

Configure a Switch

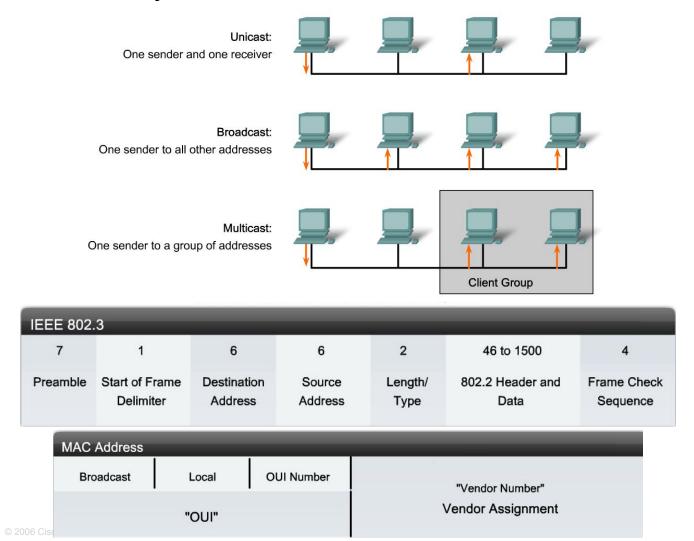


LAN Switching and Wireless – Chapter 2

Objectives

- Summarize the operation of Ethernet as defined for 100/1000 Mbps LANs in the IEEE 802.3 standard.
- Explain the functions that enable a switch to forward Ethernet frames in a LAN.
- Configure a switch for operation in a network designed to support voice, video, and data transmissions.
- Configure basic security on a switch that will operate in a network designed to support voice, video, and data transmissions.

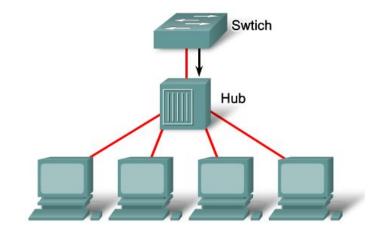
Describe the key elements of Ethernet/802.3 networks



Duplex Settings

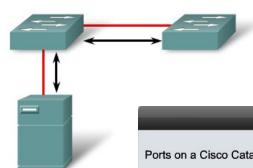
Half Duplex (CSMA/CD)

- Unidirectional data flow
- Higher potential for collision
- · Hub connectivity



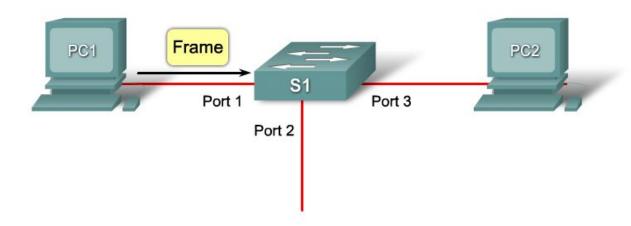
Full Duplex

- Point-to-point only
- · Attached to dedicated switched port
- Requires full-duplex support on both ends
- Collision-free
- Collision detect circuit disabled



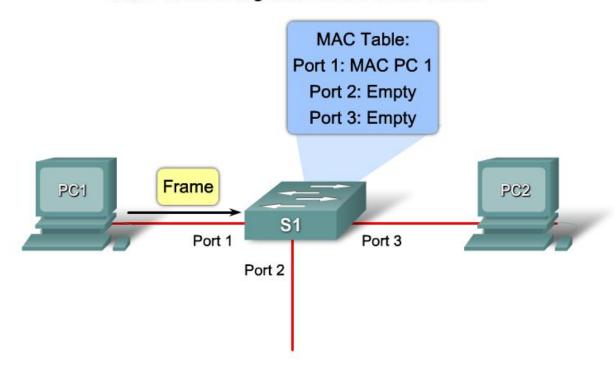
Ports on a Cisco Catalyst 2960 Series switch can be configured with these settings:

- auto option allows the two ports to communicate in order to decide the mode.
- full option sets full-duplex mode.
- half option sets half-duplex mode.



