



Configuring SNMP

This chapter describes how to configure the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) on your Catalyst 3550 switch.



Note

For complete syntax and usage information for the commands used in this chapter, refer to the switch command reference for this release and to the *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference for Release 12.1*.

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Understanding SNMP

SNMP is an application-layer protocol that provides a message format for communication between managers and agents. The SNMP system consists of an SNMP manager, an SNMP agent, and a management information base (MIB). The SNMP manager can be part of a network management system (NMS) such as CiscoWorks. The agent and MIB reside on the switch. To configure SNMP on the switch, you define the relationship between the manager and the agent.

The SNMP agent contains MIB variables whose values the SNMP manager can request or change. A manager can get a value from an agent or store a value into the agent. The agent gathers data from the MIB, the repository for information about device parameters and network data. The agent can also respond to a manager's requests to get or set data.

An agent can send unsolicited traps to the manager. Traps are messages alerting the SNMP manager to a condition on the network. Traps can mean improper user authentication, restarts, link status (up or down), MAC address tracking, closing of a TCP connection, loss of connection to a neighbor, or other significant events.

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SNMP Versions

This software release supports these SNMP versions:

- **SNMPv1**—The Simple Network Management Protocol, a Full Internet Standard, defined in RFC 1157.
- **SNMPv2C** replaces the Party-based Administrative and Security Framework of SNMPv2Classic with the community-string-based Administrative Framework of SNMPv2C while retaining the bulk retrieval and improved error handling of SNMPv2Classic. It has these features:
 - **SNMPv2**—Version 2 of the Simple Network Management Protocol, a Draft Internet Standard, defined in RFCs 1902 through 1907.
 - **SNMPv2C**—The community-string-based Administrative Framework for SNMPv2, an Experimental Internet Protocol defined in RFC 1901.
- **SNMPv3**—Version 3 of the SNMP is an interoperable standards-based protocol defined in RFCs 2273 to 2275. SNMPv3 provides secure access to devices by authenticating and encrypting packets over the network and includes these security features:
 - **Message integrity**—ensuring that a packet was not tampered with in transit
 - **Authentication**—determining that the message is from a valid source
 - **Encryption**—mixing the contents of a package to prevent it from being read by an unauthorized source.



Note To select encryption, enter the **priv** keyword. This keyword is available only when the cryptographic (encrypted) software image is installed.

Both SNMPv1 and SNMPv2C use a community-based form of security. The community of managers able to access the agent's MIB is defined by an IP address access control list and password.

SNMPv2C includes a bulk retrieval mechanism and more detailed error message reporting to management stations. The bulk retrieval mechanism retrieves tables and large quantities of information, minimizing the number of round-trips required. The SNMPv2C improved error-handling includes expanded error codes that distinguish different kinds of error conditions; these conditions are reported through a single error code in SNMPv1. Error return codes in SNMPv2C report the error type.

SNMPv3 provides for both security models and security levels. A security model is an authentication strategy set up for a user and the group within which the user resides. A security level is the permitted level of security within a security model. A combination of the security level and the security model determine which security mechanism is used when handling an SNMP packet. Available security models are SNMPv1, SNMPv2C, and SNMPv3.

[Table 26-1](#) identifies the characteristics of the different combinations of security models and levels.

Table 26-1 SNMP Security Models and Levels

Model	Level	Authentication	Encryption	Result
SNMPv1	noAuthNoPriv	Community string	No	Uses a community string match for authentication.
SNMPv2C	noAuthNoPriv	Community string	No	Uses a community string match for authentication.
SNMPv3	noAuthNoPriv	Username	No	Uses a username match for authentication.
SNMPv3	authNoPriv	MD5 or SHA	No	Provides authentication based on the HMAC-MD5 or HMAC-SHA algorithms.
SNMPv3	authPriv (requires the cryptographic software image)	MD5 or SHA	DES	Provides authentication based on the HMAC-MD5 or HMAC-SHA algorithms. Provides DES 56-bit encryption in addition to authentication based on the CBC-DES (DES-56) standard.

