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Configuring VTP

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Prerequisites for VTP

Before you create VLANs, you must decide whether to use the VLAN Trunking Protocol (VTP) in your network. Using VTP, you can make configuration changes centrally on one or more switches and have those changes automatically communicated to all the other devices in the network. Without VTP, you cannot send information about VLANs to other switches.

VTP is designed to work in an environment where updates are made on a single switch and are sent through VTP to other switches in the domain. It does not work well in a situation where multiple updates to the VLAN database occur simultaneously on switches in the same domain, which would result in an inconsistency in the VLAN database.

The switch supports a total of 64 VLANs. If the switch is notified by VTP of a new VLAN and the switch is already using the maximum available hardware resources, it sends a message that there are not enough hardware resources available and shuts down the VLAN. The output of the **show vlan** user EXEC command shows the VLAN in a suspended state.

Because trunk ports send and receive VTP advertisements, you must ensure that at least one trunk port is configured on the switch and that this trunk port is connected to the trunk port of another switch. Otherwise, the switch cannot receive any VTP advertisements.

Restrictions for VTP



Note Before adding a VTP client switch to a VTP domain, always verify that its VTP configuration revision number is lower than the configuration revision number of the other switches in the VTP domain. Switches in a VTP domain always use the VLAN configuration of the switch with the highest VTP configuration revision number. If you add a switch that has a revision number higher than the revision number in the VTP domain, it can erase all VLAN information from the VTP server and VTP domain.

The following are restrictions for configuring VTPs:

- It is normal to have approximately 10 access interfaces or 5 trunk interfaces to flap simultaneously with negligible impact to CPU utilization. If there are more interfaces that flap simultaneously, then CPU usage may be excessively high.

Information About VTP

VTP

VTP is a Layer 2 messaging protocol that maintains VLAN configuration consistency by managing the addition, deletion, and renaming of VLANs on a network-wide basis. VTP minimizes misconfigurations and configuration inconsistencies that can cause several problems, such as duplicate VLAN names, incorrect VLAN-type specifications, and security violations.

VTP version 1 and version 2 supports the entire VLAN range (VLANs 1 to 4094).

VTP Domain

A VTP domain (also called a VLAN management domain) consists of one switch or several interconnected switches under the same administrative responsibility sharing the same VTP domain name. A switch can be in only one VTP domain. You make global VLAN configuration changes for the domain.

By default, the switch is in the VTP no-management-domain state until it receives an advertisement for a domain over a trunk link (a link that carries the traffic of multiple VLANs) or until you configure a domain name. Until the management domain name is specified or learned, you cannot create or modify VLANs on a VTP server, and VLAN information is not propagated over the network.

If the switch receives a VTP advertisement over a trunk link, it inherits the management domain name and the VTP configuration revision number. The switch then ignores advertisements with a different domain name or an earlier configuration revision number.

When you make a change to the VLAN configuration on a VTP server, the change is propagated to all switches in the VTP domain. VTP advertisements are sent over all IEEE trunk connections, including IEEE 802.1Q. VTP dynamically maps VLANs with unique names and internal index associates across multiple LAN types. Mapping eliminates excessive device administration required from network administrators.

If you configure a switch for VTP transparent mode, you can create and modify VLANs, but the changes are not sent to other switches in the domain, and they affect only the individual switch. However, configuration

changes made when the switch is in this mode are saved in the switch running configuration and can be saved to the switch startup configuration file.

VTP Modes

Table 1: VTP Modes

VTP Mode	Description
VTP server	<p>In VTP server mode, you can create, modify, and delete VLANs, and specify other configuration parameters (such as the VTP version) for the entire VTP domain. VTP servers advertise their VLAN configurations to other switches in the same VTP domain and synchronize their VLAN configurations with other switches based on advertisements received over trunk links.</p> <p>VTP server is the default mode.</p> <p>In VTP server mode, VLAN configurations are saved in NVRAM. If the switch detects a failure while writing a configuration to NVRAM, VTP mode automatically changes from server mode to client mode. If this happens, the switch cannot be returned to VTP server mode until the NVRAM is functioning.</p>
VTP client	<p>A VTP client functions like a VTP server and transmits and receives VTP updates on its trunks, but you cannot create, change, or delete VLANs on a VTP client. VLANs are configured on another switch in the domain that is in server mode.</p> <p>In VTP versions 1 and 2 in VTP client mode, VLAN configurations are not saved in NVRAM.</p>

VTP Mode	Description
VTP transparent	<p>VTP transparent switches do not participate in VTP. A VTP transparent switch does not advertise its VLAN configuration and does not synchronize its VLAN configuration based on received advertisements. However, in VTP version 2, transparent switches do forward VTP advertisements that they receive from other switches through their trunk interfaces. You can create, modify, and delete VLANs on a switch in VTP transparent mode.</p> <p>When the switch is in VTP transparent mode, the VTP and VLAN configurations are saved in NVRAM, but they are not advertised to other switches. In this mode, VTP mode and domain name are saved in the switch running configuration, and you can save this information in the switch startup configuration file by using the copy running-config startup-config privileged EXEC command.</p>
VTP off	A switch in VTP off mode functions in the same manner as a VTP transparent switch, except that it does not forward VTP advertisements on trunks.

VTP Advertisements

Each switch in the VTP domain sends periodic global configuration advertisements from each trunk port to a reserved multicast address. Neighboring switches receive these advertisements and update their VTP and VLAN configurations as necessary.

VTP advertisements distribute this global domain information:

- VTP domain name
- VTP configuration revision number
- Update identity and update timestamp
- MD5 digest VLAN configuration, including maximum transmission unit (MTU) size for each VLAN
- Frame format

VTP advertisements distribute this VLAN information for each configured VLAN:

- VLAN IDs (including IEEE 802.1Q)
- VLAN name
- VLAN type
- VLAN state
- Additional VLAN configuration information specific to the VLAN type

VTP Version 2

If you use VTP in your network, you must decide which version of VTP to use. By default, VTP operates in version 1.

VTP version 2 supports these features that are not supported in version 1:

- **Token Ring support**—VTP version 2 supports Token Ring Bridge Relay Function (TrBRF) and Token Ring Concentrator Relay Function (TrCRF) VLANs.
- **Unrecognized Type-Length-Value (TLV) support**—A VTP server or client propagates configuration changes to its other trunks, even for TLVs it is not able to parse. The unrecognized TLV is saved in NVRAM when the switch is operating in VTP server mode.
- **Version-Dependent Transparent Mode**—In VTP version 1, a VTP transparent switch inspects VTP messages for the domain name and version and forwards a message only if the version and domain name match. Although VTP version 2 supports only one domain, a VTP version 2 transparent switch forwards a message only when the domain name matches.
- **Consistency Checks**—In VTP version 2, VLAN consistency checks (such as VLAN names and values) are performed only when you enter new information through the CLI or SNMP. Consistency checks are not performed when new information is obtained from a VTP message or when information is read from NVRAM. If the MD5 digest on a received VTP message is correct, its information is accepted.

VTP Pruning

VTP pruning increases network available bandwidth by restricting flooded traffic to those trunk links that the traffic must use to reach the destination devices. Without VTP pruning, a switch floods broadcast, multicast, and unknown unicast traffic across all trunk links within a VTP domain even though receiving switches might discard them. VTP pruning is disabled by default.

VTP pruning blocks unneeded flooded traffic to VLANs on trunk ports that are included in the pruning-eligible list. Only VLANs included in the pruning-eligible list can be pruned. By default, VLANs 2 through 1001 are pruning eligible switch trunk ports. If the VLANs are configured as pruning-ineligible, the flooding continues. VTP pruning is supported in all VTP versions.

With VTP versions 1 and 2, when you enable pruning on the VTP server, it is enabled for the entire VTP domain. Making VLANs pruning-eligible or pruning-ineligible affects pruning eligibility for those VLANs on that trunk only (not on all switches in the VTP domain).

