

Configuring Fabric Configuration Servers

This chapter describes the Fabric Configuration Server (FCS) feature provided in the Cisco MDS 9000 Family of directors and switches. It includes the following sections:

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About FCS

The Fabric Configuration Server (FCS) provides discovery of topology attributes and maintains a repository of configuration information of fabric elements. A management application is usually connected to the FCS on the switch through an N port. The FCS views the entire fabric based on the following objects:

- Interconnect element (IE) object—Each switch in the fabric corresponds to an IE object. One or more IE objects form a fabric.
- Port object—Each physical port in an IE corresponds to a port object. This includes the switch ports (xE, Fx, and TL ports) and its attached Nx ports.
- Platform object—A set of nodes may be defined as a platform object to make it a single manageable entity. These nodes are end-devices (host systems, storage subsystems) attached to the fabric. Platform objects reside at the edge switches of the fabric.

Each object has its own set of attributes and values. A null value may also be defined for some attributes.

In the Cisco MDS 9000 Family switch environment, multiple VSANs constitute a fabric, where one instance of the FCS is present per VSAN.

If you have attached a management application to a switch, all the frames directed towards the FCS in the switch are part of the port VSAN in the switch port (Fx port). Hence your view of the management application is limited only to this VSAN. However, information about other VSANs that this switch is part of can be obtained either through the SNMP or CLI.

In Figure 30-1 Management Application 1 (M1) is connected through an F port with port VSAN ID 1 and Management Application 2 (M2) is connected through an F port with port VSAN ID 2. M1 can query the FCS information of switches S1 and S3, and M2 can query switches S3 and S4. Switch S2 information is not known to both of them. FCS operations can be done only on those switches that are visible in the VSAN. Note that M2 can send FCS requests only for VSAN 2 even though S3 is also a part of VSAN 1.

Figure 30-1 FCSs in a VSAN Environment



Significance of FCS

This section lists the significance of FCSs.

- FCSs support network management including the following:
 - N port management application can query and obtain information about fabric elements.
 - A SNMP Manager can use the FCS management information base (MIB) to start discovery and obtain information about the fabric topology.
- FCSs support TE and TL ports in addition to the standard F and E ports.
- FCS can maintain a group of modes with a logical name and management address when a platform registers with it. FCSs maintain a backup of all registrations in secondary storage and update it with every change. When a restart or switchover happens, FCSs retrieve the secondary storage information and rebuild its database.
- SNMP manager can query FCSs for all IEs, ports, and platforms in the fabric.

Configuring FCS

Use the **fcs plat-check-global** command to specify if the platform name or node name uniqueness verification is for the entire fabric (globally) or only for locally (default) registered platforms.



Set this command globally only if all switches in the fabric belong to the Cisco MDS 9000 Family.

To enable global checking of the platform name, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose	
Step 1	switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.	
Step 2	<pre>switch(config)# fcs plat-check-global vsan 1 switch(config)#</pre>	Enables global checking of platform name.	
	<pre>switch(config)# no fcs plat-check-global vsan 1 switch(config)#</pre>	Disables (default) global checking of platform name.	

To register platform attributes, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	<pre>switch(config)# fcs register switch(config-fcs-register)#</pre>	Enters the FCS registration submode.
Step 3	<pre>switch(config-fcs-register)# platform name SamplePlatform vsan 1 switch(config-fcs-register-attrib)#</pre>	Enters the FCS registration attributes submode.
	<pre>switch(config-fcs-register)# no platform name SamplePlatform vsan 1 switch(config-fcs-register)#</pre>	Deletes a registered platform.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 4	<pre>switch(config-fcs-register-attrib)# mgmt-addr 1.1.1.1 switch(config-fcs-register-attrib)#</pre>	Configures the platform management address.
	<pre>switch(config-fcs-register)# no mgmt-addr 1.1.1.1 switch(config-fcs-register)#</pre>	Deletes all management addresses on the platform.
Step 5	<pre>switch(config-fcs-register-attrib)# nwwn 11:22:33:44:55:66:77:88 switch(config-fcs-register-attrib)#</pre>	Configures the platform node name.
	<pre>switch(config-fcs-register)# no nwwn 11:22:33:44:55:66:77:88 switch(config-fcs-register)#</pre>	Deletes the platform node name.
Step 6	<pre>switch(config-fcs-register-attrib)# type 5 switch(config-fcs-register-attrib)#</pre>	Configures the fc-gs-3 defined platform type.
	<pre>switch(config-fcs-register)# no type 5 switch(config-fcs-register)#</pre>	Deletes the configured type and reverts the switch to its factory default of unknown type.
Step 7	<pre>switch(config-fcs-register-attrib)# exit switch(config-fcs-register)#</pre>	Exits the FCS registration attributes submode.
Step 8	<pre>switch(config-fcs-register)# exit switch(config)#</pre>	Exits the FCS registration submode.

Displaying FCS Information

Use the **show fcs** commands to display the status of the WWN configuration (see Example 30-1 to 30-9).