You must configure the SNMP agent to use the SNMP version supported by the management station. Because an agent can communicate with multiple managers, you can configure the software to support communications with one management station using the SNMPv1 protocol, one using the SNMPv2C protocol and another using SNMPv3.

SNMP Manager Functions

The SNMP manager uses information in the MIB to perform the operations described in [Table 26-2](#).

Table 26-2 SNMP Operations

Operation	Description
get-request	Retrieves a value from a specific variable.
get-next-request	Retrieves a value from a variable within a table. ¹
get-bulk-request ²	Retrieves large blocks of data, such as multiple rows in a table, that would otherwise require the transmission of many small blocks of data.
get-response	Replies to a get-request, get-next-request, and set-request sent by an NMS.
set-request	Stores a value in a specific variable.
trap	An unsolicited message sent by an SNMP agent to an SNMP manager when some event has occurred.

1. With this operation, an SNMP manager does not need to know the exact variable name. A sequential search is performed to find the needed variable from within a table.
2. The **get-bulk** command only works with SNMPv2 or later.

SNMP Agent Functions

The SNMP agent responds to SNMP manager requests as follows:

- Get a MIB variable—The SNMP agent begins this function in response to a request from the NMS. The agent retrieves the value of the requested MIB variable and responds to the NMS with that value.
- Set a MIB variable—The SNMP agent begins this function in response to a message from the NMS. The SNMP agent changes the value of the MIB variable to the value requested by the NMS.

The SNMP agent also sends unsolicited trap messages to notify an NMS that a significant event has occurred on the agent. Examples of trap conditions include, but are not limited to, when a port or module goes up or down, when spanning-tree topology changes occur, and when authentication failures occur.

SNMP Community Strings

SNMP community strings authenticate access to MIB objects and function as embedded passwords. In order for the NMS to access the switch, the community string definitions on the NMS must match at least one of the three community string definitions on the switch.

A community string can have one of these attributes:

- Read-only (RO)—Gives read access to authorized management stations to all objects in the MIB except the community strings, but does not allow write access
- Read-write (RW)—Gives read and write access to authorized management stations to all objects in the MIB, but does not allow access to the community strings
- Read-write-all—Gives read and write access to authorized management stations to all objects in the MIB, including the community strings



Note

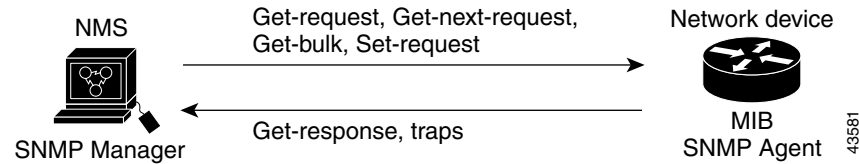
When a cluster is created, the command switch manages the exchange of messages among member switches and the SNMP application. The Cluster Management software appends the member switch number (*@esN*, where *N* is the switch number) to the first configured RW and RO community strings on the command switch and propagates them to the member switches. For more information, see [Chapter 6, “Clustering Switches.”](#)

Using SNMP to Access MIB Variables

An example of an NMS is the CiscoWorks network management software. CiscoWorks 2000 software uses the switch MIB variables to set device variables and to poll devices on the network for specific information. The results of a poll can be displayed as a graph and analyzed to troubleshoot internetworking problems, increase network performance, verify the configuration of devices, monitor traffic loads, and more.

As shown in [Figure 26-1](#), the SNMP agent gathers data from the MIB. The agent can send traps, or notification of certain events, to the SNMP manager, which receives and processes the traps. Traps alert the SNMP manager to a condition on the network such as improper user authentication, restarts, link status (up or down), MAC address tracking, and so forth. The SNMP agent also responds to MIB-related queries sent by the SNMP manager in *get-request*, *get-next-request*, and *set-request* format.

Figure 26-1 SNMP Network



For information on supported MIBs and how to access them, see [Appendix A, “Supported MIBs.”](#)

SNMP Notifications

SNMP allows the switch to send notifications to SNMP managers when particular events occur. SNMP notifications can be sent as traps or inform requests. In command syntax, unless there is an option in the command to select either traps or informs, the keyword *traps* refers to either traps or informs, or both. Use the `snmp-server host` command to specify whether to send SNMP notifications as traps or informs.

