

# **Configuring Graceful Insertion and Removal**

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### **About Graceful Insertion and Removal**

You can use graceful insertion and removal to gracefully eject a switch and isolate it from the network in order to perform debugging or upgrade operations. The switch is removed from the regular forwarding path with minimal traffic disruption. When you are finished performing debugging or upgrade operations, you can use graceful insertion to return the switch to its fully operational (normal) mode.

In graceful removal, all protocols and vPC domains are gracefully brought down and the switch is isolated from the network. In graceful insertion, all protocols and vPC domains are restored.

The following protocols are supported (for both IPv4 and IPv6 address families):

- Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)
- Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP)
- Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System (ISIS)
- Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)
- Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM)
- Routing Information Protocol (RIP)



Note

For graceful insertion and removal, the PIM protocol is applicable only to vPC environments. During graceful removal, the vPC forwarding role is transferred to the vPC peer for all northbound sources of multicast traffic.

### **Profiles**

By default, the system isolates all enabled protocols during graceful removal and restores them during graceful insertion. The protocols are isolated and restored in a predefined order.

If you want to isolate, shut down, or restore the protocols individually (or perform additional configurations), you can create a profile with configuration commands that can be applied during graceful removal or graceful insertion. However, you need to make sure that the order of the protocols is correct and any dependencies are considered.

The switch supports the following profiles:

- Maintenance-mode profile—Contains all the commands that will be executed during graceful removal, when the switch enters maintenance mode.
- Normal-mode profile—Contains all the commands that will be executed during graceful insertion, when the switch returns to normal mode.

The following commands (along with any configuration commands) are supported in the profiles:

Command	Description
isolate	Isolates the protocol from the switch and puts the protocol in maintenance mode.
no isolate	Restores the protocol and puts the protocol in normal mode.
shutdown	Shuts down the protocol or vPC domain.
no shutdown	Brings up the protocol or vPC domain.
system interface shutdown [exclude fex-fabric]	Shuts down the system interfaces (except the management interface).
no system interface shutdown [exclude fex-fabric]	Brings up the system interfaces.
sleep instance instance-number seconds	Delays the execution of the command by a specified number of seconds. You can delay multiple instances of the command.
	The range for the <i>instance-number</i> and <i>seconds</i> arguments is from 0 to 2177483647.

Command	Description
python instance instance-number uri [python-arguments] Example: python instance 1 bootflash://script1.py	Configures Python script invocations to the profile. You can add multiple invocations of the command to the profile.
	You can enter a maximum of 32 alphanumeric characters for the Python arguments.

### **Snapshots**

In Cisco NX-OS, a snapshot is the process of capturing the running states of selected features and storing them on persistent storage media.

Snapshots are useful to compare the state of a switch before graceful removal and after graceful insertion. The snapshot process consists of three parts:

- Creating a snapshot of the states of a few preselected features on the switch and storing them on the persistent storage media
- Listing the snapshots taken at various time intervals and managing them
- Comparing snapshots and showing the differences between features

### **GIR Workflow**

Follow these steps to complete the graceful insertion and removal (GIR) workflow:

- 1. (Optional) Create the maintenance-mode profile. (See Configuring the Maintenance-Mode Profile, on page 4.)
- 2. (Optional) Create the normal-mode profile. (See Configuring the Normal-Mode Profile, on page 5.)
- 3. Take a snapshot before triggering graceful removal. (See Creating a Snapshot, on page 6.)
- **4.** Trigger graceful removal to put the switch in maintenance mode. (See Triggering Graceful Removal, on page 10.)
- **5.** Trigger graceful insertion to return the switch to normal mode. (See Triggering Graceful Insertion, on page 12.)
- **6.** Take a snapshot after triggering graceful insertion. (See Creating a Snapshot, on page 6.)
- 7. Use the **show snapshots compare** command to compare the operational data before and after the graceful removal and insertion of the switch to make sure that everything is running as expected. (See Verifying the GIR Configuration, on page 14.)

