

## Before we start: Configuration Modes

Three basic configuration modes we MUST be familiar with already (you will see them below, a lot).

Mode (prompt)	Device configuration mode	"Mode change" command (current -> next)
S1>	EXEC mode	type <b>enable</b> to pass to next mode
S1#	Privileged EXEC mode	type <b>configure terminal</b> to pass to next mode
S1 (config)#	Global configuration mode	N/A

Common abbreviations to the commands above (separated by commas):  
en, ena, conf t, config term

## Important show commands:

Note that these commands are executed on privileged EXEC mode (S1# prompt). You can execute them from global configuration mode (S1(config)# prompt) by adding the do keyword before the command.

example:  
S1 (config)#do show ip interface brief

Command	Description
S1#show running-config	N/A
S1#show history	
S1#show interface [int-id]	useful to detect errors or verify packets are being sent and received
S1#show mac address-table	
S1#show port-security	displays Port Security configuration for all interfaces
S1#show port-security interface [int-id]	display Port Security configuration of an interface
S1#show vlan	
S1#show vlan brief	only displays VLANs, statuses, names, and assigned ports
S1#show interface vlan [id]	
S1#show interfaces trunk	

## Filtering information from show commands:

Some commands, such as **show running-config**, generate multiple lines of output. To filter output, you can use the pipe (|) character along with a filtering parameter and a filtering expression.

Filtering Parameters	Effect
<b>section</b> [filtering-expression]	shows the section of the filtering expression
<b>include</b> [filtering-expression]	includes all lines of output that match the filtering expression ONLY
<b>exclude</b> [filtering-expression]	excludes all lines of output that match the filtering expression
<b>begin</b> [filtering-expression]	shows all the lines of output beginning from the line that matches the filtering expression

**Usage:**  
Here's an example of the usage of filtering with a **show** command:

R1#show running-config | include line con

🔗 ProTip: By default, the screen of output consists of 24 lines. Should you want to change the number of output lines displayed on the terminal screen, you can use the command: R1# terminal length [number-of-lines]

⚠ Unfortunately, this command is NOT supported in Cisco Packet Tracer (tested on version 7.2.2).

## Managing more than one interface at the same time

When we want to execute a sequence on commands on more than one port, selecting an interface range makes the job a lot easier.

Use: **S1 (config)#interface range [typeModule/firstNumber] - [lastNumber]**

typeModules	some possible abbreviations
Fa#Ethernet	<b>f</b> , <b>fa</b> , ...
GigabitEthernet	<b>g</b> , <b>gi</b> , <b>gig</b> , ...

Here's an example: **S1 (config)#interface range f0/1-12**

Note that you can select multiple ranges on a single command.  
Here's an example: **S1 (config)#interface range f0/1-12, 15-24, g0/1-2**

You might need to use it frequently on scenarios where the following blocks of commands are used.

## VLANs

### Configuring VLANs

Command	Description
S1 (config)#vlan [vlan-ID]	create VLAN and assign its VLAN number
S1 (config-vlan)#name [someName]	assign a name to the VLAN

Now it is time to assign ports to the newly created VLAN

Command	Description
S1 (config)#interface [int-id]	remember, interface range might be useful
S1 (config-if)#switchport mode access	
S1 (config-if)#switchport access vlan [vlan-id]	assign/change port VLAN

### Deleting a VLAN

Command	Description
S1 (config)#no vlan [vlan-id]	⚠ deletes specified VLAN
S1 (config)#delete flash:vlan.dat	⚠ erases the whole VLAN database

### Removing interface(s) from a VLAN

Command	Description
S1 (config)#interface [int-id]	
S1 (config-if)#no switchport access vlan [vlan-id]	remove the VLAN from the port

### Know the difference!

🔗 When a VLAN is deleted, Any switchport assigned to that VLAN becomes inactive  
🔗 On the other hand, when the no switchport access vlan [Vlan-id] is executed on a switchport, the port will be returned to VLAN

### Configuring IEEE 802.1q trunk links

Command	Description
S1 (config)#interface [int-id]	
S1 (config-if)#switchport mode trunk	
S1 (config-if)#switchport trunk native vlan [vlan-id]	
S1 (config-if)#switchport trunk allowed vlan [vlan-list]	All allowed VLAN IDs.
S1 (config-if)#switchport trunk allowed vlan remove [vlan-id]	PROHIBITS ONLY the VLAN with the specified ID on the trunk interface

🔗 Tip: You might also want to check out the router commands necessary for inter-VLAN-routing via Router-On-A-Stick

### Dynamic Trunking Protocol (DTP)

This Cisco proprietary protocol contributes in the configuration of trunking interfaces between Cisco switches.

🔗 Remember: The default configuration for interfaces on Cisco Catalyst 2960 and 3650 switches is dynamic auto.

