

Configuring LLDP and LLDP-MED

This chapter describes how to configure the Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) and LLDP Media Endpoint Discovery (LLDP-MED) on the Catalyst 4500 series switch.

**Note**

For complete syntax and usage information for the commands used in this chapter, see the command reference for this release and the “System Management Commands” section in the *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference, Release 12.2*.

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Understanding LLDP and LLDP-MED

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Understanding LLDP

The Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP) is a device discovery protocol that runs over Layer 2 (the data link layer) on all Cisco-manufactured devices (routers, bridges, access servers, and switches). CDP allows network management applications to automatically discover and learn about other Cisco devices connected to the network.

To support non-Cisco devices and to allow for interoperability between other devices, the switch supports IEEE 802.1AB LLDP. LLDP is a neighbor discovery protocol that is used for network devices to advertise information about themselves to other devices on the network. This protocol runs over the data-link layer, which allows two systems running different network layer protocols to learn about each other.

LLDP supports a set of attributes that it uses to discover neighbor devices. These attributes contain type, length, and value descriptions and are referred to as *TLVs*. LLDP supported devices can use TLVs to receive and send information to their neighbors. Details such as configuration information, device capabilities, and device identity can be advertised using this protocol.

The switch supports the following basic management TLVs, which are optional:

- Port description TLV
- System name TLV
- System description TLV
- System capabilities TLV
- Management address TLV

These organizationally-specific LLDP TLVs are also advertised to support LLDP-MED:

- Port VLAN ID TLV ((IEEE 802.1 organizationally specific TLVs)
- MAC/PHY configuration/status TLV(IEEE 802.3 organizationally specific TLVs)

Understanding LLDP-MED

LLDP for Media Endpoint Devices (LLDP-MED) is an extension to LLDP that operates between endpoint devices such as IP phones and network devices such as switches. It specifically provides support for voice over IP (VoIP) applications and provides additional TLVs for capabilities discovery, network policy, Power over Ethernet, and inventory management. By default, all LLDP-MED TLVs are enabled.

LLDP-MED supports these TLVs:

- LLDP-MED capabilities TLV
Allows LLDP-MED endpoints to determine the capabilities that the connected device supports and what capabilities the device has enabled.
- Network policy TLV
Allows both network connectivity devices and endpoints to advertise VLAN configurations and associated Layer 2 and Layer 3 attributes for the specific application on that port. For example, the switch can notify a phone of the VLAN number that it should use. The phone can connect into any switch, obtain its VLAN number, and then start communicating with the call control
- Power management TLV
Enables advanced power management between LLDP-MED endpoint and network connectivity devices. Allows switches and phones to convey power information, such as how the device is powered, power priority, and how much power the device needs.

- Inventory management TLV

Allows an endpoint to send detailed inventory information about itself to the switch, including information hardware revision, firmware version, software version, serial number, manufacturer name, model name, and asset ID TLV.

**Note**

A switch cannot send LLDP and LLDP-MED simultaneously to an end point device. By default, a network device sends only LLDP packets until it receives LLDP-MED packets from an endpoint device. The network device then sends LLDP-MED packets until it receives only LLDP packets.

Configuring LLDP and LLDP-MED

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Default LLDP Configuration

[Table 25-1](#) shows the default LLDP configuration. To change the default settings, use the LLDP global configuration and LLDP interface configuration commands.

Table 25-1 **Default LLDP Configuration**

Feature	Default Setting
LLDP global state	Disabled
LLDP holdtime (before discarding)	120 seconds
LLDP timer (packet update frequency)	30 seconds
LLDP reinitialization delay	2 seconds
LLDP tlv-select	Enabled to send and receive all TLVs.
LLDP interface state	Enabled
LLDP receive	Enabled
LLDP transmit	Enabled
LLDP med-tlv-select	Enabled to send all LLDP-MED TLVs

Configuring LLDP Characteristics

You can configure the frequency of LLDP updates, the amount of time to hold the information before discarding it, the initialization delay time. You can also select the LLDP and LLDP-MED TLVs for sending and receiving.

To configure these characteristics, perform the follow:



Note Steps 2 through 5 can be performed in any order.

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Switch(config)# lldp holdtime <i>seconds</i>	(Optional) Specifies the amount of time a receiving device should hold the information sent by your device before discarding it. The range is 0 to 65535 seconds; the default is 120 seconds.
Step 3	Switch(config)# lldp reinit	(Optional) Specific the delay time in seconds for LLDP to initialize on any interface. The range is 2 to 5 seconds; the default is 2 seconds.
Step 4	Switch(config)# lldp timer <i>seconds</i>	(Optional) Sets the transmission frequency of LLDP updates in seconds. The range is 5 to 65534 seconds; the default is 30 seconds.
Step 5	Switch(config)# lldp tlv-select	(Optional) Specifies the LLDP TLVs to send or receive.
Step 6	Switch(config)# exit	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 7	Switch# copy running-config startup-config	Saves your entries in the configuration file.
Step 8	Switch# lldp med-tlv-select	(Optional) Specifies the LLDP-MED TLVs to send or receive.



Note Use the **no** form of each of the LLDP commands to return to the default setting.

