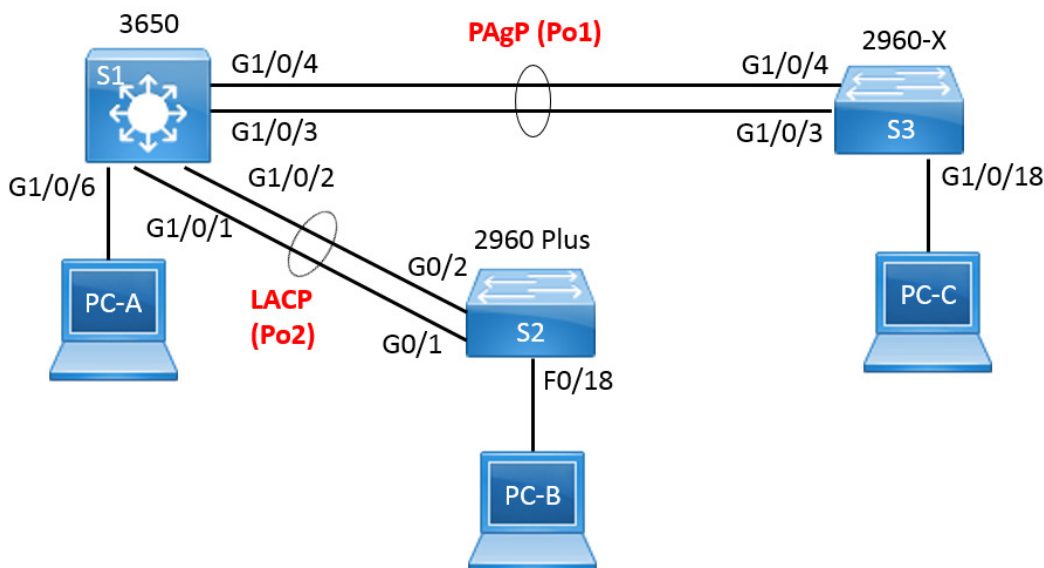


Lab – Configuring EtherChannel

Topology



Addressing Table

Device	Interface	IP Address	Subnet Mask
PC-A	NIC	192.168.10.1	255.255.255.0
PC-B	NIC	192.168.10.2	255.255.255.0
PC-C	NIC	192.168.10.3	255.255.255.0

Objectives

Part 1: Configure Basic Switch Settings

Part 2: Configure PAgP

Part 3: Configure LACP

Background / Scenario

Link aggregation allows the creation of logical links that are comprised of two or more physical links. This provides increased throughput beyond using only one physical link. Link aggregation also provides redundancy if one of the links fails.

In this lab, you will configure EtherChannel, a form of link aggregation used in switched networks. You will configure EtherChannel using Port Aggregation Protocol (PAgP) and Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP).

Note: PAgP is a Cisco-proprietary protocol that you can only run on Cisco switches and on switches that are licensed vendors to support PAgP. LACP is a link aggregation protocol that is defined by IEEE 802.3ad, and it is not associated with any specific vendor.

LACP allows Cisco switches to manage Ethernet channels between switches that conform to the 802.3ad protocol. You can configure up to 16 ports to form a channel. Eight of the ports are in active mode and the other eight are in standby mode. When any of the active ports fail, a standby port becomes active. Standby mode works only for LACP, not for PAgP.

Note: The switches used with CCNA hands-on labs are Cisco Catalyst 2960s with Cisco IOS Release 15.0(2) (lanbasek9 image). Other switches and Cisco IOS versions can be used. Depending on the model and Cisco IOS version, the commands available and output produced might vary from what is shown in the labs.

Note: Make sure that the switches have been erased and have no startup configurations. If you are unsure, contact your instructor.

Required Resources

- 3 Switches (Cisco 2960 with Cisco IOS Release 15.0(2) lanbasek9 image or comparable)
- 3 PCs (Windows 10 with terminal emulation program, such as Tera Term)
- Console cables to configure the Cisco IOS devices via the console ports
- Ethernet cables as shown in the topology

Part 1: Configure Basic Switch Settings

In Part 1, you will set up the network topology and configure basic settings.

Step 1: Cable the network as shown in the topology.

Attach the devices as shown in the topology diagram, and cable as necessary.

Step 2: Initialize and reload the switches.

Step 3: Configure basic settings for each switch.

- Disable DNS lookup.
- Configure the device name as displayed in the topology.
- Assign the IP addresses according to the Addressing Table.

Step 4: Configure the PCs.

Assign IP addresses to the PCs according to the Addressing Table.

Part 2: Configure PAgP

PAgP is a Cisco proprietary protocol for link aggregation. In Part 2, a link between S1 and S3 will be configured using PAgP.

Step 1: Configure PAgP on S1 and S3.

For a link between S1 and S3, configure the ports on S1 with PAgP desirable mode and the ports on S3 with PAgP auto mode. Enable the ports after PAgP modes have been configured.

```
S1(config)# interface range g1/0/3-4
S1(config-if-range)# channel-group 1 mode desirable
Creating a port-channel interface Port-channel 1

S1(config-if-range)# no shutdown

S3(config)# interface range g1/0/3-4
S3(config-if-range)# channel-group 1 mode auto
Creating a port-channel interface Port-channel 1

S3(config-if-range)# no shutdown
```

Step 2: Examine the configuration on the ports.