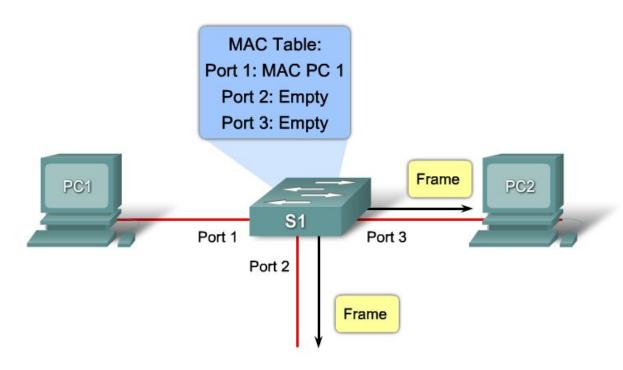
Step 1: The switch receives a frame destined for PC2 on Port 1 from PC1.





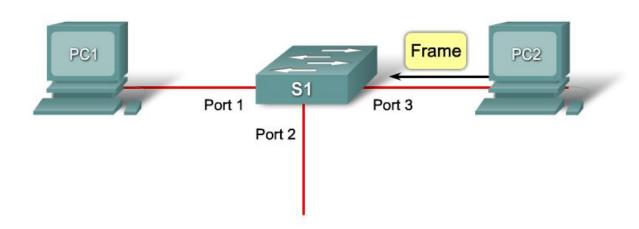
Step 2: The switch enters the source MAC address and the switch port that received the frame into the MAC table.





Step 3: Because the destination address is a broadcast, the switch floods the frame to all ports, except the port on which it received the frame.

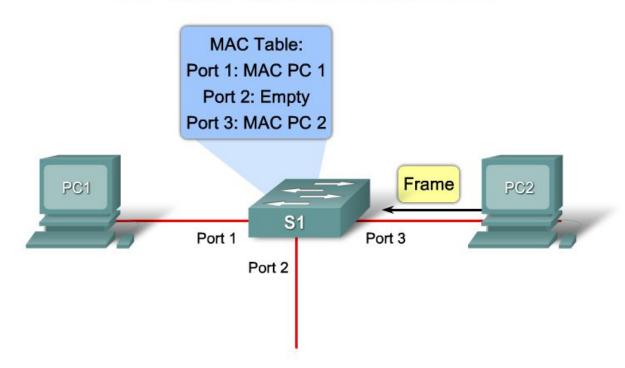




Step 4: The destination device replies to the broadcast with a unicast frame addressed to PC 1.



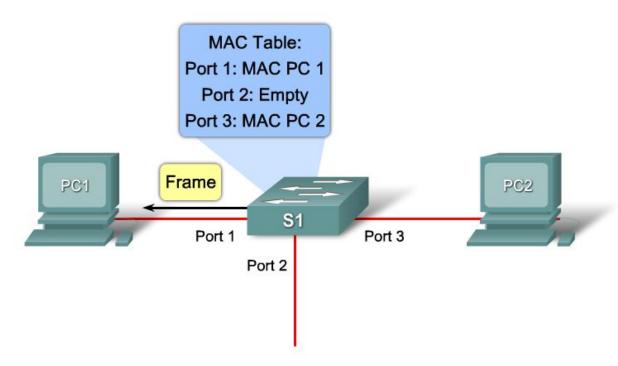
MAC Addressing and Switch MAC Tables



Step 5: The switch enters the source MAC address of PC 2 and port number of the switch port that received the frame into the MAC table. The destination address of the frame and its associated port is found in the MAC table.