This example shows how to configure a holdtime of 120 second, a delay time of 2 seconds and an update frequency of 30:

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# lldp holdtime 120
Switch(config)# lldp reinit 2
Switch(config)# lldp timer 30
Switch(config)# end
```

This example shows how to transmit only LLDP packets:

```
switch# configure terminal
siwtch(config)# no lldp receive
switch(config)# end
```

If you want to receive LLDP packets again, do the following:

```
switch# configure terminal
siwtch(config)# lldp receive
switch(config)# end
```

For additional LLDP **show** commands, see the [“Monitoring and Maintaining LLDP and LLDP-MED” section on page 25-7](#).

Disabling and Enabling LLDP Globally



Note LLDP is disabled by default.

To disable LLDP globally, do the following:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Switch(config)# no lldp run	Disables LLDP.
Step 3	Switch# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

To enable LLDP once it has been disabled, do the following:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Switch(config)# lldp run	Enables LLDP.
Step 3	Switch# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

This example shows how to globally disable LLDP.

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# no lldp run
Switch(config)# end
```

This example shows how to globally enable LLDP.

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# lldp run
Switch(config)# end
```

Disabling and Enabling LLDP on an Interface

LLDP is disabled globally on all supported interfaces. You must enable LLDP globally to allow a device to send LLDP packets. However, no changes are required at the interface level.

You can configure the interface to selectively not to send and receive LLDP packets with the **no lldp transmit** and **no lldp receive** commands.



Note If the interface is configured as a tunnel port, LLDP is automatically disabled.

To disable LLDP on an interface, do the following:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Switch(config)# interface interface-id	Specifies the interface on which you are disabling LLDP, and enter interface configuration mode.

	Command	Purpose
Step 3	Switch(config-if)# no lldp transmit	Disallows sending LLDP packets on the interface.
Step 4	Switch(config-if)# no lldp receive	Disallows receiving LLDP packets on the interface.
Step 5	Switch(config-if)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	Switch# copy running-config startup-config	Saves your entries in the configuration file.

To enable LLDP on an interface once it has been disabled, do the following:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Switch(config)# interface interface-id	Specifies the interface on which you are enabling LLDP, and enter interface configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch(config-if)# lldp transmit	Sends LLDP packets on the interface.
Step 4	Switch(config-if)# lldp receive	Receives LLDP packets on the interface.
Step 5	Switch(config-if)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	Switch# copy running-config startup-config	Saves your entries in the configuration file.

This example shows how to enable LLDP on an interface.

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 1/1
Switch(config-if)# lldp transmit
Switch(config-if)# lldp receive
Switch(config-if)# end
```

Configuring LLDP-MED TLVs

By default, the switch only sends LLDP packets until it receives LLDP-MED packets from the end device. The switch continues to send LLDP-MED packets until it only receives LLDP packets.

By using the **lldp** interface configuration command, you can configure the interface not to send the TLVs listed in [Table 25-2](#).

Table 25-2 LLDP-MED TLVs

LLDP-MED TLV	Description
inventory-management	LLDP-MED inventory management TLV
location	LLDP-MED location TLV
network-policy	LLDP-MED network policy TLV
power-management	LLDP-MED power management TLV

To disable a TLV on an interface, do the following:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Switch(config)# interface <i>interface-id</i>	Specifies the interface on which you are configuring a LLDP-MED TLV, and enter interface configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch(config-if)# no lldp med-tlv-select <i>tlv</i>	Specifies the TLV to disable.
Step 4	Switch(config-if)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	Switch# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

To enable a TLV on an interface, do the following:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Switch(config)# interface <i>interface-id</i>	Specifies the interface on which you are configuring an LLDP-MED TLV, and enter interface configuration mode.
Step 3	Switch(config-if)# lldp med-tlv-select <i>tlv</i>	Specifies the TLV to enable.
Step 4	Switch(config-if)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	Switch# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

This example shows how to enable a TLV on an interface when it has been disabled.

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1
Switch(config-if)# lldp med-tlv-select inventory management
Switch(config-if)# end
```

Monitoring and Maintaining LLDP and LLDP-MED

To monitor and maintain LLDP and LLDP-MED on your device, perform one or more of the following tasks, beginning in privileged EXEC mode:

Command	Description
clear lldp counters	Resets the traffic and error counters to zero.
clear lldp table	Deletes the LLDP table of information about neighbors.
show lldp	Displays global information, such as frequency of transmissions, the holdtime for packets being sent, and the delay time for LLDP to initialize on an interface.
show lldp entry <i>entry-name</i>	Displays information about a specific neighbor. You can enter an asterisk (*) to display all neighbors, or you can enter the name of the neighbor about which you want information.
show lldp errors	Displays LLDP computational errors and overflows.

Command	Description
show lldp interface [<i>interface-id</i>]	Displays information about interfaces where LLDP is enabled. You can limit the display to the interface about which you want information.
show lldp neighbors [<i>interface-id</i>] [detail]	Displays information about neighbors, including device type, interface type and number, holdtime settings, capabilities, and port ID. You can limit the display to neighbors of a specific interface or expand the display to provide more detailed information.
show lldp traffic	Displays LLDP counters, including the number of packets sent and received, number of packets discarded, and number of unrecognized TLVs.