



Before You Begin

This chapter prepares you to configure switches from the CLI. It also lists the information you need to have before you begin, and it describes the CLI command modes.

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About the Switch Prompt

If you are connected to the console port when the switch boots up, you see the output show in [Figure 2-1](#):



Note

Refer to the *Cisco MDS 9200 Series Hardware Installation Guide* or the *Cisco MDS 9500 Series Hardware Installation Guide* for installation and connection instructions.

Once the switch is powered on successfully, you see the default switch prompt (`switch#`). You can perform embedded CLI operations, access command history, and use command parsing functions at this prompt. The switch gathers the command string upon detecting an **Enter** (CR) and accepts commands from a terminal.

Figure 2-1 Output When a Switch Boots Up

```

Auto booting bootflash:/boot-279 bootflash:/system-279;...
Booting kickstart image:bootflash:/boot-279....
.....Image verification OK

Starting kernel...
INIT: version 2.78 booting
Checking all filesystems..... done.
Loading system software
Uncompressing system image: bootflash:/system-279
CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
INIT: Entering runlevel: 3

<<<<<<SAN OS bootup log messages>>>>>>

      ---- Basic System Configuration Dialog ----

This setup utility will guide you through the basic configuration of
the system. Use ctrl-c to abort configuration dialog at any prompt.

Basic management setup configures only enough connectivity for
management of the system.

Would you like to enter the basic configuration dialog (yes/no): yes

<<<<<<after configuration>>>>>>

switch login:

```

About the CLI Command Modes

Switches in the Cisco MDS 9000 Family have two main command modes—user EXEC mode and configuration mode. The commands available to you depend on the mode you are in. To obtain a list of available commands in either mode, type a question mark (?) at the system prompt.

[Table 2-1](#) lists and describes the two commonly used modes, how to enter the modes, and the resulting system prompts. The system prompt helps you identify which mode you are in and, hence, which commands are available to you.

Table 2-1 Command Modes

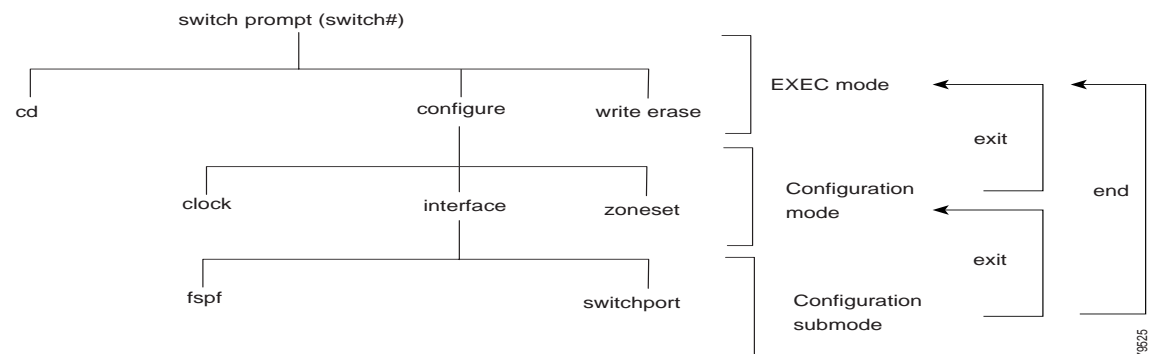
Mode	Description of Use	How to Access	Prompt
EXEC	Enables you to temporarily change terminal settings, perform basic tests, and display system information. Note Changes made in this mode are generally not saved across system resets.	At the switch prompt, enter the required EXEC mode command.	switch#
Configuration mode	Enables you to configure features that affect the system as a whole. Note Changes made in this mode are saved across system resets if you save your configuration. See the “Saving a Configuration” section on page 2-17.	From EXEC mode, enter the configure terminal command.	switch(config)#

You can abbreviate commands by entering just enough characters to make the command unique from other commands. For example, you can abbreviate the **configure terminal** command to **conf t**.

Understanding CLI Command Hierarchy

The CLI commands are organized hierarchically, with commands that perform similar functions grouped under the same level. For example, all commands that display information about the system, configuration, or hardware are grouped under the **show** command, and all commands that allow you to configure the switch are grouped under the **config** command. Figure 2-2 illustrates a portion of the **config terminal** command hierarchy.