Command	Description
S1 (config-if)#switchport mode trunk	configures an interface to specifically be in trunk mode. Also negotiates to convert the neighboring link into a trunk.
S1 (config-if)#switchport mode access	configures an interface to specifically be in access mode, a NON-trunk interface, even if its neighboring interface is in mode trunk
S1 (config-if)#switchport mode dynamic auto	interface will convert into a trunk interface if its neighboring interface is in mode trunk or desirable ONLY
S1 (config-if)#switchport mode dynamic desirable	interface will convert into a trunk interface if its neighboring interface is in mode trunk, dynamic auto, or dynamic desirable ONLY
S1 (config-if)#switchport nonegotiate	stops DTP negotiation, in which interfaces may engage, as you saw above, i.e., an interface will NOT change its mode even if the neighboring interface could change it through negotiation

### Troubleshooting VLANs

Command	Description
S1#show vlan	check whether a port belongs to the expected VLAN
S1#show mac address-table	check which addresses were learned on a particular port of the switch, and to which VLAN that port is assigned
S1#show interfaces [int-id] switchport	helpful in verifying an inactive VLAN is assigned to a port

### Troubleshooting Trunks

Command	Description
S1#show interfaces trunk	check native VLAN id matches on both ends of link - check whether a trunk link has been established between switches

## Voice VLANs

VLANs supporting voice traffic usually have quality of service (QoS). Voice traffic must have a trusted label.

Command	Description
S1 (config)#interface [int-id]	access interface on which the voice VLAN will be assigned
S1 (config-if)#switchport mode access	
S1 (config-if)#switchport access vlan [vlan-id]	
S1 (config-if)#mls qos trust cos	set trusted state of an interface and indicate which packet fields are used to classify traffic
S1 (config-if)#switchport voice vlan [vlan-id]	assign a voice VLAN to that port

## Configuring SSH

Command	Description
S1#show ip ssh	Use it to verify that the switch supports SSH
S1 (config)#ip domain-name [domain-name]	
S1 (config)#crypto key generate rsa	
S1 (config)#username [admin] secret [ccna]	
S1 (config)#line vty 0 15	
S1 (config-line)#transport input ssh	
S1 (config-line)#login local	
S1 (config-line)#exit	
S1 (config)#ip ssh version 2	enable SSH version 2
S1 (config)#crypto key zeroize rsa	use to delete RSA key pair

### Troubleshooting VLANs

Command	Description
S1 (config)#ip ssh time-out [time]	Change timeout setting (time in seconds)
S1 (config)#ip ssh authentication-retries [retries]	Change number of allowed authentication attempts

Verify your newly configured settings with **S1#show ip ssh**

## Port Security

### Configuring Dynamic Port Security

Command	Description
S1 (config)#interface [int-id]	
S1 (config-if)#switchport mode access	Set interface mode to access.
S1 (config-if)#switchport port-security	Enable port security on the interface
S1 (config-if)#switchport port-security violation [violation-mode]	set violation mode (protect, restrict, shutdown)

Best practice: It is a best security and general practice to "hard-type" the switchport mode access command. This also applies to Trunk ports (switchport mode trunk).

### Configuring Sticky Port Security

Command	Description
S1 (config)#interface [int-id]	
S1 (config-if)#switchport mode access	Set interface mode to access.
S1 (config-if)#switchport port-security	Enable port security on the interface
S1 (config-if)#switchport port-security maximum [max-addresses]	Set maximum number of secure MAC addresses allowed on port
S1 (config-if)#switchport port-security mac-address sticky	Enable sticky learning
S1 (config-if)#switchport port-security violation [violation-mode]	set violation mode (protect, restrict, shutdown)

### Verifying Port Security & secure MAC addresses

Now that we have configured Port Security, the following commands will be handy to verify and troubleshoot.

Command	Description
S1#show port-security interface [int-id]	displays interface's Port Security configuration. If violations occurred, they can be checked here.
S1#show port-security address	displays secure MAC addresses configured on all switch interfaces
S1#show interface [int-id] status	displays port status. Useful to verify if an interface is in err-disabled status.

### Bringing an err-disabled interface back up

🔗 Recall: After a violation, a port in Shutdown violation mode changes its status to error disabled, and is effectively shut down. To resume operation (sending and receiving traffic), we must bring it back up. Here's how:

- Access the interface configuration mode with **S1 (config)#interface [int-id]**.
- Shut the interface down using **S1 (config-if)#shutdown**.
- Bring the interface back up using **S1 (config-if)#no shutdown**.

## VLAN trunking protocol (VTP)

Command	Description
S1 (config)#vtp mode [mode]	mode can be <b>server</b> or <b>client</b>
S1 (config)#vtp password [password]	optional - <b>password</b> is case-sensitive
S1 (config)#vtp domain [name]	optional - <b>domain</b> name is case sensitive as well
S1 (config)#vtp pruning	optional - configure VTP pruning on server
S1 (config)#vtp version 2	optional - enables VTP version 2

⚠ After this, remember to enable trunk links between the VTP domain switches so VTP advertisements can be shared among the switches. This command sequence is all that's needed to get VTP running on our VTP domain.

