



CHAPTER 21

Configuring Object Tracking

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Information About Object Tracking

Object tracking allows you to track specific objects on the device, such as the interface line protocol state, IP routing, and route reachability, and to take action when the tracked object's state changes. This feature allows you to increase the availability of the network and shorten recovery time if an object state goes down.

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Object Tracking Overview

The object tracking feature allows you to create a tracked object that multiple clients can use to modify the client behavior when a tracked object changes. Several clients register their interest with the tracking process, track the same object, and take different actions when the object state changes.

Clients include the following features:

- Embedded Event Manager (EEM)
- Gateway Load Balancing Protocol (GLBP)
- Hot Standby Redundancy Protocol (HSRP)
- VirtualPort Channel (vPC)
- Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP)

The object tracking monitors the status of the tracked objects and communicates any changes made to interested clients. Each tracked object is identified by a unique number that clients can use to configure the action to take when a tracked object changes state.

Cisco NX-OS tracks the following object types:

- Interface line protocol state—Tracks whether the line protocol state is up or down.
- Interface IP routing state—Tracks whether the interface has an IPv4 or IPv6 address and if IPv4 or IPv6 routing is enabled and active.
- IP route reachability—Tracks whether an Ipv4 or IPv6 route exists and is reachable from the local device.

For example, you can configure HSRP to track the line protocol of the interface that connects one of the redundant routers to the rest of the network. If that link protocol goes down, you can modify the priority of the affected HSRP router and cause a switchover to a backup router that has better network connectivity.

Object Track List

An object track list allows you to track the combined states of multiple objects. Object track lists support the following capabilities:

- Boolean "and" function—Each object defined within the track list must be in an up state so that the track list object can become up.
- Boolean "or" function—At least one object defined within the track list must be in an up state so that the tracked object can become up.
- Threshold percentage—The percentage of up objects in the tracked list must be greater than the configured up threshold for the tracked list to be in the up state. If the percentage of down objects in the tracked list is above the configured track list down threshold, the tracked list is marked as down.
- Threshold weight—Assign a weight value to each object in the tracked list, and a weight threshold for the track list. If the combined weights of all up objects exceeds the track list weight up threshold, the track list is in an up state. If the combined weights of all the down objects exceeds the track list weight down threshold, the track list is in the down state.

Other entities, such as virtual Port Channels (vPCs) can use an object track list to modify the state of a vPC based on the state of the multiple peer links that create the vPC. See the *Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Interfaces Configuration Guide, Release 4.x* for more information on vPCs.

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See the “Configuring an Object Track List with a Boolean Expression” section on page 21-6 for more information on track lists.

High Availability

Object tracking supports high availability through stateful restarts. A stateful restart occurs when the object tracking process crashes. Object tracking also supports stateful switchover on a dual supervisor system. Cisco NX-OS applies the runtime configuration after the switchover.

You can also use object tracking to modify the behavior of a client to improve overall network availability.

Virtualization Support

Object tracking supports Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF) instances. VRFs exist within virtual device contexts (VDCs). By default, Cisco NX-OS places you in the default VDC and default VRF unless you specifically configure another VDC and VRF. By default, Cisco NX-OS tracks the route reachability state of objects in the default VRF. If you want to track objects in another VRF, you must configure the object to be a member of that VRF (see the “Configuring Object Tracking for a Nondefault VRF” section on page 21-12).

For more information, see the *Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Virtual Device Context Configuration Guide, Release 4.x* and see Chapter 14, “Configuring Layer 3 Virtualization.”

Licensing Requirements for Object Tracking

The following table shows the licensing requirements for this feature:

Product	License Requirement
NX-OS	Object tracking requires no license. Any feature not included in a license package is bundled with the Cisco NX-OS system images and is provided at no extra charge to you. For a complete explanation of the NX-OS licensing scheme, see the <i>Cisco NX-OS Licensing Guide</i> .

Prerequisites for Object Tracking

Object tracking has the following prerequisite:

- If you configure VDCs, install the Advanced Services license and enter the desired VDC (see the *Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Virtual Device Context Configuration Guide, Release 4.x*).

Guidelines and Limitations

Object tracking has the following guidelines and limitations:

- Supports up to 500 tracked objects per VDC.
- Supports Ethernet, subinterfaces, tunnels, port channels, loopback interfaces, and VLAN interfaces.

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- Supports one tracked object per HSRP group or GLBP group.

Configuring Object Tracking

This section includes the following topics:

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Note

If you are familiar with the Cisco IOS CLI, be aware that the Cisco NX-OS commands for this feature might differ from the Cisco IOS commands that you would use.

