



Layer 2 Local Switching

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The Layer 2 Local Switching feature allows you to switch Layer 2 data in two ways:

- Between two interfaces on the same router
- Between two circuits on the same interface port, which is called same-port switching

The following interface-to-interface switching combinations are supported by this feature:

- ATM to ATM
- ATM to Ethernet
- Ethernet/Ethernet VLAN to Ethernet/Ethernet VLAN

The following same-port switching features are supported:

- ATM Permanent Virtual Circuit (PVC) and Permanent Virtual Path (PVP)
- Ethernet VLAN
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Finding Feature Information

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Prerequisites for Layer 2 Local Switching

You must enable Cisco Express Forwarding for the Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Router.

Restrictions for Layer 2 Local Switching

For Ethernet/Ethernet VLAN circuits, the Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Router must have Ethernet Adapters.

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Layer 2 Local Switching Overview

Local switching allows you to switch Layer 2 data between two interfaces (for example, Ethernet to Ethernet, Ethernet VLAN to Ethernet VLAN, or Ethernet to Ethernet VLAN) on the same router. The interfaces can be on the same line card or on two different cards. During these kinds of switching, the Layer 2 address is used, not the Layer 3 address.

Additionally, same-port local switching allows you to switch Layer 2 data between two circuits on the same interface.

NSF SSO - Local Switching Overview

Nonstop forwarding (NSF) and stateful switchover (SSO) improve the availability of the network by providing redundant Route Processors and checkpointing of data to ensure minimal packet loss when the primary Route Processor goes down. NSF/SSO support is available for the following locally switched attachment circuits:

- Ethernet/Ethernet VLAN to Ethernet/Ethernet VLAN

Layer 2 Local Switching Applications

Incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) that use an interexchange carrier (IXC) to carry traffic between two local exchange carriers can use the Layer 2 Local Switching feature. Telecom regulations require the ILECs to pay the IXCs to carry that traffic. At times, the ILECs cannot terminate customer connections that are in different local access and transport areas (LATAs). In other cases, customer connections terminate in the same LATA, which may also be on the same router.

For example, company A has more than 50 LATAs across the country and uses three routers for each LATA. Company A uses companies B and C to carry traffic between local exchange carriers. Local switching of Layer 2 frames on the same router might be required.

Similarly, if a router is using, for example, a channelized interface, it might need to switch incoming and outgoing traffic across two logical interfaces that reside on a single physical port. The same-port local switching feature addresses that implementation.

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Configuring Ethernet VLAN Same-Port Switching

Perform this task to configure Ethernet VLAN same-port switching.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface fastethernet slot / port . subinterface-number**
4. **encapsulation dot1q vlan-id**
5. **exit**
6. **interface fastethernet slot / port . subinterface-number**
7. **encapsulation dot1q vlan-id**
8. **exit**
9. **connect connection-name type number type number**

DETAILED STEPS

| Command or Action | Purpose |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Step 1 enable | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted. Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre> |
| Step 2 configure terminal | Enters global configuration mode. Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre> |

| Command or Action | Purpose |
|---|---|
| Step 3 <code>interface fastethernet slot / port . subinterface-number</code> Example: Router(config)# interface fastethernet6/0.1 | Specifies the first Fast Ethernet line card, subslot (if available), port, and subinterface, and enters subinterface configuration mode. |
| Step 4 <code>encapsulation dot1q vlan-id</code> Example: Router(config-subif)# encapsulation dot1q 10 | Enables the subinterface to accept 802.1Q VLAN packets and specifies the first VLAN. |
| Step 5 <code>exit</code> Example: Router(config-subif)# exit | Exits subinterface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode. |
| Step 6 <code>interface fastethernet slot / port . subinterface-number</code> Example: Router(config)# interface fastethernet6/0.2 | Specifies the second Fast Ethernet line card, subslot (if available), port, and subinterface, and enters subinterface configuration mode. |
| Step 7 <code>encapsulation dot1q vlan-id</code> Example: Router(config-subif)# encapsulation dot1q 20 | Enables the subinterface to accept 802.1Q VLAN packets and specifies the second VLAN. |
| Step 8 <code>exit</code> Example: Router(config-subif)# exit | Exits subinterface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode. |
| Step 9 <code>connect connection-name type number type number</code> Example: Router(config)# connect conn fastethernet 6/0.1 fastethernet 6/0.2 | Creates a local connection between the two subinterfaces (and hence their previously specified VLANs) on the same Fast Ethernet port. |

Configuring Ethernet Port Mode to Ethernet VLAN Local Switching

Perform this task to configure local switching for Ethernet (port mode) to Ethernet VLAN.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface fastethernet slot / subslot / port**
4. **interface fastethernet slot / port / subinterface-number**
5. **encapsulation dot1q vlan-id**
6. **exit**
7. **connect connection-name type number type number**