Figure 2-2 CLI Command Hierarchy Example



To execute a command, you enter the command by starting at the top level of the hierarchy. For example, to configure a Fibre Channel interface, use the **config terminal** command. Once you are in configuration mode, issue the **interface** command. When you are in the interface submode, you can query the available commands there.

The following example shows how to query the available commands in the interface submode:

```

switch# conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config)# interface fc1/1
switch(config-if)# ?
Interface configuration commands:
  channel-group  Add to/remove from a port-channel
  exit           Exit from this submode
  fcdomain      Enter the interface submode
  fspf         To configure FSPF related parameters
  no           Negate a command or set its defaults
  shutdown      Enable/disable an interface
  switchport    Configure switchport parameters
  
```

EXEC Mode Options

When you start a session on the switch, you begin in EXEC mode. Based on the role or group to which you belong, you have access to limited commands or to all commands (see the [“Role-Based Authorization” section on page 14-3](#)). From the EXEC mode, you can enter configuration mode. Most of the EXEC commands are one-time commands, such as **show** commands, which display the current configuration status. Here is a list of EXEC mode commands:

```
switch# ?
Exec Commands:
  attach      Connect to a specific linecard
  bios        BIOS related command
  callhome    Callhome commands
  cd          Change current directory
  clear       Reset functions
  clock       Manage the system clock
  config      Enter configuration mode
  copy        Copy from one file to another
  debug       Debugging functions
  delete      Remove files
  dir         Directory listing for files
  discover    Discover information
  exit        Exit from this submode
  fcping     Ping an N-Port
  fctrace     Trace the route for an N-Port.
  find        Find a file below the current directory
  format      Format disks
  init        Initialize internal disk
  install     Non-disruptive upgrade for system and linecards
  load        Load system image
  mkdir       Create new directory
  move        Move files
  no          Disable debugging functions
  ping        Send echo messages
  purge       Deletes unused data
  pwd         View current directory
  reload      Reboot the entire box
  rmdir       Remove existing directory
  run-script  Run shell scripts
  send        Send message to all the open sessions
  setup       Run the basic SETUP command facility
  show        Show running system information
  sleep       Sleep for the specified number of seconds
  system      System management commands
  tail        Display the last part of a file
  telnet     Telnet to another system
  terminal    Set terminal line parameters
  test        Test command
  traceroute  Trace route to destination
  undebg     Disable Debugging functions (See also debug)
  write       Write current configuration
  zone       Execute Zone Server commands
```

Configuration Mode

Configuration mode allows you to make changes to the existing configuration. When you save the configuration, these commands are preserved across switch reboots. Once you are in configuration mode, you can enter interface configuration mode, zone configuration mode, and a variety of protocol-specific modes. Configuration mode is the starting point for all configuration commands. When you are in configuration mode, the switch expects configuration commands from the user.

The following example shows output from the **config terminal** command:

```
switch# config terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config)#
```

Configuration Mode Commands and Submodes

The following is a list of configuration mode commands:

```
switch# config t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config)# ?
Configure commands:
  aaa                Configure AAA
  arp                [no] remove an entry from the ARP cache
  boot              Configure boot variables
  callhome          Enter the callhome configuration mode
  clock            Configure time-of-day clock
  end              Exit to Exec mode
  exit             Exit from the EXEC
  fcalias          Fcalias configuration commands
  fcanalyzer       Configure cisco fabric analyzer
  fcc              Configure FC Congestion Control
  fcdomain         Enter the fcdomain configuration mode
  fcdroplateness   Configure switch or network latency
  fcflow           Configure fcflow
  fcinterop        Interop commands.
  fcns             Name server configuration
  fcroute          Configure FC routes
  fcs              Configure Fabric Config Server
  fctimer          Configure fibre channel timers
  fspf             Configure fspf
  in-order-guarantee Set in-order delivery guarantee
  interface        Select an interface to configure
  ip               Configure IP features
  line             Configure a terminal line
  logging          Modify message logging facilities
  no              Negate a command or set its defaults
  ntp             NTP Configuration
  power           Configure power supply
  poweroff        Poweroff a module in the switch
  qos             Configure priority of FC control frames
  radius-server   Configure RADIUS related parameters
  role            Configure roles
  snmp-server     Configure snmp server
  span           Enter SPAN configuration mode
  ssh            Configure SSH parameters
  switchname     Configure system's network name
  system         System config command
  telnet        Enable telnet
  trunk         Configure Switch wide trunk protocol
  username      Configure user information.
```

```

vsan          Enter the vsan configuration mode
wnn          Set secondary base MAC addr and range for additional WWNs
zone         Zone configuration commands
zoneset      Zoneset configuration commands

