Switching & LAN Design



Layer 2 devices

- A layer 2 device is a device that understand MAC, for example:
 - VIC (Network Interface Card)
 - Bridge :
 - address learning
 - forwarding decisions are based on software
 - bridge is used for LAN segmentation
 - max. 16 port.
 - Switch:
 - a multi-port bridge up to 256 port
 - forwarding decisions are based on hardware ASIC (faster than bridge)





What is the meaning of switching?

 Switching means that the device (router or switch) receive the data on a certain port and forwards it to appropriate port

Explain the Functions that Enable a Switch to Forward Ethernet Frames in a LAN

Switch Packet Forwarding Methods

Store-and-forward



Complete frame is received before forwarding.

Cut-through



The frame is forwarded through the switch before the entire frame is received.

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Symmetric and Asymmetric Switching



Hierarchical Network Design

A Hierarchical Network in a Medium-Sized Business



Hierarchical Network Physical Layout

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Hierarchical Network Design

Hierarchical Network Design Principles



Hierarchical Network Design

Benefits of a Hierarchical Network

The Hierarchical Network Model

Scalability

- Hierarchical networks can be expanded easily

Redundancy

- Redundancy at the core and distribution level ensure path availability

Performance

- Link aggregation between levels and high-performance core and distribution level switches allow for near wire-speed throughout the network

Security

- Port security at the access level and policies at the distribution level make the network more secure

Manageability

- Consistency between switches at each level makes management more simple

Maintainability

- The modularity of hierarchical design allows for the network to scale without becoming overly complicated



Match the Appropriate Cisco Switch to each Layer in the Hierarchical Network Design Model

Port density is the number of ports available on a single switch.



Modular switch with up to 1000+ ports



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Switch Form Factors

Fixed Configuration Switches



Features and options are limited to those that originally come with the switch.

Modular Configuration Switches



Stackable Configuration Switches



Stackable switches, connected by a special cable, effectively operate as one large switch.

The chassis accepts line cards that contain the ports.

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Features of Cisco Catalyst Switches



Uncontrolled collision & broadcast domains

Collision and Broadcast Domain



Controlled collision & broadcast domains



Switch boot sequence

Describe the Boot Sequence

The boot sequence of a Cisco switch:

-The switch loads the boot loader software from NVRAM.

-The boot loader:

- Performs low-level CPU initialization.
- Performs POST for the CPU subsystem.
- Initializes the flash file system on the system board.
- · Loads a default operating system software image into memory and boots the switch.

-The operating system runs using the config.text file, stored in the switch flash storage.

The boot loader can help you recover from an operating system crash:

-Provides access into the switch if the operating system has problems serious enough that it cannot be used.

-Provides access to the files stored on flash before the operating system is loaded.

-Use the boot loader command line to perform recovery operations.

Switch boot sequence

- The switch uses the flash memory to store two types of files :
 - 1. The IOS of the switch
 - 2. The VLAN database
- The switch uses the NVRAM to store two types of files:
 - 1. The boot loader
 - 2. The configuration file

the CLI of the switch is like the CLI of the router



onnect To	<u>?</u>]
Switch	
Enter details for	the phone number that you want to dial:
Country/region	United States of America (1)
Ar <u>e</u> a code:	602
Phone number:	[
Connect using:	COM1
	OK Cancel

Bits per second:	9600	
Data bits	8	*
Parity:	None	-
Stop bits:	1	
Flow control:	None (flow control)	*
	Resto	ve Defaults

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flashfs[1]: Bytes available: 24/98/20
flashfs[1]: flashfs fsck took 1 seconds.
flashfs[1]: Initialization complete....done Initializing
flashfs.
POST: CPU MIC register Tests : Begin
POST: CPU MIC register Tests : End, Status Passed
POST: PortASIC Memory Tests : Begin
POST: PortASIC Memory Tests : End, Status Passed
POST: CPU MIC PortASIC interface Loopback Tests : Begin
POST: CPU MIC PortASIC interface Loopback Tests : End, Status
                                                                 =
Passed
POST: PortASIC RingLoopback Tests : Begin
POST: PortASIC RingLoopback Tests : End, Status Passed
POST: PortASIC CAM Subsystem Tests : Begin
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The Command Line Interface Modes

Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Switch from user EXEC to privileged EXEC mode	switch>enable
If a password has been set for privileged EXEC mode you will be prompted to enter it now.	Password:password
The # prompt signifies privileged EXEC mode.	switch#
Switch from privileged EXEC to user EXEC mode	switch#disable
The > prompt signifies user EXEC mode.	switch>

- To configure the basic configuration of the switch, like the router basic configuration:
 - 1. Set the hostname
 - 2. Set the message of the day
 - 3. Set enable password in (clear text or encrypted text)
 - 4. Set the interfaces configuration (speed and duplex type)

The Command Line Interface Modes

Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Switch from privileged EXEC mode to global configuration mode	switch#configure terminal
The (config)# prompt signifies that the switch is in global configuration mode.	switch(config)#
Switch from global configuration mode to interface configuration mode for fast ethernet interface 0/1.	<pre>switch(config)#interface fastethernet 0/1</pre>
The (config-if)# prompt signifies that the switch is in the interface configuration mode.	switch(config-if)#
Switch from interface configuration mode to global configuration mode.	<pre>switch(config-if)#exit</pre>
The (config)# prompt signifies that the switch is in global configuration mode.	switch(config)#
Switch from global configuration mode to privileged EXEC mode.	<pre>switch(config)#exit</pre>
The # prompt signifies that the switch is in privileged EXEC mode.	switch#

Configure EXEC Mode Passwords

Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Switch from privileged EXEC mode to global configuration mode.	S1#configure terminal
Configures the enable password to enter privileged EXEC mode.	S1(config)#enable password password
Configures the enable secret password to enter privileged EXEC mode.	S1(config)#enable secret password
Exit from line configuration mode and return to privileged EXEC mode.	S1(config)# end



Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Switch from privileged EXEC mode to global configuration mode.	S1#configure terminal
Enter the interface configuration mode.	<pre>Sl(config)#Interface fastethernet 0/1</pre>
Configure the interface duplex mode to enable AUTO duplex configuration	Sl(config-if)#duplex auto
Configure the interface duplex speed and enable AUTO speed configuration.	Sl(config-if)# speed auto
Return to privileged EXEC mode.	S1(config-if)# end
Save the running configuration to the switch start-up configuration.	S1#copy running-config startup- config

Set console password

Configure Console Access

Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Switch from privileged EXEC mode to global configuration mode.	S1#configure terminal
Switch from global configuration mode to line configuration mode for console 0.	S1(config)#line con 0
Set cisco as the password for the console 0 line on the switch.	S1(config-line)#password cisco
Set the console line to require the password to be entered before access is granted.	Sl(config-line)#login
Exit from line configuration mode and return to privileged EXEC mode.	Sl(config-line)# end

Set the telnet password

Configure Virtual Terminal Access

Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Switch from privileged EXEC mode to global configuration mode.	S1#configure terminal
Switch from global configuration mode to line configuration mode for console 0.	Sl(config)#line vty 0 4
Set cisco as the password for the console 0 line on the switch.	S1(config-line)# password cisco
Set the console line to require the password to be entered before access is granted.	Sl(config-line)# login
Exit from line configuration mode and return to privileged EXEC mode.	Sl(config-line)# end

 To be able to telnet to or from the switch you should set an IP address and the default gateway on the switch as it is a normal PC

To do so:

Switch(config)# interface vlan1

Switch(config-vlan)# ip address 10.10.10.10 255.255.255.0

Switch(config-vlan)# no shutdown

Switch(config-vlan)# exit

Switch(config)# ip default-gateway 10.10.10.1

Configure IP Connectivity



Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Configures the default gateway on the switch.	S1(config)#ip default-gateway 172.17.99.1
Return to privileged EXEC mode.	S1(config)# end
Save the running configuration to the switch start-up configuration.	S1#copy running-config startup-config