



Monitoring System Processes and Logs

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Displaying System Processes

Use the **show processes** command to obtain general information about all processes (see Examples 26-1 to 26-6).

Example 26-1 Displays System Processes

```
switch# show processes
PID      State  PC          Start_cnt  TTY  Process
-----  -----  -----  -
868      S      2ae4f33e   1          -    snmpd
869      S      2acee33e   1          -    rscn
870      S      2ac36c24   1          -    qos
871      S      2ac44c24   1          -    port-channel
872      S      2ac7a33e   1          -    ntp
-        ER      -          1          -    mdog
-        NR      -          0          -    vbuilder
```

Terms:

- PID = process ID.
- State = process state
 - D = uninterruptible sleep (usually IO)
 - R = runnable (on run queue)
 - S = sleeping
 - T = traced or stopped
 - Z = defunct (“zombie”) process
- NR = not-running
- ER = should be running but currently not-running
- PC = current program counter in hex format
- Start_cnt = how many times a process has been started (or restarted).
- TTY = terminal that controls the process. A “-” usually means a daemon not running on any particular TTY
- Process = name of the process

Example 26-2 Displays CPU Utilization Information

```
switch# show processes cpu
PID      Runtime (ms)  Invoked  uSecs  1Sec  Process
-----  -----  -
842      3807         137001   27     0.0   sysmgr
1112     1220         67974    17     0.0   syslogd
1269     220          13568    16     0.0   fcfwd
1276     2901         15419    188    0.0   zone
1277     738          21010    35     0.0   xbar_client
1278     1159         6789     170    0.0   wwn
1279     515          67617    7      0.0   vsan
```

Terms:

- Runtime(ms) = CPU time the process has used, expressed in milliseconds
- Invoked = number of times the process has been invoked

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- uSecs = microseconds of CPU time in average for each process invocation
- 1Sec = CPU utilization in percentage for the last one second

Example 26-3 Displays Process Log Information

```
switch# show processes log
Process          PID      Normal-exit  Stack-trace  Core      Log-create-time
-----
fspf             1339     N            Y            N        Jan  5 04:25
lcm              1559     N            Y            N        Jan  2 04:49
rib              1741     N            Y            N        Jan  1 06:05
```

Terms:

- Normal-exit = whether or not the process exited normally
- Stack-trace = whether or not there is a stack trace in the log
- Core = whether or not there exists a core file
- Log-create-time = when the log file got generated

Example 26-4 Displays Detail Log Information About a Process

```
switch# show processes log pid 1339
Service: fspf
Description: FSPF Routing Protocol Application

Started at Sat Jan  5 03:23:44 1980 (545631 us)
Stopped at Sat Jan  5 04:25:57 1980 (819598 us)
Uptime: 1 hours 2 minutes 2 seconds

Start type: SRV_OPTION_RESTART_STATELESS (23)
Death reason: SYSMGR_DEATH_REASON_FAILURE_SIGNAL (2)
Exit code: signal 9 (no core)
CWD: /var/sysmgr/work

Virtual Memory:

CODE      08048000 - 0809A100
DATA      0809B100 - 0809B65C
BRK       0809D988 - 080CD000
STACK     7FFFD20
TOTAL     23764 KB

Register Set:

EBX 00000005      ECX 7FFFF8CC      EDX 00000000
ESI 00000000      EDI 7FFFF6CC      EBP 7FFFF95C
EAX FFFFFFFE      XDS 8010002B      XES 0000002B
EAX 0000008E (orig)  EIP 2ACE133E      XCS 00000023
EFL 00000207      ESP 7FFF654       XSS 0000002B

Stack: 1740 bytes. ESP 7FFF654, TOP 7FFFD20

0x7FFF654: 00000000 00000008 00000003 08051E95 .....
0x7FFF664: 00000005 7FFF8CC 00000000 00000000 .....
0x7FFF674: 7FFF6CC 00000001 7FFF95C 080522CD .....\"..
0x7FFF684: 7FFF9A4 00000008 7FFFC34 2AC1F18C .....4.....*
```

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Example 26-5 Displays All Process Log Details

```
switch# show processes log details
=====
Service: snmpd
Description: SNMP Agent

Started at Wed Jan  9 00:14:55 1980 (597263 us)
Stopped at Fri Jan 11 10:08:36 1980 (649860 us)
Uptime: 2 days 9 hours 53 minutes 53 seconds

Start type: SRV_OPTION_RESTART_STATEFUL (24)
Death reason: SYSMGR_DEATH_REASON_FAILURE_SIGNAL (2)
Exit code: signal 6 (core dumped)
CWD: /var/sysmgr/work

Virtual Memory:

      CODE      08048000 - 0804C4A0
      DATA      0804D4A0 - 0804D770
      BRK         0804DFC4 - 0818F000
      STACK      7FFFFCE0
      TOTAL      26656 KB
.....
```

Example 26-6 Displays Memory Information About Processes

```
switch# show processes memory
PID      MemAlloc  StackBase/Ptr  Process
-----  -
1277     120632   7ffffcd0/7ffffefe4  xbar_client
1278      56800   7ffffce0/7ffffb5c   wwn
1279    1210220  7ffffce0/7ffffbac   vsan
1293     386144  7ffffcf0/7ffffebd4  span
1294    1396892  7ffffce0/7ffffdff4  snmpd
1295     214528  7ffffcf0/7ffff904   rscn
1296      42064  7ffffce0/7ffffb5c   qos
```

Where:

- MemAlloc = total memory allocated by the process.
- StackBase/Ptr = process stack base and current stack pointer in hex format

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Displaying System Status

Use the **show system** command to display system-related status information ([Example 26-7](#) to [Example 26-10](#)).