```

Configuration mode, also known as terminal configuration mode, has several submodes. Each of these submodes places you deeper in the prompt hierarchy. When you type **exit**, the switch backs out one level and returns you to the previous level. When you type **end**, the switch backs out to the user EXEC level. You can also type **Ctrl-Z** in configuration mode as an alternative to typing **end**.

**Note**

When in configuration mode, you can enter an EXEC mode command followed by a **Ctrl-z**. In response, the switch returns to the EXEC level. The entered command is then executed at the EXEC level. The following example executes the **copy running-config startup-config** command from configuration mode, if you press **Ctrl-z**, instead of **Enter**.

```

switch(config)# copy run start
[#####] 100%
switch#

```

Table 2-2 displays the commonly used configuration submodes.

Table 2-2 Submodes Within the Configuration Mode

Submode Name	From Configuration Mode Enter	Submode Prompt	Configured Information
Call Home	callhome	switch(config-callhome)#	Contact, destination, and e-mail
FCS Registration	fcs register	switch(config-fcs-register)#	FCS attribute registration
	From FCS registration submode: platform name vsan number	switch(config-fcs-register-att rib)#	Platform name and VSAN ID association
Fibre Channel alias	fcalias name name vsannumber	switch(config-fcalias)#	Alias member
FSPF	fspf config vsannumber	switch(config-(fspf-config))#	Static SPF computation, hold time, and autonomous region
Interface configuration	interface type slot/port	switch(config-if)#	Channel groups, Fibre Channel domains, FSPF parameters, switch port trunk and beacon information, and IP address
	From the VSAN or mgmt0 (management) interface configuration submode: vrrp number	switch(config-if-vrrp)#	Virtual router (see “Creating or Removing a Virtual Router” section on page 16-14)
Line console	line console	switch(config-console)#	Primary terminal console
VTY	line vty	switch(config-line)#	Virtual terminal line
Role	role name	switch(config-role)#	Rule
SPAN	span session number	switch(config-span)#	SPAN source, destination, and suspend session information
VSAN database	vsan database	switch(config-vsan-db)#	VSAN database
Zone	zone name string vsannumber	switch(config-zone)#	Zone member
Zone set	zoneset name vsannumber	switch(config-zoneset)#	Zone set member

Navigating Through CLI Commands

To redisplay a command you previously entered, press the **Up Arrow** key. You can continue to press the **Up Arrow** key to see more previously issued commands. Similarly, you can press the **Down Arrow**, **Right Arrow**, **Left Arrow**, and **Delete** keys to navigate through the command history and to modify an existing command string.

Getting Help

In any command mode, you can get a list of available commands by entering a question mark (?).

```
switch# ?
```

To obtain a list of commands that begin with a particular character sequence, type in those characters followed immediately by the question mark (?). Do not include a space.

```
switch# co?
configure copy
```

To list keywords or arguments, enter a question mark in place of a keyword or argument. Include a space before the question mark. This form of help is called command syntax help, because it reminds you which keywords or arguments are applicable based on the commands, keywords, and arguments you have already entered.

```
switch# config ?
terminal Configure the system from the terminal
```



Tip

If you are having trouble entering a command, check the system prompt and enter the question mark (?) for a list of available commands. You might be in the wrong command mode or using incorrect syntax.

