



Configuring SDM Templates

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Finding Feature Information

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Information About Configuring SDM Templates

Understanding the SDM Templates

You can use SDM templates to configure system resources in the Switch to optimize support for specific features, depending on how the Switch is used in the network. You can select a template to provide maximum system usage for some functions; for example, use the default template to balance resources, and use the access template to obtain maximum ACL usage. The Switch SDM templates allocate system hardware resources for different uses.

You can select SDM templates for IP Version 4 (IPv4) to optimize these features on Switch running the IP Base or IP Services feature set:



Note When the Switch is running the LAN Base feature set, do not select a routing template (**sdm prefer routing**). The routing values shown in the templates are not valid on the Switch. To configure IPv4 static routing on Switch running the LAN Base feature set, you must use the default template.

- Routing—The routing template maximizes system resources for unicast routing, typically required for a router or aggregator in the center of a network.
- VLANs—The VLAN template disables routing and supports the maximum number of unicast MAC addresses. It would typically be selected for a Layer 2 Switch.
- Default—The default template gives balance to all functions.



Note Use this template when configuring IPv4 static routing on SVIs on Switch running the LAN Base feature set. You can configure up to 16 static routes.

- Access—The access template maximizes system resources for access control lists (ACLs) to accommodate a large number of ACLs.

The Switch also supports multiple dual IPv4 and IP Version 6 (IPv6) templates for environments with both types of traffic.



Note Although these templates are visible on all Switch, the resources on Switch running the LAN Base feature do not match those shown in the templates:

- Switch running the LAN Base feature set support only 255 VLANs, not 1024 as shown in all templates.
- Although the routing template is visible, the template is not supported. The LAN Base feature set supports IPv4 static routing on SVIs (up to 16 static routes) and the Switch must be running the default template.

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

Resource	Access	Default	Routing	VLAN
Unicast MAC addresses	4 K	6 K	3 K	12 K
Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) groups and multicast routes	1 K	1 K	1 K	1 K
Unicast routes	6 K	8 K	11 K	0
• Directly connected hosts	4 K	6 K	3 K	0

Resource	Access	Default	Routing	VLAN
• Indirect routes	2 K	2 K	8 K	0
Policy-based routing access control entries (ACEs)	0.5 K	0	0.5 K	0
IPv4 or MAC QoS ACEs	0.5 K	1 K	1 K	0.5 K
IPv4 or MAC security ACEs	2 K	1 K	1 K	1 K
VLANs	1 K			1 K
Number of IPv6 security ACEs	52	60	58	60

The table represents 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.

In mixed stack scenarios such as `lotr` and `pixar`, the default template will be enabled with IPv6 FHS on `pixar`, but not on `lotr`. You cannot have mixed stack with `default/vlan/routing/access` templates with IPv6 FHS enabled.

You can use IPv6 FHS features such as RA Guard, DHCP Guard and NDP snooping by using the entries reserved for IPv6 Security Aces. Other IPv6 features such as IPv6 QoS or other IPv6 FHS features such as Source Guard will not work with this template.

Dual IPv4 and IPv6 SDM Templates

The dual IPv4 and IPv6 templates allow the Switch to be used in dual-stack environments, supporting both IPv4 and IPv6 traffic.

Using the dual-stack templates results in less hardware capacity allowed for each resource. Do not use them if you plan to forward only IPv4 traffic. These SDM templates support IPv4 and IPv6 environments on Switch running the IP Base or IP Services feature set:



Note Do not select a routing template (**`sdm prefer routing`, `sdm prefer dual-ipv4-and-ipv6 routing`, `indirect-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing`, `direct-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing`**) when the Switch is running the LAN Base feature set. Although visible in the command-line help, the LAN Base feature set does not support IPv6 routing. On Switch running the LAN Base feature set, routing values shown in all templates are not valid.

- Dual IPv4 and IPv6 default template—Supports Layer 2, multicast, routing, QoS, and ACLs for IPv4; and Layer 2, routing, ACLs, and QoS for IPv6 on the Switch.
- Dual IPv4 and IPv6 routing template—Supports Layer 2, multicast, routing (including policy-based routing), QoS, and ACLs for IPv4; and Layer 2, routing, ACLs, and QoS for IPv6 on the Switch.

- Dual IPv4 and IPv6 VLAN template—Supports basic Layer 2, multicast, QoS, and ACLs for IPv4, and basic Layer 2, ACLs, and QoS for IPv6 on the Switch.

