



CHAPTER 1

Auto Smartports and Static Smartports Macros

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Auto Smartports Macros

Auto Smartports macros dynamically configure ports based on the device type detected on the port. When the switch detects a new device on a port, it applies the appropriate macro on the port. When there is a link-down event on the port, the switch removes the macro. For example, when you connect a Cisco IP phone to a port, Auto Smartports automatically applies the IP phone macro. The IP phone macro enables quality of service (QoS), security features, and a dedicated voice VLAN to ensure proper treatment of delay-sensitive voice traffic. Auto Smartports uses event triggers to map devices to port macros.

You can also manually configure and apply global macros.

The macros embedded in the switch software are groups of command-line interface (CLI) commands.

You can also create user-defined macros by using the Cisco IOS Shell scripting capability, which is a BASH-like language syntax for command automation and variable replacement.

For information, see [Chapter 2, “Configuring Auto Smartports and Static Smartports Macros.”](#)

Static Smartports Macros

Static Smartports macros provide port configurations that you manually apply based on the device connected to the port. When you apply a static macro, the macro CLI commands are added to the existing port configuration. When there is a link-down event on the port, the switch does not remove the static macro configuration.

Event Triggers

Auto Smartports uses event triggers to map macros to the source port of the event. The most common triggers are based on Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP) messages received from another device. A CDP event trigger occurs when these devices are detected:

- Cisco switch
- Cisco router
- Cisco IP Phone
- Cisco Wireless Access Points, including autonomous and lightweight access points
- Cisco IP video surveillance camera
- Cisco digital media player

Additional event triggers for Cisco and third-party devices are user-defined MAC address groups, MAC authentication bypass (MAB) messages, 802.1x authentication messages, and Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) messages.

LLDP supports a set of attributes used to discover neighbor devices. These type, length, and value attributes and descriptions are referred to as TLVs. LLDP-supported devices use TLVs to receive and send information. This protocol advertises details such as device configuration information, capabilities, and identity. Auto Smartports uses the LLDP *system capabilities* TLV as the event trigger. Use the event trigger control feature to specify if the switch applies a macro based on the detection method, device type, or configured trigger.

For more information about configuring the LLDP system capabilities TLV attributes for Auto Smartports, see the “Configuring LLDP, LLDP-MED, and Wired Location Service” chapter in the switch-specific software configuration guides.

For devices that do not support CDP, MAB, or 802.1x authentication, such as network printers, LLDP, or legacy Cisco Digital Media Players, you can configure a MAC address group with a MAC operationally unique identifier (OUI)-based trigger. You map the MAC address to a built-in or user-defined macro that has the desired configuration.

User-Defined Files

You can designate a remote server location for user-defined macro files. You can then update and maintain one set of macro files for use by multiple switches across the network.

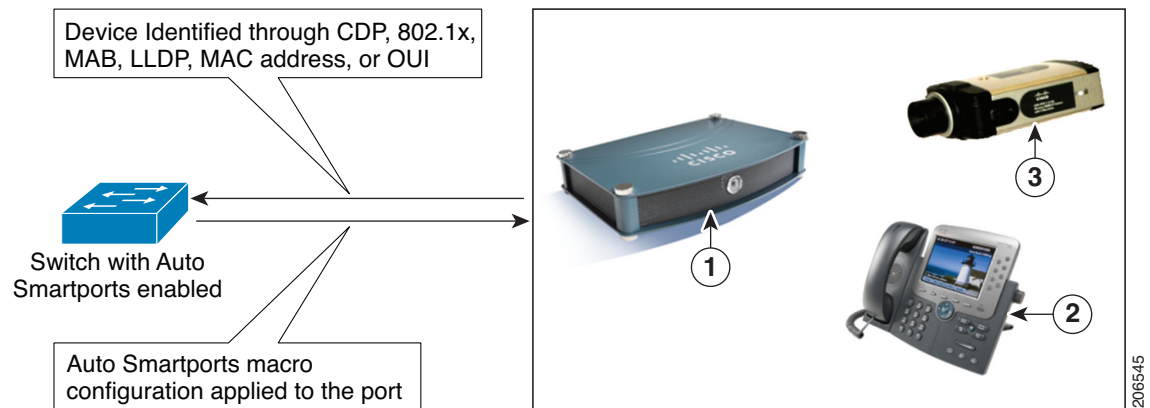
Macro Persistence

The macro persistence feature causes macro configurations to remain enabled on the switch ports regardless of a link-down event. This eliminates multiple system log and configuration change notifications when the switch has link-up and link-down events or is a domain member or an end point in an EnergyWise network.

Auto Smartports and Cisco Medianet

Cisco Medianet enables intelligent services in the network infrastructure for a variety of video applications. A service of Medianet is autoprovisioning for Cisco Digital Media Players and Cisco IP video surveillance cameras through Auto Smartports. The switch identifies Cisco and third-party video devices by using CDP, 802.1x, MAB, LLDP, and MAC addresses (Figure 1-1). The switch applies the applicable macro to enable the appropriate VLAN, standard quality of service (QoS), and auto-QoS settings for the device. The switch also uses a built-in MAC address group to detect the legacy Cisco digital media player (DMP), based on an OUI of of4400 or 23ac00. You can also create custom user-defined macros for any video device.

Figure 1-1 Cisco Medianet Deployment Example



1	Wireless access point	3	Cisco IP video surveillance camera
2	Cisco IP phone		