Configuring Object Tracking for an Interface

You can configure Cisco NX-OS to track the line protocol or IPv4 or IPv6 routing state of an interface.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you are in the correct VDC (or use the **switchto vdc** command).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **track *object-id* interface *interface-type number* { {ip | ipv6} routing | line-protocol}**
3. **show track [*object-id*]**
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	track object-id interface interface-type number {{ip ipv6} routing line-protocol} Example: switch(config)# track 1 interface ethernet 1/2 line-protocol switch(config-track)#	Creates a tracked object for an interface and enters tracking configuration mode. The <i>object-id</i> range is from 1 to 500.
Step 3	show track [object-id] Example: switch(config-track)# show track 1	(Optional) Displays object tracking information.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

This example shows how to configure object tracking for the line protocol state on Ethernet 1/2:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 1 interface ethernet 1/2 line-protocol
switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config
```

This example shows how to configure object tracking for the IPv4 routing state on Ethernet 1/2:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 2 interface ethernet 1/2 ip routing
switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config
```

This example shows how to configure object tracking for the IPv6 routing state on Ethernet 1/2:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 3 interface ethernet 1/2 ipv6 routing
switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config
```

Configuring Object Tracking for Route Reachability

You can configure Cisco NX-OS to track the existence and reachability of an IP route.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you are in the correct VDC (or use the **switchto vdc** command).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**

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2. **track** *object-id* {**ip** | **ipv6**} **route** *prefix/length* **reachability**
3. **show track** [*object-id*]
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	track <i>object-id</i> { ip ipv6 } route <i>prefix/length</i> reachability Example: switch(config)# track 2 ip route 192.0.2.0/8 reachability switch(config-track)#	Creates a tracked object for a route and enters tracking configuration mode. The <i>object-id</i> range is from 1 to 500. The prefix format for IP is A.B.C.D/length, where the length range is from 1 to 32. The prefix format for IPv6 is A:B::C:D/length, where the length range is from 1 to 128.
Step 3	show track [<i>object-id</i>] Example: switch(config-track)# show track 1	(Optional) Displays object tracking information.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

This example shows how to configure object tracking for an IPv4 route in the default VRF.

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 4 ip route 192.0.2.0/8 reachability
switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config
```

This example shows how to configure object tracking for an IPv6 route in the default VRF.

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 5 ipv6 route 10::10/128 reachability
switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config
```

Configuring an Object Track List with a Boolean Expression

You can configure an object track list that contains multiple tracked objects. A tracked list contains one or more objects. The Boolean expression enables two types of calculation by using either "and" or "or" operators. For example, when tracking two interfaces using the "and" operator, up means that both interfaces are up, and down means that either interface is down.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you are in the correct VDC (or use the **switchto vdc** command).

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **track** *track-number* **list** **boolean** {**and** | **or**}
3. **object** *object-number* [**not**]
4. **show track**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	track <i>track-number</i> list boolean { and or }	Configures a tracked list object and enters tracking configuration mode. Specifies that the state of the tracked list is based on a Boolean calculation. The keywords are as follows: • and—Specifies that the list is up if all objects are up, or down if one or more objects are down. For example when tracking two interfaces, up means that both interfaces are up, and down means that either interface is down. • or—Specifies that the list is up if at least one object is up. For example, when tracking two interfaces, up means that either interface is up, and down means that both interfaces are down. The <i>track-number</i> range is from 1 to 500.
Step 3	object <i>object-id</i> [not] Example: switch(config-track)# object 10	Adds a tracked object to the track list. The <i>object-id</i> range is from 1 to 500. The not keyword optionally negates the tracked object state. Note The example means that when object 10 is up, the tracked list detects object 10 as down.
Step 4	show track Example: switch(config-track)# show track	(Optional) Displays object tracking information.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

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This example shows how to configure a track list with multiple objects as a Boolean “and”:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 1 list boolean and
switch(config-track)# object 10
switch(config-track)# object 20 not
```