DETAILED STEPS

| Command or Action | Purpose |
|--|--|
| Step 1 enable Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre> | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted. |
| Step 2 configure terminal Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre> | Enters global configuration mode. |
| Step 3 interface fastethernet slot / subslot / port Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface fastethernet3/0/0</pre> | Specifies a Fast Ethernet line card, subslot (if available), and port, and enters interface configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the interface on one side of the PE router that passes Ethernet packets to and from the customer edge (CE) router. |
| Step 4 interface fastethernet slot / port / subinterface-number Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# interface fastethernet6/0/0.1</pre> | Specifies a Fast Ethernet line card, subslot (if available), port, and subinterface, and enters subinterface configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the interface on the other side of the PE router than passes Ethernet VLAN packets to and from the CE router. |
| Step 5 encapsulation dot1q vlan-id Example: <pre>Router(config-subif)# encapsulation dot1q 100</pre> | Enables the interface to accept 802.1Q VLAN packets. |

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| Command or Action | Purpose |
|--|---|
| Step 6 <code>exit</code> | Exits subinterface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode. |
| Example: <pre>Router(config-subif)# exit</pre> Step 7 <code>connect connection-name type number type number</code> Example: <pre>Router(config)# connect eth-ethvlan-con fastethernet 3/0/0 fastethernet 6/0/0.1</pre> | Creates a local connection between the two interfaces. |

Configuring ATM-to-ATM PVC Local Switching and Same-Port Switching

You can configure local switching for both ATM AAL5 and ATM AAL0 encapsulation types.

Creating the ATM PVC is not required. If you do not create a PVC, one is created for you. For ATM-to-ATM local switching, the autoprovisioned PVC is given the default encapsulation type AAL0 cell relay.

Perform this task to configure ATM-to-ATM PVC local switching and same-port switching.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `interface atm slot / port`
4. `pvc vpi / vci l2transport`
5. `encapsulation layer-type`
6. `exit`
7. `exit`
8. `connect connection-name interface pvc interface pvc`

DETAILED STEPS

| Command or Action | Purpose |
|--|--|
| Step 1 <code>enable</code> Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre> | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted. |

| Command or Action | Purpose |
|---|---|
| Step 2 <code>configure terminal</code> | Enters global configuration mode. |
| Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre> | |
| Step 3 <code>interface atm slot / port</code> | Specifies an ATM line card, subslot (if available), and port, and enters interface configuration mode. |
| Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface atm1/0</pre> | |
| Step 4 <code>pvc vpi / vci l2transport</code> | Assigns a VPI and VCI and enters ATM PVC l2transport configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The l2transport keyword indicates that the PVC is a switched PVC instead of a terminated PVC. |
| Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# pvc 1/200 l2transport</pre> | |
| Step 5 <code>encapsulation layer-type</code> | Specifies the encapsulation type for the ATM PVC. Both AAL0 and AAL5 are supported. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat Steps 3 through 5 for another ATM PVC on the same router. |
| Step 6 <code>exit</code> | Exits PVC l2transport configuration mode and returns to interface configuration mode. |
| Example: <pre>Router(cfg-if-atm-l2trans-pvc)# exit</pre> | |
| Step 7 <code>exit</code> | Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode. |
| Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# exit</pre> | |
| Step 8 <code>connect connection-name interface pvc interface pvc</code> | Creates a local connection between the two specified permanent virtual circuits. |
| Example: <pre>Router(config)# connect atm-con atm1/0/0 0/100 atm2/0/0 0/100</pre> | |

Configuring ATM-to-ATM PVP Local Switching

Perform this task to configure ATM-to-ATM PVP local switching.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface atm slot / port**
4. **atm pvp vpi l2transport**
5. **exit**
6. **exit**
7. **connect connection-name interface pvp interface pvp**

DETAILED STEPS

| Command or Action | Purpose |
|--|---|
| Step 1 enable | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted. Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre> |
| Step 2 configure terminal | Enters global configuration mode. |
| Step 3 interface atm slot / port | Specifies an ATM line card, subslot (if available), and port, and enters interface configuration mode. |
| Step 4 atm pvp vpi l2transport | Identifies the virtual path and enters PVP l2transport configuration mode. The l2transport keyword indicates that the PVP is a switched PVP instead of a terminated PVP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for another ATM permanent virtual path on the same router. |
| Step 5 exit | Exits PVP l2transport configuration mode and returns to interface configuration mode. |

| Command or Action | Purpose |
|--|---|
| Step 6 <code>exit</code> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# exit</pre> | Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode. |
| Step 7 <code>connect connection-name interface pvp interface pvp</code> Example: <pre>Router(config)# connect atm-con</pre> Example: <pre>atm1/0 100 atm2/0 200</pre> | In global configuration mode, creates a local connection between the two specified permanent virtual paths. |