# **Configuring the Maintenance-Mode Profile**

You can create a maintenance-mode profile with configuration commands that can be applied during graceful removal or graceful insertion.

### **SUMMARY STEPS**

- 1. configure maintenance profile maintenance-mode
- 2 end
- 3. show maintenance profile maintenance-mode

### **DETAILED STEPS**

### **Procedure**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure maintenance profile maintenance-mode	Enters a configuration session for the maintenance-mode
	Example:	profile.
	switch# configure maintenance profile maintenance-mode Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z. switch(config-mm-profile)#	Depending on which protocols you have configured, you must now enter the appropriate commands to bring down the protocols. For a list of supported commands, see Profiles, on page 2.
Step 2	end	Closes the maintenance-mode profile.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch(config-mm-profile)# end switch#</pre>	
Step 3	show maintenance profile maintenance-mode	Displays the details of the maintenance-mode profile.
	Example:	
	switch# show maintenance profile maintenance-mode	

### **Example**

This example shows how to create a maintenance-mode profile:

```
switch# configure maintenance profile maintenance-mode
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config-mm-profile)# ip pim isolate
switch(config-mm-profile)# vpc domain 10
switch(config-mm-profile-config-vpc-domain)# shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile)# router bgp 100
switch(config-mm-profile-router)# shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile)# router eigrp 10
switch(config-mm-profile-router)# shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile-router)# shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile-router)# shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile-router)# shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile-router-af)# shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile)# system interface shutdown
```

```
switch(config-mm-profile)# end
Exit maintenance profile mode.
switch# show maintenance profile maintenance-mode
[Maintenance Mode]
ip pim isolate
vpc domain 10
shutdown
router bgp 100
shutdown
router eigrp 10
shutdown
address-family ipv6 unicast
shutdown
system interface shutdown
```

# **Configuring the Normal-Mode Profile**

You can create a normal-mode profile with configuration commands that can be applied during graceful removal or graceful insertion.

### **SUMMARY STEPS**

- 1. configure maintenance profile normal-mode
- 2. end
- 3. show maintenance profile normal-mode

### **DETAILED STEPS**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure maintenance profile normal-mode	Enters a configuration session for the normal-mode profile.
	Example:  switch# configure maintenance profile normal-mode Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z. switch(config-mm-profile)#	Depending on which protocols you have configured, you must now enter the appropriate commands to bring up the protocols. For a list of supported commands, see Profiles, on page 2.
Step 2	end	Closes the normal-mode profile.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch(config-mm-profile)# end switch#</pre>	
Step 3	show maintenance profile normal-mode	Displays the details of the normal-mode profile.
	Example: switch# show maintenance profile normal-mode	

This example shows how to create a maintenance-mode profile:

```
switch# configure maintenance profile normal-mode
switch(config-mm-profile) # no system interface shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile)# router eigrp 10
switch(config-mm-profile-router)# no shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile-router)# address-family ipv6 unicast
switch(config-mm-profile-router-af)# no shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile) # router bgp 100
switch(config-mm-profile-router)# no shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile)# vpc domain 10
switch(config-mm-profile-config-vpc-domain) # no shutdown
switch(config-mm-profile)# no ip pim isolate
switch(config-mm-profile)# end
Exit maintenance profile mode.
switch# show maintenance profile normal-mode
[Normal Mode]
no system interface shutdown
router eigrp 10
 no shutdown
 address-family ipv6 unicast
   no shutdown
router bgp 100
 no shutdown
vpc domain 10
 no shutdown
no ip pim isolate
```

# **Creating a Snapshot**

You can create a snapshot of the running states of selected features. When you create a snapshot, a predefined set of **show** commands are run and the outputs are saved.