Command Completion

In any command mode, you can begin a particular command sequence and immediately press the **Tab** key to complete the rest of the command.

```
switch (config)# ro<Tab>
switch (config)# role <Tab>
switch (config)# role name
```

This form of help is called command completion, because it completes a word for you. If several options are available for the typed letters, all options that match those letters are presented:

```
switch(config)# fc<Tab>
fcalias          fcdomain          fcs
fcanalyzer       fcdroplacency    fcns              fctimer
fcc              fcinterop        fcroute
switch(config)# fcd<Tab>
fcdomain         fcdroplacency
switch(config)# fcd<Tab>
switch(config)# fcdomain
```

Using the no and Default Forms of Commands

You can issue the **no** form of any command to perform the following actions:

- Undo a wrongly issued command.

If you issue the **zone member** command, you can undo the results:

```
switch(config)# zone name test vsan 1
switch(config-zone)# member pwnn 12:12:12:12:12:12:12:12
switch(config-zone)# no member pwnn 12:12:12:12:12:12:12:12
WARNING: Zone is empty. Deleting zone test. Exit the submode.
switch(config-zone)#
```

- Delete a created facility

If you want to delete a zone that you created:

```
switch(config)# zone name test vsan 1
switch(config-zone)# exit
switch(config)# no zone name test vsan 1
switch(config)#
```

You cannot delete a zone facility called test while residing in it. You must first exit the zone submode and return to configuration mode.

Entering CLI Commands

You can configure the software in one of two ways:

- You can create the configuration for the switch interactively, working at the CLI prompt.
- You can create an ASCII file containing a switch configuration and then load this file on the required system. You can then use the CLI to edit and activate the file (see the [“Working with Configuration Files”](#) section on page 3-21).

Viewing a Configuration

You can view the ASCII form of the configuration file when required. To view the current configuration tree from the EXEC prompt, issue the **show running-config** command. If the running configuration is different from the startup configuration, issue the **show startup-config** command to view the ASCII version of the current startup configuration that was used to boot the switch.

You can gather specific information on the entire switch configuration by issuing the relevant **show** commands. Available **show** commands for each feature are listed at the end of each chapter.

Examples 2-1 to 2-3 display a few **show** command examples.

Example 2-1 Displays the Specified Interface

```
switch# show interface fc1/1
fc1/1 is up
  Hardware is Fibre Channel, 20:01:ac:16:5e:4a:00:00
  vsan is 1
  Port mode is E
  Speed is 1 Gbps
  Beacon is turned off
  FCID is 0x0b0100
    0 frames input, 0 bytes, 0 discards
```



```

0 runts, 0 jabber, 0 too long, 0 too short
0 input errors, 0 CRC, 0 invalid transmission words
0 address id, 0 delimiter
0 EOF abort, 0 fragmented, 0 unknown class
0 frames output, 0 bytes, 0 discards
Received 0 OLS, 0 LRR, 0 NOS, 0 loop inits
Transmitted 0 OLS, 0 LRR, 0 NOS, 0 loop inits

```

Example 2-2 Displays the Software and Hardware Version

```

switch# show version
Cisco Storage Area Networking Operating System (SAN-OS) Software
TAC support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
Copyright (c) 2002 by Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.
The copyright for certain works contained herein are owned by
Andiamo Systems, Inc. and/or other third parties and are used and
distributed under license.
Software
  BIOS:      version 1.0.3
  loader:    version 1.0(2a)
  kickstart: version 1.0(2a)
  system:    version 1.0(2a)
  BIOS compile time:      11/18/02
  kickstart image file is: bootflash:/kick-1.0.2a
  kickstart compile time: 12/4/2002 21:00:00
  system image file is:   bootflash:/system-1.0.2a
  system compile time:    12/4/2002 21:00:00
Hardware
  RAM 1027636 kB
  bootflash: 503808 blocks (block size 512b)
  slot0:      0 blocks (block size 512b)
  switch-180 uptime is 0 days 3 hours 36 minute(s) 10 second(s)

  Last reset at 595383 usecs after Wed Jan  9 18:39:40 1980
  Reason: Reset triggered due to Switchover Request by User
  System version: 1.0(2a)

```

Example 2-3 Displays the Running Configuration

```

switch# show running-config
Building Configuration ...
  interface fc1/1
  interface fc1/2
  interface fc1/3
  interface fc1/4
  interface mgmt0
ip address 172.22.95.112 255.255.255.0
no shutdown
vsan database
boot system bootflash:system-237; sup-1
boot kickstart bootflash:boot-237 sup-1
callhome
ip default-gateway 172.22.95.1
switchname switch
trunk protocol enable
username admin password 5 /AFDAMD4B2xK2 role network-admin

```

Using the File System

The file system on a switch in the supervisor module provides a number of useful commands to help you manage software image files and configuration files.

