



CHAPTER 34

Configuring DHCP Snooping

This chapter describes how to configure Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) snooping on Catalyst 6500 series switches.

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Note

For complete syntax and usage information for the commands used in this chapter, refer to the *Catalyst Supervisor Engine 32 PISA Cisco IOS Command Reference*, Release 12.2ZY, at this URL: <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/lan/catalyst6500/ios/12.2ZY/command/reference/cmdref.html>

Overview of DHCP Snooping

DHCP snooping is a DHCP security feature that provides network security by filtering untrusted DHCP messages and by building and maintaining a DHCP snooping binding database (also referred to as a DHCP snooping binding table).

DHCP snooping acts like a firewall between untrusted hosts and DHCP servers. You can use DHCP snooping to differentiate between untrusted interfaces connected to the end user and trusted interfaces connected to the DHCP server or another switch.



Note

For DHCP snooping to function properly, all DHCP servers must be connected to the switch through trusted interfaces, as untrusted DHCP messages will be forwarded only to trusted interfaces.

An untrusted message is a message that is received from outside the network or firewall. When you use DHCP snooping in a service-provider environment, an untrusted message is sent from a device that is not in the service-provider network, such as a customer's switch. Messages from unknown devices are untrusted because they can be sources of traffic attacks.

The DHCP snooping binding database contains the MAC address, the IP address, the lease time, the binding type, the VLAN number, and the interface information that corresponds to the local untrusted interfaces of a switch. The database does not contain information regarding hosts interconnected with a trusted interface.

In a service-provider network, a trusted interface is connected to a port on a device in the same network. An untrusted interface is connected to an untrusted interface in the network or to an interface on a device that is not in the network.

When a switch receives a packet on an untrusted interface and the interface belongs to a VLAN in which DHCP snooping is enabled, the switch compares the source MAC address and the DHCP client hardware address. If addresses match (the default), the switch forwards the packet. If the addresses do not match, the switch drops the packet.

The switch drops DHCP packets when any of these situations occur:

- The switch receives a packet from a DHCP server, such as a DHCPOFFER, DHCPACK, DHCPNAK, or DHCPLEASEQUERY packet, from outside the network or firewall.
- The switch receives a packet on an untrusted interface, and the source MAC address and the DHCP client hardware address do not match.
- The switch receives a DHCPRELEASE or DHCPDECLINE message that contains a MAC address in the DHCP snooping binding table, but the interface information in the binding table does not match the interface on which the message was received.
- The switch receives a DHCP packet that includes a relay agent IP address that is not 0.0.0.0.

To support trusted edge switches that are connected to untrusted aggregation-switch ports, you can enable the DHCP option 82 on untrusted port feature, which enables untrusted aggregation-switch ports to accept DHCP packets that include option-82 information. Configure the port on the edge switch that connects to the aggregation switch as a trusted port.


Note

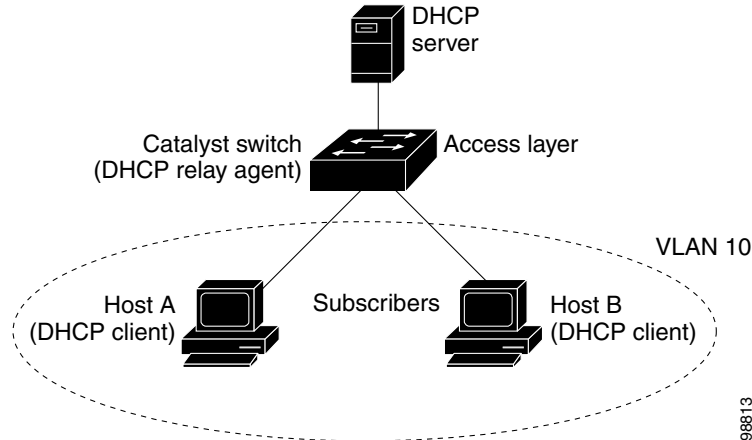
With the DHCP option 82 on untrusted port feature enabled, use dynamic ARP inspection on the aggregation switch to protect untrusted input interfaces.

DHCP Snooping Option-82 Data Insertion

In residential, metropolitan Ethernet-access environments, DHCP can centrally manage the IP address assignments for a large number of subscribers. When the DHCP snooping option-82 feature is enabled on the switch, a subscriber device is identified by the switch port through which it connects to the network (in addition to its MAC address). Multiple hosts on the subscriber LAN can be connected to the same port on the access switch and are uniquely identified.

