



Configuring CDP

This chapter describes how to configure Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP) on the Catalyst 3750 switch. Unless otherwise noted, the term *switch* refers to a standalone switch and to a switch stack.



Note

For complete syntax and usage information for the commands used in this chapter, refer to the command reference for this release and the *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference for Release 12.1*.

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Understanding CDP

CDP is a device discovery protocol that runs over Layer 2 (the data link layer) on all Cisco-manufactured devices (routers, bridges, access servers, and switches) and allows network management applications to discover Cisco devices that are neighbors of already known devices. With CDP, network management applications can learn the device type and the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) agent address of neighboring devices running lower-layer, transparent protocols. This feature enables applications to send SNMP queries to neighboring devices.

CDP runs on all media that support Subnetwork Access Protocol (SNAP). Because CDP runs over the data-link layer only, two systems that support different network-layer protocols can learn about each other.

Each CDP-configured device sends periodic messages to a multicast address, advertising at least one address at which it can receive SNMP messages. The advertisements also contain time-to-live, or holdtime information, which is the length of time a receiving device holds CDP information before discarding it. Each device also listens to the messages sent by other devices to learn about neighboring devices.

On the switch, CDP enables the Cluster Management Suite to display a graphical view of the network. The switch uses CDP to find cluster candidates and maintain information about cluster members and other devices up to three cluster-enabled devices away from the command switch by default.

The switch supports CDP version 2.

CDP and Switch Stacks

A switch stack appears as a single switch in the network. Therefore, CDP discovers the switch stack, not the individual stack members. The switch stack sends CDP messages to neighboring network devices when there are changes to the switch stack membership, such as stack members being added or removed.

Configuring CDP

These sections include CDP configuration information and procedures:

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Default CDP Configuration

Table 20-1 shows the default CDP configuration.

Table 20-1 Default CDP Configuration

| Feature | Default Setting |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| CDP global state | Enabled |
| CDP interface state | Enabled |
| CDP timer (packet update frequency) | 60 seconds |
| CDP holdtime (before discarding) | 180 seconds |
| CDP version-2 advertisements | Enabled |

Configuring the CDP Characteristics

You can configure the frequency of CDP updates, the amount of time to hold the information before discarding it, and whether or not to send version-2 advertisements.

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to configure the CDP timer, holdtime, and advertisement type.



Note

Steps 2 through 4 are all optional and can be performed in any order.

| | Command | Purpose |
|--------|---------------------------------|---|
| Step 1 | configure terminal | Enter global configuration mode. |
| Step 2 | cdp timer <i>seconds</i> | (Optional) Set the transmission frequency of CDP updates in seconds. The range is from 5 to 254; the default is 60 seconds. |

| | Command | Purpose |
|--------|---|--|
| Step 3 | cdp holdtime <i>seconds</i> | (Optional) Specify the amount of time a receiving device should hold the information sent by your device before discarding it. The range is from 10 to 255 seconds; the default is 180 seconds. |
| Step 4 | cdp advertise-v2 | (Optional) Configure CDP to send version-2 advertisements. This is the default state. |
| Step 5 | end | Return to privileged EXEC mode. |
| Step 6 | show cdp | Verify configuration by displaying global information about CDP on the device. |
| Step 7 | copy running-config startup-config | (Optional) Save your entries in the configuration file. |

Use the **no** form of the CDP commands to return to the default settings.

This example shows how to configure and verify CDP characteristics.

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# cdp timer 50
Switch(config)# cdp holdtime 120
Switch(config)# cdp advertise-v2
Switch(config)# end

Switch# show cdp

Global CDP information:
  Sending CDP packets every 50 seconds
  Sending a holdtime value of 120 seconds
  Sending CDPv2 advertisements is enabled
```

For additional CDP **show** commands, see the “[Monitoring and Maintaining CDP](#)” section on page 20-5.

Disabling and Enabling CDP

CDP is enabled by default.



Note

Switch clusters and other Cisco devices (such as Cisco IP Phones) regularly exchange CDP messages. Disabling CDP can interrupt cluster discovery and device connectivity. For more information, see [Chapter 6, “Clustering Switches.”](#)

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to disable the CDP device discovery capability:

| | Command | Purpose |
|--------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Step 1 | configure terminal | Enter global configuration mode. |
| Step 2 | no cdp run | Disable CDP. |
| Step 3 | end | Return to privileged EXEC mode. |

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to enable CDP when it has been disabled:

| | Command | Purpose |
|--------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Step 1 | configure terminal | Enter global configuration mode. |
| Step 2 | cdp run | Enable CDP after disabling it. |
| Step 3 | end | Return to privileged EXEC mode. |

This example shows how to enable CDP if it has been disabled.

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# cdp run
Switch(config)# end
```

Disabling and Enabling CDP on an Interface

CDP is enabled by default on all supported interfaces to send and receive CDP information.

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to disable CDP on an interface:

| | Command | Purpose |
|--------|---|---|
| Step 1 | configure terminal | Enter global configuration mode. |
| Step 2 | interface <i>interface-id</i> | Enter interface configuration mode, and enter the interface on which you are disabling CDP. |
| Step 3 | no cdp enable | Disable CDP on an interface. |
| Step 4 | end | Return to privileged EXEC mode. |
| Step 5 | copy running-config startup-config | (Optional) Save your entries in the configuration file. |

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to enable CDP on an interface when it has been disabled:

| | Command | Purpose |
|--------|---|--|
| Step 1 | configure terminal | Enter global configuration mode. |
| Step 2 | interface <i>interface-id</i> | Enter interface configuration mode, and enter the interface on which you are enabling CDP. |
| Step 3 | cdp enable | Enable CDP on an interface after disabling it. |
| Step 4 | end | Return to privileged EXEC mode. |
| Step 5 | copy running-config startup-config | (Optional) Save your entries in the configuration file. |

This example shows how to enable CDP on an interface when it has been disabled.

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# interface gigabitethernet1/0/5
Switch(config-if)# cdp enable
Switch(config-if)# end
```

Monitoring and Maintaining CDP

To monitor and maintain CDP on your device, perform one or more of these tasks, beginning in privileged EXEC mode.

| Command | Description |
|---|--|
| clear cdp counters | Reset the traffic counters to zero. |
| clear cdp table | Delete the CDP table of information about neighbors. |
| show cdp | Display global information, such as frequency of transmissions and the holdtime for packets being sent. |
| show cdp entry <i>entry-name</i> [protocol version] | Display information about a specific neighbor. You can enter an asterisk (*) to display all CDP neighbors, or you can enter the name of the neighbor about which you want information. You can also limit the display to information about the protocols enabled on the specified neighbor or information about the version of software running on the device. |
| show cdp interface [<i>type number</i>] | Display information about interfaces where CDP is enabled. You can limit the display to the type of interface or the number of the interface about which you want information (for example, entering gigabitethernet 1/0/1 displays information only about Gigabit Ethernet port 1). |
| show cdp neighbors [<i>type number</i>] [detail] | Display information about neighbors, including device type, interface type and number, holdtime settings, capabilities, platform, and port ID. You can limit the display to neighbors on a specific type or number of interface or expand the display to provide more detailed information. |
| show cdp traffic | Display CDP counters, including the number of packets sent and received and checksum errors. |

This is an example of the output from the **show cdp** privileged EXEC commands:

```
Switch# show cdp
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```