You have access to two directories within the internal bootflash: file system. They are volatile: (temporary storage, also the default) and bootflash: (permanent storage). Files in temporary storage (volatile:) are erased when the switch reboots.

Setting the Current Directory

The **cd** command changes the current directory level to a specified directory level. CLI defaults to the volatile: files system. This command expects a directory name input.



Tip

Any file saved in the volatile: file system will be erased when the switch reboots.

The syntax for this command is **cd** *directory name*

This example changes the current directory to the mystorage directory that resides in the slot0 directory:

```
switch# cd slot0:mystorage
```

This example changes the current directory to the mystorage directory that resides in the current directory.

```
switch# cd mystorage
```

If the current directory is slot0:mydir, this command changes the current directory to slot0:mydir/mystorage.

Displaying the Current Directory

The **pwd** command displays the current directory location. This example changes the directory and displays the current directory.

```
switch# cd bootflash:
switch# pwd
bootflash:
```

Listing the Files in a Directory

The **dir** command displays the contents of the current directory or the specified directory. The syntax for this command is **dir** *directory or file name*

This example shows how to list the files on the default volatile: file system:

```
switch# dir
Usage for volatile: filesystem
          0 bytes total used
    20971520 bytes free
    20971520 bytes available
```

Creating a New Directory

The **mkdir** command creates a directory at the current directory level or at a specified directory level.

The syntax for this command is **mkdir** *directory name*

This example creates a directory called test in the slot0 directory.

```
switch# mkdir slot0:test
```

This example creates a directory called test at the current directory level.

```
switch# mkdir test
```

If the current directory is slot0:mydir, this command creates a directory called slot0:mydir/test.

Deleting an Existing Directory

The **rmdir** command deletes an existing directory at the current directory level or at a specified directory level. The directory must be empty to be deleted.

The syntax for this command is **rmdir** *directory name*

This example deletes the directory called test in the slot0 directory.

```
switch# rmdir slot0:test
```

This example deletes the directory called test at the current directory level.

```
switch# rmdir test
```

If the current directory is slot0:mydir, this command deletes the slot0:mydir/test directory.

Moving Files

The **move** command removes a file from the source directory and places it in the destination directory. If a file with the same name already exists in the destination directory, that file is overwritten by the moved file.

This example moves the file called samplefile from the slot0 directory to the mystorage directory.

```
switch# move slot0:samplefile slot0:mystorage/samplefile
```

This example moves a file from the current directory level.

```
switch# move samplefile mystorage/samplefile
```

If the current directory is slot0:mydir, this command moves slot0:mydir/samplefile to slot0:mydir/mystorage/samplefile.

Copying Files

The **copy** command copies a file.

This example copies the file called samplefile from the slot0 directory to the mystorage directory.

```
switch# copy slot0:samplefile slot0:mystorage/samplefile
```

This example copies a file from the current directory level.

```
switch# copy samplefile mystorage/samplefile
```

If the current directory is slot0:mydir, this command copies slot0:mydir/samplefile to slot0:mydir/mystorage/samplefile.

You can also use the **copy** command to upload and download files from the slot0: or bootflash: file system to or from a FTP, TFTP, SFTP, or SCP server (see the [“Copying Files” section on page 3-25](#)).

Displaying File Contents

The **show file** command displays the contents of a specified file in the file system.

