

Chapter 3: Advanced STP Tuning

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Chapter 3 Content

This chapter covers the following content:

- **STP Topology Tuning -** This section explains some of the options for modifying the root bridge location or moving blocking ports to designated ports.
- Additional STP Protection Mechanisms This section examines protection mechanisms such as root guard, BPDU guard, and STP loop guard.

STP Topology Tuning

- In a properly designed network a switch is deliberately selected to become the root bridge and the designated and alternate ports are modified.
- Network design considerations factor in hardware platform, resiliency, and network topology.

STP Topology Tuning Root Bridge Placement

To ensure root bridge placement set the system priority on:

- The root bridge to the lowest value
- The secondary root bridge to a value slightly higher than that of the root bridge
- All other switches to a value higher than the secondary root bridge

Command	Description
spanning-tree vlan vlan-id priority priority	The priority is a value between 0 and 61,440, in increments of 4,096.
spanning-tree vlan vlan-id root {primary secondary} [diameter diameter]	The primary keyword sets the priority to 24,576, and the secondary keyword sets the priority to 28,672. The optional diameter command makes it possible to tune the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) convergence and modifies the timers.

STP Topology Tuning Configuring the Root Bridge

In the example:

- The initial priority for VLAN 1 on SW1 is verified, 32,769.
- SW1 is configured to be the primary root for VLAN 1
- The priority is verified again to ensure the change took place.

