



Assigning the Switch IP Address and Default Gateway

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Information About Performing Switch Setup Configuration

Review the sections in this module before performing your initial switch configuration tasks that include IP address assignments and DHCP autoconfiguration.

Understanding the Boot Process

To start your switch, you need to follow the procedures in the Getting Started Guide or the hardware installation guide for installing and powering on the switch and for setting up the initial switch configuration (IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, secret and Telnet passwords, and so forth).

The normal boot process involves the operation of the boot loader software, which performs these activities:

- Performs low-level CPU initialization. It initializes the CPU registers, which control where physical memory is mapped, its quantity, its speed, and so forth.
- Performs power-on self-test (POST) for the CPU subsystem. It tests the CPU DRAM and the portion of the flash device that makes up the flash file system.
- Loads a default operating system software image into memory and boots up the switch.

The boot loader provides access to the flash file system before the operating system is loaded. Normally, the boot loader is used only to load, uncompress, and launch the operating system. After the boot loader gives the operating system control of the CPU, the boot loader is not active until the next system reset or power-on.

The boot loader also provides trap-door access into the system if the operating system has problems serious enough that it cannot be used. The trap-door mechanism provides enough access to the system so that if it is necessary, you can format the flash file system, reinstall the operating system software image by using the Xmodem Protocol, recover from a lost or forgotten password, and finally restart the operating system. For more information, see the "Recovering from a Software Failure" section and the "Recovering from a Lost or Forgotten Password" section.



Note You can disable password recovery. For more information, see the "Disabling Password Recovery" section.

Before you can assign switch information, make sure you have connected a PC or terminal to the console port, and configured the PC or terminal-emulation software baud rate and character format to match these of the switch console port:

- Baud rate default is 9600.
- Data bits default is 8.



Note If the data bits option is set to 8, set the parity option to none.

- Stop bits default is 1.
- Parity settings default is none.

Switches Information Assignment

You can assign IP information through the switch setup program, through a DHCP server, or manually.

Use the switch setup program if you want to be prompted for specific IP information. With this program, you can also configure a hostname and an enable secret password.

It gives you the option of assigning a Telnet password (to provide security during remote management) and configuring your switch as a command or member switch of a cluster or as a standalone switch.

The switch stack is managed through a single IP address. The IP address is a system-level setting and is not specific to the stack master or to any other stack member. You can still manage the stack through the same IP address even if you remove the stack master or any other stack member from the stack, provided there is IP connectivity.



Note Stack members retain their IP address when you remove them from a switch stack. To avoid a conflict by having two devices with the same IP address in your network, change the IP address of the switch that you removed from the switch stack.

Use a DHCP server for centralized control and automatic assignment of IP information after the server is configured.



Note If you are using DHCP, do not respond to any of the questions in the setup program until the switch receives the dynamically assigned IP address and reads the configuration file.

If you are an experienced user familiar with the switch configuration steps, manually configure the switch. Otherwise, use the setup program described in the *Boot Process* section.

Default Switch Information

Table 1: Default Switch Information

Feature	Default Setting
IP address and subnet mask	No IP address or subnet mask are defined.
Default gateway	No default gateway is defined.
Enable secret password	No password is defined.
Hostname	The factory-assigned default hostname is Switch.
Telnet password	No password is defined.
Cluster command switch functionality	Disabled.
Cluster name	No cluster name is defined.

DHCP-Based Autoconfiguration Overview

DHCP provides configuration information to Internet hosts and internetworking devices. This protocol consists of two components: one for delivering configuration parameters from a DHCP server to a device and an operation for allocating network addresses to devices. DHCP is built on a client-server model, in which designated DHCP servers allocate network addresses and deliver configuration parameters to dynamically configured devices. The switch can act as both a DHCP client and a DHCP server.

During DHCP-based autoconfiguration, your switch (DHCP client) is automatically configured at startup with IP address information and a configuration file.

With DHCP-based autoconfiguration, no DHCP client-side configuration is needed on your switch. However, you need to configure the DHCP server for various lease options associated with IP addresses.

If you want to use DHCP to relay the configuration file location on the network, you might also need to configure a Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) server and a Domain Name System (DNS) server.

The DHCP server for your switch can be on the same LAN or on a different LAN than the switch. If the DHCP server is running on a different LAN, you should configure a DHCP relay device between your switch and the DHCP server. A relay device forwards broadcast traffic between two directly connected LANs. A router does not forward broadcast packets, but it forwards packets based on the destination IP address in the received packet.

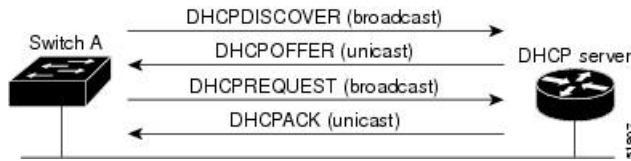
DHCP-based autoconfiguration replaces the BOOTP client functionality on your switch.

DHCP Client Request Process

When you boot up your switch, the DHCP client is invoked and requests configuration information from a DHCP server when the configuration file is not present on the switch. If the configuration file is present and the configuration includes the **ip address dhcp** interface configuration command on specific routed interfaces, the DHCP client is invoked and requests the IP address information for those interfaces.

This is the sequence of messages that are exchanged between the DHCP client and the DHCP server.

Figure 1: DHCP Client and Server Message Exchange



The client, Switch A, broadcasts a DHCPDISCOVER message to locate a DHCP server. The DHCP server offers configuration parameters (such as an IP address, subnet mask, gateway IP address, DNS IP address, a lease for the IP address, and so forth) to the client in a DHCPOFFER unicast message.

