

# **Configuring Packet Capture**

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# **Prerequisites for Configuring Packet Capture**

Packet capture is supported on Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches

The following sections provide information about the prerequisites for configuring packet capture.

## **Prerequisites for Configuring Wireshark**

- Wireshark is supported only on switches running DNA Advantage
- Before starting a Wireshark capture process, ensure that CPU usage is moderate and that sufficient memory (at least 200 MB) is available. The CPU usage during Wireshark capture depends on how many packets match the specified conditions. It also depends on the intended actions for the matched packets (store, decode and display, or both).

## **Prerequisites for Configuring Embedded Packet Capture**

The Embedded Packet Capture (EPC) software subsystem consumes CPU and memory resources during its operation. You must have adequate system resources for different types of operations. The following table provides some guidelines for using the system resources.

Table 1: System Requirements for the EPC Subsystem

System Resources	Requirements	
Hardware	CPU utilization requirements are platform-dependent.	

System Resources	Requirements	
Memory	The DRAM stores the packet buffer. The size of the packet buffer is user specified.	
Disk space	Packets can be exported to external devices. No intermediate storage on flash disk is required.	

# **Restrictions for Configuring Packet Capture**

The following sections provide information about the restrictions for configuring packet capture.

## **Restrictions for Configuring Wireshark**

- Wireshark doesn't support Global packet capture.
- Wireshark doesn't support limiting circular file storage by file size.
- If you delete the file used by an active capture session, the capture session can't create a new file. All further packets captured are lost. You need to restart the capture point.
- File limit is limited to the size of the flash in DNA Advantage.
- Wireshark can't capture packets on a destination SPAN port.
- Wireshark stops capturing when one of the attachment points (interfaces) attached to a capture point stops working. For example, if the device that is associated with an attachment point is unplugged from the device. To resume capturing, restart the capture manually.
- The streaming capture mode supports approximately 1000 pps; lock-step mode supports approximately 2 Mbps (measured with 256-byte packets). When the matching traffic rate exceeds this number, you may experience packet loss.
- You can't change a capture point when the capture is active.
- Wireshark doesn't capture packets dropped by floodblock.
- A Wireshark class map allows only one ACL (IPv4, IPv6, or MAC).
- ACL logging and Wireshark are incompatible. Once you activate Wireshark, it takes priority. All traffic, including that captured by ACL logging on any ports, is redirected to Wireshark. We recommended that you deactivate ACL logging before starting Wireshark. Otherwise, Wireshark traffic will be contaminated by ACL logging traffic.
- If you capture both PACL and RACL on the same port, only one copy is sent to the CPU. If you capture a DTLS-encrypted CAPWAP interface, two copies are sent to Wireshark, one encrypted and the other decrypted. The same behavior occurs if we capture a Layer 2 interface carrying DTLS-encrypted CAPWAP traffic. The core filter is based on the outer CAPWAP header.
- The CLI for configuring Wireshark requires that the feature is executed only from EXEC mode. Actions
  that usually occur in configuration submode (such as defining capture points), are handled at the EXEC
  mode instead. All key commands are not NVGEN'd and aren't synchronized to the standby Supervisor
  in NSF and SSO scenarios.

Embedded Wireshark is supported with the following limitations:

- Capture filters and display filters aren't supported.
- Active capture decoding isn't available.
- The output format is different from previous releases.
- A Wireshark session with either a longer duration limit or no capture duration (using a terminal with no auto-more support using the **term len 0** command) may make the console or terminal unusable.
- Packet length range as a filter for packet capture isn't supported for non-IPv4/IPv6 packets and fragmented packets.
- Packet length range as a filter can't be used in addition with any other filters.

