can propagate the CoS/802.1p and DSCP settings by using LLDP-MED Network policies. The LLDP-MED is set by default to response with the Voice QoS setting if an appliance sends LLDP-MED packets. MED-supported devices should send their voice traffic with the same CoS/802.1p and DSCP values, as received with the LLDP-MED response.

The user can disable the automatic update between Voice VLAN and LLDP-MED and use his own network policies.

Working with the OUI mode, the switch can additionally configure the mapping and remarking (CoS/802.1p) of the voice traffic based on the OUI.

By default, all interfaces are CoS/802.1p trusted. The switch applies the quality of service based on the CoS/802.1p value found in the voice stream. In Auto Voice VLAN, an user can override the value of the voice streams using advanced QoS. For Telephony OUI voice streams, the user can override the quality of service and optionally remark the 802.1p of the voice streams by specifying the desired CoS/802.1p values and using the remarking option under Telephony OUI.

## Voice VLAN Constraints

The following constraints exist:

- Only one Voice VLAN is supported.
- A VLAN that is defined as a Voice VLAN cannot be removed

In addition the following constraints are applicable for Telephony OUI:

- The Voice VLAN cannot be VLAN1 (the default VLAN).
- The Voice VLAN cannot be Smartport enabled.
- The Voice VLAN cannot support DVA (Dynamic VLAN assignment).
- A new VLAN ID can be configured for the Voice VLAN only if the current Voice VLAN does not have candidate ports.
- The Voice VLAN cannot be the Guest VLAN if the voice VLAN mode is OUI. If the voice VLAN mode is Auto, then the Voice VLAN can be the Guest VLAN.
- The interface VLAN of a candidate port must be in General or Trunk mode.
- The Voice VLAN QoS decision has priority over any other QoS decision, except for the Policy/ACL QoS decision.
- The Voice VLAN QoS is applied to candidate ports that have joined the Voice VLAN, and to static ports.
- The voice flow is accepted if the MAC address can be learned by the Forwarding Database (FDB). (If there is no free space in FDB, no action occurs).

## Voice VLAN Workflows

The switch default configuration on Auto Voice VLAN, Auto Smartports, CDP, and LLDP cover most common voice deployment scenarios. This section describes how to deploy voice VLAN when the default configuration does not apply.

### *Workflow1: To configure Auto Voice VLAN:*

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- STEP 1** Open the *VLAN Management > Voice VLAN > Properties* page.
  - STEP 2** Select the Voice VLAN ID. It cannot be set to VLAN ID 1 (this step is not required for dynamic Voice VLAN).
  - STEP 3** Set **Dynamic Voice VLAN** to Enable Auto Voice VLAN.

**STEP 4** Select the **Auto Voice VLAN Activation** method.

**NOTE** If the device is currently in Telephony OUI mode, you must disable it before you can configure Auto Voice Vlan

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**.

**STEP 6** Configure Smartports as described in the **Common Smartport Tasks** section.

**STEP 7** Configure LLDP/CDP as described in the **Configuring LLDP** and **Configuring CDP** sections, respectively.

**STEP 8** Enable the Smartport feature on the relevant ports using the *Smartport > Interface Settings* page.

**NOTE** Step 7 and Step 8 are optional as they are enabled by default.

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### *Workflow2: To configure the Telephony OUI Method*

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**STEP 1** Open the *VLAN Management > Voice VLAN > Properties* page. Set **Dynamic Voice VLAN** to Enable Telephony OUI.

**NOTE** If the device is currently in Auto Voice VLAN mode, you must disable it before you can enable Telephony OUI.

**STEP 2** Configure Telephony OUI in the *Telephony OUI* page.

**STEP 3** Configure Telephony OUI VLAN membership for ports in the *Telephony OUI Interface* page.

## Configuring Voice VLAN

This section describes how to configure voice VLAN. It covers the following topics:

- **Configuring Voice VLAN Properties**
- **Displaying Auto Voice VLAN Settings**
- **Configuring Telephony OUI**

## Configuring Voice VLAN Properties

Use the *Voice VLAN Properties* page for the following:

- View how voice VLAN is currently configured.
- Configure the VLAN ID of the Voice VLAN.
- Configure voice VLAN QoS settings.
- Configure the voice VLAN mode (Telephony OUI or Auto Voice VLAN).
- Configure how Auto Voice VLAN is triggered.

To view and configure Voice VLAN properties:

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- STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Voice VLAN > Properties**. The *Properties* page is displayed.
- The voice VLAN settings configured on the switch are displayed in the **Voice VLAN Settings (Administrative Status)** block.
  - The voice VLAN settings that are actually being applied to the voice VLAN deployment are displayed in the **Voice VLAN Settings (Operational Status)** block.
- STEP 2** Enter values for the following fields:
- **Voice VLAN ID**—Enter the VLAN that is to be the Voice VLAN.  
**NOTE** Changes in the voice VLAN ID, CoS/802.1p, and/or DSCP will cause the switch to advertise the administrative voice VLAN as a static voice VLAN. If the option *Auto Voice VLAN Activation* triggered by external Voice VLAN is selected, then the default values need to be maintained.
  - **CoS/802.1p** —Select a CoS/802.1p value that will be used by LLDP-MED as a voice network policy. Refer to *Administration > Discovery > LLDP > LLDP MED Network Policy* for additional details.
  - **DSCP**—Selection of DSCP values that will be used by the LLDP-MED as a voice network policy. Refer to *Administration > Discovery > LLDP > LLDP MED Network Policy* for additional details.
  - **Dynamic Voice VLAN**—Select this field to disable or enable voice VLAN feature in one of the following ways:
    - *Enable Auto Voice VLAN*—Enable Dynamic Voice VLAN in Auto Voice VLAN mode.

- *Enable Telephony OUI*—Enable Dynamic Voice VLAN in Telephony OUI mode.
- *Disable*—Disable Auto Voice Vlan or Telephony OUI.
- **Auto Voice VLAN Activation**—If Auto Voice VLAN was enabled, select one of the following options to activate Auto Voice VLAN:
  - *Immediate*—Auto Voice VLAN on the switch is to be activated and put into operation immediately if enabled.
  - *By External Voice VLAN Trigger*—Auto Voice VLAN on the switch is activated and put into operation only if the switch detects a device advertising the voice VLAN.

**NOTE** Manually re-configuring the voice VLAN ID, CoS/802.1p, and/or DSCP from their default values will result in a static voice VLAN, which has higher priority than auto voice VLAN that was learned from external sources.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The VLAN properties are written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Displaying Auto Voice VLAN Settings

If Auto Voice VLAN mode is enabled, use the Auto Voice VLAN page to view the relevant global and interface parameters.

You can also use this page to manually restart Auto Voice VLAN, by clicking **Restart Auto Voice VLAN**. After a short delay, this resets the voice VLAN to the default voice VLAN and restarts the Auto Voice VLAN discovery and synchronization process on all the switches in the LAN that are Auto Voice VLAN enabled.

**NOTE** This will only reset the voice VLAN to the default voice vlan if the Source Type is in the *Inactive* state.

To view Auto Voice VLAN parameters:

**STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Voice VLAN > Auto Voice VLAN**. The *Auto Voice VLAN* page is displayed.

The Operation Status block on this page shows the information about the current voice VLAN and its source:

- **Auto Voice VLAN Status**—Displays whether Auto Voice VLAN is enabled.
- **Voice VLAN ID**—The identifier of the current voice VLAN

- **Source Type**—Displays the type of source where the voice VLAN is discovered by the root switch.
- **CoS/802.1p**—Displays CoS/802.1p values that will be used by the LLDP-MED as a voice network policy.
- **DSCP**—Displays DSCP values that will be used by the LLDP-MED as a voice network policy.
- **Root Switch MAC Address**—The MAC address of the Auto Voice VLAN root device that discovers or is configured with the voice VLAN from which the voice VLAN is learned.
- **Switch MAC Address**—Base MAC address of the switch. If the device's Switch MAC address is the Root Switch MAC Address, the device is the Auto Voice VLAN root device.
- **Voice VLAN ID Change Time**—Last time that voice VLAN was updated.

**STEP 2** Click **Restart Auto Voice VLAN** to reset the voice VLAN to the default voice VLAN and restart Auto Voice VLAN discovery on all the Auto-Voice-VLAN-enabled switches in the LAN.

The Voice VLAN Local Table displays voice VLAN configured on the switch, as well as any voice VLAN configuration advertised by directly-connected neighbor devices. It displays the following fields:

- **Interface**—Displays the interface on which voice VLAN configuration was received or configured. If *N/A* is displayed, the configuration was done on the switch itself. If an interface is displayed, a voice configuration was received from a neighbor.
- **Source MAC Address**— MAC address of a UC from which the voice configuration was received.
- **Source Type**— Type of UC from which voice configuration was received. The following options are available:
  - *Default*—Default voice VLAN configuration on the switch
  - *Static*—User-defined voice VLAN configuration defined on the switch.
  - *CDP*—UC that advertised voice VLAN configuration is running CDP.
  - *LLDP*—UC that advertised voice VLAN configuration is running LLDP.
  - *Voice VLAN ID*—The identifier of the advertised or configured voice VLAN

- **Voice VLAN ID**—The identifier of the current voice VLAN.
- **CoS/802.1p**—The advertised or configured CoS/802.1p values that will be used by the LLDP-MED as a voice network policy.
- **DSCP**—The advertised or configured DSCP values that will be used by the LLDP-MED as a voice network policy.
- **Best Local Source**—Displays whether this voice VLAN was used by the switch. The following options are available:
  - **Yes**—The switch uses this voice VLAN to synchronize with other Auto Voice VLAN-enabled switches. This voice VLAN will be the voice VLAN for the network unless a voice VLAN from a higher priority source is discovered. Only one local source is the best local source.
  - **No**—This is not the best local source.

**STEP 3** Click **Refresh** to refresh the information on the page

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## Configuring Telephony OUI

OUIs are assigned by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Incorporated (IEEE) Registration Authority. Since the number of IP phone manufacturers is limited and well-known, the known OUI values cause the relevant frames, and the port on which they are seen, to be automatically assigned to a Voice VLAN.

The OUI Global table can hold up to 128 OUIs.

This section covers the following topics:

- **Adding OUIs to the Telephony OUI Table**
- **Adding Interfaces to Voice VLAN on Basis of OUIs**

### Adding OUIs to the Telephony OUI Table

Use the *Telephony OUI* page to configure Telephony OUI QoS properties. In addition, the Auto Membership Aging time can be configured. If the specified time period passes with no telephony activity, the port is removed from the Voice VLAN.

Use the *Telephony OUI* page to view existing OUIs, and add new OUIs.

To configure Telephony OUI and/or add a new Voice VLAN OUI:

**STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Voice VLAN > Telephony OUI**. The *Telephony OUI* page is displayed.

The *Telephony OUI* page displays the following fields:

- **Telephony OUI Operational Status**—Displays whether OUIs are used to identify voice traffic.
- **CoS/802.1p**—Select the CoS queue to be assigned to voice traffic.
- **Remark CoS/802.1p**—Select whether to remark egress traffic.
- **Auto Membership Aging Time**—Enter the time delay to remove a port from the voice VLAN after all of the MAC addresses of the phones detected on the ports have aged out.

**STEP 2** Click **Apply** to update the Running Configuration of the switch with these values.

The Telephony OUI table is displayed:

- **Telephony OUI**—First six digits of the MAC address that are reserved for OUIs.
- **Description**—User-assigned OUI description.

**STEP 3** Click **Restore OUI Defaults** to delete all of the user-created OUIs, and leave only the default OUIs in the table.

To delete all the OUIs, select the top checkbox. All the OUIs are selected and can be deleted by clicking **Delete**. If you then click **Restore**, the system recovers the known OUIs.

**STEP 4** To add a new OUI, click **Add**. The *Add Telephony OUI* page is displayed.

**STEP 5** Enter the values for the following fields:

- **Telephony OUI**—Enter a new OUI.
- **Description**—Enter an OUI name.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The OUI is added to the Telephony OUI Table.

## Adding Interfaces to Voice VLAN on Basis of OUIs

The QoS attributes can be assigned per port to the voice packets in one of the following modes:

- **All**—Quality of Service (QoS) values configured to the Voice VLAN are applied to all of the incoming frames that are received on the interface and are classified to the Voice VLAN.
- **Telephony Source MAC Address (SRC)**—The QoS values configured for the Voice VLAN are applied to any incoming frame that is classified to the Voice VLAN and contains an OUI in the source MAC address that matches a configured telephony OUI.

Use the *Telephony OUI Interface* page to add an interface to the voice VLAN on the basis of the OUI identifier and to configure the OUI QoS mode of voice VLAN.

To configure Telephony OUI on an interface:

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**STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Voice VLAN > Telephony OUI Interface**. The *Telephony OUI Interface* page is displayed.

The *Telephony OUI Interface* page displays voice VLAN OUI parameters for all interfaces.

**STEP 2** To configure an interface to be a candidate port of the telephony OUI-based voice VLAN, click **Edit**. The *Edit Interface Settings* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the values for the following fields:

- **Interface**—Select an interface.
- **Telephony OUI VLAN Membership**—If enabled, the interface is a candidate port of the telephony OUI based voice VLAN. When packets that match one of the configured telephony OUI are received, the port is added to the voice VLAN.
- **Voice VLAN QoS Mode**—Select one of the following options:
  - *All*—QoS attributes are applied on all packets that are classified to the Voice VLAN.
  - *Telephony Source MAC Address*—QoS attributes are applied only on packets from IP phones.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The OUI is added.

## Access Port Multicast TV VLAN

Multicast TV VLANs enable Multicast transmissions to subscribers who are not on the same data VLAN (Layer 2 isolated), without replicating the Multicast transmission frames for each subscriber VLAN.

Subscribers, who are not on the same data VLAN (Layer 2 isolated) and are connected to the switch with different VLAN ID membership, can share the same Multicast stream by joining the ports to the same Multicast VLAN ID.

The uplink port, connected to the Multicast server, is statically configured as a member in the Multicast VLAN ID.

The uplink ports, which through subscribers communicate with the Multicast server (by sending IGMP messages), receive the Multicast streams from the Multicast server, while including the Multicast TV VLAN in the Multicast packet header. For this reasons, the uplink ports should be statically configured as the following:

- Trunk or general port type (see [Configuring VLAN Interface Settings](#))
- Member on the Multicast TV VLAN

The subscriber receiver ports can be associated with the Multicast TV VLAN only if it is defined in one of the two following types:

- Access port
- Customer port (see [Customer Port Multicast TV VLAN](#))

One or more IP Multicast address groups can be associated with the same Multicast TV VLAN.

Any VLAN can be configured as a Multicast-TV VLAN. A port assigned to a Multicast-TV VLAN:

- Joins the Multicast-TV VLAN.
- Packets passing through egress ports in the Multicast TV VLAN are untagged.
- The port's Frame Type parameter is set to **Admit All**, allowing untagged packets (see [Configuring VLAN Interface Settings](#)).

The Multicast TV VLAN configuration is defined per port. Customer ports are configured to be member of Multicast TV VLANs using the *Multicast TV VLAN* Page.

## IGMP Snooping

Multicast TV VLAN relies on IGMP snooping, which means that:

- Subscribers use IGMP messages to join or leave a Multicast group.
- Switch performs IGMP snooping and configures the access port according to its Multicast membership on Multicast TV VLAN.

The switch decides for each IGMP packet that is received on an access port whether to associate it with the access VLAN or with the Multicast TV VLAN according to the following rules:

- If an IGMP message is received on an access port, with destination Multicast IP address that is associated with the port's Multicast TV VLAN, then the software associates the IGMP packet with the Multicast TV VLAN.
- Otherwise the IGMP message is associated to the access VLAN and the IGMP message is only forwarded within that VLAN.
- The IGMP message is discarded if:
  - The STP/RSTP state on the access port is **discard**.
  - The MSTP state for the access VLAN is **discard**.
  - The MSTP state for the Multicast TV VLAN is **discard**, and the IGMP message is associated with this Multicast TV VLAN.

## Differences Between Regular and Multicast TV VLANs

**Table 7** Characteristics of Regular vs. Multicast TV VLANs

	Regular VLAN	Multicast TV VLAN
VLAN Membership	Source and all receiver ports must be static members in the same data VLAN.	Source and receiver ports cannot be members in the same data VLAN.
Group registration	All Multicast group registration is dynamic.	Groups must be associated to Multicast VLAN statically, but actual registration of station is dynamic.

	Regular VLAN	Multicast TV VLAN
Receiver ports	VLAN can be used to both send and receive traffic (both Multicast and Unicast).	Multicast VLAN can only be used to receive traffic by the stations on the port (only Multicast).
Security and Isolation	Receivers of same multicast stream are on the same data VLAN and can communicate with each other	Receivers of same multicast stream are in different Access VLANs and isolated from each other

## Configuration

### Workflow

Configure TV VLAN with the following steps:

1. Define a TV VLAN by associating a Multicast group to a VLAN (using the *Multicast Group to VLAN* page).
2. Specify the access ports in each Multicast VLAN (using the *Port Multicast VLAN Membership* page).

## Multicast TV Group to VLAN

To define the Multicast TV VLAN configuration:

- STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Access Port Multicast TV VLAN > Multicast Group to VLAN**. The *Multicast Group to VLAN* page is displayed.

The following fields are displayed:

- **Multicast Group**—IP address of the Multicast group.
- **Multicast TV VLAN**—VLAN to which the Multicast packets are assigned.

- STEP 2** Click **Add** to associate a Multicast group to a VLAN. Any VLAN can be selected. When a VLAN is selected, it becomes a Multicast TV VLAN.

- STEP 3** Click **Apply**. Multicast TV VLAN settings are modified, and written to the Running Configuration file.

## Port Multicast VLAN Membership

To define the Multicast TV VLAN configuration:

- STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Access Port Multicast TV VLAN > Port Multicast VLAN Membership**. The *Port Multicast VLAN Membership* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select a VLAN from the **Multicast TV VLAN** field.
- STEP 3** The **Candidate Access Ports** list contains all access ports configured on the device. Move the required ports from the **Candidate Access Ports** field to the **Member Access Ports** field.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. Multicast TV VLAN settings are modified, and written to the Running Configuration file.

## Customer Port Multicast TV VLAN

A triple play service provisions three broadband services, over a single broadband connection:

- High-speed Internet access
- Video
- Voice

The triple play service is provisioned for service provider subscribers, while keeping Layer 2 isolation between them.

Each subscriber has a CPE MUX box. The MUX has multiple access ports that are connected to the subscriber's devices (PC, telephone and so on), and one uplink port that is connected to the access switch.

The box forwards the packets from the uplink port to the subscriber's devices based on the VLAN tag of the packet. Each VLAN is mapped to one of the MUX access ports.

Packets from subscribers to the service provider network are forwarded as VLAN tagged frames, in order to distinguish between the service types, which mean that for each service type there is a unique VLAN ID in the CPE box.

All packets from the subscriber to the service provider network are encapsulated by the access switch with the subscriber's VLAN configured as customer VLAN (Outer tag or S-VID), except for IGMP snooping messages from the TV receivers, which are associated with the Multicast TV VLAN. VOD information that is also sent from the TV receivers are sent like any other type of traffic.

Packets from the service provider network that received on the uplink port to the subscriber are sent on the service provider network as double tag packets, while the outer tag (Service Tag or S-Tag) represent one of the two type of VLAN as following:

- Subscriber's VLAN (Includes Internet and IP Phones)
- Multicast TV VLAN

The inner VLAN (C-Tag) is the tag that determines the destination in the subscriber's network (by the CPE MUX).

### Workflow

1. Configure an access port as a customer port (using the **VLAN Management > Interface Settings** page). See the **QinQ** section for more information.
2. Configure the uplink port as a trunk or general port with subscriber and Multicast TV VLAN as tagged VLANs. (using the **VLAN Management > Interface Settings** page).
3. The user should create multicast TV VLAN up to 4094 different VLAN(s). (The VLAN creation is done via the regular VLAN management configuration)
4. Associate the customer port to a Multicast TV VLAN, using the *Port Multicast VLAN Membership* page.
5. Map the CPE VLAN (C-TAG) to the Multicast TV VLAN (S-Tag), using the *CPE VLAN to VLAN* page.

## Mapping CPE VLANs to Multicast TV VLANs

To support the CPE MUX with subscriber's VLANs, subscribers may require multiple video providers, and each provider is assigned a different external VLAN.

CPE (internal) Multicast VLANs must be mapped to the Multicast provider (external) VLANs.

After a CPE VLAN is mapped to a Multicast VLAN, it can participate in IGMP snooping.

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To map CPE VLANs:

- STEP 1** Click **VLAN Management > Customer Port Multicast TV VLAN > CPE VLAN to VLAN**. The *CPE VLAN to VLAN* page is displayed.
  - STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add CPE VLAN Mapping* page is displayed.
  - STEP 3** Enter the following fields:
    - **CPE VLAN**—Enter the VLAN defined on the CPE box.
    - **Multicast TV VLAN**—Select the Multicast TV VLAN which is mapped to the CPE VLAN.
  - STEP 4** Click **Apply**. CPE VLAN Mapping is modified, and written to the Running Configuration file.
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## CPE Port Multicast VLAN Membership

The ports associated with the Multicast VLANs must be configured as customer ports (see [Configuring VLAN Interface Settings](#)).

Use the Port Multicast VLAN Membership page to map these ports to Multicast TV VLANs as described in [Port Multicast VLAN Membership](#)

# Configuring the Spanning Tree Protocol

This section describes the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) (IEEE802.1D and IEEE802.1Q) and covers the following topics:

- **STP Flavors**
- **Configuring STP Status and Global Settings**
- **Defining Spanning Tree Interface Settings**
- **Configuring Rapid Spanning Tree Settings**
- **Multiple Spanning Tree**
- **Defining MSTP Properties**
- **Mapping VLANs to a MSTP Instance**
- **Defining MSTP Instance Settings**
- **Defining MSTP Interface Settings**

## STP Flavors

STP protects a Layer 2 Broadcast domain from Broadcast storms by selectively setting links to standby mode to prevent loops. In standby mode, these links temporarily stop transferring user data. After the topology changes so that the data transfer is made possible, the links are automatically re-activated.

Loops occur when alternate routes exist between hosts. Loops in an extended network can cause switches to forward traffic indefinitely, resulting in increased traffic load and reduced network efficiency.

STP provides a tree topology for any arrangement of switches and interconnecting links, by creating a unique path between end stations on a network, and thereby eliminating loops.

The switch supports the following Spanning Tree Protocol versions:

- Classic STP – Provides a single path between any two end stations, avoiding and eliminating loops.
- Rapid STP (RSTP) – Detects network topologies to provide faster convergence of the spanning tree. This is most effective when the network topology is naturally tree-structured, and therefore faster convergence might be possible. RSTP is enabled by default.

Although Classic STP guarantees prevention of Layer 2 forwarding loops in a general network topology, there might be an unacceptable delay prior to convergence. This means that each bridge or switch on the network needs to decide if it should actively forward traffic on each of its ports.

- Multiple STP (MSTP) – MSTP is based on RSTP. It detects Layer 2 loops, and attempts to mitigate them by preventing the involved port from transmitting traffic. Since loops exist on a per-Layer 2-domain basis, a situation can occur where there is a loop in VLAN A and no loop in VLAN B. If both VLANs are on Port X, and STP wants to mitigate the loop, it stops traffic on the entire port, including VLAN B traffic.

MSTP solves this problem by enabling several STP instances, so that it is possible to detect and mitigate loops separately in each instance. By associating instances to VLANs, each instance is associated with the Layer 2 domain on which it performs loop detection and mitigation. This enables a port to be stopped in one instance, such as traffic from VLAN A that is causing a loop, while traffic can remain active in another domain where no loop was seen, such as on VLAN B.

## Configuring STP Status and Global Settings

The *STP Status and Global Settings* page contains parameters for enabling STP, RSTP, or MSTP.

Use the *STP Interface Settings* page, *RSTP Interface Settings* page, and *MSTP Properties* page to configure each mode, respectively.

To set the STP status and global settings:

**STEP 1** Click **Spanning Tree > STP Status & Global Settings**. The *STP Status & Global Settings* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

Global Settings:

- **Spanning Tree State**—Enable or disable STP on the switch.
- **STP Operation Mode**—Select an STP mode.
- **BPDU Handling**—Select how Bridge Protocol Data Unit (BPDU) packets are managed when STP is disabled on the port or the switch. BPDUs are used to transmit spanning tree information.
  - *Filtering*—Filters BPDU packets when Spanning Tree is disabled on an interface.
  - *Flooding*—Floods BPDU packets when Spanning Tree is disabled on an interface.
- **Path Cost Default Values**—Selects the method used to assign default path costs to the STP ports. The default path cost assigned to an interface varies according to the selected method.
  - *Short*—Specifies the range 1 through 65,535 for port path costs.
  - *Long*—Specifies the range 1 through 200,000,000 for port path costs.

Bridge Settings:

- **Priority**—Sets the bridge priority value. After exchanging BPDUs, the device with the lowest priority becomes the Root Bridge. In the case that all bridges use the same priority, then their MAC addresses are used to determine which is the Root Bridge. The bridge priority value is provided in increments of 4096. For example, 4096, 8192, 12288, and so on.
- **Hello Time**—Set the interval (in seconds) that a Root Bridge waits between configuration messages. The range is 1 to 10 seconds.
- **Max Age**—Set the interval (in seconds) that the switch can wait without receiving a configuration message, before attempting to redefine its own configuration.
- **Forward Delay**—Set the interval (in seconds) that a bridge remains in a learning state before forwarding packets. For more information, refer to [Defining Spanning Tree Interface Settings](#).

Designated Root:

- **Bridge ID**—The bridge priority concatenated with the MAC address of the switch.
- **Root Bridge ID**—The Root Bridge priority concatenated with the MAC address of the Root Bridge.
- **Root Port**—The port that offers the lowest cost path from this bridge to the Root Bridge. (This is significant when the bridge is not the root.)
- **Root Path Cost**—The cost of the path from this bridge to the root.
- **Topology Changes Counts**—The total number of STP topology changes that have occurred.
- **Last Topology Change**—The time interval that elapsed since the last topology change occurred. The time is displayed in a days/hours/minutes/seconds format.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The STP Global settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

## Defining Spanning Tree Interface Settings

The *STP Interface Settings* page enables you to configure STP on a per-port basis, and to view the information learned by the protocol, such as the designated bridge.

The defined configuration entered is valid for all flavors of the STP protocol.

To configure STP on an interface:

**STEP 1** Click **Spanning Tree > STP Interface Settings**. The *STP Interface Settings* page displays.

**STEP 2** Select an interface and click **Edit**. The *Edit Interface Settings* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters

- **Interface**—Select the Port or LAG on which Spanning Tree is configured. On the 500 series switches, select the Unit/Slot.
- **STP**—Enables or disables STP on the port.

- **Edge Port**—Enables or disables Fast Link on the port. If Fast Link mode is enabled on a port, the port is automatically set to Forwarding state when the port link is up. Fast Link optimizes the STP protocol convergence. The options are:
  - *Enable*—Enables Fast Link immediately.
  - *Auto*—Enables Fast Link a few seconds after the interface becomes active. This allows STP to resolve loops before enabling Fast Link.
  - *Disable*—Disables Fast Link.

**NOTE** It is recommended to set the value to auto so that the switch will set the port to fast link mode if a host is connected to it, or set it as regular STP port if connected to another switch. This helps avoid loops.

- **Root Guard**—Enables or disables Root Guard on the switch. The Root Guard option provides a way to enforce the root bridge placement in the network.

Root Guard ensures that the port on which this feature is enabled is the designated port. Normally, all root bridge ports are designated ports, unless two or more ports of the root bridge are connected. If the bridge receives superior BPDUs on a Root Guard-enabled port, Root Guard moves this port to a root-inconsistent STP state. This root-inconsistent state is effectively equal to a listening state. No traffic is forwarded across this port. In this way, Root Guard enforces the position of the root bridge.

- **BPDU Guard**—Enables or disables the Bridge Protocol Data Unit (BPDU) Guard feature on the port.

The BPDU Guard enables the user to enforce the STP domain borders and keep the active topology predictable. The devices behind the ports that have BPDU Guard enabled cannot influence the STP topology. At the reception of BPDUs, the BPDU guard operation disables the port that has Protect configured. In this case, a BPDU message is received, and an appropriate SNMP trap is generated.

- **BPDU Handling**—Select how BPDU packets are managed when STP is disabled on the port or the switch. BPDUs are used to transmit spanning tree information.
  - *Use Global Settings*—Select to use the settings defined in the *STP Status and Global Settings* page.
  - *Filtering*—Filters BPDU packets when Spanning Tree is disabled on an interface.

- *Flooding*—Floods BPDU packets when Spanning Tree is disabled on an interface.
- **Path Cost**—Set the port contribution to the root path cost or use the default cost generated by the system.
- **Priority**—Set the priority value of the port. The priority value influences the port choice when a bridge has two ports connected in a loop. The priority is a value from 0 to 240, set in increments of 16.
- **Port State**—Displays the current STP state of a port.
  - *Disabled*—STP is currently disabled on the port. The port forwards traffic while learning MAC addresses.
  - *Blocking*—The port is currently blocked, and cannot forward traffic (with the exception of BPDU data) or learn MAC addresses.
  - *Listening*—The port is in Listening mode. The port cannot forward traffic, and cannot learn MAC addresses.
  - *Learning*—The port is in Learning mode. The port cannot forward traffic, but it can learn new MAC addresses.
  - *Forwarding*—The port is in Forwarding mode. The port can forward traffic and learn new MAC addresses.
- **Designated Bridge ID**—Displays the bridge priority and the MAC address of the designated bridge.
- **Designated Port ID**—Displays the priority and interface of the selected port.
- **Designated Cost**—Displays the cost of the port participating in the STP topology. Ports with a lower cost are less likely to be blocked if STP detects loops.
- **Forward Transitions**—Displays the number of times the port has changed from the **Blocking** state to **Forwarding** state.
- **Speed**—Displays the speed of the port.
- **LAG**—Displays the LAG to which the port belongs. If a port is a member of a LAG, the LAG settings override the port settings.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The interface settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

## Configuring Rapid Spanning Tree Settings

Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP) detects and uses network topologies that enable a faster STP convergence without creating forwarding loops.

The *RSTP Interface Settings* page enables you to configure RSTP per port. Any configuration that is done on this page is active when the global STP mode is set to RSTP or MSTP.

To enter RSTP settings:

- STEP 1** Click **Spanning Tree > STP Status and Global Settings**. The *STP Status and Global Settings* page is displayed. Enable **RSTP**.
- STEP 2** Click **Spanning Tree > RSTP Interface Settings**. The *RSTP Interface Settings* page opens:
- STEP 3** Select a port.
  - NOTE** Activate Protocol Migration is only available after selecting the port that is connected to the bridge partner being tested.
- STEP 4** If a link partner is discovered by using STP, click **Activate Protocol Migration** to run a Protocol Migration test. This discovers whether the link partner using STP still exists, and if so whether it has migrated to RSTP or MSTP. If it still exists as an STP link, the device continues to communicate with it by using STP. Otherwise, if it has been migrated to RSTP or MSTP, the device communicates with it using RSTP or MSTP, respectively.
- STEP 5** Select an interface, and click **Edit**. The *Edit RSTP Interface setting* page is displayed.
- STEP 6** Enter the parameters
  - **Interface**—Set the interface, and specify the port or LAG where RSTP is to be configured.
  - **Point to Point Administrative Status**—Define the point-to-point link status. Ports defined as Full Duplex are considered Point-to-Point port links.
    - *Enable*—This port is an RSTP edge port when this feature is enabled, and is brought to Forwarding mode quickly (usually within 2 seconds).
    - *Disable*—The port is not considered point-to-point for RSTP purposes, which means that STP works on it at regular speed, as opposed to high speed.

- *Auto*—Automatically determines the switch status by using RSTP BPDUs.
- **Point to Point Operational Status**—Displays the Point-to-Point operational status if the **Point to Point Administrative Status** is set to Auto.
- **Role**—Displays the role of the port that was assigned by STP to provide STP paths. The possible roles are:
  - *Root*—Lowest cost path to forward packets to the Root Bridge.
  - *Designated*—The interface through which the bridge is connected to the LAN, which provides the lowest cost path from the LAN to the Root Bridge.
  - *Alternate*—Provides an alternate path to the Root Bridge from the root interface.
  - *Backup*—Provides a backup path to the designated port path toward the Spanning Tree leaves. This provides a configuration in which two ports are connected in a loop by a point-to-point link. Backup ports are also used when a LAN has two or more established connections to a shared segment.
  - *Disabled*—The port is not participating in Spanning Tree.
- **Mode**—Displays the current Spanning Tree mode: Classic STP or RSTP.
- **Fast Link Operational Status**—Displays whether the Fast Link (Edge Port) is enabled, disabled, or automatic for the interface. The values are:
  - *Enabled*—Fast Link is enabled.
  - *Disabled*—Fast Link is disabled.
  - *Auto*—Fast Link mode is enabled a few seconds after the interface becomes active.
- **Port Status**—Displays the RSTP status on the specific port.
  - *Disabled*—STP is currently disabled on the port.
  - *Blocking*—The port is currently blocked, and it cannot forward traffic or learn MAC addresses.
  - *Listening*—The port is in Listening mode. The port cannot forward traffic, and cannot learn MAC addresses.
  - *Learning*—The port is in Learning mode. The port cannot forward traffic, however it can learn new MAC addresses.

- *Forwarding*—The port is in Forwarding mode. The port can forward traffic and learn new MAC addresses.

**STEP 7** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

## Multiple Spanning Tree

Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP) is used in various load balancing scenarios. For example, while port A is blocked in one STP instance, the same port can be placed in the Forwarding State in another STP instance. The *MSTP Properties* page enables you to define the global MSTP settings.

To configure MSTP:

1. Set the STP Operation Mode to MSTP as described in the [Configuring STP Status and Global Settings settings](#).
2. Define MSTP instances. Each MSTP instance calculates and builds a loop free topology to bridge packets from the VLANs that map to the instance. Refer to the [Mapping VLANs to a MSTP Instance](#) section.
3. Decide which MSTP instance will be active in what VLAN, and associate these MSTP instances to VLAN(s) accordingly.
4. Configure the MSTP attributes by:
  - [Defining MSTP Properties](#)
  - [Defining MSTP Instance Settings](#)

- **Mapping VLANs to a MSTP Instance**

## Defining MSTP Properties

The global MSTP configures a separate Spanning Tree for each VLAN group and blocks all but one of the possible alternate paths within each Spanning Tree. MSTP enables formation of MST regions that can run multiple MST instances (MSTI). Multiple regions and other STP bridges are interconnected using one single common spanning tree (CST).

MSTP is fully compatible with RSTP bridges, in that an MSTP BPDU can be interpreted by an RSTP bridge as an RSTP BPDU. This not only enables compatibility with RSTP bridges without configuration changes, but also causes any RSTP bridges outside of an MSTP region to see the region as a single RSTP bridge, regardless of the number of MSTP bridges inside the region itself.

For two or more switches to be in the same MST region, they must have the same VLANs to MST instance mapping, the same configuration revision number, and the same region name.

Switches intended to be in the same MST region are never separated by switches from another MST region. If they are separated, the region becomes two separate regions.

This mapping can be done in the *VLAN to MST Instance* page.

Use this page if the system operates in MSTP mode.

To define MSTP:

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- STEP 1** Click **Spanning Tree > STP Status and Global Settings**. The *STP Status and Global Settings* page displays. Enable MSTP.
  - STEP 2** Click **Spanning Tree > MSTP Properties**. The *MSTP Properties* page is displayed.
  - STEP 3** Enter the parameters.
    - **Region Name**—Define an MSTP region name.
    - **Revision**—Define an unsigned 16-bit number that identifies the revision of the current MST configuration. The field range is from 0 to 65535.

- **Max Hops**—Set the total number of hops that occur in a specific region before the BPDU is discarded. Once the BPDU is discarded, the port information is aged out. The field range is from 1 to 40.
- **IST Master**—Displays the region's master.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The MSTP properties are defined, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

## Mapping VLANs to a MSTP Instance

The *VLAN to MSTP Instance* page enables you to map each VLAN to a Multiple Spanning Tree Instance (MSTI). For devices to be in the same region, they must have the same mapping of VLANs to MSTIs.

**NOTE** The same MSTI can be mapped to more than one VLAN, but each VLAN can only have one MST Instance attached to it.

Configuration on this page (and all of the *MSTP* pages) applies if the system STP mode is MSTP.

Up to 16 MST instances can be defined on the Cisco 500 Series switches.

For those VLANs that are not explicitly mapped to one of the MST instances, the switch automatically maps them to the CIST (Core and Internal Spanning Tree) instance. The CIST instance is MST instance 0.

To map VLANs to MST Instances:

**STEP 1** Click **Spanning Tree > VLAN to MSTP Instance**. The *VLAN to MSTP Instance* page is displayed.

The *VLAN to MSTP Instance* page contains the following fields:

- **MST Instance ID**—All MST instances are displayed.
- **VLANs**—All VLANs belonging to the MST instance are displayed.

**STEP 2** To add a VLAN to an MSTP instance, select the MST instance, and click **Edit**. The *Edit MST Instance to VLAN* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **MST Instance ID**—Select the MST instance.

- **VLANs**—Define the VLANs being mapped to this MST instance.
- **Action**—Define whether to **add** (map) the VLAN to the MST instance or **remove** it.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The MSTP VLAN mappings are defined, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Defining MSTP Instance Settings

The *MSTP Instance Settings* page enables you to configure and view parameters per MST instance. This is the per-instance equivalent to the *Configuring STP Status and Global Settings*.

To enter MSTP instance settings:

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- STEP 1** Click **Spanning Tree > MSTP Instance Settings**. The *MSTP Instance Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Enter the parameters.
- **Instance ID**—Select an MST instance to be displayed and defined.
  - **Included VLAN**—Displays the VLANs mapped to the selected instance. The default mapping is that all VLANs are mapped to the common and internal spanning tree (CIST) instance 0).
  - **Bridge Priority**—Set the priority of this bridge for the selected MST instance.
  - **Designated Root Bridge ID**—Displays the priority and MAC address of the Root Bridge for the MST instance.
  - **Root Port**—Displays the root port of the selected instance.
  - **Root Path Cost**—Displays the root path cost of the selected instance.
  - **Bridge ID**—Displays the bridge priority and the MAC address of this switch for the selected instance.
  - **Remaining Hops**—Displays the number of hops remaining to the next destination.

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- STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The MST Instance configuration is defined, and the Running Configuration file is updated.
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## Defining MSTP Interface Settings

The *MSTP Interface Settings* page enables you to configure the port MSTP settings for every MST instance, and to view information that has currently been learned by the protocol, such as the designated bridge per MST instance.

To configure the ports in an MST instance:

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- STEP 1** Click **Spanning Tree > MSTP Interface Settings**. The *MSTP Interface Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Enter the parameters.
- **Instance equals To**—Select the MSTP instance to be configured.
  - **Interface Type equals to**—Select whether to display the list of ports or LAGs.
- STEP 3** Click **Go**. The MSTP parameters for the interfaces on the instance are displayed.
- STEP 4** Select an interface, and click **Edit**. The *Edit MSTP Interface Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 5** Enter the parameters.
- **Instance ID**—Select the MST instance to be configured.
  - **Interface**—Select the interface for which the MSTI settings are to be defined.
  - **Interface Priority**—Set the port priority for the specified interface and MST instance.
  - **Path Cost**—Set the port contribution to the root path cost or use the default value.
  - **Port State**—Displays the MSTP status of the specific port on a specific MST instance. The parameters are defined as:
    - *Disabled*—STP is currently disabled.

- *Blocking*—The port on this instance is currently blocked, and cannot forward traffic (with the exception of BPDU data) or learn MAC addresses.
- *Listening*—The port on this instance is in Listening mode. The port cannot forward traffic, and cannot learn MAC addresses.
- *Learning*—The port on this instance is in Learning mode. The port cannot forward traffic, but it can learn new MAC addresses.
- *Forwarding*—The port on this instance is in Forwarding mode. The port can forward traffic and learn new MAC addresses.
- *Boundary*—The port on this instance is a boundary port. It inherits its state from instance 0 and can be viewed on the *STP Interface Settings* page.
- **Port Role**—Displays the port or LAG role, per port or LAG per instance, assigned by the MSTP algorithm to provide STP paths:
  - *Root*—Forwarding packets through this interface provides the lowest cost path for forwarding packets to the root device.
  - *Designated*—The interface through which the bridge is connected to the LAN, which provides the lowest root path cost from the LAN to the Root Bridge for the MST instance.
  - *Alternate*—The interface provides an alternate path to the root device from the root interface.
  - *Backup*—The interface provides a backup path to the designated port path toward the Spanning Tree leaves. Backup ports occur when two ports are connected in a loop by a point-to-point link. Backup ports also occur when a LAN has two or more established connections to a shared segment.
  - *Disabled*—The interface does not participate in the Spanning Tree.
  - *Boundary*—The port on this instance is a boundary port. It inherits its state from instance 0 and can be viewed on the *STP Interface Settings* page.
- **Mode**—Displays the current Spanning Tree mode.
  - *Classic STP*—Classic STP is enabled on the port.
  - *Rapid STP*—Rapid STP is enabled on the port.
  - *MSTP*—MSTP is enabled on the port.

- **Type**—Displays the MST type of the port.
  - *Boundary*—A Boundary port attaches MST bridges to a LAN in a remote region. If the port is a boundary port, it also indicates whether the device on the other side of the link is working in RSTP or STP mode.
  - *Internal*—The port is an internal port.
- **Designated Bridge ID**—Displays the ID number of the bridge that connects the link or shared LAN to the root.
- **Designated Port ID**—Displays the Port ID number on the designated bridge that connects the link or the shared LAN to the root.
- **Designated Cost**—Displays the cost of the port participating in the STP topology. Ports with a lower cost are less likely to be blocked if STP detects loops.
- **Remaining Hops**—Displays the hops remaining to the next destination.
- **Forward Transitions**—Displays the number of times the port has changed from the Forwarding state to the Blocking state.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

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# Managing MAC Address Tables

This section describe how to add MAC addresses to the system. It covers the following topics:

- **Configuring Static MAC Addresses**
- **Managing Dynamic MAC Addresses**
- **Defining Reserved MAC Addresses**

## Types of MAC Addresses

There are two types of MAC addresses—static and dynamic. Depending on their type, MAC addresses are either stored in the *Static Address* table or in the *Dynamic Address* table, along with VLAN and port information.