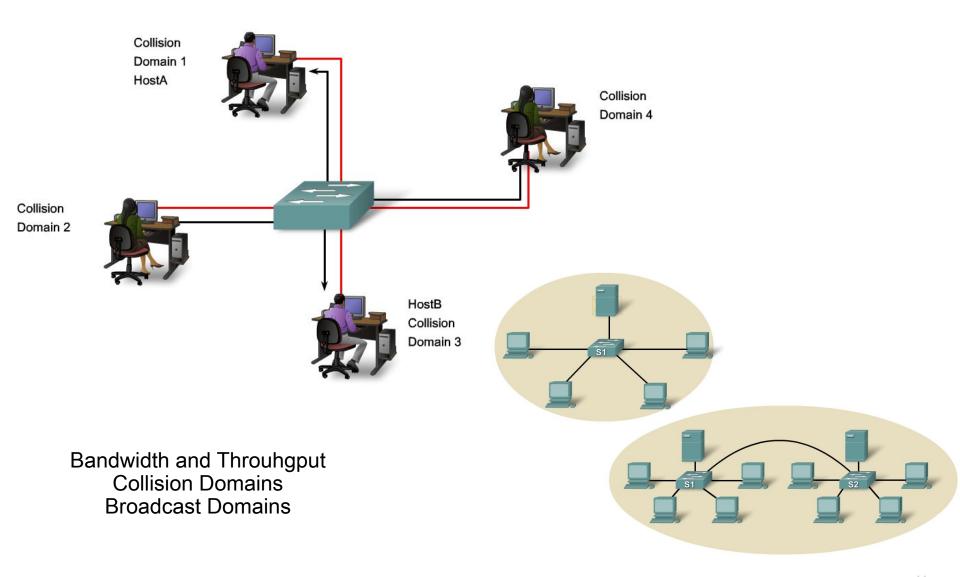


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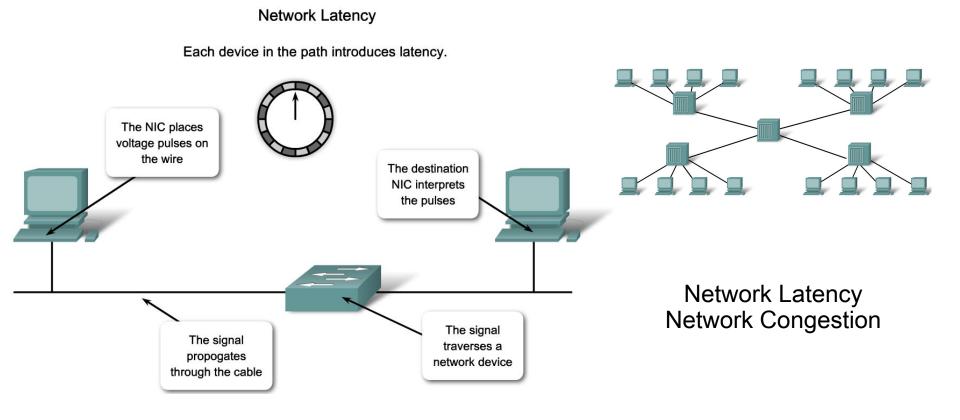


Step 6: The switch can now forward frames between source and destination devices without flooding, because it has entries in the MAC table that identify the associated ports.