Traps are unreliable because the receiver does not send an acknowledgment when it receives a trap, and the sender cannot determine if the trap was received. When an SNMP manager receives an inform request, it acknowledges the message with an SNMP response protocol data unit (PDU). If the sender does not receive a response, the inform request can be sent again. Because they can be re-sent, informs are more likely than traps to reach their intended destination.

The characteristics that make informs more reliable than traps also consume more resources in the switch and in the network. Unlike a trap, which is discarded as soon as it is sent, an inform request is held in memory until a response is received or the request times out. Traps are sent only once, but an inform might be re-sent or retried several times. The retries increase traffic and contribute to a higher overhead on the network. Therefore, traps and informs require a trade-off between reliability and resources. If it is important that the SNMP manager receive every notification, use inform requests. If traffic on the network or memory in the switch is a concern and notification is not required, use traps.



Note

SNMPv1 does not support informs.

Configuring SNMP

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Default SNMP Configuration

Table 26-3 shows the default SNMP configuration.

Table 26-3 Default SNMP Configuration

Feature	Default Setting
SNMP agent	Enabled
SNMP community strings	Read-Only: Public Read-Write: Private Read-Write-all: Secret
SNMP trap receiver	None configured
SNMP traps	None enabled
SNMP version	If no version keyword is present, the default is version 1.
SNMPv3 authentication	If no keyword is entered, the default is the noauth (noAuthNoPriv) security level.
SNMP notification type	If no type is specified, all notifications are sent.

SNMP Configuration Guidelines

An SNMP *group* is a table that maps SNMP users to SNMP views. An SNMP *user* is a member of an SNMP group. An SNMP *host* is the recipient of an SNMP trap operation. An SNMP *engine ID* is a name for the local or remote SNMP engine.



Note

Before using alarm profiles to set the Catalyst 2955 switch to send SNMP alarm trap notifications to an SNMP server, you must first enable SNMP by using the **snmp-server enable traps alarms** global configuration command.

When configuring SNMP, follow these guidelines:

- When configuring an SNMP group, do not specify a notify view. The **snmp-server host** global configuration command autogenerates a notify view for the user and then adds it to the group associated with that user. Modifying the group's notify view affects all users associated with that group. Refer to the *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference for Release 12.1* for information about when you should configure notify views.
- To configure a remote user, specify the IP address or port number for the remote SNMP agent of the device where the user resides.
- Before you configure remote users for a particular agent, configure the SNMP engine ID, using the **snmp-server engineID** global configuration with the **remote** option. The remote agent's SNMP engine ID and user password are used to compute the authentication and privacy digests. If you do not configure the remote engine ID first, the configuration command fails.
- When configuring SNMP informs, you need to configure the SNMP engine ID for the remote agent in the SNMP database before you can send proxy requests or informs to it.

- Changing the value of the SNMP engine ID has important side effects. A user's password (entered on the command line) is converted to an MD5 or SHA security digest based on the password and the local engine ID. The command-line password is then destroyed, as required by RFC 2274. Because of this deletion, if the value of engineID changes, the security digests of SNMPv3 users become invalid, and you need to reconfigure SNMP users by using the **snmp-server user *username*** global configuration command. Similar restrictions require the reconfiguration of community strings when the engine ID changes.

Disabling the SNMP Agent

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to disable the SNMP agent:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	no snmp-server	Disable the SNMP agent operation.
Step 3	end	Return to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 4	show running-config	Verify your entries.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Save your entries in the configuration file.

The **no snmp-server** global configuration command disables all running versions (version 1, version 2C, and version 3) on the device. No specific Cisco IOS command exists to enable SNMP. The first **snmp-server** global configuration command that you enter enables all versions of SNMP.