With the indirect IPv4 and IPv6 routing template, the Switch supports more IPv6 indirect routes for deployments that do not need much direct IPv6 host route connectivity. Compared to the dual IPv4 and IPv6 routing template, the indirect IPv4 and IPv6 routing template also provides more unicast MAC addresses and IPv4 and IPv6 direct routes. However, the indirect IPv4 and IPv6 routing template allows fewer IPv4 policy-based routing entries and IPv6 ACL, QoS, and policy-based routes.

With the direct IPv4 and IPv6 routing template, the Switch supports more IPv4 and IPv6 direct routes. The direct IPv4 and IPv6 routing template also provides more unicast MAC addresses.

You must reload the Switch with the dual IPv4 and IPv6 templates for Switch running IPv6.

The following table defines the approximate feature resources allocated by each dual IPv4 and IPv6 template on Switch running the IP Base or IP Services feature set. Template estimations are based on a Switch with 8 routed interfaces and 1024 VLANs (255 VLANs on Switch running the LAN Base feature set).



Note Although these templates are visible on all Switch, the resources on Switch running the LAN Base feature set do not match those shown in the templates:

- Switch running the LAN Base feature set support only 255 VLANs, not 1024 VLANs as shown in all templates.
- Although the routing template is visible, the template is not supported. The LAN Base feature set supports only 16 static IPv4 routes on SVIs, and the Switch must be running the default template.

Table 2: Approximate Number of Feature Resources Allowed by Dual IPv4-IPv6 Templates

Resource	Dual IPv4-and IPv6 Templates			Indirect IPv4 and IPv6 Routing	Direct IPv4 and IPv6 Routing
	Default	VLAN	Routing		
Unicast MAC addresses	2 K	8 K	1.5 K	2 K	6 K
Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) groups and multicast routes	1 K	1 K	1 K (IGMP) 0 (multicast)	1 K	1 K
Total IPv4 Unicast routes	3 K	0	2.7 K	4 K	4 K

Resource	Dual IPv4-and IPv6 Templates			Indirect IPv4 and IPv6 Routing	Direct IPv4 and IPv6 Routing
• Directly connected IPv4 hosts	2 K	0	1.5 K	2 K	3 K
• Indirect IPv4 routes	1 K	0	1.2 K	2 K	1 K
IPv4 Policy-based routing access control entries (ACEs)	0	0	0.25 K	0.125 K	0
IPv4 or MAC QoS ACEs (total)	0.5 K	0.5 K	0.5 K	0.5 K	0.5 K
IPv4 or MAC security ACEs (total)	1 K	1 K	0.5 K	0.625 K	0.5 K
IPv6 multicast groups	1 K	1 K	1 K	1 K	0
Directly connected IPv6 addresses	2 K	0	1.5 K	2 K	3 K
Indirect IPv6 unicast routes	1 K	0.125 K	1.25 K	3 K	3 K
IPv6 policy-based routing ACEs	0	0	0.25 K	0.125 K	0
IPv6 QoS ACEs	0.5 K	0.5 K	0.5 K	0.125 K	0.25 K
IPv6 security ACEs	0.5 K	0.5 K	0.5 K	0.125 K	0.25 K

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 the Switch SDM Template

Default SDM Template

The default template is the default Switch Database Management (SDM) desktop template.

SDM Template Configuration Guidelines

- When you configure a new SDM template, you must reload the switch for the configuration to take effect.
- If you try to configure IPv6 without first selecting a dual IPv4 and IPv6 template, a warning message appears.
- Using the dual stack template results in less hardware capacity allowed for each resource, so do not use it if you plan to forward only IPv4 traffic.
- On switches running the IP Base or IP Services feature set, use the **sdm prefer vlan** global configuration command only on switches intended for Layer 2 switching with no routing.
- Use the **sdm prefer vlan** global configuration command only on switches intended for Layer 2 switching with no routing. When you use the VLAN template, no system resources are reserved for routing entries, and any routing is done through software. This overloads the CPU and severely degrades routing performance.
- Do not select a routing template (**sdm prefer routing**, **sdm prefer dual-ipv4-and-ipv6 routing**, **indirect-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing**, **direct-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing**) when the switch is running the LAN Base feature set. Although visible in the command-line help, the LAN Base feature set does not support the routing templates. On switches running the LAN Base feature set, none of the routing values shown for the templates are valid.
- Use the default template when configuring static routing on switches running the LAN Base feature set.
- On switches running the LAN Base feature set, the number of supported VLANs displayed in the templates is incorrect. The LAN Base feature set supports only 255 VLANs.
- Do not use the routing template if you do not have routing enabled on your switch. To prevent other features from using the memory allocated to unicast routing in the routing template, use the **sdm prefer routing** global configuration command.
- Use the indirect-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing template to provide more space for IPv4 and IPv6 summary or indirect routes by providing less space for IPv4 policy-based routing entries and IPv6 ACL, QoS, and policy-based routes.
- Use the direct-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing template to provide more space for IPv4 and IPv6 connected or direct routes by providing less space for IPv6 ACL and QoS routes.