Currently the G1/0/3, G1/0/4, and Po1 (Port-channel1) interfaces on both S1 and S3 are in access operational mode with the administrative mode in dynamic auto. Verify the configuration using the **show run interface interface-id** and **show interfaces interface-id switchport** commands, respectively. The example configuration outputs for G1/0/3 on S1 are as follows:

```
S1# show run interface g1/0/3
Building configuration...

Current configuration : 70 bytes
!
Interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3
  channel-group 1 mode desirable

S1# show interfaces g1/0/3 switchport
Name: Gi1/0/3
Switchport: Enabled
Administrative Mode: dynamic auto
Operational Mode: static access (member of bundle Po1)
Administrative Trunking Encapsulation: dot1q
Operational Trunking Encapsulation: native
Negotiation of Trunking: On
Access Mode VLAN: 1 (default)
Trunking Native Mode VLAN: 1 (default)
Administrative Native VLAN tagging: enabled
Voice VLAN: none
Administrative private-vlan host-association: none
Administrative private-vlan mapping: none
Administrative private-vlan trunk native VLAN: none
Administrative private-vlan trunk Native VLAN tagging: enabled
Administrative private-vlan trunk encapsulation: dot1q
Administrative private-vlan trunk normal VLANs: none
Administrative private-vlan trunk associations: none
Administrative private-vlan trunk mappings: none
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```
Operational private-vlan: none
Trunking VLANs Enabled: ALL
Pruning VLANs Enabled: 2-1001
Capture Mode Disabled
Capture VLANs Allowed: ALL

Protected: false
Unknown unicast blocked: disabled
Unknown multicast blocked: disabled
Appliance trust: none
```

Step 3: Verify that the ports have been aggregated.

```
S1# show etherchannel summary
Flags:  D - down          P - bundled in port-channel
        I - stand-alone  s - suspended
        H - Hot-standby  (LACP only)
        R - Layer3       S - Layer2
        U - in use       f - failed to allocate aggregator

        M - not in use, minimum links not met
        u - unsuitable for bundling
        w - waiting to be aggregated
        d - default port
```

```
Number of channel-groups in use: 1
Number of aggregators:           1
```

Group	Port-channel	Protocol	Ports
1	Po1 (SU)	PAgP	Gi1/0/3 (P) Gi1/0/4 (P)

```
S3# show etherchannel summary
Flags:  D - down          P - bundled in port-channel
        I - stand-alone  s - suspended
        H - Hot-standby  (LACP only)
        R - Layer3       S - Layer2
        U - in use       f - failed to allocate aggregator

        M - not in use, minimum links not met
        u - unsuitable for bundling
        w - waiting to be aggregated
        d - default port
```

```
Number of channel-groups in use: 1
Number of aggregators:           1
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Group	Port-channel	Protocol	Ports	
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1	Po1 (SU)	PAgP	Gi1/0/3 (P)	Gi1/0/4 (P)

What do the flags, SU and P, indicate in the EtherChannel summary?

Step 4: Configure trunk ports.

After the ports have been aggregated, commands applied at the port channel interface affect all the links that were bundled together. Manually configure the Po1 ports on S1 and S3 as trunk ports.

```
S1(config)# interface port-channel 1
S1(config-if)# switchport mode trunk
```

```
S3(config)# interface port-channel 1
S3(config-if)# switchport mode trunk
```

Step 5: Verify that the ports are configured as trunk ports.

- Issue the **show run interface *interface-id*** commands on S1 and S3 for interfaces G1/0/3, G1/0/4 and Po1. What commands are added for G1/0/3 and G1/0/4 on both switches? What command is added for the Po1 interface? Record your observation.

- Issue the **show interfaces trunk** command on S1 and S3. What trunk port is listed? What is the native VLAN?

- Issue the **show spanning-tree** command on S1 and S3. What is port cost and port priority for the aggregated link?

Part 3: Configure LACP

LACP is an open source protocol for link aggregation developed by the IEEE. In Part 3, the link between S1 and S2 will be configured using LACP. Also, the individual links will be configured as trunks before they are bundled together as EtherChannels.

Step 1: Configure LACP between S1 and S2.

```
S1(config)# interface range g1/0/1-2
S1(config-if-range)# switchport mode trunk
S1(config-if-range)# channel-group 2 mode active
Creating a port-channel interface Port-channel 2

S1(config-if-range)# no shutdown

S2(config)# interface range g0/1-2
S2(config-if-range)# switchport mode trunk
S2(config-if-range)# channel-group 2 mode passive
Creating a port-channel interface Port-channel 2

S2(config-if-range)# no shutdown
```

Step 2: Verify that the ports have been aggregated.

What protocol is Po2 using for link aggregation? Which ports are aggregated to form Po2? What command did you use to verify.

Step 3: Verify end-to-end connectivity.

Verify that all devices can ping each other within the same VLAN. If not, troubleshoot until there is end-to-end connectivity.

Note: It may be necessary to disable the PC firewall to ping between PCs.

Reflection

What could prevent EtherChannels from forming?