Figure 34-1 is an example of a metropolitan Ethernet network in which a centralized DHCP server assigns IP addresses to subscribers connected to the switch at the access layer. Because the DHCP clients and their associated DHCP server do not reside on the same IP network or subnet, a DHCP relay agent is configured with a helper address to enable broadcast forwarding and to transfer DHCP messages between the clients and the server.

Figure 34-1 DHCP Relay Agent in a Metropolitan Ethernet Network



When you enable the DHCP snooping information option 82 on the switch, this sequence of events occurs:

- The host (DHCP client) generates a DHCP request and broadcasts it on the network.
- When the switch receives the DHCP request, it adds the option-82 information in the packet. The option-82 information contains the switch MAC address (the remote ID suboption) and the port identifier, vlan-mod-port, from which the packet is received (the circuit ID suboption).
- If the IP address of the relay agent is configured, the switch adds the IP address in the DHCP packet.
- The switch forwards the DHCP request that includes the option-82 field to the DHCP server.
- The DHCP server receives the packet. If the server is option-82 capable, it can use the remote ID, or the circuit ID, or both to assign IP addresses and implement policies, such as restricting the number of IP addresses that can be assigned to a single remote ID or circuit ID. The DHCP server then echoes the option-82 field in the DHCP reply.
- The DHCP server unicasts the reply to the switch if the request was relayed to the server by the switch. When the client and server are on the same subnet, the server broadcasts the reply. The switch verifies that it originally inserted the option-82 data by inspecting the remote ID and possibly the circuit ID fields. The switch removes the option-82 field and forwards the packet to the switch port that connects to the DHCP client that sent the DHCP request.

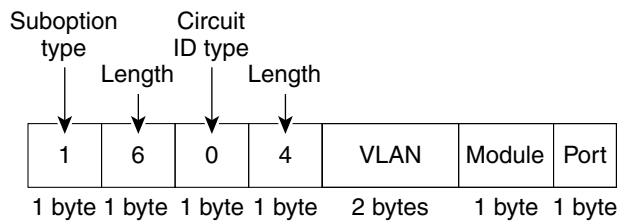
When the previously described sequence of events occurs, the values in these fields in [Figure 34-2](#) do not change:

- Circuit ID suboption fields
 - Suboption type
 - Length of the suboption type
 - Circuit ID type
 - Length of the circuit ID type
- Remote ID suboption fields
 - Suboption type
 - Length of the suboption type
 - Remote ID type
 - Length of the circuit ID type

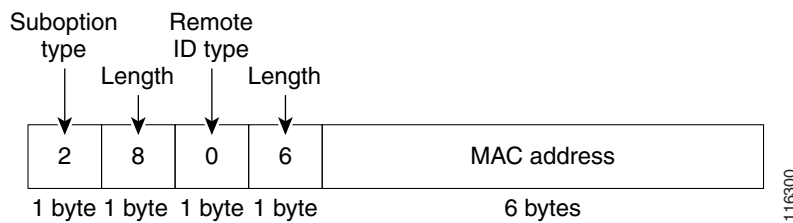
Figure 34-2 shows the packet formats for the remote ID suboption and the circuit ID suboption. The switch uses the packet formats when DHCP snooping is globally enabled and when the **ip dhcp snooping information option** global configuration command is entered. For the circuit ID suboption, the module field is the slot number of the module.

Figure 34-2 Suboption Packet Formats

Circuit ID Suboption Frame Format



Remote ID Suboption Frame Format



Overview of the DHCP Snooping Database Agent

To retain the bindings across reloads, you must use the DHCP snooping database agent. Without this agent, the bindings established by DHCP snooping are lost upon reload, and connectivity is lost as well.

The database agent stores the bindings in a file at a configured location. Upon reload, the switch reads the file to build the database for the bindings. The switch keeps the file current by writing to the file as the database changes.

The format of the file that contains the bindings is as follows:

```
<initial-checksum>
TYPE DHCP-SNOOPING
VERSION 1
BEGIN
<entry-1> <checksum-1>
<entry-2> <checksum-1-2>
...
...
<entry-n> <checksum-1-2-..-n>
END
```

Each entry in the file is tagged with a checksum that is used to validate the entries whenever the file is read. The **<initial-checksum>** entry on the first line helps distinguish entries associated with the latest write from entries that are associated with a previous write.

