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Lab Assignment: RSTP

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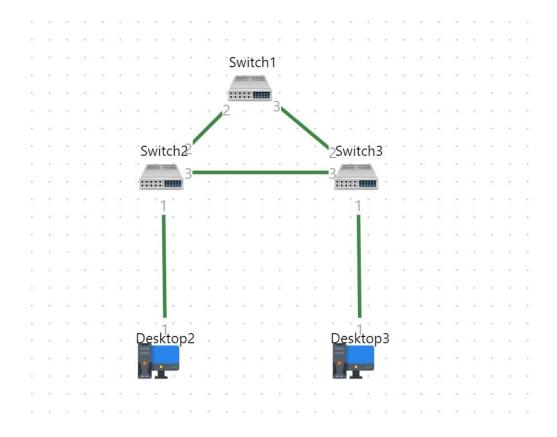
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Introduction

Nowadays we see more and more routing in our networks. Routing protocols like OSPF and EIGRP are much faster than spanning-tree when they have to deal with changes in the network. To keep up with the speed of these routing protocols another flavor of spanning-tree was created rapid spanning-tree. Rapid spanning-tree is not a revolution of the original spanning-tree but an evolution. Behind the scenes some things have been changed to speed up the process, configuration-wise it's the same as what you have seen so far.

RSTP is a network protocol that ensures a loop-free topology for Ethernet networks. RSTP defines three port states: discarding, learning, and forwarding and five port roles: root, designated, alternate, backup, and disabled.

Topology



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Procedure

Enable RSTP

```
> modify parameter-group bridge
                                   system
       spanning-tree
> set
                      enable
       spanning-tree
> set
                     mode
                          rstp
> save
           parameter- group fast-
> modify
ethernet{
           shelf-
                       active-controller base-slot}
                   1{
port-1
   enter spanning-tree
   modify
           parameter-
                       group fast-
ethernet{
           shelf- 1{
                       active-controller base-slot}
port-2
                            draft -e
   set
        enable yes>
                      show
```

Enable RSTP on all active ports of switches.

```
tink-type point-to-point
root-protect disable
block-bpdu-on-edge no
  rstp {
priority 128
        path-cost {
    selection automatic
    value 200000
 mstp {
        priority 128
hello-time 2
        path-cost {
    selection automatic
    value 200000
instance [+] {
configure> set enable yes
configure> save
Info: No modifications to save
configure> EXIT
Switch-operational> show spanning-tree summary
  Bridge : system
 Mode
                                                 : rstp
                                                 : Root bridge
: 32768
: 32768:0:00:a2:26:00:06:
 Bridge role
 Bridge priority
Bridge identifier
 Root bridge identifier
                                                    32768:0:00:a2:26:00:06:
  Root path cost
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Login: test
Password:

Switch-operational> show spanning-tree member summary system

> Bridge : system

>> Port-type : fast-ethernet

Location

State Role

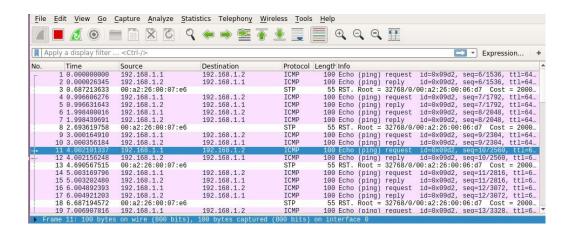
{ shelf-1 { active-controller base-slot } port-1 } forwarding designated { shelf-1 { active-controller base-slot } port-2 } forwarding designated

Number of STP member(s) displayed : 2

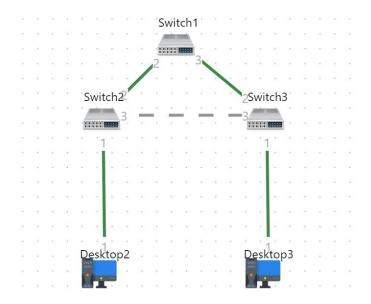
Total number of STP member(s) displayed : 2

Switch-operational>
```

Wireshark Output



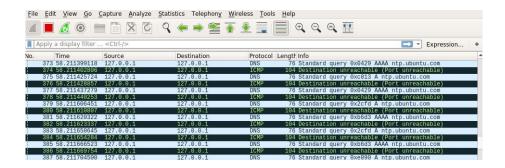
Cut one of the links.



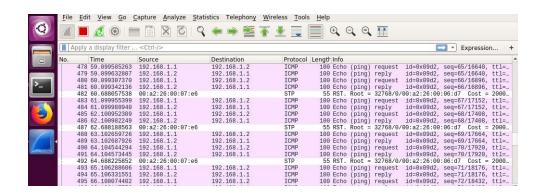
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Wireshark Output

We can see that the packets are dropped since one of the links are cut.



Reconfigure STP



Update Root Bridge to a new value

- > modify parameter-group bridge system
- > set spanning-tree rstp priority 4096
- > save

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Root bridge before and after update

```
Switch-operational> show spanning-tree summary
> Bridge : system
Mode
                                 : rstp
                                 : Non-root bridge
 Bridge role
                                 : 32768
 Bridge priority
                                : 32768:0:00:a2:26:00:09:e7
: 32768:0:00:a2:26:00:06:f5
: 2000000
 Bridge identifier
 Root bridge identifier
 Root path cost
                                 : fast-ethernet
 Root port type
 Root port location
                                 : { shelf-1 { active-controller base-slot } port-2 }
 Total number of stp bridges displayed : 1
```

```
Switch-operational> show spanning-tree summary
> Bridge : system
 Mode
                                   : rstp
 Bridge role
                                   : Root bridge
 Bridge priority
                                   : 4096
                                  : 4096:0:00:a2:26:00:09:e7
: 4096:0:00:a2:26:00:09:e7
 Bridge identifier
 Root bridge identifier
 Root path cost
                                   : 0
 Total number of stp bridges displayed : 1
Switch-operational> show spanning-tree member summary system
> Bridge : system
>> Port-type : fast-ethernet
                                                                 State
                                                                              Role
 Location
 { shelf-1 { active-controller base-slot } port-1 }
{ shelf-1 { active-controller base-slot } port-2 }
                                                                 forwarding designated
                                                                 forwarding designated
 Number of STP member(s) displayed: 2
 Total number of STP member(s) displayed : 2
```

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