Configuring Community Strings

You use the SNMP community string to define the relationship between the SNMP manager and the agent. The community string acts like a password to permit access to the agent on the switch. Optionally, you can specify one or more of these characteristics associated with the string:

- An access list of IP addresses of the SNMP managers that are permitted to use the community string to gain access to the agent
- A MIB view, which defines the subset of all MIB objects accessible to the given community
- Read and write or read-only permission for the MIB objects accessible to the community

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to configure a community string on the switch:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	snmp-server community <i>string</i> [view <i>view-name</i>] [ro rw] [<i>access-list-number</i>]	Configure the community string. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For <i>string</i>, specify a string that acts like a password and permits access to the SNMP protocol. You can configure one or more community strings of any length. (Optional) For view, specify the view record accessible to the community. (Optional) Specify either read-only (ro) if you want authorized management stations to retrieve MIB objects, or specify read-write (rw) if you want authorized management stations to retrieve and modify MIB objects. By default, the community string permits read-only access to all objects. (Optional) For <i>access-list-number</i>, enter an IP standard access list numbered from 1 to 99 and 1300 to 1999.
Step 3	access-list <i>access-list-number</i> { deny permit } <i>source</i> [<i>source-wildcard</i>]	(Optional) If you specified an IP standard access list number in Step 2, then create the list, repeating the command as many times as necessary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For <i>access-list-number</i>, enter the access list number specified in Step 2. The deny keyword denies access if the conditions are matched. The permit keyword permits access if the conditions are matched. For <i>source</i>, enter the IP address of the SNMP managers that are permitted to use the community string to gain access to the agent. (Optional) For <i>source-wildcard</i>, enter the wildcard bits in dotted decimal notation to be applied to the source. Place ones in the bit positions that you want to ignore. Recall that the access list is always terminated by an implicit deny statement for everything.
Step 4	end	Return to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	show running-config	Verify your entries.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Save your entries in the configuration file.

**Note**

To disable access for an SNMP community, set the community string for that community to the null string (do not enter a value for the community string).

To remove a specific community string, use the **no snmp-server community** *string* global configuration command.

This example shows how to assign the string *comaccess* to SNMP, to allow read-only access, and to specify that IP access list 4 can use the community string to gain access to the switch SNMP agent:

```
Switch(config)# snmp-server community comaccess ro 4
```

Configuring SNMP Groups and Users

You can specify an identification name (engineID) for the local or remote SNMP server engine on the switch. You can configure an SNMP server group that maps SNMP users to SNMP views, and you can add new users to the SNMP group.

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to configure SNMP on the switch:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	snmp-server engineID { local <i>engineid-string</i> remote <i>ip-address</i> [udp-port <i>port-number</i>] <i>engineid-string</i> }	Configure a name for either the local or remote copy of SNMP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <i>engineid-string</i> is a 24-character ID string with the name of the copy of SNMP. You need not specify the entire 24-character engine ID if it contains trailing zeros. Specify only the portion of the engine ID up to the point where only zeros remain in the value. For example, to configure an engine ID of 123400000000000000000000, you can enter this: snmp-server engineID local 1234 If you select remote, specify the <i>ip-address</i> of the device that contains the remote copy of SNMP and the optional UDP port on the remote device. The default is 162.

Command	Purpose
<p>Step 3 <code>snmp-server group groupname {v1 v2c v3 [auth noauth priv] } [read readview] [write writeview] [notify notifyview] [access access-list]</code></p>	<p>Configure a new SNMP group on the remote device.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For <i>groupname</i>, specify the name of the group. • Specify a security model: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – v1 is the least secure of the possible security models. – v2c is the second least secure model. It allows transmission of informs and integers twice the normal width. – v3, the most secure, requires you to select an authentication level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> auth—Enables the Message Digest 5 (MD5) and the Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA) packet authentication. noauth —The noAuthNoPriv security level. This is the default if no keyword is specified. priv—Enables Data Encryption Standard (DES) packet encryption (also called <i>privacy</i>). <p>Note The priv keyword is available only when the cryptographic software image is installed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Optional) Enter read <i>readview</i> with a string (not to exceed 64 characters) that is the name of the view in which you can only view the contents of the agent. • (Optional) Enter write <i>writeview</i> with a string (not to exceed 64 characters) that is the name of the view in which you enter data and configure the contents of the agent. • (Optional) Enter notify <i>notifyview</i> with a string (not to exceed 64 characters) that is the name of the view in which you specify a notify, inform, or trap. • (Optional) Enter access <i>access-list</i> with a string (not to exceed 64 characters) that is the name of the access list.