## **Restrictions for Configuring Embedded Packet Capture**

- Layer 2 EtherChannels aren't supported.
- You can't use VRFs, management ports, and private VLANs as attachment points.
- Embedded Packet Capture (EPC) isn't supported on logical ports, which includes port channels, switch virtual interfaces (SVIs), and subinterfaces. It's supported only on physical ports.
- A VLAN interface that is in shutdown state doesn't support EPC.
- If you change interface from switch port to routed port (Layer 2 to Layer 3) or the opposite way, you must delete the capture point and create a new one, once the interface comes back up. Stop/start the capture point won't work.
- Packets captured in the output direction of an interface might not reflect the changes made by the device rewrite. This includes TTL, VLAN tag, CoS, checksum, MAC addresses, DSCP, precedent, UP, etc.
- Even though the minimum configurable duration for packet capture is 1 second, packet capture works for a minimum of 2 seconds.
- It's not possible to modify a capture point parameter when a capture is already active or has started.
- EPC captures multicast packets only on ingress and doesn't capture the replicated packets on egress.
- The Rewrite information of both ingress and egress packets aren't captured.
- CPU-injected packets are considered control plane packets. Therefore, these types of packets won't be captured on an interface egress capture.
- Control plane packets aren't rate limited and performance impacting. Use filters to limit control plane packet capture.
- DNA Advantage supports decoding of protocols such as Control and Provisioning of Wireless Access Points (CAPWAP).
- You can define up to eight capture points, but only one can be active at a time. Stop one before you can start the other.
- MAC filter won't capture IP packets even if it matches the MAC address. This applies to all interfaces (Layer 2 switch port, Layer 3 routed port).

- MAC ACL is only used for non-IP packets such as ARP. It won't be supported on a Layer 3 port or SVI.
- MAC filter can't capture Layer 2 packets (ARP) on Layer 3 interfaces.
- VACL doesn't support IPv6-based ACLs.
- EPC cannot capture based on the underlying routing protocols in MPLS packets.

# **Information About Packet Capture**

The Packet Capture feature is an onboard packet capture facility that allows network administrators to capture packets flowing to, through, and from the device. You can analyze them locally or save and export them for offline analysis by using tools such as Wireshark and Embedded Packet Capture (EPC). This feature simplifies network operations by allowing devices to become active participants in the management and operation of the network. This feature facilitates troubleshooting by gathering information about the packet format. This feature also facilitates application analysis and security.

Embedded Packet Capture with Wireshark is supported on DNA Advantage.

## **About Wireshark**

Wireshark is a packet analyzer program that supports multiple protocols and presents information in a text-based user interface.

Wireshark dumps packets to a file using a well-known format called .pcap, and is applied or enabled on individual interfaces. You specify an interface in EXEC mode along with the filter and other parameters. The Wireshark application is applied only when you enter a **start** command, and is removed only when Wireshark stops capturing packets either automatically or manually.

## **Capture Points**

A capture point is the central policy definition of the Wireshark feature. The capture point describes all the characteristics associated with a given instance of Wireshark. These include which packets to capture, where to capture them from, what to do with the captured packets, and when to stop. Capture points can be modified after creation, and don't become active until explicitly activated with a **start** command. This process is termed activating the capture point or starting the capture point. Capture points are identified by name and can also be manually or automatically deactivated or stopped.

Multiple capture points can be defined, but only one can be active at a time. You need to stop one before you can start the other.

In case of stacked systems, the capture point is activated on the active member. A switchover terminates any active packet capture session and you have to restart the session.

### **Attachment Points**

An attachment point is a point in the logical packet process path associated with a capture point. An attachment point is an attribute of the capture point. Packets that impact an attachment point are tested against capture point filters; packets that match are copied and sent to the associated Wireshark instance of the capture point. A specific capture point can be associated with multiple attachment points, with limits on mixing attachment points of different types. Some restrictions apply when you specify attachment points of different types.

Attachment points are directional (input or output or both) with the exception of the Layer 2 VLAN attachment point, which is always bidirectional.

In case of stacked systems, the attachment points on all stack members are valid. EPC captures the packets from all the defined attachment points. However these packets are processed only on the active member.

### **Filters**

Filters are attributes of a capture point that identify and limit the subset of traffic traveling through the attachment point of a capture point. These are copied and passed to Wireshark. Wireshark displays a packet, if it passes through an attachment point, and all the filters associated with the capture point.

A capture point has the following types of filters:

- Core system filter—The core system filter is applied by hardware, and its match criteria is limited by hardware. This filter determines whether to copy the hardware-forwarded traffic to software for Wireshark purposes.
- Capture filter—Wireshark applies the capture filter. The match criteria are more granular than those supported by the core system filter. Packets that pass the core filter but fail the capture filter are copied. They are sent to the CPU/software, but are discarded by the Wireshark process. The capture filter syntax matches that of the display filter.



Note

Wireshark on the Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches doesn't use the syntax of the capture filter.

• Display filter—Wireshark applies the display filter. Its match criteria are similar to the criteria of the capture filter. Packets that fail the display filter aren't displayed.

### **Core System Filter**

You can specify core system filter match criteria by using the class map or ACL, or explicitly by using the CLI.



Note

When specifying CAPWAP as an attachment point, the core system filter isn't used.