Static addresses are configured by the user, and therefore, they do not expire.

A MAC address that appears in a frame arriving at the switch is added to the Dynamic Address table. This MAC address is retained for a configurable period of time. If another frame with the same source MAC address does not arrive at the switch before that time period expires, the MAC entry is deleted from the table.

When a frame arrives at the switch, the switch searches for a corresponding/matching MAC address entry in the static or dynamic table. If a match is found, the frame is marked for egress on a the port specified in the table. If frames are sent to a MAC address that is not found in the tables, they are transmitted/broadcasted to all the ports on the relevant VLAN. Such frames are referred to as unknown Unicast frames.

The switch supports a maximum of 16K static and dynamic MAC addresses.

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## Configuring Static MAC Addresses

Static MAC addresses are assigned by the user to a specific physical interface and VLAN on the switch. If that address is detected on another interface, it is ignored, and is not written to the address table.

To define a static address:

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**STEP 1** Click **MAC Address Tables > Static Addresses**. The *Static Addresses* page opens.

The *Static Addresses* page displays the defined static addresses.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add Static Address* page opens.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **VLAN ID**—Select the VLAN ID for the port.
- **MAC Address**—Enter the interface MAC address.
- **Interface**—Select an interface (unit/slot, port, or LAG) for the entry.
- **Status**—Select how the entry is treated. The options are:
  - *Permanent*—The system never removes this MAC address. If the static MAC address is saved in the Startup Configuration, it is retained after rebooting.
  - *Delete on reset*—The static MAC address is deleted when the device is reset.
  - *Delete on timeout*—The MAC address is deleted when aging occurs.
  - *Secure*—The MAC address is secure when the interface is in classic locked mode (see [Configuring Port Security](#)).

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. A new entry appears in the table.

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## Managing Dynamic MAC Addresses

The Dynamic Address Table (bridging table) contains the MAC addresses acquired by monitoring the source addresses of frames entering the switch.

To prevent this table from overflowing and to make room for new MAC addresses, an address is deleted if no corresponding traffic is received for a certain period. This period of time is the aging interval.

## Configuring Dynamic MAC Address Aging Time

To configure the aging interval for dynamic addresses:

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- STEP 1** Click **MAC Address Tables > Dynamic Address Settings**. The *Dynamic Address Settings* page opens.
  - STEP 2** Enter **Aging Time**. The aging time is a value between the user-configured value and twice that value minus 1. For example, if you entered 300 seconds, the aging time is between 300 and 599 seconds.
  - STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The Dynamic MAC Address Table is updated.
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## Querying Dynamic Addresses

To query dynamic addresses:

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- STEP 1** Click **MAC Address Tables > Dynamic Addresses**. The *Dynamic Addresses* page opens.
  - STEP 2** In the *Filter* block, enter the following query criteria:
    - **VLAN ID**—Enter the VLAN ID for which the table is queried.
    - **MAC Address**—Enter the MAC address for which the table is queried.
    - **Interface**—Select the interface for which the table is queried. The query can search for specific unit/slot, ports, or LAGs.
    - **Dynamic Address Table Sort Key**—Enter the field by which the table is sorted. The address table can be sorted by VLAN ID, MAC address, or interface.
  - STEP 3** Click **Go**. The Dynamic MAC Address Table is queried and the results are displayed.

To delete all of the dynamic MAC addresses, click **Clear Table**.

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## Defining Reserved MAC Addresses

When the switch receives a frame with a Destination MAC address that belongs to a reserved range (per the IEEE standard), the frame can be discarded or bridged. The entry in the Reserved MAC Address Table can either specify the reserved MAC address or the reserved MAC address and a frame type:

To add an entry for a reserved MAC address:

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- STEP 1** Click **MAC Address Tables > Reserved MAC Addresses**. The *Reserved MAC Addresses* page opens.
- STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add Reserved MAC Address* page opens.
- STEP 3** Enter the values for the following fields:
- **MAC Address**—Select the MAC address to be reserved.
  - **Frame Type**—Select a frame type based on the following criteria:
    - *Ethernet V2*—Applies to Ethernet V2 packets with the specific MAC address.
    - *LLC*—Applies to Logical Link Control (LLC) packets with the specific MAC address.
    - *LLC-SNAP*—Applies to Logical Link Control/Sub-Network Access Protocol (LLC-SNAP) packets with the specific MAC address.
    - *All*—Applies to all packets with the specific MAC address.
  - **Action**—Select one of the following actions to be taken upon receiving a packet that matches the selected criteria:
    - *Discard*—Delete the packet.
    - *Bridge*—Forward the packet to all VLAN members.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. A new MAC address is reserved.
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# Configuring Multicast Forwarding

This section describes the Multicast Forwarding feature, and covers the following topics:

- **Multicast Forwarding**
- **Defining Multicast Properties**
- **Adding MAC Group Address**
- **Adding IP Multicast Group Addresses**
- **Configuring IGMP Snooping**
- **Querying IGMP/MLD IP Multicast Group**
- **Defining Multicast Router Ports**
- **Defining Forward All Multicast**
- **Defining Unregistered Multicast Settings**

## Multicast Forwarding

Multicast forwarding enables one-to-many information dissemination. Multicast applications are useful for dissemination of information to multiple clients, where clients do not require reception of the entire content. A typical application is a cable-TV-like service, where clients can join a channel in the middle of a transmission, and leave before it ends.

The data is sent only to relevant ports. Forwarding the data only to the relevant ports conserves bandwidth and host resources on links.

For Multicast forwarding to work across IP subnets, nodes, and routers must be Multicast-capable. A Multicast-capable node must be able to:

- Send and receive Multicast packets.
- Register the Multicast addresses being listened to by the node with local routers, so that local and remote routers can route the Multicast packet to the nodes.

## Typical Multicast Setup

While Multicast routers route Multicast packets between IP subnets, Multicast-capable Layer 2 switches forward Multicast packets to registered nodes within a LAN or VLAN.

A typical setup involves a router that forwards the Multicast streams between private and/or public IP networks, a switch with Internet Group Membership Protocol (IGMP) snooping capabilities, or Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) snooping, and a Multicast client that wants to receive a Multicast stream. In this setup, the router sends IGMP queries periodically.

**NOTE** MLD for IPv6 is derived from the IGMP v2 for IPv4. Even though the description in this section is mostly for IGMP, it also describes coverage of MLD where implied.

These queries reach the switch, which in turn floods the queries to the VLAN, and also learns the port where there is a Multicast router (Mrouter). When a host receives the IGMP query message, it responds with an IGMP Join message saying that the host wants to receive a specific Multicast stream and optionally from a specific source. The switch with the IGMP snooping analyzes the Join messages, and learns that the Multicast stream the host has requested must be forwarded to this specific port. It then forwards the IGMP Join to the Mrouter only. Similarly, when the Mrouter receives an IGMP Join message, it learns the interface from which it received the Join messages that wants to receive a specific Multicast stream. The Mrouter forwards the requested Multicast stream to the interface.

## Multicast Operation

In a Layer 2 Multicast service, a Layer 2 switch receives a single frame addressed to a specific Multicast address. It creates copies of the frame to be transmitted on each relevant port.

When the switch is IGMP/MLD-snooping-enabled and receives a frame for a Multicast stream, it forwards the Multicast frame to all the ports that have registered to receive the Multicast stream using IGMP Join messages.

The switch can forward Multicast streams based on one of the following options:

- Multicast MAC Group Address
- IP Multicast Group Address (G)
- A combination of the source IP address (S) and the destination IP Multicast Group Address (G) of the Multicast packet.

One of these options can be configured per VLAN.

The system maintains lists of Multicast groups for each VLAN, and this manages the Multicast information that each port should receive. The Multicast groups and their receiving ports can be configured statically or learned dynamically using IGMP or Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) protocols snooping.

## Multicast Registration

Multicast registration is the process of listening and responding to Multicast registration protocols. The available protocols are IGMP for IPv4 and MLD for IPv6.

When IGMP/MLD snooping is enabled in a switch on a VLAN, it analyzes the IGMP/MLD packets it receives from the VLAN connected to the switch and Multicast routers in the network.

When a switch learns that a host is using IGMP/MLD messages to register to receive a Multicast stream, optionally from a specific source, the switch adds the registration to its Multicast Forwarding Data Base (MFDB).

IGMP/MLD snooping can effectively reduce Multicast traffic from streaming bandwidth-intensive IP applications. A switch using IGMP/MLD snooping only forwards Multicast traffic to the hosts interested in that traffic. This reduction of Multicast traffic reduces the packet processing at the switch, and also reduces the workload of the end hosts, since they do not have to receive and filter all of the Multicast traffic generated in the network.

The following versions are supported:

- IGMP v1/v2/ v3
- MLD v1/v2
- A simple IGMP Snooping Querier

An IGMP Querier is required to facilitate the IGMP protocol on a given subnet. In general, a Multicast router is also an IGMP Querier. When there are multiple IGMP Queriers in a subnet, the queriers elect a single querier as the primary querier.

The Sx300 can be configured to be an IGMP Querier as a backup querier, or in situation where a regular IGMP Querier does not exist. The Sx300 is not a full capability IGMP Querier.

If the switch is enabled as an IGMP Querier, it starts after 60 seconds have passed with no IGMP traffic (queries) detected from a Multicast router. In the presence of other IGMP Queriers, the switch might (or might not) stop sending queries, based on the results of the standard querier selection process.

## Multicast Address Properties

Multicast addresses have the following properties:

- Each IPv4 Multicast address is in the address range 224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255.
- The IPv6 Multicast address is FF00:/8.
- To map an IP Multicast group address to an Layer 2 Multicast address:
  - For IPv4, this is mapped by taking the 23 low-order bits from the IPv4 address, and adding them to the 01:00:5e prefix. By standard, the upper nine bits of the IP address are ignored, and any IP addresses that only differ in the value of these upper bits are mapped to the same Layer 2 address, since the lower 23 bits that are used are identical. For example, 234.129.2.3 is mapped to a MAC Multicast group address 01:00:5e:01:02:03. Up to 32 IP Multicast group addresses can be mapped to the same Layer 2 address.
  - For IPv6, this is mapped by taking the 32 low-order bits of the Multicast address, and adding the prefix of 33:33. For example, the IPv6 Multicast address FF00:1122:3344 is mapped to Layer 2 Multicast 33:33:11:22:33:44.

## Defining Multicast Properties

The *Properties* page enables you to configure the Bridge Multicast filtering status.

By default, all Multicast frames are flooded to all ports of the VLAN. To selectively forward only to relevant ports and filter (drop) the Multicast on the rest of the ports, enable Bridge Multicast filtering status in the *Properties* page.

If filtering is enabled, Multicast frames are forwarded to a subset of the ports in the relevant VLAN as defined in the Multicast Forwarding Data Base. Multicast filtering is enforced on all traffic. By default, such traffic is flooded to all relevant ports, but you can limit forwarding to a smaller subset.

A common way of representing Multicast membership is the (S,G) notation where “S” is the (single) source sending a Multicast stream of data, and “G” is the IPv4 or IPv6 group address. If a Multicast client can receive Multicast traffic from any source of a specific Multicast group, this is written as (\*,G).

The following are ways of forwarding Multicast frames:

- **MAC Group Address**—Based on the destination MAC address in the Ethernet frame.

**NOTE** As mentioned before, one or more IP Multicast group addresses can be mapped to a MAC group address. Forwarding, based on the MAC group address, can result in an IP Multicast stream being forwarded to ports that have no receiver for the stream.

- **IP Group Address**—Based on the destination IP address of the IP packet (\*,G).
- **Source Specific IP Group Address**—Based on both the destination IP address and the source IP address of the IP packet (S,G).

By selecting the forwarding mode, you can define the method used by hardware to identify Multicast flow by one of the following options: MAC Group Address, IP Group Address, or Source Specific IP Group Address.

(S,G) is supported by IGMPv3 and MLDv2, while IGMPv1/2 and MLDv1 support only (\*,G), which is just the group ID.

The switch supports a maximum of 256 static and dynamic Multicast group addresses.

To enable Multicast filtering, and select the forwarding method:

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**STEP 1** Click **Multicast > Properties**. The *Properties* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

- **Bridge Multicast Filtering Status**—Select to enable filtering.
- **VLAN ID**—Select the VLAN ID to set its forwarding method.

- **Forwarding Method for IPv6**—Set one of the following forwarding methods for IPv6 addresses: MAC Group Address, IP Group Address, or Source Specific IP Group Address.
- **Forwarding Method for IPv4**—Set one of the following forwarding methods for IPv4 addresses: MAC Group Address, IP Group Address, or Source Specific IP Group Address.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

## Adding MAC Group Address

The switch supports forwarding incoming Multicast traffic based on the Multicast group information. This information is derived from the IGMP/MLD packets received or as the result of manual configuration, and it is stored in the Multicast Forwarding Database (MFDB).

When a frame is received from a VLAN that is configured to forward Multicast streams, based on MAC group addresses, and its destination address is a Layer 2 Multicast address, the frame is forwarded to all ports that are members of the MAC group address.

The *MAC Group Address* page has the following functions:

- Query and view information from the MFDB, relating to a specific VLAN ID or a specific MAC address group. This data is acquired either dynamically through IGMP/MLD snooping or statically by manual entry.
- Add or delete static entries to the MFDB that provide static forwarding information, based on MAC destination addresses.
- Display a list of all ports/LAGs that are a member of each VLAN ID and MAC address group, and enter whether traffic is forwarded to it or not.

For viewing the forwarding information when the mode is *IP Address Group* or *IP and Source Group*, use the *IP Multicast Group Address* page.

To define and view MAC Multicast groups:

**STEP 1** Click **Multicast > MAC Group Address**. The *MAC Group Address* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

- **VLAN ID Equals To**—Set the VLAN ID of the group to be displayed.
- **MAC Group Address Equals To**—Set the MAC address of the Multicast group to be displayed. If no MAC Group Address is specified, the page displays all the MAC Group Addresses from the selected VLAN.

**STEP 3** Click **Go**, and the MAC Multicast group addresses are displayed in the lower block.

Entries that were created both in this page and in the *IP Multicast Group Address* page are displayed. For those created in the *IP Multicast Group Address page*, the IP addresses are converted to MAC addresses.

**STEP 4** Click **Add** to add a static MAC Group Address. The *Add MAC Group Address* page opens.

**STEP 5** Enter the parameters.

- **VLAN ID**—Defines the VLAN ID of the new Multicast group.
- **MAC Group Address**—Defines the MAC address of the new Multicast group.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**, the MAC Multicast group is written to the Running Configuration file.

To configure and display the registration for the interfaces within the group, select an address, and click **Details**. The *MAC Group Address Settings* page opens.

The page displays:

- **VLAN ID**—The VLAN ID of the Multicast group.
- **MAC Group Address**—The MAC address of the group.

**STEP 7** Select the port or LAG to be displayed from the **Filter: Interface Type** menu.

**STEP 8** Click **Go** to display the port or LAG membership.

**STEP 9** Select the way that each interface is associated with the Multicast group:

- **Static**—Attaches the interface to the Multicast group as a static member.
- **Dynamic**—Indicates that the interface was added to the Multicast group as a result of IGMP/MLD snooping.
- **Forbidden**—Specifies that this port is not allowed to join this group on this VLAN.
- **None**—Specifies that the port is not currently a member of this Multicast group on this VLAN.

**STEP 10** Click **Apply**, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

**NOTE** Entries that were created in the *IP Multicast Group Address* page cannot be deleted in this page (even if they are selected).

## Adding IP Multicast Group Addresses

The *IP Multicast Group Address* page is similar to the *MAC Group Address* page except that Multicast groups are identified by IP addresses.

The *IP Multicast Group Address* page enables querying and adding IP Multicast groups.

To define and view IP Multicast groups:

**STEP 1** Click **Multicast > IP Multicast Group Address**. The *IP Multicast Group Address* page opens.

The page displays all of the IP Multicast group addresses learned by snooping.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters required for filtering.

- **VLAN ID equals to**—Define the VLAN ID of the group to be displayed.
- **IP Version equals to**—Select IPv6 or IPv4.
- **IP Multicast Group Address equals to**—Define the IP address of the Multicast group to be displayed. This is only relevant when the Forwarding mode is (S,G).
- **Source IP Address equals to**—Define the source IP address of the sending device. If mode is (S,G), enter the sender S. This together with the IP Group Address is the Multicast group ID (S,G) to be displayed. If mode is (\*,G), enter an \* to indicate that the Multicast group is only defined by destination.

**STEP 3** Click **Go**. The results are displayed in the lower block. When Bonjour and IGMP are enabled on switch in Layer 2 mode, the IP Multicast address of Bonjour is displayed.

**STEP 4** Click **Add** to add a static IP Multicast Group Address. The *Add IP Multicast Group Address* page opens.

**STEP 5** Enter the parameters.

- **VLAN ID**—Defines the VLAN ID of the group to be added.
- **IP Version**—Select the IP address type.
- **IP Multicast Group Address**—Define the IP address of the new Multicast group.
- **Source Specific**—Indicates that the entry contains a specific source, and adds the address in the IP Source Address field. If not, the entry is added as a (\*,G) entry, an IP group address from any IP source.
- **IP Source Address**—Defines the source address to be included.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The IP Multicast group is added, and the device is updated.

**STEP 7** To configure and display the registration of an IP group address, select an address and click **Details**. The *IP Multicast Interface Settings* page opens.

The VLAN ID, IP Version, IP Multicast Group Address, and Source IP Address selected are displayed as read-only in the top of the window. You can select the filter type:

- **Interface Type equals to**—Select whether to display ports or LAGs.

**STEP 8** For each interface, select its association type. The options are as follows:

- **Static**—Attaches the interface to the Multicast group as a static member.
- **Forbidden**—Specifies that this port is forbidden from joining this group on this VLAN.
- **None**—Indicates that the port is not currently a member of this Multicast group on this VLAN. This is selected by default until Static or Forbidden is selected.

**STEP 9** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Configuring IGMP Snooping

To support selective Multicast forwarding (IPv4), Bridge Multicast filtering must be enabled (in the *Properties* page), and IGMP Snooping must be enabled globally and for each relevant VLAN (in the *IGMP Snooping* page).

By default, a Layer 2 switch forwards Multicast frames to all ports of the relevant VLAN, essentially treating the frame as if it were a Broadcast. With IGMP Snooping the switch forwards Multicast frames to ports that have registered Multicast clients.

**NOTE** The switch supports IGMP Snooping only on static VLANs. It does not support IGMP Snooping on dynamic VLANs.

When IGMP Snooping is enabled globally or on a VLAN, all IGMP packets are forwarded to the CPU. The CPU analyzes the incoming packets, and determines the following:

- Which ports are asking to join which Multicast groups on what VLAN.
- Which ports are connected to Multicast routers (Mrouter) that are generating IGMP queries.
- Which ports are receiving PIM, DVMRP, or IGMP query protocols.

These are displayed on the *IGMP Snooping* page.

Ports, asking to join a specific Multicast group, issue an IGMP report that specifies which group(s) the host wants to join. This results in the creation of a forwarding entry in the Multicast Forwarding Data Base.

The IGMP Snooping Querier is used to support a Layer 2 Multicast domain of snooping switches in the absence of a Multicast router. For example, where Multicast content is provided by a local server, but the router (if one exists) on that network does not support Multicast.

There should be only one IGMP Querier in a Layer 2 Multicast domain. The switch supports standards-based IGMP Querier election when more than one IGMP Querier is present in the domain.

The speed of IGMP Querier activity should be aligned with the IGMP-snooping-enabled switches. Queries should be sent at a rate that is aligned to the snooping table aging time. If queries are sent at a rate lower than the aging time, the subscriber cannot receive the Multicast packets. This is performed in the *IGMP Snooping Edit* page.

To enable IGMP Snooping and identify the switch as an IGMP Snooping Querier on a VLAN:

**STEP 1** Click **Multicast > IGMP Snooping**. The *IGMP Snooping* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enable or disable the IGMP Snooping status.

When IGMP Snooping is enabled globally, the device monitoring network traffic can determine which hosts have requested to receive Multicast traffic.

The switch only performs IGMP Snooping if both IGMP snooping and Bridge Multicast filtering are enabled.

**STEP 3** Select a VLAN, and click **Edit**. The *Edit IGMP Snooping* page opens.

There should be only one IGMP Querier in a network. The switch supports standards-based IGMP Querier election. Some of the values of the operational parameters of this table are sent by the elected querier. The other values are derived from the switch.

**STEP 4** Enter the parameters.

- **VLAN ID**—Select the VLAN ID on which IGMP snooping is defined.
- **IGMP Snooping Status**—Enable or disable the monitoring of network traffic for the selected VLAN.
- **Operational IGMP Snooping Status**—Displays the current status of the IGMP Snooping for the selected VLAN.
- **MRouter Ports Auto Learn**—Enable or disable auto learning of the ports to which the Mrouter is connected.
- **Query Robustness**—Enter the Robustness Variable value to be used if this switch is the elected querier.
- **Operational Query Robustness**—Displays the robustness variable sent by the elected querier.
- **Query Interval**—Enter the interval between the General Queries to be used if this switch is the elected querier.
- **Operational Query Interval**—The time interval in seconds between General Queries sent by the elected querier.
- **Query Max Response Interval**—Enter the delay used to calculate the Maximum Response Code inserted into the periodic General Queries.

- **Operational Query Max Response Interval**—Displays the Query Max Response Interval included in the General Queries sent by the elected querier.
- **Last Member Query Counter**—Enter the number of IGMP Group-Specific Queries sent before the switch assumes there are no more members for the group, if the switch is the elected querier.
- **Operational Last Member Query Counter**—Displays the operational value of the Last Member Query Counter.
- **Last Member Query Interval**—Enter the Maximum Response Delay to be used if the switch cannot read Max Response Time value from group-specific queries sent by the elected querier.
- **Operational Last Member Query Interval**—Displays the Last Member Query Interval sent by the elected querier.
- **Immediate Leave**—Enable Immediate Leave to decrease the time it takes to block a Multicast stream sent to a member port when an IGMP Group Leave message is received on that port.
- **IGMP Querier Status**—Enable or disable the IGMP Querier.
- **Administrative Querier Source IP Address**—Select the source IP address of the IGMP Querier. This can be the IP address of the VLAN or it can be the management IP address.
- **Operational Querier Source IP Address**—Displays the source IP address of the elected querier.
- **IGMP Querier Version**—Select the IGMP version used if the switch becomes the elected querier. Select IGMPv3 if there are switches and/or Multicast routers in the VLAN that perform source-specific IP Multicast forwarding.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

## MLD Snooping

When IGMP/MLD snooping is enabled in a switch on a VLAN, it analyzes the IGMP/MLD packets it receives from the VLAN connected to the switch and from the Multicast routers in the network.

When a switch learns that a host is using IGMP/MLD messages to register to receive a Multicast stream, optionally from a specific source, the switch adds the registration in its Multicast Forwarding Data Base.

IGMP/MLD snooping can effectively reduce Multicast traffic from streaming bandwidth-intensive IP applications. A switch using IGMP/MLD snooping only forwards Multicast traffic to the hosts interested in that traffic. This reduction of Multicast traffic reduces the packet processing at the switch, and also reduces the workload at the end hosts, since they do not have to receive and filter all of the Multicast traffic generated in the network.

The following versions are supported:

- IGMP v1/v2/ v3
- MLD v1/v2

To support selective Multicast forwarding (IPv6), Bridge Multicast filtering must be enabled, and MLD Snooping must be enabled globally and for each relevant VLAN.

**NOTE** The switch supports MLD Snooping only on static VLANs. It does not support MLD Snooping on dynamic VLANs

The switch uses this feature to build Multicast membership lists. It uses the lists to forward Multicast packets only to switch ports where there are host nodes that are members of the Multicast groups. The switch does not support MLD Querier.

Hosts use the MLD protocol to report their participation in Multicast sessions.

The switch supports two versions of MLD snooping:

- MLDv1 snooping detects MLDv1 control packets, and sets up traffic bridging, based on IPv6 destination Multicast addresses.
- MLDv2 snooping uses MLDv2 control packets to forward traffic based on the source IPv6 address, and the destination IPv6 Multicast address.

The actual MLD version is selected by the Multicast router in the network.

In an approach similar to IGMP snooping, MLD frames are snooped as they are forwarded by the switch from stations to an upstream Multicast router and vice versa. This facility enables a switch to conclude the following:

- On which ports stations interested in joining a specific Multicast group are located
- On which ports Multicast routers sending Multicast frames are located

This knowledge is used to exclude irrelevant ports (ports on which no stations have registered to receive a specific Multicast group) from the forwarding set of an incoming Multicast frame.

If you enable MLD snooping in addition to the manually-configured Multicast groups, the result is a union of the Multicast groups and port memberships derived from the manual setup and the dynamic discovery by MLD snooping. Only static definitions are preserved when the system is rebooted.

To enable MLD Snooping:

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- STEP 1** Click **Multicast > MLD Snooping**. The *MLD Snooping* page opens.
- STEP 2** Enable or disable **MLD Snooping Status**. When MLD Snooping is globally enabled, the device monitoring network traffic can determine which hosts have requested to receive Multicast traffic. The switch performs MLD Snooping only if both MLD snooping and Bridge Multicast filtering are enabled.
- STEP 3** Select a VLAN, and click **Edit**. The *Edit MLD Snooping* page opens.
- STEP 4** Enter the parameters.
- **VLAN ID**—Select the VLAN ID.
  - **MLD Snooping Status**—Enable or disable MLD snooping on the VLAN. The switch monitors network traffic to determine which hosts have asked to be sent Multicast traffic. The switch performs MLD snooping only when MLD snooping and Bridge Multicast filtering are both enabled
  - **Operational MLD Snooping Status**—Displays the current status of MLD Snooping for the selected VLAN.
  - **MRouter Ports Auto-Learn**—Enable or disable Auto Learn for the Multicast router.
  - **Query Robustness**—Enter the Robustness Variable value to be used if the switch cannot read this value from messages sent by the elected querier.
  - **Operational Query Robustness**—Displays the robustness variable sent by the elected querier.
  - **Query Interval**—Enter the Query Interval value to be used by the switch if the switch cannot derive the value from the messages sent by the elected querier.
  - **Operational Query Interval**—The time interval in seconds between General Queries received from the elected querier.

- **Query Max Response Interval**—Enter Query Max Response delay to be used if the switch cannot read the Max Response Time value from General Queries sent by the elected querier.
- **Operational Query Max Response Interval**—Displays the delay used to calculate the Maximum Response Code inserted into the General Queries.
- **Last Member Query Counter**—Enter the Last Member Query Count to be used if the switch cannot derive the value from the messages sent by the elected querier.
- **Operational Last Member Query Counter**—Displays the operational value of the Last Member Query Counter.
- **Last Member Query Interval**—Enter the Maximum Response Delay to be used if the switch cannot read Max Response Time value from Group-Specific queries sent by the elected querier.
- **Operational Last Member Query Interval**—The Last Member Query Interval sent by the elected querier.
- **Immediate Leave**—When enabled, reduces the time it takes to block unnecessary MLD traffic sent to a switch port.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

## Querying IGMP/MLD IP Multicast Group

The *IGMP/MLD IP Multicast Group* page displays the IPv4 and IPv6 group address learned from IGMP/MLD messages.

There might be a difference between information on this page and, for example, information displayed in the *MAC Group Address* page. Assuming that the system is in MAC-based groups and a port that requested to join the following Multicast groups 224.1.1.1 and 225.1.1.1, both are mapped to the same MAC Multicast address 01:00:5e:01:01:01. In this case, there is a single entry in the *MAC Multicast* page, but two entries on this page.

To query for a IP Multicast group:

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- STEP 1** Click **Multicast > IGMP/MLD IP Multicast Group**. The *IGMP/MLD IP Multicast Group* page opens.
- STEP 2** Set the type of snooping group for which to search: IGMP or MLD.
- STEP 3** Enter some or all of following query filter criteria:
- **Group Address equals to**—Defines the Multicast group MAC address or IP address to query.
  - **Source Address equals to**—Defines the sender address to query.
  - **VLAN ID equals to**—Defines the VLAN ID to query.
- STEP 4** Click **Go**. The following fields are displayed for each Multicast group:
- **VLAN**—The VLAN ID.
  - **Group Address**—The Multicast group MAC address or IP address.
  - **Source Address**—The sender address for all of the specified group ports.
  - **Included Ports**—The list of destination ports for the Multicast stream.
  - **Excluded Ports**—The list of ports not included in the group.
  - **Compatibility Mode**—The oldest IGMP/MLD version of registration from the hosts the switch receives on the IP group address.
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## Defining Multicast Router Ports

A Multicast router (Mrouter) port is a port that connects to a Multicast router. The switch includes the Multicast router port(s) numbers when it forwards the Multicast streams and IGMP/MLD registration messages. This is required so that the Multicast routers can, in turn, forward the Multicast streams and propagate the registration messages to other subnets.

To statically configure or see dynamically-detected ports connected to the Multicast router:

**STEP 1** Click **Multicast > Multicast Router Port**. The *Multicast Router Port* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter some or all of following query filter criteria:

- **VLAN ID equals to**—Select the VLAN ID for the router ports that are described.
- **IP Version equals to**—Select the IP version that the Multicast router supports.
- **Interface Type equals to**—Select whether to display ports or LAGs.

**STEP 3** Click **Go**. The interfaces matching the query criteria are displayed.

**STEP 4** For each port or LAG, select its association type. The options are as follows:

- **Static**—The port is statically configured as a Multicast router port.
- **Dynamic**—(Display only) The port is dynamically configured as a Multicast router port by a MLD/IGMP query. To enable the dynamic learning of Multicast router ports, go to the **Multicast > IGMP Snooping** page, and the **Multicast > MLD Snooping** page
- **Forbidden**—This port is not to be configured as a Multicast router port, even if IGMP or MLD queries are received on this port. If Forbidden is enabled on a port, Mrouter will not be learned on this port (i.e. MRouter Ports Auto-Learn is not enabled on this port).
- **None**—The port is not currently a Multicast router port.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply** to update the switch.

## Defining Forward All Multicast

The *Forward All* page enables and displays the configuration of the ports and/or LAGs that are to receive Multicast streams from a specific VLAN. This feature requires that Bridge Multicast filtering in the *Properties* page be enabled. If it is disabled, then all Multicast traffic is flooded to ports in the switch.

You can statically (manually) configure a port to Forward All, if the devices connecting to the port do not support IGMP and/or MLD.

IGMP or MLD messages are not forwarded to ports defined as *Forward All*.

**NOTE** The configuration affects only the ports that are members of the selected VLAN.

To define Forward All Multicast:

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**STEP 1** Click **Multicast > Forward All**. The *Forward All* page opens.

**STEP 2** Define the following:

- **VLAN ID equals to**—The VLAN ID the ports/LAGs are to be displayed.
- **Interface Type equals to**—Define whether to display ports or LAGs.

**STEP 3** Click **Go**. The status of all ports/LAGs are displayed.

**STEP 4** Select the port/LAG that is to be defined as Forward All by using the following methods:

- **Static**—The port receives all Multicast streams.
- **Forbidden**—Ports cannot receive any Multicast streams, even if IGMP/MLD snooping designated the port to join a Multicast group.
- **None**—The port is not currently a Forward All port.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Defining Unregistered Multicast Settings

Multicast frames are generally forwarded to all ports in the VLAN. If IGMP/MLD Snooping is enabled, the switch learns about the existence of Multicast groups, and monitors which ports have joined which Multicast group. Multicast groups can also be statically configured. Multicast groups that were either dynamically learned or statically configured, are considered registered.

The switch forwards Multicast frames (from a registered Multicast group) only to ports that are registered to that Multicast group.

The *Unregistered Multicast* page enables handling Multicast frames that belong to groups that are not known to the switch (unregistered Multicast groups). Unregistered Multicast frames are usually forwarded to all ports on the VLAN.

You can select a port to receive or filter unregistered Multicast streams. The configuration is valid for any VLAN of which it is a member (or will be a member).

This feature ensures that the customer receives only the Multicast groups requested and not others that may be transmitted in the network.

To define unregistered Multicast settings:

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- STEP 1** Click **Multicast > Unregistered Multicast**. The *Unregistered Multicast* page opens.
- STEP 2** Define the following:
- **Interface Type equals to**—The view as all ports or all LAGs.
  - **Port/LAG**—Displays the port or LAG ID.
  - **Unregistered Multicast**—Displays the forwarding status of the selected interface. The possible values are:
    - *Forwarding*—Enables forwarding of unregistered Multicast frames to the selected interface.
    - *Filtering*—Enables filtering (rejecting) of unregistered Multicast frames to the selected interface.
- STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The settings are saved, and the Running Configuration file is updated.
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## Configuring IP Information

IP interface addresses can be configured manually by the user, or automatically configured by a DHCP server. This section provides information for defining the switch IP addresses either manually or by making the switch a DHCP client.

This section covers the following topics:

- [Management and IP Interfaces](#)
- [Defining IPv4 Routes](#)
- [Configuring ARP](#)
- [Enabling ARP Proxy](#)
- [Defining UDP Relay](#)
- [Domain Name Systems](#)

### Management and IP Interfaces

**NOTE** SG500X devices always work in Layer 3-enabled (router) mode. The Sx500 devices can either be set to work in Layer 2 (switch) or Layer 3 (router) mode. Therefore, when this section refers to a device that works in Layer 3 mode, this refers to all SG500X devices and those Sx500 devices that have been manually set to Layer 3 mode.

Some features are only available in Layer 2 or Layer 3 mode, as described below:

- In Layer 2 mode (Sx500 devices), the switch operates as a Layer 2 VLAN-aware switch, and has no routing capabilities.
- In Layer 3 mode, the switch has IP routing capabilities as well as Layer 2 mode capabilities. In this mode, a Layer 3 port still retains much of the Layer 2 functionality, such as Spanning Tree Protocol and VLAN membership.

In Layer 3 mode on Sx500 devices only, the switch does not support MAC-based VLAN, Dynamic VLAN Assignment, VLAN Rate Limit, SYN Rate DoS Protection, and Advanced QoS Policers.

For Sx500 devices only, to configure the system mode (Layer 2 or Layer 3), see the *System Mode and Stack Management* page

**NOTE** Switching from one layer mode to another requires a mandatory reboot, and the startup configuration of the switch will be deleted.

The following sections describe the differences between IP addressing when the switch is in Layer 2 or Layer 3 mode.

### Layer 2 IP Addressing

They are only relevant for Sx500 devices (not SG500X devices).

In Layer 2 mode, the switch has a single IP address in the management VLAN. This IP address and the default gateway can be configured manually, or by DHCP. The static IP address and default gateway for Layer 2 mode are configured on the *IPv4 Interface* page. In Layer 2 mode, the switch uses the default gateway, if configured, to communicate with devices that are not in the same IP subnet with the switch. By default, VLAN 1 is the management VLAN, but this can be modified. When operating in Layer 2 mode, the switch can only be reached at the configured IP address through its management VLAN.

The factory default setting of the IP address configuration is *DHCP*. This means that the switch acts as a DHCP client, and sends out a DHCP request during boot up.

If the switch receives a DHCP response from the DHCP server with an IP address, it sends Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) packets to confirm that the IP address is unique. If the ARP response shows that the IP address is in use, the switch sends a DHCPDECLINE message to the offering DHCP server, and sends another DHCPDISCOVER packet that restarts the process.

If the switch does not receive a DHCP response in 60 seconds, it continues to send DHCPDISCOVER queries, and adopts the default IP address: 192.168.1.254/24.

IP address collisions occur when the same IP address is used in the same IP subnet by more than one device. Address collisions require administrative actions on the DHCP server and/or the devices that collide with the switch.

When a VLAN is configured to use dynamic IP addresses, the switch issues DHCP requests until it is assigned an IP address from a DHCP server. In Layer 2 mode, only the management VLAN can be configured with a static or dynamic IP address. In Layer 3 mode, up to 32 interfaces (ports, LAGs, and/or VLANs) on the switch can be configured with a static or dynamic IP address. The IP subnets to which these IP addresses belong are known as directly-connected/attached IP subnets.

The IP address assignment rules for the switch are as follows:

- When in Layer 2 mode, unless the switch is configured with a static IP address, it issues DHCP queries until a response is received from the DHCP server.
- If the IP address on the switch is changed, the switch issues gratuitous ARP packets to the corresponding VLAN to check IP address collisions. This rule also applies when the switch reverts to the default IP address.
- The system status LED changes to solid green when a new unique IP address is received from the DHCP server. If a static IP address has been set, the system status LED also changes to solid green. The LED flashes when the switch is acquiring an IP address and is currently using the factory default IP address 192.168.1.254.
- The same rules apply when a client must renew the lease, prior to its expiration date through a DHCPREQUEST message.
- When no statically defined or DHCP-acquired IP address is available, the default IP address is used. When the other IP addresses become available, the addresses are automatically used. The default IP address is always on the management VLAN.

### Layer 3 IP Addressing

In Layer 3 mode, the switch can have multiple IP addresses. Each IP address can be assigned to specified ports, LAGs, or VLANs. These IP addresses are configured in the *IPv4 Interface* page in Layer 3 mode. This provides more network flexibility than the Layer 2 mode, in which only a single IP address can be configured. Operating in Layer 3 mode, the switch can be reached at all its IP addresses from the corresponding interfaces.

A predefined, default route is not provided in Layer 3 mode. To remotely manage the switch, a default route must be defined. All DHCP-assigned default gateways are stored as default routes. In addition, you can manually define default routes. This is defined in the *IPv4 Static Routes* page.

All the IP addresses configured or assigned to the switch are referred to as Management IP addresses in this guide.

The following sections include configuration information that is relevant to both Layer 2 and Layer 3 modes.

If the pages for Layer 2 and Layer 3 are different, both versions are displayed.

### Defining an IPv4 Interface in Layer 2 Mode

This section is not relevant for the SG500X device.

To manage the switch by using the web-based switch configuration utility, the IPv4 switch management IP address must be defined and known. The switch IP address can be manually configured or automatically taken from a DHCP server.

To configure the IPv4 switch IP address:

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**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Management Interface > IPv4 Interface**. The *IPv4 Interface* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter values for the following fields:

- **Management VLAN**—Select the Management VLAN used to access the switch through telnet or the Web GUI. VLAN1 is the default Management VLAN.
- **IP Address Type**—Select one of the following options:
  - *Dynamic*—Discover the IP address using DHCP from the management VLAN.
  - *Static*—Manually define a static IP address.

If a static IP address is used, configure the following fields.

- **IP Address**—Enter the IP address, and configure one of the following fields:
  - **Network Mask**—Select and enter the IP address mask.
  - **Prefix Length**—Select and enter the length of the IPv4 address prefix.
- **Administrative Default Gateway**—Select **User Defined** and enter the default gateway IP address, or select **None** to remove the selected default gateway IP address from the interface.

- **Operational Default Gateway**—Displays the current default gateway status.

**NOTE** If the switch is not configured with a default gateway, it cannot communicate with other devices that are not in the same IP subnet.

If a dynamic IP address is retrieved from the DHCP server, select those of the following fields that are enabled:

- **Renew IP Address Now**—The switch dynamic IP address can be renewed any time after it is assigned by a DHCP server. Depending on your DHCP server configuration, the switch might receive a new IP address after the renewal that will cause a loss of connectivity to the web-based switch configuration utility.
- **Auto Configuration via DHCP**—Displays status of Auto-Configuration feature. You can configure this from *Administration > File Management > DHCP Auto Configuration*.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The IPv4 interface settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

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### Defining IPv4 Interface when the Switch is in Layer 3 Mode

The *IPv4 Interface* page is used when the switch is in Layer 3 mode. This mode enables configuring multiple IP addresses for switch management, and provides routing services.

The IP address can be configured on a port, a LAG, or VLAN interface.

Operating in Layer 3 mode, the switch routes traffic between the directly-attached IP subnets configured on the switch. The switch continues to bridge traffic between devices in the same VLAN. Additional IPv4 routes for routing to non-directly attached subnets can be configured in the *IPv4 Static Routes* page.

**NOTE** The switch software consumes one VLAN ID (VID) for every IP address configured on a port or LAG. The switch takes the first VID that is not used starting from 4094.

To configure the IPv4 addresses:

- STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > Management and IP Interface > IPv4 Interface**. The *IPv4 Interface* page opens.

For SG500X devices only, to enable IPv4 routing, check the **Enable** box. In Sx500 devices, when you change the system mode from Layer 2 to Layer 3 it automatically enables IP routing.

This page displays the following fields in the IPv4 Interface Table:

- **Interface**—Interface for which the IP address is defined.
- **IP Address Type**—IP address defined as static or DHCP.
  - *Static*—Entered manually.
  - *DHCP*—Received from DHCP server.
- **IP Address**—Configured IP address for the interface.
- **Mask**—Configured IP address mask.
- **Status**—Results of the IP address duplication check.
  - *Tentative*—There is no final result for the IP address duplication check.
  - *Valid*—The IP address collision check was completed, and no IP address collision was detected.
  - *Valid-Duplicated*—The IP address duplication check was completed, and a duplicate IP address was detected.
  - *Duplicated*—A duplicated IP address was detected for the default IP address.
  - *Delayed*—The assignment of the IP address is delayed for 60 second if DHCP Client is enabled on startup in order to give time to discover DHCP address.
  - *Not Received*—Relevant for DHCP Address. When a DCHP Client starts a discovery process, it assigns a dummy IP address 0.0.0.0 before the real address is obtained. This dummy address has the status of “Not Received”.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add IPv4 Interface* page opens.