This is a sample bindings file:

```

3ebe1518
TYPE DHCP-SNOOPING
VERSION 1
BEGIN
1.1.1.1 512 0001.0001.0005 3EBE2881 Gi1/1 e5e1e733
1.1.1.1 512 0001.0001.0002 3EBE2881 Gi1/1 4b3486ec
1.1.1.1 1536 0001.0001.0004 3EBE2881 Gi1/1 f0e02872
1.1.1.1 1024 0001.0001.0003 3EBE2881 Gi1/1 ac41adf9
1.1.1.1 1 0001.0001.0001 3EBE2881 Gi1/1 34b3273e
END

```

Each entry holds an IP address, VLAN, MAC address, lease time (in hex), and the interface associated with a binding. At the end of each entry is a checksum that is based on all the bytes from the start of the file through all the bytes associated with the entry. Each entry consists of 72 bytes of data, followed by a space, followed by a checksum.

Upon bootup, when the calculated checksum equals the stored checksum, the switch reads entries from the file and adds the bindings to the DHCP snooping database. If the calculated checksum does not equal the stored checksum, the entry read from the file is ignored and so are all the entries following the failed entry. The switch also ignores all those entries from the file whose lease time has expired. (This is possible because the lease time might indicate an expired time.) An entry from the file is also ignored if the interface referred to in the entry no longer exists on the system, or if it is a router port or a DHCP snooping-trusted interface.

When the switch learns of new bindings or when it loses some bindings, the switch writes the modified set of entries from the snooping database to the file. The writes are performed with a configurable delay to batch as many changes as possible before the actual write happens. Associated with each transfer is a timeout after which a transfer is aborted if it is not completed. These timers are referred to as the write delay and abort timeout.

Default Configuration for DHCP Snooping

Table 34-1 shows all the default configuration values for each DHCP snooping option.

Table 34-1 Default Configuration Values for DHCP Snooping

Option	Default Value/State
DHCP snooping	Disabled
DHCP snooping information option	Enabled
DHCP option 82 on untrusted port feature	Disabled
DHCP snooping limit rate	None
DHCP snooping trust	Untrusted
DHCP snooping vlan	Disabled

DHCP Snooping Configuration Guidelines and Restrictions

When configuring DHCP snooping, follow these guidelines and restrictions:

- Before globally enabling DHCP snooping on the switch, make sure that the devices acting as the DHCP server and the DHCP relay agent are configured and enabled.
- For DHCP server configuration information, refer to “Configuring DHCP” in the *Cisco IOS IP and IP Routing Configuration Guide* at:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/12_2/ip/configuration/guide/1cfdhcp.html

- A maximum of 512 bindings are allowed in the DHCP snooping database. If you configure more than 512 DHCP bindings, all bindings will be removed.
- When DHCP snooping is enabled, these Cisco IOS DHCP commands are not available on the switch:
 - **ip dhcp relay information check** global configuration command
 - **ip dhcp relay information policy** global configuration command
 - **ip dhcp relay information trust-all** global configuration command
 - **ip dhcp relay information option** global configuration command
 - **ip dhcp relay information trusted** interface configuration command

If you enter these commands, the switch returns an error message, and the configuration is not applied.

- To use any DHCP snooping features, you must globally enable DHCP snooping on the switch.
- DHCP snooping is not active until DHCP snooping is enabled on a VLAN.
- If a Layer 2 LAN port is connected to a DHCP server, configure the port as trusted by entering the **ip dhcp snooping trust** interface configuration command.
- If a Layer 2 LAN port is connected to a DHCP client, configure the port as untrusted by entering the **no ip dhcp snooping trust** interface configuration command.
- You can enable DHCP snooping on private VLANs:
 - If DHCP snooping is enabled, any primary VLAN configuration is propagated to its associated secondary VLANs.
 - If DHCP snooping is configured on the primary VLAN and you configure DHCP snooping with different settings on an associated secondary VLAN, the configuration on the secondary VLAN does not take effect.
 - If DHCP snooping is not configured on the primary VLAN and you configure DHCP snooping on a secondary VLAN, the configuration takes affect only on the secondary VLAN.
 - When you manually configure DHCP snooping on a secondary VLAN, this message appears:


```
DHCP Snooping configuration may not take effect on secondary vlan XXX
```
 - The **show ip dhcp snooping** command displays all VLANs (both primary and secondary) that have DHCP snooping enabled.