	Command	Purpose
Step 4	<code>snmp-server user username groupname [remote host [udp-port port]] {v1 v2c v3} [auth {md5 sha} auth-password] [encrypted] [access access-list]</code>	Configure a new user to an SNMP group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <i>username</i> is the name of the user on the host that connects to the agent. The <i>groupname</i> is the name of the group to which the user is associated. (Optional) Enter remote to specify a remote SNMP entity to which the user belongs and the hostname or IP address of that entity with the optional UDP port number. The default is 162. Enter the SNMP version number (v1, v2c, or v3). If you enter v3, you have these additional options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> auth is an authentication level setting session, which can be either the HMAC-MD5-96 or the HMAC-SHA-96 authentication level, and requires a password string (not to exceed 64 characters). encrypted specifies that the password appears in encrypted format. (Optional) Enter access access-list with a string (not to exceed 64 characters) that is the name of the access list.
Step 5	<code>end</code>	Return to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	<code>show running-config</code>	Verify your entries.
Step 7	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Save your entries in the configuration file.

Configuring SNMP Notifications

A trap manager is a management station that receives and processes traps. Traps are system alerts that the switch generates when certain events occur. By default, no trap manager is defined, and no traps are sent. Switches running this Cisco IOS release can have an unlimited number of trap managers.



Note

Many commands use the word *traps* in the command syntax. Unless there is an option in the command to select either traps or informs, the keyword *traps* refers to either traps, informs, or both. Use the `snmp-server host` command to specify whether to send SNMP notifications as traps or informs.

Table 26-4 describes the supported switch traps (notification types). You can enable any or all of these traps and configure a trap manager to receive them.

Table 26-4 Switch Notification Types

Notification Type Keyword	Description
bgp	Generates BGP state change traps. This option is only available when the enhanced multilayer image is installed.
bridge	Generates STP bridge MIB traps.
cluster	Generates a trap when the cluster configuration changes.

Table 26-4 Switch Notification Types (continued)

Notification Type Keyword	Description
config	Generates a trap for SNMP configuration changes.
copy-config	Generates a trap for SNMP copy configuration changes.
entity	Generates a trap for SNMP entity changes.
envmon	Generates environmental monitor traps. You can enable any or all of these environmental traps: fan, shutdown, supply, temperature.
flash	Generates SNMP FLASH notifications.
hsrp	Generates a trap for Hot Standby Router Protocol (HSRP) changes.
mac-notification	Generates a trap for MAC address notifications.
rtr	Generates a trap for the SNMP Response Time Reporter (RTR).
snmp	Generates a trap for SNMP-type notifications.
stpx	Generates SNMP STP Extended MIB traps.
syslog	Generates SNMP syslog traps.
tty	Sends Cisco enterprise-specific notifications when a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) connection closes.
udp-port	Sends notification of the User Datagram Protocol (UDP) port number of the host.
vlan-membership	Generates a trap for SNMP VLAN membership changes.
vlancreate	Generates SNMP VLAN-created traps.
vlandelete	Generates SNMP VLAN-deleted traps.
vtp	Generates a trap for VLAN Trunking Protocol (VTP) changes.

Some notification types cannot be controlled with the **snmp-server enable** global configuration command, for example, **tty** and **udp-port**. These notification types are always enabled. You can use the **snmp-server host** global configuration command to a specific host to receive the notification types listed in Table 26-4.

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to configure the switch to send traps or informs to a host:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	snmp-server engineID remote <i>ip-address engineid-string</i>	Specify the engine ID for the remote host.
Step 3	snmp-server user <i>username</i> <i>groupname remote host [udp-port</i> <i>port] {v1 v2c v3 [auth {md5 sha}</i> <i>auth-password]}</i> [encrypted] [access <i>access-list]</i>	Configure an SNMP user to be associated with the remote host created in Step 2. Note You cannot configure a remote user for an address without first configuring the engine ID for the remote host. If you try to configure the user before configuring the remote engine ID, you receive an error message, and the command is not executed.