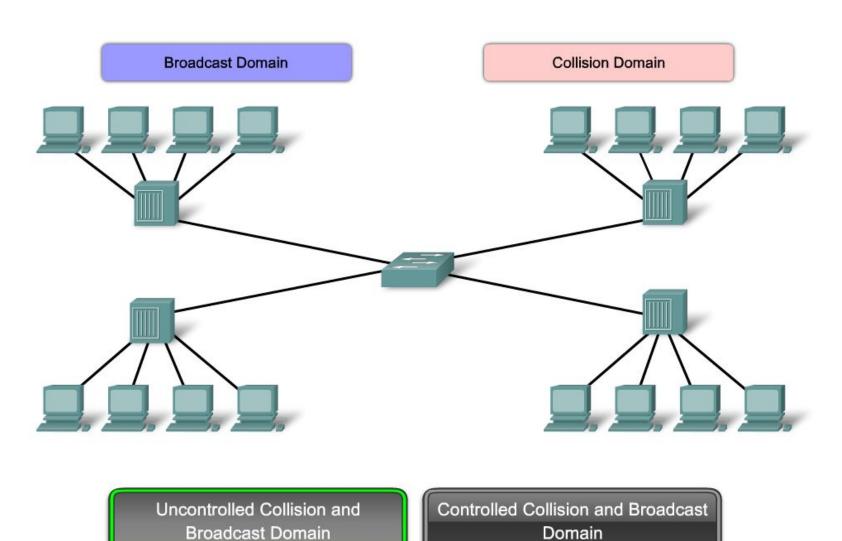




 Describe the design considerations for Ethernet/802.3 networks

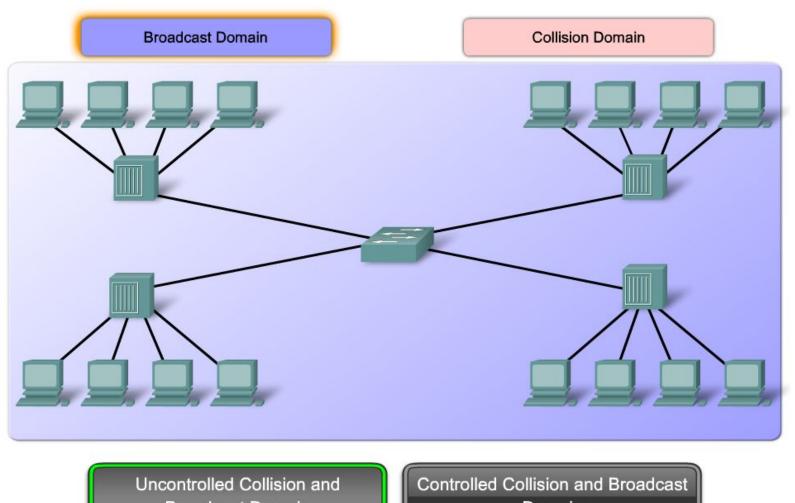


Collision and Broadcast Domain



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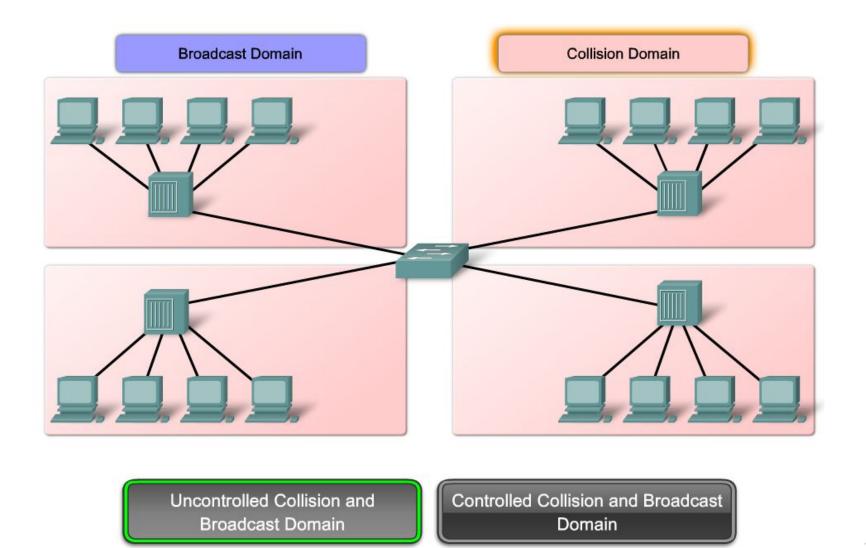
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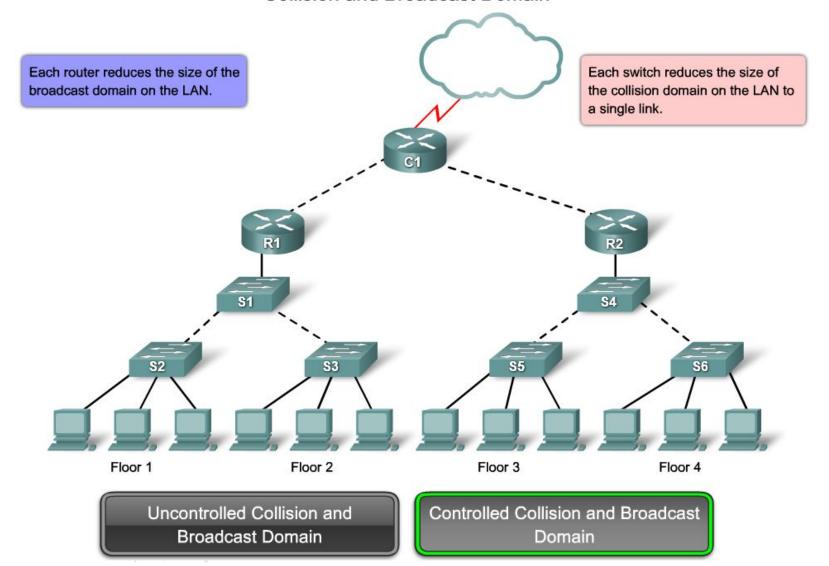
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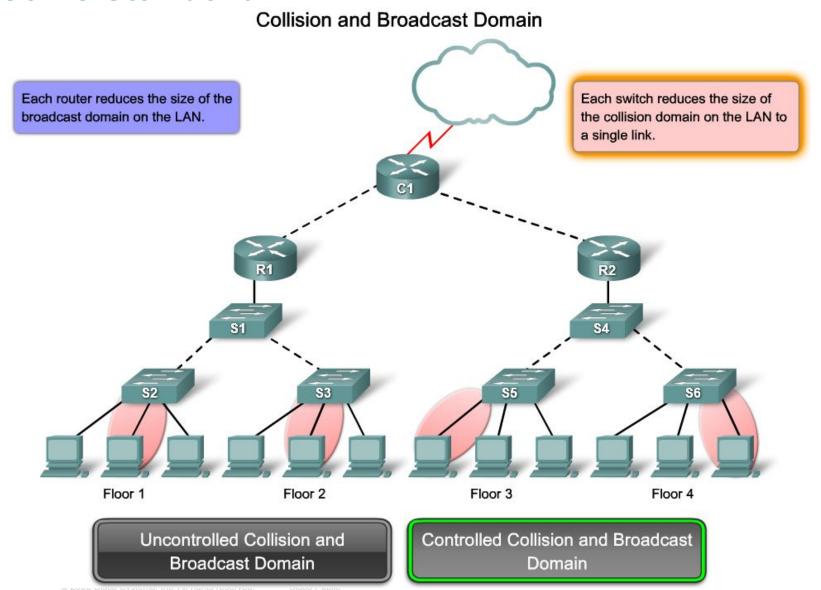
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Collision and Broadcast Domain



