

Inter VLAN Routing

Introducing Routing and Switching in the Enterprise – Chapter 5

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Inter-VLAN routing

- A VLAN is a broadcast domain, so computers on separate VLANs are unable to communicate without the intervention of a routing device.
- Any **device that supports Layer 3 routing**, such as a router or a multilayer switch, can be used to perform the necessary routing functionality.
- Regardless of the device used, the process of <u>forwarding</u> <u>network traffic from one VLAN to another VLAN using routing</u> is known as **inter-VLAN routing**.

Inter-VLAN routing

- One method requires a separate interface connection to the Layer 3 device for each VLAN (*legacy inter-VLAN routing*)
- Another method for providing connectivity between different VLANs requires a feature called **subinterfaces** and <u>trunk ports</u> (configuration *router-on-a-stick*)



Configure Legacy inter-VLAN routing



Configure the Switch

- Switch(config)#vlan 100
- Switch(config-vlan)#exit
- Switch(config)#vlan 200
- Switch(config-vlan)#exit
- Switch(config)#interface GigabitEthernet 1/1
- Switch(config-if)#switchport access vlan 100
- Switch(config-if)#exit
- Switch(config)#interface GigabitEthernet 1/2
- Switch(config-if)#switchport access vlan 200
- Switch(config-if)#exit
- Switch(config)#interface FastEthernet 2/1
- Switch(config-if)#switchport access vlan 100
- Switch(config-if)#exit
- Switch(config)#interface FastEthernet 2/2
- Switch(config-if)#switchport access vlan 200
- Switch(config-if)#exit

Configure the Router

- Router(config)#interface GigabitEthernet 0/0
- Router(config-if)#ip address 192.168.100.1 255.255.255.0
- Router(config-if) #no shutdown
- Router(config-if)#exit
- Router(config)#interface GigabitEthernet 0/1
- Router(config-if)#ip address 192.168.200.1 255.255.255.0
- Router(config-if) #no shutdown
- Router(config-if)#exit

Configure Router-on-a-stick



Configure the Switch

- Switch(config)#vlan 5
- Switch(config-vlan)#exit
- Switch(config)#vlan 10
- Switch(config-vlan)#exit
- Switch(config)#vlan 15
- Switch(config-vlan)#exit
- Switch(config)#interface GigabitEthernet 1/1
- Switch(config-if)#switchport mode trunk
- Switch(config-if)#exit

Configure the Router

- On the router, configure a FastEthernet interface with no IP address or subnet mask.
 - Router(config)#interface ge0/1
 - Router(config-if)#no ip address
 - Router(config-if)#no shutdown
- On the router, <u>configure one subinterface with an IP address and</u> <u>subnet mask for each VLAN</u>. Each subinterface has an 802.1Q encapsulation.
- For the VLAN 5:
 - Router(config)#interface ge0/1.5
 - Router(config-subif)#encapsulation dot1q 5
 - Router(config-subif) # ip address 192.168.5.1 255.255.255.0
 - Router(config-if)#no shutdown

Configure the Router

- For the VLAN 10:
 - Router(config)#interface ge0/1.10
 - Router(config-subif)#encapsulation dot1q 10
 - Router(config-subif)#ip address 192.168.10.1 255.255.255.0
 - Router(config-if)#no shutdown
- For the VLAN 15:
 - Router(config)#interface ge0/1.15
 - Router(config-subif)#encapsulation dot1q 15
 - Router(config-subif) # ip address 192.168.15.1 255.255.255.0
 - Router(config-if) #no shutdown
- Verify configuration with the commands:
 - Router#show vlans
 - Router#show ip route
- Test configuration with **ping** and **traceroute**

Troubleshooting

- Verify the switch access ports are on the correct VLANs
- Verify trunk ports are correctly configured
- The command show interface *interface-id* switchport is useful for identifying VLAN assignment and port configuration issues
- Using the show interface and the show running-config commands can be useful in troubleshooting router configuration
- Verify router IPs and PC Ips and in the same network wit the same subnet mask

Layer 3 inter-VLAN routing

- Layer 3 switches usually have packet-switching throughputs in the millions of packets per second (pps), whereas traditional routers provide packet switching in the range of 100,000 pps to more than 1 million pps.
- Catalyst 2960 Series switches running IOS Release 12.2(55) or later, support static routing.
- Higher series support more advanced routing features



Routed Port VLAN and SVI

- A Routed port is a <u>pure Layer 3 interface</u> similar to a physical interface on a Cisco IOS router.
 - Unlike an access port, a routed port is not associated with a particular VLAN
- An SVI can be created for any VLAN that exists on the switch.
- An **SVI** is considered to be virtual because there is **no physical port** dedicated to the interface.
- It can perform the same functions for the VLAN as a router interface would
- Can be configured in much the same way as a router interface (i.e., IP address, inbound/outbound ACLs, etc.).
- The SVI for the VLAN provides Layer 3 processing for packets

Why SVI?

- Reasons to configure SVI:
 - To provide a gateway for a VLAN so that traffic can be routed into or out of that VLAN
 - To provide Layer 3 IP connectivity to the switch
 - To support routing protocol and bridging configurations
- Advantages of SVIs:
 - It is much faster than router-on-a-stick
 - No need for external links from the switch to the router for routing.
 - Not limited to one link: Layer 2 EtherChannels can be used between the switches to get more bandwidth.
 - Latency is much lower, because it does not need to leave the switch.
- <u>The only disadvantage is that multilayer switches are more</u> <u>expensive</u>

Routed Ports on a Switch

- A routed port behaves like a regular router interface.
- Because Layer 2 functionality has been removed, Layer 2 protocols, such as **STP**, do not function on a routed interface.
- However, some protocols, such as LACP and EtherChannel, do function at Layer 3.
- Unlike Cisco IOS routers, routed ports on a Cisco IOS switch do not support subinterfaces.
- Routed ports are used for point-to-point links
- Routed ports are mostly configured between switches in the core and distribution layer.
- To configure routed ports, use the **no switchport** interface configuration mode command on the appropriate ports.

Cisco Switch Database Manager

- A Catalyst 2960 switch can function as a Layer 3 device and route between VLANs and a limited number of static routes.
- The Cisco Switch Database Manager (SDM) provides multiple templates for the 2960 switch.
- The templates can be <u>enabled to support specific roles</u> depending on how the switch is used in the network.
- For example, the sdm **lanbase-routing** template can be enabled to allow the switch to route between VLANs and to support static routing.
- The **default** template <u>does not support static routing</u>.
- If IPv6 addressing has been enabled, the template will be dual-ipv4-and-ipv6 default.

Manage SDM

- The SDM template can be changed in global configuration mode with the sdm prefer <template-name> command
- Use show sdm prefer to see the current template and other informations
- IP routing is enabled with the **ip routing** global configuration mode command.
 - The ip routing command is <u>automatically enabled on Cisco routers</u>
- Use **show ip route** to see the configured routes
- Use ip route <network> <sub-mask> <gateway> to add a static route

Troubleshooting

- Verify VLAN and assiged ports
- Ensure that ports are in the right VLAN and trunking is working as expected
- Verify each port is correctly in access, trunk or disabled mode
- Verify the SVIs are created with the correct IP address and subnet mask, and enabled
- Verify routing is enabled and static routes are correct
- Verify default gateways on router, switch and hosts

End of lesson