**STEP 3** Select one of the following fields:

- **Interface**—Select Port, LAG, or VLAN as the interface associated with this IP configuration, and select an interface from the list.
- **IP Address Type**—Select one of the following options:
  - *Dynamic IP Address*—Receive the IP address from a DHCP server.
  - *Static IP Address*—Enter the IP address.

**STEP 4** If Static Address was selected, enter the **IP Address** for this interface.

**STEP 5** Enter the Network Mask or Prefix Length for this IP address.

- **Network Mask**—IP mask for this address.
- **Prefix Length**—Length of the IPv4 prefix.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The IPv4 address settings are written to the Running Configuration file.



**CAUTION** When the system is in stacking mode with a Backup Master present, configure the IP address as a static address to prevent disconnecting from the network during a Stacking Master switchover.

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## Managing IPv6

The Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) is a network-layer protocol for packet-switched internetworks. IPv6 was designed to replace IPv4, the predominantly deployed Internet protocol.

IPv6 introduces greater flexibility in assigning IP addresses because the address size increases from 32-bit to 128-bit addresses. IPv6 addresses are written as eight groups of four hexadecimal digits, for example FE80:0000:0000:0000:0000:9C00:876A:130B. The abbreviated form, in which a group of zeroes can be left out, and replaced with '::', is also acceptable, for example, ::FE80::9C00:876A:130B.

IPv6 nodes require an intermediary mapping mechanism to communicate with other IPv6 nodes over an IPv4-only network. This mechanism, called a tunnel, enables IPv6-only hosts to reach IPv4 services, and enables isolated IPv6 hosts and networks to reach an IPv6 node over the IPv4 infrastructure.

Tunneling uses the ISATAP mechanism. This protocol treats the IPv4 network as a virtual IPv6 local link, with mappings from each IPv4 address to a link local IPv6 address.

The switch detects IPv6 frames by the IPv6 Ethertype.

## Defining IPv6 Global Configuration

The *IPv6 Global Configuration* page defines the frequency of the IPv6 ICMP error messages generated by the switch.

To define IPv6 global parameters:

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**STEP 1** In Layer 2 mode, click **Administration > Management Interface > IPv6 Global Configuration**.

In Layer 3 mode, click **IP Configuration > Management and IP Interfaces > IPv6 Global Configuration**.

The *IPv6 Global Configuration* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter values for the following fields:

- **ICMPv6 Rate Limit Interval**—Enter how often the ICMP error messages are generated.
- **ICMPv6 Rate Limit Bucket Size**—Enter the maximum number of ICMP error messages that can be sent by the switch per interval.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The IPv6 global parameters are written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Defining an IPv6 Interface

An IPv6 interface can be configured on a port, a LAG, VLAN, or ISATAP tunnel interface. The switch supports one IPv6 interface as an IPv6 end device.

A tunnel interface is configured with an IPv6 address based on the settings defined in the *IPv6 Tunnel* page.

To define an IPv6 interface:

- STEP 1** In Layer 2 mode, click **Administration > Management Interface > IPv6 Interface**. In Layer 3 mode, click **IP Configuration > Management and IP Interface > IPv6 Interface**.

The *IPv6 Interface* page opens.

This page displays the IPv6 interfaces already configured.

- STEP 2** Click **Add** to add a new interface on which interface IPv6 is enabled.

- STEP 3** The *Add IPv6 Interface* page opens.

- STEP 4** Enter the values.

- **IPv6 Interface**—Select a specific port, LAG, VLAN, or ISATAP tunnel.
- **Number of DAD Attempts**—Enter the number of consecutive neighbor solicitation messages that are sent while Duplicate Address Detection (DAD) is performed on the interface's Unicast IPv6 addresses. DAD verifies the uniqueness of a new Unicast IPv6 address before it is assigned. New addresses remain in a tentative state during DAD verification. Entering **0** in this field disables duplicate address detection processing on the specified interface. Entering **1** in this field indicates a single transmission without follow-up transmissions.
- **IPv6 Address Auto Configuration**—Enable automatic address configuration from the DHCP server. If enabled, the switch supports IPv6 stateless address auto configuration of site local and global IP address from the IPv6 router advertisement received on the interface. The switch does not support stateful address auto configuration. If not supported, define an IPv6 address from the *IPv6 Addresses* page.
- **Send ICMPv6 Messages**—Enable generating unreachable destination messages.

- STEP 5** Click **Apply** to enable IPv6 processing on the selected interface. Regular IPv6 interfaces have the following addresses automatically configured:

- Link local address using EUI-64 format interface ID based on a device's MAC address
- All node link local Multicast addresses (FF02::1)
- Solicited-Node Multicast address (format FF02::1:FFXX:XXXX)

- STEP 6** Click **IPv6 Address Table** to manually assign IPv6 addresses to the interface, if required. This page is described in the [Defining IPv6 Addresses](#) section.

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## Defining IPv6 Addresses

To assign an IPv6 address to an IPv6 Interface:

- STEP 1** In Layer 2 mode, click **Administration > Management Interface > IPv6 Addresses**.  
In Layer 3 mode, click **IP Configuration > Management and IP Interfaces > IPv6 Addresses**.

The *IPv6 Addresses* page opens.

- STEP 2** Select an interface name, and click **Go**. The interface is displayed in the IPv6 Address Table.

- STEP 3** Click **Add**. The *Add IPv6 Address* page opens.

- STEP 4** Enter values for the fields.

- **IPv6 Interface**—Displays the interface where the address is automatically completed, based on the filter.
- **IPv6 Address Type**—Select Link Local or Global as the type of IPv6 address to add.
  - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
- **IPv6 Address**—The switch supports one IPv6 interface. In addition to the default link local and Multicast addresses, the device also automatically adds global addresses to the interface based on the router advertisements it receives. The device supports a maximum of 128 addresses at the interface. Each address must be a valid IPv6 address that is specified in hexadecimal format by using 16-bit values separated by colons.

**NOTE** You cannot configure an IPv6 addresses directly on an ISATAP tunnel interface.

- **Prefix Length**—The length of the Global IPv6 prefix is a value from 0-128 indicating the number of the high-order contiguous bits of the address comprise the prefix (the network portion of the address).
- **EUI-64**—Select to use the EUI-64 parameter to identify the interface ID portion of the Global IPv6 address by using the EUI-64 format based on a device MAC address.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Defining an IPv6 Default Router List

The *IPv6 Default Router List* page enables configuring and viewing the default IPv6 router addresses. This list contains the routers that are candidates to become the switch default router for non-local traffic (it may be empty). The switch randomly selects a router from the list. The switch supports one static IPv6 default router. Dynamic default routers are routers that have sent router advertisements to the switch IPv6 interface.

When adding or deleting IP addresses, the following events occur:

- When removing an IP interface, all the default router IP addresses are removed.
- Dynamic IP addresses cannot be removed.
- An alert message is displayed after an attempt is made to insert more than a single user-defined address.
- An alert message is displayed when attempting to insert a non-link local type address, meaning 'fe80:'.

To define a default router:

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**STEP 1** In Layer 2 mode, click **Administration > Management Interface > IPv6 Default Router List**.  
In Layer 3 mode, click **IP Configuration > Management and IP Interface > IPv6 Default Router List**.

The *IPv6 Default Router List* page opens.

This page displays the following fields for each default router:

- **Default Router IPv6 Address**—Link local IP address of the default router.

- **Interface**—Outgoing IPv6 interface where the default router resides.
  - **Type**—The default router configuration that includes the following options:
    - *Static*—The default router was manually added to this table through the **Add** button.
    - *Dynamic*—The default router was dynamically configured.
- State**—The default router status options are:
- *Incomplete*—Address resolution is in process. Default router has not yet responded.
  - *Reachable*—Positive confirmation was received within the *Reachable Time*.
  - *Stale*—Previously-known neighboring network is unreachable, and no action is taken to verify its reachability until it is necessary to send traffic.
  - *Delay*—Previously-known neighboring network is unreachable. The device is in Delay state for a predefined *Delay Time*. If no confirmation is received, the state changes to Probe.
  - *Probe*—Neighboring network is unavailable, and Unicast Neighbor Solicitation probes are being sent to verify the status.

**STEP 2** Click **Add** to add a static default router. The *Add Default Router* page opens.

The window displays the Link Local Interface. The interface can be a port, LAG, VLAN, or tunnel.

**STEP 3** Enter the static default router IP address in the **Default Router IPv6 Address** field.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The default router is written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Configuring IPv6 Tunnels

The ISATAP (Intra-Site Automatic Tunnel Addressing Protocol) enables encapsulating IPv6 packets within IPv4 packets for transmission over IPv4 networks. To configure a tunnel, do the following:

- Manually enable and configure an ISATAP tunnel.
- Manually define an IPv6 interface for the ISATAP tunnel.

After these actions, the switch automatically configures the linklocal IPv6 address to the IPv6 interface.

When defining ISATAP tunnels, note the following:

- An IPv6 link local address is assigned to the ISATAP interface. The initial IP address is assigned to the interface, which is then activated.
- If an ISATAP interface is active, the ISATAP router IPv4 address is resolved via DNS by using ISATAP-to-IPv4 mapping. If the ISATAP DNS record is not resolved, ISATAP host name-to-address mapping is searched in the host mapping table.
- When the ISATAP router IPv4 address is not resolved via the DNS process, the ISATAP IP interface remains active. The system does not have a default router for ISATAP traffic until the DNS process is resolved.

To configure an IPv6 Tunnel:

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- STEP 1** In Layer 2 mode, click **Administration > Management Interface > IPv6 Tunnel**. In Layer 3 mode, click **IP Configuration > Management and IP Interface > IPv6 Tunnel**.

The *IPv6 Tunnel* page opens.

- STEP 2** Enter values for the following fields:

- **Tunnel Number**—Displays the automatic tunnel router domain number.
- **Tunnel Type**—Always displayed as ISATAP.
- **Source IPv4 Address**—Disable the ISATAP tunnel, or enable the ISATAP tunnel over an IPv4 interface. The IPv4 address of the selected IPv4 interface used to form part of the IPv6 address over the ISATAP tunnel interface. The IPv6 address has a 64-bit network prefix of fe80::, with the rest of the 64-bit formed by concatenating 0000:5EFE and the IPv4 address.
  - *Auto*—Automatically selects the lowest IPv4 address from among all of its configured IPv4 interfaces.
  - *None*—Disable the ISATAP tunnel.
  - *Manual*—Manually configure an IPv4 address. The IPv4 address configured must be one of the IPv4 addresses at the switch IPv4 interfaces.

- **Tunnel Router's Domain Name**—A global string that represents a specific automatic tunnel router domain name. The name can either be the default name (ISATAP) or a user defined name.
- **Query Interval**—The number of seconds from 10-3600 between DNS queries (before the IP address of the ISATAP router is known) for this tunnel. The interval can be the default value (10 seconds) or a user defined interval.
- **ISATAP Solicitation Interval**—The number of seconds from 10-3600 between ISATAP router solicitations messages, when there is no active ISATAP router. The interval can be the default value (10 seconds) or a user defined interval.
- **ISATAP Robustness**—Used to calculate the interval for the DNS or router solicitation queries. The bigger the number, the more frequent the queries. The default value is 3. The range is 1-20.

**NOTE** The ISATAP tunnel is not operational if the underlying IPv4 interface is not in operation.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The tunnel is written to the Running Configuration file.

## Defining IPv6 Neighbors Information

The *IPv6 Neighbors* page enables configuring and viewing the list of IPv6 neighbors on the IPv6 interface. The IPv6 Neighbor Table (also known as IPv6 Neighbor Discovery Cache) displays the MAC addresses of the IPv6 neighbors that are in the same IPv6 subnet as the switch. This is used to verify the reachability of this neighbor. This is the IPv6 equivalent of the IPv4 ARP Table. When the switch needs to communicate with its neighbors, the switch uses the IPv6 Neighbor Table to determine the MAC addresses based on their IPv6 addresses.

This page displays the neighbors that were automatically detected or manually configured entries. Each entry displays to which interface the neighbor is connected, the neighbor's IPv6 and MAC addresses, the entry type (static or dynamic), and the state of the neighbor.

To define IPv6 neighbors:

**STEP 1** In Layer 2 mode, click **Administration > Management Interface > IPv6 Neighbors**.

In Layer 3 mode, click **IP Configuration > Management and IP Interface > IPv6 Neighbors**.

The *IPv6 Neighbors* page opens.

**STEP 2** Select a **Clear Table** option to clear some or all of IPv6 addresses in the IPv6 Neighbors Table.

- **Static Only**—Deletes the static IPv6 address entries.
- **Dynamic Only**—Deletes the dynamic IPv6 address entries.
- **All Dynamic & Static**—Deletes the static and dynamic address entries IPv6 address entries.

The following fields are displayed for the neighboring interfaces:

- **Interface**—Neighboring IPv6 interface type.
- **IPv6 Address**—IPv6 address of a neighbor.
- **MAC Address**—MAC address mapped to the specified IPv6 address.
- **Type**—Neighbor discovery cache information entry type (static or dynamic).
- **State**—Specifies the IPv6 neighbor status. The values are:
  - *Incomplete*—Address resolution is working. The neighbor has not yet responded.
  - *Reachable*—Neighbor is known to be reachable.
  - *Stale*—Previously-known neighbor is unreachable. No action is taken to verify its reachability until traffic must be sent.
  - *Delay*—Previously-known neighbor is unreachable. The interface is in Delay state for a predefined Delay Time. If no reachability confirmation is received, the state changes to Probe.
  - *Probe*—Neighbor is no longer known to be reachable, and Unicast Neighbor Solicitation probes are being sent to verify the reachability.

**STEP 3** To add a neighbor to be monitored, click **Add**. The *Add IPv6 Neighbors* page opens.

**STEP 4** Enter values for the following fields:

- **Interface**—The neighboring IPv6 interface to be added.
- **IPv6 Address**—Enter the IPv6 network address assigned to the interface. The address must be a valid IPv6 address.

- **MAC Address**—Enter the MAC address mapped to the specified IPv6 address.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

**STEP 6** To change the type of an IP address from Dynamic to Static, use the *Edit IPv6 Neighbors* page.

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## Viewing IPv6 Route Tables

The *IPv6 Routes* page displays the *IPv6 Routing Table*. The table contains a single default route (IPv6 address:0) that uses the default router selected from the IPv6 Default Router List to send packets to destination devices that are not in the same IPv6 subnet as the switch. In addition to the default route, the table also contains dynamic routes that are ICMP redirect routes received from IPv6 routers by using ICMP redirect messages. This could happen when the default router the switch uses is not the router for traffic to which the IPv6 subnets that the switch wants to communicate.

To view IPv6 routing entries in Layer 2 mode:

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**STEP 1** Click **Administration > Management Interface > IPv6 Routes**.

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To view IPv6 routing entries in Layer 3 mode:

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**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > Management and IP Interface > IPv6 Routes**.

The *IPv6 Routes* page opens.

This page displays the following fields:

- **IPv6 Address**—The IPv6 subnet address.
- **Prefix Length**—IP route prefix length for the destination IPv6 subnet address. It is preceded by a forward slash.
- **Interface**—Interface used to forward the packet.
- **Next Hop**—Address where the packet is forwarded. Typically, this is the address of a neighboring router. This must be a link local address.
- **Metric**—Value used for comparing this route to other routes with the same destination in the IPv6 router table. All default routes have the same value.

- **Life Time**—Time period during which the packet can be sent, and resent, before being deleted.
- **Route Type**—How the destination is attached, and the method used to obtain the entry. The following values are:
  - *Local*—A directly-connected network whose prefix is derived from a manually-configured switch's IPv6 address.
  - *Dynamic*—The destination is an indirectly-attached (remote) IPv6 subnet address. The entry was obtained dynamically via the ND or ICMP protocol.
  - *Static*—The entry was manually configured by a user.

**STEP 2** Click **Apply**. The IPv6 route is written to Running Configuration file.

## Defining IPv4 Routes

When the switch is in Layer 3 mode, this page enables configuring and viewing IPv4 static routes on the switch. When routing traffic, the next hop is decided on according to the longest prefix match (LPM algorithm). A destination IPv4 address may match multiple routes in the IPv4 Static Route Table. The switch uses the matched route with the highest subnet mask, that is, the longest prefix match.

To define an IP static route:

**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > IPv4 Routes**.

The *IPv4 Static Routes* page opens.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add IP Static Route* page opens.

**STEP 3** Enter values for the following fields:

- **Destination IP Prefix**—Enter the destination IP address prefix.
- **Mask**—Select and enter information for one of the following:
  - **Network Mask**—The IP route prefix for the destination IP.
  - **Prefix Length**—The IP route prefix for the destination IP.

- **Next Hop Router IP Address**—Enter the next hop IP address or IP alias on the route.

**NOTE** You cannot configure a static route through a directly-connected IP subnet where the switch gets its IP address from a DHCP server.

- **Route Type**—Select the route type.
  - *Reject*—Rejects the route and stops routing to the destination network via all gateways. This ensures that if a frame arrives with the destination IP of this route, it is dropped.
  - *Remote*—Indicates that the route is a remote path.
- **Metric**—Enter the administrative distance to the next hop. The range is 1–255.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The IP Static route is written to the Running Configuration file.

## Configuring ARP

The switch maintains an ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) table for all known devices that reside in its directly-connected IP subnets. A directly-connected IP subnet is the subnet to which an IPv4 interface of the switch is connected. When the switch needs to send/route a packet to a local device, it searches the ARP table to obtain the MAC address of the device. The ARP table contains both static and dynamic addresses. Static addresses are manually configured and do not age out. The switch creates dynamic addresses from the ARP packets it receives. Dynamic addresses age out after a configured time.

**NOTE** In Layer 2 mode, the IP, MAC address mapping information in ARP Table is used by the switch to forward the traffic originated by the switch. In Layer 3 mode, the mapping information is used for Layer 3 routing as well as to forward the generated traffic.

To define the ARP tables:

**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > Access List > ARP**. The *ARP Table* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

- **ARP Entry Age Out**—Enter the number of seconds that dynamic addresses can remain in the ARP table. A dynamic address ages out after the time it is in the table exceeds the ARP Entry Age Out time. When a dynamic address ages out, it is deleted from the table, and only returns when it is relearned.
- **Clear ARP Table Entries**—Select the type of ARP entries to be cleared from the system.
  - *All*—Deletes all of the static and dynamic addresses immediately.
  - *Dynamic*—Deletes all of the dynamic addresses immediately.
  - *Static*—Deletes all of the static addresses immediately.
  - *Normal Age Out*—Deletes dynamic addresses based on the configured ARP Entry Age Out time.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The ARP global settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

The ARP table displays the following fields:

- **Interface**—The IPv4 Interface of the directly-connected IP subnet where the IP device resides.
- **IP Address**—The IP address of the IP device.
- **MAC Address**—The MAC address of the IP device.
- **Status**—Whether the entry was manually entered or dynamically learned.

**STEP 4** Click **Add**. The *Add ARP Entry* page opens.

**STEP 5** Enter the parameters:

- **IP Version**—The IP address format supported by the host. Only IPv4 is supported.
- **Interface**—IPv4 interface on the switch.

For devices in Layer 2 mode, there is only one directly connected IP subnet which is always in the management VLAN. All the static and dynamic addresses in the ARP Table reside in the management VLAN.

For devices in Layer 3 mode, an IPv4 interface can be configured on a port, LAG or VLAN. Select the desired interface from the list of configured IPv4 interfaces on the switch.

- **IP Address**—Enter the IP address of the local device.
- **MAC Address**—Enter the MAC address of the local device.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The ARP entry is written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Enabling ARP Proxy

The Proxy ARP technique is used by a device on a given IP subnet to answer ARP queries for a network address that is not on that network.

The ARP Proxy is aware of the traffic destination, and offers another MAC address in reply. Serving as an ARP Proxy for another host effectively directs LAN traffic destination to the host. The captured traffic is then typically routed by the Proxy to the intended destination by using another interface, or by using a tunnel.

The process in which an ARP query request for a different IP address, for proxy purposes, results in the node responding with its own MAC address is sometimes referred to as publishing.

This page enables configuring the status of the ARP proxy feature. After it is enabled on this page, it is enabled on all of the IP interfaces.

To enable ARP Proxy on the switch:

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**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > Enabling ARP Proxy**.

The *ARP Proxy* page opens.

**STEP 2** Select **ARP Proxy** to enable the switch to respond to ARP requests for remotely-located nodes with the switch MAC address.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The ARP proxy is enabled, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Defining UDP Relay

The UDP Relay feature is only available when the switch is in Layer 3 mode. Switches do not typically route IP broadcast packets between IP subnets. However, if configured, the switch can relay specific UDP Broadcast packets, received from its IPv4 interfaces, to specific destination IP addresses.

To configure the relaying of UDP packets received from a specific IPv4 interface with a specific destination UDP port, add a UDP Relay:

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- STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > Defining UDP Relay**. The *UDP Relay* page opens.
  - STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add UDP Relay* page opens.
  - STEP 3** Select the **Source IP Interface** to where the switch is to relay UDP Broadcast packets based on a configured UDP destination port. The interface must be one of the IPv4 interfaces configured on the switch.
  - STEP 4** Enter the **UDP Destination Port** number for the packets that the switch is to relay. Select the well-known port from the drop-down list or click the port radio button to enter the number manually.
  - STEP 5** Enter the **Destination IP Address** that receives the UDP packet relays. If this field is 0.0.0.0, UDP packets are discarded. If this field is 255.255.255.255, UDP packets are flooded to all IP interfaces.
  - STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The UDP relay settings are written to the Running Configuration file.
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## Domain Name Systems

The Domain Name System (DNS) translates user-defined domain names into IP addresses for the purpose of locating and addressing these objects.

As a DNS client the switch resolves domain names to IP addresses through one or more configured DNS servers.

## Defining DNS Servers

Use the *DNS Servers* page to enable the DNS feature, configure the DNS servers and set the default domain used by the switch.

**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration** > **Domain Name System** > **DNS Servers**. The *DNS Servers* page opens.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

- **DNS**—Select to designate the switch as a DNS client which resolves DNS names into IP addresses through one or more configured DNS servers.
- **Default Domain Name**—Enter the default DNS domain name (1–158 characters). The switch appends this to all non-fully qualified domain names (FQDNs) turning them into FQDNs.
- **Type**—Displays the default domain type options:
  - *DHCP*—The default domain name is dynamically assigned by the DHCP server.
  - *Static*—The default domain name is user-defined.
  - *N/A*—No default domain name.

### DNS Server Table:

- **DNS Server**—The IP addresses of the DNS servers. Up to eight DNS servers can be defined.
- **Server State**—The active DNS server. There can be only one active server. Each static server has a priority, a lower value means a higher priority. When first time the request is sent, static server with lowest priority is chosen. If after two retries there is no response from this server, the next server with the next lowest priority is selected. If none of the static servers respond, the first dynamic server on the table, sorted by IP address (low to high), is selected.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

**STEP 4** To add a DNS server, click **Add**. The *Add DNS Server* page opens.

**STEP 5** Enter the parameters.

- **IP Version**—Select Version 6 for IPv6 or Version 4 for IPv4.

- **IPv6 Address Type**—Select the IPv6 address type (if IPv6 is used). The options are:
  - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
- **Link Local Interface**—If the IPv6 address type is Link Local, select whether it is received through VLAN2 or ISATAP.
- **DNS Server IP Address**—Enter the DNS server IP address.
- **Set DNS Server Active**—Select to activate the new DNS server.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The DNS server is written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Mapping DNS Hosts

The switch saves frequently-queried domain names acquired from the DNS servers in a local DNS cache. The cache can hold up to 64 static entries, 64 dynamic entries, and one entry for each IP address configured on the switch by DHCP. Name resolution always begins by checking static entries, continues by checking the dynamic entries, and ends by sending requests to the external DNS server.

Several IP addresses are supported per DNS per host name.

To add a domain name and its IP address:

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**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > Domain Name System > Host Mapping**. The *Host Mapping* page opens.

This page displays the following fields:

- **Host Name**—User-defined domain name, up to 158 characters.
- **IP Address**—The host name IP address.

**STEP 2** To add a host mapping, click **Add**. The *Add Host Mapping* page opens.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **IP Version**—Select Version 6 for IPv6 or Version 4 for IPv4.
- **IPv6 Address Type**—Select the IPv6 address type (if IPv6 is used). The options are:
  - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
- **Link Local Interface**—If the IPv6 address type is Link Local, select whether it is received through VLAN2 or ISATAP.
- **Host Name**—Enter a domain name, up to 158 characters.
- **IP Address**—Enter an IPv4 address or enter up to four IPv6 host addresses. Addresses 2–4 are backup addresses.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The DNS host is written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Configuring Security

This section describes switch security and access control. The system handles various types of security.

The following list of topics describes the various types of security features described in this section. Some features are used for more than a single type of security or control, and so they appear twice in the list of topics below.

Permission to administer the switch is described in the following sections:

- **Configuring TACACS+**
- **Configuring RADIUS**
- **Configuring Management Access Authentication**
- **Defining Access Profiles**
- **Configuring TCP/UDP Services**

Protection from attacks directed at the switch CPU is described in the following sections:

- **Configuring TCP/UDP Services**
- **Defining Storm Control**

Access control of end-users to the network through the switch is described in the following sections:

- **Configuring Management Access Authentication**
- **Defining Access Profiles**
- **Configuring TACACS+**
- **Configuring RADIUS**
- **Configuring Port Security**
- **Configuring 802.1X**

Protection from other network users is described in the following sections. These are attacks that pass through, but are not directed at, the switch.

- [Denial of Service Prevention](#)
- [Configuring TCP/UDP Services](#)
- [Defining Storm Control](#)
- [Configuring Port Security](#)
- [Defining DHCP Snooping](#)
- [IP Source Guard](#)
- [Dynamic ARP Inspection](#)

## Defining Users

The default username/password is **cisco/cisco**. The first time that you log in with the default username and password, you are required to enter a new password. Password complexity is enabled by default. If the password that you choose is not complex enough (**Password Complexity Settings** are enabled in the *Password Strength* page), you will be prompted to create another password.

### Setting User Accounts

The *User Accounts* page enables entering additional users that are permitted to access to the switch (read-only or read-write) or changing the passwords of existing users.

**NOTE** It is not permitted to delete all users. If all users are selected, the **Delete** button is disabled.

To add a new user:

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**STEP 1** Click **Administration > User Accounts**. The *User Accounts* page is displayed.

This page displays the users defined in the system and their user privilege level.

**STEP 2** Click **Add** to add a new user or click **Edit** to modify a user. The *Add (or Edit) a User Account* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **User Name**—Enter a new username between 0 and 20 characters. UTF-8 characters are not permitted.
- **Password**—Enter a password (UTF-8 characters are not permitted). If the password strength and complexity is defined, the user password must comply with the policy configured in the **Setting Password Complexity Rules** section.
- **Confirm Password**—Enter the password again.
- **Password Strength Meter**—Displays the strength of password. The policy for password strength and complexity are configured in the *Password Strength* page.
- **User Level**—Select the privilege level of the user being added/edited.
  - *Read-Only CLI Access (1)*—User cannot access the GUI, and can only access CLI commands that do not change the switch configuration.
  - *Read/Limited Write CLI Access (7)*—User cannot access the GUI, and can only access some CLI commands that change the switch configuration. See the *CLI Reference Guide* for more information.
  - *Read-/Write Management Access (15)*—User can access the GUI, and can configure the switch.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The user is added to the Running Configuration file of the switch.

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## Setting Password Complexity Rules

Passwords are used to authenticate users accessing the switch. Simple passwords are potential security hazards. Therefore, password complexity requirements are enforced by default and may be configured as necessary. Password complexity requirements are configured on the **Password Strength** page reached through the Security drop-down menu. Additionally, password aging time may be configured on this page.

To define password complexity rules:

**STEP 1** Click **Security > Password Strength**. The *Password Strength* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Enter the following aging parameters for passwords:

- **Password Aging**—If selected, the user is prompted to change the password when the **Password Aging Time** expires.
- **Password Aging Time**—Enter the number of days that can elapse before the user will be prompted to change the password.

**NOTE** Password aging also applies to zero-length passwords (no password).

**STEP 3** Select **Password Complexity Settings** to enable complexity rules for passwords.

If password complexity is enabled, new passwords must conform to the following default settings:

- Have a minimum length of eight characters.
- Contain characters from at least three character classes (uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters available on a standard keyboard).
- Are different from the current password.
- Contain no character that is repeated more than three times consecutively.
- Do not repeat or reverse the user's name or any variant reached by changing the case of the characters.
- Do not repeat or reverse the manufacturer's name or any variant reached by changing the case of the characters.

**STEP 4** If the **Password Complexity Settings** are enabled, the following parameters may be configured:

- **Minimal Password Length**—Enter the minimal number of characters required for passwords.  
**NOTE** A zero-length password (no password) is allowed, and can still have password aging assigned to it.
- **Minimal Number of Character Classes**—Enter the number of character classes which must be present in a password. Character classes are lower case (1), upper case (2), digits (3), and symbols or special characters (4).
- **The New Password Must Be Different than the Current One**—If selected, the new password cannot be the same as the current password upon a password change.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The password settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

**NOTE** Configuring the allowed number of character repetitions, username-password equivalence, and manufacturer-password equivalence may be done through the CLI. See the CLI guide for further instruction.

## Configuring TACACS+

The switch is a *Terminal Access Controller Access Control System (TACACS+)* client that can use a TACACS+ server to provide centralized security.

TACACS+ provides the following services:

- **Authentication**—Provides authentication of administrators logging onto the switch by using usernames and user-defined passwords.
- **Authorization**—Performed at login. After the authentication session is completed, an authorization session starts using the authenticated username. The TACACS+ server then checks user privileges.

The TACACS+ protocol ensures network integrity, through encrypted protocol exchanges between the device and the TACACS+ server.

TACACS+ is supported only with IPv4.

TACACS+ servers cannot be used as 802.1X authentication servers to verify credentials of network users trying to join the networks through the switch.

Some TACACS+ servers support a single connection that enables the device to receive all information in a single connection. If the TACACS+ server does not support this, the device reverts to multiple connections.

## Configuring Default TACACS+ Parameters

The *TACACS+* page enables configuring TACACS+ servers.

Only users who have privilege level 15 on the TACACS+ server can administer the switch. Privilege level 15 is given to a user or group of users on the TACACS+ server by the following string in the user or group definition:

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service = exec {  
priv-lvl = 15  
}
```

To configure TACACS+ server parameters:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > TACACS+**. The *TACACS+* page is displayed.
  - STEP 2** Enter the default **Key String** used for communicating with all TACACS+ servers. The switch can be configured to use this key or to use a key entered for an specific server (entered in the *Add TACACS+ Server* page).  
  
If you do not enter a key string in this field, the server key entered in the *Add TACACS+ Server* page must match the encryption key used by the TACACS+ server.  
  
If you enter both a key string here and a key string for an individual TACACS+ server, the key string configured for the individual TACACS+ server takes precedence.
  - STEP 3** In the **Timeout for Reply** field, enter the amount of time that passes before the connection between the switch and the TACACS+ server times out. If a value is not entered in the *Add TACACS+ Server* page for a specific server, the value is taken from this field.
  - STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The TACACS+ settings are added to the Running Configuration file.
  - STEP 5** To add a TACACS+ server, click **Add**. The *Add TACACS+ Server* page is displayed.
  - STEP 6** Enter the parameters.
    - **Server IP Address**—Select whether to specify the TACACS+ server by IP address or name.

- **Priority**—Enter the order in which this TACACS+ server is used. Zero is the highest priority TACACS+ server and is the first server used. If it cannot establish a session with the high priority server, the switch will try the next highest priority server.
- **Source IP Address**—(For Layer 3 mode) Select to use either the default source address or select one of the available IP addresses.
- **Timeout for Reply**—Enter the amount of time that passes before the connection between the switch and the TACACS+ server times out. Select **Use Default** to use the default value displayed on the page.
- **Authentication IP Port**—Enter the port number through which the TACACS+ session occurs.
- **Single Connection**—Select to enable a single open connection between the switch and the TACACS+ server.

**STEP 7** Click **Apply**. The TACACS+ server is added to the Running Configuration file of the switch.

## Configuring RADIUS

Remote Authorization Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) servers provide a centralized 802.1X or MAC-based network access control. The switch is a RADIUS client that can use a RADIUS server to provide centralized security.

To set the RADIUS server parameters:

**STEP 1** Click **Security > RADIUS**. The *RADIUS* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Enter the RADIUS Accounting option. The following options are available:

- **Port Based Access Control (802.1X, MAC Based)**—Specifies that the RADIUS server is used for 802.1x port accounting.
- **Management Access**—Specifies that the RADIUS server is used for user login accounting.

- **Both Port Based Access Control and Management Access**—Specifies that the RADIUS server is used for both user login accounting and 802.1x port accounting.
- **None**—Specifies that the RADIUS server is not used for accounting.

**STEP 3** Enter the default RADIUS parameters if required. Values entered in the *Default Parameters* are applied to all servers. If a value is not entered for a specific server (in the *Add RADIUS Server* page) the switch uses the values in these fields.

- **IP Version**—Displays the supported IP version: IPv6 and/or IPv4 subnet.
- **Retries**—Enter the number of transmitted requests that are sent to the RADIUS server before a failure is considered to have occurred.
- **Timeout for Reply**—Enter the number of seconds that the switch waits for an answer from the RADIUS server before retrying the query, or switching to the next server.
- **Dead Time**—Enter the number of minutes that elapse before a non-responsive RADIUS server is bypassed for service requests. If the value is 0, the server is not bypassed.
- **Key String**—Enter the default key string used for authenticating and encrypting between the switch and the RADIUS server. This key must match the key configured on the RADIUS server. A key string is used to encrypt communications by using MD5.
- **Source IPv4 Address**—Enter the source IPv4 address to be used.
- **Source IPv6 Address**—Enter the source IPv6 address to be used.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The RADIUS default settings for the switch are updated in the Running Configuration file.

To add a RADIUS server, click **Add**. The *Add RADIUS Server* page is displayed.

**STEP 5** Enter the values in the fields for each server. To use the default values entered in the *RADIUS* page, select **Use Default**.

- **IP Version**—If the RADIUS server will be identified by IP address, select either IPv4 or IPv6, to indicate that it will be entered in the selected format.
- **IPv6 Address Type**—Displays that IPv6 address type is Global.
- **Server IP Address/Name**—Select whether to specify the RADIUS server by IP address or name.

- **Priority**—Enter the priority of the server. The priority determines the order the switch attempts to contact the servers to authenticate a user. The switch will start with the highest priority RADIUS server first. Zero is the highest priority.
- **Source IP Address**—(For Layer 3 mode) Select to use either the default source address or select one of the available IP addresses.
- **Key String**—Enter the key string used for authenticating and encrypting communication between the switch and the RADIUS server. This key must match the key configured on the RADIUS server. If **Use Default** is selected, the switch attempts to authenticate to the RADIUS server by using the default Key String.
- **Timeout for Reply**—Enter the number of seconds the switch waits for an answer from the RADIUS server before retrying the query, or switching to the next server if the maximum number of retries were made. If **Use Default** is selected, the switch uses the default timeout value.
- **Authentication Port**—Enter the UDP port number of the RADIUS server port for authentication requests.
- **Accounting Port**—Enter the UDP port number of the RADIUS server port for accounting requests.
- **Retries**—Enter the number of requests that are sent to the RADIUS server before a failure is considered to have occurred. If **Use Default** is selected, the switch uses the default value for the number of retries.
- **Dead Time**—Enter the number of minutes that must pass before a non-responsive RADIUS server is bypassed for service requests. If **Use Default** is selected, the switch uses the default value for the dead time. If you enter 0 minutes, there is no dead time.
- **Usage Type**—Enter the RADIUS server authentication type. The options are:
  - *Login*—RADIUS server is used for authenticating users that ask to administer the switch.
  - *802.1X*—RADIUS server is used for 802.1x authentication.
  - *All*—RADIUS server is used for authenticating user that ask to administer the switch and for 802.1X authentication.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The RADIUS server definition is added to the Running Configuration file of the switch.

## Key Management

See [Chapter 23, “Key Management”](#). Covered in the RIP Chapter.

## Configuring Management Access Authentication

You can assign authentication methods to the various management access methods, such as SSH, console, Telnet, HTTP, and HTTPS. The authentication can be performed locally or on a TACACS+ or RADIUS server.

For the RADIUS server to grant access to the web-based switch configuration utility, the RADIUS server must return `cisco-avpair = shell:priv-lvl=15`.

User authentication occurs in the order that the authentication methods are selected. If the first authentication method is not available, the next selected method is used. For example, if the selected authentication methods are RADIUS and Local, and all configured RADIUS servers are queried in priority order and do not reply, the user is authenticated locally.

If an authentication method fails or the user has insufficient privilege level, the user is denied access to the switch. In other words, if authentication fails at an authentication method, the switch stops the authentication attempt; it does not continue and does not attempt to use the next authentication method.

To define authentication methods for an access method:

- STEP 1** Click **Security > Management Access Authentication**. The *Management Access Authentication* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select an access method from the **Application** list.
- STEP 3** Use the arrows to move the authentication method between the **Optional Methods** column and the **Selected Methods** column. The first method selected is the first method that is used.
  - **RADIUS**—User is authenticated on a RADIUS server. You must have configured one or more RADIUS servers.
  - **TACACS+**—User authenticated on the TACACS+ server. You must have configured one or more TACACS+ servers.

- *None*—User is allowed to access the switch without authentication.
- *Local*—Username and password are checked against the data stored on the local switch. These username and password pairs are defined in the *User Accounts* page.

**NOTE** The **Local** or **None** authentication method must always be selected last. All authentication methods selected after **Local** or **None** are ignored.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The selected authentication methods are associated with the access method.

## Defining Access Profiles

Access profiles determine how to authenticate and authorize users accessing the switch through various access methods. Access Profiles can limit management access from specific sources.

Only users who pass both the active access profile and the management access authentication methods are given management access to the switch.

There can only be a single access profile active on the switch at one time.

Access profiles consist of one or more rules. The rules are executed in order of their priority within the access profile (top to bottom).

Rules are composed of filters that include the following elements:

- **Access Methods**—Methods for accessing and managing the switch:
  - Telnet
  - Secure Telnet (SSH)
  - Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)
  - Secure HTTP (HTTPS)
  - Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
  - All of the above
- **Action**—Permit or deny access to an interface or source address.

- **Interface**—Which ports, LAGs, or VLANs are permitted to access or are denied access to the web-based switch configuration utility.
- **Source IP Address**—IP addresses or subnets. Access to management methods might differ among user groups. For example, one user group might be able to access the switch module only by using an HTTPS session, while another user group might be able to access the switch module by using both HTTPS and Telnet sessions.

## Active Access Profile

The *Access Profiles* page displays the access profiles that are defined and enables selecting one access profile to be the active one.

When a user attempts to access the switch through an access method, the switch looks to see if the active access profile explicitly permits management access to the switch through this method. If no match is found, access is denied.

When an attempt to access the switch is in violation of the active access profile, the switch generates a SYSLOG message to alert the system administrator of the attempt.

If a console-only access profile has been activated, the only way to deactivate it is through a direct connection from the management station to the physical console port on the switch.

For more information see Defining Profile Rules.

Use the *Access Profiles* page to create an access profile and to add its first rule. If the access profile only contains a single rule, you are finished. To add additional rules to the profile, use the Profile Rules page.

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**STEP 1** Click **Security > Mgmt Access Method > Access Profiles**. The *Access Profiles* page is displayed.

This page displays all of the access profiles, active and inactive.

**STEP 2** To change the active access profile, select a profile from the **Active Access Profile** drop down menu and click **Apply**. This makes the chosen profile the active access profile.

**NOTE** A caution message is displayed if you selected Console Only. If you continue, you are immediately disconnected from the web-based switch configuration utility and can access the switch only through the console port. This only applies to device types that offer a console port.

A caution message displays if you selected any other access profile, warning you that, depending on the selected access profile, you might be disconnected from the web-based switch configuration utility.

- STEP 3** Click **OK** to select the active access profile or click **Cancel** to discontinue the action.
- STEP 4** Click **Add** to open the *Add Access Profile* page. The page allows you to configure a new profile and one rule.
- STEP 5** Enter the parameters.
- **Access Profile Name**—Enter an access profile name. The access profile name can contain up to 32 characters.
  - **Rule Priority**—Enter the rule priority. When the packet is matched to a rule, user groups are either granted or denied access to the switch. The rule priority is essential to matching packets to rules, as packets are matched on a first-match basis. One is the highest priority.
  - **Management Method**—Select the management method for which the rule is defined. The options are:
    - *All*—Assigns all management methods to the rule.
    - *Telnet*—Users requesting access to the switch who meet the Telnet access profile criteria are permitted or denied access.
    - *Secure Telnet (SSH)*—Users requesting access to the switch who meet the SSH access profile criteria, are permitted or denied access.
    - *HTTP*—Users requesting access to the switch who meet the HTTP access profile criteria, are permitted or denied.
    - *Secure HTTP (HTTPS)*—Users requesting access to the switch who meet the HTTPS access profile criteria, are permitted or denied.
    - *SNMP*—Users requesting access to the switch who meet the SNMP access profile criteria are permitted or denied.
  - **Action**—Select the action attached to the rule. The options are:
    - *Permit*—Permits access to the switch if the user matches the settings in the profile.
    - *Deny*—Denies access to the switch if the user matches the settings in the profile.

- **Applies to Interface**—Select the interface attached to the rule. The options are:
    - *All*—Applies to all ports, VLANs, and LAGs.
    - *User Defined*—Applies to selected interface.
  - **Interface**—Enter the interface number if User Defined was selected.
  - **Applies to Source IP Address**—Select the type of source IP address to which the access profile applies. The *Source IP Address* field is valid for a subnetwork. Select one of the following values:
    - *All*—Applies to all types of IP addresses.
    - *User Defined*—Applies to only those types of IP addresses defined in the fields.
  - **IP Version**—Select the supported IP version of the source address, IPv6 or IPv4.
  - **IP Address**—Enter the source IP address.
  - **Mask**—Select the format for the subnet mask for the source IP address, and enter a value in one of the fields:
    - *Network Mask*—Select the subnet to which the source IP address belongs and enter the subnet mask in dotted decimal format.
    - *Prefix Length*—Select the Prefix Length and enter the number of bits that comprise the source IP address prefix.
- STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The access profile is written to the Running Configuration file. You can now select this access profile as the active access profile.

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## Defining Profile Rules

Access profiles can contain up to 128 rules to determine who is permitted to manage and access the switch, and the access methods that may be used.

Each rule in an access profile contains an action and criteria (one or more parameters) to match. Each rule has a priority; rules with the lowest priority are checked first. If the incoming packet matches a rule, the action associated with the rule is performed. If no matching rule is found within the active access profile, the packet is dropped.

For example, you can limit access to the switch from all IP addresses except IP addresses that are allocated to the IT management center. In this way, the switch can still be managed and has gained another layer of security.

To add profile rules to an access profile:

**STEP 1** Click **Security > Mgmt Access Method > Profile Rules**. The *Profiles Rules* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Select the Filter field, and an access profile. Click **Go**.

The selected access profile is displayed in the Profile Rule Table.

**STEP 3** Click **Add** to add a rule to it. The *Add Profile Rule* page is displayed.

**STEP 4** Enter the parameters.

- **Access Profile Name**—Select an access profile.
- **Rule Priority**—Enter the rule priority. When the packet is matched to a rule, user groups are either granted or denied access to the switch. The rule priority is essential to matching packets to rules, as packets are matched on a first-fit basis.
- **Management Method**—Select the management method for which the rule is defined. The options are:
  - *All*—Assigns all management methods to the rule.
  - *Telnet*—Users requesting access to the switch who meet the Telnet access profile criteria are permitted or denied access.
  - *Secure Telnet (SSH)*—Users requesting access to the switch who meet the Telnet access profile criteria, are permitted or denied access.
  - *HTTP*—Assigns HTTP access to the rule. Users requesting access to the switch who meet the HTTP access profile criteria, are permitted or denied.
  - *Secure HTTP (HTTPS)*—Users requesting access to the switch who meet the HTTPS access profile criteria, are permitted or denied.
  - *SNMP*—Users requesting access to the switch who meet the SNMP access profile criteria are permitted or denied.

- **Action**—Select **Permit** to permit the users that attempt to access the switch by using the configured access method from the interface and IP source defined in this rule. Or select **Deny** to deny access.
- **Applies to Interface**—Select the interface attached to the rule. The options are:
  - *All*—Applies to all ports, VLANs, and LAGs.
  - *User Defined*—Applies only to the port, VLAN, or LAG selected.
- **Interface**—Enter the interface number.
- **Applies to Source IP Address**—Select the type of source IP address to which the access profile applies. The *Source IP Address* field is valid for a subnetwork. Select one of the following values:
  - *All*—Applies to all types of IP addresses.
  - *User Defined*—Applies to only those types of IP addresses defined in the fields.
- **IP Version**—Select the supported IP version of the source address: IPv6 or IPv4.
- **IP Address**—Enter the source IP address.
- **Mask**—Select the format for the subnet mask for the source IP address, and enter a value in one of the field:
  - *Network Mask*—Select the subnet to which the source IP address belongs and enter the subnet mask in dotted decimal format.
  - *Prefix Length*—Select the Prefix Length and enter the number of bits that comprise the source IP address prefix.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**, and the rule is added to the access profile.

## Configuring TCP/UDP Services

The *TCP/UDP Services* page enables TCP or UDP-based services on the switch, usually for security reasons.

The switch offers the following TCP/UDP services:

- **HTTP**—Enabled by factory default
- **HTTPS**—Disabled by factory default
- **SNMP**—Disabled by factory default
- **Telnet**—Disabled by factory default
- **SSH**—Disabled by factory default

The active TCP connections are also displayed in this window.

To configure TCP/UDP services:

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**STEP 1** Click **Security > TCP/UDP Services**. The *TCP/UDP Services* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Enable or disable the following TCP/UDP services on the displayed services.

- **HTTP Service**—Indicates whether the HTTP service is enabled or disabled.
- **HTTPS Service**—Indicates whether the HTTPS service is enabled or disabled.
- **SNMP Service**—Indicates whether the SNMP service is enabled or disabled.
- **Telnet Service**—Indicates whether the Telnet service is enabled or disabled.
- **SSH Service**—Indicates whether the SSH service is enabled or disabled.

The TCP Service Table displays the following fields for each service:

- **Service Name**—Access method through which the switch is offering the TCP service.
- **Type**—IP protocol the service uses.
- **Local IP Address**—Local IP address through which the switch is offering the service.
- **Local Port**—Local TCP port through which the switch is offering the service.

- **Remote IP Address**—IP address of the remote device that is requesting the service.
- **Remote Port**—TCP port of the remote device that is requesting the service.
- **State**—Status of the service.

The UDP Services table displays the following information:

- **Service Name**—Access method through which the switch is offering the UDP service.
- **Type**—IP protocol the service uses.
- **Local IP Address**—Local IP address through which the switch is offering the service.
- **Local Port**—Local UDP port through which the switch is offering the service.
- **Application Instance**—The service instance of the UDP service. (For example, when two senders send data to the same destination.)

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The services are written to the Running Configuration file.

## Defining Storm Control

When Broadcast, Multicast, or Unknown Unicast frames are received, they are duplicated, and a copy is sent to all possible egress ports. This means that in practice they are sent to all ports belonging to the relevant VLAN. In this way, one ingress frame is turned into many, creating the potential for a traffic storm.

Storm protection enables you to limit the number of frames entering the switch and to define the types of frames that are counted towards this limit.

When a threshold is entered in the system, the port discards traffic after that threshold is reached. The port remains blocked until the traffic rate drops below this threshold. It then resumes normal forwarding.

To define Storm Control:

**STEP 1** Click **Security > Storm Control**. The *Storm Control* page is displayed.

All the fields on this page are described in the *Edit Storm Control* page except for the **Storm Control Rate Threshold (%)**. It displays the percent of the total available bandwidth for unknown Unicast, Multicast, and Broadcast packets before storm control is applied at the port. The default value is 10% of the maximum rate of the port and is set in the *Edit Storm Control* page.

**STEP 2** Select a port and click **Edit**. The *Edit Storm Control* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Interface**—Select the port for which storm control is enabled.
- **Storm Control**—Select to enable Storm Control.
- **Storm Control Rate Threshold**—Enter the maximum rate at which unknown packets can be forwarded. The default for this threshold is 10,000 for FE devices and 100,000 for GE devices.
- **Storm Control Mode**—Select one of the modes:
  - *Unknown Unicast, Multicast & Broadcast*—Counts unknown Unicast, Broadcast, and Multicast traffic towards the bandwidth threshold.
  - *Multicast & Broadcast*—Counts Broadcast and Multicast traffic towards the bandwidth threshold.
  - *Broadcast Only*—Counts only Broadcast traffic towards the bandwidth threshold.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. Storm control is modified, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

## Configuring Port Security

Network security can be increased by limiting access on a port to users with specific MAC addresses. The MAC addresses can be either dynamically learned or statically configured.

Port security monitors received and learned packets. Access to locked ports is limited to users with specific MAC addresses.

Port Security has two modes:

- **Classic Lock**—All learned MAC addresses on the port are locked, and the port does not learn any new MAC addresses. The learned addresses are not subject to aging or re-learning.
- **Limited Dynamic Lock**—The switch learns MAC addresses up to the configured limit of allowed addresses. After the limit is reached, the switch does not learn additional addresses. In this mode, the addresses are subject to aging and re-learning.

When a frame from a new MAC address is detected on a port where it is not authorized (the port is classically locked, and there is a new MAC address, or the port is dynamically locked, and the maximum number of allowed addresses has been exceeded), the protection mechanism is invoked, and one of the following actions can take place:

- Frame is discarded
- Frame is forwarded
- Port is shut down

When the secure MAC address is seen on another port, the frame is forwarded, but the MAC address is not learned on that port.

In addition to one of these actions, you can also generate traps, and limit their frequency and number to avoid overloading the devices.

**NOTE** If you want to use 802.1X on a port, it must be in multiple host or multi session modes. Port security on a port cannot be set if the port is in single mode (see the *802.1x, Host and Session Authentication* page).

To configure port security:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > Port Security**. The *Port Security* page is displayed. Port Security Page
- STEP 2** Select an interface to be modified, and click **Edit**. The *Edit Port Security Interface Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 3** Enter the parameters.
- **Interface**—Select the interface name.
  - **Interface Status**—Select to lock the port.
  - **Learning Mode**—Select the type of port locking. To configure this field, the Interface Status must be unlocked. The Learning Mode field is enabled only if the *Interface Status* field is locked. To change the Learning Mode, the Lock Interface must be cleared. After the mode is changed, the Lock Interface can be reinstated. The options are:
    - *Classic Lock*—Locks the port immediately, regardless of the number of addresses that have already been learned.
    - *Limited Dynamic Lock*—Locks the port by deleting the current dynamic MAC addresses associated with the port. The port learns up to the maximum addresses allowed on the port. Both re-learning and aging of MAC addresses are enabled.
  - **Max No. of Addresses Allowed**—Enter the maximum number of MAC addresses that can be learned on the port if *Limited Dynamic Lock* learning mode is selected. The number 0 indicates that only static addresses are supported on the interface.
  - **Action on Violation**—Select an action to be applied to packets arriving on a locked port. The options are:
    - *Discard*—Discards packets from any unlearned source.
    - *Forward*—Forwards packets from an unknown source without learning the MAC address.
    - *Shutdown*—Discards packets from any unlearned source, and shuts down the port. The port remains shut down until reactivated, or until the switch is rebooted.

- **Trap**—Select to enable traps when a packet is received on a locked port. This is relevant for lock violations. For Classic Lock, this is any new address received. For Limited Dynamic Lock, this is any new address that exceeds the number of allowed addresses.
- **Trap Frequency**—Enter minimum time (in seconds) that elapses between traps.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. Port security is modified, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

## Configuring 802.1X

Port-based access control has the effect of creating two types of access on the switch ports. One point of access enables uncontrolled communication, regardless of the authorization state (*uncontrolled port*). The other point of access authorizes communication between a host and the switch.

The 802.1x is an IEEE standard for port-based network access control. The 802.1x framework enables a device (the supplicant) to request port access from a remote device (authenticator) to which it is connected. Only when the supplicant requesting port access is authenticated and authorized is it permitted to send data to the port. Otherwise, the authenticator discards the supplicant data unless the data is sent to a Guest VLAN and/or non-authenticated VLANs.

Authentication of the supplicant is performed by an external RADIUS server through the authenticator. The authenticator monitors the result of the authentication.

In the 802.1x standard, a device can be a supplicant and an authenticator at a port simultaneously, requesting port access and granting port access. However, this device is only the authenticator, and does not take on the role of a supplicant.

The following varieties of 802.1X exist:

- **Single session 802.1X:**
  - **A1**—Single-session/single host. In this mode, the switch, as an authenticator, supports a single 802.1x session and grants permission to use the port to the authorized supplicant. All access by other devices received from the same port are denied until the authorized supplicant is

no longer using the port or the access is to the unauthenticated VLAN or guest VLAN.

- **Single session/multiple hosts**—This follows the 802.1x standard. In this mode, the switch as an authenticator allows any device to use a port as long as it has been granted permission.
- **Multi-Session 802.1X**—Every device (supplicant) connecting to a port must be authenticated and authorized by the switch (authenticator) separately in a different 802.1x session. This is the only mode that supports Dynamic VLAN Assignment (DVA).

**NOTE** DVA is not supported when the switch is in Layer 3 mode.

### Dynamic VLAN Assignment (DVA)

Dynamic VLAN Assignment (DVA) is also referred to as RADIUS VLAN Assignment in this guide. When a port is in Multiple Session mode and is DVA-enabled, the switch automatically adds the port as an untagged member of the VLAN that is assigned by the RADIUS server during the authentication process. The switch classifies untagged packets to the assigned VLAN if the packets originated from the devices or ports that are authenticated and authorized.

For a device to be authenticated and authorized at a port which is DVA-enabled:

- The RADIUS server must authenticate the device and dynamically assign a VLAN to the device.
- The assigned VLAN must not be the default VLAN and must have been created on the switch.
- The switch must not be configured to use both a DVA and a MAC-based VLAN group together.
- A RADIUS server must support DVA with RADIUS attributes tunnel-type (64) = VLAN (13), tunnel-media-type (65) = 802 (6), and tunnel-private-group-id = a VLAN ID.
- Authentication Methods

The authentication methods can be:

- **802.1x**—The switch supports the authentication mechanism as described in the standard to authenticate and authorize 802.1x supplicants.
- **MAC-based**—The switch can be configured to use this mode to authenticate and authorized devices that do not support 802.1x. The switch emulates the supplicant role on behalf of the non 802.1x capable devices,

and uses the MAC address of the devices as the username and password when communicating with the RADIUS servers. MAC addresses for username and password must be entered in lower case and with no delimiting characters (for example: aaccbb55ccff). To use MAC-based authentication at a port:

- A Guest VLAN must be defined
- The port must be Guest VLAN enabled.
- The packets from the first supplicant at the port before it is authorized must be untagged packets.

You can configure a port to use 802.1x, MAC-based, or 802.1x and MAC-based authentication. If a port is configured to use both 802.1x and MAC-based authentication, 802.1x supplicant has precedence over non-802.1x device. The 802.1x supplicant preempts an authorized but non-802.1x device at a port that is configured with a single session.

### Unauthenticated VLANs and the Guest VLAN

Unauthenticated VLANs and Guest VLAN provide access to services that do not require the subscribing devices or ports to be 802.1x or MAC-Based authenticated and authorized.

An unauthenticated VLAN is a VLAN that allows access by both authorized and unauthorized devices or ports. You can configure one or more VLAN to be an unauthenticated in the [Creating VLANs](#) section in the [VLAN Management](#) section. An unauthenticated VLAN has the following characteristics:

- It must be a static VLAN, and cannot be the Guest VLAN or the Default VLAN.
- The member ports must be manually configured as tagged members.
- The member ports must be trunk and/or general ports. An access port cannot be member of an unauthenticated VLAN.

The Guest VLAN, if configured, is a static VLAN with the following characteristics.

- Must be manually defined from an existing static VLAN.
- Is automatically available only to unauthorized devices or ports of devices that are connected and Guest-VLAN-enabled.
- If a port is Guest-VLAN-enabled, the switch automatically adds the port as untagged member of the Guest VLAN when the port is not authorized, and removes the port from the Guest VLAN when the first supplicant of the port is authorized.

- The Guest VLAN cannot be used as the Voice VLAN and an unauthenticated VLAN.

The switch also uses the Guest VLAN for the authentication process at ports configured with Multiple Session mode and MAC-based authentication. Therefore, you must configure a Guest VLAN before you can use the MAC authentication mode.

## 802.1X Parameters Workflow

Define the 802.1X parameters as follows:

- (Optional) Set a time range(s) using the *Time Range and Recurring Range* pages. These are used in the *Edit Port Authentication* page.
- (Optional) Define one or more static VLANs as unauthenticated VLANs as described in the **Defining 802.1X Properties** section. 802.1x authorized and unauthorized devices or ports can always send or receive packets to or from unauthenticated VLANs.
- Define 802.1X settings for each port by using the *Edit Port Authentication* page.

Note the following:

- On this page, DVA can be activated on a port by selecting the RADIUS VLAN Assignment field.
- You can select the Guest VLAN field to have untagged incoming frames go to the guest VLAN.
- Define host authentication parameters for each port using the *Port Authentication* page.
- View 802.1X authentication history using the *Authenticated Hosts* page.

## Defining 802.1X Properties

The *802.1X Properties* page is used to globally enable 802.1X and define how ports will be authenticated. For 802.1X to function, it must be activated both globally and individually on each port.

To define port-based authentication:

**STEP 1** Click **Security > 802.1X > Properties**. The *Properties* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

- **Port-Based Authentication**—Enable or disable port-based, 802.1X authentication.
- **Authentication Method**—Select the user authentication methods. The options are:
  - *RADIUS, None*—Perform port authentication first by using the RADIUS server. If no response is received from RADIUS (for example, if the server is down), then no authentication is performed, and the session is permitted. If the server is available but the user credentials are incorrect, access will be denied and the session terminated.
  - *RADIUS*—Authenticate the user on the RADIUS server. If no authentication is performed, the session is not permitted.
  - *None*—Do not authenticate the user. Permit the session.
- **Guest VLAN**—Select to enable the use of a Guest VLAN for unauthorized ports. If a Guest VLAN is enabled, all unauthorized ports automatically join the VLAN selected in the *Guest VLAN ID* field. If a port is later authorized, it is removed from the Guest VLAN.
- **Guest VLAN ID**—Select the guest VLAN from the list of VLANs.
- **Guest VLAN Timeout**—Define a time period:
  - After linkup, if the software does not detect the 802.1X supplicant, or the authentication has failed, the port is added to the Guest VLAN, only after the *Guest VLAN timeout* period has expired.
  - If the port state changes from *Authorized* to *Not Authorized*, the port is added to the Guest VLAN only after the *Guest VLAN* timeout has expired.

The VLAN Authentication Table displays all VLANs, and indicates whether authentication has been enabled on them.

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**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The 802.1X properties are written to the Running Configuration file.

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### *Configuring Unauthenticated VLANs*

When a port is 802.1x-enabled, unauthorized ports or devices are not allowed to access a VLAN unless the VLAN is a Guest VLAN or an unauthenticated VLAN. You can make a static VLAN an authenticated VLAN by using the procedure in the **Defining 802.1X Properties** section, allowing both 802.1x authorized and unauthorized devices or ports to send or receive packets to or from unauthenticated VLANs. You must manually add ports to VLANs by using the *Port to VLAN* page.

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**STEP 1** Click **Security > 802.1X > Properties**. The *Properties* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Select a VLAN, and click **Edit**. The *Edit VLAN Authentication* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Select a VLAN.

**STEP 4** Optionally, uncheck **Authentication** to make the VLAN an unauthenticated VLAN.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

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### **Defining 802.1X Port Authentication**

The *Port Authentication* page enables configuration of 802.1X parameters for each port. Since some of the configuration changes are only possible while the port is in *Force Authorized* state, such as host authentication, it is recommended that you change the port control to *Force Authorized* before making changes. When the configuration is complete, return the port control to its previous state.

**NOTE** A port with 802.1x defined on it cannot become a member of a LAG.

To define 802.1X authentication:

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**STEP 1** Click **Security > 802.1X > Port Authentication**. The *Port Authentication* page is displayed.

This page displays authentication settings for all ports.

**STEP 2** Select a port, and click **Edit**. The *Edit Port Authentication* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Interface**—Select a port.
- **User Name**—Displays the username of the port.
- **Current Port Control**—Displays the current port authorization state. If the state is *Authorized*, the port is either authenticated or the *Administrative Port Control* is *Force Authorized*. Conversely, if the state is *Unauthorized*, then the port is either not authenticated or the *Administrative Port Control* is *Force Unauthorized*.
- **Administrative Port Control**—Select the Administrative Port Authorization state. The options are:
  - *Force Unauthorized*—Denies the interface access by moving the interface into the unauthorized state. The switch does not provide authentication services to the client through the interface.
  - *Auto*—Enables port-based authentication and authorization on the switch. The interface moves between an authorized or unauthorized state based on the authentication exchange between the switch and the client.
  - *Force Authorized*—Authorizes the interface without authentication.
- **RADIUS VLAN Assignment**—Select to enable Dynamic VLAN assignment on the selected port. Dynamic VLAN assignment is possible only when the 802.1X mode is set to multiple session. (After authentication, the port joins the supplicant VLAN as an untagged port in that VLAN.)

**TIP** For the Dynamic VLAN Assignment feature to work, the switch requires the following VLAN attributes to be sent by the RADIUS server (as defined in RFC 3580):

- [64] Tunnel-Type = VLAN (type 13)
- [65] Tunnel-Medium-Type = 802 (type 6)
- [81] Tunnel-Private-Group-Id = VLAN ID
- **Guest VLAN**—Select to indicate that the usage of a previously-defined Guest VLAN is enabled for the switch. The options are:

- *Selected*—Enables using a Guest VLAN for unauthorized ports. If a Guest VLAN is enabled, the unauthorized port automatically joins the VLAN selected in the *Guest VLAN ID* field in the *802.1X Port Authentication* page.

After an authentication failure, and if Guest VLAN is activated globally on a given port, the guest VLAN is automatically assigned to the unauthorized ports as an Untagged VLAN.

- *Cleared*—Disables Guest VLAN on the port.
- **Authentication Method**—Select the authentication method for the port. The options are:
  - *802.1X Only*—802.1X authentication is the only authentication method performed on the port.
  - *MAC Only*—Port is authenticated based on the supplicant MAC address. Only 8 MAC-based authentications can be used on the port.
  - *802.1X and MAC*—Both 802.1X and MAC-based authentication are performed on the switch. The 802.1X authentication takes precedence.

**NOTE** For MAC authentication to succeed, the RADIUS server supplicant username and password must be the supplicant MAC address. The MAC address must be in lower case letters and entered without the “:” or “-” separators; for example: 0020aa00bbcc.

- **Periodic Reauthentication**—Select to enable port re-authentication attempts after the specified Reauthentication Period.
- **Reauthentication Period**—Enter the number of seconds after which the selected port is reauthenticated.
- **Reauthenticate Now**—Select to enable immediate port re-authentication.
- **Authenticator State**—Displays the defined port authorization state. The options are:
  - *Force-Authorized*—Controlled port state is set to Force-Authorized (forward traffic).
  - *Force-Unauthorized*—Controlled port state is set to Force-Unauthorized (discard traffic).

**NOTE** If the port is not in Force-Authorized or Force-Unauthorized, it is in Auto Mode and the authenticator displays the state of the authentication in progress. After the port is authenticated, the state is shown as Authenticated.

- **Time Range**—Enable a limit on the time that the specific port is authorized for use if 802.1x has been enabled (Port -Based authentication is checked).
- **Time Range Name**—Select the profile that specifies the time range.
- **Quiet Period**—Enter the number of seconds that the switch remains in the quiet state following a failed authentication exchange.
- **Resending EAP**—Enter the number of seconds that the switch waits for a response to an Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) request/identity frame from the supplicant (client) before resending the request.
- **Max EAP Requests**—Enter the maximum number of EAP requests that can be sent. If a response is not received after the defined period (supplicant timeout), the authentication process is restarted.
- **Supplicant Timeout**—Enter the number of seconds that lapses before EAP requests are resent to the supplicant.
- **Server Timeout**—Enter the number of seconds that lapses before the switch resends a request to the authentication server.
- **Termination Cause**—Displays the reason for which the port authentication was terminated, if applicable.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The port settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Defining Host and Session Authentication

The *Host and Session Authentication* page enables defining the mode in which 802.1X operates on the port and the action to perform if a violation has been detected.

The 802.1X modes are:

- **Single**—Only a single authorized host can access the port. (Port Security cannot be enabled on a port in single-host mode.)
- **Multiple Host (802.1X)**—Multiple hosts can be attached to a single 802.1X-enabled port. Only the first host must be authorized, and then the port is

open for all who want to access the network. If the host authentication fails, or an EAPOL-logoff message is received, all attached clients are denied access to the network.

- **Multiple Sessions**—Enables the number of specific authorized hosts to access the port. Each host is treated as if it were the first and only user and must be authenticated. Filtering is based on the source MAC address.

To define 802.1X advanced settings for ports:

**STEP 1** Click **Security > 802.1X > Host and Session Authentication**. The *Host and Session Authentication* page is displayed.

802.1X authentication parameters are described for all ports. All fields except the following are described in the *Edit Host and Session Authentication* page.

- **Status**—Displays the host status. An asterisk indicates that the port is either not linked or is down. The options are:
  - *Unauthorized*—Either the port control is *Force Unauthorized* and the port link is down, or the port control is *Auto* but a client has not been authenticated via the port.
  - *Force-Authorized*—Clients have full port access.
  - *Single-host Lock*—Port control is *Auto* and only a single client has been authenticated by using the port.
  - *No Single Host*—Port control is *Auto* and Multiple Hosts mode is enabled. At least one client has been authenticated.
  - *Not in Auto Mode*—Auto port control is not enabled.
- **Number of Violations**—Displays the number of packets that arrive on the interface in single-host mode, from a host whose MAC address is not the supplicant MAC address.

**STEP 2** Select a port, and click **Edit**. The *Edit Host and Session Authentication* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Interface**—Enter a port number for which host authentication is enabled.
- **Host Authentication**—Select one of the modes. These modes are described above in *Defining Host and Session Authentication*.

**NOTE** The following fields are only relevant if you select *Single* in the *Host Authentication* field.

Single Host Violation Settings:

- **Action on Violation**—Select the action to be applied to packets arriving in Single Session/Single Host mode, from a host whose MAC address is not the supplicant MAC address. The options are:
  - *Discard*—Discards the packets.
  - *Forward*—Forwards the packets.
  - *Shutdown*—Discards the packets and shuts down the port. The ports remains shut down until reactivated, or until the switch is rebooted.
- **Traps (on single host violation)**—Select to enable traps.
- **Trap Frequency (on Single Host Violation)**—Defines how often traps are sent to the host. This field can be defined only if multiple hosts are disabled.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Viewing Authenticated Hosts

To view details about authenticated users:

**STEP 1** Click **Security > 802.1X > Authenticated Hosts**. The *Authenticated Hosts* page is displayed.

This page displays the following fields:

- **User Name**—Supplicant names that were authenticated on each port.
- **Port**—Number of the port.
- **Session Time (DD:HH:MM:SS)**—Amount of time that the supplicant was logged on the port.
- **Authentication Method**—Method by which the last session was authenticated. The options are:
  - *None*—No authentication is applied; it is automatically authorized.
  - *RADIUS*—Supplicant was authenticated by a RADIUS server.
- **MAC Address**—Displays the supplicant MAC address.

## Defining Time Ranges

The *Time Range* page enables the definition of a time period during which 802.1X is active on 802.1x-enabled ports. This Time Range must be configured with an absolute start and end time. If a time range has an absolute time range but no recurring range and it is configured to a 802.1x-enabled port, the port is 802.1x active from the absolute start time to the end time.

If a time-range includes both absolute and recurring ranges, the port is activated only if the both absolute start time and the recurring time range have been reached. The port is deactivated if either of the end times have been reached. The recurring time range is added to the absolute time range by using the *Recurring Range* page.

If a time range has one or more recurring ranges and is configured to a 802.1x-enabled port, the port is 802.1x active within the time period(s) defined in the recurring range(s) that are also within the absolute start and end time of the time range.

When a 802.1x-enabled port is out of its assigned time range and/or recurring time range, it is 802.1x inactive and is equivalent to Force Unauthorized.

The switch supports a maximum of 20 absolute time ranges.

All time specifications are interpreted as local time (Daylight Saving Time does not affect this).

To ensure that the time range entries take effect at the desired times, the software clock should be set by the user or by SNTP. If the software clock is not set in this way, the time range is not applied.

A possible use for this feature is if you want to limit access of computers to the network only during business hours, after which they are locked, and access to the rest of the network is blocked.

To add an absolute time range:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > 802.1X > Time Range**. The *Time Range* page is displayed.
  - STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add Time Range* page is displayed.
  - STEP 3** Enter the parameters.
    - **Time Range Name**—Enter a time range name.

- **Absolute Starting Time**—Define the absolute start time:
  - *Immediate*—Click to indicate that the time range starts when the time range is created.
  - *Date and Time*—Select the absolute start date and time.
- **Absolute Ending Time**—Define the absolute end time:
  - *Infinite*—Click to indicate that the time range never ends.
  - *Date and Time*—Select the absolute end date and time.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The time range is created.

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## Defining a Recurring Range

The *Recurring Range* page enables the creation of a recurring range that can then be added to a time range created in the *Time Range* page.

All time specifications are interpreted as local time (Daylight Saving Time does not affect this).

To add a recurring time range:

**STEP 1** Click **Security > 802.1X > Recurring Range**. The *Recurring Range* page is displayed.

This page displays the recurring time ranges that have been defined.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**, and the *Add Recurring Range* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Time Range Name**—Select the time range to which the recurring range will be added.
- **Recurring Starting Time**—Enter the day of the week and the time at which the recurring range begins.
- **Recurring Ending Time**—Enter the day of the week and time on which the recurring range ends.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The recurring range is added to the time range.

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## Denial of Service Prevention

*Denial of Service* (DoS) Prevention increases network security by preventing packets with certain IP address parameters from entering the network.

In addition, DoS Prevention eliminates packets with headers or contents known to be signals of malicious intent.

Denial of Service Prevention enables network managers to:

- Deny packets that contain reserved IP addresses (*Martian Addresses* page)
- Prevent TCP connections from a specific interface (*SYN Filtering* page) and rate limit the packets (*SYN Rate Protection* page)
- Configure the blocking of certain ICMP packets (*ICMP Filtering* page)
- Discard fragmented IP packets from a specific interface (*IP Fragments Filtering* page)
- Deny attacks from Stacheldraht Distribution, Invasor Trojan, and Back Orifice Trojan (*Security Suite Settings* page).

### SCT

The Cisco switch is an advanced switch that handles the following types of traffic, in addition to end-user traffic:

- Management traffic
- Protocol traffic
- Snooping traffic

Unwanted traffic burdens the CPU, and might prevent normal switch operation.

The switch uses the Secure Core Technology (SCT) feature, which ensures that the switch will receive and process management and protocol traffic, no matter how much total traffic is received.

SCT is enabled by default on the device and cannot be disabled.

There are no interactions with other features.

SCT can be monitored in the *Denial of Service > Denial of Service Prevention > Security Suite Settings* page (Details button).

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## Denial of Service Security Suite Settings

**NOTE** Before activating DoS Prevention, you must unbind all Access Control Lists (ACLs) or advanced QoS policies that are bound to a port. ACL and advanced QoS policies are not active when a port has DoS Protection enabled on it.

To configure DoS Prevention global settings and monitor SCT:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > Denial of Service Prevention > Security Suite Settings**. The *Security Suite Settings* displays.
- STEP 2** **CPU Protection Mechanism: Enabled** indicates that SCT is enabled. Click **Details** beside **CPU Utilization** to enable viewing CPU resource utilization information.
- STEP 3** Select **DoS Prevention** to enable the feature.
- **Disable**—Disable the feature.
  - **System-Level Prevention**—Enable that part of the feature that prevents attacks from Stacheldraht Distribution, Invasor Trojan, and Back Orifice Trojan.
- STEP 4** If **System-Level Prevention** or **System-Level and Interface-Level Prevention** is selected, enable one or more of the following DoS Prevention options:
- **Stacheldraht Distribution**—Discards TCP packets with source TCP port equal to 16660.
  - **Invasor Trojan**—Discards TCP packets with destination TCP port equal to 2140 and source TCP port equal to 1024.
  - **Back Orifice Trojan**—Discards UDP packets with destination UDP port equal to 31337 and source UDP port equal to 1024.
- STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The Denial of Service prevention Security Suite settings are written to the Running Configuration file.
- If Interface-Level Prevention is selected, click the appropriate **Edit** button to configure the desired prevention.
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## Defining Martian Addresses

The *Martian Addresses* page enables entering IP addresses that indicate an attack if they are seen on the network. Packets from these addresses are discarded.

The switch supports a set of reserved Martian addresses that are illegal from the point of view of the IP protocol. The supported reserved Martian addresses are:

- Addresses defined to be illegal in the *Martian Addresses* page.
- Addresses that are illegal from the point of view of the protocol, such as loopback addresses, including addresses within the following ranges:
  - **0.0.0.0/8 (Except 0.0.0.0/32 as a Source Address)**—Addresses in this block refer to source hosts on this network.
  - **127.0.0.0/8**—Used as the Internet host loopback address.
  - **192.0.2.0/24**—Used as the TEST-NET in documentation and example codes.
  - **224.0.0.0/4 (As a Source IP Address)**—Used in IPv4 Multicast address assignments, and was formerly known as Class D Address Space.
  - **240.0.0.0/4 (Except 255.255.255.255/32 as a Destination Address)**—Reserved address range, and was formerly known as Class E Address Space.

You can also add new Martian Addresses for DoS prevention. Packets that have a Martian addresses are discarded.

To define Martian addresses:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > Denial of Service Prevention > Martian Addresses**. The *Martian Addresses* page is displayed.
  - STEP 2** Select Reserved Martian Addresses and click **Apply** to include the reserved Martian Addresses in the System Level Prevention list.
  - STEP 3** To add a Martian address click **Add**. The *Add Martian Addresses* page is displayed.
  - STEP 4** Enter the parameters.
    - **IP Version**—Indicates the supported IP version. Currently, support is only offered for IPv4.

- **IP Address**—Enter an IP addresses to reject. The possible values are:
  - *From reserved List*—Select a well-known IP address from the reserved list.
  - *New IP Address*—Enter an IP address.
- **Mask**—Enter the mask of the IP address to define a range of IP addresses to reject. The values are:
  - *Network Mask*—Network mask in dotted decimal format.
  - *Prefix Length*—Enter the prefix of the IP address to define the range of IP addresses for which Denial of Service prevention is enabled.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The Martian addresses are written to the Running Configuration file.

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### Define SYN Filtering

The *SYN Filtering* page enables filtering TCP packets that contain a SYN flag, and are destined for one or more ports.

To define a SYN filter:

**STEP 1** Click **Security > Denial of Service Prevention > SYN Filtering**. The *SYN Filtering* page is displayed. SYN Filtering Page

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add SYN Filtering* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Interface**—Select the interface on which the filter is defined.
- **IPv4 Address**—Enter the IP address for which the filter is defined, or select *All Addresses*.
- **Network Mask**—Enter the network mask for which the filter is enabled in IP address format.
- **TCP Port**—Select the destination TCP port being filtered:
  - *Known Ports*—Select a port from the list.
  - *User Defined*—Enter a port number.
  - *All Ports*—Select to indicate that all ports are filtered.

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- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The SYN filter is defined, and the Running Configuration file is updated.
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### Define SYN Rate Protection

The *SYN Rate Protection* page enables limiting the number of SYN packets received on the ingress port. This can mitigate the effect of a SYN flood against servers, by rate limiting the number of new connections.

This feature is only available when the device is in Layer 2 mode.

To define SYN rate protection:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > Denial of Service Prevention > SYN Rate Protection**. The *SYN Rate Protection* page is displayed.

This page is displayed the SYN rate protection currently defined per interface.

- STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add SYN Rate Protection* page is displayed.

- STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Interface**—Select the interface on which the rate protection is being defined.
- **IP Address**—Enter the IP address for which the SYN rate protection is defined or select *All Addresses*. If you enter the IP address, enter either the mask or prefix length.
- **Network Mask**—Select the format for the subnet mask for the source IP address, and enter a value in one of the field:
  - *Mask*—Select the subnet to which the source IP address belongs and enter the subnet mask in dotted decimal format.
  - *Prefix Length*—Select the Prefix Length and enter the number of bits that comprise the source IP address prefix.
- **SYN Rate Limit**—Enter the number of SYN packets that be received.

- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The SYN rate protection is defined, and the Running Configuration is updated.
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## Define ICMP Filtering

The *ICMP Filtering* page enables the blocking of ICMP packets from certain sources. This can reduce the load on the network in case of an ICMP attack.

To define ICMP filtering:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > Denial of Service Prevention > ICMP Filtering**. The *ICMP Filtering* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add ICMP Filtering* page is displayed.
- STEP 3** Enter the parameters.
- **Interface**—Select the interface on which the ICMP filtering is being defined.
  - **IP Address**—Enter the IPv4 address for which the ICMP packet filtering is activated or select *All Addresses* to block ICMP packets from all source addresses. If you enter the IP address, enter either the mask or prefix length.
  - **Network Mask**—Select the format for the subnet mask for the source IP address, and enter a value in one of the field:
    - *Mask*—Select the subnet to which the source IP address belongs and enter the subnet mask in dotted decimal format.
    - *Prefix Length*—Select the Prefix Length and enter the number of bits that comprise the source IP address prefix.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The ICMP filtering is defined, and the Running Configuration is updated.
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## Define IP Fragmented Blocking

The *IP Fragmented* page enables blocking fragmented IP packets.

To configure fragmented IP blocking:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > Denial of Service Prevention > IP Fragments Filtering**. The *IP Fragments Filtering* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add IP Fragments Filtering* page is displayed.
- STEP 3** Enter the parameters.
- **Interface**—Select the interface on which the IP fragmentation is being defined.
  - **IP Address**—Enter an IP network from which the fragmented IP packets is filtered or select *All Addresses* to block IP fragmented packets from all addresses. If you enter the IP address, enter either the mask or prefix length.
  - **Network Mask**—Select the format for the subnet mask for the source IP address, and enter a value in one of the field:
    - *Mask*—Select the subnet to which the source IP address belongs and enter the subnet mask in dotted decimal format.
    - *Prefix Length*—Select the Prefix Length and enter the number of bits that comprise the source IP address prefix.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The IP fragmentation is defined, and the Running Configuration file is updated.
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## Defining DHCP Snooping

This information can be found in the following location:

**Chapter 19, “DHCP Snooping and DHCP Relay”**

## IP Source Guard

IP Source Guard is a security feature that can be used to prevent traffic attacks caused when a host tries to use the IP address of its neighbor.

When IP Source Guard is enabled, the switch only transmits client IP traffic to IP addresses contained in the DHCP Snooping Binding database. This includes both addresses added by DHCP Snooping and manually-added entries.

If the packet matches an entry in the database, the switch forwards it. If not, it is dropped.

### Interactions with Other Features

The following points are relevant to IP Source Guard:

- DHCP Snooping must be globally enabled in order to enable IP Source Guard on an interface.
- IP source guard can be active on an interface only if:
  - DHCP Snooping is enabled on at least one of the port's VLANs
  - The interface is DHCP untrusted. All packets on trusted ports are forwarded.
- If a port is DHCP trusted, filtering of static IP addresses can be configured, even though IP Source Guard is not active in that condition by enabling IP Source Guard on the port.
- When the port's status changes from DHCP untrusted to DHCP trusted, the static IP address filtering entries remain in the Binding database, but they become inactive.
- Port security cannot be enabled if source IP and MAC address filtering is configured on a port.
- IP Source Guard uses TCAM resources and requires a single TCAM rule per IP Source Guard address entry. If the number of IP Source Guard entries exceeds the number of available TCAM rules, the extra addresses are inactive.

### Filtering

If IP Source Guard is enabled on a port then:

- DHCP packets allowed by DHCP Snooping are permitted.
- If source IP address filtering is enabled:
  - IPv4 traffic: Only traffic with a source IP address that is associated with the port is permitted.
  - Non IPv4 traffic: Permitted (Including ARP packets).

## Configuring IP Source Guard Work Flow

To configure IP Source Guard:

- STEP 1** Enable DHCP Snooping in the **IP Configuration > DHCP > Properties** page or in the **Security > DHCP Snooping > Properties** page.
- STEP 2** Define the VLANs on which DHCP Snooping is enabled in the **IP Configuration > DHCP > Interface Settings** page.
- STEP 3** Configure interfaces as trusted or untrusted in the **IP Configuration > DHCP > DHCP Snooping Interface** page.
- STEP 4** Enable IP Source Guard in the **Security > IP Source Guard > Properties** page.
- STEP 5** Enable IP Source Guard on the untrusted interfaces as required in the **Security > IP Source Guard > Interface Settings** page.
- STEP 6** View entries to the Binding database in the **Security > IP Source Guard > Binding Database** page.

## Enabling IP Source Guard

To enable IP Source Guard globally:

- STEP 1** Click **Security > IP Source Guard > Properties**. The *Properties* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select **Enable** to enable IP Source Guard globally.

## Configuring IP Source Guard on Interfaces

If IP Source Guard is enabled on an untrusted port/LAG, DHCP packets, allowed by DHCP Snooping, are transmitted. If source IP address filtering is enabled, packet transmission is permitted as follows:

- **IPv4 traffic** — Only IPv4 traffic with a source IP address that is associated with the specific port is permitted.
- **Non IPv4 traffic** — All non-IPv4 traffic is permitted.

See the [Interactions with Other Features](#) section for more information about enabling IP Source Guard on interfaces.

To configure IP Source Guard on interfaces:

- STEP 1** Click **Security > IP Source Guard > Interface Settings**. The *Interface Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select port/LAG from the **Filter** field and click **Go**. The ports/LAGs on this unit are displayed along with the following:
  - **IP Source Guard** —Indicates whether IP Source Guard is enabled on the port.
  - **DHCP Snooping Trusted Interface**—Indicates whether this is a DHCP trusted interface.
- STEP 3** Select the port/LAG and click **Edit**. The *Edit Interface Settings* page is displayed. Select **Enable** in the **IP Source Guard** field to enable IP Source Guard on the interface.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply** to copy the setting to the Running Configuration file.

## DHCP Snooping Binding Database

IP Source Guard uses the DHCP Snooping Binding database to check packets from untrusted ports. If the switch attempts to write too many entries to the DHCP Snooping Binding database, the excessive entries are maintained in an inactive status. Entries are deleted when their lease time expires and so inactive entries may be made active.

**NOTE** The *Binding Database* page **only** displays the entries in the DHCP Snooping Binding database defined on IP-Source-Guard-enabled ports.

To view the DHCP Snooping Binding database, see TCAM usage and set inactive entry activation:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > IP Source Guard > Binding Database**. The *Binding Database* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** The DHCP Snooping Binding database uses TCAM resources for managing the database. Complete the **Insert Inactive** field to select how frequently the switch should attempt to activate inactive entries. It has the following options:
- **Retry Frequency**—The frequency with which the TCAM Resources are checked.
  - **Never**—Never try to reactivate inactive addresses.

The entries in the Binding database are displayed:

- **VLAN ID**—VLAN on which packet is expected.
- **MAC Address**—MAC address to be matched.
- **IP Address**—IP address to be matched.
- **Interface**—Interface on which packet is expected.
- **Status**—Displays whether interface is active.
- **Type**—Displays whether entry is dynamic or static.
- **Reason**—If the interface is not active, displays the reason. The following reasons are possible:
  - *No Problem*—Interface is active.
  - *No Snoop VLAN*—DHCP Snooping is not enabled on the VLAN.
  - *Trusted Port*—Port has become trusted.
  - *Resource Problem*—TCAM resources are exhausted.

The entries in the Binding database are displayed. To see a subset of them, enter the relevant search criteria and click **Go**.

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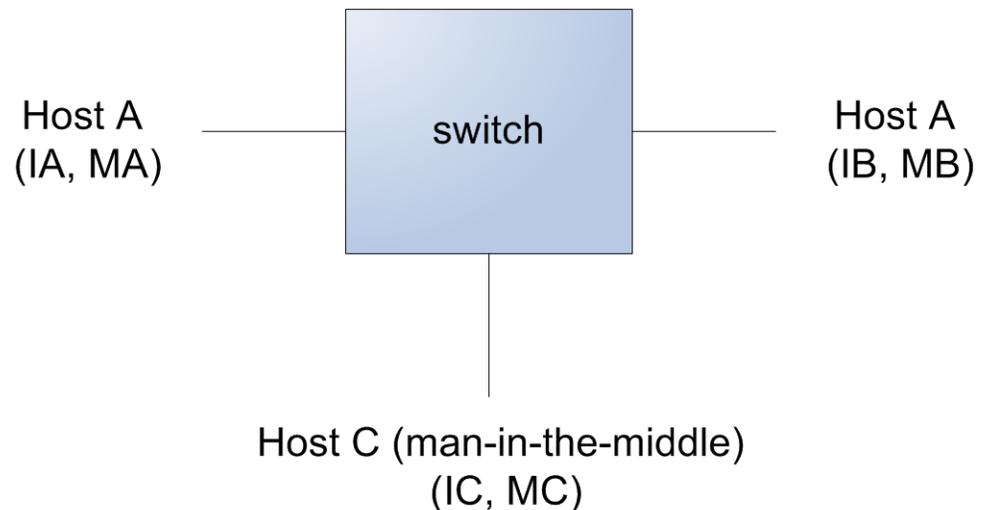
## Dynamic ARP Inspection

ARP enables IP communication within a Layer 2 Broadcast domain by mapping IP addresses to a MAC addresses.

A malicious user can attack hosts, switches, and routers connected to a Layer 2 network by poisoning the ARP caches of systems connected to the subnet and by intercepting traffic intended for other hosts on the subnet. This can happen because ARP allows a gratuitous reply from a host even if an ARP request was not received. After the attack, all traffic from the device under attack flows through the attacker's computer and then to the router, switch, or host.

**Figure 10** shows an example of ARP cache poisoning.

**Figure 10** ARP Cache Poisoning



Hosts A, B, and C are connected to the switch on interfaces A, B and C, all of which are on the same subnet. Their IP, MAC addresses are shown in parentheses; for example, Host A uses IP address IA and MAC address MA. When Host A needs to communicate with Host B at the IP layer, it broadcasts an ARP request for the MAC address associated with IP address IB. When the switch and Host B receive the ARP request, they populate their ARP caches with an ARP binding for a host with the IP address IA and a MAC address MA. When Host B responds, the switch and Host A populate their ARP caches with a binding for a host with the IP address IB and the MAC address MB.

Host C can poison the ARP caches of the switch, Host A, and Host B by broadcasting forged ARP responses with bindings for a host with an IP address of IA (or IB) and a MAC address of MC. Hosts with poisoned ARP caches use the MAC address MC as the destination MAC address for traffic intended for IA or IB, which enables Host C intercepts that traffic. Because Host C knows the true MAC addresses associated with IA and IB, it can forward the intercepted traffic to those hosts by using the correct MAC address as the destination. Host C has inserted itself into the traffic stream from Host A to Host B, the classic man-in-the-middle attack.

## How ARP Prevents Cache Poisoning

The ARP inspection feature relates to interfaces as either trusted or untrusted (see Security > ARP Inspection > *Interface Setting* page).

Interfaces are classified by the user as follows:

- **Trusted** — Packets are not inspected.
- **Untrusted** — Packets are inspected as described above.

ARP inspection is performed only on untrusted interfaces. ARP packets that are received on the trusted interface are simply forwarded.

Upon packet arrival on untrusted interfaces the following logic is implemented:

- Search the ARP access control rules for the packet's IP/MAC addresses. If the IP address is found and the MAC address in the list matches the packet's MAC address, then the packet is valid; otherwise it is not.
- If the packet's IP address was not found, and DHCP Snooping is enabled for the packet's VLAN, search the DHCP Snooping Binding database for the packet's <VLAN - IP address> pair. If the <VLAN - IP address> pair was found, and the MAC address and the interface in the database match the packet's MAC address and ingress interface, the packet is valid.
- If the packet's IP address was not found in the ARP access control rules or in the DHCP Snooping Binding database the packet is invalid and is dropped. A SYSLOG message is generated.
- If a packet is valid, it is forwarded and the ARP cache is updated.

If the ARP Packet Validation option is selected (*Properties* page), the following additional validation checks are performed:

- **Source MAC** — Compares the packet's source MAC address in the Ethernet header against the sender's MAC address in the ARP request. This check is performed on both ARP requests and responses.
- **Destination MAC** — Compares the packet's destination MAC address in the Ethernet header against the destination interface's MAC address. This check is performed for ARP responses.
- **IP Addresses** — Compares the ARP body for invalid and unexpected IP addresses. Addresses include 0.0.0.0, 255.255.255.255, and all IP Multicast addresses.

Packets with invalid ARP Inspection bindings are logged and dropped.

Up to 1024 entries can be defined in the ARP Access Control table.

## Interaction Between ARP Inspection and DHCP Snooping

If DHCP Snooping is enabled, ARP Inspection uses the DHCP Snooping Binding database in addition to the ARP access control rules. If DHCP Snooping is not enabled, only the ARP access control rules are used.

### ARP Defaults

Figure 11 ARP Defaults

Option	Default State
Dynamic ARP Inspection	Not enabled.
ARP Packet Validation	Not enabled
ARP Inspection Enabled on VLAN	Not enabled
Log Buffer Interval	SYSLOG message generation for dropped packets is enabled at 5 seconds interval

## ARP Inspection Work flow

To configure IP Source Guard:

- STEP 1** Enable ARP Inspection and configure various options in the **Security > ARP Inspection > Properties** page.
- STEP 2** Configure interfaces as ARP trusted or untrusted in the **Security > ARP Inspection > Interface Setting** page.
- STEP 3** Add rules in the **Security > ARP Inspection > ARP Access Control** and **ARP Access Control Rules** pages.
- STEP 4** Define the VLANs on which ARP Inspection is enabled and the Access Control Rules for each VLAN in the **Security > ARP Inspection > VLAN Settings** page.

## Defining ARP Inspection Properties

To configure ARP Inspection:

- STEP 1** Click **Security > ARP Inspection > Properties**. The *Properties* page is displayed.

Enter the following fields:

- **ARP Inspection Status**—Select to enable ARP Inspection.
- **ARP Packet Validation**—Select to enable the following validation checks:
  - **Source MAC** — Compares the packet's source MAC address in the Ethernet header against the sender's MAC address in the ARP request. This check is performed on both ARP requests and responses.
  - **Destination MAC** — Compares the packet's destination MAC address in the Ethernet header against the destination interface's MAC address. This check is performed for ARP responses.
  - **IP Addresses** — Compares the ARP body for invalid and unexpected IP addresses. Addresses include 0.0.0.0, 255.255.255.255, and all IP Multicast addresses.
- **Log Buffer Interval**—Select one of the following options:
  - **Retry Frequency**—Enable sending SYSLOG messages for dropped packets. Entered the frequency with which the messages are sent.
  - **Never**—Disabled SYSLOG dropped packet messages.

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- STEP 2** Click **Apply**. The settings are defined, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

## Defining Dynamic ARP Inspection Interfaces Settings

Packets from untrusted ports/LAGs are checked against the ARP Access Rules table and the DHCP Snooping Binding database if DHCP Snooping is enabled (see the *DHCP Snooping Binding Database* page).

By default, ports/LAGs are ARP Inspection untrusted.

To change the ARP trusted status of a port/LAG:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > ARP Inspection > Interface Settings**. The *Interface Settings* page is displayed.
- The ports/LAGs and their ARP trusted/untrusted status are displayed.
- STEP 2** To set a port/LAG as untrusted, select the port/LAG and click **Edit**. The *Edit Interface Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 3** Select **Trusted** or **Untrusted** and click **Apply** to save the settings to the Running Configuration file.
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## Defining ARP Inspection Access Control

To add entries to the ARP Inspection table:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > ARP Inspection > ARP Access Control**. The *ARP Access Control* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** To add an entry, click **Add**. The *Add ARP Access Control* page is displayed.
- STEP 3** Enter the fields:
- **ARP Access Control Name**—Enter a user-created name.
  - **MAC Address**—MAC address of packet.
  - **IP Address**—IP address of packet.

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- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The settings are defined, and the Running Configuration file is updated.
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## Defining ARP Inspection Access Control Rules

To add more rules to a previously-created ARP Access Control group:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > ARP Inspection > ARP Access Control Rules**. The *ARP Access Control Rules* page is displayed.
- The currently-defined access rules are displayed.
- STEP 2** To add more rules to a group, click **Add**. The *Add ARP Access Control Rules* page is displayed.
- STEP 3** Select a Access Control Group and enter the fields:
- **MAC Address**—MAC address of packet.
  - **IP Address**—IP address of packet.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The settings are defined, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

## Defining ARP Inspection VLAN Settings

To enable ARP Inspection on VLANs and associate Access Control Groups with a VLAN:

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > ARP Inspection > VLAN Settings**. The *VLAN Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** To enable ARP Inspection on a VLAN, move the VLAN from the **Available VLANs** list to the **Enabled VLANs** list.
- STEP 3** To associate an ARP Access Control group with a VLAN, click **Add**. Select the VLAN number and select a previously-defined **ARP Access Control** group.
- Click **Apply**. The settings are defined, and the Running Configuration file is updated.
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## Configuring DHCP

This section describes how the DHCP Relay and Snooping features are implemented on the switch.

The following topics are covers in this section:

- **DHCP Snooping**
- **DHCP Relay**
- **Option 82**
- **Interactions Between DHCP Snooping, DHCP Relay and Option 82**
- **DHCP Snooping Binding Database**
- **DHCP GUI**

### DHCP Snooping

DHCP snooping provides a security mechanism to prevent receiving false DHCP response packets and to log DHCP addresses. It does this by treating ports on the switch as either trusted or untrusted.

A trusted port is a port that is connected to a DHCP server and is allowed to assign DHCP addresses. DHCP messages received on trusted ports are allowed to pass through the switch.

An untrusted port is a port that is not allowed to assign DHCP addresses. By default, all ports are considered untrusted until the user declares them trusted (in the *DHCP Snooping Interface Settings* page).

## DHCP Relay

DHCP Relay relays DHCP packets to the DHCP server.

In Layer 2 mode, the switch relays DHCP messages received from VLANs on which DHCP Relay has been enabled.

In Layer 3 mode, the switch can also relay DHCP messages received from VLANs that do not have IP addresses. Whenever DHCP Relay is enabled on a VLAN without an IP address, Option 82 is inserted automatically. This insertion is in the specific VLAN and does not influence the global administration state of Option 82 insertion.

## Option 82

Option 82 (DHCP Relay Agent Information Option) passes port and agent information to a central DHCP server, indicating where an assigned IP address physically connects to the network.

The main goal of option 82 is to help to the DHCP server select the best IP subnet (network pool) from which to obtain an IP address.

The following Option 82 options are available on the switch:

- **DHCP Insertion** - Add Option 82 information to packets that do not have foreign Option 82 information.
- **DHCP Passthrough** - Forward or reject DHCP packets that contain Option 82 information from untrusted ports. On trusted ports, DHCP packets containing Option 82 information are always forwarded.

“**Figure 1**” shows the packet flow through the DHCP Relay, DHCP Snooping, and Option 82 modules:

The following cases are possible:

- DHCP client and DHCP server are connected to the same VLAN. In this case, a regular bridging passes the DHCP messages between DHCP client and DHCP server.