Example 30-1 Displays FCS Local Database Information

switch# show fcs database FCS Local Database in VSAN: 1					
Switch WWN Switch Domain Id Switch Mgmt-Addresses Fabric-Name	<pre>: 20:01:00:05:30:00:16:df : 0x7f(127) : snmp://172.22.92.58/eth-ip http://172.22.92.58/eth-ip : 20:01:00:05:30:00:16:df</pre>				
Switch Logical-Name Switch Information List Switch Ports:	: 172.22.92 : [Cisco Sy	2.58 ystems*DS	-C9509*0*20:00:00:05:30:00		
Interface pWWN		Туре	Attached-pWWNs		
fc2/1 20:41:00:05:30 fc2/2 20:42:00:05:30 fc2/17 20:51:00:05:30 FCS Local Database in	:00:16:de :00:16:de :00:16:de N: 5	TE Unknown TE	20:01:00:05:30:00:20:de None 20:0a:00:05:30:00:20:de		
Switch WWN Switch Domain Id Switch Mgmt-Addresses Fabric-Name Switch Logical-Name	: 20:05:00 : 0xef(239) : http://1 snmp://1 http://10 snmp://10 : 20:05:00 : 172.22.99	:05:30:00) 72.22.90. 0.10.15.1 0.10.15.1 :05:30:00 0.171	:12:5f 171/eth-ip 0/vsan-ip 0/vsan-ip :12:5f		

 Switch Information List : [Cisco Systems*DS-C9509**20:00:00:05:30:00:12:5e]

 Switch Ports:

 Interface pWWN
 Type Attached-pWWNs

 fc3/1
 20:81:00:05:30:00:12:5e TE
 22:01:00:05:30:00:12:9e

 fc3/2
 20:82:00:05:30:00:12:5e TE
 22:02:00:05:30:00:12:9e

 fc3/3
 20:83:00:05:30:00:12:5e TE
 22:03:00:05:30:00:12:9e

Example 30-2 Displays a List of All IEs for a Specific VSAN

```
        switch# show fcs ie vsan 1

        IE List for VSAN: 1

        IE-WWN
        IE-Type

        Mgmt-Id

        20:01:00:05:30:00:16:df
        Switch (Local)

        0xfffc7f

        20:01:00:05:30:00:20:df
        Switch (Adjacent)

        0xfffc64

        [Total 2 IEs in Fabric]
```

Example 30-3 Displays Interconnect Element Object Information for a Specific nWWN

Example 30-4 Displays Information for a Specific Platform

Example 30-5 Displays a List of Platforms for a Specified VSAN

```
switch# show fcs platform vsan 1
Platform List for VSAN: 1
Platform-Names
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SamplePlatform
[Total 1 Platforms in Fabric]
```

Example 30-6 Displays a List of Switch Ports in a Specified VSAN

switch# **show fcs port vsan 24** Port List in VSAN: 24 -- IE WWN: 20:18:00:05:30:00:16:df --

Port-WWN	Туре	Module-Type	Тх-Туре
20:41:00:05:30:00:16:de 20:51:00:05:30:00:16:de [Total 2 switch-ports in IE W	TE_Port TE_Port IE] WN: 20:18:	SFP with Serial Id SFP with Serial Id :00:05:30:00:20:df	Shortwave Laser Shortwave Laser
Port-WWN	Туре	Module-Type	Тх-Туре
20:01:00:05:30:00:20:de 20:0a:00:05:30:00:20:de [Total 2 switch-ports in	TE_Port TE_Port IE]	SFP with Serial Id SFP with Serial Id	Shortwave Laser Shortwave Laser

Example 30-7 Displays Port Information for a Specified pWWN

switch# show fcs port pwwn 20:51:00:05:30:00:16:de vsan 24
Port Attributes

Port Type = TE_Port
Port Number = 0x1090000
Attached-Port-WWNs:
 20:0a:00:05:30:00:20:de
Port State = Online

Example 30-8 Displays FCS Statistics

switch# show fcs statistics FCS Statistics for VSAN: 1 _____ FCS Rx Get Reqs :2 FCS Tx Get Reqs :7 :0 FCS Rx Reg Reqs FCS Tx Reg Reqs :0 FCS Rx Dereg Reqs :0 FCS Tx Dereg Reqs :0 FCS Rx RSCNs :0 . . . FCS Statistics for VSAN: 30 _____ FCS Rx Get Reqs :2 :2 FCS Tx Get Reqs FCS Rx Reg Reqs :0 FCS Tx Reg Regs :0 FCS Rx Dereg Reqs :0 FCS Tx Dereg Reqs :0 FCS Rx RSCNs :0 FCS Tx RSCNs :0 . . .

Example 30-9 Displays Platform Settings for Each VSAN

switch# show fcs vsan VSAN Plat Check fabric-wide 0001 Yes 0010 No 0020 No 0021 No 0030 No

Default Settings

Table 30-1 lists the default FCS settings.

Table 30-1 Default FCS Settings

Parameters	Default
Global checking of the platform name	Disabled
Platform node type	Unknown