Example 3-1 Changing the STP System Priority on SW1

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Verification of SWI Priority before modifying the priority
SWI# show spanning-tree vlan 1
VLAN0001
  Spanning tree enabled protocol rstp
  Root ID
            Priority
                        32769
                        0062.ec9d.c500
            Address
            This bridge is the root
            Hello Time 2 sec Max Age 20 sec Forward Delay 15 sec
                        32769 (priority 32768 sys-id-ext 1)
  Bridge ID Priority
            Address
                        0062. ec9d. c500
            Hello Time 2 sec Max Age 20 sec Forward Delay 15 sec
            Aging Time 300 sec
Configuring the SWI priority as primary root for VLAN 1
SWI(config)# spanning-tree vlan 1 root primary
! Verification of SWI Priority after modifying the priority
SWI# show spanning-tree vlan 1
VLAN0001
 Spanning tree enabled protocol rstp
  Root ID
           Priority
                        24577
            Address
                        0062.ec9d.c500
            This bridge is the root
            Hello Time 2 sec Max Age 20 sec Forward Delay 15 sec
  Bridge ID Priority
                        24577 (priority 24576 sys-id-ext 1)
            Address
                        0062.ec9d.c500
            Hello Time 2 sec Max Age 20 sec Forward Delay 15 sec
            Aging Time 300 sec
Interface
                   Role Sts Cost
                                      Prio. Nor Type
Gi 1/0/2
                   Desg FWD 4
                                      128.2
                                               P2p
Gi 1/0/3
                   Desg FWD 4
                                      128.3
                                               P2p
Gi 1/0/14
                   Desg FWD 4
                                      128.14 P2p
```

STP Topology Tuning Configuring the Backup Root Bridge

In the example:

- The initial priority for VLAN 1 on SW2 is verified, 32,769.
- SW2 is configured to be the secondary root for VLAN 1
- The priority is verified again to ensure the change took place.

Example 3-2 Changing the STP System Priority on SW2

! Verification of SW2 Priority before modifying the priority								
SW2# show sp	W2# show spanning-tree vlan 1							
! Output omi	tted for bre	vity						
VLAN0001	VLAN0001							
Spanning tree enabled protocol rstp								
Root ID	Priority	24577						
	Address	0062.ec9d.c500						
	Cost	4						
	Port	1 (GigabitEthe	rnet1/0/1	L)				
	Hello Time	2 sec Max Ag	e 20 sec	Forward Delay 15 sec				
Bridge ID	Priority	32769 (priori	ty 32768	sys-id-ext 1)				
	Address	0081.c4ff.8b00						
	Hello Time	2 sec Max Ag	e 20 sec	Forward Delay 15 sec				
	Aging Time	300 sec						
Interface	Role	Sts Cost	Prio.Nbr	Туре				
Gi1/0/1	Root	FWD 4	128.1	P2p				
Gi1/0/3	Desg	FWD 4	128.3	P2p				
Gi1/0/4	Desg	FWD 4	128.4	P2p				
! Configurin	g the SW2 pr	iority as root	secondary	/ for VLAN 1				
SW2(config)#	spanning-tr	e vlan 1 root	secondary	7				

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STP Topology Tuning Modifying STP Root Port & Blocked Switch Port Locations

Calculating total path cost to the root bridge:

- SW1 sends a BPDU to SW3 with the path cost of 0.
- SW3 receives the BPDU and adds its root port cost (4) to cost from the BPDU (0), resulting in the cost of 4.
- SW3 sends a BPDU to SW5 with the path cost of 4.
- SW5 receives the BPDU and adds its root port cost (4) to the cost from the BPDU (4), resulting in the cost of 8 for SW5 to reach the root bridge.



STP Topology Tuning Verifying the Total Path Cost

The example highlights the total path cost to the root bridge from SW3 and SW5.

Example 3-3 Verifying the Total Path Cost

SW# show spanning-tree vlan 1					
! Output omi	put omitted for brevity				
VLAN0001					
Root ID	Priority	32769			
	Address	0062.ec9d.c50	0		
	This bridge	is the root			