Collision and Broadcast Domain Each router reduces the size of the Each switch reduces the size of broadcast domain on the LAN. the collision domain on the LAN to a single link. **S2 S3 S5 S6** Floor 2 Floor 1 Floor 3 Floor 4 Uncontrolled Collision and Controlled Collision and Broadcast **Broadcast Domain** Domain



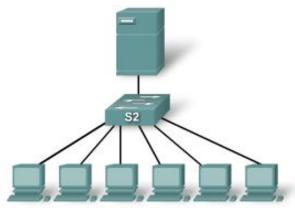
Describe the LAN design considerations to reduce network latency

Controlling Network Latency

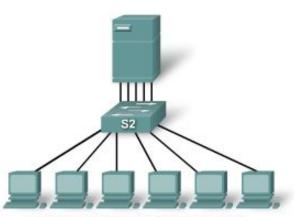
- Consider the latency caused by each device on the network.
 - A core level switch supporting 48 ports, running at 1000 Mb/s full duplex requires 96 Gb/s internal throughput if it is to maintain full wirespeed across all ports simultaneously.
- Higher OSI layer devices can also increase latency on a network.
 - A router must strip away the Layer 2 fields in a frame in order to interpret layer 3 addressing information. The extra
 processing time causes latency.
 - Balance the use of higher layer devices to reduce network latency with the need to prevent contention from broadcast traffic or the high collision rates.

Server with one 1000 Mb/s NIC

Server with five 1000 Mb/s NICs



NIC Bandwidth of 167 Mb/s per computer

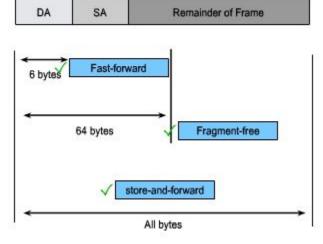


NIC Bandwidth of 833 Mb/s per computer

Describe the switch forwarding methods

Identify Frame Forwarding Methods

Switch Packet Forwarding Methods



Store-and-forward



Complete frame is received before forwarding.