In a DHCPREQUEST broadcast message, the client returns a formal request for the offered configuration information to the DHCP server. The formal request is broadcast so that all other DHCP servers that received the DHCPDISCOVER broadcast message from the client can reclaim the IP addresses that they offered to the client.

The DHCP server confirms that the IP address has been allocated to the client by returning a DHCPACK unicast message to the client. With this message, the client and server are bound, and the client uses configuration information received from the server. The amount of information the switch receives depends on how you configure the DHCP server.

If the configuration parameters sent to the client in the DHCPOFFER unicast message are invalid (a configuration error exists), the client returns a DHCPDECLINE broadcast message to the DHCP server.

The DHCP server sends the client a DHCPNAK denial broadcast message, which means that the offered configuration parameters have not been assigned, that an error has occurred during the negotiation of the parameters, or that the client has been slow in responding to the DHCPOFFER message (the DHCP server assigned the parameters to another client).

A DHCP client might receive offers from multiple DHCP or BOOTP servers and can accept any of the offers; however, the client usually accepts the first offer it receives. The offer from the DHCP server is not a guarantee that the IP address is allocated to the client; however, the server usually reserves the address until the client has had a chance to formally request the address. If the switch accepts replies from a BOOTP server and configures itself, the switch broadcasts, instead of unicasts, TFTP requests to obtain the switch configuration file.

The DHCP hostname option allows a group of switches to obtain hostnames and a standard configuration from the central management DHCP server. A client (switch) includes in its DHCPDISCOVER message an option 12 field used to request a hostname and other configuration parameters from the DHCP server. The configuration files on all clients are identical except for their DHCP-obtained hostnames.

If a client has a default hostname (the **hostname name** global configuration command is not configured or the **no hostname** global configuration command is entered to remove the hostname), the DHCP hostname option is not included in the packet when you enter the **ip address dhcp** interface configuration command. In this case, if the client receives the DHCP hostname option from the DHCP interaction while acquiring an IP address for an interface, the client accepts the DHCP hostname option and sets the flag to show that the system now has a hostname configured.

DHCP-based Autoconfiguration and Image Update

You can use the DHCP image upgrade features to configure a DHCP server to download both a new image and a new configuration file to one or more switches in a network. Simultaneous image and configuration upgrade for all switches in the network helps ensure that each new switch added to a network receives the same image and configuration.

There are two types of DHCP image upgrades: DHCP autoconfiguration and DHCP auto-image update.

Restrictions for DHCP-based Autoconfiguration

- The DHCP-based autoconfiguration with a saved configuration process stops if there is not at least one Layer 3 interface in an up state without an assigned IP address in the network.
- Unless you configure a timeout, the DHCP-based autoconfiguration with a saved configuration feature tries indefinitely to download an IP address.
- The auto-install process stops if a configuration file cannot be downloaded or if the configuration file is corrupted.
- The configuration file that is downloaded from TFTP is merged with the existing configuration in the running configuration but is not saved in the NVRAM unless you enter the **write memory** or **copy running-configuration startup-configuration** privileged EXEC command. If the downloaded configuration is saved to the startup configuration, the feature is not triggered during subsequent system restarts.

DHCP Autoconfiguration

DHCP autoconfiguration downloads a configuration file to one or more switches in your network from a DHCP server. The downloaded configuration file becomes the running configuration of the switch. It does not over write the bootup configuration saved in the flash, until you reload the switch.

DHCP Auto-Image Update

You can use DHCP auto-image upgrade with DHCP autoconfiguration to download both a configuration and a new image to one or more switches in your network. The switch (or switches) downloading the new configuration and the new image can be blank (or only have a default factory configuration loaded).

If the new configuration is downloaded to a switch that already has a configuration, the downloaded configuration is appended to the configuration file stored on the switch. (Any existing configuration is not overwritten by the downloaded one.)

To enable a DHCP auto-image update on the switch, the TFTP server where the image and configuration files are located must be configured with the correct option 67 (the configuration filename), option 66 (the DHCP server hostname) option 150 (the TFTP server address), and option 125 (description of the Cisco IOS image file) settings.

After you install the switch in your network, the auto-image update feature starts. The downloaded configuration file is saved in the running configuration of the switch, and the new image is downloaded and installed on the switch. When you reboot the switch, the configuration is stored in the saved configuration on the switch.

DHCP Server Configuration Guidelines

Follow these guidelines if you are configuring a device as a DHCP server:

- You should configure the DHCP server with reserved leases that are bound to each switch by the switch hardware address.
- If you want the switch to receive IP address information, you must configure the DHCP server with these lease options:
 - IP address of the client (required)

- Subnet mask of the client (required)
- DNS server IP address (optional)
- Router IP address (default gateway address to be used by the switch) (required)
- If you want the switch to receive the configuration file from a TFTP server, you must configure the DHCP server with these lease options:
 - TFTP server name (required)
 - Boot filename (the name of the configuration file that the client needs) (recommended)
 - Hostname (optional)
- Depending on the settings of the DHCP server, the switch can receive IP address information, the configuration file, or both.
- If you do not configure the DHCP server with the lease options described previously, it replies to client requests with only those parameters that are configured. If the IP address and the subnet mask are not in the reply, the switch is not configured. If the router IP address or the TFTP server name are not found, the switch might send broadcast, instead of unicast, TFTP requests. Unavailability of other lease options does not affect autoconfiguration.
- The switch can act as a DHCP server. By default, the Cisco IOS DHCP server and relay agent features are enabled on your switch but are not configured. (These features are not operational.)

Purpose of the TFTP Server

Based on the DHCP server configuration, the switch attempts to download one or more configuration files from the TFTP server. If you configured the DHCP server to respond to the switch with all the options required for IP connectivity to the TFTP server, and if you configured the DHCP server with a TFTP server name, address, and configuration filename, the switch attempts to download the specified configuration file from the specified TFTP server.