Configuring ATM PVP Same-Port Switching

Perform this task to configure ATM PVP switching on an ATM interface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `interface atm slot / subslot / port`
4. `atm pvp vpi l2transport`
5. `exit`
6. `exit`
7. `connect connection-name interface pvp interface pvp`

DETAILED STEPS

| Command or Action | Purpose |
|--|--|
| Step 1 <code>enable</code> Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre> | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted. |

| Command or Action | Purpose |
|---|--|
| Step 2 <code>configure terminal</code> | Enters global configuration mode. |
| Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre> | |
| Step 3 <code>interface atm slot / subslot / port</code> Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface atm1/0/0</pre> | Specifies an ATM line card, subslot (if available), and port, and enters interface configuration mode. |
| Step 4 <code>atm pvp vpi l2transport</code> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# atm pvp 100 l2transport</pre> | Specifies one VPI and enters PVP l2transport configuration mode. Repeat this step for the other ATM permanent virtual path on this same port. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The l2transport keyword indicates that the indicated PVP is a switched PVP instead of a terminated PVP. |
| Step 5 <code>exit</code> Example: <pre>Router(config-if-atm-l2trans-pvp)# exit</pre> | Exits PVP l2transport configuration mode and returns to interface configuration mode. |
| Step 6 <code>exit</code> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# exit</pre> | Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode. |
| Step 7 <code>connect connection-name interface pvp interface pvp</code> Example: <pre>Router(config)# connect atm-con atm1/0/0 100 atm1/0/0 200</pre> | In global configuration mode, creates the local connection between the two specified permanent virtual paths. |

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Verifying Layer 2 Local Switching Configuration

To verify configuration of the Layer 2 local switching feature, use the **show connection** command on the provider edge (PE) router.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. show connection [all | element | id id | name name | port port]**

DETAILED STEPS

show connection [all | element | id id | name name | port port]

The **show connection** command displays the local connection between a Gigabit Ethernet interface and another local Gigabit Ethernet interface:

Example:

```
Router# show connection name ethconn1
Connection: 1 - ethconn1
Current State: UP
Segment 1: GigabitEthernet0/0/0.1 up
Segment 2: GigabitEthernet0/0/0.2 up
```

Verifying the NSF SSO Local Switching Configuration

Layer 2 local switching provides NSF/SSO support for Local Switching of the following attachment circuits on the same router:

- Ethernet/Ethernet VLAN to Ethernet/Ethernet VLAN

For information about configuring NSF/SSO on the Route Processors, see the "Stateful Switchover" module in the *Cisco IOS XE High Availability Configuration Guide*. Perform this task to verify that the NSF/SSO: Layer 2 Local Switching feature is working correctly.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. ping**
- 2. redundancy force-switchover**
- 3. show connection all**
- 4. ping**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1

ping

Issue the **ping** command or initiate traffic between the two CE routers.

Step 2

redundancy force-switchover

Force the switchover from the active RP to the standby RP by using the **redundancy force-switchover** command. This manual procedure allows for a "graceful" or controlled shutdown of the active RP and switchover to the standby RP. This graceful shutdown allows critical cleanup to occur.

Step 3

show connection all

Issue the **show connection all** command to ensure that the Layer 2 local switching connection on the dual RP is operating:

Example:

```
Router# show connection all
D  Name           Segment 1          Segment 2          State
=====
1  conn           Gi0/0/0.1        Gi0/0/0.2        UP
```

Step 4

ping

Issue the **ping** command from the CE router to verify that the contiguous packet outage was minimal during the switchover.

Troubleshooting Tips

You can troubleshoot Layer 2 local switching using the following commands on the PE router:

- **debug conn**
- **show connection**

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Example Ethernet VLAN Same-Port Switching

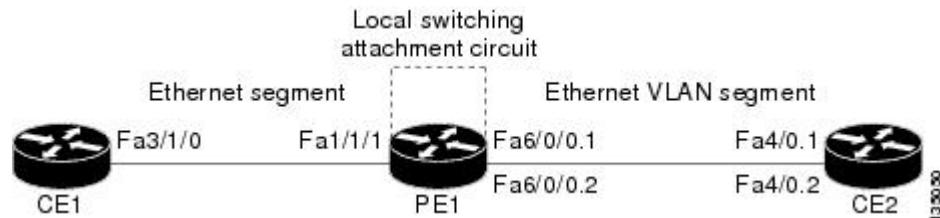
The following example shows same-port switching between two VLANs on one Ethernet interface:

```
interface fastethernet 0/0.1
  encapsulation dot1q 1
interface fastethernet 0/0.2
  encapsulation dot1q 2
connect conn FastEthernet 0/0.1 FastEthernet 0/0.2
```

Example NSF SSO Ethernet Port Mode to Ethernet VLAN Local Switching

The following configuration uses the network topology shown in the figure below.