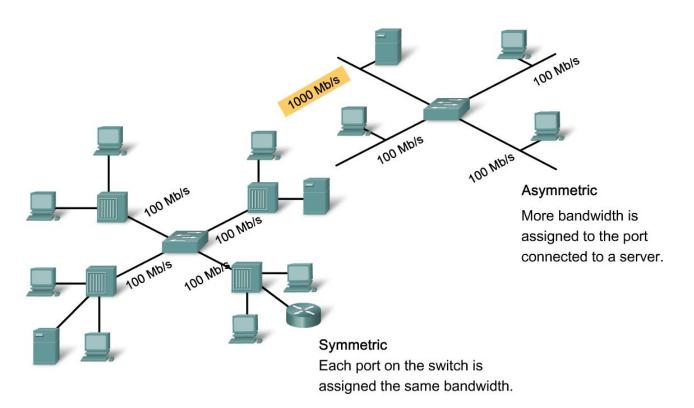
Cut-through



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

Explain symmetric and asymmetric Switching

Symmetric and Asymmetric Switching

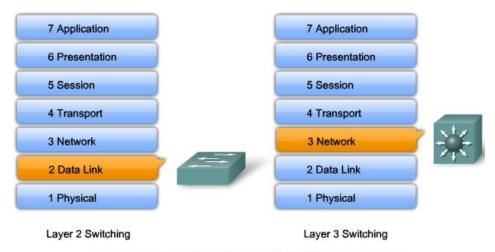


Describe how memory buffering works

Port-Based and Shared Memory Buffering

Port-based memory	In port-based memory buffering, frames are stored in queues that are linked to specific incoming ports.
Shared memory	Shared memory buffering deposits all frames into a common memory buffer, which all the ports on the switch share.

Compare Layer 2 with Layer 3 switching



Layer 3 Switch and Router Comparison

Feature	Layer 3 Switch	Router
Layer 3 Routing	Supported	Supported
Traffic Management	Supported	Supported
WIC Support		Supported
Advanced Routing Protocols		Supported
Wirespeed routing	Supported	

 Describe the Cisco IOS commands used to navigate the command-line

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.	<pre>switch(config-if)#</pre>
Switch from interface configuration mode to global configuration mode.	switch(config-if)#exit
The (config)# prompt signifies that the switch is in global configuration mode.	switch(config)#
Switch from global configuration mode to privileged EXEC mode.	switch(config)#exit
The # prompt signifies that the switch is in privileged EXEC mode.	switch#

Describe the Cisco IOS help facilities

Cisco Switch Command Syntax	
Example of command prompting. In this example, the help function provides a list of commands available in the current mode that start with cl.	switch#cl? clear clock
Example of incomplete command.	switch#clock % Incomplete command.
Example of symbolic translation.	% Unknown command or computer name, or unable to find computer address
Example of command prompting. Notice the space? In this example, the help function provides a list of subcommands associated with the clock command.	switch#clock ? set Set the time and date
In this example, the help function provides a list of command arguments required with the clock set command.	switch#clock set ? hh:mm:ss Current Time

Example Error Message	Meaning	How to Get Help
switch# cl % Ambiguous command: "cl"	You did not enter enough characters for your device to recognize the command.	Re-enter the command followed by a question mark (?), without a space between the command and the question mark. The possible keywords that you can enter with the command are displayed.
switch#clock % Incomplete command.	You did not enter all the keywords or values required by this command.	Re-enter the command followed by a question mark (?), with a space between the command and the question mark.
switch#clock set aa:12:23 ^ % Invalid input detected at '^'	You entered the command incorrectly. The caret (^) marks the point of the error.	Enter a question mark (?) to display all of the commands or parameters that are available.

 Describe the Cisco IOS commands used to access the command history



Configure the Command History buffer

Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Enable terminal history. This command can be run from either user or privileged EXEC mode.	switch#terminal history
Configures the terminal history size. The terminal history can maintain 0 to 256 command lines.	switch#terminal history size 50
Resets the terminal history size to the default value of 10 command lines.	<pre>switch#terminal no history size</pre>
Disables terminal history.	switch#terminal no history