Configuring DHCP Snooping

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Enabling DHCP Snooping Globally



Note

Enable this feature during a maintenance window, because after you enable DHCP snooping globally, the switch drops DHCP requests until you configure the ports.

To enable DHCP snooping globally, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping	Enables DHCP snooping globally.
	Router(config)# no ip dhcp snooping	Disables DHCP snooping.
Step 2	Router(config)# do show ip dhcp snooping include Switch	Verifies the configuration.

This example shows how to enable DHCP snooping globally:

```
Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping
Router(config)# do show ip dhcp snooping | include Switch
Switch DHCP snooping is enabled
Router(config)#
```



Note

When DHCP snooping is disabled and DAI is enabled, the switch shuts down all the hosts because all ARP entries in the ARP table will be checked against a nonexistent DHCP database. When DHCP snooping is disabled or in non-DHCP environments, use ARP ACLs to permit or to deny ARP packets.

Enabling DHCP Option-82 Data Insertion

To enable DHCP option-82 data insertion, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping information option	Enables DHCP option-82 data insertion.
	Router(config)# no ip dhcp snooping information option	Disables DHCP option-82 data insertion.
Step 2	Router(config)# do show ip dhcp snooping include 82	Verifies the configuration.

This example shows how to disable DHCP option-82 data insertion:

```
Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# no ip dhcp snooping information option
Router(config)# do show ip dhcp snooping | include 82
Insertion of option 82 is disabled
Router#(config)
```

This example shows how to enable DHCP option-82 data insertion:

```
Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping information option
Router(config)# do show ip dhcp snooping | include 82
Insertion of option 82 is enabled
Router#(config)
```

Enabling the DHCP Option 82 on Untrusted Port Feature



Note

With the DHCP option 82 on untrusted port feature enabled, the switch does not drop DHCP packets that include option-82 information that are received on untrusted ports. Do not enter the **ip dhcp snooping information option allowed-untrusted** command on an aggregation switch to which any untrusted devices are connected.

To enable untrusted ports to accept DHCP packets that include option-82 information, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping information option allow-untrusted	(Optional) Enables untrusted ports to accept incoming DHCP packets with option-82 information. The default setting is disabled.
	Router(config)# no ip dhcp snooping information option allow-untrusted	Disables the DHCP option 82 on untrusted port feature.
Step 2	Router(config)# do show ip dhcp snooping	Verifies the configuration.

This example shows how to enable the DHCP option 82 on untrusted port feature:

```
Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping information option allow-untrusted
Router#(config)
```

Enabling DHCP Snooping MAC Address Verification

With DHCP snooping MAC address verification enabled, DHCP snooping verifies that the source MAC address in DHCP packets that are received on untrusted ports match the client hardware address in the packet.

To enable DHCP snooping MAC address verification, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping verify mac-address	Enables DHCP snooping MAC address verification.
	Router(config)# no ip dhcp snooping verify mac-address	Disables DHCP snooping MAC address verification.
Step 2	Router(config)# do show ip dhcp snooping include hwaddr	Verifies the configuration.

This example shows how to disable DHCP snooping MAC address verification:

```
Router(config)# no ip dhcp snooping verify mac-address
Router(config)# do show ip dhcp snooping | include hwaddr
Verification of hwaddr field is disabled
Router(config)#
```

This example shows how to enable DHCP snooping MAC address verification:

```
Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping verify mac-address
Router(config)# do show ip dhcp snooping | include hwaddr
Verification of hwaddr field is enabled
Router(config)#
```

Enabling DHCP Snooping on VLANs

To enable DHCP snooping on VLANs, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping vlan <i>{{vlan_ID [vlan_ID]} {vlan_range}}</i>	Enables DHCP snooping on a VLAN or VLAN range.
	Router(config)# no ip dhcp snooping	Disables DHCP snooping.
Step 2	Router(config)# do show ip dhcp snooping	Verifies the configuration.

You can configure DHCP snooping for a single VLAN or a range of VLANs:

- To configure a single VLAN, enter a single VLAN number.
- To configure a range of VLANs, enter a beginning and an ending VLAN number or a dash-separated pair of VLAN numbers.
- You can enter a comma-separated list of VLAN numbers and dash-separated pairs of VLAN numbers.

