



Configuring IGMP Snooping

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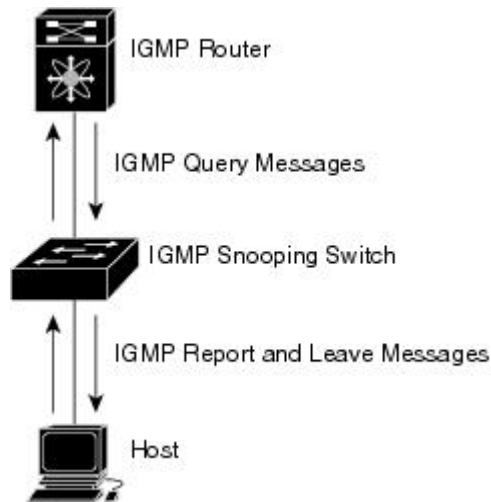
Information about IGMP Snooping

Introduction

The Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) snooping software examines Layer 2 IP multicast traffic within a VLAN to discover the ports where interested receivers reside. Using the port information, IGMP snooping can reduce bandwidth consumption in a multi-access LAN environment to avoid flooding the entire VLAN. The IGMP snooping feature tracks which ports are attached to multicast-capable routers to help the routers forward IGMP membership reports. The IGMP snooping software responds to topology change notifications. By default, IGMP snooping is enabled on the device.

The following figure shows an IGMP snooping switch that sits between the host and the IGMP router. The IGMP snooping switch snoops the IGMP membership reports and Leave messages and forwards them only when necessary to the connected IGMP routers.

Figure 1: IGMP Snooping Switch



The IGMP snooping software operates upon IGMPv1, IGMPv2, and IGMPv3 control plane packets where Layer 3 control plane packets are intercepted and influence the Layer 2 forwarding behavior.

The Cisco Nexus 1000V IGMP snooping implementation has the following proprietary features:

- Multicast forwarding based on an IP address rather than a MAC address.
- Optimized multicast flooding (OMF) that forwards unknown traffic to routers only and performs no data driven state creation.

For more information about IGMP snooping, see RFC 4541.

IGMPv1 and IGMPv2

If no more than one host is attached to each VLAN switch port, you can configure the fast leave feature in IGMPv2. The fast leave feature does not send last member query messages to hosts. As soon as the software receives an IGMP leave message, the software stops forwarding multicast data to that port.

IGMPv1 does not provide an explicit IGMP leave message, so the software must rely on the membership message timeout to indicate that no hosts remain that want to receive multicast data for a particular group.

Report suppression is not supported and is disabled by default.



Note

The software ignores the configuration of the last member query interval when you enable the fast leave feature because it does not check for remaining hosts.

IGMPv3

IGMPv3 snooping provides constrained flooding based on the group IP information in the IGMPv3 reports. By default, the software tracks hosts on each VLAN port. The explicit tracking feature provides a fast leave mechanism. Because every IGMPv3 host sends membership reports, report suppression limits the amount of traffic that the switch sends to other multicast capable routers.

Even though the IGMPv3 membership reports provide a full accounting of group members on a LAN segment, when the last host leaves, the querier sends a membership query. You can configure the parameter last member query interval. If no host responds before the time-out, the software removes the group state. If the querier specifies a mean-response-time (MRT) value in the queries, it overrides the last member query interval configuration.

Prerequisites for IGMP Snooping

IGMP snooping has the following prerequisites:

- You are logged in to the switch.
- A querier must be running on the uplink switches on the VLANs that contain multicast sources and receivers.

When the multicast traffic does not need to be routed, you must configure an external switch to query membership. On the external switch, define the query feature in a VLAN that contains multicast sources and receivers but no other active query feature. In Cisco Nexus 1000V, report suppression is not supported and is disabled by default.

When an IGMP snooping query feature is enabled, it sends out periodic IGMP queries that trigger IGMP report messages from hosts wanting to receive IP multicast traffic. IGMP snooping listens to these IGMP reports to identify accurate forwarding.

Default Settings

Table 1: Default IGMP Snooping Settings

Parameters	Default
IGMP snooping	Enabled
IGMPv3 Explicit tracking	Enabled
IGMPv2 Fast leave	Enabled
Last member query interval	1 second
Link-local groups suppression	Enabled
Snooping querier	Disabled

Parameters	Default
IGMPv1/v2 Report suppression	Disabled
IGMPv3 Report suppression	Disabled

Configuring IGMP Snooping

Enabling or Disabling IGMP Snooping Globally for the VSM

Use this procedure to enable or disable IGMP snooping globally for the VSM. IGMP snooping is enabled globally on the VSM (the default). If enabled globally, you can turn it on or off per VLAN.

Before You Begin

You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# [no] ip igmp snooping	Enables or disables IGMP snooping in the running configuration for all VLANs. The default is enabled. If you have previously disabled the feature then you can enable it with this command.
Step 3	switch(config)# show ip igmp snooping [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>]	(Optional) Displays the configuration for verification. Note If disabled, then IGMP snooping on all VLANs is disabled.
Step 4	switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the change persistently through reboots and restarts by copying the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring IGMP Snooping on a VLAN

Use this procedure to configure IGMP snooping on a VLAN. IGMP snooping is enabled by default for all VLANs in the VSM.

Before You Begin

You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

**Note**

If IGMP snooping is disabled globally, it takes precedence over the VLAN state.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# vlan configuration <i>vlan-id</i>	Enters configuration mode for the specified VLAN.
Step 3	switch(config-vlan-config)# [no] ip igmp snooping	Enables or disables IGMP snooping in the running configuration for the specific VLAN. If IGMP snooping is enabled for the VSM, then IGMP snooping is enabled for the VLAN by default. Note IGMP snooping must be enabled globally (the default) in order to toggle it on or off per VLAN. If IGMP snooping is disabled globally, then it cannot be enabled per VLAN.
Step 4	switch(config-vlan-config)# [no] ip igmp snooping mrouter interface <i>type if_id</i>	(Optional) Configures a static connection for the VLAN to a multicast router in the running configuration. The interface to the router must be in the specified VLAN. You can specify the interface by the type and the number.
Step 5	switch(config-vlan-config)# [no] ip igmp snooping static-group <i>group-ip-addr interface type if_id</i>	(Optional) Configures a VLAN Layer 2 port as a static member of a multicast group in the running configuration. You can specify the interface by the type and the number.
Step 6	switch(config-vlan-config)# [no] ip igmp snooping link-local-groups-suppression	(Optional) Configures link-local groups suppression. The default is enabled. Note You can apply link-local groups suppression to all interfaces in the VSM by entering this command in global configuration mode.
Step 7	switch(config-vlan-config)# show ip igmp snooping [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>]	(Optional) Displays the configuration for verification.
Step 8	switch(config-vlan-config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) (Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Verifying the IGMP Snooping Configuration

Use the following commands to verify the IGMP snooping configuration information.

Command	Purpose
<code>show ip igmp snooping [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>]</code>	Displays IGMP snooping configuration by VLAN.
<code>show ip igmp snooping groups [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>] [detail]</code>	Displays IGMP snooping information about groups by VLAN.
<code>show ip igmp snooping querier [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>]</code>	Displays IGMP snooping queriers by VLAN.
<code>show ip igmp snooping mroute [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>]</code>	Displays multicast router ports by VLAN.
<code>show ip igmp snooping explicit-tracking [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>]</code>	Displays IGMP snooping explicit tracking information by VLAN.

Feature History for IGMP Snooping

Feature Name	Releases	Description
IGMP Snooping	Release 5.2(1)IC1(1.1)	This feature was introduced.