In some installations, you need to obtain authorization to modify the device configuration, which can lead to extended delays if the approval process is lengthy. This can limit the ability of network administrators to monitor and analyze traffic. To address this situation, Wireshark supports explicit specification of core system filter match criteria from the EXEC mode CLI. The disadvantage is that the match criteria that you can specify is a limited subset of what class map supports, such as MAC, IP source and destination addresses, ether-type, IP protocol, and TCP/UDP source and destination ports.

If you prefer to use configuration mode, you can define ACLs or have class maps refer capture points to them. Explicit and ACL-based match criteria are used internally to construct class maps and policy maps.

Note that ACL and class map configuration are part of the system and not aspects of the Wireshark feature.

### **Display Filter**

With the display filter, you can direct Wireshark to further narrow the set of packets to display when decoding and displaying from a .pcap file.

### **Actions**

You can invoke Wireshark on live traffic or on a previously existing .pcap file. When invoked on live traffic, it can perform four types of actions on packets that pass its display filters:

- Captures to buffer in memory to decode and analyze and store.
- Stores to a .pcap file
- · Decodes and displays
- Stores and displays

The decode and display action is applicable only when invoked on a .pcap file.

## **Storage of Captured Packets to Buffer in Memory**

You can store packets in the capture buffer in memory. You can use the packets for subsequent decoding, analysis, or storage to a .pcap file.

The capture buffer can be in linear or circular mode. In linear mode, when the buffer is full it discards new packets. In circular mode, if the buffer is full, it discards the older packets to accommodate the new packets. Although you can clear the buffer when needed, this mode is used for debugging network traffic. However, it's not possible to clear the contents of the buffer alone without deleting it. Stop the current captures and restart the capture again for this to take effect.



Note

If you have more than one capture that is storing packets in a buffer, clear the buffer before starting a new capture to avoid memory loss.

## Storage of Captured Packets to a .pcap File



Note

When you use Wireshark on switches in a stack, you can store packet captures only on flash or USB flash devices connected to the active switch.

For example, if flash1 is connected to the active switch, and flash2 is connected to the secondary switch, only flash1 can be used to store packet captures.

Attempts to store packet captures on devices other than flash or USB flash devices connected to the active switch result in errors.

Wireshark can store captured packets to a .pcap file. You can locate the capture file on the following storage devices:

- Device on-board flash storage (flash:)
- USB drive (usbflash0:)



Note

Attempts to store packet captures on unsupported devices or devices not connected to the active switch result in errors.

When configuring a Wireshark capture point, you can associate a filename. When you activate the capture point, Wireshark creates a file with the specified name and writes packets to it. If the file exists at the time of creation of the capture point, Wireshark asks you if the file can be overwritten. If the file exists at the time of activating the capture point, Wireshark will overwrite the existing file. You can assoicate only one capture point with a given filename.

If the destination of the Wireshark writing process is full, Wireshark fails with partial data in the file. Ensure that there's sufficient space in the file system before you start the capture session.

You can reduce the required storage space by retaining only a segment, instead of the entire packet. Typically, you don't require details beyond the first 64 bytes or 128 bytes. The default behavior is to store the entire packet.

To avoid possible packet drops when processing and writing to the file system, Wireshark can optionally use a memory buffer to temporarily hold packets as they arrive. You can sepcify the memory buffer size when the capture point is associated with a .pcap file.

## **Packet Decoding and Display**

Wireshark can decode and display packets to the console. This functionality is possible for capture points applied to live traffic and for capture points applied to a previously existing .pcap file.



Note

Decoding and displaying packets may be CPU intensive.

Wireshark can decode and display packet details for a wide variety of packet formats. The details are displayed by entering the **monitor capture name start** command with one of the following keyword options, which place you into a display and decode mode:

- Brief—Displays one line per packet (the default).
- Detailed—Decodes and displays all the fields of all the packets whose protocols are supported. Detailed modes require more CPU than the other two modes.
- (hexadecimal) dump—Displays one line per packet as a hexadecimal dump of the packet data and the printable characters of each packet.

When you enter the **capture** command with the decode and display option, the Wireshark output is returned to Cisco IOS and displayed on the console unchanged.

#### **Live Traffic Display**

Wireshark receives copies of packets from the core system. Wireshark applies its display filters to discard uninteresting packets, and then decodes and displays the remaining packets.

### .pcap File Display

Wireshark can decode and display packets from a previously stored .pcap file and direct the display filter to selectively displayed packets.