The syntax for this command is **show file file name**

This example displays the contents of the test file that resides in the slot0 directory.

```
switch# show file slot0:test
config t
Int fc1/1
no shut
end
show int
```

This example displays the contents of a file residing in the current directory.

```
switch# show file myfile
```

Displaying Disk Usage

The **show flash** command displays the disk usage of various devices.

```
switch# show flash
Filesystem          1k-blocks      Used Available Use% Mounted on
none                409600         37024   372576   10% /system
none                204800         39816   164984   20% /var
none                102400          2084   100316    3% /dev/shm
none                20480           0       20480    0% /volatile
/dev/hd-cfg0        19976          1699    17246    9% /mnt/cfg/0
/dev/hd-cfg1        19976          1699    17246    9% /mnt/cfg/1
/dev/hd-pss         20005          1473    17499    8% /mnt/pss
/dev/hd-bootflash  422162        172576   227788   44% /bootflash
```

Displaying Users

The **show users** command displays all users currently accessing the switch.

```
switch# show users
admin pts/7 Jan 12 20:56 (10.77.202.149)
admin pts/9 Jan 12 23:29 (modena.cisco.com)
admin pts/10 Jan 13 03:05 (dhcp-171-71-58-120.cisco.com)
admin pts/11 Jan 13 01:53 (dhcp-171-71-49-49.cisco.com)
```

Executing Commands Specified in a Script

The **run-script** command executes the commands specified in a file.



Note

You cannot create the script files at the switch prompt. You can create the script file on an external machine and copy it to the bootflash: directory. This section assumes that the script file resides in the bootflash: directory.

The syntax for this command is **run-script file name**

This example executes the CLI commands specified in the testfile that resides in the slot0 directory.

```
switch# show file slot0:testfile
conf t
interface fc 1/1
no shutdown
end
sh interface fc1/1
```

This file output is in response to the **run-script** command:

```
switch# run-script slot0:testfile
'conf t'
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.

'interface fc 1/1'

'no shutdown'

'end'

'sh interface fc1/1'
fc1/1 is down (Fcot not present)
  Hardware is Fibre Channel
  Port WWN is 20:01:00:05:30:00:48:9e
  Admin port mode is auto, trunk mode is on
  vsan is 1
  Beacon is turned off
  Counter Values (current):
    0 frames input, 0 bytes, 0 discards
    0 runts, 0 jabber, 0 too long, 0 too short
    0 input errors, 0 CRC, 0 invalid transmission words
    0 address id, 0 delimiter
    0 EOF abort, 0 fragmented, 0 unknown class
    0 frames output, 0 bytes, 0 discards
    Received 0 OLS, 0 LRR, 0 NOS, 0 loop inits
    Transmitted 0 OLS, 0 LRR, 0 NOS, 0 loop inits
  Counter Values (5 minute averages):
```

```

0 frames input, 0 bytes, 0 discards
0 runts, 0 jabber, 0 too long, 0 too short
0 input errors, 0 CRC, 0 invalid transmission words
0 address id, 0 delimiter
0 EOF abort, 0 fragmented, 0 unknown class
0 frames output, 0 bytes, 0 discards
Received 0 OLS, 0 LRR, 0 NOS, 0 loop inits
Transmitted 0 OLS, 0 LRR, 0 NOS, 0 loop inits

```

To use this command, be sure to create the file and specify commands in the required order.

Setting the Delay Time

The **sleep** command delays an action by a specified number of seconds.

The syntax for this command is **sleep** *<seconds>*

```
switch# sleep 30
```

You will see the switch prompt return after 30 seconds.

This command is useful within scripts. For example, if you create a script called `lashtest-script`:

```

switch# show file slot0:test-script
discover scsi-target remote
sleep 10
show scsi-target disk

switch# run-script slot0:test-script

```

When you execute the `slot0:test-script`, the switch software executes the **discover scsi-target remote** command, and then waits for 10 seconds before executing the **show scsi-target disk** command.

Displaying the Last Line in a File

The **tail** command displays the last lines (tail end) of a specified file.

The syntax for this command is **tail** *<file name>* [*<number of lines>*]

```
switch# tail mylog 10
```

You see the last 10 lines of the `mylog` file.

If you specify a long file and would like to exit in the middle, enter **Ctrl-c** to exit this command.

Setting the Switch's Shell Timeout

Use the **exec-timeout** command in configuration mode to configure the lifetime of a single terminal session. When the time limit configured by this command is exceeded, the shell exits and closes that session.

The syntax for this command from is **exec-timeout** *minutes*

The default is 30 minutes. You can configure different timeout values for a console or a virtual terminal line (VTY) session.

