Cisco Trunks

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Introduction

In the previous topic regarding Cisco VLANs and Trunks there are some videos outlining the theory of using VLANs and Trunks. Here we will look more at a worked example, and see some of the commands.

Why is using a Trunk port important? There are a few reasons for this, but from my perspective it is down to a new product that we have, the T1. The T1 is effectively a group of blades in a box with two switches. Access to the switches, which have a number of ports, is limited to just a few ports on the front panel. This means we really need to be able to group all of our multicasts in to a single source interface, and connect this to the T1.



Looking at the above diagram, we see an example of some sources on the left (could be encoders, receivers or streaming devices) feeding a cisco switch. The Cisco could have one or more VLANs configured, and we need to get all of these VLANs in to a single interface in our T1. If you only have a single VLAN, then a Trunk port is not required, but in some way it would be a good practice to use a trunk port, as if you needed to add VLANs later, half your work is already done.

Example

VLANs, while technically the same, can be broken down in to funciton. Some of these are:

Default VLAN Native VLAN Data VLAN Management VLAN Voice VLAN

I will discuss the meaning of these VLANs later, but for now I want to look at the configuration.

Default VLAN

As the name suggests, the default VLAN is the VLAN that the interfaces are initially located in. On a Cisco this is VLAN 1. From the Cisco CLI you can use the command show vlan to list the currently configured VLANs.

VLAN	Name	Status	Ports
1	default	active	Fa0/1, Fa0/2, Fa0/3, Fa0/4 Fa0/5, Fa0/6, Fa0/7, Fa0/8 Fa0/9, Fa0/10, Fa0/11, Fa0/12 Fa0/13, Fa0/14, Fa0/15, Fa0/16 Fa0/17, Fa0/18, Fa0/19, Fa0/20 Fa0/21, Fa0/22, Fa0/23, Fa0/24 Gig0/1, Gig0/2
1002	fddi-default	act/unsup	
1003	token-ring-default	act/unsup	
1004	fddinet-default	act/unsup	
1005	trnet-default	act/unsup	

Above we can see that VLAN 1 is listed as the default VLAN, this VLAN contains all the ports on the switch, this is how the switch will be configured from new when powered on.

Native VLAN

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Fa0/21, Fa0/22, Fa0/23, Fa0/24 Gig0/1, Gig0/2 1002 fddi-default act/unsup 1003 token-ring-default act/unsup 1004 fddinet-default act/unsup 1005 trnet-default act/unsup Cannot delete or rename vlan 1 vlan50 name student vlan99 name mgt exit sh vlan see vlan but no ports, need to assign ports. int fa 0/10 switchport mode access switchport access vlan 50 VLAN Name Status Ports 1 default Fa0/1, Fa0/2, Fa0/3, Fa0/4 active Fa0/5, Fa0/6, Fa0/7, Fa0/8 Fa0/9, Fa0/11, Fa0/12, Fa0/13 Fa0/14, Fa0/15, Fa0/16, Fa0/17 Fa0/18, Fa0/19, Fa0/20, Fa0/21 Fa0/22, Fa0/23, Fa0/24, Gig0/1 Gig0/2 student Fa0/10 50 active Switch(config-if)#ip address 192.168.99.2 255.255.255.0 Switch(config-if)#no shutdown not using vlan 1 is better for security, as guessing a vlan or interface number is harder. Native VLAN is important for Trunk Ports Interfaces (access ports) are one port per vlan effectivly (but no vlan configured) Trunk Port carries multiple VLANs across a single link (single interface) virtual terminal Switch(config)#line vty 0 15 Switch(config-line)#password cisco Switch(config-line)#login Switch(config)#enable secret cisco Switch(config-if)#switchport trunk encapsulation dot1q Switch(config-if)#switchport mode trunk Switch(config-if)# %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to down %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to up Switch(config-if)#switchport trunk allowed vlan 1-99 interface FastEthernet0/1 switchport trunk allowed vlan 1-99

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Operational private-vlan: none

Administrative private-vlan trunk private VLANs: none

Trunking VLANs Enabled: 1-99 Pruning VLANs Enabled: 2-1001 Capture Mode Disabled Capture VLANs Allowed: ALL Protected: false Unknown unicast blocked: disabled Unknown multicast blocked: disabled Appliance trust: none set native vlan Switch(config-if)#switchport trunk native vlan 80 show interfaces fastEthernet 0/1 switchport Name: Fa0/1 Switchport: Enabled Administrative Mode: trunk Operational Mode: trunk Administrative Trunking Encapsulation: dotlq Operational Trunking Encapsulation: dotlq Negotiation of Trunking: On Access Mode VLAN: 1 (default) Trunking Native Mode VLAN: 80 Voice VLAN: none Administrative private-vlan host-association: none Administrative private-vlan mapping: none Administrative private-vlan trunk native VLAN: none Administrative private-vlan trunk encapsulation: dotlq Administrative private-vlan trunk normal VLANs: none Administrative private-vlan trunk private VLANs: none Operational private-vlan: none Trunking VLANs Enabled: 1-99 Pruning VLANs Enabled: 2-1001 Capture Mode Disabled Capture VLANs Allowed: ALL Protected: false Unknown unicast blocked: disabled Unknown multicast blocked: disabled Appliance trust: none Switch#show interfaces trunk Port Mode Encapsulation Status Native vlan Fa0/1 802.lq trunking 80 on Port Vlans allowed on trunk Fa0/1 1 - 99Port Vlans allowed and active in management domain Fa0/1 1,50,80 Port Vlans in spanning tree forwarding state and not pruned Fa0/1 1,50,80 native vlan for backwards compatibility, or non tagged vlan traffic. REMEMBER TO DO THIS ON BOTH SWITCHES.

You will see this message after configuring the first switch, on the second switch.

%CDP-4-NATIVE_VLAN_MISMATCH: Native VLAN mismatch discovered on FastEthernet0/1 (1), with Switch FastEthernet0/1 (80).

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until you configure second switch. (CDP Cisco Discovery Protocol) This message occurs if Spanning Tree protocol is on.

You will see an unblock message when second switch is configured. %SPANTREE-2-UNBLOCK_CONSIST_PORT: Unblocking FastEthernet0/1 on VLAN0001. Port consistency restored.

do show ip interface br

Switch(config)#do	sh ip int br				
Interface	IP-Address	0K?	Method	Status	Protocol
FastEthernet0/1	unassigned	YES	unset	up	up
FastEthernet0/2	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/3	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/4	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/5	unassigned	YES	unset	up	up
FastEthernet0/6	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/7	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/8	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/9	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/10	unassigned	YES	unset	up	up
FastEthernet0/11	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/12	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/13	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/14	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/15	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/16	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/17	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/18	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/19	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/20	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/21	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/22	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/23	unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
FastEthernet0/24	unassigned	YES	unset	up	up
GigabitEthernet0/1	l unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
GigabitEthernet0/2	2 unassigned	YES	unset	down	down
Vlan1	unassigned	YES	unset	administratively down	n down
Vlan99	192.168.99.2	YES	manual	up	up

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