This example shows how to enable DHCP snooping on VLANs 10 through 12:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping vlan 10 12
Router(config)#
```

This example shows another way to enable DHCP snooping on VLANs 10 through 12:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping vlan 10-12
```

This example shows another way to enable DHCP snooping on VLANs 10 through 12:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping vlan 10,11,12
```

This example shows how to enable DHCP snooping on VLANs 10 through 12 and VLAN 15:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping vlan 10-12,15
```

This example shows how to verify the configuration:

```
Router(config)# do show ip dhcp snooping
Switch DHCP snooping is enabled
DHCP snooping is configured on following VLANs:
10-12,15
DHCP snooping is operational on following VLANs:
none
DHCP snooping is configured on the following Interfaces:

Insertion of option 82 is enabled
Verification of hwaddr field is enabled
Interface           Trusted      Rate limit (pps)
-----
Router#
```

Configuring the DHCP Trust State on Layer 2 LAN Interfaces

To configure DHCP trust state on a Layer 2 LAN interface, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# interface {type ¹ slot/port port-channel number}	Selects the interface to configure. Note Select only LAN ports configured with the switchport command or Layer 2 port-channel interfaces.
Step 2	Router(config-if)# ip dhcp snooping trust Router(config-if)# no ip dhcp snooping trust	Configures the interface as trusted. Reverts to the default (untrusted) state.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# do show ip dhcp snooping begin pps	Verifies the configuration.

1. *type* = ethernet, fastethernet, gigabitethernet, or tengigabitethernet

This example shows how to configure Fast Ethernet port 5/12 as trusted:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# interface FastEthernet 5/12
Router(config-if)# ip dhcp snooping trust
Router(config-if)# do show ip dhcp snooping | begin pps
Interface                Trusted      Rate limit (pps)
-----
FastEthernet5/12        yes         unlimited
Router#
```

This example shows how to configure Fast Ethernet port 5/12 as untrusted:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# interface FastEthernet 5/12
Router(config-if)# no ip dhcp snooping trust
Router(config-if)# do show ip dhcp snooping | begin pps
Interface                Trusted      Rate limit (pps)
-----
FastEthernet5/12        no         unlimited
Router#
```

Configuring DHCP Snooping Rate Limiting on Layer 2 LAN Interfaces

To configure DHCP snooping rate limiting on a Layer 2 LAN interface, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# interface {type ¹ slot/port port-channel number}	Selects the interface to configure. Note Select only LAN ports configured with the switchport command or Layer 2 port-channel interfaces.
Step 2	Router(config-if)# ip dhcp snooping limit rate rate	Configures DHCP packet rate limiting.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# no ip dhcp snooping limit rate	Disables DHCP packet rate limiting.
Step 4	Router(config-if)# do show ip dhcp snooping begin pps	Verifies the configuration.

1. *type* = ethernet, fastethernet, gigabitethernet, or tengigabitethernet

When configuring DHCP snooping rate limiting on a Layer 2 LAN interface, note the following information:

- We recommend an untrusted rate limit of not more than 100 packets per second (pps).
- If you configure rate limiting for trusted interfaces, you might need to increase the rate limit on trunk ports carrying more than one VLAN on which DHCP snooping is enabled.
- DHCP snooping puts ports where the rate limit is exceeded into the error-disabled state.

