



Configuring CDP

This chapter contains information about how to configure Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP) on the Catalyst 6500 series switches, which supplements the information in these publications:

- The *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Configuration Guide*, Release 12.1, “Cisco IOS System Management,” “Configuring Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP)” at this URL:
http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios121/121cgr/fun_c/fcprt3/fcd301c.htm
- The *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference*, Release 12.1, “Cisco IOS System Management Commands,” “CDP Commands” publication at this URL:
http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios121/121cgr/fun_r/frprt3/frd3001b.htm

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Understanding How CDP Works

CDP is a protocol that runs over Layer 2 (the data link layer) on all Cisco routers, bridges, access servers, and switches. CDP allows network management applications to discover Cisco devices that are neighbors of already known devices, in particular, neighbors running lower-layer, transparent protocols. With CDP, network management applications can learn the device type and the SNMP agent address of neighboring devices. This feature enables applications to send SNMP queries to neighboring devices.

CDP runs on all LAN and WAN media that support Subnetwork Access Protocol (SNAP).

Each CDP-configured device sends periodic messages to a multicast address. Each device advertises at least one address at which it can receive SNMP messages. The advertisements also contain the time-to-live, or holdtime information, which indicates the length of time a receiving device should hold CDP information before discarding it.

Configuring CDP

These sections describe how to configure CDP:

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**Note**

With Release 12.1(11b)E and later releases, when you are in configuration mode you can enter EXEC mode-level commands by entering the **do** keyword before the EXEC mode-level command.

Enabling CDP Globally

To enable CDP globally, perform this task:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# cdp run	Enables CDP globally.
Router(config)# no cdp run	Disables CDP globally.

This example shows how to enable CDP globally:

```
Router(config)# cdp run
```

Displaying the CDP Global Configuration

To display the CDP configuration, perform this task:

Command	Purpose
Router# show cdp	Displays global CDP information.

This example shows how to display the CDP configuration:

```
Router# show cdp
Global CDP information:
  Sending CDP packets every 120 seconds
  Sending a holdtime value of 180 seconds
  Sending CDPv2 advertisements is enabled
Router#
```

For additional CDP show commands, see the “[Monitoring and Maintaining CDP](#)” section on page 30-3.

Enabling CDP on a Port

To enable CDP on a port, perform this task:

Command	Purpose
Step 1 Router(config)# interface {{type ¹ slot/port} {port-channel number}}	Selects the port to configure.

Command	Purpose
Step 2 Router(config-if)# cdp enable	Enables CDP on the port.
Router(config-if)# no cdp enable	Disables CDP on the port.

1. *type* = ethernet, fastethernet, gigabitethernet, or tengigabitethernet

This example shows how to enable CDP on Fast Ethernet port 5/1:

```
Router(config)# interface fastethernet 5/1
Router(config-if)# cdp enable
```

Displaying the CDP Interface Configuration

To display the CDP configuration for a port, perform this task:

Command	Purpose
Router# show cdp interface [{{type ¹ slot/port} {port-channel number}}]	Displays information about ports where CDP is enabled.

1. *type* = ethernet, fastethernet, gigabitethernet, or tengigabitethernet

This example shows how to display the CDP configuration of Fast Ethernet port 5/1:

```
Router# show cdp interface fastethernet 5/1
FastEthernet5/1 is up, line protocol is up
  Encapsulation ARPA
  Sending CDP packets every 120 seconds
  Holdtime is 180 seconds
Router#
```

Monitoring and Maintaining CDP

To monitor and maintain CDP on your device, perform one or more of these tasks:

Command	Purpose
Router# clear cdp counters	Resets the traffic counters to zero.
Router# clear cdp table	Clears information about neighbors from the CDP table.
Router# show cdp	Displays global information such as frequency of transmissions and the holdtime for packets being transmitted.
Router# show cdp entry <i>entry_name</i> [protocol version]	Displays information about a specific neighbor. The display can be limited to protocol or version information.
Router# show cdp interface [<i>type¹ slot/port</i>]	Displays information about interfaces on which CDP is enabled.
Router# show cdp neighbors [<i>type¹ slot/port</i>] [detail]	Displays information about neighbors. The display can be limited to neighbors on a specific interface and expanded to provide more detailed information.

Command	Purpose
Router# show cdp traffic	Displays CDP counters, including the number of packets sent and received and checksum errors.
Router# show debugging	Displays information about the types of debugging that are enabled. Refer to the <i>Debug Command Reference</i> publication for more information about CDP debug commands.

1. *type* = **ethernet**, **fastethernet**, **gigabitethernet**, or **tengigabitethernet**

This example shows how to clear CDP counter configuration:

```
Router# clear cdp counters
```

This example shows how to display information about the neighboring equipment:

```
Router# show cdp neighbors
```

```
Capability Codes: R - Router, T - Trans Bridge, B - Source Route Bridge
                  S - Switch, H - Host, I - IGMP, r - Repeater, P - Phone
```

Device ID	Local Intrfce	Holdtme	Capability	Platform	Port ID
JAB023807H1	Fas 5/3	127	T S	WS-C2948	2/46
JAB023807H1	Fas 5/2	127	T S	WS-C2948	2/45
JAB023807H1	Fas 5/1	127	T S	WS-C2948	2/44
JAB023807H1	Gig 1/2	122	T S	WS-C2948	2/50
JAB023807H1	Gig 1/1	122	T S	WS-C2948	2/49
JAB03130104	Fas 5/8	167	T S	WS-C4003	2/47
JAB03130104	Fas 5/9	152	T S	WS-C4003	2/48