	Command	Purpose
Step 4	snmp-server group [<i>groupname</i> { v1 v2c v3 [auth noauth priv]}] [read readview] [write writeview] [notify notifyview] [access access-list]	Configure an SNMP group.
Step 5	snmp-server host <i>host-addr</i> [traps informs] [version { 1 2c 3 [auth noauth priv]}] <i>community-string</i> [udp-port port] [<i>notification-type</i>]	<p>Specify the recipient of an SNMP trap operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For <i>host-addr</i>, specify the name or Internet address of the host (the targeted recipient). (Optional) Enter traps (the default) to send SNMP traps to the host. (Optional) Enter informs to send SNMP informs to the host. (Optional) Specify the SNMP version (1, 2c, or 3). SNMPv1 is not available with informs. (Optional) For version 3, select authentication level auth, noauth, or priv. <p>Note The priv keyword is available only when the cryptographic software image is installed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For <i>community-string</i>, enter the password-like community string sent with the notification operation. (Optional) For udp-port port, enter the UDP port on the remote device. (Optional) For <i>notification-type</i>, use the keywords listed in Table 26-4 on page 26-11. If no type is specified, all notifications are sent.
Step 6	snmp-server enable traps <i>notification-types</i>	<p>Enable the switch to send traps or informs and specify the type of notifications to be sent. For a list of notification types, see Table 26-4 on page 26-11, or enter this: snmp-server enable traps ?</p> <p>To enable multiple types of traps, you must enter a separate snmp-server enable traps command for each trap type.</p>
Step 7	snmp-server trap-source <i>interface-id</i>	(Optional) Specify the source interface, which provides the IP address for the trap message. This command also sets the source IP address for informs.
Step 8	snmp-server queue-length <i>length</i>	(Optional) Establish the message queue length for each trap host. The range is 1 to 1000; the default is 10.
Step 9	snmp-server trap-timeout <i>seconds</i>	(Optional) Define how often to resend trap messages. The range is 1 to 1000; the default is 30 seconds.
Step 10	end	Return to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 11	show running-config	Verify your entries.
Step 12	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Save your entries in the configuration file.

The **snmp-server host** command specifies which hosts receive the notifications. The **snmp-server enable trap** command globally enables the mechanism for the specified notification (for traps and informs). To enable a host to receive an inform, you must configure an **snmp-server host informs** command for the host and globally enable informs by using the **snmp-server enable traps** command.

To remove the specified host from receiving traps, use the **no snmp-server host** *host* global configuration command. The **no snmp-server host** command with no keywords disables traps, but not informs, to the host. To disable informs, use the **no snmp-server host informs** global configuration command. To disable a specific trap type, use the **no snmp-server enable traps** *notification-types* global configuration command.

Configuring SNMP Trap Notification Priority

You can prioritize outgoing SNMP trap notifications to move them more efficiently through the network, even during periods of congestion. The switch has these prioritization options for SNMP packets:

- IP precedence marker
- Differential Services Code Point (DSCP) marker

These markers specify the preference that SNMP packets should receive as they move through the network. You can set up to 8 different IP precedence markings or 64 different IP DSCP markings. The default IP precedence and DSCP marker, 0, forwards SNMP packets as normal traffic. The highest marker values, 7 for IP precedence and 63 for DSCP, are generally reserved for network control traffic. Choose a marker value that corresponds to the importance of SNMP notifications in your network. For example, set the IP precedence to 6 to assign a very high priority to outgoing SNMP notifications.

DSCP is partially backward-compatible with IP precedence. To choose DSCP values that work like IP precedence values, use these values: 0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48, and 56. Although DSCP has 64 possible values, the network could disregard the least significant bits or treat blocks of values the same.

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to configure the switch to prioritize outgoing SNMP trap notifications:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	snmp-server ip { precedence <i>precedence-value</i> dscp <i>dscp-value</i> }	Specify the IP precedence or DSCP marker value for SNMP notifications.
Step 3	end	Return to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 4	show running-config	Verify your entries.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Save your entries in the configuration file.

To specify the host that should receive SNMP traps, use the **snmp-server host** global configuration command. To enable specific trap types, use the **snmp-server enable traps** global configuration command.