- DHCP client and DHCP server are connected to different VLANs. In the case, only DHCP Relay can and does broadcast DHCP messages between DHCP client and DHCP server. Unicast DHCP messages are passed by regular routers and therefore if DHCP Relay is enabled on a VLAN without

an IP address or if the switch is not a router (Layer 2 switch) then an external router is needed.

DHCP Relay and only DHCP Relay relays DHCP messages to a DHCP server

## Interactions Between DHCP Snooping, DHCP Relay and Option 82

The following tables describe how the switch behaves with various combinations of DHCP Snooping, DHCP Relay and Option 82.

The following describes how DHCP request packets are handled when DHCP Snooping is not enabled and DHCP Relay is enabled.

	DHCP Relay VLAN with IP Address		DHCP Relay VLAN without IP Address	
	Packet arrives without Option 82	Packet arrives with Option 82	Packet arrives without Option 82	Packet arrives with Option 82
Option 82 Insertion Disabled	Packet will be sent without Option 82	Packet will be sent with the original Option 82	Relay – will insert Option 82  Bridge – no Option 82 will be inserted	Relay – will discard the packet  Bridge – Packet will be sent with the original Option 82
Option 82 Insertion Enabled	Relay – will be sent with Option 82  Bridge – no Option 82 will be sent	Packet will be sent with the original Option 82	Relay – will be sent with Option 82  Bridge – no Option 82 will be sent	Relay – will discard the packet  Bridge – Packet will be sent with the original Option 82

The following describes how DHCP request packets are handled when both DHCP Snooping and DHCP Relay are enabled:

	DHCP Relay VLAN with IP Address		DHCP Relay VLAN without IP Address	
	Packet arrives without Option 82	Packet arrives with Option 82	Packet arrives without Option 82	Packet arrives with Option 82
Option 82 Insertion Disabled	Packet will be sent without Option 82	Packet will be sent with the original Option 82	Relay – will insert Option 82  Bridge – no Option 82 will be inserted	Relay – will discard the packet  Bridge – Packet will be sent with the original Option 82
Option 82 Insertion Enabled	Relay – will be sent with Option 82  Bridge – Option 82 will be added  (if port is trusted, behaves as if DHCP Snooping is not enabled)	Packet will be sent with the original Option 82	Relay – will be sent with Option 82  Bridge – Option 82 will be inserted  (if port is trusted, behaves as if DHCP Snooping is not enabled)	Relay – will discard the packet  Bridge – Packet will be sent with the original Option 82

The following describes how DHCP Reply packets are handled when DHCP Snooping is disabled:

	DHCP Relay VLAN with IP Address		DHCP Relay VLAN without IP Address	
	Packet arrives without Option 82	Packet arrives with Option 82	Packet arrives without Option 82	Packet arrives with Option 82
Option 82 insertion disabled	Packet will be sent without Option 82	Packet will be sent with the original Option 82	Relay – will discard Option 82 Bridge – Packet will be sent without Option 82	Relay – 1. If reply originates in switch, packet will be sent without Option 82 2. If reply does not originate in switch, packet is discarded Bridge – Packet will be sent with the original Option 82
Option 82 insertion enabled	Packet will be sent without Option 82	Relay – Packet will be sent without Option 82 Bridge – Packet will be sent with the Option 82	Relay – will discard Option 82 Bridge – Packet will be sent without Option 82	Relay – Packet will be sent without Option 82 Bridge – Packet will be sent with the Option 82

The following describes how DHCP reply packets are handled when both DHCP Snooping and DHCP Relay are enabled

	DHCP Relay VLAN with IP Address		DHCP Relay VLAN without IP Address	
	Packet arrives without Option 82	Packet arrives with Option 82	Packet arrives without Option 82	Packet arrives with Option 82
Option 82 Insertion Disabled	Packet will be sent without Option 82	Packet will be sent with the original Option 82	Relay will discard Option 82  Bridge - Packet will be sent without Option 82	Relay  1. If reply originates on the switch, packet will be sent without Option 82  2. If reply does not originate on the switch, will discard the packet  Bridge – Packet will be sent with the original Option 82
Option 82 Insertion Enabled	Packet will be sent without Option 82	Packet will be sent without Option 82	Relay – will discard Option 82  Bridge – Packet will be sent without Option 82	Packet will be sent without Option 82

### Transparent DHCP Relay

For Transparent DHCP Relay where an external DHCP relay agent is being used, do the following:

- Enable DHCP Snooping.
- Enable Option 82 insertion.

- Disable DHCP Relay.

For regular DHCP Relay:

- Enable DHCP Relay.
- No need to enable Option 82 insertion.

## DHCP Snooping Binding Database

DHCP Snooping builds a database (known as the DHCP Snooping Binding database) derived from information taken from DHCP packets entering the switch through trusted ports.

The DHCP Snooping Binding database contains the following data: input port, input VLAN, MAC address of the client and IP address of the client if it exists.

The DHCP Snooping Binding database is also used by IP Source Guard and Dynamic ARP Inspection features to determine legitimate packet sources.

### DHCP Trusted Ports

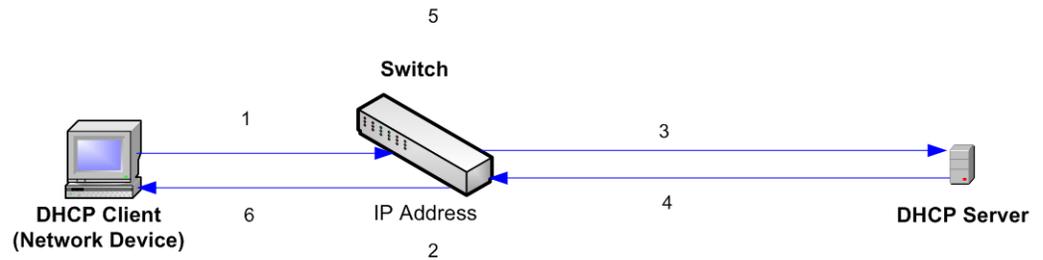
Ports can be either DHCP trusted or untrusted. By default, all ports are untrusted. To create a port as trusted, use the *DHCP Snooping Interface Settings* page. Packets from these ports are automatically forwarded. Packets from trusted ports are used to create the Binding database and are handled as described below.

If DHCP Snooping is not enabled, all ports are trusted by default.

### How the DHCP Snooping Binding Database is Built

The following describes the switch handles DHCP packets when both the DHCP client and DHCP server are trusted. The DHCP Snooping Binding database is built in this process.

Figure 1



The actions are:

- STEP 1** Switch sends DHCPDISCOVER to request an IP address or DHCPREQUEST to accept an IP address and lease.
- STEP 2** Switch snoops packet and adds the IP-MAC information to the DHCP Snooping Binding database.
- STEP 3** Switch forwards DHCPDISCOVER or DHCPREQUEST packets.
- STEP 4** DHCP server sends DHCPPOFFER packet to offer an IP address, DHCPACK to assign one, or DHCPNAK to deny the address request.
- STEP 5** Switch snoops packet. If an entry exists in the DHCP Snooping Binding table that matches the packet, the switch replaces it with IP-MAC binding on receipt of DHCPACK.
- STEP 6** Switch forwards DHCPPOFFER, DHCPACK, or DHCPNAK.

**Table 8** summarizes how DHCP packets are handled from both trusted and untrusted ports. The DHCP Snooping Binding database is stored in non-volatile memory.

**Table 8 DHCP Packet Handling**

Packet Type	Arriving from Untrusted Ingress Interface	Arriving from Trusted Ingress Interface
DHCPDISCOVER	Forward to trusted interfaces only.	Forwarded to trusted interfaces only.

Packet Type	Arriving from Untrusted Ingress Interface	Arriving from Trusted Ingress Interface
DHCPOFFER	Filter.	Forward the packet according to DHCP information. If the destination address is unknown the packet is filtered.
DHCPREQUEST	Forward to trusted interfaces only.	Forward to trusted interfaces only.
DHCPACK	Filter.	Same as DHCPOFFER and an entry is added to the DHCP Snooping Binding database.
DHCPNAK	Filter.	Same as DHCPOFFER. Remove entry if exists.
DHCPDECLINE	Check if there is information in the database. If the information exists and does not match the interface on which the message was received, the packet is filtered. Otherwise the packet is forwarded to trusted interfaces only, and the entry is removed from database.	Forward to trusted interfaces only
DHCPRELEASE	Same as DHCPDECLINE.	Same as DHCPDECLINE.
DHCPINFORM	Forward to trusted interfaces only.	Forward to trusted interfaces only.
DHCPLEASEQUERY	Filtered.	Forward.

## DHCP Snooping and DHCP Relay

If both DHCP Snooping and DHCP Relay are globally enabled, then if DHCP Snooping is enabled on the client's VLAN, DHCP Snooping rules contained in the DHCP Snooping Binding database are applied, and the DHCP Snooping Binding database is updated in the client's and DHCP server's VLAN, for packets that are relayed.

## DHCP Default Configuration

**Table 9** describes DHCP Snooping and DHCP Relay default options.

**Table 9 DHCP Default Options**

Option	Default State
DHCP Snooping	Enabled
Option 82 Insertion	Not enabled
Option 82 Passthrough	Not enabled
Verify MAC Address	Enabled
Backup DHCP Snooping Binding Database	Not enabled
DHCP Relay	Enabled

## Configuring DHCP Work Flow

To configure DHCP Relay and DHCP Snooping:

- STEP 1** Enable DHCP Snooping and/or DHCP Relay in the **IP Configuration > DHCP > Properties** page or in the **Security > DHCP Snooping > Properties** page.
- STEP 2** Define the interfaces on which DHCP Snooping is enabled in the **IP Configuration > DHCP > Interface Settings** page.
- STEP 3** Configure interfaces as trusted or untrusted in the **IP Configuration > DHCP > DHCP Snooping Interface** page.
- STEP 4** Optional. Add entries to the DHCP Snooping Binding database in the **IP Configuration > DHCP > DHCP Snooping Binding Database** page.

## DHCP GUI

This section describes how the DHCP Relay and Snooping features are implemented via the Web-based interface.

### Defining DHCP Properties

To configure DHCP Relay, DHCP Snooping and Option 82:

- STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > DHCP > Properties** or **Security > DHCP Snooping > Properties**. The *Properties* page is displayed.

Enter the following fields:

- **Option 82**—Select **Option 82** to insert Option 82 information into packets.
  - **DHCP Relay**—Select to enable DHCP Relay.
  - **DHCP Snooping Status**—Select to enable DHCP Snooping. If DHCP Snooping is enabled, the following options can be enabled:
    - **Option 82 Passthrough**—Select to leave foreign Option 82 information when forwarding packets.
    - **Verify MAC Address**—Select to verify that the source MAC address of the Layer 2 header matches the client hardware address as appears in the DHCP Header (part of the payload) on DHCP untrusted ports.
    - **Backup Database**—Select to back up the DHCP Snooping Binding database on the device's flash memory.
    - **Backup Database Update Interval**—Enter how often the DHCP Snooping Binding database will be backed up (if **Backup Database** is selected).
- STEP 2** Click **Apply**. The settings are written to the Running Configuration file.
- STEP 3** To define a DHCP server, click **Add**. The *Add DHCP Server* page is displayed.
- STEP 4** Enter the IP address of the DHCP server and click **Apply**. The settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Defining DHCP Interface Settings

In Layer 2, DHCP Relay and Snooping can only be enabled on VLANs with IP addresses.

In Layer 3, DHCP Relay and Snooping can be enabled on any interface with an IP address and on VLANs with or without an IP address.

To enable DHCP Snooping/Relay on specific interfaces:

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- STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > DHCP > Interface Settings**. The *Interface Settings* page is displayed.
  - STEP 2** To enable DHCP Relay or DHCP Snooping on an interface, click **ADD**.
  - STEP 3** Select the interface and the features to be enabled.
  - STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The settings are written to the Running Configuration file.
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## Defining DHCP Snooping Interfaces Settings

Packets from untrusted ports/LAGs are checked against the DHCP Snooping Binding database (see the *DHCP Snooping Binding Database* page).

By default, interfaces are trusted.

To designate an interface as untrusted:

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- STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > DHCP > DHCP Snooping Trusted Interfaces**. The *DHCP Snooping Trusted Interfaces* page is displayed.
  - STEP 2** Select the interface and click **Edit**. The *Edit Interface Settings* page is displayed.
  - STEP 3** Select **Trusted Interface (Yes or No)** and click **Apply** to save the settings to the Running Configuration file.
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## Defining DHCP Snooping Binding Database

See **How the DHCP Snooping Binding Database is Built** for a description of how dynamic entries are added to the DHCP Snooping Binding database.

Note the following points about maintenance of the DHCP Snooping Binding database:

- The switch does not update the DHCP Snooping Binding database when a station moves to another interface.
- If a port is down, the entries for that port are not deleted.
- When DHCP Snooping is disabled for a VLAN, the binding entries that were collected for that VLAN are removed.
- If the database is full, DHCP Snooping continue to forward packets but new entries are not created. Note that if the IP source guard and/or ARP inspection features are active, the clients that are not written in the DHCP Snooping Binding database are not be able to connect to the network.

To add entries to the DHCP Snooping Binding database:

**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > DHCP > DHCP Snooping Binding Database**. The *DHCP Snooping Binding Database* page is displayed.

To see a subset of entries in the DHCP Snooping Binding database, enter the relevant search criteria and click **Go**.

**STEP 2** To add an entry, click **Add**. The *Add DHCP Snooping Entry* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the fields:

- **VLAN ID**—VLAN on which packet is expected.
- **MAC Address**—MAC address of packet.
- **IP Address**—IP address of packet.
- **Interface**—Unit/Slot/Interface on which packet is expected.
- **Type**—The possible field values are:
  - *Dynamic*—Entry has limited lease time.
  - *Static*—Entry was statically configured.
- **Lease Time**—If the entry is dynamic, enter the amount of time that the entry will be active in the DHCP Database. If there is no Lease Time, check Infinite.)

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The settings are defined, and the device is updated.

## Access Control

The Access Control List (ACL) feature is part of the security mechanism. ACL definitions serve as one of the mechanisms to define traffic flows that should be given a specific Quality of Service (QoS). For more information see the [Configuring QoS - General](#) section in the [Configuring Quality of Service](#) section.

ACLs enable network managers to define patterns (filter and actions) for ingress traffic. Packets, entering the switch on a port or LAG with an active ACL, are either admitted or denied entry.

This section contains the following topics:

- [Access Control Lists](#)
- [Defining MAC-based ACLs](#)
- [IPv4-based ACLs](#)
- [IPv6-Based ACLs](#)
- [Defining ACL Binding](#)

## Access Control Lists

An Access Control List (ACL) is an ordered list of classification filters and actions. Each single classification rule, together with its action, is called an Access Control Element (ACE).

Each ACE is made up of filters that distinguish traffic groups and associated actions. A single ACL may contain one or more ACEs, which are matched against the contents of incoming frames. Either a DENY or PERMIT action is applied to frames whose contents match the filter.

The switch supports a maximum of 512 ACLs, and a maximum of 512 ACEs.

When a packet matches an ACE filter, the ACE action is taken and that ACL processing is stopped. If the packet does not match the ACE filter, the next ACE is processed. If all ACEs of an ACL have been processed without finding a match, and if another ACL exists, it is processed in a similar manner.

**NOTE** If no match is found to any ACE in all relevant ACLs, the packet is dropped (as a default action). Because of this default drop action you must explicitly add ACEs into the ACL to permit the desired traffic, including management traffic, such as Telnet, HTTP or SNMP that is directed to the switch itself. For example, if you do not want to discard all the packets that do not match the conditions in an ACL, you must explicitly add a lowest priority ACE into the ACL that permits all the traffic.

If IGMP/MLD snooping is enabled on a port bound with an ACL, add ACE filters in the ACL to forward IGMP/MLD packets to the switch. Otherwise, IGMP/MLD snooping will fail at the port.

The order of the ACEs within the ACL is significant, since they are applied in a first-fit manner. The ACEs are processed sequentially, starting with the first ACE.

ACLs can be used for security, for example by permitting or denying certain traffic flows, and also for traffic classification and prioritization in the QoS Advanced mode.

**NOTE** A port can be either secured with ACLs or configured with advanced QoS policy, but not both.

There can only be one ACL per port, with the exception that it is possible to associate both an IP-based ACL and an IPv6-based ACL with a single port. To associate more than one ACL with a port, a policy with one or more class maps must be used (see *Configuring a Policy Table in QoS Advanced Mode*). The following types of ACLs can be defined (depending on which part of the frame header is examined):

- MAC ACL—Examines Layer 2 fields only, as described in *Defining MAC-based ACLs*
- IP ACL—Examines the Layer 3 layer of IP frames, as described in *IPv4-based ACLs*
- IPv6 ACL—Examines the Layer 3 layer of IPv4 frames as described in *Defining IPv6-Based ACL*

If a frame matches the filter in an ACL, it is defined as a flow with the name of that ACL. In advanced QoS, these frames can be referred to using this Flow name, and QoS can be applied to these frames (see *QoS Advanced Mode*).

### Creating ACLs Workflow

To create ACLs and associate them with an interface, perform the following:

1. Create one or more of the following types of ACLs:
  - a. MAC-based ACL by using the *MAC Based ACL* page and the *MAC Based ACE* page
  - b. IP-based ACL by using the *IPv4 Based ACL* page and the *IPv4 Based ACE* page
  - c. IPv6-based ACL by using the *IPv6 Based ACL* page and the *IPv6 Based ACE* page
2. Associate the ACL with interfaces by using the *ACL Binding* page.

### Modifying ACLs Workflow

An ACL can only be modified if it is not in use. The following describes the process of unbinding an ACL in order to modify it:

1. If the ACL does not belong to a QoS Advanced Mode class map, but it has been associated with an interface, unbind it from the interface using the *ACL Binding* page.
2. If the ACL is part of the class map and not bound to an interface, then it can be modified.
3. If the ACL is part of a class map contained in a policy bound to an interface, you must perform the chain of unbinding as follows:
  - Unbind the policy containing the class map from the interface by using *Policy Binding*.
  - Delete the class map containing the ACL from the policy using the *Configuring a Policy (Edit)*.
  - Delete the class map containing the ACL, by using *Defining Class Mapping*.

Only then can the ACL be modified, as described in the sections of this section.

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## Defining MAC-based ACLs

MAC-based ACLs are used to filter traffic based on Layer 2 fields. MAC-based ACLs check all frames for a match.

MAC-based ACLs are defined in the *MAC Based ACL* page. The rules are defined in the *MAC Based ACE* page.

To define a MAC-based ACL:

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**STEP 1** Click **Access Control > MAC-Based ACL**. The *MAC-Based ACL* page is displayed.

This page displays a list of all currently-defined MAC-based ACLs.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add-MAC Based ACL* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the name of the new ACL in the **ACL Name** field. ACL names are case-sensitive.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The MAC-based ACL is written to the Running Configuration file.

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### Adding Rules to a MAC-based ACL

To add rules (ACEs) to an ACL:

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**STEP 1** Click **Access Control > Mac-Based ACE**. The *Mac-Based ACE* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Select an ACL, and click **Go**. The ACEs in the ACL are listed.

**STEP 3** Click **Add**. The *Add Mac-Based ACE* page is displayed.

**STEP 4** Enter the parameters.

- **ACL Name**—Displays the name of the ACL to which an ACE is being added.
- **Priority**—Enter the priority of the ACE. ACEs with higher priority are processed first. One is the highest priority.
- **Action**—Select the action taken upon a match. The options are:
  - *Permit*—Forward packets that meet the ACE criteria.
  - *Deny*—Drop packets that meet the ACE criteria.

- **Shutdown**—Drop packets that meet the ACE criteria, and disable the port from where the packets were received. Such ports can be reactivated from the *Port Settings* page.

- **Destination MAC Address**—Select *Any* if all destination addresses are acceptable or *User defined* to enter a destination address or a range of destination addresses.
- **Destination MAC Address Value**—Enter the MAC address to which the destination MAC address will be matched and its mask (if relevant).
- **Destination MAC Wildcard Mask**—Enter the mask to define a range of MAC addresses. Note that this mask is different than in other uses, such as subnet mask. Here, setting a bit as **1** indicates don't care and **0** indicates to mask that value.

**NOTE** Given a mask of 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1111 1111 (which means that you match on the bits where there is 0 and don't match on the bits where there are 1's). You need to translate the 1's to a decimal integer and you write 0 for each four zeros. In this example since 1111 1111 = 255, the mask would be written: as 0.0.0.255.

- **Source MAC Address**—Select *Any* if all source address are acceptable or *User defined* to enter a source address or range of source addresses.
- **Source MAC Address Value**—Enter the MAC address to which the source MAC address will be matched and its mask (if relevant).
- **Source MAC Wildcard Mask**—Enter the mask to define a range of MAC addresses.
- **VLAN ID**—Enter the VLAN ID section of the VLAN tag to match.
- **802.1p**—Select **Include** to use 802.1p.
- **802.1p Value**—Enter the 802.1p value to be added to the VPT tag.
- **802.1p Mask**—Enter the wildcard mask to be applied to the VPT tag.
- **Ethertype**—Enter the frame Ether type to be matched.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The MAC-based ACE is written to the Running Configuration file.

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## IPv4-based ACLs

IPv4-based ACLs are used to check IPv4 packets, while other types of frames, such as ARPs, are not checked.

The following fields can be matched:

- IP protocol (by name for well-known protocols, or directly by value)
- Source/destination ports for TCP/UDP traffic
- Flag values for TCP frames
- ICMP and IGMP type and code
- Source/destination IP addresses (including wildcards)
- DSCP/IP-precedence value

**NOTE** ACLs are also used as the building elements of flow definitions for per-flow QoS handling (see *QoS Advanced Mode*).

The *IPv4 Based ACL* page enables adding ACLs to the system. The rules are defined in the *IPv4 Based ACE* page.

IPv6 ACLs are defined in the *IPv6 Based ACL* page.

### Defining an IPv4-based ACL

To define an IPv4-based ACL:

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- STEP 1** Click **Access Control > IPv4-Based ACL**. The *IPv4-Based ACL* page is displayed.
- This page displays all currently defined IPv4-based ACLs.
- STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add-IPv4 Based ACL* page is displayed.
- STEP 3** Enter the name of the new ACL in the **ACL Name** field. The names are case-sensitive.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The IPv4-based ACL is written to the Running Configuration file.
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## Adding Rules (ACEs) to an IPv4-Based ACL

To add rules (ACEs) to an IPv4-based ACL:

- STEP 1** Click **Access Control > IPv4-Based ACE**. The *IPv4-Based ACE* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select an ACL, and click **Go**. All currently-defined IP ACEs for the selected ACL are displayed.
- STEP 3** Click **Add**. The *Add IPv4 Based ACE* page is displayed.
- STEP 4** Enter the parameters.
  - **ACL Name**—Displays the name of the ACL.
  - **Priority**—Enter the priority. ACEs with higher priority are processed first.
  - **Action**—Select the action assigned to the packet matching the ACE. The options are as follows:
    - *Permit*—Forward packets that meet the ACE criteria.
    - *Deny*—Drop packets that meet the ACE criteria.
    - *Shutdown*—Drop packet that meets the ACE criteria and disable the port to which the packet was addressed. Ports are reactivated from the *Port Management* page.
  - **Protocol**—Select to create an ACE based on a specific protocol or protocol ID. Select *Any (IPv4)* to accept all IP protocols. Otherwise select one of the following protocols from the drop-down list:
    - *ICMP*—Internet Control Message Protocol
    - *IGMP*—Internet Group Management Protocol
    - *IP in IP*—IP in IP encapsulation
    - *TCP*—Transmission Control Protocol
    - *EGP*—Exterior Gateway Protocol
    - *IGP*—Interior Gateway Protocol
    - *UDP*—User Datagram Protocol
    - *HMP*—Host Mapping Protocol
    - *RDP*—Reliable Datagram Protocol.

- *IDPR*—Inter-Domain Policy Routing Protocol
- *IPV6*—IPv6 over IPv4 tunneling
- *IPV6:ROUT*—Matches packets belonging to the IPv6 over IPv4 route through a gateway
- *IPV6:FRAG*—Matches packets belonging to the IPv6 over IPv4 Fragment Header
- *IDRP*—Inter-Domain Routing Protocol
- *RSVP*—ReSerVation Protocol
- *AH*—Authentication Header
- *IPV6:ICMP*—Internet Control Message Protocol
- *EIGRP*—Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol
- *OSPF*—Open Shortest Path First
- *PIP*—IP in IP
- *PIM*—Protocol Independent Multicast
- *L2TP*—Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol
- *ISIS*—IGP-specific protocol
- **Protocol ID to Match**—Instead of selecting the name, enter the protocol ID.
- **Source IP Address**—Select *Any* if all source address are acceptable or *User defined* to enter a source address or range of source addresses.
- **Source IP Address Value**—Enter the IP address to which the source IP address will be matched.
- **Source IP Wildcard Mask**—Enter the mask to define a range of IP addresses. Note that this mask is different than in other uses, such as subnet mask. Here, setting a bit as 1 indicates don't care and 0 indicates to mask that value.

**NOTE** Given a mask of 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1111 1111 (which means that you match on the bits where there is 0 and don't match on the bits where there are 1's). You need to translate the 1's to a decimal integer and you write 0 for each four zeros. In this example since 1111 1111 = 255, the mask would be written: as 0.0.0.255.

- **Destination IP Address**—Select *Any* if all destination address are acceptable or *User defined* to enter a destination address or range of destination addresses.
- **Destination IP Address Value**—Enter the IP address to which the destination IP address will be matched.
- **Destination IP Wildcard Mask**—Enter the mask to define a range of IP addresses.
- **Source Port**—Select one of the following:
  - *Any*—Match to all source ports.
  - *Single*—Enter a single TCP/UDP source port to which packets are matched. This field is active only if 800/6-TCP or 800/17-UDP is selected in the Select from List drop-down menu.
  - *Range*—Select a range of TCP/UDP source ports to which the packet is matched. There are eight different port ranges that can be configured (shared between source and destination ports). TCP and UDP protocols each have eight port ranges.
- **Destination Port**—Select one of the available values that are the same as the Source Port field described above.

**NOTE** You must specify the IP protocol for the ACE before you can enter the source and/or destination port.

- **TCP Flags**—Select one or more TCP flags with which to filter packets. Filtered packets are either forwarded or dropped. Filtering packets by TCP flags increases packet control, which increases network security.
- **Type of Service—The service type of the IP packet.**
  - *Any*—Any service type
  - *DSCP to Match*—Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) to match
  - *IP Precedence to Match*—IP precedence is a model of TOS (type of service) that the network uses to help provide the appropriate QoS commitments. This model uses the 3 most significant bits of the service type byte in the IP header, as described in RFC 791 and RFC 1349.
- **ICMP**—If the IP protocol of the ACL is ICMP, select the ICMP message type used for filtering purposes. Either select the message type by name or enter the message type number:
  - *Any*—All message types are accepted.

- *Select from list*—Select message type by name.
- *ICMP Type to Match*—Number of message type to be used for filtering purposes.
- **ICMP Code**—The ICMP messages can have a code field that indicates how to handle the message. Select one of the following options to configure whether to filter on this code:
  - *Any*—Accept all codes.
  - *User defined*—Enter an ICMP code for filtering purposes.
- **IGMP**—If the ACL is based on IGMP, select the IGMP message type to be used for filtering purposes. Either select the message type by name or enter the message type number:
  - *Any*—All message types are accepted.
  - *Select from list*—Select message type by name.
  - *IGMP Type to match*—Number of message type that will be used for filtering purposes.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The IPv4-based ACE is written to the Running Configuration file.

## IPv6-Based ACLs

The *IPv6-Based ACL* page displays and enables the creation of IPv6 ACLs, which check pure IPv6-based traffic. IPv6 ACLs do not check IPv6-over-IPv4 or ARP packets.

**NOTE** ACLs are also used as the building elements of flow definitions for per-flow QoS handling (see *QoS Advanced Mode*).

### Defining an IPv6-based ACL

To define an IPv6-based ACL:

**STEP 1** Click **Access Control > IPv6-Based ACL**. The *IPv6-Based ACL* page is displayed.

This window displays the list of defined ACLs and their contents

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- STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add IPv6-Based ACL* page is displayed.
- STEP 3** Enter the name of a new ACL in the **ACL Name** field. The names are case-sensitive.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The IPv6-based ACL is written to the Running Configuration file.
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### Adding Rules (ACEs) for an IPv6-Based ACL

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- STEP 1** Click **Access Control > IPv6-Based ACE**. The *IPv6-Based ACE* page is displayed.
- This window displays the ACE (rules) for a specified ACL (group of rules).
- STEP 2** Select an ACL, and click **Go**. All currently-defined IP ACEs for the selected ACL are displayed.
- STEP 3** Click **Add**. The *Add IPv6-Based ACE* page is displayed.
- STEP 4** Enter the parameters.
- **ACL Name**—Displays the name of the ACL to which an ACE is being added.
  - **Priority**—Enter the priority. ACEs with higher priority are processed first.
  - **Action**—Select the action assigned to the packet matching the ACE. The options are as follows:
    - *Permit*—Forward packets that meet the ACE criteria.
    - *Deny*—Drop packets that meet the ACE criteria.
    - *Shutdown*—Drop packets that meet the ACE criteria, and disable the port to which the packets were addressed. Ports are reactivated from the *Port Management* page.
  - **Protocol**—Select to create an ACE based on a specific protocol. Select *Any (IPv6)* to accept all IP protocols. Otherwise select one of the following protocols:
    - *TCP*—Transmission Control Protocol. Enables two hosts to communicate and exchange data streams. TCP guarantees packet delivery, and guarantees that packets are transmitted and received in the order they were sent.
    - *UDP*—User Datagram Protocol. Transmits packets but does not guarantee their delivery.

- *ICMP*—Matches packets to the Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP).
- **Protocol ID to Match**—Enter the ID of the protocol to be matched.
- **Source IP Address**—Select *Any* if all source address are acceptable or *User defined* to enter a source address or range of source addresses.
- **Source IP Address Value**—Enter the IP address to which the source IP address will be matched and its mask (if relevant).
- **Source IP Prefix Length**—Enter the prefix length of the source IP address.
- **Destination IP Address**—Select *Any* if all destination address are acceptable or *User defined* to enter a destination address or a range of destination addresses.
- **Destination IP Address Value**—Enter the IP address to which the destination MAC address will be matched and its mask (if relevant).
- **Destination IP Prefix Length**—Enter the prefix length of the IP address.
- **Source Port**—Select one of the following:
  - *Any*—Match to all source ports.
  - *Single*—Enter a single TCP/UDP source port to which packets are matched. This field is active only if 800/6-TCP or 800/17-UDP is selected in the IP Protocol drop-down menu.
  - *Range*—Select a range of TCP/UDP source ports to which the packet is matched.
- **Destination Port**—Select one of the available values. (They are the same as for the Source Port field described above).

**NOTE** You must specify the IPv6 protocol for the ACL before you can configure the source and/or destination port.

- **TCP Flags**—Select one or more TCP flags with which to filter packets. Filtered packets are either forwarded or dropped. Filtering packets by TCP flags increases packet control, which increases network security.
  - *Set*—Match if the flag is SET.
  - *Unset*—Match if the flag is Not SET.
  - *Don't care*—Ignore the TCP flag.
- **Type of Service**—The service type of the IP packet.

- **ICMP**—If the ACL is based on ICMP, select the ICMP message type that will be used for filtering purposes. Either select the message type by name or enter the message type number. If all message types are accepted, select *Any*.
  - *Any*—All message types are accepted.
  - *Select from list*—Select message type by name from the drop-down list.
  - *ICMP Type to Match*—Number of message type that will be used for filtering purposes.
- **ICMP Code**—The ICMP messages may have a code field that indicates how to handle the message. Select one of the following options, to configure whether to filter on this code:
  - *Any*—Accept all codes.
  - *User defined*—Enter an ICMP code for filtering purposes.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**.

## Defining ACL Binding

When an ACL is bound to an interface, its ACE rules are applied to packets arriving at that interface. Packets that do not match any of the ACEs in the ACL are matched to a default rule, whose action is to drop unmatched packets.

Although each interface can be bound to only one ACL, multiple interfaces can be bound to the same ACL by grouping them into a policy-map, and binding that policy-map to the interface.

After an ACL is bound to an interface, it cannot be edited, modified, or deleted until it is removed from all the ports to which it is bound or in use.

To bind an ACL to an interface:

**STEP 1** Click **Access Control > ACL Binding**. The *ACL Binding* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Select an interface type **Ports/LAGs** (Port or LAG).

**STEP 3** Click **Go**. The list of ports/LAGs is displayed. For each type of interface selected, all interfaces of that type are displayed with a list of their current ACLs:

- **Interface**—Identifier of interface.
- **MAC ACL**—ACLs of type MAC that are bound to the interface (if any).
- **IPv4 ACL**—ACLs of type IPv4 that are bound to the interface (if any).
- **IPv6 ACL**—ACLs of type IPv6 that are bound to the interface (if any).

**NOTE** To unbind all ACLs from an interface, select the interface, and click **Clear**.

**STEP 4** Select an interface, and click **Edit**. The *Edit ACL Binding* page is displayed.

**STEP 5** Select the **Interface** to which the ACLs are to be bound.

**STEP 6** Select one of the following:

- **Select MAC Based ACL**—Select a MAC-based ACL to be bound to the interface.
- **Select IPv4 Based ACL**—Select an IPv4-based ACL to be bound to the interface.
- **Select IPv6 Based ACL**—Select an IPv6-based ACL to be bound to the interface.

**STEP 7** Click **Apply**. The ACL binding is modified, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

**NOTE** If no ACL is selected, the ACL(s) that is previously bound to the interface is unbound.

## Configuring Quality of Service

The Quality of Service feature is applied throughout the network to ensure that network traffic is prioritized according to required criteria and the desired traffic receives preferential treatment.

This section covers the following topics:

- **QoS Features and Components**
- **Configuring QoS - General**
- **QoS Basic Mode**
- **QoS Advanced Mode**
- **Managing QoS Statistics**

## QoS Features and Components

The QoS feature is used to optimize network performance.

QoS provides the following:

- Classification of incoming traffic to traffic classes, based on attributes, including:
  - Device Configuration
  - Ingress interface
  - Packet content
  - Combination of these attributes

QoS includes the following:

- **Traffic Classification**—Classifies each incoming packet as belonging to a specific traffic flow, based on the packet contents and/or the port. The classification is done by ACL (Access Control List), and only traffic that meets the ACL criteria is subject to CoS or QoS classification
- **Assignment to Hardware Queues**—Assigns incoming packets to forwarding queues. Packets are sent to a particular queue for handling as a function of the traffic class to which they belong.
- **Other Traffic Class-Handling Attribute**—Applies QoS mechanisms to various classes, including bandwidth management.

### QoS Modes

The QoS mode that is selected applies to all interfaces in the system.

- **Basic Mode**—Class of Service (CoS).

All traffic of the same class receives the same treatment, which is the single QoS action of determining the egress queue on the egress port, based on the indicated QoS value in the incoming frame. This can be the VLAN Priority Tag (VPT) 802.1p value in Layer 2 and the Differentiated Service Code Point (DSCP) value for IPv4 or Traffic Class (TC) value for IPv6 in Layer 3. When operating in Basic Mode, the switch trusts this external assigned QoS value. The external assigned QoS value of a packet determines its traffic class and QoS.

The header field to be trusted is entered in the *Global Settings* page. For every value of that field, an egress queue is assigned where the frame is sent in the *CoS/802.1p to Queue* page or the *DSCP to Queue* page (depending on whether the trust mode is CoS/802.1p or DSCP, respectively).

- **Advanced Mode**—Per-flow Quality of Service (QoS).

In advanced mode, a per flow QoS consists of a class map and/or a policer:

- A class map defines the kind of traffic in a flow, and contains one or more ACLs. Packets that match the ACLs belong to the flow.
  - A policer applies the configured QoS to a flow. The QoS configuration of a flow may consist of egress queue, the DSCP or CoS/802.1p value, and actions on out of profile (excess) traffic.
- **Disable Mode**—In this mode all traffic is mapped to a single best effort queue, so that no type of traffic is prioritized over another.

Only a single mode can be active at a time. When the system is configured to work in QoS Advanced mode, settings for QoS Basic mode are not active and vice versa.

When the mode is changed, the following occurs:

- When changing from QoS Advanced mode to any other mode, policy profile definitions and class maps are deleted. ACLs bonded directly to interfaces remain bonded.
- When changing from QoS Basic mode to Advanced mode, the QoS Trust mode configuration in Basic mode is not retained.
- When disabling QoS, the shaper and queue setting (WRR/SP bandwidth setting) are reset to default values.

All other user configurations remain intact.

## QoS Workflow

To configure general QoS parameters, perform the following:

- STEP 1** Choose the QoS mode (Basic, Advanced, or Disabled, as described in the “**QoS Modes**” section) for the system by using the *QoS Properties* page. The following steps in the workflow, assume that you have chosen to enable QoS.
- STEP 2** Assign each interface a default CoS priority by using the *QoS Properties* page.

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- STEP 3** Assign the schedule method (Strict Priority or WRR) and bandwidth allocation for WRR to the egress queues by using the *Queue* page.
- STEP 4** Designate an egress queue to each IP DSCP/TC value with the *DSCP to Queue* page. If the switch is in DSCP trusted mode, incoming packets are put into the egress queues based on the their DSCP/TC value.
- STEP 5** Designate an egress queue to each CoS/802.1p priority. If the switch is in CoS/802.1 trusted mode, all incoming packets will be put into the designated egress queues according to the CoS/802.1p priority in the packets. This is done by using the *CoS/802.1p to Queue* page.
- STEP 6** If required for Layer 3 traffic only, assign a queue to each DSCP/TC value, by using the *DSCP to Queue* page.
- STEP 7** Enter bandwidth and rate limits in the following pages:
- Set egress shaping per queue by using the *Egress Shaping Per Queue* page.
  - Set ingress rate limit and egress shaping rate per port by using the *Bandwidth* page.
  - Set VLAN ingress rate limit by using the *VLAN Ingress Rate Limit* page.
- STEP 8** Configure the selected mode by performing one of the following:
- Configure Basic mode, as described in *Workflow to Configure Basic QoS Mode*
  - Configure Advanced mode, as described in *Workflow to Configure Advanced QoS Mode*.
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## Configuring QoS - General

The *QoS Properties Page* contains fields for setting the QoS mode for the system (Basic, Advanced, or Disabled, as described in the “**QoS Modes**” section). In addition, the default CoS priority for each interface can be defined.

### Setting QoS Properties

To select the QoS mode:

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- STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > General > QoS Properties**. The *QoS Properties* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Set the QoS mode. The following options are available:
- **Disable**—QoS is disabled on the device.
  - **Basic**—QoS is enabled on the device in Basic mode.
  - **Advanced**—QoS is enabled on the device in Advanced mode.
- STEP 3** Select **Port/LAG** and click **GO** to display/modify all ports/LAGs on the device and their CoS information.

The following fields are displayed for all ports/LAGs:

- **Interface**—Type of interface.
- **Default CoS**—Default VPT value for incoming packets that do not have a VLAN Tag. The default CoS is 0. The default is only relevant for untagged frames and only if the system is in Basic mode and *Trust CoS* is selected in the *Global Settings* page.

Select **Restore Defaults** to restore the factory CoS default setting for this interface.

- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.
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To set QoS on an interface, select it, and click **Edit**. The *Edit Interface CoS Configuration* page is displayed.

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- STEP 1** Enter the parameters.
- **Interface**—Select the port or LAG.

- **Default CoS**—Select the default CoS (Class-of-Service) value to be assigned for incoming packets (that do not have a VLAN tag). The range is 0-7.

**STEP 2** Click **Apply**. The interface default CoS value is written to Running Configuration file.

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## Configuring QoS Queues

The switch supports four queues for each interface. Queue number four is the highest priority queue. Queue number one is the lowest priority queue.

There are two ways of determining how traffic in queues is handled, Strict Priority and Weighted Round Robin (WRR).

**Strict Priority**—Egress traffic from the highest-priority queue is transmitted first. Traffic from the lower queues is processed only after the highest queue has been transmitted, thus providing the highest level of priority of traffic to the highest numbered queue.

**Weighted Round Robin (WRR)**—In WRR mode the number of packets sent from the queue is proportional to the weight of the queue (the higher the weight the more frames are sent). For example, if all four queues are WRR and the default weights are used, queue 1 receives 1/15 of the bandwidth (assuming all queues are saturated and there is congestion), queue 2 receives 2/15, queue 3 receives 4/15 and queue 4 receives 8/15 of the bandwidth. The type of WRR algorithm used in the device is not the standard Deficit WRR (DWRR), but rather Shaped Deficit WRR (SDWRR).

The queuing modes can be selected in the *Queue* page. When the queuing mode is by strict priority, the priority sets the order in which queues are serviced, starting with queue\_4 (the highest priority queue) and going to the next lower queue when each queue is completed.

When the queuing mode is Weighted Round Robin, queues are serviced until their quota has been used up and then another queue is serviced.

It is also possible to assign some of the lower queues to WRR, while keeping some of the higher queues in strict priority. In this case traffic for the strict priority queues is always sent before traffic from the WRR queues. Only after the strict priority queues have been emptied is traffic from the WRR queues forwarded. (The relative portion from each WRR queue depends on its weight).

To select the priority method and enter WRR data.

**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > General > Queue**. The *Queue* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

- **Queue**—Displays the queue number.
- **Scheduling Method:** Select one of the following options:
  - *Strict Priority*—Traffic scheduling for the selected queue and all higher queues is based strictly on the queue priority.
  - *WRR*—Traffic scheduling for the selected queue is based on WRR. The period time is divided between the WRR queues that are not empty, meaning they have descriptors to egress. This happens only if strict priority queues are empty.
  - *WRR Weight*—If WRR is selected, enter the WRR weight assigned to the queue.
  - *% of WRR Bandwidth*—Displays the amount of bandwidth assigned to the queue. These values represent the percent of the WRR weight.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The queues are configured, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

## Mapping CoS/802.1p to a Queue

The *CoS/802.1p to Queue* page maps 802.1p priorities to egress queues. The CoS/802.1p to Queue Table determines the egress queues of the incoming packets based on the 802.1p priority in their VLAN Tags. For incoming untagged packets, the 802.1p priority will be the default CoS/802.1p priority assigned to the ingress ports.

### Default Mapping Queues

802.1p Values (0-7, 7 being the highest)	Queue (4 queues 1-4, 4 being the highest priority)	Queue (2 queues: Normal and High)	Notes
0	1	Normal	Background

802.1p Values (0-7, 7 being the highest)	Queue (4 queues 1-4, 4 being the highest priority)	Queue (2 queues: Normal and High)	Notes
1	1	Normal	Best Effort
2	2	Normal	Excellent Effort
3	3	Normal	Critical Application LVS phone SIP
4	3	Normal	Video
5	4	High	Voice Cisco IP phone default
6	4	High	Interwork Control LVS phone RTP
7	4	High	Network Control

By changing the CoS/802.1p to Queue mapping and the Queue schedule method and bandwidth allocation, it is possible to achieve the desired quality of services in a network.

The CoS/802.1p to Queue mapping is applicable only if one of the following exists:

- The switch is in QoS Basic mode and CoS/802.1p trusted mode
- The switch is in QoS Advanced mode and the packets belong to flows that are CoS/802.1p trusted

Queue 1 has the lowest priority, queue 4 has the highest priority.

To map CoS values to egress queues:

**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > General > CoS/802.1p to Queue**. The *CoS/802.1p to Queue* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Enter the parameters.

- **802.1p**—Displays the 802.1p priority tag values to be assigned to an egress queue, where 0 is the lowest and 7 is the highest priority.

- **Output Queue**—Select the egress queue to which the 802.1p priority is mapped. Four egress queues are supported, where Queue 4 is the highest priority egress queue and Queue 1 is the lowest priority.

**STEP 3** For each 802.1p priority, select the Output Queue to which it is mapped.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. 802.1p priority values to queues are mapped, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Mapping DSCP to Queue

The DSCP (IP *Differentiated Services Code Point*) to Queue page maps DSCP to egress queues. The DSCP to Queue Table determines the egress queues of the incoming IP packets based on their DSCP values. The original VPT (VLAN Priority Tag) of the packet is unchanged.

By simply changing the DSCP to Queue mapping and the Queue schedule method and bandwidth allocation, it is possible to achieve the desired quality of services in a network.

The DSCP to Queue mapping is applicable to IP packets if:

- The switch is in QoS Basic mode and DSCP is the trusted mode, or
- The switch is in QoS Advanced mode and the packets belongs to flows that is DSCP trusted

Non-IP packets are always classified to the best-effort queue

To map DSCP to queues:

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**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > General > DSCP to Queue**. The *DSCP to Queue* page is displayed.

The *DSCP to Queue* page contains **Ingress DSCP**. It displays the DSCP value in the incoming packet and its associated class.

**STEP 2** Select the **Output Queue** (traffic forwarding queue) to which the DSCP value is mapped.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Configuring Bandwidth

The *Bandwidth* page enables network managers to define two sets of values, Ingress Rate Limit and Egress Shaping Rate, that determine how much traffic the system can receive and send.

The ingress rate limit is the number of bits per second that can be received from the ingress interface. Excess bandwidth above this limit is discarded.

The following values are entered for egress shaping:

- Committed Information Rate (CIR) sets the average maximum amount of data allowed to be sent on the egress interface, measured in bits per second
- Committed Burst Size (CBS) is the burst of data that is allowed to be sent, even though it is above the CIR. This is defined in number of bytes of data.

To enter bandwidth limitation:

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**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > General > Bandwidth**. The *Bandwidth* page is displayed.

The *Bandwidth* page displays bandwidth information for each interface.

The % column is the ingress rate limit for the port divided by the total port bandwidth.

**STEP 2** Select an interface, and click **Edit**. The *Edit Bandwidth* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Select the **Port or LAG** interface. 500 series switches will also have an option to select Unit/Port.

**STEP 4** Enter the fields for the selected interface:

- **Ingress Rate Limit**—Select to enable the ingress rate limit, which is defined in the field below.
- **Ingress Rate Limit**—Enter the maximum amount of bandwidth allowed on the interface.

**NOTE** The two **Ingress Rate Limit** fields do not appear when the interface type is LAG.

- **Egress Shaping Rate**—Select to enable egress shaping on the interface.
- **Committed Information Rate (CIR)**—Enter the maximum bandwidth for the egress interface.

- **Committed Burst Size (CBS)**—Enter the maximum burst size of data for the egress interface in bytes of data. This amount can be sent even if it temporarily increases the bandwidth beyond the allowed limit.

**NOTE** On the Egress Shaping Rate field, the minimum CIR that can be configured is 2Mbps instead of 64Kbps on the following switches:  
SF500 ports GE1—GE4, and SG500 ports GE-49—GE52

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The bandwidth settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Configuring Egress Shaping per Queue

In addition to limiting transmission rate per port, which is done in the *Bandwidth* page, the switch can limit the transmission rate of selected egressing frames on a per-queue per-port basis. Egress rate limiting is performed by shaping the output load.

The switch limits all frames except for management frames. Any frames that are not limited are ignored in the rate calculations, meaning that their size is not included in the limit total.

Per-queue Egress rate shaping can be disabled.

To define egress shaping per queue:

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**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > General > Egress Shaping per Queue**. The *Egress Shaping Per Queue* page is displayed.

The *Egress Shaping Per Queue* page displays the rate limit and burst size for each queue.

**STEP 2** Select an interface type (Port or LAG), and click **Go**. The list of Ports/LAGs is displayed.

**STEP 3** Select a Port/LAG, and click **Edit**. The *Edit Egress Shaping Per Queue* page is displayed.

This page enables shaping the egress for up to four queues on each interface.

**STEP 4** Select the **Interface**.

**STEP 5** For each queue that is required, enter the following fields:

- **Enable Shaping**—Select to enable egress shaping on this queue.

- **Committed Information Rate (CIR)**—Enter the maximum rate (CIR) in Kbits per second (Kbps). CIR is the average maximum amount of data that can be sent.
- **Committed Burst Size (CBS)**—Enter the maximum burst size (CBS) in bytes. CBS is the maximum burst of data allowed to be sent even if a burst exceeds CIR.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The bandwidth settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

## Configuring VLAN Rate Limit

**NOTE** The VLAN Rate Limit feature is not available when the switch is in Layer 3 mode.

Rate limiting per VLAN, performed in the *VLAN Ingress Rate Limit* page, enables traffic limiting on VLANs. When VLAN ingress rate limiting is configured, it limits aggregate traffic from all the ports on the switch.

The following constraints apply to rate limiting per VLAN:

- It has lower precedence than any other traffic policing defined in the system. For example, if a packet is subject to QoS rate limits but is also subject to VLAN rate limiting, and the rate limits conflict, the QoS rate limits take precedence.
- It is applied at the device level and within the device at the packet processor level. If there is more than one packet processor on the device, the configured VLAN rate limit value is applied to each of the packet processors, independently. Devices with up to 24 ports have a single packet processor, while devices of 48 ports or more have two packet processors.

Rate limiting is calculated separately for each packet processor in a unit and for each unit in a stack.

Therefore the maximum number of possible packet processors in a stack is eight if there are four units of 48-ports each.

To define the VLAN ingress rate limit:

**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > General > VLAN Ingress Rate Limit**. The *VLAN Ingress Rate Limit* page is displayed.

This page displays the VLAN Ingress Rate Limit Table.

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**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add VLAN Ingress Rate Limit* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **VLAN ID**—Select a VLAN.
- **Committed Information Rate (CIR)**—Enter the average maximum amount of data that can be accepted into the VLAN in Kilobytes per second.
- **Committed Burst Size (CBS)**—Enter the maximum burst size of data for the egress interface in bytes of data. This amount can be sent even if it temporarily increases the bandwidth beyond the allowed limit. Cannot be entered for LAGs.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The VLAN rate limit is added, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

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## TCP Congestion Avoidance

The *TCP Congestion Avoidance* page enables activating a TCP congestion avoidance algorithm. The algorithm breaks up or avoids TCP global synchronization in a congested node, where the congestion is due to various sources sending packets with the same byte count.

To configure TCP congestion avoidance:

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**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > General > TCP Congestion Avoidance**. The *TCP Congestion Avoidance* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Click **Enable** to enable TCP congestion avoidance, and click **Apply**.

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## QoS Basic Mode

In QoS Basic mode, a specific domain in the network can be defined as trusted. Within that domain, packets are marked with 802.1p priority and/or DSCP to signal the type of service they require. Nodes within the domain use these fields to assign the packet to a specific output queue. The initial packet classification and marking of these fields is done in the ingress of the trusted domain.

### Workflow to Configure Basic QoS Mode

To configure Basic QoS mode, perform the following:

1. Select Basic mode for the system by using the *QoS Properties* page.
2. Select the trust-behavior using the *Global Setting* page. The switch supports CoS/802.1p trusted mode and DSCP trusted mode. CoS/802.1p trusted mode uses the 802.1p priority in the VLAN tag. DSCP trusted mode use the DSCP value in the IP header.

If there is any port that, as an exception, should not trust the incoming CoS mark, disable the QoS state on that port using the *Interface Settings* page.

Enable or disable the global selected trusted mode at the ports by using the *Interface Settings* page. If a port is disabled without trusted mode, all its ingress packets are forward in best effort. It is recommended that you disable the trusted mode at the ports where the CoS/802.1p and/or DSCP values in the incoming packets are not trustworthy. Otherwise, it might negatively affect the performance of your network

## Configuring Global Settings

The *Global Settings* page contains information for enabling Trust on the switch (see the *Trust Mode* field below). This configuration is active when the QoS mode is Basic mode. Packets entering a QoS domain are classified at the edge of the QoS domain.

To define the Trust configuration:

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- STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Basic Mode > Global Settings**. The *Global Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select the **Trust Mode** while the switch is in Basic mode. If a packet CoS level and DSCP tag are mapped to separate queues, the Trust mode determines the queue to which the packet is assigned:
- **CoS/802.1p**—Traffic is mapped to queues based on the VPT field in the VLAN tag, or based on the per-port default CoS/802.1p value (if there is no VLAN tag on the incoming packet), the actual mapping of the VPT to queue can be configured in the mapping *CoS/802.1p to Queue* page.
  - **DSCP**—All IP traffic is mapped to queues based on the DSCP field in the IP header. The actual mapping of the DSCP to queue can be configured in the *DSCP to Queue* page. If traffic is not IP traffic, it is mapped to the best effort queue.
  - **CoS/802.1p-DSCP**—Either CoS/802.1p or DSCP whichever has been set.
- STEP 3** Select **Override Ingress DSCP** to override the original DSCP values in the incoming packets with the new values according to the DSCP Override Table. When **Override Ingress DSCP** is enabled, the switch will use the new DSCP values for egress queueing. It also replaces the original DSCP values in the packets with the new DSCP values.
- NOTE** The frame is mapped to an egress queue using the new, rewritten value, and not by the original DSCP value.
- STEP 4** If **Override Ingress DSCP** was enabled, click **DSCP Override Table** to reconfigure DSCP. The *DSCP Override Table* page is displayed.
- DSCP In** displays the DSCP value of the incoming packet that needs to be re-marked to an alternative value.
- STEP 5** Select the **DSCP Out** value to indicate the outgoing value is mapped.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated with the new DSCP values.

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## Interface QoS Settings

The *Interface Settings* page enables configuring QoS on each port of the switch, as follows:

**QoS State Disabled on an Interface**—All inbound traffic on the port is mapped to the best effort queue and no classification/prioritization takes place.

**QoS State of the Port is Enabled**—Port prioritize traffic on ingress is based on the system wide configured trusted mode, which is either CoS/802.1p trusted mode or DSCP trusted mode.

To enter QoS settings per interface:

**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Basic Mode > Interface Settings**. The *Interface Settings* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Select **Port** or **LAG** to display the list of ports or LAGs.

The list of ports/LAGs is displayed. **QoS State** displays whether QoS is enabled on the interface.

**STEP 3** Select an interface, and click **Edit**. The *Edit QoS Interface Settings* is displayed.

**STEP 4** Select the **Port** or **LAG** interface.

**STEP 5** Click to enable or disable **QoS State** for this interface.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

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## QoS Advanced Mode

Frames that match an ACL and were permitted entrance are implicitly labeled with the name of the ACL that permitted their entrance. Advanced mode QoS actions can then be applied to these flows.

In QoS advanced mode, the switch uses policies to support per flow QoS. A policy and its components have the following characteristics and relationships:

- A policy contains one or more class maps.
- A class map defines a flow with one or more associating ACLs. Packets that match only ACL rules (ACE) in a class map with Permit (forward) action are considered belonging to the same flow, and are subjected to the same quality of services. Thus, a policy contains one or more flows, each with a user defined QoS.
- The QoS of a class map (flow) is enforced by the associating policer. There are two type of policers, single policer and aggregate policer. Each policer is configured with a QoS specification. A single policer applies the QoS to a single class map, and thus to a single flow, based on the policer QoS specification. An aggregate policer applies the QoS to one or more class maps, and thus one or more flows. An aggregate policer can support class maps from different policies.
- Per flow QoS are applied to flows by binding the policies to the desired ports. A policy and its class maps can be bound to one or more ports, but each port is bound with at most one policy.

**Notes:**

- Single policer and aggregation policer are available when the switch is in Layer 2 mode.
- An ACL can be configured to one or more class maps regardless of policies.
- A class map can belong to only one policy.
- When a class map using single policer is bound to multiple ports, each port has its own instance of single policer; each applying the QoS on the class map (flow) at a port independent of each other.
- An aggregate policer will apply the QoS to all its flow(s) in aggregation regardless of policies and ports.

Advanced QoS settings consist of three parts:

- Definitions of the rules to match. All frames matching a single group of rules are considered to be a *flow*.
- Definition of the actions to be applied to frames in each flow that match the rules.
- Binding the combinations of rules and action to one or more interfaces.

## Workflow to Configure Advanced QoS Mode

To configure Advanced QoS mode, perform the following:

1. Select Advanced mode for the system by using the *QoS Properties* page. Select the Trust Mode using the *Global Settings* page. If a packet CoS level and DSCP tag are mapped to separate queues, the Trust mode determines the queue to which the packet is assigned:
  - If internal DSCP values are different from those used on incoming packets, map the external values to internal values by using the *Out-of-Profile DSCP Mapping* page. This in turn opens the *DSCP Remarking* page.
2. Create ACLs, as described in *Create ACL Workflow*.
3. If ACLs were defined, create class maps and associate the ACLs with them by using the *Class Mapping* page.
4. Create a policy using the *Policy Table* page, and associate the policy with one or more class maps using the *Policy Class Map* page. You can also specify the QoS, if needed, by assigning a policer to a class map when you associate the class map to the policy.
  - **Single Policer**—Create a policy that associates a class map with a single policer by using the *Policy Table* page and the *Class Mapping* page. Within the policy, define the single policer.
  - **Aggregate Policer**—Create a QoS action for each flow that sends all matching frames to the same policer (aggregate policer) by using the *Aggregate Policer* page. Create a policy that associates a class map with the aggregate policer by using the *Policy Table* page.
5. Bind the policy to an interface by using the *Policy Binding* page.

## Configuring Global Settings

The *Global Settings* page contains information for enabling Trust on the switch. Packets entering a QoS domain are classified at the edge of the QoS domain.

To define the Trust configuration:

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- STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Advanced Mode > Global Settings**. The *Global Settings* page is displayed.
  - STEP 2** Select the **Trust Mode** while the switch is in Advanced mode. If a packet CoS level and DSCP tag are mapped to separate queues, the Trust mode determines the queue to which the packet is assigned:

- **CoS/802.1p**—Traffic is mapped to queues based on the VPT field in the VLAN tag, or based on the per-port default CoS/802.1p value (if there is no VLAN tag on the incoming packet), the actual mapping of the VPT to queue can be configured in the mapping *CoS/802.1p to Queue* page.
  - **DSCP**—All IP traffic is mapped to queues based on the DSCP field in the IP header. The actual mapping of the DSCP to queue can be configured in the *DSCP to Queue* page. If traffic is not IP traffic, it is mapped to the best effort queue.
  - **CoS/802.1p-DSCP**—Select to use Trust CoS mode for non-IP traffic and Trust DSCP for IP traffic.
- STEP 3** Select the default Advanced mode QoS trust mode (either trusted or untrusted) for interfaces in the **Default Mode Status** field. This provides basic QoS functionality on Advanced QoS, so that you can trust CoS/DSCP on Advanced QoS by default (without having to create a policy).

In **QoS Advanced Mode**, when the Default Mode Status is set to Not Trusted, the Default CoS values configured on the interface will be used for prioritizing the traffic arriving on the interface. See the **Quality of Service > QoS Advanced Mode > Global Settings** page for details.

If you have a policy on an interface then the Default Mode is irrelevant, the action is according to the policy configuration and unmatched traffic is dropped.

- STEP 4** Select **Override Ingress DSCP** to override the original DSCP values in the incoming packets with the new values according to the DSCP Override Table. When Override Ingress DSCP is enabled, the switch will use the new DSCP values for egress queueing. It also replaces the original DSCP values in the packets with the new DSCP values.

**NOTE** The frame is mapped to an egress queue using the new, rewritten value, and not by the original DSCP value.

- STEP 5** If **Override Ingress DSCP** was enabled, click **DSCP Override Table** to reconfigure DSCP. See the *DSCP Override Table* page for details.

## Configuring Out-of-Profile DSCP Mapping

When a policer is assigned to a class maps (flows), you can specify the action to take when the amount of traffic in the flow(s) exceeds the QoS-specified limits. The portion of the traffic that causes the flow to exceed its QoS limit is referred to as *out-of-profile packets*.

If the exceed action is Out of Profile DSCP, the switch remaps the original DSCP value of the out-of-profile IP packets with a new value based on the Out of Profile DSCP Mapping Table. The switch uses the new values to assign resources and the egress queues to these packets. The switch also physically replaces the original DSCP value in the out of profile packets with the new DSCP value.

To use the out-of-profile DSCP exceed action, remap the DSCP value in the Out Of Profile DSCP Mapping Table. Otherwise the action is null, because the DSCP value in the table remaps the packets to itself by factory default.

This feature changes the DSCP tags for incoming traffic switched between trusted QoS domains. Changing the DSCP values used in one domain, sets the priority of that type of traffic to the DSCP value used in the other domain to identify the same type of traffic.

These settings are active when the system is in the QoS basic mode, and once activated they are active globally.

For example: Assume that there are three levels of service: Silver, Gold, and Platinum and the DSCP incoming values used to mark these levels are 10, 20, and 30 respectively. If this traffic is forwarded to another service provider that has the same three levels of service, but uses DSCP values 16, 24, and 48, **Out of Profile DSCP Mapping** changes the incoming values as they are mapped to the outgoing values.

To map DSCP values:

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- STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Advanced Mode > Out of Profile DSCP Mapping**. The *Out of Profile DSCP Mapping* page is displayed. This page enables setting the change-the-DSCP-value of traffic entering or leaving the switch.

DSCP In displays the DSCP value of the incoming packet that needs to be re-marked to an alternative value.

- STEP 2** Select the **DSCP Out** value to where the incoming value is mapped.

- STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated with the new DSCP Mapping table.
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## Defining Class Mapping

A Class Map defines a traffic flow with ACLs (Access Control Lists). A MAC ACL, IP ACL, and IPv6 ACL can be combined into a class map. Class maps are configured to match packet criteria on a match-all or match-any basis. They are matched to packets on a first-fit basis, meaning that the action associated with the first-matched class map is the action performed by the system. Packets that matches the same class map are considered to belong to the same flow.

**NOTE** Defining class maps does not have any effect on QoS; it is an interim step, enabling the class maps to be used later.

If more complex sets of rules are needed, several class maps can be grouped into a super-group called a policy (see the [Configuring a Policy](#) section).

The *Class Mapping* page shows the list of defined class maps and the ACLs comprising each, and enables you to add/delete class maps.

To define a Class Map:

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**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Advanced Mode > Class Mapping**. The *Class Mapping* page is displayed.

This page displays the already-defined class maps.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add Class Mapping* page is displayed.

A new class map is added by selecting one or two ACLs and giving the class map a name. If a class map has two ACLs, you can specify that a frame must match both ACLs, or that it must match either one or both of the ACLs selected.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Class Map Name**—Enter the name of a new class map.
- **Match ACL Type**—The criteria that a packet must match in order to be considered to belong to the flow defined in the class map. The options are:
  - *IP*—A packet must match either of the IP based ACLs in the class map.
  - *MAC*—A packet must match the MAC based ACL in the class map.
  - *IP and MAC*—A packet must match the IP based ACL and the MAC based ACL in the class map.
  - *IP or MAC*—A packet must match either the IP based ACL or the MAC based ACL in the class map.
- **IP**—Select the IPv4 based ACL or the IPv6 based ACL for the class map.

- **MAC**—Select the MAC based ACL for the class map.
- **Preferred ACL**—Select whether packets are first matched to an IP-based ACL or a MAC-based ACL.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

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## QoS Policers

You can measure the rate of traffic that matches a pre-defined set of rules, and to enforce limits, such as limiting the rate of file-transfer traffic that is allowed on a port.

This can be done by using the ACLs in the class map(s) to match the desired traffic, and by using a policer to apply the QoS on the matching traffic.

**NOTE** QoS policers are not supported when the switch is in Layer 3 mode.

A policer is configured with a QoS specification. There are two kinds of policers:

- **Single (Regular) Policer**—A single policer applies the QoS to a single class map, and to a single flow based on the policer's QoS specification. When a class map using single policer is bound to multiple ports, each port has its own instance of single policer; each applying the QoS on the class map (flow) at ports that are otherwise independent of each other. A single policer is created in the *Policy Table* page.
- **Aggregate Policer**—An aggregate policer applies the QoS to one or more class maps, and one or more flows. An aggregation policer can support class maps from different policies. An aggregate policer applies QoS to all its flow(s) in aggregation regardless of policies and ports. An aggregate policer is created in the *Aggregate Policer* page.

An aggregate policer is defined if the policer is to be shared with more than one class. Policers on a port cannot be shared with other policers in another device.

Each policer is defined with its own QoS specification with a combination of the following parameters:

- A maximum allowed rate, called a Committed Information Rate (CIR), measured in Kbps.
- An amount of traffic, measured in bytes, called a Committed Burst Size (CBS). This is traffic that is allowed to pass as a temporary burst even if it is above the defined maximum rate.
- An action to be applied to frames that are over the limits (called out-of-profile traffic), where such frames can be passed as is, dropped, or passed, but remapped to a new DSCP value that marks them as lower-priority frames for all subsequent handling within the device.

Assigning a policer to a class map is done when a class map is added to a policy. If the policer is an aggregate policer, you must create it using the *Aggregate Policer* page.

## Defining Aggregate Policers

An aggregate policer applies the QoS to one or more class maps, therefore one or more flows. An aggregation policer can support class maps from different policies and will apply the QoS to all its flow(s) in aggregation regardless of policies and ports.

**NOTE** The switch supports aggregate policers and single policers only when operating in Layer 2 mode.

To define an aggregate policer:

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**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Advanced Mode > Aggregate Policer**. The *Aggregate Policer* page is displayed.

This page displays the existing aggregate policers.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add Aggregate Policer* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Aggregate Policer Name**—Enter the name of the Aggregate Policer.
- **Ingress Committed Information Rate (CIR)**—Enter the maximum bandwidth allowed in bits per second. See description in the *Bandwidth* page.

- **Ingress Committed Burst Size (CBS)**—Enter the maximum burst size (even if it goes beyond the CIR) in bytes. See description in the *Bandwidth* page.
- **Exceed Action**—Select the action to be performed on incoming packets that exceed the CIR. Possible values are:
  - *Forward*—Packets exceeding the defined CIR value are forwarded.
  - *Drop*—Packets exceeding the defined CIR value are dropped.
  - *Out of Profile DSCP*—The DSCP values of packets exceeding the defined CIR value are remapped to a value based on the Out Of Profile DSCP Mapping Table.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Configuring a Policy

The *Policy Table Map* page displays the list of advanced QoS policies defined in the system. The page also allows you to create and delete policies. Only those policies that are bound to an interface are active (see *Policy Binding* page).

Each policy consists of:

- One or more class maps of ACLs which define the traffic flows in the policy.
- One or more aggregates that applies the QoS to the traffic flows in the policy.

After a policy has been added, class maps can be added by using the *Policy Table* page.

To add a QoS policy:

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**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Advanced Mode > Policy Table**. The *Policy Table* page is displayed.

This page displays the list of defined policies.

**STEP 2** Click **Policy Class Map Table** to display the *Policy Class Maps* page.  
-or  
Click **Add** to open the *Add Policy Table* page.

**STEP 3** Enter the name of the new policy in the **New Policy Name** field.

- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The QoS policy profile is added, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Policy Class Maps

One or more class maps can be added to a policy. A class map defines the type of packets that are considered to belong to the same traffic flow.

**NOTE** You cannot configure a policer to a class map when the switch is operating in Layer 3 mode. The switch supports policers only in Layer 2 mode.

To add a class map to a policy:

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- STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Advanced Mode > Policy Class Maps**. The *Policy Class Maps* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select a policy in the Filter, and click **Go**. All class maps in that policy are displayed.
- STEP 3** To add a new class map, click **Add**. The *Add Policy Class Map* page is displayed.
- STEP 4** Enter the parameters.
- **Policy Name**—Displays the policy to which the class map is being added.
  - **Class Map Name**—Select an existing class map to be associated with the policy. Class maps are created in the *Class Mapping* page.
  - **Action Type**—Select the action regarding the ingress CoS/802.1p and/or DSCP value of all the matching packets.
    - *Use default trust mode*—Ignore the ingress CoS/802.1p and/or DSCP value. The matching packets are sent as best effort.
    - *Always Trust*—If this option is selected, the switch will trust the CoS/802.1p and DSCP of the matching packet. If a packet is an IP packet, the switch will put the packet in the egress queue based on its DSCP value and the DSCP to Queue Table. Otherwise, the egress queue of the packet is based on the packet's CoS/802.1p value and the CoS/802.1p to Queue Table.
    - *Set*—If this option is selected, use the value entered in the **New Value** box to determine the egress queue of the matching packets as follows:

If the new value (0..7) is a CoS/802.1p priority, use the priority value and the CoS/802.1p to Queue Table to determine the egress queue of all the matching packets.

If the new value (0..63) is a DSCP, use the new DSCP and the DSCP to Queue Table to determine the egress queue of the matching IP packets.

Otherwise, use the new value (1..4) as the egress queue number for all the matching packets.