VTP pruning takes effect several seconds after you enable it. VTP pruning does not prune traffic from VLANs that are pruning-ineligible. VLAN 1 and VLANs 1002 to 1005 are always pruning-ineligible; traffic from these VLANs cannot be pruned. Extended-range VLANs (VLAN IDs higher than 1005) are also pruning-ineligible.

VTP Configuration Guidelines

VTP Configuration Requirements

When you configure VTP, you must configure a trunk port so that the switch can send and receive VTP advertisements to and from other switches in the domain.

VTP Settings

The VTP information is saved in the VTP VLAN database. When VTP mode is transparent, the VTP domain name and mode are also saved in the switch running configuration file, and you can save it in the switch startup configuration file by entering the **copy running-config startup-config** privileged EXEC command. You must use this command if you want to save VTP mode as transparent, even if the switch resets.

When you save VTP information in the switch startup configuration file and reboot the switch, the switch configuration is selected as follows:

- If the VTP mode is transparent in the startup configuration and the VLAN database and the VTP domain name from the VLAN database matches that in the startup configuration file, the VLAN database is ignored (cleared), and the VTP and VLAN configurations in the startup configuration file are used. The VLAN database revision number remains unchanged in the VLAN database.
- If the VTP mode or domain name in the startup configuration do not match the VLAN database, the domain name and VTP mode and configuration for VLAN IDs 1 to 1005 use the VLAN database information.

Domain Names for Configuring VTP

When configuring VTP for the first time, you must always assign a domain name. You must configure all switches in the VTP domain with the same domain name. Switches in VTP transparent mode do not exchange VTP messages with other switches, and you do not need to configure a VTP domain name for them.



Note

If the NVRAM and DRAM storage is sufficient, all switches in a VTP domain should be in VTP server mode.



Caution

Do not configure a VTP domain if all switches are operating in VTP client mode. If you configure the domain, it is impossible to make changes to the VLAN configuration of that domain. Make sure that you configure at least one switch in the VTP domain for VTP server mode.

Passwords for the VTP Domain

You can configure a password for the VTP domain, but it is not required. If you do configure a domain password, all domain switches must share the same password and you must configure the password on each switch in the management domain. switches without a password or with the wrong password reject VTP advertisements.

If you configure a VTP password for a domain, a switch that is booted without a VTP configuration does not accept VTP advertisements until you configure it with the correct password. After the configuration, the switch accepts the next VTP advertisement that uses the same password and domain name in the advertisement.

If you are adding a new switch to an existing network with VTP capability, the new switch learns the domain name only after the applicable password has been configured on it.



Caution

When you configure a VTP domain password, the management domain does not function properly if you do not assign a management domain password to each switch in the domain.

VTP Version

Follow these guidelines when deciding which VTP version to implement:

- All switches in a VTP domain must have the same domain name, but they do not need to run the same VTP version.
- A VTP version 2-capable switch can operate in the same VTP domain as a switch running VTP version 1 if version 2 is disabled on the version 2-capable switch (version 2 is disabled by default).
- If a switch running VTP version 1, but capable of running VTP version 2, receives VTP version 3 advertisements, it automatically moves to VTP version 2.
- Do not enable VTP version 2 on a switch unless all of the switches in the same VTP domain are version-2-capable. When you enable version 2 on a switch, all of the version-2-capable switches in the domain enable version 2. If there is a version 1-only switch, it does not exchange VTP information with switches that have version 2 enabled.
- Cisco recommends placing VTP version 1 and 2 switches at the edge of the network because they do not forward VTP version 3 advertisements.
- If there are TrBRF and TrCRF Token Ring networks in your environment, you must enable VTP version 2 for Token Ring VLAN switching to function properly. To run Token Ring and Token Ring-Net, disable VTP version 2.
- Devices that are only VTP version 1 capable cannot interoperate with VTP version 3 devices.
- VTP version 1 and version 2 do not propagate configuration information for extended range VLANs (VLANs 1006 to 4094). You must manually configure these VLANs on each device.

Default VTP Configuration

The following table shows the default VTP configuration.

Table 2: Default VTP Configuration

Feature	Default Setting
VTP domain name	Null
VTP mode (VTP version 1 and version 2)	Server
VTP version	Version 1
MST database mode	Transparent
VTP password	None
VTP pruning	Disabled

How to Configure VTP

Configuring VTP Mode

You can configure VTP mode as one of these:

- VTP server mode: In VTP server mode, you can change the VLAN configuration and have it propagated throughout the network.
- VTP client mode: In VTP client mode, you cannot change its VLAN configuration. The client switch receives VTP updates from a VTP server in the VTP domain and then modifies its configuration accordingly.
- VTP transparent mode: In VTP transparent mode, VTP is disabled on the switch. The switch does not send VTP updates and does not act on VTP updates received from other switch. However, a VTP transparent switch running VTP version 2 does forward received VTP advertisements on its trunk links.
- VTP off mode: VTP off mode is the same as VTP transparent mode except that VTP advertisements are not forwarded.

When you configure a domain name, it cannot be removed; you can only reassign a switch to a different domain.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	vtp domain <i>domain-name</i> Example: Device (config)# vtp domain eng_group	Configures the VTP administrative-domain name. The name can be 1 to 32 characters. All switches operating in VTP server or client mode under the same administrative responsibility must be configured with the same domain name. This command is optional for modes other than server mode. VTP server mode requires a domain name. If the switch has a trunk connection to a VTP domain, it learns the domain name from the VTP server in the domain.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		You should configure the VTP domain before configuring other VTP parameters.
Step 4	vtp mode {client server transparent off} {vlan mst unknown} Example: Device(config) # vtp mode server	Configures the switch for VTP mode (client, server, transparent, or off). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vlan—The VLAN database is the default if none are configured. • mst—The multiple spanning tree (MST) database. • unknown—An unknown database type.
Step 5	vtp password <i>password</i> Example: Device(config) # vtp password mypassword	(Optional) Sets the password for the VTP domain. The password can be 8 to 64 characters. If you configure a VTP password, the VTP domain does not function properly if you do not assign the same password to each switch in the domain.
Step 6	end Example: Device(config) # end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 7	show vtp status Example: Device# show vtp status	Verifies your entries in the <i>VTP Operating Mode</i> and the <i>VTP Domain Name</i> fields of the display.
Step 8	copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the configuration in the startup configuration file. Only VTP mode and domain name are saved in the switch running configuration and can be copied to the startup configuration file.

Enabling the VTP Version

VTP version 2 is disabled by default.

- When you enable VTP version 2 on a switch, every VTP version 2-capable switch in the VTP domain enables version 2.
- With VTP versions 1 and 2, you can configure the version only on switches in VTP server or transparent mode.



Caution VTP version 1 and VTP version 2 are not interoperable on switches in the same VTP domain. Do not enable VTP version 2 unless every switch in the VTP domain supports version 2.

- In TrCRF and TrBRF Token Ring environments, you must enable VTP version 2 for Token Ring VLAN switching to function properly. For Token Ring and Token Ring-Net media, disable VTP version 2.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	vtp version {1 2 3} Example: Device(config)# vtp version 2	Enables the VTP version on the switch. The default is VTP version 1.
Step 4	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	show vtp status Example: Device# show vtp status	Verifies that the configured VTP version is enabled.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Enabling VTP Pruning

Before you begin

VTP pruning is not designed to function in VTP transparent mode. If one or more switches in the network are in VTP transparent mode, you should do one of these actions:

- Turn off VTP pruning in the entire network.
- Turn off VTP pruning by making all VLANs on the trunk of the switch upstream to the VTP transparent switch pruning ineligible.

To configure VTP pruning on an interface, use the **switchport trunk pruning vlan** interface configuration command. VTP pruning operates when an interface is trunking. You can set VLAN pruning-eligibility, whether or not VTP pruning is enabled for the VTP domain, whether or not any given VLAN exists, and whether or not the interface is currently trunking.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	vtp pruning Example: Device(config)# vtp pruning	Enables pruning in the VTP administrative domain. By default, pruning is disabled. You need to enable pruning on only one switch in VTP server mode.
Step 4	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	show vtp status Example: Device# show vtp status	Verifies your entries in the <i>VTP Pruning Mode</i> field of the display.