Setting the Agent Contact and Location Information

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to set the system contact and location of the SNMP agent so that these descriptions can be accessed through the configuration file:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>configure terminal</code>	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>snmp-server contact text</code>	Set the system contact string. For example: <code>snmp-server contact Dial System Operator at beeper 21555.</code>
Step 3	<code>snmp-server location text</code>	Set the system location string. For example: <code>snmp-server location Building 3/Room 222</code>
Step 4	<code>end</code>	Return to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	<code>show running-config</code>	Verify your entries.
Step 6	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Save your entries in the configuration file.

Limiting TFTP Servers Used Through SNMP

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to limit the TFTP servers used for saving and loading configuration files through SNMP to the servers specified in an access list:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>configure terminal</code>	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>snmp-server tftp-server-list access-list-number</code>	Limit TFTP servers used for configuration file copies through SNMP to the servers in the access list. For <i>access-list-number</i> , enter an IP standard access list numbered from 1 to 99 and 1300 to 1999.
Step 3	<code>access-list access-list-number {deny permit} source [source-wildcard]</code>	Create a standard access list, repeating the command as many times as necessary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For <i>access-list-number</i>, enter the access list number specified in Step 2. The deny keyword denies access if the conditions are matched. The permit keyword permits access if the conditions are matched. For <i>source</i>, enter the IP address of the TFTP servers that can access the switch. (Optional) For <i>source-wildcard</i>, enter the wildcard bits, in dotted decimal notation, to be applied to the source. Place ones in the bit positions that you want to ignore. Recall that the access list is always terminated by an implicit deny statement for everything.

	Command	Purpose
Step 4	end	Return to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	show running-config	Verify your entries.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Save your entries in the configuration file.

SNMP Examples

This example shows how to enable all versions of SNMP. The configuration permits any SNMP manager to access all objects with read-only permissions using the community string *public*. This configuration does not cause the switch to send any traps.

```
Switch(config)# snmp-server community public
```

This example shows how to permit any SNMP manager to access all objects with read-only permission using the community string *public*. The switch also sends VTP traps to the hosts 192.180.1.111 and 192.180.1.33 using SNMPv1 and to the host 192.180.1.27 using SNMPv2C. The community string *public* is sent with the traps.

```
Switch(config)# snmp-server community public
Switch(config)# snmp-server enable traps vtp
Switch(config)# snmp-server host 192.180.1.27 version 2c public
Switch(config)# snmp-server host 192.180.1.111 version 1 public
Switch(config)# snmp-server host 192.180.1.33 public
```

This example shows how to allow read-only access for all objects to members of access list 4 that use the *comaccess* community string. No other SNMP managers have access to any objects. SNMP Authentication Failure traps are sent by SNMPv2C to the host *cisco.com* using the community string *public*.

```
Switch(config)# snmp-server community comaccess ro 4
Switch(config)# snmp-server enable traps snmp authentication
Switch(config)# snmp-server host cisco.com version 2c public
```

This example shows how to send Entity MIB traps to the host *cisco.com*. The community string is restricted. The first line enables the switch to send Entity MIB traps in addition to any traps previously enabled. The second line specifies the destination of these traps and overwrites any previous **snmp-server host** commands for the host *cisco.com*.

```
Switch(config)# snmp-server enable traps entity
Switch(config)# snmp-server host cisco.com restricted entity
```

This example shows how to enable the switch to send all traps to the host *myhost.cisco.com* using the community string *public*:

```
Switch(config)# snmp-server enable traps
Switch(config)# snmp-server host myhost.cisco.com public
```

Displaying SNMP Status

To display SNMP input and output statistics, including the number of illegal community string entries, errors, and requested variables, use the **show snmp** privileged EXEC command. You can also use the other privileged EXEC commands in [Table 26-5](#) to display SNMP information. For information about the fields in the output displays, refer to the *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference for Release 12.1*.

Table 26-5 Commands for Displaying SNMP Information

Feature	Default Setting
show snmp	Displays SNMP statistics.
show snmp engineID [local remote]	Displays information on the local SNMP engine and all remote engines that have been configured on the device.
show snmp group	Displays information on each SNMP group on the network.
show snmp user	Displays information on each SNMP user name in the SNMP users table.