If you did not specify the configuration filename, the TFTP server, or if the configuration file could not be downloaded, the switch attempts to download a configuration file by using various combinations of filenames and TFTP server addresses. The files include the specified configuration filename (if any) and these files: `network-config`, `cisconet.cfg`, `hostname.config`, or `hostname.cfg`, where *hostname* is the switch's current hostname. The TFTP server addresses used include the specified TFTP server address (if any) and the broadcast address (255.255.255.255).

For the switch to successfully download a configuration file, the TFTP server must contain one or more configuration files in its base directory. The files can include these files:

- The configuration file named in the DHCP reply (the actual switch configuration file).
- The `network-config` or the `cisconet.cfg` file (known as the default configuration files).
- The `router-config` or the `ciscortr.cfg` file (These files contain commands common to all switches. Normally, if the DHCP and TFTP servers are properly configured, these files are not accessed.)

If you specify the TFTP server name in the DHCP server-lease database, you must also configure the TFTP server name-to-IP-address mapping in the DNS-server database.

If the TFTP server to be used is on a different LAN from the switch, or if it is to be accessed by the switch through the broadcast address (which occurs if the DHCP server response does not contain all the required information described previously), a relay must be configured to forward the TFTP packets to the TFTP server. The preferred solution is to configure the DHCP server with all the required information.

Purpose of the DNS Server

The DHCP server uses the DNS server to resolve the TFTP server name to an IP address. You must configure the TFTP server name-to-IP address map on the DNS server. The TFTP server contains the configuration files for the switch.

You can configure the IP addresses of the DNS servers in the lease database of the DHCP server from where the DHCP replies will retrieve them. You can enter up to two DNS server IP addresses in the lease database.

The DNS server can be on the same LAN or on a different LAN from the switch. If it is on a different LAN, the switch must be able to access it through a router.

Purpose of the Relay Device

You must configure a relay device, also referred to as a relay agent, when a switch sends broadcast packets that require a response from a host on a different LAN. Examples of broadcast packets that the switch might send are DHCP, DNS, and in some cases, TFTP packets. You must configure this relay device to forward received broadcast packets on an interface to the destination host.

If the relay device is a Cisco router, enable IP routing (**ip routing** global configuration command), and configure helper addresses by using the **ip helper-address** interface configuration command.

Examples of Configuring the Relay Device

Configure the router interfaces as follows:

On interface 10.0.0.2:

```
router(config-if) # ip helper-address 20.0.0.2
router(config-if) # ip helper-address 20.0.0.3
router(config-if) # ip helper-address 20.0.0.4
```

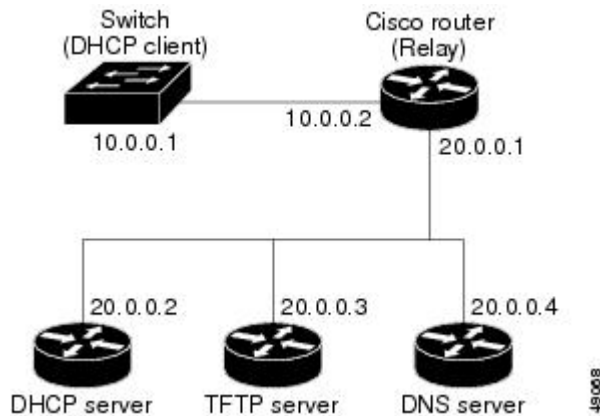
On interface 20.0.0.1

```
router(config-if) # ip helper-address 10.0.0.1
```



Note If the switch is acting as the relay device, configure the interface as a routed port.

Figure 2: Relay Device Used in Autoconfiguration



How to Obtain Configuration Files

Depending on the availability of the IP address and the configuration filename in the DHCP reserved lease, the switch obtains its configuration information in these ways:

- The IP address and the configuration filename is reserved for the switch and provided in the DHCP reply (one-file read method).

The switch receives its IP address, subnet mask, TFTP server address, and the configuration filename from the DHCP server. The switch sends a unicast message to the TFTP server to retrieve the named configuration file from the base directory of the server and upon receipt, it completes its boot up process.

- The IP address and the configuration filename is reserved for the switch, but the TFTP server address is not provided in the DHCP reply (one-file read method).

The switch receives its IP address, subnet mask, and the configuration filename from the DHCP server. The switch sends a broadcast message to a TFTP server to retrieve the named configuration file from the base directory of the server, and upon receipt, it completes its boot-up process.

- Only the IP address is reserved for the switch and provided in the DHCP reply. The configuration filename is not provided (two-file read method).

The switch receives its IP address, subnet mask, and the TFTP server address from the DHCP server. The switch sends a unicast message to the TFTP server to retrieve the network-config or cisco.net.cfg default configuration file. (If the network-config file cannot be read, the switch reads the cisco.net.cfg file.)

The default configuration file contains the hostnames-to-IP-address mapping for the switch. The switch fills its host table with the information in the file and obtains its hostname. If the hostname is not found in the file, the switch uses the hostname in the DHCP reply. If the hostname is not specified in the DHCP reply, the switch uses the default *Switch* as its hostname.

After obtaining its hostname from the default configuration file or the DHCP reply, the switch reads the configuration file that has the same name as its hostname (*hostname-config* or *hostname.cfg*, depending on whether network-config or cisco.net.cfg was read earlier) from the TFTP server. If the cisco.net.cfg file is read, the filename of the host is truncated to eight characters.

If the switch cannot read the network-config, cisco.net.cfg, or the hostname file, it reads the router-config file. If the switch cannot read the router-config file, it reads the ciscortr.cfg file.