Adding a VTP Client Switch to a VTP Domain

Follow these steps to verify and reset the VTP configuration revision number on a switch *before* adding it to a VTP domain.

Before you begin

Before adding a VTP client to a VTP domain, always verify that its VTP configuration revision number is *lower* than the configuration revision number of the other switches in the VTP domain. Switches in a VTP domain always use the VLAN configuration of the switch with the highest VTP configuration revision number. With VTP versions 1 and 2, adding a switch that has a revision number higher than the revision number in the VTP domain can erase all VLAN information from the VTP server and VTP domain.

You can use the **vtp mode transparent** global configuration command to disable VTP on the switch and then to change its VLAN information without affecting the other switches in the VTP domain.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	show vtp status Example: Device# show vtp status	Checks the VTP configuration revision number. If the number is 0, add the switch to the VTP domain. If the number is greater than 0, follow these substeps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write down the domain name. • Write down the configuration revision number. • Continue with the next steps to reset the switch configuration revision number.
Step 3	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 4	vtp domain domain-name Example: Device (config)# vtp domain domain123	Changes the domain name from the original one displayed in Step 1 to a new name.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	show vtp status Example: Device# show vtp status	Verifies that the configuration revision number has been reset to 0.
Step 7	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 8	vtp domain <i>domain-name</i> Example: Device(config)# vtp domain domain012	Enters the original domain name on the switch.
Step 9	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode. The VLAN information on the switch is updated.
Step 10	show vtp status Example: Device# show vtp status	(Optional) Verifies that the domain name is the same as in Step 1 and that the configuration revision number is 0.

Monitoring VTP

This section describes commands used to display and monitor the VTP configuration.

You monitor VTP by displaying VTP configuration information: the domain name, the current VTP revision, and the number of VLANs. You can also display statistics about the advertisements sent and received by the switch.

Table 3: VTP Monitoring Commands

Command	Purpose
show vtp counters	Displays counters about VTP messages that have been sent and received.
show vtp interface [<i>interface-id</i>]	Displays VTP status and configuration for all interfaces or the specified interface.
show vtp password	Displays the VTP password. The form of the password displayed depends on whether or not the hidden keyword was entered and if encryption is enabled on the switch.
show vtp status	Displays the VTP switch configuration information.

Configuration Examples for VTP

Example: Configuring a Switch as the Primary Server

This example shows how to configure a switch as the primary server for the VLAN database (the default) when a hidden or secret password was configured:

```
Device# vtp primary vlan
VTP Feature Conf Revision Primary Server Device ID Device Description
-----
VLAN Yes 25 bcf1.f2e4.9700 0c75.bd07.4a00 P3A_NEW
VLAN Yes 547 0c75.bd07.4a00 40a6.e8db.9780 Switch_A
MST Yes 10 006c.bc4e.2500 40a6.e8db.9780 Switch_A
VLAN Yes 25 bcf1.f2e4.9700 e8b7.489c.cc00 Switch_B-11

Do you want to continue? [confirm]
Switch#
Jun 17 01:08:50.758 PST: %SW_VLAN-4-VTP_PRIMARY_SERVER_CHG: 006c.bc4e.2500 has become the
primary server for the VLAN VTP feature
```

Example: Configuring Switch as VTP Server

This example shows how to configure the switch as a VTP server with the domain name *eng_group* and the password *mypassword*:

```
Switch(config)# vtp domain eng_group
Setting VTP domain name to eng_group.

Switch(config)# vtp mode server
Setting device to VTP Server mode for VLANs.
```

```
Switch(config)# vtp password mypassword
Setting device VLAN database password to mypassword.
Switch(config)# end
```

Example: Enabling VTP on the Interface

To enable VTP on the interface, use the **vtp** interface configuration command. To disable VTP on the interface, use the **no vtp** interface configuration command.

```
Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1
Device(config-if)# vtp
Device(config-if)# end
```

Example: Creating the VTP Password

The follow is an example of creating the VTP password.

```
Switch(config)# vtp password mypassword hidden
Generating the secret associated to the password.
Switch(config)# end
Switch# show vtp password
VTP password: 89914640C8D90868B6A0D8103847A733
```

Feature History for VTP

This table provides release and related information for features explained in this module.

These features are available on all releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless noted otherwise.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7)E3k	VTP	VTP is a Layer 2 messaging protocol that maintains VLAN configuration consistency by managing the addition, deletion, and renaming of VLANs on a network-wide basis.

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CHAPTER 2

Configuring VLAN

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Prerequisites for VLANs

The following are prerequisites and considerations for configuring VLANs:

- Before you create VLANs, you must decide whether to use VLAN Trunking Protocol (VTP) to maintain global VLAN configuration for your network.
- The switch supports 64 VLANs in VTP client, server, and transparent modes.

Restrictions for VLANs

The following are restrictions for configuring VLANs:

- To avoid warning messages of high CPU utilization with a normal-range VLAN configuration, we recommend that you have no more than 64 VLANs. In such cases, approximately 6 access interfaces or 6 trunk interfaces can flap simultaneously with negligible impact to CPU utilization (if there are more interfaces that flap simultaneously, then CPU usage may be excessively high.)

Information About VLANs

Logical Networks

A VLAN is a switched network that is logically segmented by function, project team, or application, without regard to the physical locations of the users. VLANs have the same attributes as physical LANs, but you can

group end stations even if they are not physically located on the same LAN segment. Any switch port can belong to a VLAN, and unicast, broadcast, and multicast packets are forwarded and flooded only to end stations in the VLAN. Each VLAN is considered a logical network, and packets destined for stations that do not belong to the VLAN must be forwarded through a router or a switch supporting fallback bridging. Because a VLAN is considered a separate logical network, it contains its own bridge Management Information Base (MIB) information and can support its own implementation of spanning tree.

VLANs are often associated with IP subnetworks. For example, all the end stations in a particular IP subnet belong to the same VLAN. Interface VLAN membership on the switch is assigned manually on an interface-by-interface basis. When you assign switch interfaces to VLANs by using this method, it is known as interface-based, or static, VLAN membership.

Traffic between VLANs must be routed.

The switch can route traffic between VLANs by using switch virtual interfaces (SVIs). An SVI must be explicitly configured and assigned an IP address to route traffic between VLANs.

Supported VLANs

The switch supports VLANs in VTP client, server, and transparent modes. VLANs are identified by a number from 1 to 4094. VLAN IDs 1002 through 1005 are reserved for Token Ring and FDDI VLANs.

VTP version 1 and version 2 support only normal-range VLANs (VLAN IDs 1 to 1005). In these versions, the switch must be in VTP transparent mode when you create VLAN IDs from 1006 to 4094.

The switch supports per-VLAN spanning-tree plus (PVST+) or rapid PVST+ with a maximum of 64 spanning-tree instances. One spanning-tree instance is allowed per VLAN. The switch supports only IEEE 802.1Q trunking methods for sending VLAN traffic over Ethernet ports.

VLAN Port Membership Modes

You configure a port to belong to a VLAN by assigning a membership mode that specifies the kind of traffic the port carries and the number of VLANs to which it can belong.

When a port belongs to a VLAN, the device learns and manages the addresses associated with the port on a per-VLAN basis.

Table 4: Port Membership Modes and Characteristics

Membership Mode	VLAN Membership Characteristics	VTP Characteristics
Static-access	A static-access port can belong to one VLAN and is manually assigned to that VLAN.	VTP is not required. If you do not want VTP to globally propagate information, set the VTP mode to transparent. To participate in VTP, there must be at least one trunk port on the device connected to a trunk port of a second device.