## **Packet Storage and Display**

Functionally, this mode is a combination of the previous two modes. Wireshark stores packets in the specified pcap file and decodes and displays them to the console. Only the core filters are applicable here.

## **Wireshark Capture Point Activation and Deactivation**

After you define a Wireshark capture point with its attachment points, filters, actions, and other options, you must activate it. Until you activate the capture point, it doesn't actually capture packets.

Before you activate a capture point, some functional checks are performed. A capture point can't be activated if a core system filter or attachment points aren't defined. Attempting to activate a capture point that doesn't meet these requirements generates an error.

The display filters are specified as needed.

After you activate Wireshark capture points, you can deactivate them in multiple ways. You can halt a capture point that is storing only packets to a .pcap file manually. You can also configure it with time or packet limits, after which the capture point halts automatically.

When you activate a Wireshark capture point, a fixed rate policer is applied automatically in the hardware. This ensures the CPU isn't flooded with Wireshark directed packets. The disadvantage of the rate policer is that you can't capture contiguous packets beyond the established rate even if more resources are available.

The set packet capture rate is 1000 packets per sec (pps). The 1000 pps limit is applied to the sum of all attachment points. For example, if we have a capture session with three attachment points, the rates of all three attachment points together is policed to 1000 pps.



Note

Policer isn't supported for control-plane packet capture. When activating control-plane capture points, you need to be extra cautious, so that it does not flood the CPU.

### Wireshark Features

This section describes how Wireshark features function in the device environment:

- If you apply port security and Wireshark on an ingress capture, a packet dropped by port security is still captured by Wireshark. If you apply port security on an ingress capture, and Wireshark on an egress capture, a packet that is dropped by port security is not be captured by Wireshark.
- Wireshark doesn't capture packets dropped by Dynamic ARP Inspection (DAI).
- If you use a port that is in STP blocked state as an attachment point and the core filter is matched, Wireshark captures the packets that come into the port, even though the packets are dropped by the switch.
- Classification-based security features—Packets that are dropped by input classification-based security features (such as ACLs and IPSG) are not caught by Wireshark capture points that are connected to attachment points at the same layer. In contrast, packets that are dropped by output classification-based security features are caught by Wireshark capture points that are connected to attachment points at the

same layer. The logical model is that the Wireshark attachment point occurs after the security feature lookup on the input side, and symmetrically before the security feature lookup on the output side.

On ingress, a packet goes through a Layer 2 port, a VLAN, and a Layer 3 port/SVI. On egress, the packet goes through a Layer 3 port/SVI, a VLAN, and a Layer 2 port. If the attachment point is before the point where the packet is dropped, Wireshark captures the packet. Otherwise, Wireshark won't capture the packet. For example, Wireshark capture policies connected to Layer 2 attachment points in the input direction capture packets dropped by Layer 3 classification-based security features. Symmetrically, Wireshark capture policies attached to Layer 3 attachment points in the output direction capture packets dropped by Layer 2 classification-based security features.

- Routed ports and switch virtual interfaces (SVIs)—Wireshark can't capture the output of an SVI because the packets that go out of an SVI's output are generated by the CPU. To capture these packets, include the control plane as an attachment point.
- VLANs—Starting with Cisco IOS Release 16.1, when you use a VLAN as a Wireshark attachment point, packet capture is supported on L2 and L3 in both input and output directions.
- Redirection features—In the input direction, features traffic redirected by Layer 3 (such as PBR and WCCP) are logically later than Layer 3 Wireshark attachment points. Wireshark captures these packets even though they might later be redirected out another Layer 3 interface. Symmetrically, output features redirected by Layer 3 (such as egress WCCP) are logically prior to Layer 3 Wireshark attachment points, and Wireshark won't capture them.
- SPAN—Wireshark can't capture packets on interface configured as a SPAN destination.
- SPAN—Wireshark is able to capture packets on interfaces configured as a SPAN source in the ingress direction, and may be available for egress direction too.
- You can capture packets from a maximum of 1000 VLANs at a time, if no ACLs are applied. If ACLs
  are applied, the hardware will have less space for Wireshark to use. As a result, the maximum number
  of VLANs than can be used for packet capture at a time will be lower. Using more than 1000 VLANs
  tunnels at a time or extensive ACLs might have unpredictable results. For example, mobility may go
  down.



Note

Capturing an excessive number of attachment points at the same time is strongly discouraged because it may cause excessive CPU utilization and unpredictable hardware behavior.