- From the console:

```
switch(config)# line console
switch(config-console)# exec-timeout 60
```

Specifies the current console shell timeout to be 60 minutes.

- From a VTY session (Telnet or SSH):

```
switch(config)# line vty
switch(config-line)# exec-timeout 60
```

Specifies the current console shell timeout to be 60 minutes.

Setting the Switch's Terminal Type

Use the **terminal terminal-type** command in EXEC mode to specify the terminal type for a switch:

The syntax for this command is **terminal terminal-type** *terminal-type*

```
switch# terminal terminal-type vt100
```

Specifies the terminal type (for example vt100 or xterm). Any string is accepted for the *terminal-type* argument. If a Telnet or SSH session specifies an unknown terminal type, the switch uses the vt100 terminal by default.

Setting the Switch's Terminal Length

To set the terminal screen length for the current session, use the **terminal length** command in EXEC mode:

The syntax for this command is **terminal length** *lines*

```
switch# terminal length 20
```

Sets the screen length for the current session to 20 lines for the current terminal session. The default is 24 lines.

This command is specific to only the console port. Telnet and SSH sessions set the length automatically.

Setting the Switch's Terminal Width

To set the terminal screen width for the current session, use the **terminal width** command in EXEC mode:

The syntax for this command is **terminal width** *columns*

```
switch# terminal width 86
```

Sets the screen length for the current session to 86 columns for the current terminal session. The default is 80 columns.

This command is specific to only the console port. Telnet and SSH sessions set the width automatically.

Displaying Terminal Settings

The show terminal command displays the terminal settings for the current session:

```
switch# show terminal
TTY: Type: "vt100"
Length: 24 lines, Width: 80 columns
Session Timeout: 525600 minutes
```

Saving Command Output to a File

You can force all screen output to go to a file by appending `> filename` to any command. For example, enter **show interface** `> samplefile` at the EXEC mode switch prompt to save the interface configuration to *samplefile*—a file created at the same directory level. At the EXEC mode switch prompt, issue a **dir** command to view all files in this directory, including the recently saved *samplefile*. See [Chapter 3, “Initial Configuration,”](#) for information on saving and copying configuration files, and [Chapter 5, “Software Images,”](#) for information on saving and copying software images.



Note

Redirection is allowed only if the current directory is on the `volatile:` (default) or `slot0:` file systems. Redirection is not allowed if the current directory is on the `bootflash:` file system. The current directory can be viewed using the **pwd** command and changed using the **cd** command.

Sending Messages to Users

The **send** command sends a message to all active CLI users currently using the switch. This message is restricted to 80 alphanumeric characters with spaces.

This example sends a warning message to all active users about the switch being shut down.

```
switch# send Shutting down the system in 2 minutes. Please log off.
```

```
Broadcast Message from admin@excal-112
(/dev/pts/3) at 16:50 ...
```

```
Shutting down the system in 2 minutes. Please log off.
```

```
switch>
```


Using ping

The **ping** command verifies the connectivity of a remote host or server by sending echo messages.

The syntax for this command is **ping** *<host or ip address>*

```
switch# ping 198.133.219.25
PING 198.133.219.25 (198.133.219.25) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 198.133.219.25: icmp_seq=1 ttl=245 time=0.856 ms
64 bytes from 198.133.219.25: icmp_seq=2 ttl=245 time=1.02 ms

--- 198.133.219.25 ping statistics ---
2 packets transmitted, 2 received, 0% packet loss, time 999ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.856/0.941/1.027/0.090 ms
```

To abnormally terminate a ping session, type the **Ctrl-C** escape sequence

Using traceroute

The **traceroute** command prints the routes taken by a specified host or IP address.