Describe the boot sequence of a Cisco switch

Describe the Boot Sequence

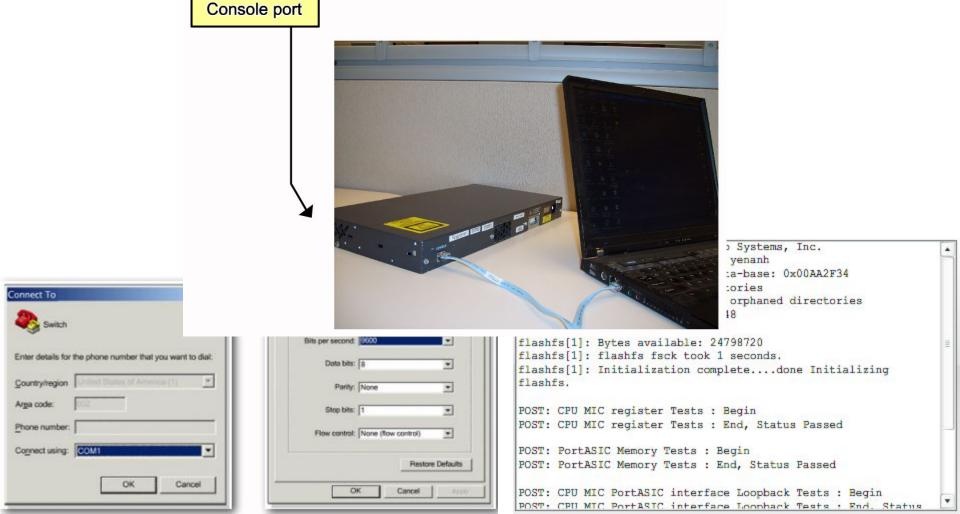
The boot sequence of a Cisco switch:

- -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.

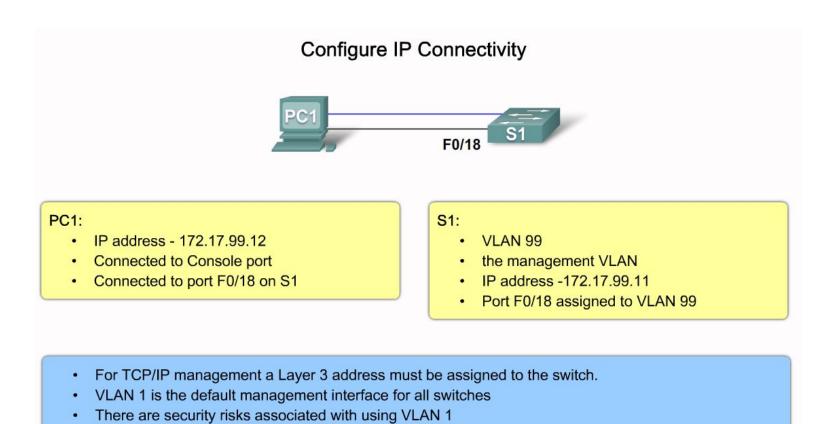
The boot loader can help you recover from an operating system crash:

- -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.

Describe how to prepare the switch to be configured



Describe how to perform a basic switch configuration



Create another VLAN, for example VLAN 99 or VLAN 150 Assign that VLAN to an appropriate port, for example F0/18

 Describe how to verify the Cisco IOS configuration using the Show command

Using the Show Comma	ands
Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Displays interface status and configuration for a single or all interfaces available on the switch.	show interfaces [interface-id]
Displays contents of startup configuration.	show startup-config
Displays current operating configuration.	show running-config
Displays information about flash: file system.	show flash:
Displays system hardware and software status.	show version
Display the session command history.	show history
Displays IP information. The interface option displays IP interface status and configuration. The http option displays HTTP information about device manager running on the switch. The arp option displays the IP ARP table.	show ip {interface http arp}
Displays the MAC forwarding table.	show mac-address-table

Describe how to manage the Cisco IOS configuration files

Backup and Restore Switch Configurations

Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Formal version of Cisco IOS copy command. Confirm the destination file name. Press the Enter key to accept and use the Crtl+C key combination to cancel.	S1#copy system:running-config flash:startup-config Destination filename [startup-config]?
Informal version of the copy command. The assumptions are that the running-config is running on the system and that the startup-config file that will be stored in flash NVRAM. Press the Enter key to accept and use the Crtl+C key combination to cancel.	Sl#copy running-config startup-config Destination filename [startup-config]?
Backup the startup-config to a file stored in flash NVRAM. Confirm the destination file name. Press the Enter key to accept and use the Crtl+C key combination to cancel.	S1#copy startup-config flash:config.bak1 Destination filename [config.bak1]?