Example 26-7 Displays Default Switch Port States

```
switch# show system default switchport
System default port state is down
System default trunk mode is on
```

Example 26-8 Displays Error Information for a Specified ID

```
switch# show system error-id 0x401D0019
Error Facility: module
Error Description: Failed to stop Linecard Async Notifciation.
```

Example 26-9 Displays the System Reset Information

```
switch# Show system reset-reason
1) No time
   Reason: Watchdog Timeout
   Service:
   Version: 1.0(0.253e)

2) At 125982 usecs after Tue Jan  1 06:45:55 1980
   Reason: Reset Requested CLI command reload
   Service:
   Version: 1.0(0.253e)
```

The **show system reset-reason** command displays the following information:

- In a Cisco MDS 9500 Series switch, the last four reset-reason codes for the supervisor module in slot #5 and slot #6 are displayed. If either supervisor module is absent, the reset-reason codes for that supervisor module are not displayed.
- In a Cisco MDS 9200 Series switch, the last four reset-reason codes for supervisor module in slot #1 are displayed.
- The **show system reset-reason module number** command displays the last four reset-reason codes for a specific module in a given slot. If a module is absent, then the reset-reason codes for that module will not be displayed.

Example 26-10 Displays System Uptime

```
switch# show system uptime
Start Time: Sun Oct 13 18:09:23 2030
Up Time:    0 days, 9 hours, 46 minutes, 26 seconds
```

Use the **show system resources** command to display system-related CPU and memory statistics (see [Example 26-11](#)).

Example 26-11 Displays System-Related CPU and Memory Information

```
switch# show system resources
Load average:  1 minute: 0.43   5 minutes: 0.17   15 minutes: 0.11
Processes   :  100 total, 2 running
CPU states  :  0.0% user,  0.0% kernel, 100.0% idle
```

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```
Memory usage: 1027628K total, 313424K used, 714204K free
                3620K buffers, 22278K cache
```

Where:

- Load is defined as number of running processes. The average reflects the system load over the past 1, 5, and 15 minutes.
- Processes displays the number of processes in the system, and how many are actually running when the command is issued.
- CPU states shows the CPU usage percentage in user mode, kernel mode, and idle time in the last one second.
- Memory usage provides the total memory, used memory, free memory, memory used for buffers, and memory used for cache in KB. Buffers and cache are also included in the *used* memory statistics.

Configuring Core and Log Files

You can save cores (from the active supervisor module, the standby supervisor module, or any switching module) to an external flash (slot 0) or to a TFTP server in one of two ways:

- On demand—to copy a single file based on the provided process ID.
- Periodically—to copy core files periodically as configured by the user.

To copy the core and log files on demand, follow this step:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# copy core:7407 slot0:coreSample	Copies the core file with the process ID 7407 as coreSample in slot 0.
	switch# copy core://5/1524 tftp://1.1.1.1/abcd	Copies cores (if any) of a process with pid 1524 generated on slot 5 to tftp server.

- If the core file for the specified process ID is not available, you will see the following response:

```
switch# copy core:133 slot0:foo
No core file found with pid 133
```

- If two core files exist with same process ID, only one file will be copied:

```
switch# copy core:7407 slot0:foo1
2 core files found with pid 7407
Only "/isan/tmp/logs/calc_server_log.7407.tar.gz" will be copied to the destination.
```

To copy the core and log files periodically, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# config t	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# system cores slot0:coreSample	Copies the core files coreSample to slot 0.
	switch(config)# system cores tftp://1.1.1.1/abcd	Copies the core files (abcd) in the specified directory on the TFTP server.
	switch(config)# no system cores	Disable the core files copying feature.

A new scheme overwrites any previously-issued scheme. For example, if you issue a new system core command, the cores are periodically saved to the new location or file.

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Tip

Be sure to create any required directory before issuing this command. If the directory specified by this command does not exist, the switch software logs a syslog message each time a copy cores is attempted.)

Clearing the Core Directory

Use the **clear cores** command to clean out the core directory. The software keeps the last few cores per service and per slot and clears all other cores present on the active supervisor module.