Interface	Ro1 e	Sts Cost	Prio.Nbr	Туре	
Gi 1/0/2	De s g	FWD 4	128.2	P2p	
Gi 1/0/3	De s g	FWD 4	128.3	P2p	
SW3# show sp	anni ng- t r e e	vlan 1			
! Output omi	tted for bre	vity			
VLAN0001					
VLAN0001 Root ID	Priority	32769			
VLAN0001 Root ID	Priority Address	32769 0062.ec9d.c50	D		
VLAN0001 Root ID	Priority Address Cost	32769 0062.ec9d.c500 4	D		
VLAN0001 Root ID	Priority Address Cost Port	32769 0062.ec9d.c50 4 1 (Gigabit Et he	0 ernet 1/ 0/	1)	
VLAN0001 Root ID	Priority Address Cost Port	32769 0062.ec9d.c50 4 1 (GigabitEthe	0 ernet 1/ 0/	1)	
VLAN0001 Root ID Interface	Priority Address Cost Port Role	32769 0062.ec9d.c50 4 1 (GigabitEthe Sts Cost	0 ernet 1/0/ Prio.Nbr	1) Type	
VLAN0001 Root ID	Priority Address Cost Port Role	32769 0062.ec9d.c50 4 1 (GigabitEthe Sts Cost	0 ernet 1/0/ Prio.Nbr	1) Type	
VLAN0001 Root ID Interface Gi 1/0/1	Priority Address Cost Port Role Root	32769 0062.ec9d.c500 4 1 (GigabitEthe Sts Cost	0 ernet 1/0/ Prio. Nbr 	1) Type P2p	
VLAN0001 Root ID Interface Gi 1/0/1 Gi 1/0/2	Priority Address Cost Port Role Root Altn	32769 0062.ec9d.c500 4 1 (GigabitEthe Sts Cost 	0 Prio. Nbr 	1) Type P2p P2p	

SW5# show sp	anning-tree	vlan 1					
! Output omi	tted for bre	evity					
VLAN0001							
Root ID	Priority	32769					
	Address	0062.ec9d.c500					
	Cost	8					
	Por t	3 (Gigabit Ethe	ernet 1/0/3	3)			
Interface	Rol e	Sts Cost	Prio. Nbr	Туре			
Gi 1/0/3	Root	FWD 4	128.3	P2p			
Gi 1/0/4	Altn	BLK 4	128.4	P2p			
Gi 1 / 0 / 5	Altn	BLK 4	128.5	P2p			

Note: There is not a total path cost in SW1's output

STP Topology Tuning Modifying STP Port Cost

- The **spanning tree** [**vlan** *vlan-id*] **cost** *cost* command can be used to modify the STP forwarding path.
- Using the spanning tree command will modify the cost for all VLANs unless the optional vlan keyword is used.

Example 3-4 Modifying STP Port Cost

SW3# conf t					
SW3(config)#	interface g	i 1/0/1			
SW8(config-i	f)# spanning	-tree cost 1			
SW8# show sp	anni ng- t r e e	vlan 1			
! Output omi	tted for bre	vity			
VLAN0001					
Root ID	Priority	32769			
	Address	0062.ec9d.c50	0		
	Cost	1			
	Por t	1 (Gigabit Eth	ernet 1/0/	1)	
Bridge ID	Priority	32769 (prior	ity 32768	sys-id-ext	D
Dirage 1D	Address	189c 5d11 998	0	5 y 5 - 1 a - 0 x t	.,
	That ess	10/01/04/11///0			
Interface	Role	St.s. Cost	Prio Nhr	Type	
Gi 1/0/1	Root	FWD 1	128.1	P2p	
Gi 1/0/2	De s g	FWD 4	128.2	P2p	
Gi 1/0/5	De s g	FWD 4	128.5	P2p	
SW2# show sp	anni ng- t r e e	vlan 1			
! Output omi	tted for bre	vity			
VLAN0001					
Root ID	Priority	32769			
	Address	0062.ec9d.c50	0		
	Cos t	4			
	Por t	1 (Gigabit Eth	ernet 1/0/	1)	
Bridge ID	Pri or i t y	32769 (prior	ity 32768	sys-id-ext	1)
	Address	0081.c4ff.8b0	0		
Interface	Ro1 e	Sts Cost	Prio.Nbr	Туре	
Gi 1/0/1	Root	FWD 4	128.1	P2p	
Gi 1/0/3	Altn	BLK 4	128.3	P2p	
Gi 1/0/4	De s g	FWD 4	128.4	P2p	

STP Topology Tuning Modifying STP Port Priority

STP port priority influences which port becomes the alternate port when multiple links are used between switches. Use the command **spanning-tree** [**vlan** *vlan-id*] **port-priority** *priority* to change the STP port priority on a switch's interface.

Example 3-5 Viewing STP Port Priority

SW5# show sp	anni ng- t	tree	vlan 1		
! Output omi	tted for	r bre	vity		
VLAN0001					
Spanning t	ree enab	bled j	protocol rstp		
Root ID	Priorit	t y	32769		
	Address	8	0062.ec9d.c500	0	
	Cost		12		
	Por t		4 (Gigabit Etho	ernet 1/0/4	ŧ)
Bridge ID	Priorit	t y	32769 (priori	ity 32768	sys-id-ext 1)
	Address	8	bc67.1c5c.9300	D	
Interface		Rol e	Sts Cost	Prio.Nbr	Туре
Gi 1/0/4		Root	FWD 4	128.4	P2p
Gi 1/0/5		Altn	BLK 4	128.5	P2 n

Example 3-6 Verifying Port Priority Impact on an STP Topology

SW4# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
SW4(config)# interface gi 1/0/6
SW4(config-if)# spanning-tree port-priority 64

Example 3-7 Determining the Impact of Port Priority on a Topology

SW4# show spanning-	tree vlan	1		