 Describe the Cisco IOS commands used to configure password options

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

 Describe the Cisco IOS commands used to configure a login banner

Configure a Login Banner

Configure a MOTD Banner

Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Switch from privileged EXEC mode to global configuration mode.	S1#configure terminal
Configure a login banner.	S1(config)#banner login "Authorized Personnel Only!"

Cisco IOS CLI Command Syntax	
Switch from privileged EXEC mode to global configuration mode.	S1#configure terminal
Configure a MOTD login banner.	S1(config)#banner motd "Device maintenance will be occurring on Friday!"

Describe the how to configure Telnet and SSH on a switch

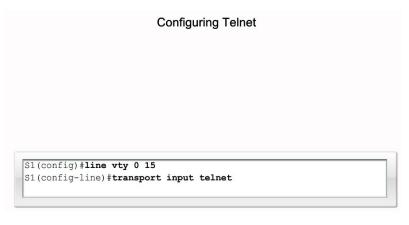
Telnet and SSH

Telnet

- Most common access method
- -Sends clear text message streams
- -Is not secure

SSH

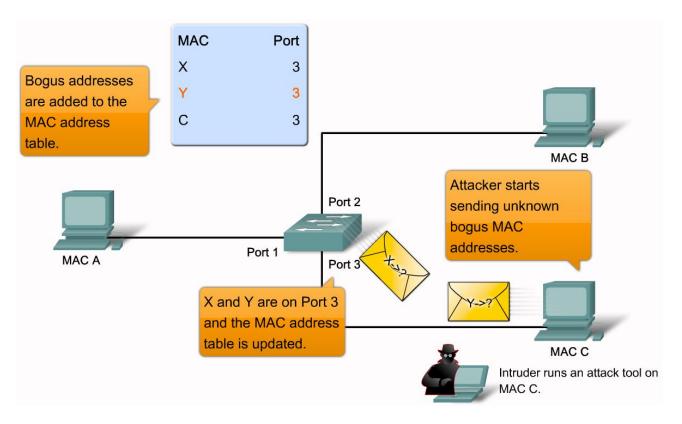
- -Should be the common access method
- Sends encrypted message stream
- -Is secure





Configuring SSH

 Describe the key switch security attacks. The description should include, MAC address flooding, spoofing attacks, CDP attacks, and Telnet attacks



 Describe how network security tools are used to improve network security

Security Tools

Network Security Tools perform these functions:

- -Network Security Audits help you to
 - Reveal what sort of information an attacker can gather simply by monitoring network traffic.
 - Determine the ideal amount of spoofed MAC addresses to remove.
 - Determine the age-out period of the MAC Address table.
- -Network Penetration Testing helps you to
- Identify weaknesses within the configuration of your networking devices.
- Launch numerous attacks to test your network.
- Caution: Plan penetration tests to avoid network performance impacts.

Describe why you need to secure ports on a switch

Network Security Tools Features

Common features of a modern network security tool include:

- -Service Identification
- -Support of SSL Services
- -Non-destructive and Destructive Testing
- -Database of Vulnerabilities

You can use network security tools to:

- -Capture chat messages
- -Capture files from NFS traffic
- -Capture HTTP requests in Common Log Format
- -Capture mail messages in Berkeley mbox format
- -Capture passwords
- -Display capture URLs in Netscape in real-time
- -Flood a switched LAN with random MAC addresses
- -Forge replies to DNS address and pointer queries
- -Intercept packets on a switched LAN

 Describe the Cisco IOS commands used to disable unused ports

Port Security Defaults		
Feature	Default Setting	
Port security	Disabled on a port.	
Maximum number of secure MAC addresses	1	
Violation mode	Shutdown. The port shuts down when the maximum number of secure MAC addresses is exceeded, and an SNMP trap notification is sent.	
Sticky address learning	Disabled.	

LAN Design

Process that explains how a LAN is to be implemented

Factors to consider in LAN design include

Collision domains

Broadcast domains

Network latency

LAN segmentation

Switch forwarding methods

Store & forward – used by Cisco Catalyst switches

Cut through – 2 types

Cut through

Fast forwarding

Symmetric switching

Switching is conducted between ports that have the same bandwidth

Asymmetric switching

Switching is conducted between ports that have unlike bandwidth

- CISCO IOS CLI includes the following features
 Built in help
 Command history/options
- Switch security

Password protection

Use of SSH for remote access

Port security