- **Police Type**—Available in Layer 2 Mode only. Select the policer type for the policy. The options are:
  - *None*—No policy is used.
  - *Single*—The policer for the policy is a single policer.
  - *Aggregate*—The policer for the policy is an aggregate policer.
- **Aggregate Policer**—Available in Layer 2 Mode only. If **Police Type** is *Aggregate*, select a previously-defined (in the *Aggregate Policer* page) aggregate policer.

If **Police Type** is *Single*, enter the following QoS parameters:

- **Ingress Committed Information Rate (CIR)**—Enter the CIR in Kbps. See description in the *Bandwidth* page.
- **Ingress Committed Burst Size (CBS)**—Enter the CBS in bytes. See description in the *Bandwidth* page.
- **Exceed Action**—Select the action assigned to incoming packets exceeding the CIR. The options are:
  - *None*—No action.
  - *Drop*—Packets exceeding the defined CIR value are dropped.
  - *Out of Profile DSCP*—IP packets exceeding the defined CIR are forwarding with a new DSCP derived from the Out Of Profile DSCP Mapping Table.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**.

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## Policy Binding

The *Policy Binding* page shows which policy profile is bound and to which port. When a policy profile is bound to a specific port, it is active on that port. Only one policy profile can be configured on a single port, but a single policy can be bound to more than one port.

When a policy is bound to a port, it filters and applies QoS to ingress traffic that belongs to the flows defined in the policy. The policy does not apply to traffic egress to the same port.

To edit a policy, it must first be removed (unbound) from all those ports to which it is bound.

To define policy binding:

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- STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Advanced Mode > Policy Binding**. The *Policy Binding* page is displayed.
  - STEP 2** Select a **Policy Name**.
  - STEP 3** Select the **Interface Type** assigned to the policy.
  - STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The QoS policy binding is defined, and the Running Configuration file is updated.
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## Managing QoS Statistics

From this page you can manage the Single Policer, Aggregated Policer, and view queues statistics.

### Viewing Policer Statistics

A Single Policer is bound to a class map from a single policy. An Aggregate Policer is bound to one or more class maps from one or more policies.

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## Viewing Single Policer Statistics

The *Single Policer Statistics* page indicates the number of in-profile and out-of-profile packets that are received from an interface that meet the conditions defined in the class map of a policy.

**NOTE** This page is not displayed when the switch is in Layer 3 mode.

To view policer statistics:

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**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Statistics > Single Policer Statistics**. The *Single Policer Statistics* page is displayed.

This page displays the following fields:

- **Interface**—Statistics are displayed for this interface.
- **Policy**—Statistics are displayed for this policy.
- **Class Map**—Statistics are displayed for this class map.
- **In-Profile Bytes**—Number of in-profile bytes received.
- **Out-of-Profile Bytes**—Number of out-profile bytes received.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add Single Policer Statistics* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Interface**—Select the interface for which statistics are accumulated.
- **Policy Name**—Select the policy name.
- **Class Map Name**—Select the class name.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. An additional request for statistics is created and the Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Viewing Aggregated Policer Statistics

To view aggregated policer statistics:

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**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Statistics > Aggregate Policer Statistics**. The *Aggregate Policer Statistics* page is displayed.

This page displays the following fields:

- **Aggregate Policer Name**—Policer on which statistics are based.

- **In-profile bytes**—Number of in-profile packets that were received.
- **Out-of-profile bytes**—Number of out-of-profile packets that were received.

**STEP 2** Click **Add** and the *Add Aggregate Policer Statistics* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Select an **Aggregate Policer Name**, one of the previously-created Aggregate Policers for which statistics will be displayed.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. An additional request for statistics is created, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Viewing Queues Statistics

The *Queues Statistics* page displays queue statistics, including statistics of forwarded and dropped packets, based on interface, queue, and drop precedence.

**NOTE** QoS Statistics are shown only when the switch is in QoS Advanced Mode only. This change is made in **General > QoS Properties**.

To view Queues Statistics:

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**STEP 1** Click **Quality of Service > QoS Statistics > Queues Statistics**. The *Queues Statistics* page is displayed.

This page displays the following fields:

- **Refresh Rate**—Select the time period that passes before the interface Ethernet statistics are refreshed. The available options are:
  - *No Refresh*—Statistics are not refreshed.
  - *15 Sec*—Statistics are refreshed every 15 seconds.
  - *30 Sec*—Statistics are refreshed every 30 seconds.
  - *60 Sec*—Statistics are refreshed every 60 seconds.
- **Counter Set**—The options are:
  - *Set 1*—Displays the statistics for Set 1 that contains all interfaces and queues with a high DP (Drop Precedence).
  - *Set 2*—Displays the statistics for Set 2 that contains all interfaces and queues with a low DP.

- **Interface**—Queue statistics are displayed for this interface.
- **Queue**—Packets were forwarded or tail dropped from this queue.
- **Drop Precedence**—Lowest drop precedence has the lowest probability of being dropped.
- **Total Packets**—Number of packets forwarded or tail dropped.
- **Tail Drop Packets**—Percentage of packets that were tail dropped.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add Queues Statistics* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Counter Set**—Select the counter set:
  - *Set 1*—Displays the statistics for Set 1 that contains all interfaces and queues with a high DP (Drop Precedence).
  - *Set 2*—Displays the statistics for Set 2 that contains all interfaces and queues with a low DP.
- **Interface**—Select the ports for which statistics are displayed. The options are:
  - *Unit No.*—Selects the unit number.
  - *Port*—Selects the port on the selected unit number for which statistics are displayed.
  - *All Ports*—Specifies that statistics are displayed for all ports.
- **Queue**—Select the queue for which statistics are displayed.
- **Drop Precedence**—Enter drop precedence that indicates the probability of being dropped.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The Queue Statistics counter is added, and the Running Configuration file is updated.

## Configuring SNMP

This section describes the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) feature that provides a method for managing network devices.

It covers the following topics:

- **SNMP Versions and Workflow**
- **Model OIDs**
- **Configuring SNMP Views**
- **Managing SNMP Users**
- **Creating SNMP Groups**
- **Defining SNMP Communities**
- **Notification Recipients**
- **SNMP Notification Filters**

### SNMP Versions and Workflow

The switch functions as SNMP agent and supports SNMPv1, v2, and v3. It also reports system events to trap receivers using the traps defined in the supported MIBs (Management Information Base).

#### SNMPv1 and v2

To control access to the system, a list of community entries is defined. Each community entry consists of a *community string* and its access privilege. The system will respond only to SNMP messages specifying the community which has the correct permissions and correct operation.

SNMP agents maintain a list of variables that are used to manage the switch. These variables are defined in the *Management Information Base (MIB)*.

**NOTE** Due to the security vulnerabilities of other versions, it is recommended to use SNMPv3.

## SNMPv3

In addition to the functionality provided by SNMPv1 and v2, SNMPv3 applies access control and new trap mechanisms to SNMPv1 and SNMPv2 PDUs. SNMPv3 also defines a User Security Model (USM) that includes:

- **Authentication**—Provides data integrity and data origin authentication.
- **Privacy**—Protects against disclosure message content. *Cipher Block-Chaining (CBC-DES)* is used for encryption. Either authentication alone can be enabled on an SNMP message, or both authentication and privacy can be enabled on an SNMP message. However, privacy cannot be enabled without authentication.
- **Timeliness**—Protects against message delay or playback attacks. The SNMP agent compares the incoming message time stamp to the message arrival time.
- **Key Management**—Defines key generation, key updates, and key use. The switch supports SNMP notification filters based on *Object IDs (OID)*. OIDs are used by the system to manage device features.

## SNMP Workflow

**NOTE** For security reasons, SNMP is disabled by default. Before you can manage the switch via SNMP, you must turn on SNMP on the *Security > TCP/UDP Services* page.

The following is the recommended series of actions for configuring SNMP:

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*If you decide to use SNMPv1 or v2:*

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- STEP 1** Navigate to the *SNMP -> Communities* page and click **Add**. The community can be associated with access rights and a view in Basic mode or with a group in Advanced mode. There are two ways to define access rights of a community:
- **Basic mode**—The access rights of a community can configure with Read Only, Read Write, or SNMP Admin. In addition, you can restrict the access to the community to only certain MIB objects by selecting a view (defined in the *Views* page).
  - **Advanced Mode**—The access rights of a community are defined by a group (defined in the *Groups* page). You can configure the group with a specific security model. The access rights of a group are Read, Write, and Notify.
- STEP 2** Choose whether to restrict the SNMP management station to one address or allow SNMP management from all addresses. If you choose to restrict SNMP management to one address, then input the address of your SNMP Management PC in the IP Address field.
- STEP 3** Input the unique community string in the Community String field.
- STEP 4** Optionally, enable traps by using the Trap Settings page.
- STEP 5** Optionally, define a notification filter(s) by using the Notification Filter page.
- STEP 6** Configure the notification recipients on the Notification Recipients SNMPv1,2 page.
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*If you decide to use SNMPv3:*

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- STEP 1** Define the SNMP engine by using the *Engine ID* page. Either create a unique Engine ID or use the default Engine ID. Applying an Engine ID configuration will clear the SNMP database.
- STEP 2** Optionally, define SNMP view(s) by using the *Views* page. This will limit the range of OIDs available to a community or group.
- STEP 3** Define groups by using the *Groups* page.
- STEP 4** Define users by using the *SNMP Users* page, where they can be associated with a group. If the SNMP Engine ID is not set, then users may not be created.
- STEP 5** Optionally, enable or disable traps by using the *Trap Settings* page.
- STEP 6** Optionally, define a notification filter(s) by using the *Notification Filter* page.

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- STEP 7** Define a notification recipient(s) by using the *Notification Recipients SNMPv3* page.

### Supported MIBs

For a list of supported MIBs, visit the following URL and navigate to the download area listed as **Cisco MIBS**:

[www.cisco.com/cisco/software/navigator.html](http://www.cisco.com/cisco/software/navigator.html)

## Model OIDs

The following are the switch model *Object IDs* (OIDs)

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Model Name	Description	Object ID
SF500-24	24-Port 10/ 100 Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.80.24.1
SF500-24P	24-Port 10/ 100 PoE Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.80.24.2
SF500-48	48-Port 10/ 100 Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.80.48.1
SF500-48P	48-Port 10/ 100 PoE Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.80.48.2
SG500-28	28-Port Gigabit Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.81.28.1
SG500-28P	28-Port Gigabit PoE Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.81.28.2
SG500-52	52-Port Gigabit Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.81.52.1
SG500-52P	52-Port Gigabit PoE Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.81.52.2
SG500X-24	24-Port Gigabit with 4-Port 10-Gigabit Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.85.24.1
SG500X 24P	24-Port Gigabit with 4-Port 10-Gigabit PoE Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.85.24.2
SG500X-48	48-Port Gigabit with 4-Port 10-Gigabit Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.85.48.1
SG500X-48P	48-Port Gigabit with 4-Port 10-Gigabit PoE Stackable Managed Switch	9.6.1.85.48.2

The private Object IDs are placed under:  
enterprises(1).cisco(9).otherEnterprises(6).ciscosb(1).switch001(101).

## SNMP Engine ID

The Engine ID is used by SNMPv3 entities to uniquely identify them. An SNMP agent is considered an authoritative SNMP engine. This means that the agent responds to incoming messages (Get, GetNext, GetBulk, Set) and sends trap messages to a manager. The agent's local information is encapsulated in fields in the message.

Each SNMP agent maintains local information that is used in SNMPv3 message exchanges. The default SNMP Engine ID is comprised of the enterprise number and the default MAC address. This engine ID must be unique for the administrative domain, so that no two devices in a network have the same engine ID.

Local information is stored in four MIB variables that are read-only (snmpEngineId, snmpEngineBoots, snmpEngineTime, and snmpEngineMaxMessageSize).



**CAUTION** When the engine ID is changed, all configured users and groups are erased.

To define the SNMP engine ID:

**STEP 1** Click **SNMP > Engine ID**. The *Engine ID* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Choose which to use for **Local Engine ID**.

- **Use Default**—Select to use the device-generated engine ID. The default engine ID is based on the switch MAC address, and is defined per standard as:
  - *First 4 octets*—First bit = 1, the rest is the IANA enterprise number.
  - *Fifth octet*—Set to 3 to indicate the MAC address that follows.
  - *Last 6 octets*—MAC address of the switch.
- **None**—No engine ID is used.
- **User Defined**—Enter the local device engine ID. The field value is a hexadecimal string (**range: 10 - 64**). Each byte in the hexadecimal character strings is represented by two hexadecimal digits.

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**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The Running Configuration file is updated.

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## Configuring SNMP Views

A view is a user-defined label for a collection of MIB subtrees. Each subtree ID is defined by the *Object ID* (OID) of the root of the relevant subtrees. Either well-known names can be used to specify the root of the desired subtree or an OID can be entered (see *Model OIDs*).

Each subtree is either included or excluded in the view being defined.

The *Views* page enables creating and editing SNMP views. The default views (Default, DefaultSuper) cannot be changed.

Views can be attached to groups in the *Groups* page or to a community which employs basic access mode through the *Communities* page.

To define SNMP views:

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**STEP 1** Click **SNMP > Views**. The *Views* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Click **Add** to define new views. The *Add View* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **View Name**—Enter a view name between 0-30 characters)
- **Object ID Subtree**—Select the node in the MIB tree that is included or excluded in the selected SNMP view. The options to select the object are as follows:
  - *Select from list*—Enables you to navigate the MIB tree. Press the *Up* arrow to go to the level of the selected node's parent and siblings; press the *Down* arrow to descend to the level of the selected node's children. Click nodes in the view to pass from one node to its sibling. Use the scrollbar to bring siblings in view.
  - *User Defined*—Enter an OID not offered in the *Select from list* option.

**STEP 4** Select or deselect **Include in view**. If this is selected, the selected MIBs are included in the view, otherwise they are excluded.

**STEP 5** Click **Apply**.

**STEP 6** In order to verify your view configuration, select the user-defined views from the **Filter: View Name** list. The following views exist by default:

- **Default**—Default SNMP view for read and read/write views.
- **DefaultSuper**—Default SNMP view for administrator views.

Other views can be added.

- **Object ID Subtree**—Displays the subtree to be included or excluded in the SNMP view.
- **Object ID Subtree View Type**—Displays whether the defined subtree is included or excluded in the selected SNMP view.

## Creating SNMP Groups

In SNMPv1 and SNMPv2, a community string is sent along with the SNMP frames. The community string acts as a password to gain access to an SNMP agent. However, neither the frames nor the community string are encrypted. Therefore, SNMPv1 and SNMPv2 are not secure.

In SNMPv3, the following security mechanisms can be configured.

- **Authentication**—The switch checks that the SNMP user is an authorized system administrator. This is done for each frame.
- **Privacy**—SNMP frames can carry encrypted data.

Thus, in SNMPv3, there are three levels of security:

- No security (No authentication and no privacy)
- Authentication (Authentication and no privacy)
- Authentication and privacy

SNMPv3 provides a means of controlling the content each user can read or write and the notifications they will receive. A group defines read/write privileges and a level of security. It becomes operational when it is associated with an SNMP user or community.

**NOTE** To associate a non-default view with a group, first create the view in the *Views* page.

**To create an SNMP group:**

**STEP 1** Click **SNMP > Groups**. The *Groups* page is displayed.

This page displays the existing SNMP groups and their security levels.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add Group* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Group Name**—Enter a new group name.
- **Security Model**—Select the SNMP version attached to the group, SNMPv1, v2, or v3.

Three types of views with various security levels can be defined. For each security level, select the views for Read, Write and Notify by entering the following fields:

- **Enable**—Select this field to enable the Security Level.
- **Security Level**—Define the security level attached to the group. SNMPv1 and SNMPv2 support neither authentication nor privacy. If SNMPv3 is selected, choose one of the following:
  - *No Authentication and No Privacy*—Neither the Authentication nor the Privacy security levels are assigned to the group.
  - *Authentication and No Privacy*—Authenticates SNMP messages, and ensures the SNMP message origin is authenticated but does not encrypt them.
  - *Authentication and Privacy*—Authenticates SNMP messages, and encrypts them.
- **View**—Associating a view with the read, write, and notify access privileges of the group limits the scope of the MIB tree to which the group has read, write, and notify access.
  - *View*—Select a previously-defined view for Read, Write and Notify.
  - *Read*—Management access is read-only for the selected view. Otherwise, a user or a community associated with this group is able to read all MIBs except those that control SNMP itself.
  - *Write*—Management access is write for the selected view. Otherwise, a user or a community associated with this group is able to write all MIBs except those that control SNMP itself.

- *Notify*—Limits the available content of the traps to those included in the selected view. Otherwise, there is no restriction on the contents of the traps. This can only be selected for SNMPv3.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The SNMP group is written to the Running Configuration file.

## Managing SNMP Users

An SNMP user is defined by the login credentials (username, passwords, and authentication method) and by the context and scope in which it operates by association with a group and an Engine ID.

The configured user will have the attributes of its group, having the access privileges configured within the associated view.

Groups enable network managers to assign access rights to a group of users instead of to a single user.

A user can only belong to a single group.

To create an SNMPv3 user, the following must first exist:

- An engine ID must first be configured on the switch. This is done in the *Engine ID* page.
- An SNMPv3 group must be available. An SNMPv3 group is defined in the *Groups* page.

For security reasons, SNMP users are not saved to the configuration file. If SNMP users are provisioned and you save the configuration, the SNMP users are not retained; you must manually re-enter them.

To display SNMP users and define new ones:

**STEP 1** Click **SNMP > Users**. The *Users* page is displayed.

This page displays existing users.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add User* page is displayed.

This page provides information for assigning SNMP access control privileges to SNMP users.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **User Name**—Enter a name for the user.
- **Engine ID**—Select either the local or remote SNMP entity to which the user is connected. Changing or removing the local SNMP Engine ID deletes the SNMPv3 User Database. To receive inform messages and request information, you must define both a local and remote user.
  - *Local*—User is connected to the local switch.
  - *Remote*—User is connected to a different SNMP entity besides the local switch. If the remote Engine ID is defined, remote devices receive inform messages, but cannot make requests for information.

Enter the remote engine ID.

- **Group Name**—Select the SNMP group to which the SNMP user belongs. SNMP groups are defined in the *Add Group* page.

**NOTE** Users who belong to groups which have been deleted will remain, but they are inactive.

- **Authentication Method**—Select the Authentication method. The available authentication methods will vary according to the Group Name assigned. If the group does not require authentication, then the user cannot be configured any authentication. The options are:
  - *None*—No user authentication is used.
  - *MD5 Password*—Users must enter a password that is encrypted using the MD5 authentication method.
  - *SHA Password*—Users must enter a password that is encrypted by using the SHA (Secure Hash Algorithm) authentication method.
  - *MD5 Key*—Users are authenticated by using a valid MD5 key.
  - *SHA Key*—Users are authenticated by using a valid SHA key.
- **Authentication Password**—If authentication is accomplished by either a MD5 or a SHA password, enter the local user password. Local user passwords are compared to the local database and can contain up to 32 ASCII characters.

- **Authentication Key**—If the authentication method is either an MD5 or SHA key, enter the MD5 or SHA authentication key.
- **Privacy Key**—16 bytes are required (DES encryption key). This field should be exactly 32 hexadecimal characters.

**NOTE** If your security level is authNoPriv, you still need to enter a Privacy Key value of 32 hexadecimal digits. However, the key will not be used.

**STEP 4** Click **Apply** to save the settings.

## Defining SNMP Communities

Access rights in SNMPv1 and SNMPv2 are managed by defining communities in the *Communities* page. The community name is a type of shared password between the SNMP management station and the device. It is used to authenticate the SNMP management station.

Communities are only defined in SNMPv1 and v2 because SNMPv3 works with users instead of communities. The users belong to groups that have access rights assigned to them.

The *Communities* page associates communities with access rights, either directly (Basic mode) or through groups (Advanced mode):

- **Basic mode**—The access rights of a community can configure with Read Only, Read Write, or SNMP Admin. In addition, you can restrict the access to the community to only certain MIB objects by selecting a view (defined in the *SNMP Views* page).
- **Advanced Mode**—The access rights of a community are defined by a group (defined in the *Groups* page). You can configure the group with a specific security model. The access rights of a group are Read, Write, and Notify.

To define SNMP communities:

**STEP 1** Click **SNMP > Communities**. The *Communities* page is displayed.

This page displays a table of configured SNMP communities and their properties.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add SNMP Community* page is displayed.

This page enables network managers to define and configure new SNMP communities.

**STEP 3 SNMP Management Station**—Click **User Defined** to enter the management station IP address that can access the SNMP community. Click **All** to indicate that any IP device can access the SNMP community.

- **IP Version**—Select either IPv4 or IPv6.
- **IPv6 Address Type**—Select the supported IPv6 address type if IPv6 is used. The options are:
  - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
- **Link Local Interface**—If the IPv6 address type is Link Local, select whether it is received through a VLAN or ISATAP.
- **IP Address**—Enter the SNMP management station IP address.
- **Community String**—Enter the community name used to authenticate the management station to the device.
- **Basic**—Select this mode for a selected community. In this mode, there is no connection to any group. You can only choose the community access level (Read Only, Read Write, or SNMP Admin) and, optionally, further qualify it for a specific view. By default, it applies to the entire MIB. If this is selected, enter the following fields:
  - *Access Mode*—Select the access rights of the community. The options are:
    - Read Only—Management access is restricted to read-only. Changes cannot be made to the community.
    - Read Write—Management access is read-write. Changes can be made to the device configuration, but not to the community.
    - SNMP Admin—User has access to all device configuration options, as well as permissions to modify the community. SNMP Admin is equivalent to Read Write for all MIBs except for the SNMP MIBs. SNMP Admin is required for access to the SNMP MIBs.

- *View Name*—Select an SNMP view (a collection of MIB subtrees to which access is granted).
  - **Advanced**—Select this mode for a selected community.
  - *Group Name*—Select an SNMP group that determines the access rights.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The SNMP Community is defined, and the Running Configuration is updated.

## Defining Trap Settings

The *Trap Settings* page enables configuring whether SNMP notifications are sent from the switch, and for which cases. The recipients of the SNMP notifications can be configured in the *Notification Recipients SNMPv1,2* page, or the *Notification Recipients SNMPv3* page.

To define trap settings:

- STEP 1** Click **SNMP > Trap Settings**. The *Trap Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** Select **Enable** for **SNMP Notifications** to specify that the switch can send SNMP notifications.
- STEP 3** Select **Enable** for **Authentication Notifications** to enable SNMP authentication failure notification.
- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The SNMP Trap settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

## Notification Recipients

Trap messages are generated to report system events, as defined in RFC 1215. The system can generate traps defined in the MIB that it supports.

Trap receivers (aka Notification Recipients) are network nodes where the trap messages are sent by the switch. A list of notification recipients are defined as the targets of trap messages.

A trap receiver entry contains the IP address of the node and the SNMP credentials corresponding to the version that will be included in the trap message. When an event arises that requires a trap message to be sent, it is sent to every node listed in the Notification Recipient Table.

The *Notification Recipients SNMPv1,2* page and the *Notification Recipients SNMPv3* page enable configuring the destination to which SNMP notifications are sent, and the types of SNMP notifications that are sent to each destination (traps or informs). The *Add/Edit* pop-ups enable configuring the attributes of the notifications.

An SNMP notification is a message sent from the switch to the SNMP management station indicating that a certain event has occurred, such as a link up/down.

It is also possible to filter certain notifications. This can be done by creating a filter in the *Notification Filter* page and attaching it to an SNMP notification recipient. The notification filter enables filtering the type of SNMP notifications that are sent to the management station based on the OID of the notification that is about to be sent.

## Defining SNMPv1,2 Notification Recipients

To define a recipient in SNMPv1,2:

**STEP 1** Click **SNMP > Notification Recipients SNMPv1,2**. The *Notification Recipients SNMPv1,2* page is displayed.

This page displays recipients for SNMPv1,2.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add SNMP Notification Recipient* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **IP Version**—Select either IPv4 or IPv6.
- **IPv6 Address Type**—Select either *Link Local* or *Global*.
  - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.

- **Link Local Interface**—If the IPv6 address type is Link Local, select whether it is received through a VLAN or ISATAP.
- **Recipient IP Address**—Enter the IP address of where the traps are sent.
- **UDP Port**—Enter the UDP port used for notifications on the recipient device.
- **Notification Type**—Select whether to send Traps or Informs. If both are required, two recipients must be created.
- **Timeout**—Enter the number of seconds the device waits before re-sending informs.
- **Retries**—Enter the number of times that the device resends an inform request.
- **Community String**—Select from the pull-down the community string of the trap manager. Community String names are generated from those listed in the Community page.
- **Notification Version**—Select the trap SNMP version. Either SNMPv1 or SNMPv2 may be used as the version of traps, with only a single version enabled at a time.
- **Notification Filter**—Select to enable filtering the type of SNMP notifications sent to the management station. The filters are created in the *Notification Filter* page.
- **Filter Name**—Select the SNMP filter that defines the information contained in traps (defined in the *Notification Filter* page).

**STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The SNMP Notification Recipient settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Defining SNMPv3 Notification Recipients

To define a recipient in SNMPv3:

**STEP 1** Click **SNMP > Notification Recipients SNMPv3**. The *Notification Recipients SNMPv3* page is displayed.

This page displays recipients for SNMPv3.

**STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add SNMP Notification Recipient* page is displayed.

**STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **IP Version**—Select either IPv4 or IPv6.
- **IPv6 Address Type**—Select the IPv6 address type (if IPv6 is used). The options are:
  - *Link Local*—The IPv6 address uniquely identifies hosts on a single network link. A link local address has a prefix of **FE80**, is not routable, and can be used for communication only on the local network. Only one link local address is supported. If a link local address exists on the interface, this entry replaces the address in the configuration.
  - *Global*—The IPv6 address is a global Unicast IPV6 type that is visible and reachable from other networks.
- **Link Local Interface**—Select the link local interface (if IPv6 Address Type Link Local is selected) from the pull-down list.
- **Recipient IP Address**—Enter the IP address of where the traps are sent.
- **UDP Port**—Enter the UDP port used to for notifications on the recipient device.
- **Notification Type**—Select whether to send traps or informs. If both are required, two recipients must be created.
- **Timeout**—Enter the amount of time (seconds) the device waits before re-sending informs/traps. Timeout: Range 1-300, default 15
- **Retries**—Enter the number of times that the device resends an inform request. Retries: Range 1-255, default 3
- **User Name**—Select from the drop-down list the user to whom SNMP notifications are sent. In order to receive notifications, this user must be defined on the SNMP User page, and its engine ID must be remote.
- **Security Level**—Select how much authentication is applied to the packet.

**NOTE** The Security Level here will depend on which User Name was selected. If this User Name was configured as No Authentication, the Security Level will be No Authentication only. However, if this User Name has assigned Authentication and Privacy on the User page, the security level on this screen can be either No Authentication, or Authentication Only, or Authentication and Privacy.

The options are:

- *No Authentication*—Indicates the packet is neither authenticated nor encrypted.

- *Authentication*—Indicates the packet is authenticated but not encrypted.
  - *Privacy*—Indicates the packet is both authenticated and encrypted.
  - **Notification Filter**—Select to enable filtering the type of SNMP notifications sent to the management station. The filters are created in the *Notification Filter* page.
  - **Filter Name**—Select the SNMP filter that defines the information contained in traps (defined in the *Notification Filter* page).
- STEP 4** Click **Apply**. The SNMP Notification Recipient settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

## SNMP Notification Filters

The *Notification Filter* page enables configuring SNMP notification filters and Object IDs (OIDs) that are checked. After creating a notification filter, it is possible to attach it to a notification recipient in the *Notification Recipients SNMPv1,2* page, and *Notification Recipients SNMPv3* page.

The notification filter enables filtering the type of SNMP notifications that are sent to the management station based on the OID of the notification to be sent.

To define a notification filter:

- STEP 1** Click **SNMP > Notification Filter**. The *Notification Filter* page is displayed.

The *Notification Filter* page displays notification information for each filter. The table is able to filter notification entries by Filter Name.

- STEP 2** Click **Add**. The *Add Notification Filter* page is displayed.

- STEP 3** Enter the parameters.

- **Filter Name**—Enter a name between 0-30 characters.

- **Object ID Subtree**—Select the node in the MIB tree that is included or excluded in the selected SNMP filter. The options to select the object are as follows:
    - *Select from list*—Enables you to navigate the MIB tree. Press the *Up* arrow to go to the level of the selected node's parent and siblings; press the *Down* arrow to descend to the level of the selected node's children. Click nodes in the view to pass from one node to its sibling. Use the scrollbar to bring siblings in view.
    - If *Object ID* is used, the **entered object identifier** is included in the view if the **Include in filter** option is selected.
- STEP 4** Select or deselect **Include in filter**. If this is selected, the selected MIBs are included in the filter, otherwise they are excluded.
- STEP 5** Click **Apply**. The SNMP views are defined and the running configuration is updated.
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# RIP

This section describes the Routing Information Protocol (RIP) feature. The Sx500 models do not support the RIP Feature.

It covers the following topics:

- [Overview](#)
- [How RIP Operates on the Device](#)
- [Configuring RIP Through the WEB GUI](#)

## Overview

Routing Information Protocol (RIP) is an implementation of a distance-vector protocol for local and wide-area networks. It classifies routers as either *active* or *passive* (silent). Active routers advertise their routes to others; passive routers listen and update their routes based on advertisements, but do not advertise. Typically, routers run RIP in active mode, while hosts use passive mode.

The RIP feature is supported only on the SG500X platform (which is always in Layer 3 router mode). The switch supports 128 IP interfaces and 128 IP routes.

The default gateway is a static route and it is advertised by RIP in the same way as all other static routers, if it is enabled by configuration.

When IP Routing is enabled, RIP works fully. When IP Routing is disabled, RIP works in the passive mode, meaning that it only learns routes from the received RIP messages and does not send them.

**NOTE** To enable IP Routing from the web-based interface, go to **Configuration > Management and IP Interface > IPv4 interface** page on the 500X models. The IP Routing control is available on the 500X models only.

The switch supports RIP version 2, which is based on the following standards:

- RFC2453 RIP Version 2, November 1998

- RFC2082 RIP-2 MD5 Authentication, January 1997
- RFC1724 RIP Version 2 MIB Extension

Received RIPv1 packets are dropped.

## How RIP Operates on the Device

### Enabling RIP

#### Enabling RIP

- RIP must be enabled globally and per interface.
- RIP can only be configured if it is enabled.
- Disabling RIP globally deletes the RIP configuration on the system.
- Disabling RIP on an interface deletes the RIP configuration on the specified interface.
- If IP Routing is disabled, RIP messages are not sent, but when RIP messages are received, they are used to update the routing table information.

**NOTE** RIP can only be defined on manually-configured IP interfaces, meaning that RIP cannot be defined on an interface whose IP address was received from a DHCP server or whose IP address is the default IP address.

### Offset Configuration

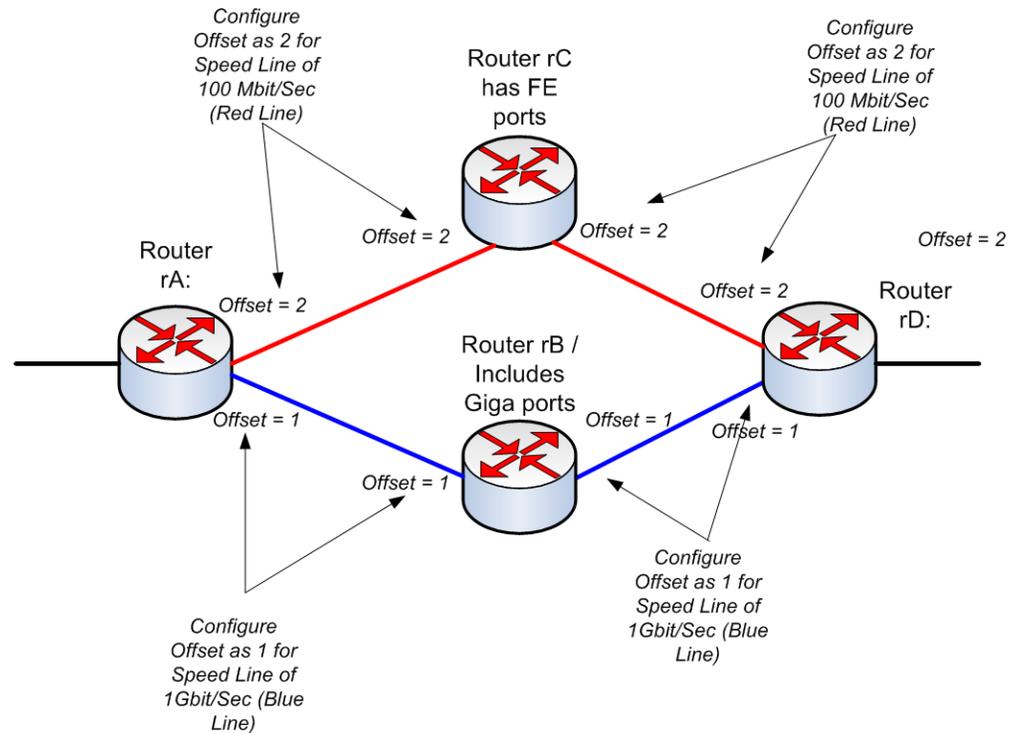
A RIP message includes a metric (number of hops) for each route.

An offset is an additional number that is added to a metric to affect the cost of paths. The offset is set per interface and, for example, can reflect the speed, delay, or some other quality of that particular interface. In this way, the relative cost of the interfaces can be adjusted as desired.

It is the responsibility of the user to set the offset for each interface (1 by default).

**Figure 12** illustrates the configuration of the metric offset for various interfaces, based on port speed.

**Figure 12 Configuring the Offset (Based on Port Speed)**



Router rD can send data to rA via rB or rC. Since rC only supports Fast Ethernet (FE) ports, and rB supports Gigabit Ethernet (GE) ports, the path cost from router rD to router rA is higher via router rC (additional 4 to the cost path) as opposed to the path via router rB (additional 2 to the cost path). Therefore, forwarding traffic via routing rB is preferred. To achieve this, the user configures a different offset (metric value) on each interface based on its line speed.

See [Offset Configuration](#) for more information.

## Passive Mode

Transmission of routing update messages over a specific IP interface can be disabled. In this case, the router is passive, and only receives the updated RIP information on this interface. By default, transmission of routing updates on an IP interface is enabled.

See [RIP Settings on an IP Interface](#) for more information.

## Filtering Routing Updates

The user can filter incoming and outgoing routes for a given IP interface using two Standard Access Lists - one for input and one for output.

The Standard Access List is a named, ordered list of pairs of IP prefix (IP address and IP mask length) and action. The action can be deny or permit.

If an access list is defined, each route from the RIP message is checked against the list starting from the first pair: if it matches the first pair and the action is permit, the route is passed; if the action is deny, the route is not passed. If the route does not match, the following pair is considered.

If there is no pair that the route matches, the deny action is applied.

## Advertising Default Route Entries on IP Interfaces

The special address 0.0.0.0 is used for describing a default route. A default route is used to avoid listing every possible network in the routing updates, when one or more closely-connected routers in the system are prepared to transfer traffic to the networks that are not listed explicitly. These routers create RIP entries for the address 0.0.0.0, just as if it were a network to which they are connected.

The user can enable the default route advertisement and configures it with a given metric.

## Redistributing Static Route Configuration

The user can determine whether static routes are redistributed or not by RIP by configuring the **Redistribute Static Metric** feature. This feature is disabled by default and can be enabled globally.

If this feature is enabled, rejected routes are advertised by routes with a metric of 16.

The static route configuration can be propagated using one of the following options:

- **Default Metric**

Causes RIP to use the predefined default metric value for the propagated static route configuration.

- **Transparent (default)**

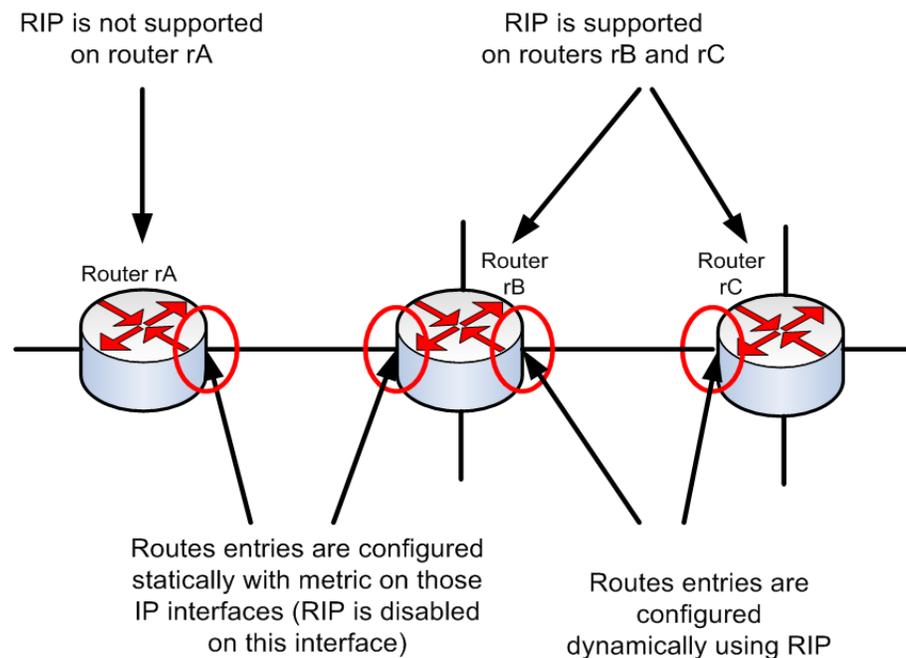
Causes RIP to use the routing table metric as the RIP metric for the propagated static route configuration.

This results in the following behavior:

- If the metric value of a static route is equal to or less than 15, this value is used in the RIP protocol when advertising this static route.
- If the metric value of a static route is greater than 15, the static route is not advertised to other routers using RIP.

The static route configuration must be taken into account when using RIP. This is shown in **Figure 13**, which illustrates a network where some routers support RIP and others do not.

**Figure 13 A Network with RIP and non-RIP Routers**



Router rA does not support RIP. Therefore, routing entries with an appropriate metric are configured statically on this router and on IP interfaces connected to router rA (router rB). In contrast, routers rB and rC derive and distribute their routing entries using RIP.

The static route configuration of router rB, can be propagated to router rC using either the default metric or transparent system. A static route is *redistributed* either with the static route's metric (transparent metric) or with the metric defined by the default-metric command.

RIP always redistributes direct IP prefixes with a RIP metric by the default-metric command.

See [Redistributing Static Route Configuration](#) for more information.

## RIP Authentication

The user can enable the following types of authentication of RIP messages per IP interface.

- **Plain text or password**—Uses a key password (string) that is sent along with the route to another router. The receiving router compares this key to its own configured key. If they are the same, it accepts the route.
- **MD5**—Uses MD5 digest authentication. Each router is configured with a set of secret keys. This set is called a **key chain**. Each key chain consists of one or more keys. Each key has an identifying number (**key identifier**), **key string** and optionally, a **send-lifetime** and **accept-lifetime** value. The send-lifetime is the time period during which an authentication key on a key chain is valid to be sent; the accept-lifetime is the time period during which the authentication key on a key chain is received as valid

Each transmitted RIP message contains the calculated MD5 digest of the message (containing the key chain), plus the key identifier of the used key string. The receiver also has the key chain configured on it. The key identifier is used by the receiver to select the key for validating the MD5 digest.

## RIP Statistical Counters

The user can monitor the RIP operation by checking statistical counters per IP interface. See [Displaying RIP Statistic Counters](#) for a description of these counters.

## RIP Peers Database

The user can monitor the RIP peers database per IP interface. See [Displaying the RIP Peers Database](#) for a description of these counters.

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## Configuring RIP Through the WEB GUI

The following actions can be performed.

- **Mandatory actions:**
  - Globally enable/disable RIP protocol, using the *RIPv2 Properties* page.
  - Enable/disable RIP protocol on an IP interface, using the *RIPv2 Settings* page.
- **Optional actions (if these are not performed, default values are used by the system)**
  - Enable/disable RIP to advertise static routes and its metric on the IP interface, using the *RIPv2 Properties* page.
  - Configure the offset added to the metric for incoming routes on an IP interface, using the *RIPv2 Settings* page.
  - Enable passive mode on an IP interface, using the *RIPv2 Settings* page.
  - Control which routes are processed in the incoming/outgoing routing updates by specifying an IP address list on the IP interface (see [Configuring Access Lists](#)).
  - Advertise default route entries on the IP interface, using the *RIPv2 Settings* page.
  - Enable RIP authentication on an IP Interface, using the *RIPv2 Settings* page.

### RIP Properties

To enable/disable RIP on the device.

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**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > RIPv2 > RIPv2 Properties**. The *RIPv2 Properties* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** Select the following options as required:

- **RIP**—Select to enable RIP. Disabling RIP deletes the RIP configuration on the system.
- **Redistribute Static Route**—Select to enable this feature (described in [Redistributing Static Route Configuration](#)).

**STEP 3** If **Redistribute Static Route is enabled**, select an option for the **Redistribute Static Metric field**. The following options are available:

- **Transparent**—Causes RIP to use the routing table metric as the RIP metric for the propagated static route configuration. This results in the following behavior:
  - If the metric value of a static route is equal to or less than 15, this value is used in the RIP protocol when advertising this static route.
  - If the metric value of a static route is greater than 15, the static route is not advertised to other routers using RIP.
- **Default Metric**—Causes RIP to use the default metric value for the propagated static route configuration (refer to [Redistributing Static Route Configuration](#)).

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## RIP Settings on an IP Interface

To configure RIP on an IP interface:

**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > RIPv2 > RIPv2 Settings**. The *RIPv2 Settings* page is displayed.

**STEP 2** RIP parameters are displayed per IP interface.

To add a new IP interface, click **Add** to open the *Add RIPv2 Settings* page and enter the following fields:

- **IP Address**—Select an IP interface defined on the Layer 2 interface.
- **Passive**—Specifies whether or not sending RIP route update messages is allowed on the specified IP interface. If this field is not enabled, RIP updates are not sent (passive).
- **Offset**—Specifies the metric number of the specified IP interface. This reflects the additional cost of using this interface, based on the speed of the interface.
- **Authentication**—RIP authentication state (enable/disable) on a specified IP interface. The following options are available:
  - *None*—There is no authentication performed.
  - *Text*—The key password entered below is used for authentication.

- **MD5**—The MD5 digest of the key chain selected below is used for authentication.
- **Key Password**—If **Text** was selected as the authentication type, enter the password to be used.
- **Key Chain**—If **MD5** was selected as the authentication type, enter the key chain to be digested. This key chain is created as described in the **Key Management** section.
- **Default Route**—Specifies whether RIP generates a default route on the specified IP interface. If this is enabled, the **Metric** field is enabled.
- **Default Route Metric**—Specifies the metric for the default route.
- **Distribute-list In**—Specifies whether filtering is enabled/disabled for RIP incoming routes for the specified IP address(es) list. If this field is enabled, select the Access List Name below.
- **Access List Name**—Specifies the Access List name (which includes a list of IP addresses)) of RIP incoming routes filtering for a specified IP interface. See **Creating an Access List** for a description of access lists.
- **Distribute-list Out**—Specifies whether filtering is enabled/disabled for RIP outgoing routes for the specified IP address(es) list. If this field is enabled, select the Access List Name below.
- **Access List Name**—Specifies the Access List name (which includes a list of IP addresses)) of RIP outgoing routes filtering for a specified IP interface. See **Creating an Access List** for a description of access lists.

**STEP 3** Click **Apply**. The settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

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## Displaying RIP Statistic Counters

To view the RIP statistical counters for each IP address:

**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > RIPv2 > RIPv2 Statistics**. The *RIPv2 Statistics page is displayed*.

The following fields are displayed:

- **IP Interface**—IP interface defined on the Layer 2 interface.

- **Bad Packets Received**—Specifies the number of bad packets identified by RIP on the IP interface.
- **Bad Routes Received**—Specifies the number of bad routes received and identified by RIP on the IP interface. Bad routes mean that the route parameters are incorrect. For example, the IP destination is a Broadcast address, or the metric is 0 or greater than 16
- **Updates Sent**—Specifies the number of packets sent by RIP on the IP interface.

**STEP 2** To clear specific interface counters, select them and click **Clear Interface Counter**. To clear them all, click **Clear All Interface Counters**.

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## Displaying the RIP Peers Database

To view the RIP Peers (neighbors) database:

**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > RIPv2 > RIPv2 Peer Router Database**. The *RIPv2 Peer Router Database page is displayed*.

The following fields are displayed for the peer router database:

- **Router IP Address**—IP interface defined on the Layer 2 interface.
- **Bad Packets Received**—Specifies the number of bad packets identified by RIP on the IP interface.
- **Bad Routes Received**—Specifies the number of bad routes received and identified by RIP on the IP interface. Bad routes mean that the route parameters are incorrect. For example, the IP destination is a Broadcast, or the metric is 0 or greater than 16
- **Last Updated**—Indicates the last time RIP received RIP routes from the remote IP address.

**STEP 2** To clear all counters, click **Clear All Interface Counters**.

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## Configuring Access Lists

See [Filtering Routing Updates](#) for a description of access lists.

To create access lists, do the following:

1. Create an access list with a single IP address, using the *Access List Settings* page.
2. Add additional IP addresses if required, using the *Source IPv4 Address List* page.

### Creating an Access List

To set the global configuration of an access list.

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- STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > Access List > Access List Settings**. The *Access List Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** To add a new Access List, click **Add** to open the *Add Access List* page and enter the following fields:
- **Name**—Define a name for the access list.
  - **Source IPv4 Address**—Enter the source IPv4 address. The following options are available:
    - *Any*—All IP addresses are included.
    - *User Defined*—Enter an IP address.
  - **Source IPv4 Mask**—Enter the source IPv4 address mask type and value. The following options are available:
    - *Network Mask*—Enter the network mask.
    - *Prefix Length*—Enter the prefix length.
  - **Action**—Select an action for the access list. The following options are available:
    - *Permit*—Permit entry of packets from the IP address(es) in the access list.
    - *Deny*—Reject entry of packets from the IP address(es) in the access list.
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## Populate an Access List

To populate an access list with IP addresses.

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- STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > Access List > Source IPv4 Address List**. The *Source IPv4 Address List* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** To modify the parameters of an access list, click **Add** to open the *Edit Access List* page and modify any of the following fields:
- **Access List Name**—Name of the access list.
  - **Source IPv4 Address**—Source IPv4 address. The following options are available:
    - *Any*—All IP addresses are included.
    - *User Defined*—Enter an IP address.
  - **Source IPv4 Mask**—Source IPv4 address mask type and value. The following options are available:
    - *Network Mask*—Enter the network mask (for example “255.255.0.0”).
    - *Prefix Length*—Enter the prefix length.
  - **Action**—Action for the access list. The following options are available:
    - *Permit*—Permit entry of packets from the IP address(es) in the access list.
    - *Deny*—Reject entry of packets from the IP address(es) in the access list.
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## Key Management

This section describes how to configure key chains for applications and protocols, such as RIP. See [RIP Authentication](#) for a description of how RIP uses key chain for authentication.

To create a key chain, do the following:

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- STEP 1** Create a key chain with a single key in it, using the *Key Chain Settings* page.
- STEP 2** Add additional keys, using the *Key Settings* page.
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## Creating a Key Chain

Use the *Key Chain Settings* page to create a new key chain.

- STEP 1** Click **Security > Key Management > Key Chain Settings**. The *Key Chain Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** To add a key chain, click **Add** and the *Add Key Chain* page is displayed.
- STEP 3** To add a new key chain, click **Add** to open the *Add Key Chain* page and enter the following fields:
- **Key Chain**—Name for the key chain.
  - **Key Identifier**—Integer identifier for the key chain.
  - **Key String**—Value of the key chain string.

**NOTE** Both the Accept Life Time and the Send Life Time values can be entered. The Accept Life Time indicates when the key-identifier for receiving packets is valid. The Send Life Time indicates when the key-identifier for sending packets is valid. The fields are only described for the Accept Life Time. The Send Life Time has the same fields.

- **Accept Life Time**—Specifies when packets with this key are accepted. Select one of the following options.
  - *Always Valid*—No limit to the life of the key-identifier.
  - *User Defined*—Life of the key-chain is limited. If this option, is selected enter values in the following fields.

**NOTE** If you select User Defined, the system time must be set either manually or from SNTP. Otherwise, Accept Life Time and Send Life Times will always fail.
- **Start Date**—Enter the earliest date that the key-identifier is valid.
- **Start Time**—Enter the earliest time that the key-identifier is valid on the Start Date.
- **End Time**—Specifies the last date that the key-identifier is valid. Select one of the following options.
  - *Infinite*—No limit to the life of the key-identifier.
  - *Duration*—Life of the key-identifier is limited. If this option, is selected enter values in the following fields.

- **Duration**—Length of time that the key identifier is valid. Enter the following fields:
  - *Days*—Number of days that the key-identifier is valid.
  - *Hours*—Number of hours that the key-identifier is valid.
  - *Minutes*—Number of minutes that the key-identifier is valid.
  - *Seconds*—Number of seconds that the key-identifier is valid.

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### Creating a Key Settings

Use the *Key Chain Settings* page to add a key to an already existing key chain.

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- STEP 1** Click **Security > Key Management > Key Settings**. The *Key Settings* page is displayed.
- STEP 2** To add a new key string, click **Add** to open the *Add Key Chain* page. The *Add Key* window is displayed.
- STEP 3** Enter the following fields:
- **Key Chain**—Name for the key chain.
  - **Key Identifier**—Integer identifier for the key chain.
  - **Key String**—Value of the key chain string.

**NOTE** Both the **Accept Life Time** and the **Send Life Time** values can be entered. The **Accept Life Time** indicates when the key-identifier for receiving packets is valid. The **Send Life Time** indicates when the key-chain for sending packets is valid. The fields are only described for the **Accept Life Time**. The **Send Life Time** has the same fields.

- **Accept Life Time**—Specifies when packets with this key are accepted. Select one of the following options.
  - *Always Valid*—No limit to the life of the key-identifier.
  - *User Defined*—Life of the key-chain is limited. If this option, is selected enter values in the following fields.
- **Start Date**—Enter the earliest date that the key-identifier is valid.
- **Start Time**—Enter the earliest time that the key-identifier is valid on the Start Date.

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- **End Time**—Specifies the last date that the key-identifier is valid. Select one of the following options.
    - *Infinite*—No limit to the life of the key-identifier.
    - *Duration*—Life of the key-identifier is limited. If this option, is selected enter values in the following fields.
  - **Duration**—Length of time that the key identifier is valid. Enter the following fields:
    - *Days*—Number of days that the key-identifier is valid.
    - *Hours*—Number of hours that the key-identifier is valid.
    - *Minutes*—Number of minutes that the key-identifier is valid.
    - *Seconds*—Number of seconds that the key-identifier is valid.
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# VRRP

This chapter describes how Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP) works and how to configure virtual routers running VRRP through the WEB GUI. The Sx500 models do not support the VRRP feature.

It covers the following topics:

- [Overview](#)
- [Configurable Elements of VRRP](#)
- [Configuring VRRP Through Web GUI](#)
- [Configuring VRRP Through Web GUI](#)

## Overview

VRRP is an election and redundancy protocol that dynamically assigns the responsibility of a virtual router to one of the physical routers on a LAN. This increase the availability and reliability of routing paths in the network.

In VRRP, one physical router in a virtual router is elected as the master, with the other physical router of the same virtual router acting as backups in case the master fails. The physical routers are referred as VRRP routers.

The default gateway of a participating host is assigned to the virtual router instead of a physical router. If the physical router that is routing packets on behalf of the virtual router fails, another physical router is selected to automatically replace it. The physical router that is forwarding packets at any given time is called the master router.

VRRP also enables load sharing of traffic. Traffic can be shared equitably among available routers by configuring VRRP in such a way that traffic to and from LAN clients are shared by multiple routers.

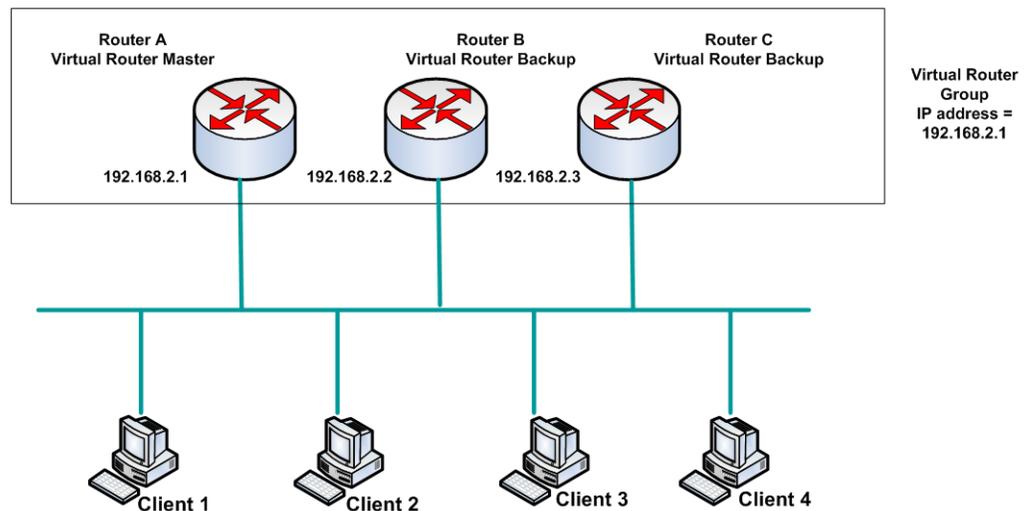
## Constraints

VRRP is only supported on SG500X switches.

## VRRP Topology

**Figure 14** shows a LAN topology in which VRRP is configured. In this example, Routers A, B and C are VRRP and comprise a virtual router. The IP address of the virtual router is the same as that configured for the Ethernet interface of Router A (198.168.2.1).

**Figure 14 Basic VRRP Topology**



Because the virtual router uses the IP address of the physical Ethernet interface of Router A, Router A assumes the role of the *virtual router master* and is also known as the *IP address owner*. As the virtual router master, Router A controls the IP address of the virtual router and is responsible to route packets on behalf of the virtual router. Clients 1 through 3 are configured with the default gateway IP address of 198.168.2.1. Client 4 is configured with the default gateway IP address of 198.168.2.2.

**NOTE** The VRRP router that is the IP address owner will respond/process packets whose destination is to the IP address. The VRRP router that is the virtual router master, but not the IP address owner, will not respond/process those packets.

Router B and C function as a *virtual router backups*. If the virtual router master fails, the router configured with the higher priority becomes the virtual router master and provides service to the LAN hosts with minimal interruption.

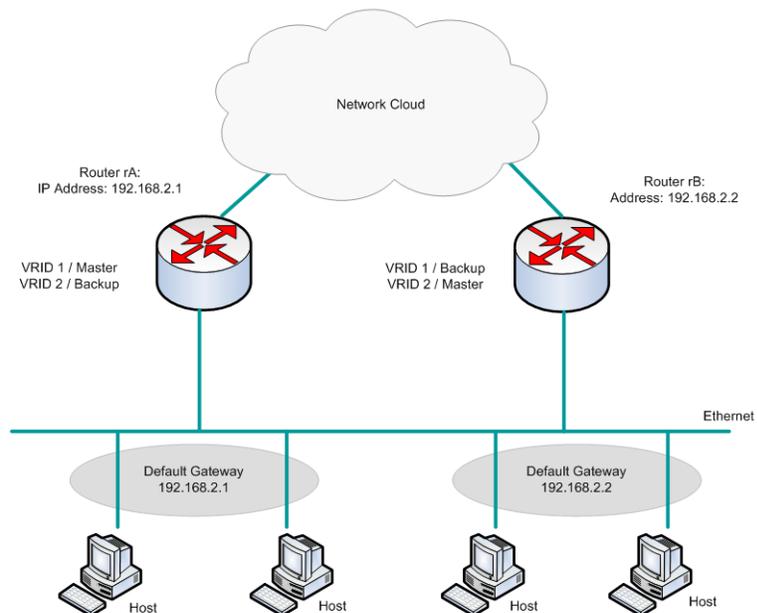
**NOTE** The VRRP router priority depends on the following: If the VRRP router is the owner, its priority is 255 (the highest), if it is not an owner, the priority is manually configured (always less than 255).

When Router A recovers, it becomes the virtual router master again. During the period that the master is recovering, both masters will forward packets and as a result, there is some duplication (regular behavior) but no interruption.

For more detail on the roles that VRRP routers play and what happens if the virtual router master fails, see the [VRRP Router Priority and Preemption](#) section.

**Figure 15** shows a LAN topology in which VRRP is configured. Routers A and B share the traffic to and from clients 1 through 4 and Routers A and B act as virtual router backups to each other if either router fails.

**Figure 15 Load Sharing VRRP Topology**



In this topology, two virtual routers are configured. For virtual router 1, rA is the owner of IP address 192.168.2.1 and is the virtual router master, and rB is the virtual router backup to rA. Clients 1 and 2 are configured with the default gateway IP address of 192.168.2.1.

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For virtual router 2, rB is the owner of IP address 192.168.2.2 and virtual router master, and rA is the virtual router backup to rB. Clients 3 and 4 are configured with the default gateway IP address of 192.168.2.2.

## Configurable Elements of VRRP

A virtual router must be assigned a unique virtual router identifier (VRID) among all the virtual routers on the same LAN. All VRRP routers supporting the same virtual router must be configured with all the information relating to the virtual router including its VRID. Virtual routers should be enabled on the device only when IP routing is also enabled on the device.

You can configure a VRRP router to participate in one or more virtual routers either by using CLI commands, or through the web GUI, as described in the [Configuring VRRP Through Web GUI](#) section.

To configure a virtual router, you configure its information, such as the virtual router ID and its IP addresses, on every VRRP routers that support the virtual router. The following elements can be configured and customized.

### Virtual Router Identification

It must be assigned an identifier (VRID) and may be assigned a description. The sections below describe the various attributes of the virtual router.

VRRP supports up to 255 virtual routers (VRRP groups).

### VRRP Versions

The device supports the following VRRP version types:

- IPv4 VRRPv3 based on RFC5798. VRRPv3 messages are sent.
- IPv4 VRRPv3 and VRRPv2 based on RFC5798. VRRPv3 and VRRP v2 messages are sent.
- IPv4 VRRPv2 based on RC3768. VRRPv2 messages are sent.

Configuring the VRRP version is per virtual router. The default is VRRPv2.

The following cases might occur when configuring a virtual router:

- All the existing VRRP routers of the virtual router operate in VRRPv3, then you should configure your new VRRP router to operate in VRRPv3.
- All the existing VRRP routers of the virtual router operate in VRRPv2, then you should configure your new VRRP router to operate in VRRPv2.

- If there is at least one VRRP router of the virtual router operating in both VRRPv2 and VRRPv3, then you should configure your VRRP router to operate in VRRPv3 even though VRRPv2 is also interoperable.

**NOTE** If there are VRRPv2 only routers and VRRPv3 only routers in the virtual router, you must configure at least one VRRPv2 and VRRPv3 router.

**NOTE** When both VRRPv2 and VRRPv3 are enabled on a VRRP router, the VRRP router transmits both VRRPv2 and VRRPv3 packets. According to VRRPv3 standards, enabling both VRRPv2 and VRRPv3 should be done when transitioning/upgrading from v2 to v3. Mixing the two versions should not be considered as a permanent solution. Please refer to the VRRPv3 standard for details on VRRPv2 and VRRPv3 inter-operation.

## Virtual Router IP Addresses

Each virtual router is assigned one or more IP addresses for which the current master assumes responsibility.

A VRRP router supporting a virtual router must have an IP interface on the same IP subnet with respect to the IP addresses configured on the virtual router.

Assigning IP addresses to a virtual router is done according to the following rules:

- All the VRRP routers supporting the virtual router must be configured with the same virtual router IP addresses in their configuration of the virtual router.
- None of the IP addresses can be used in another virtual router, or in VRRP routers that are not supporting the virtual router.
- One of the VRRP routers supporting the virtual router must be the owner of all the IP addresses of the virtual router. A VRRP router is the owner of the IP addresses if the addresses are real addresses configured on its IP interface.
- If a VRRP router (the physical router) is the owner of the virtual router's IP addresses, the virtual router's IP address must be configured manually on the VRRP router, not DHCP assigned.
- If a VRRP router is not the owner of the virtual router's IP addresses:
  - The VRRP routers that are non owner must be configured with an IP interface on the same IP subnet as the IP addresses of the virtual router.
  - The corresponding IP subnets must be configured manually in the VRRP router, not DHCP assigned.

All the VRRP routers supporting the same virtual router should have the same configuration. If the configurations are different, the configuration of the master is used. A backup VRRP router will syslog a message when its configuration is different from the configuration of the master.

## Source IP Address In a VRRP Router

Each VRRP router supporting a virtual router uses their own IP address as the source IP address in their outgoing VRRP messages for the virtual router. VRRP routers of the same virtual router communicate to each other in VRRP messages. If a VRRP router is the owner of the IP address of the virtual router, then IP address is one of the virtual router IP addresses. If a VRRP router is not the owner of the IP address of the virtual router, then the IP address is the IP address of the VRRP router interface to the same IP subnet of the virtual router.

If the source IP address was manually configured, the configuration is removed and the default source IP address is taken (lowest VRRP router's IP address defined on the interface). If the source IP address was a default one, a new default source IP address is taken.

## VRRP Router Priority and Preemption

An important aspect of the VRRP redundancy scheme is the ability to assign each VRRP router a VRRP priority. The VRRP priority should express how efficiently a VRRP router would perform as a backup to a virtual router defined in the VRRP router. If there are multiple backup VRRP routers for the virtual router, the priority determines which backup VRRP router is assigned as master if the current master fails.

If a virtual router is the owner of the IP address, its VRRP priority is automatically assigned with priority of 255 by the system, and the VRRP router (on which this virtual router is assigned) will automatically function as a virtual router master if it is up.

In **Figure 14**, if Router A, the virtual router master, fails, a selection process takes place to determine if virtual router backups B or C should take over. If Routers B and C are configured with the priorities of 101 and 100, respectively, Router B is elected to become virtual router master because it has the higher priority. If both have the same priority, the one with the higher IP address value is selected to become the virtual router master.

By default, a preemptive feature is enabled, which functions as follows:

- **Enabled** - When a VRRP router is configured with higher priority than the current master is up, it replaces the current master.
- **Disabled** - Even if a VRRP router with a higher priority than the current master is up, it does not replace the current master. Only the original master (when it becomes available) will replace the backup.

## VRRP Advertisements

The virtual router master sends VRRP advertisements to routers which are in the same group (configured with the same virtual router identification).

The VRRP advertisements are encapsulated in IP packets and sent to the IP v4 Multicast address assigned to the VRRP group. The advertisements are sent every second by default; the advertisement interval is configurable.

The advertisement Interval is in mS (Range: 50 - 40950, Default: 1000). A non-value is invalid.

- In VRRP version 3, the operational advertise interval is rounded down the nearest 10ms.
- In VRRP version 2, the operational advertise interval is rounded down to the nearest second. The minimum operational value is 1 sec.

## Configuring VRRP Through Web GUI

VRRP properties can be configured and customized in the *IPv4 VRRP Virtual Routers page*.

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**STEP 1** Click **IP Configuration > IPv4 VRRP Virtual Routers**. The *IPv4 VRRP Virtual Routers page* opens.

**STEP 2** To add a virtual router, click **ADD**. The *Add Virtual Router page* opens.

**STEP 3** Enter the following fields:

- **Interface**—Interface on which virtual router is defined.
- **Virtual Router Identifier**—User-defined number identifying virtual router.
- **Description**—User-defined string identifying virtual router.
- **Status**—Select to enable VRRP on the device.

- **Version**—Select the version of VRRP to be used on this router.
- **IP Address Owner**—If **Yes** is checked, this indicates that the IP address of the device is the IP address of the virtual router. Select the IP addresses of the owner from the **Available IP Address** list and move it to the **Owner IP Address** list.
- If **No** is checked, you must enter the address(es) of the virtual router in the **Virtual Router IP Address** field. If multiple IP addresses are added here, separate them as follows: 1.1.1.1, 2.2.2.2.
- **Source IP Address**—Select the IP address to be used in VRRP messages. The default source IP address is the lowest of the IP addresses defined on the interface.
- **Priority**—If this device is the owner, this field gets the value 255, and this value cannot be changed. If not, enter the priority of this device, based on its ability to function as a master. 100 is the default for a non-owner device.
- **Preempt Mode**—Select true/false to enable/disable preempt mode, as described in [VRRP Router Priority and Preemption](#).
- **Advertisement Interval**—Enter time interval, as described in [VRRP Advertisements](#).

**NOTE** If these parameters are changed (**Edit**), the virtual router is modified and a new message is sent with the new parameters.

**STEP 4** To see further information about a virtual router, click **Details**. The *Details* page opens.

**STEP 5** The following fields are displayed for the selected virtual router:

- **Interface**—The Layer 2 interface (port, LAG or VLAN) on which the virtual router is defined
- **VRID**—The virtual router identification number.
- **Virtual Router MAC Address**—The virtual MAC address of the virtual router
- **Virtual Router IP Address Table**—IP addresses associated with this virtual router.
- **Description**—The virtual router name.
- **Version**—The virtual router version.

- **Status**—Enable/Disable/Initialize. **Initialize** is an intermediary status that occurs before the device becomes either the master or backup. In this status, the master primary address is 0.
- **IP Address Owner**—Indicates whether the IP address of the device is the IP address of the virtual router.
- **Master/Backup Status**—The current state of the virtual router: Master, Backup or Initialized.
- **Skew Time**—This is calculated differently depending on the VRRP version, as follows:
  - *VRRPv3*—  $((256 - \text{Priority}) * \text{Master Advertise Interval}) / 256$  Master Advertise Interval need to be in centi-seconds.
  - *VRRPv2*—  $((256 - \text{Priority}) / 256)$
- **Master Down Interval**—This is the time used to determine whether the master has failed or not. This is calculated differently depending on the VRRP version, as follows:
  - *VRRPv3*—  $(3 * \text{Master Advertise Interval}) + \text{Skew time}$
  - *VRRPv2*—  $(3 * \text{Device Advertisement Interval}) + \text{Skew time}$
- **Preempt Mode** —True/False indicates whether the preemption state of the virtual router is enabled/disabled.

The following group of fields are displayed for the current device (**My Parameters**) and the master device in the virtual router configuration (**Master Parameters**):

- **Priority**—The priority of the virtual router from which the packet is being sent.
- **Advertisement Interval**—The advertisement interval of the virtual router.
- **Source IP Address**—IP address used as source IP address in VRRP messages.

**STEP 6** Click **Apply**. The settings are written to the Running Configuration file.

## Console Menu Interface

The switch provides a menu-driven console interface for basic configuration of the switch. The console interface is useful for switch configuration when the switch does not have a defined IP address, the IP address is not known, or only a direct serial cable connection can be used to communicate with the switch.

A connection between the switch and your PC can be established by using a serial cable, by establishing a Telnet session, or by using terminal emulation application.

This section covers the following topics:

- [Connecting By Using a Terminal Emulation Application](#)
- [Connecting By Using Telnet](#)
- [Console Configuration Menu Navigation](#)
- [Console Interface Main Menu](#)

## Connecting By Using a Terminal Emulation Application

To establish a connection to the console interface by using a terminal emulation application (Microsoft HyperTerminal in Windows XP is used here as an example), configure the application as follows:

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- STEP 1** In the PC desktop, click the **Start** button.
  - STEP 2** Select **Programs > Accessories > Communications > HyperTerminal**. The HyperTerminal - Connection Description window displays.
  - STEP 3** Enter a name for this connection, and optionally select an icon for the application shortcut that is created.
  - STEP 4** Click **OK**. The Connect To window displays.

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- STEP 5** If you connected to the switch with serial cable, select the COM port that links your PC to the switch from the Connect drop-down list. Otherwise, select **TCP/IP**.
- STEP 6** Continue to the “**Communicating by Using a Serial Cable Connection**” section or the “**Communicating By Using a TCP/IP Connection**” section.
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## Communicating by Using a Serial Cable Connection

In this procedure, Com 1 is used for the example. The parameter on your system might be different.

To display the console menu:

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- STEP 1** Configure the **COM1 Properties > Port Settings** with the following connection parameters:
- Rate in bits per second = 115,200
  - Data bits = 8
  - Parity = None
  - Stop bits = 1
  - Flow control = None
- STEP 2** Click **OK**. The HyperTerminal window displays.
- STEP 3** In the HyperTerminal window, press **Enter** once or twice until the login menu displays. Press **Ctrl-R** to refresh the Menu CLI Login or to jump to the Menu CLI Login from any other window.
- STEP 4** Enter **cisco** (default) as the User Name.
- STEP 5** Enter the password **cisco** (default).
- STEP 6** Press **Enter**.
- NOTE** If this is the first time you have logged in, or the switch has been reboots to factory defaults, you are asked to change your password. (See the **Username & Password Settings** section to create and save a new password.)
- STEP 7** Enter the command **debug-mode**, then press **Enter**, then enter the command **menu**. The **Login** displays. Press **Ctrl-R** to refresh the Menu CLI Login or to jump to the Menu CLI Login from any other window.

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**STEP 8** Continue to the **Console Interface Main Menu** section.

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### Communicating By Using a TCP/IP Connection

It is assumed that in the terminal emulation application, you have selected TCP/IP.

**NOTE** Telnet must be enabled on the switch.

To display the console menu:

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**STEP 1** Enter the IP address of the switch in the Host Address field.

**STEP 2** Click **OK**. The terminal emulation displays.

**STEP 3** Enter the command **debug-mode**, then press **Enter**, then enter the command **menu**. The **Login** displays. Press **Ctrl-R** to refresh the Menu CLI Login or to jump to the Menu CLI Login from any other window.

**STEP 4** Select **Edit** to allow modification of the parameters.

**STEP 5** Enter **cisco** (default) as the User Name.

**STEP 6** Enter the password **cisco** (default).

**STEP 7** Press **Enter**.

**NOTE** If this is the first time you have logged in or the switch has been reset to factory defaults, you are asked to change your password. The Change User Password is displayed. Use these options to create and save a new password. See **“Change User Password”** on **page 593**.

The *Switch Main Menu* displays.

**STEP 8** Continue to the **Console Interface Main Menu** section.

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## Connecting By Using Telnet

Telnet is disabled by default. It must be enabled by using the web-based switch configuration utility or the console interface and a serial cable connection. The procedure for enabling Telnet by using the console interface is described in the [Telnet Configuration](#) section.

To open the console interface by running Telnet in the Windows command-line:

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**STEP 1** Select **Start > Run**.

**STEP 2** Enter **CMD** in the Open field and press **Enter**.

**STEP 3** Type **telnet**, a space, and the switch IP address. For example:

```
c:\>telnet 192.168.1.114
```

**STEP 4** Press **Enter**.

**STEP 5** Enter username/password. The default username and password is cisco/cisco.

**STEP 6** Enter the command **debug-mode**, then press **Enter**, then enter the command **menu**. The **Login** displays. Press **Ctrl-R** to refresh the Menu CLI Login or to jump to the Menu CLI Login from any other window.

**NOTE** If this is the first time you have logged in or the switch has been reset to factory defaults, you are asked to change your password. The Change User Password is displayed. Use these options to create and save a new password.

Otherwise, the *Switch Main Menu* displays.

**STEP 7** Continue to the [Console Interface Main Menu](#) section.

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## Console Configuration Menu Navigation

The console interface has two parts, the *options list* and the *action list*. Navigate through the configuration parameters by using the options list. Manage the Running Configuration by using the action list. For example, your workflow to change a parameter value is:

1. Navigate to the appropriate options list.
2. Select **Edit** by using the arrow keys to navigate to and highlight the action and press **Enter**. (If there are no parameters that can be changed by the system administrator, the action list does not display.)
3. Use the arrow keys to navigate to the correct field.
4. Enter the parameter values or use the **spacebar** to toggle the values.
5. Press **ESC** to return to the action list.
6. Select **Save** by using the arrow keys to navigate to and highlight the action.
7. Press **Enter**. Your parameter values are saved to the Running Configuration.

To navigate through the lists:

- Use the up or down arrow keys to move up or down the list. You can also type the number of the desired option to select it.
- Use the left or right arrow keys to move left or right in a list.
- Press **Enter** to select a menu option.
- Press **Esc** to navigate from the options list to the action list.

The available actions are listed at the bottom of each screen.

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Action-> Quit  Edit  Save
ArrowKey/TAB/BACK=Move  SPACE=Toggle  ENTER=Select  ESC=Back
```