Configuring an Object Track List with a Percentage Threshold

You can configure an object track list that contains a percentage threshold. A tracked list contains one or more objects. The percentage of up objects must exceed the configured track list up percent threshold before the track list is in an up state. For example, if the tracked list has three objects, and you configure an up threshold of 60%, two of the objects must be in the up state (66% of all objects) for the track list to be in the up state.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you are in the correct VDC (or use the **switchto vdc** command).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **track *track-number* list threshold percentage**
3. **threshold percentage up *up-value* down *down-value***
4. **object *object-number***
5. **show track**
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	track <i>track-number</i> list threshold percentage Example: switch(config)# track 1 list threshold percentage switch(config-track)#	Configures a tracked list object and enters tracking configuration mode. Specifies that the state of the tracked list is based on a configured threshold percent. The <i>track-number</i> range is from 1 to 500.
Step 3	threshold percentage up <i>up-value</i> down <i>down-value</i> Example: switch(config-track)# threshold percentage up 70 down 30	Configures the threshold percent for the tracked list. The range from 0 to 100 percent.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 4	object <i>object-id</i> Example: switch(config-track)# object 10	Adds a tracked object to the track list. The <i>object-id</i> range is from 1 to 500.
Step 5	show track Example: switch(config-track)# show track	(Optional) Displays object tracking information.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

This example shows how to configure a track list with an up threshold of 70% and a down threshold of 30%:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 1 list threshold percentage
switch(config-track)# threshold percentage up 70 down 30
switch(config-track)# object 10
switch(config-track)# object 20
switch(config-track)# object 30
```

Configuring an Object Track List with a Weight Threshold

You can configure an object track list that contains a weight threshold. A tracked list contains one or more objects. The combined weight of up objects must exceed the configured track list up weight threshold before the track list is in an up state. For example, if the tracked list has three objects with the default weight of 10 each, and you configure an up threshold of 15, two of the objects must be in the up state (combined weight of 20) for the track list to be in the up state.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you are in the correct VDC (or use the **switchto vdc** command).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **track** *track-number* **list threshold weight**
3. **threshold weight up** *up-value* **down** *down-value*
4. **object** *object-number* **weight** *value*
5. **show track**
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	track track-number list threshold weight Example: switch(config)# track 1 list threshold weight switch(config-track)#	Configures a tracked list object and enters tracking configuration mode. Specifies that the state of the tracked list is based on a configured threshold weight. The <i>track-number</i> range is from 1 to 500.
Step 3	threshold weight up up-value down down-value Example: switch(config-track)# threshold weight up 30 down 10	Configures the threshold weight for the tracked list. The range from 1 to 255.
Step 4	object object-id weight value Example: switch(config-track)# object 10 weight 15	Adds a tracked object to the track list. The <i>object-id</i> range is from 1 to 500. The <i>value</i> range is from 1 to 255. The default weight value is 10.
Step 5	show track Example: switch(config-track)# show track	(Optional) Displays object tracking information.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

This example shows how to configure a track list with an up weight threshold of 30 and a down threshold of 10:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 1 list threshold weight
switch(config-track)# threshold weight up 30 down 10
switch(config-track)# object 10 weight 15
switch(config-track)# object 20 weight 15
switch(config-track)# object 30
```

In this example, the track list is up if object 10 and object 20 are up, and the track list goes to the down state if all three objects are down.

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Configuring an Object Tracking Delay

You can configure a delay timer for a tracked object or an object track list that delays when the object or list triggers a stage change. The tracked object or track list starts the delay timer when a state change occurs but does not recognize a state change until the delay timer reaches zero. At that point, Cisco NX-OS checks the object state again and records a state change only if the object or list currently has a changed state. Object tracking ignores any intermediate state changes before the delay timer expires.

For example, for an interface line-protocol tracked object that is in the up state with a 20 second delay timer, the delay timer starts when the line protocol goes down. The object is not in the down state unless the line protocol is down 20 seconds later.

You can configure independent up delay timers and down delay timers for a tracked object or track list. When you delete the delay timer, object tracking deletes both the up and down delay timers.

You can change the delay timer at any point. If the object or list is already counting down the delay timer from a triggered event, the new delay timer is computed as the following:

New delay timer value + current timer countdown - old delay timer value

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you are in the correct VDC (or use the **switchto vdc** command).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **track** *object-id* {*parameters*}
- or
- track** *track-number list* {*parameters*}
3. **delay** {**up** *up-time* [**down** *down-time*] | **down** *down-time* [**up** *up-time*]}
4. **show track**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	track <i>object-id</i> { <i>parameters</i> }	Creates a tracked object for a route and enters tracking configuration mode. The <i>object-id</i> range is from 1 to 500. The prefix format for IP is A.B.C.D/length, where the length range is from 1 to 32. The prefix format for IPv6 is A:B::C:D/length, where the length range is from 1 to 128.
	Example: switch(config)# track 2 ip route 192.0.2.0/8 reachability switch(config-track)#	