Note The switch broadcasts TFTP server requests if the TFTP server is not obtained from the DHCP replies, if all attempts to read the configuration file through unicast transmissions fail, or if the TFTP server name cannot be resolved to an IP address.

Example of DHCP-Based Autoconfiguration Network

A sample network for retrieving IP information using DHCP-based autoconfiguration.

Figure 3: DHCP-Based Autoconfiguration Network

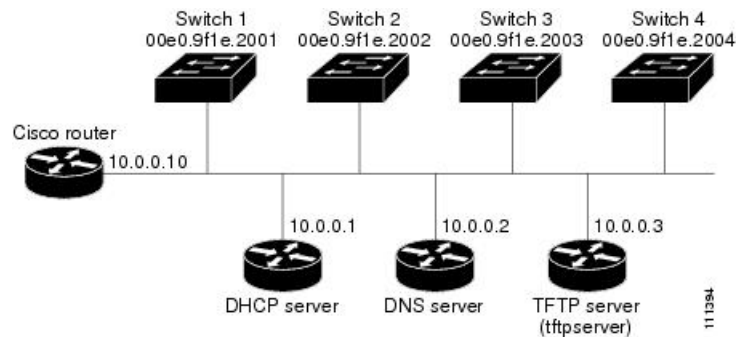


Table 2: DHCP Server Configuration

	Switch A	Switch B	Switch C	Switch D
Binding key (hardware address)	00e0.9f1e.2001	00e0.9f1e.2002	00e0.9f1e.2003	00e0.9f1e.2004
IP address	10.0.0.21	10.0.0.22	10.0.0.23	10.0.0.24
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
Router address	10.0.0.10	10.0.0.10	10.0.0.10	10.0.0.10
DNS server address	10.0.0.2	10.0.0.2	10.0.0.2	10.0.0.2
TFTP server name	tftpserver or 10.0.0.3	tftpserver or 10.0.0.3	tftpserver or 10.0.0.3	tftpserver or 10.0.0.3
Boot filename (configuration file) (optional)	switcha-confg	switchb-confg	switchc-confg	switchd-confg
Hostname (optional)	switcha	switchb	switchc	switchd

Switch A reads its configuration file as follows:

- It obtains its IP address 10.0.0.21 from the DHCP server.
- If no configuration filename is given in the DHCP server reply, Switch A reads the network-confg file from the base directory of the TFTP server.
- It adds the contents of the network-confg file to its host table.

- It reads its host table by indexing its IP address 10.0.0.21 to its hostname (switcha).
- It reads the configuration file that corresponds to its hostname; for example, it reads switch1-confg from the TFTP server.

Switches B through D retrieve their configuration files and IP addresses in the same way.

DNS Server Configuration

The DNS server maps the TFTP server name tftpserver to IP address 10.0.0.3.

TFTP Server Configuration (on UNIX)

The TFTP server base directory is set to /tftpserver/work/. This directory contains the network-confg file used in the two-file read method. This file contains the hostname to be assigned to the switch based on its IP address. The base directory also contains a configuration file for each switch (switcha-confg, switchb-confg, and so forth) as shown in this display:

```
prompt> cd /tftpserver/work/
prompt> ls
network-confg
switcha-confg
switchb-confg
switchc-confg
switchd-confg
prompt> cat network-confg
ip host switcha 10.0.0.21
ip host switchb 10.0.0.22
ip host switchc 10.0.0.23
ip host switchd 10.0.0.24
```

DHCP Client Configuration

No configuration file is present on Switch A through Switch D.

Configuration Explanation

In the figure, DHCP-based autoconfiguration network, the Switch A reads its configuration file as follows:

- It obtains its IP address 10.0.0.21 from the DHCP server.
- If no configuration filename is given in the DHCP server reply, Switch A reads the network-confg file from the base directory of the TFTP server.
- It adds the contents of the network-confg file to its host table.
- It reads its host table by indexing its IP address 10.0.0.21 to its hostname (switcha).
- It reads the configuration file that corresponds to its hostname; for example, it reads switch1-confg from the TFTP server.

Switches B through D retrieve their configuration files and IP addresses in the same way.

Configuring the DHCP Auto Configuration and Image Update Features

Using DHCP to download a new image and a new configuration to a switch requires that you configure at least two switches: One switch acts as a DHCP and TFTP server. The client switch is configured to download either a new configuration file or a new configuration file and a new image file.

Configuring DHCP Autoconfiguration (Only Configuration File)

This task describes how to configure DHCP autoconfiguration of the TFTP and DHCP settings on an existing switch in the network so that it can support the autoconfiguration of a new switch.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip dhcp pool** *poolname*
3. **boot** *filename*
4. **network** *network-number mask prefix-length*
5. **default-router** *address*
6. **option 150** *address*
7. **exit**
8. **tftp-server flash:***filename.text*
9. **interface** *interface-id*
10. **no switchport**
11. **ip address** *address mask*
12. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: <pre>Switch# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	ip dhcp pool <i>poolname</i> Example: <pre>Switch(config)# ip dhcp pool pool</pre>	Creates a name for the DHCP server address pool, and enters DHCP pool configuration mode.
Step 3	boot <i>filename</i> Example: <pre>Switch(dhcp-config)# boot config-boot.text</pre>	Specifies the name of the configuration file that is used as a boot image.
Step 4	network <i>network-number mask prefix-length</i> Example: <pre>Switch(dhcp-config)# network 10.10.10.0 255.255.255.0</pre>	Specifies the subnet network number and mask of the DHCP address pool. Note The prefix length specifies the number of bits that comprise the address prefix. The prefix is an alternative way of specifying the network mask of the client. The prefix length must be preceded by a forward slash (/).