! Output omitted for	r brevity			
I nt erface	Role Sts	Cost	Prio.Nbr	Туре
Gi 1/0/2	Root FWD	4	128.2	P2p
Gi 1/0/5	Desg FWD	4	128.5	P2p
Gi 1/0/6	Desg FWD	4	64.6	P2n
G. 17 07 0	2005 1 12			• =p
SW5# show spanning-	tree vlan	1		* 2 P
SW5# show spanning- ! Output omitted for	tree vlan r brevity	1		P
SW5# show spanning- ! Output omitted fo Interface	tree vlan r brevity Role Sts	1 Cost	Prio. Nbr	Туре
SW6# show spanning- ! Output omitted fo Interface	tree vlan r brevity Role Sts	1 Cost	Prio. Nbr	Туре
SW6# show spanning- ! Output omitted fo Interface Gi 1/0/4	tree vlan r brevity Role Sts Altn BLK	1 Cost 4	Pr i o. Nbr 128.4	Type P2p

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms

- A network forwarding loop occurs when there are multiple active paths between two devices. Broadcast and multicast traffic are forwarded out every switch port continuing the forwarding loop.
- The network's throughput is drastically effected as the switches are processing numerous frames. The switches CPU utilization will be high and memory space will be consumed. The switches might crash and users will likely notice the impact on the network.

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms Additional STP Protection Mechanisms

Common issues for Layer 2 forwarding loops:

- STP is disabled on a switch.
- A load balancer is misconfigured and sends traffic out multiple ports with the same MAC address.
- A virtual switch that bridges two physical ports.
- End users using an unmanaged switch or hub.

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms Root Guard

Root guard is an STP feature that prevents a configured port from becoming a root port.

- It does this by placing the port in an ErrDisabled state if a superior BDPU is received on that port.
- Root guard is placed on designated ports towards other switches that should never become root bridges.
- Root guard is enabled on a port-by-port basis.

Use the interface command **spanning-tree guard root** to enable root guard.

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms STP Portfast

STP portfast disables the topology notification notification (TCN) generation and causes access ports that come up to bypass the learning and listening states and enter the forwarding state immediately. If a BPDU is received on a portfast-enabled port, the portfast functionality is removed from that port.

Command	Description
spanning-tree portfast	Interface command to enable portfast on a specific access port
spanning-tree portfast default	Global command to enable portfast on all access ports
spanning-tree portfast disable	Disable portfast on a port
spanning-tree portfast trunk	Command used on trunk links to enable portfast *This command should only be used with ports connected to a single host.

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms STP Portfast Examples

The following shows how to enable STP portfast globally and on a specific interface.

Example 3-9 Enabling STP Portfast on Specific Interfaces

SWI (config) # interface gigabitEthernet 1/0/13

SWI(config-if) # switchport mode access

SW(config-if)# switchport access vlan 10

SW(config-if)# spanning-tree portfast

SWI# show spanning-	tree vlan 10			
! Output omitted for	r brevity			
VLAN0010				
Interface	Role Sts Cost	Prio.Nbr	Туре	
Gi 1/0/2	Desg FWD 4	128.2	P2 p	
Gi 1/0/3	Desg FWD 4	128.3	P2p	
Gi 1/0/13	Desg FWD 4	128.13	P2p Edge	

SW# show spanning-tree interface gi1/0/13 detail

Port 13 (Gigabit Ethernet 1/0/13) of VLAN0010 is designated for warding

Port path cost 4, Port priority 128, Port Identifier 128.7.

Designated root has priority 32778, address 0062.ec9d.c500 Designated bridge has priority 32778, address 0062.ec9d.c500

Designated port id is 128.7, designated path cost 0

Timers: message age 0, forward delay 0, hold 0

Number of transitions to forwarding state: 1

The port is in the portfast mode