Membership Mode	VLAN Membership Characteristics	VTP Characteristics
Trunk (IEEE 802.1Q) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IEEE 802.1Q—Industry-standard trunking encapsulation. 	A trunk port is a member of all VLANs by default, including extended-range VLANs, but membership can be limited by configuring the allowed-VLAN list. You can also modify the pruning-eligible list to block flooded traffic to VLANs on trunk ports that are included in the list.	VTP is recommended but not required. VTP maintains VLAN configuration consistency by managing the addition, deletion, and renaming of VLANs on a network-wide basis. VTP exchanges VLAN configuration messages with other devices over trunk links.
Dynamic access	A dynamic-access port can belong to one VLAN (VLAN ID 1 to 4094) and is dynamically assigned by a VLAN Member Policy Server (VMPS). You can have dynamic-access ports and trunk ports on the same device, but you must connect the dynamic-access port to an end station or hub and not to another device.	VTP is required. Configure the VMPS and the client with the same VTP domain name. To participate in VTP, at least one trunk port on the device must be connected to a trunk port of a second device.
Voice VLAN	A voice VLAN port is an access port attached to a Cisco IP Phone, configured to use one VLAN for voice traffic and another VLAN for data traffic from a device attached to the phone.	VTP is not required; it has no effect on a voice VLAN.

VLAN Configuration Files

Configurations for VLAN IDs 1 to 1005 are written to the `vlan.dat` file (VLAN database), and you can display them by entering the **show vlan** privileged EXEC command. The `vlan.dat` file is stored in flash memory. If the VTP mode is transparent, they are also saved in the device running configuration file.

You use the interface configuration mode to define the port membership mode and to add and remove ports from VLANs. The results of these commands are written to the running-configuration file, and you can display the file by entering the **show running-config** privileged EXEC command.

When you save VLAN and VTP information (including extended-range VLAN configuration information) in the startup configuration file and reboot the device, the device configuration is selected as follows:

- If the VTP mode is transparent in the startup configuration, and the VLAN database and the VTP domain name from the VLAN database matches that in the startup configuration file, the VLAN database is ignored (cleared), and the VTP and VLAN configurations in the startup configuration file are used. The VLAN database revision number remains unchanged in the VLAN database.
- If the VTP mode or domain name in the startup configuration does not match the VLAN database, the domain name and VTP mode and configuration for the VLAN IDs 1 to 1005 use the VLAN database information.
- In VTP versions 1 and 2, if VTP mode is server, the domain name and VLAN configuration for VLAN IDs 1 to 1005 use the VLAN database information.



Note Ensure that you delete the `vlan.dat` file along with the configuration files before you reset the switch configuration using **write erase** command. This ensures that the switch reboots correctly on a reset.

Normal-Range VLAN Configuration Guidelines

Normal-range VLANs are VLANs with IDs from 1 to 1005.

Follow these guidelines when creating and modifying normal-range VLANs in your network:

- Normal-range VLANs are identified with a number between 1 and 1001. VLAN numbers 1002 through 1005 are reserved for Token Ring and FDDI VLANs.
- VLAN configurations for VLANs 1 to 1005 are always saved in the VLAN database. If the VTP mode is transparent, VTP and VLAN configurations are also saved in the switch running configuration file.
- If the switch is in VTP server or VTP transparent mode, you can add, modify or remove configurations for VLANs 2 to 1001 in the VLAN database. (VLAN IDs 1 and 1002 to 1005 are automatically created and cannot be removed.)
- Extended-range VLANs created in VTP transparent mode are not saved in the VLAN database and are not propagated.
- Before you can create a VLAN, the switch must be in VTP server mode or VTP transparent mode. If the switch is a VTP server, you must define a VTP domain or VTP will not function.
- The switch does not support Token Ring or FDDI media. The switch does not forward FDDI, FDDI-Net, TrCRF, or TrBRF traffic, but it does propagate the VLAN configuration through VTP.
- The switch supports 64 spanning tree instances. If the switch has more active VLANs than the supported number of spanning tree instances, spanning tree is still enabled only on the supported number of VLANs and disabled on all remaining VLANs.

If you have already used all available spanning-tree instances on a switch, adding another VLAN anywhere in the VTP domain creates a VLAN on that switch that is not running spanning-tree. If you have the default allowed list on the trunk ports of that switch (which is to allow all VLANs), the new VLAN is carried on all trunk ports. Depending on the topology of the network, this could create a loop in the new VLAN that would not be broken, particularly if there are several adjacent switches that all have run out of spanning-tree instances. You can prevent this possibility by setting allowed lists on the trunk ports of switches that have used up their allocation of spanning-tree instances.

If the number of VLANs on the device exceeds the number of supported spanning-tree instances, we recommend that you configure the IEEE 802.1s Multiple STP (MSTP) on your device to map multiple VLANs to a single spanning-tree instance.

Extended-Range VLAN Configuration Guidelines

Extended-range VLANs are VLANs with IDs from 1006 to 4094.

Follow these guidelines when creating extended-range VLANs:

- You cannot include extended-range VLANs in the pruning eligible range.

- For VTP version 1 or 2, you can set the VTP mode to transparent in global configuration mode. You should save this configuration to the startup configuration so that the device boots up in VTP transparent mode. Otherwise, you lose the extended-range VLAN configuration if the device resets.

Default Ethernet VLAN Configuration

The following table displays the default configuration for Ethernet VLANs.



Note The switch supports Ethernet interfaces exclusively. Because FDDI and Token Ring VLANs are not locally supported, you only configure FDDI and Token Ring media-specific characteristics for VTP global advertisements to other switches.

Table 5: Ethernet VLAN Defaults and Range

Parameter	Default	Range
VLAN ID	1	1 to 4094.
VLAN name	VLANxxxx, where xxxx represents four numeric digits (including leading zeros) equal to the VLAN ID number	No range
IEEE 802.10 SAID	100001 (100000 plus the VLAN ID)	1 to 4294967294
IEEE 802.10 SAID	1500	576-18190

Default VLAN Configuration

You can change only the MTU size and the remote SPAN configuration state on extended-range VLANs; all other characteristics must remain at the default state.

How to Configure VLANs

Configuring Normal-Range VLANs

You can set these parameters when you create a new normal-range VLAN or modify an existing VLAN in the VLAN database:

- VLAN ID
- VLAN name
- VLAN type
 - Ethernet

- Fiber Distributed Data Interface [FDDI]
 - FDDI network entity title [NET]
 - TrBRF or TrCRF
 - Token Ring
 - Token Ring-Net
- VLAN state (active or suspended)
 - Security Association Identifier (SAID)
 - Bridge identification number for TrBRF VLANs
 - Ring number for FDDI and TrCRF VLANs
 - Parent VLAN number for TrCRF VLANs
 - Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) type for TrCRF VLANs
 - VLAN number to use when translating from one VLAN type to another

You can cause inconsistency in the VLAN database if you attempt to manually delete the `vlan.dat` file. If you want to modify the VLAN configuration, follow the procedures in this section.

Creating or Modifying an Ethernet VLAN

Each Ethernet VLAN in the VLAN database has a unique, 4-digit ID that can be a number from 1 to 1001. VLAN IDs 1002 to 1005 are reserved for Token Ring and FDDI VLANs. To create a normal-range VLAN to be added to the VLAN database, assign a number and name to the VLAN.



Note With VTP version 1 and 2, if the device is in VTP transparent mode, you can assign VLAN IDs greater than 1006, but they are not added to the VLAN database.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	vlan <i>vlan-id</i> Example: Device(config) # vlan 20	Enters a VLAN ID, and enters VLAN configuration mode. Enter a new VLAN ID to create a VLAN, or enter an existing VLAN ID to modify that VLAN. Note The available VLAN ID range for this command is 1 to 4094.
Step 4	name <i>vlan-name</i> Example: Device(config-vlan) # name test20	(Optional) Enters a name for the VLAN. If no name is entered for the VLAN, the default is to append the <i>vlan-id</i> value with leading zeros to the word VLAN. For example, VLAN0004 is a default VLAN name for VLAN 4.
Step 5	end Example: Device(config) # end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	show vlan {name <i>vlan-name</i> id <i>vlan-id</i>} Example: Device# show vlan name test20 id 20	Verifies your entries.
Step 7	copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Deleting a VLAN

When you delete a VLAN from a device that is in VTP server mode, the VLAN is removed from the VLAN database for all devices in the VTP domain. When you delete a VLAN from a device that is in VTP transparent mode, the VLAN is deleted only on that specific device.