This example shows how to configure DHCP packet rate limiting to 100 pps on Fast Ethernet port 5/12:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# interface FastEthernet 5/12
Router(config-if)# ip dhcp snooping limit rate 100
Router(config-if)# do show ip dhcp snooping | begin pps
Interface                Trusted      Rate limit (pps)
-----                -
FastEthernet5/12         no          100
Router#
```

Configuring the DHCP Snooping Database Agent

To configure the DHCP snooping database agent, perform one or more of the following tasks:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping database { url write-delay seconds timeout seconds }	(Required) Configures a URL for the database agent (or file) and the related timeout values.
Router(config)# no ip dhcp snooping database [write-delay timeout]	Clears the configuration.
Router# show ip dhcp snooping database [detail]	(Optional) Displays the current operating state of the database agent and statistics associated with the transfers.
Router# clear ip dhcp snooping database statistics	(Optional) Clears the statistics associated with the database agent.

Command	Purpose
Router# renew ip dhcp snooping database [validation none] [url]	(Optional) Requests the read entries from a file at the given URL.
Router# ip dhcp snooping binding mac_address vlan vlan_ID ip_address interface ifname expiry lease_in_seconds	(Optional) Adds bindings to the snooping database.
Router# no ip dhcp snooping binding mac_address vlan vlan_ID ip_address interface ifname	(Optional) Deletes bindings to the snooping database.

When configuring the DHCP snooping database agent, note the following information:

- Store the file on a TFTP server to avoid consuming storage space on the switch storage devices.
- When a switchover occurs, if the file is stored in a remote location accessible through TFTP, the newly active supervisor engine can use the binding list.
- Network-based URLs (such as TFTP and FTP) require that you create an empty file at the configured URL before the switch can write the set of bindings for the first time.

Configuration Examples for the Database Agent

These sections provide examples for the database agent:

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Example 1: Enabling the Database Agent

The following example shows how to configure the DHCP snooping database agent to store the bindings at a given location and to view the configuration and operating state:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip dhcp snooping database tftp://10.1.1.1/directory/file
Router(config)# end
Router# show ip dhcp snooping database detail
Agent URL : tftp://10.1.1.1/directory/file
Write delay Timer : 300 seconds
Abort Timer : 300 seconds

Agent Running : No
Delay Timer Expiry : 7 (00:00:07)
Abort Timer Expiry : Not Running

Last Succeeded Time : None
Last Failed Time : 17:14:25 UTC Sat Jul 7 2001
Last Failed Reason : Unable to access URL.

Total Attempts      :          21  Startup Failures :          0
Successful Transfers :          0  Failed Transfers :         21
Successful Reads    :          0  Failed Reads     :          0
Successful Writes   :          0  Failed Writes    :         21
Media Failures      :          0

First successful access: Read
```

```

Last ignored bindings counters :
Binding Collisions      :      0   Expired leases      :      0
Invalid interfaces     :      0   Unsupported vlans :      0
Parse failures         :      0
Last Ignored Time      : None

Total ignored bindings counters:
Binding Collisions      :      0   Expired leases      :      0
Invalid interfaces     :      0   Unsupported vlans :      0
Parse failures         :      0

Router#

```

The first three lines of output show the configured URL and related timer-configuration values. The next three lines show the operating state and the amount of time left for expiry of write delay and abort timers.

Among the statistics shown in the output, startup failures indicate the number of attempts to read or create the file failed upon bootup.


Note

Create a temporary file on the TFTP server with the **touch** command in the TFTP server daemon directory. With some UNIX implementations, the file should have full read and write access permissions (777).

DHCP snooping bindings are keyed on the MAC address and VLAN combination. If an entry in the remote file has an entry for a given MAC address and VLAN set for which the switch already has a binding, the entry from the remote file is ignored when the file is read. This condition is referred to as the *binding collision*.

An entry in a file may no longer be valid because the lease indicated by the entry may have expired by the time it is read. The expired leases counter indicates the number of bindings that are ignored because of this condition. The Invalid interfaces counter refers to the number of bindings that have been ignored when the interface referred by the entry either does not exist on the system or is a router or DHCP snooping trusted interface (if it exists) when the read happened. Unsupported VLANs refers to the number of entries that have been ignored because the indicated VLAN is not supported on the system. The Parse failures counter provides the number of entries that have been ignored when the switch is unable to interpret the meaning of the entries from the file.

The switch maintains two sets of counters for these ignored bindings. One provides the counters for a read that has at least one binding ignored by at least one of these conditions. These counters are shown as the “Last ignored bindings counters.” The total ignored bindings counters provides a sum of the number of bindings that have been ignored because of all the reads since the switch bootup. These two set of counters are cleared by the **clear** command. Therefore, the total counter set may indicate the number of bindings that have been ignored since the last clear.

Example 2: Reading Binding Entries from a TFTP File

To manually read the entries from a TFTP file, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# show ip dhcp snooping database	Displays the DHCP snooping database agent statistics.
Step 2	Router# renew ip dhcp snoop data url	Directs the switch to read the file from the URL.
Step 3	Router# show ip dhcp snoop data	Displays the read status.
Step 4	Router# show ip dhcp snoop bind	Verifies whether the bindings were read successfully.