Link type is point-to-point by default

BPDU: sent 23103, received 0

Example 3-10 Enabling STP Portfast Globally

SW2# conf t

Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z. SW2(config)# spanning-tree portfast default %Warning: this command enables portfast by default on all interfaces. You should now disable portfast explicitly on switched ports leading to hubs, switches and bridges as they may create temporary bridging loops.

SW2(config) # interface gi1/0/8 SW2(config-if) # spanning-tree portfast disable

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms BPDU Guard

BPDU guard is a safety mechanism that shuts down ports configured with STP portfast upon receiving a BPDU.

Command	Description
spanning-tree portfast bpduguard default	Global command to enable BPDU guard on all STP portfast ports
spanning-tree portfast bpduguard default {enable disable}	Interface command to enables or disable BPDU guard on a specific interface
show spanning-tree interface interface-id detail	Displays whether BPDU guard is enabled for the specified interface

Note: BPDU Guard is typically configured with all host-facing ports that are enabled with portfast.



Additional STP Protection Mechanisms BPDU Guard Examples

The following shows how to configure BPDU guard and a BPDU guard-enabled port detecting a BPDU.

Example 3-11 Configuring BPDU Guard

SM# configure terminal Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z. SW(config)# spanning-tree portfast bpduguard default SWI(config) # interface gi1/0/8 SWI(config-if)# spanning-tree bpduguard disable SWI# show spanning-tree interface gi1/0/7 detail Port 7 (GigabitEthernet1/0/7) of VLAN0010 is designated forwarding Port path cost 4, Port priority 128, Port Identifier 128.7. Designated root has priority 32778, address 0062.ec9d.c500 Designated bridge has priority 32778, address 0062.ec9d.c500 Designated port id is 128.7, designated path cost 0 Timers: message age 0, forward delay 0, hold 0 Number of transitions to forwarding state: 1 The port is in the portfast mode Link type is point-to-point by default Bpdu guard is enabled by default BPDU: sent 23386, received 0 SW# show spanning-tree interface gi 1/0/8 detail Port 8 (GigabitEthernet1/0/8) of VLAN0010 is designated forwarding Port path cost 4, Port priority 128, Port Identifier 128.8. Designated root has priority 32778, address 0062.ec9d.c500 Designated bridge has priority 32778, address 0062.ec9d.c500 Designated port id is 128.8, designated path cost 0 Timers: message age 0, forward delay 0, hold 0 Number of transitions to forwarding state: 1 The port is in the portfast mode by default Link type is point-to-point by default BPDU: sent 23388, received 0

Example	3-12 Detecting	g a BPDU on a BI	PDU Gu	iard–Enal	oled Po	ort	
12:47:02	.069: % PANTREE-2	- BLOCK_BPDUGUARD	Recei	ved BPDU	on port	Gigabi	t
Ethern	net 1/0/2 with BPI	OU Guard enabled.	Disabl	ing port.			
12:47:02	.076: %PM-4-ERR_I	NABLE: bpduguar	d error	detected	on Gil	1/0/2,	
put t i i	ng Gi1/0/2 in err	-disable state					
12:47:03	. 079: %LI NEPROTO-	5-UPDOWN: Line p	r ot ocol	on Inter	face Gi	gabi t	
Ether	net 1/0/2, changed	state to down					
12:47:04	. 082: %LI NK- 3- UPI	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	i gabi t E	thernet 1/	0/2, cl	na nge d	
state	to down						
SWL# sho	winterfaces stat	u s					
	NIe eres	Status	Man	Dunlar	Speed	Tuna	
Por t	Name	Status	vi u li	Duptex	speeu	rype	
Por t Gi 1/ 0/ 1	ina me	not connect	1	auto	auto	10/100/	1000BaseTX
Por t Gi 1/ 0/ 1 Gi 1/ 0/ 2	SW2 Gi 1/0/1	not connect err - di sabl ed	1 1	aut o aut o	aut o	10/100/ 10/100/	1 00 0 Ba s e TX 1 00 0 Ba s e TX

The **show interfaces status** command shows the err-disabled status of the port that received the BPDU.

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms BPDU Guard Error Recovery