If you **Quit** without saving the changes, the changes to the parameter values made in this session are ignored.

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## Console Interface Main Menu

Each console interface menu lists the options in a numbered list.

The *Switch Main Menu* provides the following options:

- System Configuration Menu
- Port Status
- Port Configuration
- System Mode
- Help
- Logout

### System Configuration Menu

Use the System Configuration Menu to select one of the following options:

- System Information
- Management Settings
- Username & Password Settings
- Security Settings
- VLAN Management
- IP Configuration
- File Management
- Delete Startup Configuration
- Reboot to Factory Defaults
- Reboot System

## System Information

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > System Information**

Use the *System Information* menu to view the switch firmware versions and general system information. You can also change the hostname or location description.

- Versions
- General System Information

### Versions

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > System Information > Versions**

*Versions* displays the software, boot, and hardware firmware versions.

### General System Information

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > System Information > General System Information**

*General System Information* displays general information about the switch. You can change the system contact details, host name, and system location information.

## Management Settings

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Management Settings**

The *Management Settings* menu provides the following options:

- Serial Port Configuration
- Telnet Configuration
- SSH Configuration
- SNMP Configuration

### Serial Port Configuration

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Management Settings**

Use *Serial Port Configuration* to view or change the baud rate of the configuration port. If you are using a Windows HyperTerminal application and you change the baud rate parameter value, you must logoff the application and reset the session to match the values.

### Telnet Configuration

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Management Settings**

*Telnet Configuration* displays the Telnet connection timeout value and the status of the Telnet service. You can enable or disable the Telnet service and set the timeout value in minutes. If you do not want the Telnet session to timeout, enter a value of 0 minutes.

### SSH Configuration

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Management Settings**

Use the *SSH Configuration* menu to view or configure the following options:

- SSH Server Configuration
- SSH Server Status
- SSH Crypto Key Generation
- SSH Keys Fingerprints

#### *SSH Server Configuration*

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Management Settings > SSH Configuration**

Use *SSH Server Configuration* to enable or disable the SSH Server. The SSH Server Port can be modified by entering a port value.

#### *SSH Server Status*

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Management Settings > SSH Server Status**

Use *SSH Server Status* to view the SSH server status, the RSA and DSA key status, and any open SSH sessions.

Select **Refresh** to update the screen.

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### *SSH Crypto Key Generation*

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Management Settings > SSH Configuration > SSH Crypto Key Generation**

Use *SSH Crypto Key Generation* to view the SSH Public Key Length or to generate an SSH Crypto Key.

To generate an SSH Crypto Key:

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- STEP 1** Select **Edit**.
  - STEP 2** Use the **SPACE** bar to toggle between the RSA and DSA options.
  - STEP 3** Press **ESC** to return to the Action List.
  - STEP 4** Select **Execute**, and press **Enter**. An *operation complete* message will be displayed when the key generation is complete.
  - STEP 5** Use UP arrow key to go the Action list.
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### *SSH Keys Fingerprints*

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Management Settings > SSH Configuration > SSH Keys Fingerprints**

*SSH Keys Fingerprints* displays the RSA and DSA keys (if those keys were generated).

Select **Refresh** to update the screen.

### **SNMP Configuration**

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Management Settings**

Use *SNMP Configuration* to enable or disable SNMP on the switch.

### **Username & Password Settings**

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Username & Password Settings**

Use *Username & Password Settings* to configure the user names and passwords of those accessing the switch. Up to five users can be added. The factory default username is **cisco**. The factory default password is **cisco**.

## Security Settings

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu**

Use *Security Settings* to configure security on the switch, as well as to generate and display the SSL certificate.

### SSL Certificate Generation

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Security Settings**

Use *Certificate Generation* to create a device-generated SSL certificate.

- Public Key Length—Specifies the SSL RSA key length. (Range: 512–2048)
- Organization Name—Specifies the organization name. (1–64 characters)
- Locality or City Name—Specifies the location or city name. (1–64 characters)
- State or Province Name—Specifies the state or province name. (1–64 characters)
- Country Name—Specifies the country name. (use 2 character code)
- Validity Term—Specifies number of days certification is valid. (Range: 30–3650)

### Show Certificate

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Security Settings**

Use *Show Certificate* to view the internal SSL certificate.

### Disable Active Management Access Profile

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Security Settings**

Use this option to disable management access profiles.

If you choose this option, you are prompted for confirmation. Type **Y** to confirm.

## VLAN Management

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu**

Use the VLAN Management menu to set the default VLAN. Changes to the default VLAN take effect only after you reboot the switch.

Select **Default VLAN Setup** to display the *Default VLAN Setup*.

## IP Configuration

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration**

Use the *IP Configuration* menu to configure the following options:

- IPv4 Address Configuration
- IPv6 Address Configuration
- HTTP Configuration
- HTTPS Configuration
- Network Configuration
- IPv4 Default Route (Layer 3 devices only)

## IPv4 Address Configuration

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration**

Use the *IPv4 Address Configuration Menu* to configure the switch IPv4 address.

## IPv4 Address Settings

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration**

Use *IP Address - Add/IP Address Settings* to add or change the switch IPv4 address.

- IPv4 Address—Enter the IPv4 address that you want to assign to the switch if the switch is disabled as a DHCP client. Verify that the IP address does not conflict with another device on the network.
- Subnet Mask—Enter the subnet mask that you want to assign to the switch.
- Default Gateway—Enter the default gateway address for the switch (**IPv4 Address Settings**).
- Management VLAN—Enter the management VLAN ID (**IPv4 Address Settings**).
- DHCP Client—Use the **Spacebar** to enable or disable the DHCP client.

- Interface Type—Select the interface type, LAG, VLAN, or GE (IPv4 Address Add).
- Interface Number—Enter the interface number (IPv4 Address Add).

### IPv4 Address Table

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration**

The *IP Address Table* displays the IPv4 addresses in Layer 3.

- Delete/Keep—Use the SPACE bar to toggle between **Delete** and **Keep**. When the action is executed, this entry is acted upon based on your selection.

### IPv6 Address Configuration

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration > IPv6 Address Configuration**

Use the *IPv6 Address Configuration* menu to configure the switch IPv6 address.

### IPv6 Interface Enable

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration > IPv6 Address Configuration > IPv6 Interface Enable**

Use *IPv6 Interface Enable* to select the IPv6 interface.

### IPv6 Address Settings

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration > IPv6 Address Configuration**

Use the *IPv6 Address Settings* option to configure the IPv6 address for each interface of the switch.

- **IPv6 Address**—The device supports one IPv6 interface. In addition to the default link local and multicast addresses, the switch automatically adds global addresses to the interface based on the router advertisements it receives. The device supports a maximum of 128 addresses at the interface. Each address must be a valid IPv6 address that is specified in hexadecimal format by using 16-bit values separated by colons.

- **Prefix Length**—The length of the Global IPv6 prefix as a decimal value from 0-128 indicating the number of the high-order contiguous bits of the address comprise the prefix (the network portion of the address).
- **Interface Type**—IPv6 address, interface type (VLAN, LAG, FE, GE)

### IPv6 Address Table

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration>IPv6 Address Configuration>IPv6 Address Table**

The *IPv6 Address Table* displays the IPv6 addresses for each interface.

### IPv6 ISATAP Tunnel

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration>IPv6 Address Configuration>IPv6 ISATAP Enable**

Use the *ISATAP Tunnel* option to enable, and to configure the IPv6 ISATAP Tunnel parameters. See the [Defining an IPv6 Interface](#) section in the [Configuring IP Information](#) section for more information.

### IPv6 ISATAP Interface Show

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration > IPv6 Address Configuration>IPv6 ISATAP Interface Show**

The *ISATAP Interface Show* option displays the active ISATAP Tunnel information.

### IPv6 Default Gateway

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration>IPv6 Address Configuration>IPv6 Default Gateway**

Use the *IPv6 Default Gateway* option to enable or disable, and to specify the interface that will function as the IPv6 default gateway.

### HTTP Configuration

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration > HTTP Configuration**

Use the *HTTP Configuration* option to enable or disable the HTTP server, and set the HTTP Server port number.

## HTTPS Configuration

Path: Switch Main Menu > **System Configuration Menu** > **IP Configuration** > **HTTPS Configuration**

Use the *HTTPS Configuration* option to enable or disable the HTTPS server, set the HTTPS server port number, or check the status of the HTTPS Certificate.

## Network Configuration

Path: **Switch Main Menu** > **System Configuration Menu** > **IP Configuration**

Use the *Network Configuration Menu* to configure the following options:

- Ping <IPv4>
- Ping <IPv6>
- TraceRoute IPv4
- TraceRoute IPv6
- Telnet Session

### Ping IPv4

Path: **Switch Main Menu** > **System Configuration Menu** > **IP Configuration** > **Network Configuration** > **Ping IPv4**

Use the *Ping IPv4* option to enter the IPv4 address that you want to test.

Select Execute to begin the test. The ping results are displayed in the Status and Statistics fields.

### Ping IPv6

Path: **Switch Main Menu** > **System Configuration Menu** > **IP Configuration** > **Network Configuration** > **Ping IPv6**

Use the *Ping IPv6* option to enter the IPv6 address, interface type (VLAN, LAG, FE, GE), and interface ID number that you want to test.

Select Execute to begin the test. The ping results are displayed in the Status and Statistics fields.

### TraceRoute IPv4

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration > Network Configuration > TraceRoute IPv4**

Use the *TraceRoute IPv4* option to enter the IPv4 address for the network route you want to trace.

Select **Execute** to begin the test. The results are displayed in the Status field.

After the traceroute test is complete, it displays the IP address, status, and statistics of the traceroute test.

### TraceRoute IPv6

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration > Network Configuration > TraceRoute IPv6**

Use the *TraceRoute IPv6* option to enter the IPv6 address for the network route you want to trace.

Select **Execute** to begin the test. TraceRoute displays the IP address, status, and statistics of the traceroute test in the Status and Results fields.

### Telnet Session

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration > Network Configuration > Telnet Session**

Use *Telnet Session Configuration* to enter the IP Address of the location you want to reach by using a Telnet connection.

### IPv4 Default Route (Layer 3 devices only)

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > IP Configuration > IPv4 Default Route**

Use *IPv4 Default Route* to set the Next Hop IP Address for the switch.

## File Management

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > File Management**

Use the *File Management Menu* to upload or download files or change the Active Image.

- Upgrade/Backup <IPv4>
- Upgrade/Backup <IPv6>
- Active Image

There are two firmware images, Image1 and Image2, stored on the switch. One of the images is identified as the *active image* and other image is identified as the **inactive image**. The switch boots from the image you set as the active image.

When you upgrade the firmware, the new image is always replaces the image identified as the inactive image. After uploading new firmware on the switch, the switch continues to boot by using the active image (the old version) until you change the status of the new image to be the active image. You can change the image identified as the inactive image to the active image by using the procedure in the **Active Image** section.

### Upgrade / Backup <IPv4>

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > File Management > Upgrade/Backup <IPv4>**

Use *Upgrade/Backup <IPv4>* to upload or download files, such as the startup configuration, boot, or image file via a TFTP server.

### Upgrade / Backup <IPv6>

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > File Management > Upgrade/Backup <IPv6>**

Use *Upgrade/Backup <IPv6>* to upload or download files, such as the startup configuration, boot, or image file via a TFTP server.

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To download a new boot and image, perform the following:

- STEP 1** If required, download the new boot code. DO NOT REBOOT THE DEVICE. Set the Source File to TFTP and the Destination File to **boot** by using the SPACE bar to toggle the values. File Name is the name of the boot file to be downloaded. IP Address is the IP address of the TFTP server.
  - STEP 2** If required, download the new firmware image. Set the Source File to TFTP and the Destination File to **image** by using the SPACE bar to toggle the values. File Name is the name of the image file to be downloaded. IP Address is the IP address of the TFTP server.
  - STEP 3** Change the active image using the *Active Image* menu.
  - STEP 4** Reboot the switch.
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### Active Image

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > File Management > Active Image**

The *Active Image* screen displays and configures whether Image 1 or Image 2 is active, and the firmware version associated with the image.

### Delete Startup Configuration

Delete the Startup Configuration.

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Delete Startup Configuration**

If the switch is rebooted, it is restored to the factory default settings. Type **Y** to delete the configuration, or type **N** to cancel.

### Reboot to Factory Defaults

Reboot to Factory Defaults will delete the Startup Configuration and reboot the switch. Any settings that are not saved to a file are lost after this action is selected.

If there is a configuration on a TFTP server, the switch downloads the configuration.

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Reset to Factory Defaults**

To restore the switch to the factory default settings, select **Reset to Factory Defaults** and press **Enter**. You will be asked if you want to continue. Type **Y** to restore the switch default settings, or type **N** to cancel.

## Reboot System

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Configuration Menu > Reboot System**

Select **Reboot System** and press **Enter** if you want to restart the switch. You will be asked if you want to continue. Type **Y** to reboot the switch, or type **N** to cancel.

## Port Status

Path: **Switch Main Menu > Port Status**

The Port Status option from the Switch Main Menu displays the status of the ports for switches without PoE. The Port Status option from the Switch Main Menu for switches with PoE displays the Port Status Menu that includes Port Status and PoE Status options. Use *Port Configuration* and *PoE Configuration* to change the configuration of the ports.

### Port Status

Path: **Switch Main Menu > Port Status > Port Status Menu > Port Status**

**Port Status** displays the port numbers, enable status, link status, speed, and flow control status (the flow of packet transmissions) of non-PoE ports. Twelve ports are displayed at one time. Use the arrow keys to scroll up or down the list.

### PoE Status

Path: **Switch Main Menu > Port Status > PoE Status**

*PoE Status* displays the status of the PoE ports.

## Port Configuration

Path: **Switch Main Menu > Port Configuration**

Use the *Port Configuration Menu* to change Port Configuration and PoE configuration.

## Port Configuration

Path: **Switch Main Menu > Port Configuration Menu > Port Configuration**

Use the *Port Configuration* option to change the parameters of the non-PoE ports. You can enable or disable the ports, enable or disable Auto Negotiation, set the speed and duplex (Auto, 10H, 100H, 10F, 100F, 1000F), and set Flow Control (On, Off, Auto). Twelve ports are displayed at one time. Use the arrow keys to scroll up or down the list.

## PoE Configuration

Path: **Switch Main Menu > Port Configuration Menu > PoE Configuration**

Use *PoE Configuration* to change the PoE parameters on the PoE ports. You can set the port Priority (Low, High, or Critical), enable PoE, disable PoE, and set the Power Allocation (in mW).

## System Mode

Path: **Switch Main Menu > System Mode**

Use *System Mode* to set the switch to Layer 2 or Layer 3.

## Help

Path: **Switch Main Menu > Help**

Select Help to view information on how to navigate the options in the console interface.

## Logout

Path: **Switch Main Menu > Logout**

Select Logout to end the current console session.

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