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	default-router <i>address</i> Example: Switch(dhcp-config)# default-router 10.10.10.1	Specifies the IP address of the default router for a DHCP client.
Step 6	option 150 <i>address</i> Example: Switch(dhcp-config)# option 150 10.10.10.1	Specifies the IP address of the TFTP server.
Step 7	exit Example: Switch(dhcp-config)# exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 8	tftp-server flash: <i>filename.text</i> Example: Switch(config)# tftp-server flash:config-boot.text	Specifies the configuration file on the TFTP server.
Step 9	interface <i>interface-id</i> Example:	Specifies the address of the client that will receive the configuration file.
Step 10	no switchport Example: Switch(config-if)# no switchport	Puts the interface into Layer 3 mode.
Step 11	ip address <i>address mask</i> Example: Switch(config-if)# ip address 10.10.10.1 255.255.255.0	Specifies the IP address and mask for the interface.
Step 12	end Example: Switch(config-if)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring DHCP Auto-Image Update (Configuration File and Image)

This task describes DHCP autoconfiguration to configure TFTP and DHCP settings on an existing switch to support the installation of a new switch.

Before you begin

You must first create a text file (for example, `autoinstall_dhcp`) that will be uploaded to the switch. In the text file, put the name of the image that you want to download (for example, `c3750e-ipservices-mz.122-44.3.SE.tar``c3750x-ipservices-mz.122-53.3.SE2.tar`). This image must be a tar and not a bin file.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip dhcp pool** *poolname*
3. **boot** *filename*
4. **network** *network-number mask prefix-length*
5. **default-router** *address*
6. **option 150** *address*
7. **option 125** *hex*
8. **copy tftp flash** *filename.txt*
9. **copy tftp flash** *imagename.bin*
10. **exit**
11. **tftp-server flash:** *config.text*
12. **tftp-server flash:** *imagename.bin*
13. **tftp-server flash:** *filename.txt*
14. **interface** *interface-id*
15. **no switchport**
16. **ip address** *address mask*
17. **end**
18. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: Switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	ip dhcp pool <i>poolname</i> Example: Switch(config)# ip dhcp pool pool1	Creates a name for the DHCP server address pool and enter DHCP pool configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	boot filename Example: Switch(dhcp-config)# boot config-boot.text	Specifies the name of the file that is used as a boot image.
Step 4	network network-number mask prefix-length Example: Switch(dhcp-config)# network 10.10.10.0 255.255.255.0	Specifies the subnet network number and mask of the DHCP address pool. Note The prefix length specifies the number of bits that comprise the address prefix. The prefix is an alternative way of specifying the network mask of the client. The prefix length must be preceded by a forward slash (/).
Step 5	default-router address Example: Switch(dhcp-config)# default-router 10.10.10.1	Specifies the IP address of the default router for a DHCP client.
Step 6	option 150 address Example: Switch(dhcp-config)# option 150 10.10.10.1	Specifies the IP address of the TFTP server.
Step 7	option 125 hex Example: Switch(dhcp-config)# option 125 hex 0000.0009.0a05.08661.7574.6f69.6e73.7461.6c6c.5f64.686370	Specifies the path to the text file that describes the path to the image file.
Step 8	copy tftp flash filename.txt Example: Switch(config)# copy tftp flash image.bin	Uploads the text file to the switch.
Step 9	copy tftp flash imagename.bin Example: Switch(config)# copy tftp flash image.bin	Uploads the tar file for the new image to the switch.
Step 10	exit Example:	Returns to global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Switch(dhcp-config)# exit	
Step 11	tftp-server flash: <i>config.text</i> Example: Switch(config)# tftp-server flash:config-boot.text	Specifies the Cisco IOS configuration file on the TFTP server.
Step 12	tftp-server flash: <i>imagenamе.bin</i> Example: Switch(config)# tftp-server flash:image.bin	Specifies the image name on the TFTP server.
Step 13	tftp-server flash: <i>filename.txt</i> Example: Switch(config)# tftp-server flash:boot-config.text	Specifies the text file that contains the name of the image file to download
Step 14	interface <i>interface-id</i> Example: Switch(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/4	Specifies the address of the client that will receive the configuration file.
Step 15	no switchport Example: Switch(config-if)# no switchport	Puts the interface into Layer 3 mode.
Step 16	ip address <i>address mask</i> Example: Switch(config-if)# ip address 10.10.10.1 255.255.255.0	Specifies the IP address and mask for the interface.
Step 17	end Example: Switch(config-if)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 18	copy running-config startup-config Example: <pre>Switch(config-if)# end</pre>	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Configuring the Client to Download Files from DHCP Server



Note You should only configure and enable the Layer 3 interface. Do not assign an IP address or DHCP-based autoconfiguration with a saved configuration.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **boot host dhcp**
3. **boot host retry timeout** *timeout-value*
4. **banner config-save** ^C *warning-message* ^C
5. **end**
6. **show boot**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: <pre>Switch# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	boot host dhcp Example: <pre>Switch(conf)# boot host dhcp</pre>	Enables autoconfiguration with a saved configuration.
Step 3	boot host retry timeout <i>timeout-value</i> Example: <pre>Switch(conf)# boot host retry timeout 300</pre>	(Optional) Sets the amount of time the system tries to download a configuration file. Note If you do not set a timeout, the system will try indefinitely to obtain an IP address from the DHCP server.
Step 4	banner config-save ^C <i>warning-message</i> ^C Example:	(Optional) Creates warning messages to be displayed when you try to save the configuration file to NVRAM.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Switch(config)# banner config-save ^C Caution - Saving Configuration File to NVRAM May Cause You to No longer Automatically Download Configuration Files at Reboot^C	
Step 5	end Example: Switch(config-if)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	show boot Example: Switch# show boot	Verifies the configuration.