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	Command	Purpose
Step 3	track <i>track-number list</i> { <i>parameters</i> } Example: switch(config)# track 1 list threshold weight switch(config-track#	Configures a tracked list object and enters tracking configuration mode. Specifies that the state of the tracked list is based on a configured threshold weight. The <i>track-number</i> range is from 1 to 500.
Step 4	delay { up <i>up-time</i> [down <i>down-time</i>] down <i>down-time</i> [up <i>up-time</i>]} Example: switch(config-track)# delay up 20 down 30	Configures the object delay timers. The range is from 0 to 180 seconds.
Step 5	show track Example: switch(config-track)# show track 3	(Optional) Displays object tracking information.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

This example shows how to configure object tracking for a route and use delay timers:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 2 ip route 209.165.201.0/8 reachability
switch(config-track)# delay up 20 down 30
switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config
```

This example shows how to configure a track list with an up weight threshold of 30 and a down threshold of 10 with delay timers:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 1 list threshold weight
switch(config-track)# threshold weight up 30 down 10
switch(config-track)# object 10 weight 15
switch(config-track)# object 20 weight 15
switch(config-track)# object 30
switch(config-track)# delay up 20 down 30
```

Configuring Object Tracking for a Nondefault VRF

You can configure Cisco NX-OS to track an object in a specific VRF.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you are in the correct VDC (or use the **switchto vdc** command).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **track** *object-id* {**ip** | **ipv6**} *route prefix/length reachability*
3. **vrf member** *vrf-name*

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4. **show track** [*object-id*]
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	track object-id {ip ipv6} route prefix/length reachability Example: switch(config)# track 2 ip route 192.0.2.0/8 reachability switch(config-track)#	Creates a tracked object for a route and enters tracking configuration mode. The <i>object-id</i> range is from 1 to 500. The prefix format for IP is A.B.C.D/length, where the length range is from 1 to 32. The prefix format for IPv6 is A:B::C:D/length, where the length range is from 1 to 128.
Step 3	vrf member vrf-name Example: switch(config-track)# vrf member Red	Configures the VRF to use for tracking the configured object.
Step 4	show track [<i>object-id</i>] Example: switch(config-track)# show track 3	(Optional) Displays object tracking information.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

This example shows how to configure object tracking for a route and use VRF Red to look up reachability information for this object:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 2 ip route 209.165.201.0/8 reachability
switch(config-track)# vrf member Red
switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config
```

This example shows how to modify tracked object 2 to use VRF Blue instead of VRF RED to look up reachability information for this object:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 2
switch(config-track)# vrf member Blue
switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config
```

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Verifying Object Tracking Configuration

To verify object tracking configuration information, use the following commands:

Command	Purpose
show track [<i>object-id</i>] [<i>brief</i>]	Displays the object tracking information for one or more objects.
show track [<i>object-id</i>] interface [<i>brief</i>]	Displays the interface-based object tracking information.
show track [<i>object-id</i>] { ip ipv6 } route [<i>brief</i>]	Displays the IPv4 or IPv6 route-based object tracking information.

Object Tracking Example Configuration

This example shows how to configure object tracking for route reachability and use VRF Red to look up reachability information for this route:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# track 2 ip route 209.165.201.0/8 reachability
switch(config-track)# vrf member Red
switch(config-track)# copy running-config startup-config
```

Related Topics

See the following topics for information related to object tracking:

- [Chapter 14, “Configuring Layer 3 Virtualization”](#)
- [Chapter 18, “Configuring GLBP”](#)
- [Chapter 19, “Configuring HSRP”](#)

Default Settings

[Table 21-1](#) lists the default settings for object tracking parameters.

Table 21-1 *Default Object Tracking Parameters*

Parameters	Default
Tracked Object VRF	Member of default VRF

Additional References

For additional information related to implementing object tracking, see the following sections:

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- [Standards, page 21-15](#)

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Object Tracking CLI commands	<i>Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Command Reference</i>
Configuring the Embedded Event Manager	<i>Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS System Management Configuration Guide, Release 4.x</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

Feature History for Object Tracking

[Table 21-2](#) lists the release history for this feature.

Table 21-2 Feature History for Object Tracking

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Tracking delay	4.2(4)	Added support for delaying a tracked object update.
Object track list	4.2(1)	Added support for object track lists and Boolean expressions.
IPv6 support	4.1(2)	Added support for IPv6.
Object tracking	4.0(1)	This feature was introduced.

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