

Configure GVRP Settings on a Switch through the CLI

Objective

Adjacent Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN)-aware devices can exchange VLAN information with each other with the use of the Generic VLAN Registration Protocol (GVRP). GVRP is based on the Generic Attribute Registration Protocol (GARP) and propagates VLAN information throughout a bridged network. When GVRP is activated, it transmits and receives GARP Packet Data Units (GPDUs). This allows you to configure a VLAN on one switch and then propagate its information across the network, instead of the previously required creation of the VLAN on each switch in the network.

This article provides instructions on how to configure GVRP settings on the switch through the Command Line Interface (CLI).

Applicable Devices

- Sx300 Series
- Sx350 Series
- SG350X Series
- Sx500 Series
- Sx550X Series

Software Version

- 1.4.7.06 — Sx300, Sx500
- 2.2.8.04 — Sx350, SG350X, Sx550X

Configure GVRP Settings

Step 1. Log in to the switch console. The default username and password is cisco/cisco. If you have configured a new username or password, enter the credentials instead.

Note: To learn how to access an SMB switch CLI through SSH or Telnet, click [here](#).

```
[User Name:cisco  
[Password:*****
```

Note: The commands may vary depending on the exact model of your switch. In this example, the SG350X-48MP switch is accessed through Telnet.

Step 2. From the Privileged EXEC mode of the switch, enter the Global Configuration mode by entering the following:

```
SG350X#configure
```

Step 3. To enable the GVRP globally on the switch, enter the following:

```
SG350X(config)#gvrp enable
```

```
SG350X#configure
SG350X(config)#gvrp enable
SG350X(config)#
```

Step 4. In the Global Configuration mode, enter the Interface Configuration context by entering the following:

```
SG350X(config)#interface [interface-id]
```

- interface-id – Specifies an interface ID to be configured.

```
SG350X#configure
SG350X(config)#gvrp enable
SG350X(config)#interface ge1/0/3
SG350X(config-if)#
```

Step 5. Since GVRP requires support for tagging, the port must be configured in Trunk or General mode. To configure the VLAN membership mode of the interface, enter the following:

```
SG350X(config-if)#switchport mode [trunk | general]
```

The options are:

- trunk – Specifies a trunking layer 2 VLAN port.
- general – Specifies a full 802.1q-supported VLAN port.

```
SG350X#configure
SG350X(config)#gvrp enable
SG350X(config)#interface ae1/0/3
SG350X(config-if)#switchport mode trunk
SG350X(config-if)#
```

Note: In this example, the interface is configured as Trunk port.

Step 6. To enable GVRP on the interface, enter the following:

```
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp enable
```

```
SG350X#configure
SG350X(config)#gvrp enable
SG350X(config)#interface ge1/0/3
SG350X(config-if)#switchport mode trunk
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp enable
SG350X(config-if)#
```

Step 7. (Optional) To deregister all dynamic VLANs on a port and prevent VLAN creation or registration on the port, enter the following:

```
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp registration-forbid
```

```
SG350X#configure
SG350X(config)#gvrp enable
SG350X(config)#interface ge1/0/3
SG350X(config-if)#switchport mode trunk
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp enable
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp registration-forbid
SG350X(config-if)#
```

Note: In this example, registration of new VLANs on the interface is forbidden.

Step 8. (Optional) To disable dynamic VLAN creation or modification, enter the following:

```
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp vlan-creation-forbid
SG350X#configure
SG350X(config)#gvrp enable
SG350X(config)#interface ge1/0/3
SG350X(config-if)#switchport mode trunk
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp enable
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp registration-forbid
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp vlan-creation-forbid
SG350X(config-if)#
```

Note: In this example, creation of new VLANs on the interface is forbidden.

Step 9. Enter the **end** command to go back to the Privileged EXEC mode:

```
SG350X(config)#end
SG350X#configure
SG350X(config)#gvrp enable
SG350X(config)#interface ge1/0/3
SG350X(config-if)#switchport mode trunk
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp enable
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp registration-forbid
SG350X(config-if)#gvrp vlan-creation-forbid
SG350X(config-if)#end
SG350X#
```

Step 10. (Optional) To display the GVRP settings on the switch or a specific interface, enter the following:

```
SG350X#show gvrp configuration [interface-id | detailed]
SG350X(config-if)#end
SG350#show gvrp configuration ge1/0/3

GVRP Feature is currently Enabled on the device.
Maximum VLANs: 4094

Port(s)  GVRP-Status  Registration  Dynamic VLAN  Timers(millisecond)
-----  -
gi1/0/3  Enabled      Forbidden     Disabled      Join      Leave      Leave All
          200         600          10000

SG350X#
```

Note: In this example, the GVRP settings for the ge1/0/3 interface are displayed.

Step 11. (Optional) In the Privileged EXEC mode of the switch, save the configured settings to the startup configuration file by entering the following:

```
SG350X#copy running-config startup-config
SG350X#copy running-config startup-config
Overwrite file [startup-config]... (Y/N) [N] ?
```

Step 12. (Optional) Press **Y** for Yes or **N** for No on your keyboard once the Overwrite file [startup-config]... prompt appears.

```
SG550XG#copy running-config startup-config
Overwrite file [startup-config]... (Y/N)[N] ?Y
18-Sep-2017 08:00:45 %COPY-I-FILECPY: Files Copy - source URL running-config destination
URL flash://system/configuration/startup-config
18-Sep-2017 08:00:47 %COPY-N-TRAP: The copy operation was completed successfully
SG550XG#
```

You should now have successfully configured the GVRP settings on your switch through the CLI.