



# Configuring SDM Templates

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## Finding Feature Information

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## Information About Configuring SDM Templates

### SDM Templates

You can use SDM templates to configure system resources to optimize support for specific features, depending on how your device is used in the network. You can select a template to provide maximum system usage for some functions.

These templates are supported on your device:

- **Advanced**—The advanced template is available on all supported images for this release. It maximizes system resources for features like netflow, multicast groups, security ACEs, QoS ACEs, and so on.
- **VLAN**—The VLAN template is available only on the LAN Base license. The VLAN template disables routing and supports the maximum number of unicast MAC addresses. It would typically be selected for a Layer 2 device.

After you change the template and the system reboots, you can use the **show sdm prefer** privileged EXEC command to verify the new template configuration. If you enter the **show sdm prefer** command before you enter the **reload** privileged EXEC command, the **show sdm prefer** command shows the template currently in use and the template that will become active after a reload.

The default is the advanced template.

**Table 1: Approximate Number of Feature Resources Allowed by Templates**

Resource	Advanced	VLAN
Number of VLANs	4094	4094
Unicast MAC addresses	32 K	32 K
Overflow unicast MAC addresses	512	512
IGMP groups and multicast routes	4 K	4 K
Overflow IGMP groups and multicast routes	512	512
• Directly connected routes	16K	16 K
• Indirectly connected IP hosts	7 K	7 K
Policy-based routing ACEs	1024	0
QoS classification ACEs	3 K	3 K
Security ACEs	3 K	3 K
Netflow ACEs	1024	1024
Input Microflow policer ACEs:	256 K	0
Output Microflow policer ACEs:	256 K	0
FSPAN ACEs	256	256
Tunnels:	256	0
Control Plane Entries:	512	512
Input Netflow flows:	8 K	8 K
Output Netflow flows:	16 K	16 K
SGT/DGT entries:	4 K	4 K
SGT/DGT Overflow entries:	0	512



**Note** SDM templates do not create VLANs. You must create the VLANs before adding commands to the SDM templates.

The tables represent approximate hardware boundaries set when a template is selected. If a section of a hardware resource is full, all processing overflow is sent to the CPU, seriously impacting switch performance.

## SDM Templates and Switch Stacks

In a switch stack, all stack members must use the same SDM template that is stored on the active switch. When a new switch is added to a stack, the SDM configuration that is stored on the active switch overrides the template configured on an individual switch.

You can use the **show switch** privileged EXEC command to see if any stack members are in SDM mismatch mode.

# How to Configure SDM Templates

## Configuring SDM Templates

### Configuring the Switch SDM Template

#### Setting the SDM Template

Follow these steps to use the SDM template to maximize feature usage:

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **sdm prefer { advanced | vlan }**
4. **end**
5. **reload**

#### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b> Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
Step 2	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	<b>sdm prefer { advanced   vlan }</b> <b>Example:</b>	Specifies the SDM template to be used on the switch. The keywords have these meanings:

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config)# <b>sdm prefer advanced</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>advanced</b> —Supports advanced features such as Netflow.</li> <li>• <b>vlan</b> —Maximizes VLAN configuration on the switch with no routing supported in hardware.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> The <b>no sdm prefer</b> command and a default template is not supported.</p>
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# <b>end</b>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>reload</b> <b>Example:</b> Device# <b>reload</b>	Reloads the operating system.

## Monitoring and Maintaining SDM Templates

Command	Purpose
show sdm prefer	Displays the SDM template in use.
reload	Reloads the switch to activate the newly configured SDM template.
no sdm prefer	Sets the default SDM template.



**Note** The SDM templates contain only those commands that are defined as part of the templates. If a template enables another related command that is not defined in the template, then this other command will be visible when the **show running config** command is entered. For example, if the SDM template enables the **switchport voice vlan** command, then the **spanning-tree portfast edge** command may also be enabled (although it is not defined on the SDM template).

If the SDM template is removed, then other such related commands are also removed and have to be reconfigured explicitly.

# Configuration Examples for SDM Templates

## Examples: Configuring SDM Templates

## Examples: Displaying SDM Templates

This is an example output showing the advanced template information:

```
Device# show sdm prefer

Showing SDM Template Info

This is the Advanced template.
Number of VLANs:                4094
Unicast MAC addresses:          32768
Overflow Unicast MAC addresses: 512
IGMP and Multicast groups:      8192
Overflow IGMP and Multicast groups: 512
Directly connected routes:     32768
Indirect routes:                8192
Security Access Control Entries: 3072
QoS Access Control Entries:     2816
Policy Based Routing ACEs:      1024
Netflow ACEs:                   1024
Input Microflow policer ACEs:   256
Output Microflow policer ACEs:  256
Flow SPAN ACEs:                 256
Tunnels:                        256
Control Plane Entries:          512
Input Netflow flows:            8192
Output Netflow flows:           16384
These numbers are typical for L2 and IPv4 features.
Some features such as IPv6, use up double the entry size;
so only half as many entries can be created.
```

This is an example output showing the VLAN template information:

```
Device# show sdm prefer vlan

Showing SDM Template Info

This is the VLAN template for a typical Layer 2 network.
Number of VLANs:                4094
Unicast MAC addresses:          32768
Overflow Unicast MAC addresses: 512
IGMP and Multicast groups:      8192
Overflow IGMP and Multicast groups: 512
Directly connected routes:     32768
Indirect routes:                8192
Security Access Control Entries: 3072
QoS Access Control Entries:     3072
Policy Based Routing ACEs:      0
Netflow ACEs:                   1024
Input Microflow policer ACEs:   0
Output Microflow policer ACEs:  0
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Flow SPAN ACEs:                256
Tunnels:                        0
Control Plane Entries:         512
Input Netflow flows:           16384
Output Netflow flows:          8192
```

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Some features such as IPv6, use up double the entry size;  
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## Feature History and Information for Configuring SDM Templates

Release	Modification
Cisco IOS XE 3.3SE	This feature was introduced.