Figure 1 **NSF/SSO: Layer 2 Local Switching: Ethernet to Ethernet VLAN**



The following example shows the configuration of the CE interfaces to connect to the PE1 router:

| CE1 | CE2 |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| ip routing | ip routing |
| ! | ! |
| interface fa3/1/0 | interface fa4/0 |
| description: connection to PE fa1/1/1 | no shutdown |
| no shutdown | ! |
| ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.0 | interface fa4/0.1 |
| | description: connection to PE1 fa6/0/0.1 |
| | encapsulation dot1Q 10 |
| | ip address 10.1.1.2 255.255.255.0 |
| | ! |
| | interface fa4/0.2 |
| | description - connection to PE1 fa6/0/0.2 |
| | encapsulation dot1Q 20 |
| | ip address 172.16.1.2 255.255.255.0 |

The following example shows the configuration of the PE1 router with NSF/SSO and the PE interfaces to the CE routers:

Configuration Examples for Layer 2 Local Switching

PE1

```
redundancy

no keepalive-enable

mode sso

!

!

ip routing

ip cef distributed

!

interface fa1/1/1

description - connection to CE1 fa3/1/0

no shutdown

no ip address

!

!

interface fa6/0/0

no shutdown

no ip address

!

interface fa6/0/0.1

description - connection to CE2 fa4/0.1

encapsulation dot1Q 10

no ip address

!

interface fa6/0/0.2

description - connection to CE2 fa4/0.2

encapsulation dot1Q 20

no ip address
```

Example ATM-to-ATM Local Switching

The following example shows local switching on ATM interfaces configured for AAL5:

```
interface atm1/0/0
  pvc 0/100 l2transport
  encapsulation aal5
interface atm2/0/0
  pvc 0/100 l2transport
  encapsulation aal5
connect aal5-conn atm1/0/0 0/100 atm2/0/0 0/100
```

Example ATM PVC Same-Port Switching

The following example shows same-port switching between two PVCs on one ATM interface:

```
interface atm1/0/0
  pvc 0/100 l2transport
  encapsulation aal5
  pvc 0/200 l2transport
  encapsulation aal5
connect conn atm1/0/0 0/100 atm1/0/0 0/200
```

Example ATM PVP Same-Port Switching

The following example shows same-port switching between two PVPs on one ATM interface:

```
interface atm1/0/0
  atm pvp 100 l2transport
  atm pvp 200 l2transport
connect conn atm1/0/0 100 atm1/0/0 200
```

Additional References

Related Documents

| Related Topic | Document Title |
|---|--|
| Cisco IOS commands | Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases |
| WAN Commands | <i>Cisco IOS Wide-Area Networking Command Reference</i> |
| Stateful switchover configuration information | "Stateful Switchover " module in the <i>Cisco IOS XE High Availability Configuration Guide</i> |

Standards

| Standard | Title |
|---|--|
| draft-ietf-l2tpext-l2tp-base-03.txt | <i>Layer Two Tunneling Protocol (Version 3) 'L2TPv3'</i> |

Feature Information for Layer 2 Local Switching

| Standard | Title | |
|---|--|-------|
| draft-martini-l2circuit-trans-mpls-09.txt | <i>Transport of Layer 2 Frames Over MPLS</i> | |
| draft-martini-l2circuit-encap-mpls-04.txt | <i>Encapsulation Methods for Transport of Layer 2 Frames Over IP and MPLS Networks</i> | |
| draft-ietf-pvpn-l2vpn-00.txt | <i>An Architecture for L2VPNs</i> | |
| MIBs | MIBs Link | |
| None | To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS XE software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs | |
| RFCs | RFC | Title |
| None | -- | |
| Technical Assistance | | |
| Description | Link | |
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Feature Information for Layer 2 Local Switching

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Table 1 Feature Information for Layer 2 Local Switching

| Feature Name | Releases | Feature Information |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Layer 2 Local Switching | Cisco IOS XE Release 2.5 | <p>The Layer 2 Local Switching feature allows you to switch Layer 2 data between two interfaces on the same router, and in some cases to switch Layer 2 data between two circuits on the same interface port.</p> <p>In Cisco IOS XE Release 2.5, this feature was introduced on the Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers.</p> <p>The following commands were introduced or modified: connect (L2VPN local switching), show connection.</p> |
| Layer 2 Local Switching - ATM to ATM | Cisco IOS XE Release 3.3S | <p>In Cisco IOS XE Release 3.3S, this feature was introduced on the Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers.</p> <p>The following commands were introduced or modified: connect (L2VPN local switching), show connection.</p> |

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