```
switch# clear cores
```

Displaying Cores Status

Use the **show system cores** command to display the currently configured scheme for copying cores. See Examples 26-12 to 26-14.

Example 26-12 Displays the status of System Cores

```
switch# show system cores
Transfer of cores is enabled
```

Example 26-13 Displays All Cores Available for Upload from the Active Supervisor Module

```
switch# show cores
Module-num Process-name PID Core-create-time
-----
5          fspf          1524   Jan 9 03:11
6          fcc           919    Jan 9 03:09
8          acltcam       285    Jan 9 03:09
8          fib           283    Jan 9 03:08
```

Where:

module-num shows the slot number on which the core was generated. In this example, the fspf core was generated on the active supervisor module (slot 5), fcc was generated on the standby supervisor module (slot 6), and acltcam and fib were generated on the switching module (slot 8).

Example 26-14 Displays Logs on the Local System

```
switch# show processes log
Process PID      Normal-exitStack-traceCore Log-create-time
-----
fspf  1524  N          Y          Y   Jan 9 03:11
```

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Configuring HA Policy

You can disable the HA policy supervisor reset feature (enabled by default) for debugging and troubleshooting purposes.

To configure HA policies, follow this step:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# system no hap-reset	Disables supervisor reset HA policy.
	switch# system hap-reset	Enables Supervisor Reset HA policy whenever a critical service runs out of HA policies (default) and reverts it to factory default.

Resetting HA Statistics

The system statistics reset feature resets the high availability statistics collected by the system.

```
switch# system statistics reset
```

Configuring Heartbeat Checks

The software monitors every service to verify if heartbeats are sent at regular intervals. If not, the software restarts that service. This feature helps locate situations when a service is stuck in an infinite loop.

You can disable the heartbeat checking feature (enabled by default) for debugging and troubleshooting purposes like attaching a GDB to a specified process.

To configure heartbeat checks, follow this step:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# system no heartbeat	Disables heartbeat checks.
	switch# system heartbeat	Enables heartbeat checks (default) and reverts it to factory default.

Configuring Watchdog Checks

If a watchdog is not logged at every 8 seconds by the software, the supervisor module reboots the switch.

You can disable the watchdog checking feature (enabled by default) for debugging and troubleshooting purposes like attaching a GDB or a kernel GDB (KGDB) to a specified process.

To configure watchdog checks, follow this step:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# system no watchdog	Disables watchdog checks.
	switch# system watchdog	Enables watchdog checks (default) and reverts it to factory default.

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Configuring Upgrade Resets

This feature enables supervisor module resets when an upgrade has failed. If the upgrade fails for any reason, the software reboots the switch since the file system may be in an unstable state.

You can disable the upgrade-reset feature (enabled by default) for debugging and troubleshooting purposes.

To configure supervisor upgrade resets, follow this step:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# system no upgrade-reset	Disables the upgrade reset feature.
	switch# system upgrade-reset	Enables the upgrade reset feature (default) and reverts it to factory default.

Configuring Kernel Core Dumps



Caution

Changes to the kernel cores should be made by an administrator or individual who is completely familiar with switch operations.

When a specific module's operating system (OS) crashes, it is sometimes useful to obtain a full copy of the memory image (called a kernel core dump) to identify the cause of the crash. When the module experiences a kernel core dump it triggers the proxy server configured on the supervisor. The supervisor sends the module's OS kernel core dump to the Cisco MDS 9000 System Debug Server. Similarly, if the supervisor OS fails the supervisor sends its OS kernel core dump to the Cisco MDS 9000 System Debug Server.



Note

The Cisco MDS 9000 System Debug Server is a Cisco application that runs on Linux. It creates a repository for kernel core dumps. You can download the Cisco MDS 9000 System Debug Server from the Cisco.com website at <http://www.cisco.com/kobayashi/sw-center/sw-stornet.shtml>.

Kernel core dumps are only useful to your technical support representative. The kernel core dump file, which is a large binary file, must be transferred to an external server that resides on the same physical LAN as the switch. The core dump is subsequently interpreted by technical personnel who have access to source code and detailed memory maps.



Tip

Core dumps take up disk space on the Cisco MDS 9000 System Debug Server application. If all levels of core dumps (**level all** option) are configured, you need to ensure that a minimum of 1GB of disk space is available on the Linux server running the Cisco MDS 9000 System Debug Server application to accept the dump. If the process does not have sufficient space to complete the generation, the module resets itself.

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To configure the external server, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# config terminal switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# kernel core target 10.50.5.5 succeeded	Configures the external server's IP address.

To configure the module information, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	switch# config terminal switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# kernel core module 5 succeeded	Configures kernel core generation for module 5.
	switch(config)# kernel core module 5 level header succeeded	Configures kernel core generation for module 5, and limits the generation to header-level cores.
Step 3	switch(config)# kernel core limit 2 succeeded	Configures generations for two modules. The default is 1 module.

All changes made to kernel cores are saved to the running configuration and may be viewed using the **show running-config** command. Alternatively, use the **show kernel cores** command to view specific configuration changes (see examples 26-15 to 26-17).

Example 26-15 Displays the Core Limit

```
switch# show kernel core limit
2
```

Example 26-16 Displays the External Server

```
switch# show kernel core target
10.50.5.5
```

Example 26-17 Displays the Core Settings for the Specified Module

```
switch# show kernel core module 5
module 5 core is enabled
  level is header
  dst_ip is 10.50.5.5
  src_port is 6671
  dst_port is 6666
  dump_dev_name is eth1
  dst_mac_addr is 00:00:0C:07:AC:01
```