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 {access | default | dual-ipv4-and-ipv6 { default | routing | vlan} | indirect-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing | direct-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing | routing | vlan}**
4. **end**
5. **reload**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Switch> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Switch# configure terminal</pre>	Enters the global configuration mode.
Step 3	sdm prefer {access default dual-ipv4-and-ipv6 { default routing vlan} indirect-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing direct-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing routing vlan} Example: <pre>Switch(config)# sdm prefer default</pre>	<p>Specifies the SDM template to be used on the switch. The keywords have these meanings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access —Maximizes system resources for ACLs. • default —The default template provides balance for all Layer 2, IPv4 and IPv6 functionality. • dual-ipv4-and-ipv6 —Specifies a template that supports both IPv4 and IPv6 routing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • default —Balances IPv4 and IPv6 Layer 2 and Layer 3 functionality. • routing —Provides maximum usage for IPv4 and IPv6 routing, including IPv4 policy-based routing. • vlan —Provides maximum usage for IPv4 and IPv6 VLANs. • indirect-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing —Maximizes IPv4 and IPv6 entries for indirect routes. • direct-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing —Maximizes IPv4 and IPv6 entries for direct routes.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • routing —Maximizes routing on the switch. • vlan —Maximizes VLAN configuration on the switch with no routing supported in hardware. <p>Note Do not select a routing template when the switch is running the LAN Base feature set. Although visible in the command-line help, the LAN Base feature set does not support the routing template. To configure IPv4 static routing (16 static routes) with the LAN Base feature set, use the default template.</p> <p>Use the no sdm prefer command to set the switch to the default template. The default template balances the use of system resources.</p>
Step 4	end Example: <pre>Switch(config)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	reload Example: <pre>Switch# reload</pre>	Reloads the operating system. After 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.

Related Topics

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Displaying the SDM Templates

Use the **show sdm prefer** privileged EXEC command with no parameters to display the active template.

To display the resource numbers supported by the specified template, use the **show sdm prefer [access | default | dual-ipv4-and-ipv6 {default | vlan} | indirect-ipv4-and-ipv6-routing | routing | vlan]** privileged EXEC command.



Note On Switch running the LAN Base feature set, routing values shown in all templates are not valid.

Configuration Examples for SDM Templates

Examples: Configuring SDM Templates

This is an example output when you have changed the template and have not reloaded the switch:

```
Switch(config)# show sdm prefer
The current template is "desktop routing" template.
The selected template optimizes the resources in the switch to support this level of features
for
8 routed interfaces and 1024 VLANs.
```

```
number of unicast mac addresses:          3K
number of igmp groups + multicast routes: 1K
number of unicast routes:                11K
number of directly connected hosts:      3K
number of indirect routes:               8K
number of qos aces:                      0.5K
number of security aces:                 1K
On next reload, template will be "desktop vlan" template.
```

This example shows how to configure a switch running the IP Base or IP Services feature set with the routing template:

```
Switch(config)# sdm prefer routing
Switch(config)# end
Switch(config)# reload
Proceed with reload? [confirm]
```

This example shows how to configure the IPv4-and-IPv6 default template:

```
Switch(config)# sdm prefer dual-ipv4-and-ipv6 default
Switch(config)# exit
Switch(config)# reload
Proceed with reload? [confirm]
```

Related Topics

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Examples: Displaying SDM Templates



Note On switches running the LAN Base feature set, routing values shown in all templates are not valid.

This is an example output showing the advanced template information:

```
Switch# 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:

```
Switch# 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
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;
so only half as many entries can be created.

```
Switch#
```

Additional References for SDM Templates

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
SDM command reference	

Related Topic	Document Title
VLAN configuration guide	

Standards and RFCs

Standard/RFC	Title
None	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
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