

Configuring EEE

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see Bug Search Tool and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to http://www.cisco.com/go/cfn. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Information About EEE

EEE Overview

Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) is an IEEE 802.3az standard that is designed to reduce power consumption in Ethernet networks during idle periods.

EEE can be enabled on devices that support low power idle (LPI) mode. Such devices can save power by entering LPI mode during periods of low utilization. In LPI mode, systems on both ends of the link can save power by shutting down certain services. EEE provides the protocol needed to transition into and out of LPI mode in a way that is transparent to upper layer protocols and applications.

Default EEE Configuration

EEE is disabled by default.

Restrictions for EEE

EEE has the following restrictions:

- Changing the EEE configuration resets the interface because the device has to restart Layer 1 autonegotiation.
- You might want to enable the Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) for devices that require longer wakeup times before they are able to accept data on their receive paths. Doing so enables the device to negotiate for extended system wakeup times from the transmitting link partner.

How to Configure EEE

You can enable or disable EEE on an interface that is connected to an EEE-capable link partner.

Enabling or Disabling EEE

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	interface interface-id	Specifies the interface to be configured, and
	Example:	enter interface configuration mode.
	<pre>Device(config) # interface gigabitethernet1/0/1</pre>	
Step 3	power efficient-ethernet auto	Enables EEE on the specified interface. When
	Example:	EEE is enabled, the device advertises and autonegotiates EEE to its link partner.
	Device(config-if)# power efficient-ethernet auto	
Step 4	no power efficient-ethernet auto	Disables EEE on the specified interface.
	Example:	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<pre>Device(config-if) # no power efficient-ethernet auto</pre>	
Step 5	end Example:	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-if)# end	
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example:	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

Monitoring EEE

Table 1: Commands for Displaying EEE Settings

Command	Purpose
show eee capabilities interface interface-id	Displays EEE capabilities for the specified interface.
show eee status interface interface-id	Displays EEE status information for the specified interface.

Configuration Examples for Configuring EEE

This example shows how to enable EEE for an interface:

Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet1/0/1
Device(config-if)# power efficient-ethernet auto

This example shows how to disable EEE for an interface:

Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet1/0/1
Device(config-if)# no power efficient-ethernet auto

Additional References

Error Message Decoder

Description	Link
To help you research and resolve system error messages in this release, use the Error Message Decoder tool.	https://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/Errordecoder/index.cgi

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
All supported MIBs for this release.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL:
	http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies.	http://www.cisco.com/support
To receive security and technical information about your products, you can subscribe to various services, such as the Product Alert Tool (accessed from Field Notices), the Cisco Technical Services Newsletter, and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds.	
Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	

Feature History and Information for Configuring EEE

Release	Modification
Cisco IOS XE 3.2SE	This feature was introduced.