### **SUMMARY STEPS**

- 1. snapshot create snapshot-name description
- 2. show snapshots
- 3. show snapshots compare snapshot-name-1 snapshot-name-2 [summary | ipv4routes | ipv6routes]

### **DETAILED STEPS**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	snapshot create snapshot-name description	Captures the running state or operational data of selected
	Example:	features and stores the data on persistent storage media.
	switch# snapshot create snap_before_maintenance Taken before maintenance Executing 'show interface' Done	You can enter a maximum of 64 alphanumeric chapters for the snapshot name and a maximum of 254 alphanumeric characters for the description.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Executing 'show ip route summary vrf all' Done Executing 'show ipv6 route summary vrf all' Done Executing 'show bgp sessions vrf all' Done Executing 'show ip eigrp topology summary' Done Executing 'show ipv6 eigrp topology summary' Done Feature 'vpc' not enabled, skipping Executing 'show ip ospf vrf all' Done Feature 'ospfv3' not enabled, skipping Feature 'isis' not enabled, skipping Feature 'rip' not enabled, skipping Snapshot 'snap_before_maintenance' created	to delete all snapshots or a specific snapshot.
Step 2	<pre>show snapshots  Example: switch# show snapshots Snapshot Name</pre>	Displays snapshots present on the switch.
Step 3	show snapshots compare snapshot-name-1 snapshot-name-2 [summary   ipv4routes   ipv6routes]  Example: switch# show snapshots compare snap_before_maintenance snap_after_maintenance	Displays a comparison of two snapshots.  The <b>summary</b> option displays just enough information to see the overall changes between the two snapshots.  The <b>ipv4routes</b> and <b>ipv6routes</b> options display the changes in IPv4 and IPv6 routes between the two snapshots.

The following example shows a summary of the changes between two snapshots:

switch# show snapshots compare	snapshot1 snapshot2	summary	
feature	snapshot1	snapshot2	changed
basic summary			
<pre># of interfaces</pre>	16	12	*
# of vlans	10	4	*
# of ipv4 routes	33	3	*
interfaces			
<pre># of eth interfaces</pre>	3	0	*
<pre># of eth interfaces up</pre>	2	0	*
<pre># of eth interfaces down</pre>	1	0	*
<pre># of eth interfaces other</pre>	0	0	
# of vlan interfaces	2	1	*
"	3	1	*
# of vlan interfaces up	3	1	*
<pre># of vlan interfaces down</pre>	0	0	
<pre># of vlan interfaces other</pre>	0	1	*

The following example shows the changes in IPv4 routes between two snapshots:

There were 28 attribute changes detected

# **Adding Show Commands to Snapshots**

You can specify additional **show** commands to be captured in snapshots. These **show** commands are defined in user-specified snapshot sections.

### **SUMMARY STEPS**

- **1. snapshot section add** *section "show-command" row-id element-key1* [*element-key2*]
- 2. show snapshots sections
- 3. show snapshots compare snapshot-name-1 snapshot-name-2 [summary | ipv4routes | ipv6routes]

### **DETAILED STEPS**

	Command or Action	Purpose
element-key1 [element-key1] element-key1 [element-key1] element-key1 [element-key1] element-key1 [element-key1] element-key1 [element-key1] [element-key1] [element-key1] element-key1 [element-key1] [element-key1] [element-key1] element-key1] element-key1 [element-key1] [element-key1] element-key1] element	<pre>snapshot section add section "show-command" row-id element-key1 [element-key2]  Example: switch# snapshot section add myshow "show ip interface brief" ROW_intf intf-name</pre>	Adds a user-specified section to snapshots. The <i>section</i> is used to name the <b>show</b> command output. You can use any word to name the section.  The <b>show</b> command must be enclosed in quotation marks. Non- <b>show</b> commands will not be accepted.
		The <i>row-id</i> argument specifies the tag of each row entry of the <b>show</b> command's XML output. The <i>element-key1</i> and <i>element-key2</i> arguments specify the tags used to distinguish among row entries. In most cases, only the <i>element-key1</i> argument needs to specified to be able to distinguish among row entries.
		Note To delete a user-specified section from snapshots, use the snapshot section delete section command.
Step 2	show snapshots sections	Displays the user-specified snapshot sections.
	Example:	
	switch# show snapshots sections	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	show snapshots compare snapshot-name-1 snapshot-name-2 [summary   ipv4routes   ipv6routes]  Example: switch# show snapshots compare snap1 snap2	Displays a comparison of two snapshots.  The <b>summary</b> option displays just enough information to see the overall changes between the two snapshots.  The <b>ipv4routes</b> and <b>ipv6routes</b> options display the changes in IPv4 and IPv6 routes between the two snapshots.