You cannot delete the default VLANs for the different media types: Ethernet VLAN 1 and FDDI or Token Ring VLANs 1002 to 1005.



Caution

When you delete a VLAN, any ports assigned to that VLAN become inactive. They remain associated with the VLAN (and thus inactive) until you assign them to a new VLAN.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	no vlan <i>vlan-id</i> Example: Device(config)# no vlan 4	Removes the VLAN by entering the VLAN ID.
Step 4	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	show vlan brief Example: Device# show vlan brief	Verifies the VLAN removal.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Assigning Static-Access Ports to a VLAN

You can assign a static-access port to a VLAN without having VTP globally propagate VLAN configuration information by disabling VTP (VTP transparent mode).

If you assign an interface to a VLAN that does not exist, the new VLAN is created.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>interface-id</i> Example: Device (config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1	Enters the interface to be added to the VLAN.
Step 4	switchport mode access Example: Device (config-if)# switchport mode access	Defines the VLAN membership mode for the port (Layer 2 access port).
Step 5	switchport access vlan <i>vlan-id</i> Example: Device (config-if)# switchport access vlan 2	Assigns the port to a VLAN. Valid VLAN IDs are 1 to 4094.
Step 6	end Example: Device (config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 7	show running-config interface <i>interface-id</i> Example: Device# show running-config interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1	Verifies the VLAN membership mode of the interface.
Step 8	show interfaces <i>interface-id</i> switchport Example: Device# show interfaces gigabitethernet 1/0/1	Verifies your entries in the <i>Administrative Mode</i> and the <i>Access Mode VLAN</i> fields of the display.

Configuring Extended-Range VLANs

With VTP version 1 and version 2, when the switch is in VTP transparent mode (VTP disabled), you can create extended-range VLANs (in the range 1006 to 4094). VTP version supports extended-range VLANs in server or transparent mode. Extended-range VLANs enable service providers to extend their infrastructure to a greater number of customers. The extended-range VLAN IDs are allowed for any **switchport** commands that allow VLAN IDs.

With VTP version 1 or 2, extended-range VLAN configurations are not stored in the VLAN database, but because VTP mode is transparent, they are stored in the switch running configuration file, and you can save the configuration in the startup configuration file by using the **copy running-config startup-config** privileged EXEC command.

Creating an Extended-Range VLAN

You create an extended-range VLAN in global configuration mode by entering the `vlan` global configuration command with a VLAN ID from 1006 to 4094. The extended-range VLAN has the default Ethernet VLAN characteristics and the MTU size. See the description of the `vlan` global configuration command in the command reference for the default settings of all parameters. In VTP version 1 or 2, if you enter an extended-range VLAN ID when the switch is not in VTP transparent mode, an error message is generated when you exit VLAN configuration mode, and the extended-range VLAN is not created.

In VTP version 1 and 2, extended-range VLANs are not saved in the VLAN database; they are saved in the switch running configuration file. You can save the extended-range VLAN configuration in the switch startup configuration file by using the `copy running-config startup-config` privileged EXEC command.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Device> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Device# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	vtp mode transparent Example: <pre>Device(config)# vtp mode transparent</pre>	Configures the device for VTP transparent mode, disabling VTP.
Step 4	vlan <i>vlan-id</i> Example: <pre>Device(config)# vlan 2000</pre>	Enters an extended-range VLAN ID and enters VLAN configuration mode. The range is 1006 to 4094.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config-vlan) #	
Step 5	end Example: Device(config) # end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	show vlan id <i>vlan-id</i> Example: Device# show vlan id 2000	Verifies that the VLAN has been created.
Step 7	copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Monitoring VLANs

Table 6: Privileged EXEC show Commands

Command	Purpose
show interfaces [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>]	Displays characteristics for all interfaces or for the specified VLAN configured on the device.

Command	Purpose
<pre>show vlan [brief group [group-name name] id vlan-id ifindex internal mtu name name summary]]</pre>	<p>Displays parameters for all VLANs or the specified VLAN on the device. The following command options are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brief: Displays VTP VLAN status in brief. • group: Displays the VLAN group with its name and the connected VLANs that are available. • id: Displays VTP VLAN status by identification number. • ifindex: Displays SNMP ifIndex. • mtu: Displays VLAN MTU information. • name: Display the VTP VLAN information by specified name. • summary: Displays a summary of VLAN information.

Configuration Examples

Example: Creating a VLAN Name

This example shows how to create Ethernet VLAN 20, name it test20, and add it to the VLAN database:

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# vlan 20
Switch(config-vlan)# name test20
Switch(config-vlan)# end
```

Example: Configuring a Port as Access Port

This example shows how to configure a port as an access port in VLAN 2:

```
Switch# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Switch(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1
Switch(config-if)# switchport mode access
Switch(config-if)# switchport access vlan 2
Switch(config-if)# end
```

Example: Creating an Extended-Range VLAN

This example shows how to create a new extended-range VLAN with all default characteristics, enter VLAN configuration mode, and save the new VLAN in the switch startup configuration file:

```
Switch(config)# vtp mode transparent
Switch(config)# vlan 2000
Switch(config-vlan)# end
Switch# copy running-config startup config
```

Feature History for VLAN

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Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7)E3k	VLAN	A VLAN is a switched network that is logically segmented by function, project team, or application, without regard to the physical locations of the users.

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CHAPTER 3

Configuring VLAN Trunks

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Prerequisites for VLAN Trunks

The IEEE 802.1Q trunks impose these limitations on the trunking strategy for a network:

- In a network of Cisco devices connected through IEEE 802.1Q trunks, the devices maintain one spanning-tree instance for each VLAN allowed on the trunks. Non-Cisco devices might support one spanning-tree instance for all VLANs.

When you connect a Cisco device to a non-Cisco device through an IEEE 802.1Q trunk, the Cisco device combines the spanning-tree instance of the VLAN of the trunk with the spanning-tree instance of the non-Cisco IEEE 802.1Q device. However, spanning-tree information for each VLAN is maintained by Cisco device separated by a cloud of non-Cisco IEEE 802.1Q devices. The non-Cisco IEEE 802.1Q cloud separating the Cisco devices is treated as a single trunk link between the devices.

- Make sure the native VLAN for an IEEE 802.1Q trunk is the same on both ends of the trunk link. If the native VLAN on one end of the trunk is different from the native VLAN on the other end, spanning-tree loops might result.
- Disabling spanning tree on the native VLAN of an IEEE 802.1Q trunk without disabling spanning tree on every VLAN in the network can potentially cause spanning-tree loops. We recommend that you leave spanning tree enabled on the native VLAN of an IEEE 802.1Q trunk or disable spanning tree on every VLAN in the network. Make sure your network is loop-free before disabling spanning tree.

Information About VLAN Trunks

Trunking Overview

A trunk is a point-to-point link between one or more Ethernet switch interfaces and another networking device such as a router or a switch. Ethernet trunks carry the traffic of multiple VLANs over a single link, and you can extend the VLANs across an entire network.



Note You can configure a trunk on a single Ethernet interface or on an EtherChannel bundle.

Trunking Modes

Ethernet trunk interfaces support different trunking modes. You can set an interface as trunking or nontrunking or to negotiate trunking with the neighboring interface. To autonegotiate trunking, the interfaces must be in the same VTP domain.

Trunk negotiation is managed by the Dynamic Trunking Protocol (DTP), which is a Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP). However, some internetworking devices might forward DTP frames improperly, which could cause misconfigurations.

Layer 2 Interface Modes

Table 7: Layer 2 Interface Modes

Mode	Function
switchport mode access	Puts the interface (access port) into permanent nontrunking mode and negotiates to convert the link into a nontrunk link. The interface becomes a nontrunk interface regardless of whether or not the neighboring interface is a trunk interface.
switchport mode dynamic auto	Makes the interface able to convert the link to a trunk link. The interface becomes a trunk interface if the neighboring interface is set to trunk or desirable mode. The default switchport mode for all Ethernet interfaces is dynamic auto .
switchport mode dynamic desirable	Makes the interface actively attempt to convert the link to a trunk link. The interface becomes a trunk interface if the neighboring interface is set to trunk , desirable , or auto mode.
switchport mode trunk	Puts the interface into permanent trunking mode and negotiates to convert the neighboring link into a trunk link. The interface becomes a trunk interface even if the neighboring interface is not a trunk interface.

Mode	Function
<code>switchport nonegotiate</code>	Prevents the interface from generating DTP frames. You can use this command only when the interface switchport mode is access or trunk . You must manually configure the neighboring interface as a trunk interface to establish a trunk link.

Allowed VLANs on a Trunk

By default, a trunk port sends traffic to and receives traffic from all VLANs. All VLAN IDs, 1 to 4094, are allowed on each trunk. However, you can remove VLANs from the allowed list, preventing traffic from those VLANs from passing over the trunk.

To reduce the risk of spanning-tree loops or storms, you can disable VLAN 1 on any individual VLAN trunk port by removing VLAN 1 from the allowed list. When you remove VLAN 1 from a trunk port, the interface continues to send and receive management traffic, for example, Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP), Port Aggregation Protocol (PAgP), Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP), DTP, and VTP in VLAN 1.

If a trunk port with VLAN 1 disabled is converted to a nontrunk port, it is added to the access VLAN. If the access VLAN is set to 1, the port will be added to VLAN 1, regardless of the **switchport trunk allowed** setting. The same is true for any VLAN that has been disabled on the port.

A trunk port can become a member of a VLAN if the VLAN is enabled, if VTP knows of the VLAN, and if the VLAN is in the allowed list for the port. When VTP detects a newly enabled VLAN and the VLAN is in the allowed list for a trunk port, the trunk port automatically becomes a member of the enabled VLAN. When VTP detects a new VLAN and the VLAN is not in the allowed list for a trunk port, the trunk port does not become a member of the new VLAN.

Load Sharing on Trunk Ports

Load sharing divides the bandwidth supplied by parallel trunks connecting switches. To avoid loops, STP normally blocks all but one parallel link between switches. Using load sharing, you divide the traffic between the links according to which VLAN the traffic belongs.

You configure load sharing on trunk ports by using STP port priorities or STP path costs. For load sharing using STP port priorities, both load-sharing links must be connected to the same switch. For load sharing using STP path costs, each load-sharing link can be connected to the same switch or to two different switches.

Network Load Sharing Using STP Priorities

When two ports on the same switch form a loop, the switch uses the STP port priority to decide which port is enabled and which port is in a blocking state. You can set the priorities on a parallel trunk port so that the port carries all the traffic for a given VLAN. The trunk port with the higher priority (lower values) for a VLAN is forwarding traffic for that VLAN. The trunk port with the lower priority (higher values) for the same VLAN remains in a blocking state for that VLAN. One trunk port sends or receives all traffic for the VLAN.

Network Load Sharing Using STP Path Cost

You can configure parallel trunks to share VLAN traffic by setting different path costs on a trunk and associating the path costs with different sets of VLANs, blocking different ports for different VLANs. The VLANs keep the traffic separate and maintain redundancy in the event of a lost link.

Feature Interactions

Trunking interacts with other features in these ways:

- A trunk port cannot be a secure port.
- Trunk ports can be grouped into EtherChannel port groups, but all trunks in the group must have the same configuration. When a group is first created, all ports follow the parameters set for the first port to be added to the group. If you change the configuration of one of these parameters, the switch propagates the setting that you entered to all ports in the group:
 - Allowed-VLAN list.
 - STP port priority for each VLAN.
 - STP Port Fast setting.
 - Trunk status:
 - If one port in a port group ceases to be a trunk, all ports cease to be trunks.
- If you try to enable IEEE 802.1x on a trunk port, an error message appears, and IEEE 802.1x is not enabled. If you try to change the mode of an IEEE 802.1x-enabled port to trunk, the port mode is not changed.
- A port in dynamic mode can negotiate with its neighbor to become a trunk port. If you try to enable IEEE 802.1x on a dynamic port, an error message appears, and IEEE 802.1x is not enabled. If you try to change the mode of an IEEE 802.1x-enabled port to dynamic, the port mode is not changed.

Default Layer 2 Ethernet Interface VLAN Configuration

The following table shows the default Layer 2 Ethernet interface VLAN configuration.

Table 8: Default Layer 2 Ethernet Interface VLAN Configuration

Feature	Default Setting
Interface mode	switchport mode dynamic auto
Allowed VLAN range	VLANs 1 to 4094
VLAN range eligible for pruning	VLANs 2 to 1001
Default VLAN (for access ports)	VLAN 1
Native VLAN (for IEEE 802.1Q trunks)	VLAN 1

How to Configure VLAN Trunks

To avoid trunking misconfigurations, configure interfaces connected to devices that do not support DTP to not forward DTP frames, that is, to turn off DTP.

- If you do not intend to trunk across those links, use the **switchport mode access** interface configuration command to disable trunking.
- To enable trunking to a device that does not support DTP, use the **switchport mode trunk** and **switchport nonegotiate** interface configuration commands to cause the interface to become a trunk but to not generate DTP frames.

Configuring an Ethernet Interface as a Trunk Port

Configuring a Trunk Port

Because trunk ports send and receive VTP advertisements, to use VTP you must ensure that at least one trunk port is configured on the switch and that this trunk port is connected to the trunk port of a second switch. Otherwise, the switch cannot receive any VTP advertisements.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>interface-id</i> Example: Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/2	Specifies the port to be configured for trunking, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	switchport mode {dynamic {auto desirable} trunk} Example: Device(config-if)# switchport mode dynamic desirable	Configures the interface as a Layer 2 trunk (required only if the interface is a Layer 2 access port or tunnel port or to specify the trunking mode). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dynamic auto: Sets the interface to a trunk link if the neighboring interface is set to trunk or desirable mode. This is the default. • dynamic desirable: Sets the interface to a trunk link if the neighboring interface is set to trunk, desirable, or auto mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trunk: Sets the interface in permanent trunking mode and negotiate to convert the link to a trunk link even if the neighboring interface is not a trunk interface.
Step 5	switchport access vlan <i>vlan-id</i> Example: <pre>Device(config-if)# switchport access vlan 200</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the default VLAN, which is used if the interface stops trunking.