🔗 Tip: There are 3 VTP versions. Versions 1 and 2 (which are within the scope of the CCNA exam) DO NOT support extended-range VLANs (ID from 1006 to 4095). VTP version 3 (NOT covered on the CCNA exam) does support such VLANs.

### VTP Verification

Command	Description
S1#show vtp status	verify your configuration and the status of VTP on the device
S1#show vtp password	verify the configured VTP password
S1#show vlan brief	this VLAN verification command might be useful as well when verifying VTP configuration

## Spanning Tree Protocol

### Bridge ID configuration

Command	Description
root primary	ensures this switch has the lowest priority value
S1 (config)#spanning-tree vlan [vlan-id] root secondary	Use if the configuration of an alternative bridge is desired. Sets the switch priority value to ensure it becomes the root bridge if the primary root bridge fails.
S1 (config)#spanning-tree vlan [vlan-id] priority [priority]	manually configure the bridge's priority value

🔗 Recall: priority values are between 0 and 61,440.

⚠ The priority value can only be a multiple of 4096

### Bridge ID Verification

Command	Description
S1#show spanning-tree	verify current spanning-tree instances and root bridges

### PortFast and BPDU guard

Must only be configured on interfaces connected point-to-point to an end device

Command	Description
S1 (config)#interface [int-id]	access the interface
S1 (config)#interface range [int-type] [lowest-id] - [highest-id]	access a range of contiguous interfaces if necessary a
S1 (config-if)#switchport mode access	as a good practice, hard-type this command so the switchport is in access mode
S1 (config-if)#spanning-tree portfast	enables PortFast on the access port(s)
S1 (config-if)#spanning-tree bpduguard enable	enables BPDU Guard on the access port(s)
S1 (config)#spanning-tree portfast default	⚠ configures PortFast to be the default for all switch interfaces
S1 (config)#spanning-tree bpduguard default	⚠ configures BPDU Guard to be the default for all switch interfaces

### PortFast and BPDU guard verification

Command	Description
``S1#show running-config	begin spanning-tree ``
S1#show running-config interface [int-id]	display the current configuration portion corresponding to the interface

### Configuring Rapid PVST+

PVST+ is the STP flavor operating by default on Cisco switches. To configure Rapid PVST+, we just need to type a global command.

Command	Description
S1 (config)#spanning-tree mode rapid-pvst	configure Rapid PVST+ as the STP mode on the switch
S1 (config-if)#spanning-tree link-type point-to-point	specify that a link is point-to-point
S1#clear spanning-tree detected-protocols [interface [int-id]]	forces renegotiation with neighboring switches on all interfaces or the specified interface

### General STP verification commands

Command	Description
S1#show spanning-tree	display STP information - useful to find information about the bridge you are in, and the root bridge at a glance
S1#show spanning-tree active	display STP information for active interfaces only
S1#show spanning-tree brief	at-a-glance information for all STP instances running on the switch
S1#show spanning-tree detail	detailed information for all STP instances running on the switch
S1#show spanning-tree interface [int-id]	STP information for the specified interface
S1#show spanning-tree vlan [vlan-id]	STP information for the specified VLAN
S1#show spanning-tree summary	summary of STP port states

## EtherChannel

Command	Description
S1 (config)#interface range [start-int] - [end-int]	start by selecting the interfaces to be bundled into a single logical link, i.e., the EtherChannel.
S1 (config-if-range)#channel-group [number] mode [mode]	specify the group ID (1 to 6, inclusive) and operation mode of the EtherChannel
S1 (config)#interface port-channel [number]	enter the port channel interface configuration mode to change settings

### PortChannel interface additional configuration

Command	Description
S1 (config-if)#switchport mode trunk	set the interface in trunking mode, so it can carry traffic of multiple VLANs
S1 (config-if)#switchport trunk native vlan [native-vlan-id]	specify the link's native VLAN
S1 (config-if)#switchport trunk allowed vlan [vlan-id-1] [,vlan-id-2,...]	specify allowed VLANs (VLAN IDs) on trunk link
S1 (config-if)#switchport trunk allowed vlan add [vlan-id-1] [,vlan-id-2,...]	add VLANs to the list of already allowed VLANs on the trunk link

⚠ The EtherChannel negotiation protocols you use for your interface bundles MUST MATCH ON BOTH ENDS, whether it is LACP, PAGP (Cisco Proprietary), or no protocol (on mode).

### Available EtherChannel modes

EC mode	Description
active	Enable LACP unconditionally
auto	Enable PAGP only if another PAGP device is detected.
desirable	Enable PAGP unconditionally
on	Enable EtherChannel only
passive	Enable LACP only if another LACP device is detected