The following example adds the **show ip interface brief** command to the myshow snapshot section. It also compares two snapshots (snap1 and snap2) and shows the user-specified sections in both snapshots.

```
switch# snapshot section add myshow "show ip interface brief" ROW_intf intf-name
switch# show snapshots sections
user-specified snapshot sections
_____
[myshow]
 cmd: show ip interface brief
 row: ROW intf
 key1: intf-name
 key2: -
[sect2]
 cmd: show ip ospf vrf all
 row: ROW_ctx
 key1: instance number
 key2: cname
switch# show snapshots compare snap1 snap2
______
Feature
                  Tag
                                    snap1
                                                       snap2
______
[interface]
      [interface:mgmt0]

        vdc_lvl_in_pkts
        692310

        vdc_lvl_in_mcast
        575281

                                                 **692317**
**575287**
                  vdc_lvl_in_bcast 77209
                                                    **77210**
                  vdc lvl in bytes 63293252
                                                    **63293714**
                                                     **41198**
                  vdc_lvl_out_pkts 41197
                  vdc_lvl_out_ucast 33966
                                                     **33967**
                  vdc lvl out bytes
                                    6419714
                                                     **6419788**
[ospf]
[mvshow]
```

# **Triggering Graceful Removal**

In order to perform debugging or upgrade operations, you can trigger a graceful removal of the switch, which will eject the switch and isolate it from the network.

### Before you begin

If you want the system to use a maintenance-mode profile that you create, see Configuring the Maintenance-Mode Profile, on page 4.

### **SUMMARY STEPS**

- 1. configure terminal
- $\textbf{2.} \quad \textbf{system mode maintenance} \ [\textbf{dont-generate-profile} \ | \ \textbf{timeout} \ value} \ | \ \textbf{shutdown} \ | \ \textbf{on-reload reset-reason} \ | \ reason]$
- 3. (Optional) show system mode
- 4. (Optional) copy running-config startup-config

### **DETAILED STEPS**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 2	system mode maintenance [dont-generate-profile   timeout value   shutdown   on-reload reset-reason reason]	Puts all enabled protocols in maintenance mode (using the <b>isolate</b> command).
	Example:	The following options are available:
	<pre>switch(config)# system mode maintenance Following configuration will be applied:</pre>	dont-generate-profile—Prevents the dynamic searching of enabled protocols and executes commands
<pre>ip pim isolate   router bgp 65502     isolate   router ospf p1     isolate   router ospfv3 p1   isolate</pre>	router bgp 65502 isolate	configured in a maintenance-mode profile. Use this option if you want the system to use a maintenance-mode profile that you have created.
	• <b>timeout</b> <i>value</i> —Keeps the switch in maintenance mode for a specified number of minutes. The range is from 5 to 65535. Once the configured time elapses, the	
	Do you want to continue (y/n)? [no] <b>y</b>	switch returns to normal mode automatically. The <b>no</b>