The Error Recovery service can be used to reactivate ports that are shut down. Ports that are put into the ErrDisabled mode due to BPDU guard do not automatically restore themselves. Use the following commands to recover ports that were shutdown from BPDU guard:

Command	Description
errdisable recovery cause bpduguard	Recovers ports shutdown by BPDU guard
errdisable recovery interval time-seconds	The period that Error Recovery checks for ports

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms BPDU Guard Error Recovery Example

The following example shows how to configure the Error Recovery service.

Example 3-13 Configuring Error Recovery Service

SWI# configure terminal Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z. SWI(config)# errdisable recovery cause bpduguard		
SW# show errdisable recovery		
! Output omitted for brevity		
ErrDisable Reason	Timer Status	
arp-inspection	Di sabl ed	
bpduguar d	En a bl e d	
Recovery command: "clear	Di sabl ed	
Timer interval: 300 seconds		

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Interfaces that will be enabled at the next timeout: Interface Errdisable reason Time left(sec) $G_{i} 1/0/2$ 295 bpduguar d ! Syslog output from BPDU recovery. The port will be recovered, and then ! triggered again because the port is still receiving BPDUs SW# 01:02:08.122: %PM 4-ERR_RECOVER: Attempting to recover from bpduguard err-disable state on Gi 1/0/2 01:02:10.699: %SPANTREE-2-BLOCK_BPDUGUARD: Received BPDU on port Gigabit Ethernet 1/0/2 with BPDU Guard enabled. Disabling port. 01:02:10.699: %PM 4-ERR_DI SABLE: bpduguard error detected on Gi 1/0/2, putting Gi 1/0/2 in err-disable state

Note: The Error Recovery service operates every 300 seconds (5 minutes). This can be changed from 5 to 86,000 seconds with the global command **errdisable recovery interval** *time*

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms BPDU Filter

BPDU filter blocks BPDUs from being transmitted out of a port. It can be enabled globally or on a specific interface.

Global BPDU filter command:

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spanning-tree portfast bpdufilter default

With the global BPDU configuration the port sends a series of 10 - 12 BPDUs. If the switch receives any BPDUs, it checks to identify which switch is more preferred.

- The preferred switch doesn't process any BPDUs but still passes them along to inferior switches.
- A non-preferred switch processes the BPDUs that are received but doesn't transmit any BPDUs to superior switches.

Interface-specific BPDU filter command: Spanning-tree bpdufilter enable

With the interface-specific BPDU configuration the port does not send any BPDUs on an ongoing basis. If the remote port has BPDU guard, that generally shuts down the port as a loop prevention mechanism.

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms Verifying a BPDU Filter

The following shows using the **show spanning-tree interface** *interface-id* **detail** command to verify that BPDU filter is enabled.

Example 3-14 Verifying a BPDU Filter

! SWI was enabled with BPDU filter only on port Gi 1/0/2
SWI# show spanning-tree interface gi1/0/2 detail in BPDUI Bpdul Ethernet
Port 2 (Gigabit Ethernet $1/0/2$) of VLAN0001 is designated forwarding
Bpdu filter is enabled
BPDU: sent 113, received 84
SWI# show spanning-tree interface gi1/0/2 detail in BPDUI Bpdul Ethernet
Port 2 (Gigabit Ethernet 1/0/2) of VLAN0001 is designated forwarding
Bpdu filter is enabled
BPDU: sent 113, received 84
BPDU: sent 113, received 84 ! SWI was enabled with BPDU filter globally
BPDU: sent 113, received 84 ! SWI was enabled with BPDU filter globally SW2# show spanning-tree interface gi1/0/2 detail in BPDU Bpdu Ethernet
BPDU: sent 113, received 84 ! SW was enabled with BPDU filter globally SW2# show spanning-tree interface gi1/0/2 detail in BPDU Bpdu Ethernet Port 1 (Gigabit Ethernet1/0/2) of VLAN0001 is designated forwarding