Manually Assigning IP Information to Multiple SVIs

This task describes how to manually assign IP information to multiple switched virtual interfaces (SVIs):

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **interface vlan *vlan-id***
3. **ip address *ip-address subnet-mask***
4. **exit**
5. **ip default-gateway *ip-address***
6. **end**
7. **show interfaces vlan *vlan-id***
8. **show ip redirects**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: Switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	interface vlan <i>vlan-id</i> Example: Switch(config)# interface vlan 99	Enters interface configuration mode, and enters the VLAN to which the IP information is assigned. The range is 1 to 4094.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	ip address <i>ip-address subnet-mask</i> Example: Switch(config-vlan) # ip address 10.10.10.2 255.255.255.0	Enters the IP address and subnet mask.
Step 4	exit Example: Switch(config-vlan) # exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 5	ip default-gateway <i>ip-address</i> Example: Switch(config) # ip default-gateway 10.10.10.1	<p>Enters the IP address of the next-hop router interface that is directly connected to the switch where a default gateway is being configured. The default gateway receives IP packets with unresolved destination IP addresses from the switch.</p> <p>Once the default gateway is configured, the switch has connectivity to the remote networks with which a host needs to communicate.</p> <p>Note When your switch is configured to route with IP, it does not need to have a default gateway set.</p> <p>Note The switch capwap relays on default-gateway configuration to support routed access point join the switch.</p>
Step 6	end Example: Switch(config) # end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 7	show interfaces vlan <i>vlan-id</i> Example: Switch# show interfaces vlan 99	Verifies the configured IP address.
Step 8	show ip redirects Example: Switch# show ip redirects	Verifies the configured default gateway.

Checking and Saving the Running Configuration

You can check the configuration settings that you entered or changes that you made by entering this privileged EXEC command:

```
Switch# show running-config
Building configuration...
Current configuration: 1363 bytes
!
version 12.2
no service pad
service timestamps debug uptime
service timestamps log uptime
no service password-encryption
!
hostname
!
enable secret 5 $1$ej9.$DMUvAUnZOAmvmgqBEzIxEO
!
.
<output truncated>
.
ip address 172.20.137.50 255.255.255.0
!
mvr type source
<output truncated>
...!
interface VLAN1
 ip address 172.20.137.50 255.255.255.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
ip default-gateway 172.20.137.1 !
!
snmp-server community private RW
snmp-server community public RO
snmp-server community private@es0 RW
snmp-server community public@es0 RO
snmp-server chassis-id 0x12
!
end
```

To store the configuration or changes you have made to your startup configuration in flash memory, enter this privileged EXEC command:

```
Switch# copy running-config startup-config
Destination filename [startup-config]?
Building configuration...
```

This command saves the configuration settings that you made. If you fail to do this, your configuration will be lost the next time you reload the system. To display information stored in the NVRAM section of flash memory, use the **show startup-config** or **more startup-config** privileged EXEC command.

For more information about alternative locations from which to copy the configuration file, see "Working with the Cisco IOS File System, Configuration Files, and Software Images."

Configuring the NVRAM Buffer Size

The default NVRAM buffer size is 512 KB. In some cases, the configuration file might be too large to save to NVRAM. Typically, this occurs when you have many switches in a switch stack. You can configure the size of the NVRAM buffer to support larger configuration files. The new NVRAM buffer size is synced to all current and new member switches.



Note After you configure the NVRAM buffer size, reload the switch or switch stack.
When you add a switch to a stack and the NVRAM size differs, the new switch syncs with the stack and reloads automatically.

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to configure the NVRAM buffer size:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **boot buffersize***size*
3. **end**
4. **show boot**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	boot buffersize <i>size</i>	Configure the NVRAM buffersize in KB. The valid range for size is from 4096 to 1048576 .
Step 3	end	Return to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 4	show boot	<p>Verify the configuration.</p> <p>This example shows how to configure the NVRAM buffer size:</p> <pre>Switch# configure terminal Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z. Switch(config)# boot buffersize 524288 Switch(config)# end Switch# show boot BOOT path-list : Config file : flash:/config.text Private Config file : flash:/private-config.text Enable Break : no Manual Boot : no HELPER path-list : Auto upgrade : yes Auto upgrade path : NVRAM/Config file buffer size: 524288 Timeout for Config Download: 300 seconds Config Download via DHCP: enabled (next boot: enabled) Switch#</pre>

Modifying the Switch Startup Configuration

Default Boot Configuration

Feature	Default Setting
Operating system software image	<p>The switch attempts to automatically boot up the system using information in the BOOT environment variable. If the variable is not set, the switch attempts to load and execute the first executable image it can by performing a recursive, depth-first search throughout the flash file system.</p> <p>The Cisco IOS image is stored in a directory that has the same name as the image file (excluding the .bin extension).</p> <p>In a depth-first search of a directory, each encountered subdirectory is completely searched before continuing the search in the original directory.</p>
Configuration file	<p>Configured switches use the <i>config.text</i> file stored on the system board in flash memory.</p> <p>A new switch has no configuration file.</p>

Automatically Downloading a Configuration File

You can automatically download a configuration file to your switch by using the DHCP-based autoconfiguration feature. For more information, see the "Understanding DHCP-Based Autoconfiguration" section.

Specifying the Filename to Read and Write the System Configuration

By default, the Cisco IOS software uses the *config.text* file to read and write a nonvolatile copy of the system configuration. However, you can specify a different filename, which will be loaded during the next boot cycle.

