

BRYANT CCNA 2018

SECTION 5-Config Modes, IOS Help, Intro to VLANs

GOAL: Reset configs on all second-hand hardware

Config 1: Config Modes and IOS Help Intro

Privileged Exec Mode: "enable mode"

Switch>enable
Switch# configure terminal (or 'conf t')
Switch(config)#

Set hostname:
(config)# hostname sw1
sw1(config)#

IOS Help: help with commands

sw1(config)# h? ← on end of input for list
help hostname hw-module

sw1(config)# hostname ? ← after command for
WORD This system's network name argument list

Config 2: Exec Timeout, Logging Sync, the Console Port

sw1(config)# line con 0
sw1(config-line)# exec-timeout 0 0 } disable timeout
logging synchronous } and enable
synchronous logging
for lab environ.

exec-timeout <minutes> <seconds>

- set timeout, use 0 0 to disable
- it is NOT recommended in production to disable timeout, for security reasons

logging synchronous

- enable synchronous logging
- log output is emitted after a command is entered, will not interrupt.

no logging synchronous

- disable synchronous logging

Config 3: VLAN Lab Begins

Review: VLANs break up broadcast domains.

- group hosts by department, security clearance, etc.
- can be used to increase security, if desired.
- * - prevent Network performance degradation.

A broadcast storm can gradually slow overall network performance slowly over time. At a certain point, the switch is too busy handling broadcasts that it can't carry out basic functions (like forwarding frames!) efficiently.

It is better to avoid this before it happens than to have to try to recover!

show vlan } view vlan info
show vlan brief }

Setting VLAN on Interface

conf t

(config)# int fast 0/2

(config-if)# switchport access vlan 24

% Access VLAN does not exist. Creating VLAN 24

Create VLAN from Global Config

(config)# vlan 42

Remove VLAN

(config)# no vlan 42

Config 5: More VLANs / Erasing the Switch / VLAN.DAT

Reset Configuration

write erase } - erase NVRAM
reload } - restart switch

This will erase the NVRAM, which contains the startup-config. The running-config will stay running.

NOTE: vlans are stored elsewhere and will not be reset.

Delete VLAN Configuration

del vlan.dat

Delete filename [vlan.dat]? ← do NOT type 'Y'

Delete flash:vlan.dat [confirm]

Config 6: Intro to Trunking

Trunking is the process of creating a logical connection between two physically connected switches, allowing frames to be sent between them.

A tag indicating the destination VLAN is placed into the frame by the transmitting switch. The receiving switch uses this frame tagging to see which VLAN should receive the frame.

ISL: Inter-Switch Protocol

- cisco-proprietary: non-cisco switches can't use it.
- many cisco switches also do not support ISL
- encapsulates the entire frame, resulting in greater overhead than IEEE 802.1q
- does not recognize native VLAN concept

IEEE 802.1q ("dot1q")

- Industry standard trunking protocol; can be used by non-cisco and cisco switches alike.
- does not encapsulate the frame
- inserts a 4-byte value indicating the VLAN ID into the ethernet header
- recognizes native VLAN concept

The native VLAN is simply the default VLAN, or VLAN 1 on cisco switches.

Dot1q recognizes the native VLAN, and will not even tag the ethernet header if the frame is destined for the native VLAN.

ISL just encapsulates every frame, whether it is on the native VLAN or not.

Config 7: The Trunking Port Modes

Access Ports belong to exactly one VLAN and cannot trunk. Check access ports with 'show vlan'

Trunk Ports belong to all VLANs. View Trunk ports with 'show interface trunk' and will not show up under 'show vlan'.

(Config-if) # switchport mode ?
access dynamic trunk

access - specifically turn trunking off } unconditionally
trunk - specifically turn trunking on }

dynamic - negotiates trunking dynamically.

- dynamic desirable - actively attempting to trunk. will form a trunk if remote port is on, desirable, or auto mode.
- dynamic auto - passive mode. the port will trunk, but the remote port must initiate. will trunk with desirable or on mode on remote, but not with a passive remote (auto)

nonegotiate - puts a port into permanent trunking mode but Dynamic Trunking Protocol (DTP) frames are not sent.

DTP is a negotiation protocol used to decide which trunking protocol to use (if both switches support both protocols) and if to trunk at all.

Config 8: Filtering Traffic on a Per-VLAN basis

Trunks are members of Every VLAN, but sometimes this can create unnecessary traffic forwarding.

We can deny traffic the ability to cross the trunk on a per-VLAN basis with

switch port trunk allowed vlan ?

with the options:

add all except none remove

which are all self-explanatory.