BPDU: sent 113, received 84 ! SWM was enabled with BPDU filter globally SW2# show spanning-tree interface gi1/0/2 detail in BPDU Bpdu Ethernet Port 1 (GigabitEthernet1/0/2) of VLAN0001 is designated forwarding BPDU: sent 56, received 5
BPDU: sent 113, received 84 ! SWM was enabled with BPDU filter globally SW2# show spanning-tree interface gi1/0/2 detail in BPDU Bpdu Ethernet Port 1 (GigabitEthernet1/0/2) of VLAN0001 is designated forwarding BPDU: sent 56, received 5 SW2# show spanning-tree interface gi1/0/2 detail in BPDU Bpdu Ethernet
 BPDU: sent 113, received 84 ! SWM was enabled with BPDU filter globally SW2# show spanning-tree interface gi1/0/2 detail in BPDU Bpdu Ethernet Port 1 (Gigabit Ethernet1/0/2) of VLAN0001 is designated forwarding BPDU: sent 56, received 5 SW2# show spanning-tree interface gi1/0/2 detail in BPDU Bpdu Ethernet Port 1 (Gigabit Ethernet1/0/2) of VLAN0001 is designated forwarding

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms **Problems with Unidirectional Links**

Network devices that utilize fiber-optic cables for connectivity can encounter unidirectional traffic flows if one strand is broken. BPDUs will not able to be transmitted causing other switches on the network to eventually time out the existing root port and change root ports resulting in a forwarding loop.

Two solutions to problems with unidirectional links:

- STP Guard
- Unidirectional Link Detection

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms STP Loop Guard

STP Loop guard prevents any alternative or root ports from becoming designated ports due to loss of BPDUs on the root port. Loop guard places the original port into an ErrDisabled state while BPDUs are not being received and transitions back through the STP states when it begins receiving BPDUs again.

Command	Description
spanning-tree loopguard default	Global command to enable loop guard
spanning-tree guard loop	Interface command to enable loop guard
show spanning-tree inconsistent-ports	Shows ports in the inconsistent state due to the port not receiving BPDUs

Note: Loop guard shouldn't be enabled on portfast-enabled ports because it directly conflicts with root/alternate port logic

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms STP Loop Guard Examples

The following examples show configuring loop guard, triggering loop guard by blocking BPDUs and the port in an inconsistent state.

Example 3-15 Configuring Loop Guard

SW2# config t			
SW2(config)# into	erface gi1/0/1		
SW2(config-if)#	spanning-tree guard lo	op	
Placing BPDU fi	lter on SW2's RP (Gil	/0/1) bri	dge) triggers loop guard.
SW2(config-if)# interface gi1/0/1 SW2(config-if)# spanning-tree bpdufilter enabled 01:42:35.051: %SPANTREE-2-LOOPGUARD_BLOCK: Loop guard blocking port Gigabit			
SW2# show spanni	ng-tree vlan 1 b Int	erface	
Interface	Role Sts Cost	Prio.Nbr	Type
			- J F -
Gi 1/0/1	Root BKN*4	128.1	P2p *LOOP_Inc
Gi 1/0/1 Gi 1/0/3	Root BKN*4 Root FWD 4	128.1 128.3	P2p *LOOP_Inc P2p

Example 3-16 Viewing the Inconsistent STP Ports

Ster show spann	ing-tree inconsistent ports	
Na me	Interface	Inconsistency
VLAN0001	Gi gabi t Et her net 1/0/1	Loop Inconsistent
VLAN0010	Gi gabi t Et her net 1/0/1	Loop Inconsistent
VLAN0020	Gi gabi t Et her net 1/0/1	Loop Inconsistent
VLAN0099	Gigabit Et her net 1/0/1	Loop Inconsistent

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms Unidirectional Link Detection

Unidirectional Link Detection (UDLD) allows for the bidirectional monitoring of fiber-optic cables.

UDLD operates in two modes:

- **Normal** If a frame is not acknowledged, the link is considered undetermined and the port remains active.
- **Aggressive** If a frame is not acknowledged, the switch sends another 8 packets in 1 second intervals. If those packets aren't acknowledged, the port is placed into an error state.

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms UDLD Commands