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Generating a snapshot before going into maintenance mode	system mode maintenance timeout command disables the timer.
	Starting to apply commands  Applying: ip pim isolate Applying: router bgp 65502 Applying: isolate Applying: router ospf p1 Applying: isolate Applying: router ospfv3 p1 Applying: isolate	<ul> <li>shutdown—Shuts down all protocols, vPC domains, and interfaces except the management interface (using the shutdown command). This option is disruptive while the default (which uses the isolate command) is not.</li> <li>on-reload reset-reason reason—Boots the switch into</li> </ul>
	Maintenance mode operation successful.	maintenance mode automatically in the event of a specified system crash. The <b>no system mode maintenance on-reload reset-reason</b> command prevents the switch from being brought up in maintenance mode in the event of a system crash.
		The maintenance mode reset reasons are as follows:
		HW_ERROR—Hardware error
		SVC_FAILURE—Critical service failure
		KERN_FAILURE—Kernel panic
		WDOG_TIMEOUT—Watchdog timeout
		• FATAL_ERROR—Fatal error
		• LC_FAILURE—Line card failure
		MATCH_ANY—Any of the above reasons
		The system prompts you to continue. Enter <b>y</b> to continue or <b>n</b> to terminate the process.
Step 3	(Optional) show system mode	Displays the current system mode.
	Example: switch(config) # show system mode System Mode: Maintenance	The switch is in maintenance mode. You can now perform any desired debugging or upgrade operations on the switch.
Step 4	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config  Example: switch(config) # copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration. This command is required if you want to preserve maintenance mode following a reboot.

This example shows how to shut down all protocols, vPC domains, and interfaces on the switch:

 $\verb|switch(config)# | \textbf{system mode maintenance shutdown}|\\$ 

Following configuration will be applied:

vpc domain 10

```
shutdown
  router bgp 65502
    shut.down
  router ospf p1
    shutdown
  router ospfv3 p1
    shutdown
  system interface shutdown
Do you want to continue (y/n)? [no] y
Generating a snapshot before going into maintenance mode
Starting to apply commands...
Applying : vpc domain 10
Applying : shutdown
Applying: router bgp 65502
Applying : shutdown
Applying : router ospf p1
Applying: shutdown
Applying : router ospfv3 p1
Applying : shutdown
Maintenance mode operation successful.
```

This example shows how to automatically boot the switch into maintenance mode if a fatal error occurs:

switch(config)# system mode maintenance on-reload reset-reason fatal\_error

### **Triggering Graceful Insertion**

When you finish performing any debugging or upgrade operations, you can trigger a graceful insertion to restore all protocols.

### Before you begin

If you want the system to use a normal-mode profile that you create, see Configuring the Maintenance-Mode Profile, on page 4.

#### **SUMMARY STEPS**

- 1. configure terminal
- 2. no system mode maintenance [dont-generate-profile]
- 3. (Optional) show system mode

### **DETAILED STEPS**

### **Procedure**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 2	no system mode maintenance [dont-generate-profile]	Puts all enabled protocols in normal mode (using the <b>no isolate</b> command).
	Example:	,
switch(config)# no system mode maintenance dont-generate-profile Following configuration will be applied:  no ip pim isolate router bgp 65502 no isolate router ospf p1	The <b>dont-generate-profile</b> option prevents the dynamic searching of enabled protocols and executes commands configured in a normal-mode profile. Use this option if you want the system to use a normal-mode profile that you have created.	
	router ospf p1 no isolate router ospfv3 p1	The system prompts you to continue. Enter $\mathbf{y}$ to continue or $\mathbf{n}$ to terminate the process.
	Do you want to continue (y/n)? [no] <b>y</b>	
	Starting to apply commands	
	Applying: no ip pim isolate Applying: router bgp 65502 Applying: no isolate Applying: router ospf pl Applying: no isolate Applying: router ospfv3 pl Applying: no isolate	
	Maintenance mode operation successful.	
	Generating Current Snapshot	
Step 3	(Optional) show system mode	Displays the current system mode. The switch is now in
	Example:	normal mode and is fully operational.
	switch(config) # show system mode System Mode: Normal	

# **Maintenance Mode Enhancements**

The following maintenance mode enhancements are added to Cisco Nexus 3600 platform switches:

• In the system maintenance shutdown mode, the following message is added:

NOTE: The command system interface shutdown will shutdown all interfaces excluding  $\mathsf{mgmt}$  0.