Step 6	switchport trunk native vlan <i>vlan-id</i> Example: <pre>Device(config-if)# switchport trunk native vlan 200</pre>	Specifies the native VLAN for IEEE 802.1Q trunks.
Step 7	end Example: <pre>Device(config)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 8	show interfaces <i>interface-id</i> switchport Example: <pre>Device# show interfaces gigabitethernet 1/0/2 switchport</pre>	Displays the switch port configuration of the interface in the <i>Administrative Mode</i> and the <i>Administrative Trunking Encapsulation</i> fields of the display.
Step 9	show interfaces <i>interface-id</i> trunk Example: <pre>Device# show interfaces gigabitethernet 1/0/2 trunk</pre>	Displays the trunk configuration of the interface.
Step 10	copy running-config startup-config Example: <pre>Device# copy running-config startup-config</pre>	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Defining the Allowed VLANs on a Trunk

VLAN 1 is the default VLAN on all trunk ports in all Cisco switches, and it has previously been a requirement that VLAN 1 always be enabled on every trunk link. You can use the VLAN 1 minimization feature to disable VLAN 1 on any individual VLAN trunk link so that no user traffic (including spanning-tree advertisements) is sent or received on VLAN 1.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface interface-id Example: Device (config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/2	Specifies the port to be configured, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	switchport mode trunk Example: Device (config-if)# switchport mode trunk	Configures the interface as a VLAN trunk port.
Step 5	end Example: Device (config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	show interfaces interface-id switchport Example: Device# show interfaces gigabitethernet 1/0/2 switchport	Verifies your entries in the <i>Trunking VLANs Enabled</i> field of the display.
Step 7	copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Changing the Pruning-Eligible List

The pruning-eligible list applies only to trunk ports. Each trunk port has its own eligibility list. VTP pruning must be enabled for this procedure to take effect.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Device> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Device# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>interface-id</i> Example: <pre>Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1-48</pre>	Selects the trunk port for which VLANs should be pruned, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	switchport trunk pruning vlan {add except none remove} <i>vlan-list</i> [,vlan [,vlan [,,,]]]	Configures the list of VLANs allowed to be pruned from the trunk. For explanations about using the add , except , none , and remove keywords, see the command reference for this release. Separate non-consecutive VLAN IDs with a comma and no spaces; use a hyphen to designate a range of IDs. Valid IDs are 2 to 1001. Extended-range VLANs (VLAN IDs 1006 to 4094) cannot be pruned. VLANs that are pruning-ineligible receive flooded traffic. The default list of VLANs allowed to be pruned contains VLANs 2 to 1001.
Step 5	end Example: <pre>Device(config)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	show interfaces <i>interface-id</i> switchport Example: <pre>Device# show interfaces gigabitethernet 1/0/2 switchport</pre>	Verifies your entries in the <i>Pruning VLANs Enabled</i> field of the display.
Step 7	copy running-config startup-config Example:	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device# <code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	

Configuring the Native VLAN for Untagged Traffic

A trunk port configured with IEEE 802.1Q tagging can receive both tagged and untagged traffic. By default, the switch forwards untagged traffic in the native VLAN configured for the port. The native VLAN is VLAN 1 by default.

The native VLAN can be assigned any VLAN ID.

If a packet has a VLAN ID that is the same as the outgoing port native VLAN ID, the packet is sent untagged; otherwise, the switch sends the packet with a tag.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> <code>enable</code>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# <code>configure terminal</code>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>interface-id</i> Example: Device(config)# <code>interface gigabitethernet 1/0/2</code>	Defines the interface that is configured as the IEEE 802.1Q trunk, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	switchport trunk native vlan <i>vlan-id</i> Example: Device(config-if)# <code>switchport trunk native vlan 12</code>	Configures the VLAN that is sending and receiving untagged traffic on the trunk port. For <i>vlan-id</i> , the range is 1 to 4094.
Step 5	end Example: Device(config)# <code>end</code>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	show interfaces <i>interface-id</i> switchport Example: Device# show interfaces gigabitethernet 1/0/2 switchport	Verifies your entries in the <i>Trunking Native Mode VLAN</i> field.
Step 7	copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Configuring Trunk Ports for Load Sharing

Configuring Load Sharing Using STP Port Priorities

These steps describe how to configure a network with load sharing using STP port priorities.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	vtp domain <i>domain-name</i> Example: Device (config)# vtp domain workdomain	Configures a VTP administrative domain. The domain name can be 1 to 32 characters.
Step 4	vtp mode server Example: Device (config)# vtp mode server	Configures Switch A as the VTP server.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	show vtp status Example: Device# show vtp status	Verifies the VTP configuration on both Switch A and Switch B. In the display, check the <i>VTP Operating Mode</i> and the <i>VTP Domain Name</i> fields.
Step 7	show vlan Example: Device# show vlan	Verifies that the VLANs exist in the database on Switch A.
Step 8	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 9	interface interface-id Example: Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/2	Defines the interface to be configured as a trunk, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 10	switchport mode trunk Example: Device(config-if)# switchport mode trunk	Configures the port as a trunk port.
Step 11	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 12	show interfaces interface-id switchport Example: Device# show interfaces gigabitethernet 1/0/2 switchport	Verifies the VLAN configuration.
Step 13	Repeat the above steps on Switch A for a second port in the switch.	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 14	Repeat the above steps on Switch B to configure the trunk ports that connect to the trunk ports configured on Switch A.	
Step 15	show vlan Example: Device# show vlan	When the trunk links come up, VTP passes the VTP and VLAN information to Switch B. This command verifies that Switch B has learned the VLAN configuration.
Step 16	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode on Switch A.
Step 17	interface interface-id Example: Device (config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1	Defines the interface to set the STP port priority, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 18	spanning-tree vlan vlan-range port-priority priority-value Example: Device (config-if)# spanning-tree vlan 8-10 port-priority 16	Assigns the port priority for the VLAN range specified. Enter a port priority value from 0 to 240. Port priority values increment by 16.
Step 19	exit Example: Device (config-if)# exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 20	interface interface-id Example: Device (config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/2	Defines the interface to set the STP port priority, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 21	spanning-tree vlan vlan-range port-priority priority-value Example: Device (config-if)# spanning-tree vlan 3-6 port-priority 16	Assigns the port priority for the VLAN range specified. Enter a port priority value from 0 to 240. Port priority values increment by 16.
Step 22	end Example:	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device (config) # end	
Step 23	show running-config Example: Device# show running-config	Verifies your entries.
Step 24	copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Configuring Load Sharing Using STP Path Cost

These steps describe how to configure a network with load sharing using STP path costs.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>interface-id</i> Example: Device (config) # interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1	Defines the interface to be configured as a trunk, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	switchport mode trunk Example: Device (config-if) # switchport mode trunk	Configures the port as a trunk port.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	exit Example: Device (config-if) # exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 6	Repeat Steps 2 through 4 on a second interface in Switch A.	
Step 7	end Example: Device (config) # end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 8	show running-config Example: Device# show running-config	Verifies your entries. In the display, make sure that the interfaces are configured as trunk ports.
Step 9	show vlan Example: Device# show vlan	When the trunk links come up, Switch A receives the VTP information from the other switches. This command verifies that Switch A has learned the VLAN configuration.
Step 10	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 11	interface interface-id Example: Device (config) # interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1	Defines the interface on which to set the STP cost, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 12	spanning-tree vlan vlan-range cost cost-value Example: Device (config-if) # spanning-tree vlan 2-4 cost 30	Sets the spanning-tree path cost to 30 for VLANs 2 through 4.
Step 13	end Example:	Returns to global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config-if)# end	
Step 14	Repeat Steps 9 through 13 on the other configured trunk interface on Switch A, and set the spanning-tree path cost to 30 for VLANs 8, 9, and 10.	
Step 15	exit Example: Device(config)# exit	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 16	show running-config Example: Device# show running-config	Verifies your entries. In the display, verify that the path costs are set correctly for both trunk interfaces.
Step 17	copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Configuration Examples for VLAN Trunking

Example: Configuring a Trunk Port

The following example shows how to configure a port as an IEEE 802.1Q trunk. The example assumes that the neighbor interface is configured to support IEEE 802.1Q trunking.