The following are commands for configuring and verifying UDLD:

Command	Description
udld enable [aggressive]	Global command to enable UDLD. *Optional aggressive keyword sets the mode to aggressive.
udld port [aggressive]	Interface command to enable UDLD *Optional aggressive keyword sets the mode to aggressive.
udld port disable	Disable UDLD on a specific interface
udld recovery [interval time]	Enables UDLD recovery. The <i>time</i> default value is 5 minutes.
show udld neighbors	Displays the status of UDLD neighborship
show udld interface-id	Displays detailed information about UDLD

Additional STP Protection Mechanisms Configuring & Verifying UDLD Examples

The following are examples for configuring and verifying UDLD:

Example 3-17 Configuring UDLD

SW# conf t

Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z. SW((config) # udld enable

Example 3-18 Verifying UDLD Neighbors and Switch Port Status

SWI# show udld neighbors Current operational state: Advertisement - Single neighbor detected Message interval: 15000 ms Time out interval: 5000 ms Port fast-hello configuration setting: Disabled Port fast-hello interval: 0 ms Port fast-hello operational state: Disabled Neighbor fast-hello configuration setting: Disabled Neighbor fast-hello interval: Unknown Entry 1 Expiration time: 41300 ms Cache Device index: 1 Current neighbor state: Bidirectional Device ID: 081C4FF8B0 Port ID: Te1/1/3 Neighbor echo 1 device: 062EC9DC50 Neighbor echo 1 port: Te1/1/3 TLV Message interval: 15 sec No TLV fast-hello interval TLV Time out interval: 5 TLV CDP Device name: SW2

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Description

Root bridge placement

Root bridge values

Spanning tree port cost

Root guard

STP portfast

BPDU guard

BPDU filter



Prepare for the Exam Key Terms for Chapter 3

Terms
BPDU filter
Root guard
STP loop guard
BPDU guard
STP portfast
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Task	Command Syntax
Configure the STP priority for a switch so that it is a root bridge or a backup root bridge	<pre>spanning-tree vlan vlan-id root {primary secondary} [diameter diameter] OR spanning-tree vlan vlan-id priority priority</pre>
Configure the STP port cost	spanning tree [vlan vlan-id] cost cost
Configure the STP port priority on the downstream port	spanning-tree [vlan vlan-id] port-priority priority
Enable root guard on an interface	spanning-tree guard root
Enable STP portfast globally, for a specific port, or for a trunk port	spanning-tree portfast default OR spanning-tree portfast OR spanning-tree portfast trunk
Enable BPDU guard globally or for a specific switch port	spanning-tree portfast bpduguard default OR spanning-tree bpduguard {enable disable}

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Task	Command Syntax
Enable BPDU guard globally or for a specific interface	spanning-tree portfast bpdufilter default OR spanning-tree bpdufilter enable
Enable STP loop guard globally or for a specific interface	spanning-tree loopguard default OR spanning-tree guard loop
Enable automatic error recovery for BPDU guard.	errdisable recovery cause bpduguard
Enable BPDU guard globally or for a specific interface	spanning-tree portfast bpdufilter default OR spanning-tree bpdufilter enable
Enable STP loop guard globally or for a specific interface	spanning-tree loopguard default OR spanning-tree guard loop
Enable automatic error recovery for BPDU guard.	errdisable recovery cause bpduguard

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Task	Command Syntax
Change the automatic error recovery time	errdisable recovery interval time-seconds
Enable UDLD globally or for a specific port	udld enable [aggressive] OR udld port [aggressive]
Display the list of STP ports in an inconsistent state	show spanning-tree inconsistentports
Display the list of neighbor devices running UDLD	show udld neighbors

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