Before you begin

Use a standalone switch for this task.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **boot flash:/file-url**
3. **end**
4. **show boot**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example:	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Switch# <code>configure terminal</code>	
Step 2	boot flash: <i>file-url</i> Example: Switch(config)# <code>boot flash:config.text</code>	Specifies the configuration file to load during the next boot cycle. <i>file-url</i> —The path (directory) and the configuration filename. Filenames and directory names are case-sensitive.
Step 3	end Example: Switch(config)# <code>end</code>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 4	show boot Example: Switch# <code>show boot</code>	Verifies your entries. The boot global configuration command changes the setting of the CONFIG_FILE environment variable.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: Switch# <code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Manually Booting the Switch

By default, the switch automatically boots up; however, you can configure it to manually boot up.

Before you begin

Use a standalone switch for this task.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `configure terminal`
2. `boot manual`
3. `end`
4. `show boot`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example:	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Switch# <code>configure terminal</code>	
Step 2	boot manual Example: Switch(config)# <code>boot manual</code>	Enables the switch to manually boot up during the next boot cycle.
Step 3	end Example: Switch(config)# <code>end</code>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 4	show boot Example: Switch# <code>show boot</code>	Verifies your entries. The boot manual global command changes the setting of the <code>MANUAL_BOOT</code> environment variable. The next time you reboot the system, the switch is in boot loader mode, shown by the <code>switch:</code> prompt. To boot up the system, use the boot filesystem:/file-url boot loader command. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>filesystem:</i>—Uses <code>flash:</code> for the system board flash device. Switch: <code>boot flash:</code> • For <i>file-url</i>—Specifies the path (directory) and the name of the bootable image. Filenames and directory names are case-sensitive.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: Switch# <code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Booting a Specific Software Image On a Switch

By default, the switch attempts to automatically boot up the system using information in the `BOOT` environment variable. If this variable is not set, the switch attempts to load and execute the first executable image it can by performing a recursive, depth-first search throughout the flash file system. In a depth-first search of a directory, each encountered subdirectory is completely searched before continuing the search in the original directory. However, you can specify a specific image to boot up.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `configure terminal`

2. **end**
3. **show boot system**
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: Switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	end Example: Switch(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 3	show boot system Example: Switch# show boot system	Verifies your entries. The boot system global command changes the setting of the BOOT environment variable. During the next boot cycle, the switch attempts to automatically boot up the system using information in the BOOT environment variable.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: Switch# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Controlling Environment Variables

With a normally operating switch, you enter the boot loader mode only through a switch console connection configured for 9600 b/s. Unplug the switch power cord, and press the switch **Mode** button while reconnecting the power cord. You can release the **Mode** button a second or two after the LED above port 1 turns off. Then the boot loader switch: prompt appears.

The switch boot loader software provides support for nonvolatile environment variables, which can be used to control how the boot loader, or any other software running on the system, behaves. Boot loader environment variables are similar to environment variables that can be set on UNIX or DOS systems.

Environment variables that have values are stored in flash memory outside of the flash file system.

Each line in these files contains an environment variable name and an equal sign followed by the value of the variable. A variable has no value if it is not listed in this file; it has a value if it is listed in the file even if the value is a null string. A variable that is set to a null string (for example, " ") is a variable with a value. Many environment variables are predefined and have default values.

Environment variables store two kinds of data:

- Data that controls code, which does not read the Cisco IOS configuration file. For example, the name of a boot loader helper file, which extends or patches the functionality of the boot loader can be stored as an environment variable.
- Data that controls code, which is responsible for reading the Cisco IOS configuration file. For example, the name of the Cisco IOS configuration file can be stored as an environment variable.

You can change the settings of the environment variables by accessing the boot loader or by using Cisco IOS commands. Under normal circumstances, it is not necessary to alter the setting of the environment variables.



Note For complete syntax and usage information for the boot loader commands and environment variables, see the command reference for this release.

Table 3: Environment Variables

Variable	Boot Loader Command	Cisco IOS Global Configuration Command
BOOT	<p>set BOOT <i>filesystem :/file-url ...</i></p> <p>A semicolon-separated list of executable files to try to load and execute when automatically booting. If the BOOT environment variable is not set, the system attempts to load and execute the first executable image it can find by using a recursive, depth-first search through the flash file system. If the BOOT variable is set but the specified images cannot be loaded, the system attempts to boot the first bootable file that it can find in the flash file system.</p>	<p>boot system<i>filesystem:/file-url ...</i></p> <p>Specifies the Cisco IOS image to load during the next boot cycle. This command changes the setting of the BOOT environment variable</p>
MANUAL_BOOT	<p>set MANUAL_BOOT <i>yes</i></p> <p>Decides whether the switch automatically or manually boots up.</p> <p>Valid values are 1, yes, 0, and no. If it is set to no or 0, the boot loader attempts to automatically boot up the system. If it is set to anything else, you must manually boot up the switch from the boot loader mode.</p>	<p>boot manual</p> <p>Enables manually booting up the switch during the next boot cycle and changes the setting of the MANUAL_BOOT environment variable.</p> <p>The next time you reboot the system, the switch is in boot loader mode. To boot up the system, use the boot flash: <i>filesystem :/file-url</i> boot loader command, and specify the name of the bootable image.</p>

Variable	Boot Loader Command	Cisco IOS Global Configuration Command
CONFIG_FILE	set CONFIG_FILE flash: / file-url	boot config-file flash: /file-url Specifies the filename that Cisco IOS uses to read and write a nonvolatile copy of the system configuration. This command changes the CONFIG_FILE environment variable.

Scheduling a Reload of the Software Image

You can schedule a reload of the software image to occur on the switch at a later time (for example, late at night or during the weekend when the switch is used less), or you can synchronize a reload network-wide (for example, to perform a software upgrade on all switches in the network).



Note A scheduled reload must take place within approximately 24 days.