This is an example of how to manually read entries from the tftp://10.1.1.1/directory/file:

```
Router# show ip dhcp snooping database
Agent URL :
Write delay Timer : 300 seconds
Abort Timer : 300 seconds

Agent Running : No
Delay Timer Expiry : Not Running
Abort Timer Expiry : Not Running

Last Succeeded Time : None
Last Failed Time : None
Last Failed Reason : No failure recorded.

Total Attempts      :          0   Startup Failures :          0
Successful Transfers :          0   Failed Transfers :          0
Successful Reads    :          0   Failed Reads     :          0
Successful Writes   :          0   Failed Writes    :          0
Media Failures      :          0

Router# renew ip dhcp snoop data tftp://10.1.1.1/directory/file
Loading directory/file from 10.1.1.1 (via GigabitEthernet1/1): !
[OK - 457 bytes]
Database downloaded successfully.

Router#
00:01:29: %DHCP_SNOOPING-6-AGENT_OPERATION_SUCCEEDED: DHCP snooping database Read
succeeded.
Router# show ip dhcp snoop data
Agent URL :
Write delay Timer : 300 seconds
Abort Timer : 300 seconds

Agent Running : No
Delay Timer Expiry : Not Running
Abort Timer Expiry : Not Running

Last Succeeded Time : 15:24:34 UTC Sun Jul 8 2001
Last Failed Time : None
Last Failed Reason : No failure recorded.

Total Attempts      :          1   Startup Failures :          0
Successful Transfers :          1   Failed Transfers :          0
Successful Reads    :          1   Failed Reads     :          0
Successful Writes   :          0   Failed Writes    :          0
Media Failures      :          0

Router#
Router# show ip dhcp snoop bind
-----
MacAddress      IPAddress      Lease(sec)  Type           VLAN  Interface
-----
00:01:00:01:00:05  1.1.1.1      49810      dhcp-snooping  512   GigabitEthernet1/1
00:01:00:01:00:02  1.1.1.1      49810      dhcp-snooping  512   GigabitEthernet1/1
00:01:00:01:00:04  1.1.1.1      49810      dhcp-snooping  1536  GigabitEthernet1/1
00:01:00:01:00:03  1.1.1.1      49810      dhcp-snooping  1024  GigabitEthernet1/1
00:01:00:01:00:01  1.1.1.1      49810      dhcp-snooping   1     GigabitEthernet1/1
Router# clear ip dhcp snoop bind
Router# show ip dhcp snoop bind
-----
MacAddress      IPAddress      Lease(sec)  Type           VLAN  Interface
-----
Router#
```

Example 3: Adding Information to the DHCP Snooping Database

To manually add a binding to the DHCP snooping database, perform the following task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# show ip dhcp snooping binding	Views the DHCP snooping database.
Step 2	Router# ip dhcp snooping binding <i>binding_id</i> vlan <i>vlan_id</i> interface <i>interface</i> expiry <i>lease_time</i>	Adds the binding using the ip dhcp snooping exec command.
Step 3	Router# show ip dhcp snooping binding	Checks the DHCP snooping database.

This example shows how to manually add a binding to the DHCP snooping database:

```
Router# show ip dhcp snooping binding
MacAddress      IPAddress      Lease(sec)    Type           VLAN    Interface
-----
Router#
Router# ip dhcp snooping binding 1.1.1 vlan 1 1.1.1.1 interface gi1/1 expiry 1000

Router# show ip dhcp snooping binding
MacAddress      IPAddress      Lease(sec)    Type           VLAN    Interface
-----
00:01:00:01:00:01  1.1.1.1      992          dhcp-snooping  1       GigabitEthernet1/1
Router#
```

Displaying a Binding Table

The DHCP snooping binding table for each switch contains binding entries that correspond to untrusted ports. The table does not contain information about hosts interconnected with a trusted port because each interconnected switch will have its own DHCP snooping binding table.

This example shows how to display the DHCP snooping binding information for a switch:

```
Router# show ip dhcp snooping binding
MacAddress      IPAddress      Lease(sec)    Type           VLAN    Interface
-----
00:02:B3:3F:3B:99  55.5.5.2      6943         dhcp-snooping  10      FastEthernet6/10
```

[Table 34-2](#) describes the fields in the **show ip dhcp snooping binding** command output.

Table 34-2 *show ip dhcp snooping binding Command Output*

Field	Description
MAC Address	Client hardware MAC address
IP Address	Client IP address assigned from the DHCP server
Lease (seconds)	IP address lease time
Type	Binding type; dynamic binding learned by DHCP snooping or statically-configured binding.
VLAN	VLAN number of the client interface
Interface	Interface that connects to the DHCP client host