## **Guidelines for Configuring Wireshark**

- During Wireshark packet capture, hardware forwarding happens concurrently.
- Because packet forwarding typically occurs in hardware, packets aren't copied to the CPU for software
  processing. For Wireshark packet capture, packets are copied and delivered to the CPU, which causes
  an increase in CPU usage.
- You might experience high CPU (or memory) usage if:
  - You leave a capture session enabled and unattended for a long period, resulting in unanticipated bursts of traffic.

- You launch a capture session with ring files or capture buffer and leave it unattended for a long time, resulting in performance or system health issues.
- To avoid high CPU usage, do the following:
  - Attach only relevant ports.
  - Use a class map, and secondarily, an access list to express match conditions. If neither is viable, use an explicit, in-line filter.
  - Adhere closely to the filter rules. Restrict the traffic type (such as, IPv4 only) with a restrictive, rather than relaxed ACL, which elicits unwanted traffic.
  - When using Wireshark to capture live traffic, consider applying a QoS policy temporarily to limit the actual traffic until the capture process concludes.
- Always limit packet capture to either a shorter duration or a smaller packet number. The parameters of the capture command enable you to specify the following:
  - Capture duration
  - Number of packets captured
  - File size
  - Packet segment size
- During a capture session, watch for high CPU usage and memory consumption due to Wireshark that may impact device performance or health. If these situations arise, stop the Wireshark session immediately.
- Run a capture session without limits if you know that little traffic matches the core filter.
- You can define up to eight Wireshark instances. An active show command that decodes and displays
  packets from a .pcap file or capture buffer counts as one instance. However, only one of the instances
  can be active.
- Whenever you modify an ACL that is associated with a running capture, restart the capture for the ACL modifications to take effect. If you don't restart the capture, it continues to use the original ACL as if it hadn't been modified.
- Writing to flash disk is a CPU-intensive operation. If the capture rate is insufficient, you may want to use a buffer capture.
- Avoid decoding and displaying packets from a .pcap file for a large file. Instead, transfer the .pcap file to a PC and run Wireshark on the PC.
- If you plan to store packets to a storage file, ensure that sufficient space is available before beginning a Wireshark capture process.
- To avoid packet loss, consider the following:
  - Use store-only (when you don't specify the display option) while capturing live packets. Do not use it for decode and display, which is an CPU-intensive operation (especially in detailed mode).
  - If you have more than one capture that is storing packets in a buffer, clear the buffer before starting a new capture to avoid memory loss.

- If you use the default buffer size and see that you're losing packets, you can increase the buffer size to avoid losing packets.
- If you want to decode and display live packets in the console window, ensure that you bound the Wireshark session by a short capture duration.
- The core filter can be an explicit filter, access list, or class map. Specifying a newer filter of these types replaces the existing one.



Note

A core filter is required except when using a CAPWAP tunnel interface as a capture point attachment point.

- No specific order applies when defining a capture point. You can define capture point parameters in any order, provided that CLI allows this. The Wireshark CLI allows as many parameters as possible on a single line. This limits the number of commands required to define a capture point.
- All parameters except attachment points take a single value. Generally, you can replace the value with a new one by reentering the command. After user confirmation, the system accepts the new value and overrides the older one. A **no** form of the command is unnecessary to provide a new value, but it's necessary to remove a parameter.
- Wireshark allows you to specify one or more attachment points. To add more than one attachment point, reenter the command with the new attachment point. To remove an attachment point, use the no form of the command. You can specify an interface range as an attachment point.

For example, enter monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 in where GigabitEthernet1/0/1 is an attachment point. If you also need to attach interface GigabitEthernet1/0/2, enter it as monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/2 in

- The action you want to perform determines which parameters are mandatory. The Wireshark CLI allows you to specify or modify any parameter prior to entering the **start** command. When you enter the **start** command, Wireshark will start only after determining that all mandatory parameters have been provided.
- If the file exists at the time of creation of the capture point, Wireshark aks you if the file can be overwritten. If the file exists at the time of activating the capture point, Wireshark overwrites the existing file.
- You can terminate a Wireshark session with an explicit **stop** command or by entering **q** in automore mode. The session could terminate itself automatically when it meets a stop condition such as duration or packet capture limit is met. It can terminate if an internal error occurs, or resource is full (specifically if disk is full in file mode).
- Dropped packets won't be shown at the end of the capture. However, only the count of dropped and oversized packets are displayed.