Configuring a Scheduled Reload

To configure your switch to reload the software image at a later time, use one of these commands in privileged EXEC mode:

- **reload in** *[hh :]mm [text]*

This command schedules a reload of the software to take effect in the specified minutes or hours and minutes. The reload must take place within approximately 24 days. You can specify the reason for the reload in a string up to 255 characters in length.

- **reload at** *hh:mm [month day]day month [text]*

This command schedules a reload of the software to take place at the specified time (using a 24-hour clock). If you specify the month and day, the reload is scheduled to take place at the specified time and date. If you do not specify the month and day, the reload takes place at the specified time on the current day (if the specified time is later than the current time) or on the next day (if the specified time is earlier than the current time). Specifying 00:00 schedules the reload for midnight.



Note Use the **at** keyword only if the switch system clock has been set (through Network Time Protocol (NTP), the hardware calendar, or manually). The time is relative to the configured time zone on the switch. To schedule reloads across several switches to occur simultaneously, the time on each switch must be synchronized with NTP.

The **reload** command halts the system. If the system is not set to manually boot up, it reboots itself. Use the **reload** command after you save the switch configuration information to the startup configuration (**copy running-config startup-config**).

If your switch is configured for manual booting, do not reload it from a virtual terminal. This restriction prevents the switch from entering the boot loader mode and thereby taking it from the remote user's control.

If you modify your configuration file, the switch prompts you to save the configuration before reloading. During the save operation, the system requests whether you want to proceed with the save if the `CONFIG_FILE` environment variable points to a startup configuration file that no longer exists. If you proceed in this situation, the system enters setup mode upon reload.

This example shows how to reload the software on the switch on the current day at 7:30 p.m:

```
Switch# reload at 19:30
Reload scheduled for 19:30:00 UTC Wed Jun 5 1996 (in 2 hours and 25 minutes)
Proceed with reload? [confirm]
```

This example shows how to reload the software on the switch at a future time:

```
Switch# reload at 02:00 jun 20
Reload scheduled for 02:00:00 UTC Thu Jun 20 1996 (in 344 hours and 53 minutes)
Proceed with reload? [confirm]
```

To cancel a previously scheduled reload, use the **reload cancel** privileged EXEC command

Displaying Scheduled Reload Information

To display information about a previously scheduled reload or to find out if a reload has been scheduled on the switch, use the **show reload** privileged EXEC command.

It displays reload information including the time the reload is scheduled to occur and the reason for the reload (if it was specified when the reload was scheduled).

Boot Loader Upgrade and Image Verification for the FIPS Mode of Operation

To operate in the FIPS mode, complete these steps:

- Enable the FIPS mode on the switch. To enable the FIPS mode, enter the **fips authorization-key authorization-key** global configuration command. To disable the FIPS mode, use the no version of the command.
- Use signed and validated images. Cisco IOS Release 15.2(1)E supports an updated boot loader that can validate the Cisco IOS image signature only in the FIPS mode of operation.



Note Ensure that the power is not turned off while updating the boot loader. If the power is turned off during the update, you will have to replace the switch by using a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) license.

Table 4-6 describes upgrade and downgrade scenarios using different images and using the FIPS mode or non-FIPS mode:

Table 4: Upgrade and Downgrade Scenarios Relating to FIPS Certified Images

Upgrade/ Downgrade Scenario	Action	Status or Result
Upgrade from an image that is in the FIPS mode to a Cisco IOS Release 15.2(1)E image in the FIPS mode.	Boot with the Cisco IOS Release 15.2(1)E image.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The boot loader is upgraded. The image signature is verified. The following message appears in the boot sequence: “Image passed digital signature verification.” <p>Note If you upload a corrupt or unsigned image, the following message appears during boot up: “Image verification failed.”</p>
Upgrade from a switch that is in the non-FIPS mode to a Cisco IOS Release 15.2(1)E image in the FIPS mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Configure the fips authorization- key authorization-key global configuration command Reload the switch for the FIPS key to be operational. By default, the switch automatically boots up; however, if you have configured it to boot up manually, you have to initiate the reboot. After the boot loader is upgraded, boot with the Cisco IOS Release 15.2(1)E image. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The boot loader is upgraded. The image signature is verified. <p>Note If you upload a corrupt or unsigned image, the following message appears during boot up: “Image verification failed.”</p>
Upgrade to Cisco IOS Release 15.2(1)E in the non-FIPS mode	Boot with the Cisco IOS Release 15.2(1)E image.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The boot loader is not updated. The image signature is not verified The switch works normally.

Upgrade/ Downgrade Scenario	Action	Status or Result
Configure an existing FIPS complaint switch running Cisco IOS Release 15.2(1)E to work in a non-FIPS mode.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Configure the no fips authorization- key authorization-key global configuration command. • Reload the switch for the configuration to take effect. By default, the switch automatically boots up; however, if you have configured it to boot up manually, you have to initiate the reboot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boot loader is not updated. • The switch works normally and the FIPS commands are no longer available. • The following message appears in the boot sequence: “Image passed digital signature verification”. <p>Note If you upload a corrupt or unsigned image, the following message appears during boot up: “WARNING: Unable to determine image authentication. Image is either unsigned or is signed but corrupted.”</p>
Downgrade from a Cisco IOS Release 15.2(1)E image in FIPS mode to an older release.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Configure the no fips authorization- key authorization-key global configuration command • Reload the switch for the configuration to take effect. By default, the switch automatically boots up; however, if you have configured it to boot up manually, you have to initiate reboot. • Upload and boot the older image. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boot loader is not downgraded • The switch work normally and the FIPS commands are no longer available. • The following message appears in the boot sequence: “WARNING: Unable to determine image authentication. Image is either unsigned or is signed but corrupted.”