- Entering the CLI command, system mode maintenance checks and sends alerts for the orphan ports.
- In isolate mode, when the vPC is configured, the following message is added:

NOTE: If you have vPC orphan interfaces, please ensure vpc orphan-port suspend is configured under them, before proceeding further.

• Custom Profile Configuration: A new CLI command, **system mode maintenance always-use-custom-profile** is added for custom profile configuration. A new CLI command, **system mode maintenance non-interactive** is added under #ifdef for Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switches only.

When you create a custom profile (in maintenance or normal mode), it displays the following message:

Please use the command **system mode maintenance always-use-custom-profile** if you want to always use the custom profile.

A delay has been added before the after\_maintenance snapshot is taken. The no system mode maintenance command exits once all the configuration for the normal mode has been applied, the mode has been changed to normal mode, and a timer has been started to take the after\_maintenance snapshot. Once the timer expires, the after\_maintenance snapshot is taken in the background and a new warning syslog, MODE\_SNAPSHOT\_DONE is sent once the snapshot is complete.

The final output of the CLI command **no system mode maintenance** indicates when the after\_maintenance snapshot is generated:

The after\_maintenance snapshot will be generated in <delay> seconds. After that time, please use show snapshots compare before\_maintenance after\_maintenance to check the health of the system. The timer delay for the after\_maintenance snapshot is defaulted to 120 seconds but it can be changed by a new configuration command.

The new configuration command to change the timer delay for the after\_maintenance snapshot is **system mode maintenance snapshot-delay <seconds>**. This configuration overrides the default setting of 120 seconds to any value between 0 and 65535 and it is displayed in the ASCII configuration.

A new show command, **show maintenance snapshot-delay** has also been added to display the current snapshot-delay value. This new show command supports the XML output.

- A visible CLI indicator has been added to display when the system is in the maintenance mode, for example, switch (m-mode) #.
- Support for the SNMP traps has been added when the device moves from the maintenance mode to the normal mode and vice-versa through CLI reload, or system reset. The **snmp-server enable traps mmode cseMaintModeChangeNotify** trap is added to enable changing to the maintenance mode trap notification. The **snmp-server enable traps mmode cseNormalModeChangeNotify** is added to enable changing to the normal mode trap notification. Both the traps are disabled by default.

# **Verifying the GIR Configuration**

To display the GIR configuration, perform one of the following tasks:

Command	Purpose
show interface brief	Displays abbreviated interface information.

Command	Purpose
show maintenance on-reload reset-reasons	Displays the reset reasons for which the switch comes up in maintenance mode. For a description of the maintenance mode reset reasons, see Triggering Graceful Removal, on page 10.
show maintenance profile [maintenance-mode   normal-mode]	Displays the details of the maintenance-mode or normal-mode profile.
show maintenance timeout	Displays the maintenance-mode timeout period, after which the switch automatically returns to normal mode.
show {running-config   startup-config} mmode [all]	Displays the maintenance-mode section of the running or startup configuration. The <b>all</b> option includes the default values.
show snapshots	Displays snapshots present on the switch.
show snapshots compare snapshot-name-1 snapshot-name-2 [summary   ipv4routes   ipv6routes]	Displays a comparison of two snapshots.  The <b>summary</b> option displays just enough information to see the overall changes between the two snapshots.  The <b>ipv4routes</b> and <b>ipv6routes</b> options display the changes in IPv4 and IPv6 routes between the two snapshots.
show snapshots dump snapshot-name	Displays the content of each file that was generated when the snapshot was taken.
show snapshots sections	Displays the user-specified snapshot sections.
show system mode	Displays the current system mode.

**Verifying the GIR Configuration**