```
Switch# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Switch(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/2
Switch(config-if)# switchport mode dynamic desirable
Switch(config-if)# end
```

Example: Removing a VLAN from a Port

This example shows how to remove VLAN 2 from the allowed VLAN list on a port:

```
Switch(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1
Switch(config-if)# switchport trunk allowed vlan remove 2
```

```
Switch(config-if) # end
```

Feature History for VLAN Trunks

This table provides release and related information for features explained in this module.

These features are available on all releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless noted otherwise.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7)E3k	VLAN Trunks	A trunk is a point-to-point link between one or more Ethernet interfaces and another networking device such as a router or a controller.

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CHAPTER 4

Configuring Voice VLAN

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Prerequisites for Voice VLANs

The following are the prerequisites for voice VLANs:

- Voice VLAN configuration is only supported on switch access ports; voice VLAN configuration is not supported on trunk ports.



Note Trunk ports can carry any number of voice VLANs, similar to regular VLANs. The configuration of voice VLANs is not supported on trunk ports.

- Before you enable voice VLAN, we recommend that you enable QoS on the switch by entering the **mls qos** global configuration command and configure the port trust state to trust by entering the **mls qos trust cos** interface configuration command. If you use the auto-QoS feature, these settings are automatically configured.
- You must enable Cisco Discovery Protocol on the switch port connected to the Cisco IP Phone to send the configuration to the phone. (Cisco Discovery Protocol is globally enabled by default on all switch interfaces.)

Restrictions for Voice VLANs

You cannot configure static secure MAC addresses in the voice VLAN.

Information About Voice VLAN

Voice VLANs

The voice VLAN feature enables access ports to carry IP voice traffic from an IP phone. When the switch is connected to a Cisco IP Phone, the phone sends voice traffic with Layer 3 IP precedence and Layer 2 class of service (CoS) values, which are both set to 5 by default. Because the sound quality of an IP phone call can deteriorate if the data is unevenly sent, the switch supports quality of service (QoS) based on IEEE 802.1p CoS. QoS uses classification and scheduling to send network traffic from the switch in a predictable manner.

The Cisco IP Phone is a configurable device, and you can configure it to forward traffic with an IEEE 802.1p priority. You can configure the switch to trust or override the traffic priority assigned by a Cisco IP Phone.

Cisco IP Phone Voice Traffic

You can configure an access port with an attached Cisco IP Phone to use one VLAN for voice traffic and another VLAN for data traffic from a device attached to the phone. You can configure access ports on the switch to send Cisco Discovery Protocol packets that instruct an attached phone to send voice traffic to the switch in any of these ways:

- In the voice VLAN tagged with a Layer 2 CoS priority value
- In the access VLAN tagged with a Layer 2 CoS priority value
- In the access VLAN, untagged (no Layer 2 CoS priority value)



Note In all configurations, the voice traffic carries a Layer 3 IP precedence value (the default is 5 for voice traffic and 3 for voice control traffic).

Cisco IP Phone Data Traffic

The switch can also process tagged data traffic (traffic in IEEE 802.1Q or IEEE 802.1p frame types) from the device attached to the access port on the Cisco IP Phone. You can configure Layer 2 access ports on the switch to send Cisco Discovery Protocol packets that instruct the attached phone to configure the phone access port in one of these modes:

- In trusted mode, all traffic received through the access port on the Cisco IP Phone passes through the phone unchanged.
- In untrusted mode, all traffic in IEEE 802.1Q or IEEE 802.1p frames received through the access port on the Cisco IP Phone receive a configured Layer 2 CoS value. The default Layer 2 CoS value is 0. Untrusted mode is the default.



Note Untagged traffic from the device attached to the Cisco IP Phone passes through the phone unchanged, regardless of the trust state of the access port on the phone.

Voice VLAN Configuration Guidelines

- Because a Cisco IP Phone also supports a connection to a PC or other device, a port connecting the switch to a Cisco IP Phone can carry mixed traffic. You can configure a port to decide how the Cisco IP Phone carries voice traffic and data traffic.
- The voice VLAN should be present and active on the switch for the IP phone to correctly communicate on the voice VLAN. Use the **show vlan** privileged EXEC command to see if the VLAN is present (listed in the display). If the VLAN is not listed, create the voice VLAN.
- The Power over Ethernet (PoE) switches are capable of automatically providing power to Cisco pre-standard and IEEE 802.3af-compliant powered devices if they are not being powered by an AC power source.
- The Port Fast feature is automatically enabled when voice VLAN is configured. When you disable voice VLAN, the Port Fast feature is not automatically disabled.
- If the Cisco IP Phone and a device attached to the phone are in the same VLAN, they must be in the same IP subnet. These conditions indicate that they are in the same VLAN:
 - They both use IEEE 802.1p or untagged frames.
 - The Cisco IP Phone uses IEEE 802.1p frames, and the device uses untagged frames.
 - The Cisco IP Phone uses untagged frames, and the device uses IEEE 802.1p frames.
 - The Cisco IP Phone uses IEEE 802.1Q frames, and the voice VLAN is the same as the access VLAN.
- The Cisco IP Phone and a device attached to the phone cannot communicate if they are in the same VLAN and subnet but use different frame types because traffic in the same subnet is not routed (routing would eliminate the frame type difference).
- Voice VLAN ports can also be these port types:
 - Dynamic access port.
 - IEEE 802.1x authenticated port.



Note If you enable IEEE 802.1x on an access port on which a voice VLAN is configured and to which a Cisco IP Phone is connected, the phone loses connectivity to the for up to 30 seconds.

- Protected port.
- A source or destination port for a SPAN session.
- Secure port.



Note When you enable port security on an interface that is also configured with a voice VLAN, you must set the maximum allowed secure addresses on the port to two plus the maximum number of secure addresses allowed on the access VLAN. When the port is connected to a Cisco IP Phone, the phone requires up to two MAC addresses. The phone address is learned on the voice VLAN and might also be learned on the access VLAN. Connecting a PC to the phone requires additional MAC addresses.

Default Voice VLAN Configuration

The voice VLAN feature is disabled by default.

When the voice VLAN feature is enabled, all untagged traffic is sent according to the default CoS priority of the port.

The CoS value is not trusted for IEEE 802.1p or IEEE 802.1Q tagged traffic.

How to Configure Voice VLAN

Configuring Cisco IP Phone Voice Traffic

You can configure a port connected to the Cisco IP Phone to send CDP packets to the phone to configure the way in which the phone sends voice traffic. The phone can carry voice traffic in IEEE 802.1Q frames for a specified voice VLAN with a Layer 2 CoS value. It can use IEEE 802.1p priority tagging to give voice traffic a higher priority and forward all voice traffic through the native (access) VLAN. The Cisco IP Phone can also send untagged voice traffic or use its own configuration to send voice traffic in the access VLAN. In all configurations, the voice traffic carries a Layer 3 IP precedence value (the default is 5).

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	<p>interface <i>interface-id</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1</pre>	Specifies the interface connected to the phone, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	<p>mls qos trust cos</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-if)# mls qos trust cos</pre>	<p>Configures the interface to classify incoming traffic packets by using the packet CoS value. For untagged packets, the port default CoS value is used.</p> <p>Note Before configuring the port trust state, you must first globally enable QoS by using the mls qos global configuration command.</p>
Step 5	<p>switchport voice {vlan{<i>vlan-id</i> dot1p none untagged}}</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-if)# switchport voice vlan dot1p</pre>	<p>Configures the voice VLAN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vlan-id: Configures the phone to forward all voice traffic through the specified VLAN. By default, the Cisco IP Phone forwards the voice traffic with an IEEE 802.1Q priority of 5. Valid VLAN IDs are 1 to 4094. • dot1p: Configures the switch to accept voice and data IEEE 802.1p priority frames tagged with VLAN ID 0 (the native VLAN). By default, the switch drops all voice and data traffic tagged with VLAN 0. If configured for 802.1p the Cisco IP Phone forwards the traffic with an IEEE 802.1p priority of 5. • none: Allows the phone to use its own configuration to send untagged voice traffic. • untagged: Configures the phone to send untagged voice traffic.
Step 6	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-if)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 7	<p>Use one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • show interfaces <i>interface-id</i> switchport • show running-config interface <i>interface-id</i> 	Verifies your voice VLAN entries or your QoS and voice VLAN entries.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config)# show interfaces gigabitethernet 1/0/1 switchport</pre> <p>Or</p> <pre>Device(config)# show running-config interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1</pre>	
Step 8	<p>copy running-config startup-config</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# copy running-config startup-config</pre>	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Monitoring Voice VLAN

To display voice VLAN configuration for an interface, use the **show interfaces *interface-id* switchport** privileged EXEC command.

Configuration Examples

Example: Configuring Cisco IP Phone Voice Traffic

This example shows how to configure a port connected to a Cisco IP Phone to use the CoS value to classify incoming traffic and to accept voice and data priority traffic tagged with VLAN ID 0:

```
Switch# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.

Switch(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1
Switch(config-if)# mls qos trust cos
Switch(config-if)# switchport voice vlan dot1p
Switch(config-if)# end
```

To return the port to its default setting, use the **no switchport voice vlan** interface configuration command.

Feature History for Voice VLAN

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Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7)E3k	Voice VLAN	The voice VLAN feature enables access ports to carry IP voice traffic from an IP phone.

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