The syntax for this command is **traceroute** *<host or ip address>*

```
switch# traceroute www.cisco.com
Tracing route to www.cisco.com [198.133.219.25] 30 hops max, 38 byte packets
 1  bras3-10.pltnca.sbcglobal.net [151.164.184.79] 30 ms 30 ms 20 ms
 2  dist2-vlan50.pltn13.pbi.net [64.164.97.67] 20 ms 20 ms 30 ms
 3  bb2-g1-1.pltn13.pbi.net [67.116.251.194] 20 ms 20 ms 20 ms
 4  bb1-p12-0.pltn13.pbi.net [151.164.40.17] 20 ms 21 ms 20 ms
 5  bb2-p13-0.sntc01.pbi.net [151.164.191.65] 20 ms 20 ms 30 ms
 6  ex1-p3-0.eqsjca.sbcglobal.net [64.161.1.54] 20 ms 20 ms 30 ms
 7  sl-st20-sj-0-0.sprintlink.net [144.223.242.81] 20 ms 20 ms 30 ms
 8  sl-bb25-sj-10-0.sprintlink.net [144.232.20.62] 20 ms 30 ms 20 ms
 9  sl-gw11-sj-10-0.sprintlink.net [144.232.3.134] 70 ms 30 ms 30 ms
10  sl-ciscopsn2-11-0-0.sprintlink.net [144.228.44.14] 20 ms 30 ms 20 ms
11  sjce-dmzbb-gw1.cisco.com [128.107.239.89] 20 ms 30 ms 30 ms
12  sjck-dmzdc-gw1.cisco.com [128.107.224.69] 20 ms 30 ms 20 ms
13  www.cisco.com (198.133.219.25) 2.496 ms * 2.135 ms
```

To abnormally terminate a traceroute session, type the **Ctrl-C** escape sequence

Saving a Configuration

To save the configuration, enter the **copy running-config startup-config** command from the EXEC mode prompt to save the new configuration into nonvolatile storage. Once this command is issued, the running and the startup copies of the configuration are identical.

See the “Copying Files” section on page 3-25.

Clearing a Configuration

To completely clear a configuration, enter the **write erase** command from the EXEC mode prompt. Once this command is issued, the existing configuration is cleared and the switch reverts to factory defaults.

Role-Based CLI

By default, two roles exist in all switches:

- Network operator—Has permission to view the configuration.
- Network administrator—Has permission to execute all commands and to set up to 64 permission levels based on user roles and groups (see [Chapter 14, “Configuring System Security and AAA Services”](#)).

When you execute a command, perform command completion, or obtain context sensitive help, the switch software allows the operation to progress if you have the correct permission as specified in the description of the command.

Using Valid Formats and Ranges

Some commands require a MAC address, IP address, or IDs that must be designated in a standard format or given a range. See [Table 2-3](#).

Table 2-3 Valid Formats and Ranges

Address	Description	Valid Format Example	Range
MAC address	6 bytes in hexadecimal format separated by colons (not case-sensitive)	00:00:0c:24:d2:Fe	—
IP address	32 bytes, written as 4 octets separated by periods (dotted decimal format) that are made up of a network section, an optional netmask section, and a host section.	126.2.54.1	—
VSAN	Integer that specifies the VSAN.	7	1 to 4093
Port WWN (pWWN)	Eight hexadecimal numbers separated by colons (not case-sensitive).	12:34:56:78:9A:BC:dE:F1	—
Node WWN (nWWN)	Eight hexadecimal numbers separated by colons (not case-sensitive).	12:34:56:78:9A:BC:dE:F1	—
LUN	8 bytes in hexadecimal format separated by colons. A minimum of two hex characters are acceptable. The valid format is hhhh[:hhhh[:hhhh[:hhhh]]]	64 (100d = 64h)	—
FC ID	Six character hexadecimal value prepended by 0x.	0xabc123	—
Domain ID	Integer that specifies the domain.	7	1 to 239
Timers	Integer that specifies timers in milliseconds for latency, FC time out values (TOV).	100	0 to 2147483647
Switching module	Slot in which the applicable switching module resides.	1	1 to 15
Switch priority	Integer specifying switch priority.	5	1 to 254
Channel group	Integer that specifies a PortChannel group addition.	1	1 to 100
Fabric Shortest Path First (FSPF)	Integer that specifies the hold time (in milliseconds) before making FSPF computations.	1000	0 to 65535
Fabric Analyzer	The allowed range for the frame size limit in bytes.	64	64 to 65536
Fabric Analyzer captures	An example of 10 frames, limits the number of frames captured to 10.	10	0 to 2147483647