## **Default Wireshark Configuration**

The table below shows the default Wireshark configuration.

Feature	Default Setting
Duration	No limit
Packets	No limit

Feature	Default Setting
Packet-length	No limit (full packet)
File size	No limit
Ring file storage	No
Buffer storage mode	Linear

## **About Embedded Packet Capture**

EPC provides an embedded systems management facility that helps in tracing and troubleshooting packets. This feature allows network administrators to capture data packets flowing through, to, and from a Cisco device. The network administrator may define the capture buffer size and type (circular, or linear) and the maximum number of bytes of each packet to capture. You can throttle the packet capture rate using further administrative controls. For example, You can filter the packets using an Access Control List. You can further define the controls by specifying a maximum packet capture rate or by specifying a sampling interval.

Prior to Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.2.1, EPC isn't supported on an interface in shutdown state. Starting from Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.2.1, EPC is supported on an interface in shutdown state. This is useful in capturing packets on an interface as it's being brought up.

## **Benefits of Embedded Packet Capture**

- Ability to capture IPv4 and IPv6 packets in the device, and also capture non-IP packets with MAC filter or match any MAC address.
- Extensible infrastructure for enabling packet capture points. A capture point is a traffic transit point where a packet is captured and associated with a buffer.
- Facility to export the packet capture in packet capture file (PCAP) format suitable for analysis using any external tool.
- Methods to decode data packets captured with varying degrees of detail.

## **Packet Data Capture**

Packet data capture is the capture of data packets that are then stored in a buffer. You can define packet data captures by providing unique names and parameters.

You can perform the following actions on the capture:

- Activate captures at any interface.
- Apply access control lists (ACLs) or class maps to capture points.



Note

Network Based Application Recognition (NBAR) and MAC-style class map is not supported.

· Destroy captures.

- Specify buffer storage parameters such as size and type. The size ranges from 1 MB to 100 MB. The default option for the buffer is linear and the other option for the buffer is circular.
- Specify match criteria that includes information about the protocol, IP address or port address.

# **How to Configure Packet Capture**

The following sections provide information on configuring packet capture.

## **How to Configure Wireshark**

To configure Wireshark, perform these basic steps.

- 1. Define a capture point.
- 2. Add or modify the parameters of the capture point.
- **3.** Activate or deactivate a capture point.
- 4. Delete the capture point when you're no longer using it.

## **Defining a Capture Point**

The example in this procedure defines a simple capture point. If you choose, you can define a capture point and all of its parameters with one instance of the **monitor capture** command.



Note

Define an attachment point, direction of capture, and core filter to have a functional capture point.

An exception to needing to define a core filter is when you're defining a wireless capture point using a CAPWAP tunneling interface. In this case, you don't define your core filter. It can't be used.

Follow these steps to define a capture point.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	<pre>monitor capture { capture-name } { interface interface-type interface-id   control-plane } { in   out   both }  Example:  Device# monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 in</pre>	Defines the capture point, specifies the attachment point with which the capture point is associated, and specifies the direction of the capture.  The keywords have these meanings:  • capture-name—Specifies the name of the capture point to be defined (mycap is used)

Command or Action	Purpose	
	in the example). Capture Name should less than or equal to eight characters. O alphanumeric characters and undersco	nly
	• (Optional) <b>interface</b> <i>interface-type interface-id</i> —Specifies the attachmen point with which the capture point is associated (GigabitEthernet1/0/1 is us in the example).	
	Note Optionally, you can defin multiple attachment point and all the parameters for this capture point with thi one command instance.  These parameters are discussed in the instruction for modifying capture point parameters. Range support also available both for adding and removing attachment points.	is ons int
	Use one of the following for interface-type:	
	GigabitEthernet—Specifies the attachment point as GigabitEther.	
	• vlan—Specifies the attachment po as a VLAN.	oint
	Note Only ingress capture (in) is allowed when using this interface a an attachment point.	ıs
	• capwap—Specifies the attachme point as a CAPWAP tunnel.	nt
	Note When using this interface as an attachment point, yo can't use a core filter	
	• (Optional) <b>control-plane</b> —Specifies to control plane as an attachment point.	the
	• in   out   both—Specifies the direction of capture.	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	$\{anv \mid inv4 \ anv \ anv \mid inv6\} \ anv$	Defines the core system filter.
		Note  When using the CAPWAP tunneling interface as an attachment point, don't perform this step because a core filter can't be used.
		The keywords have these meanings:
		• <i>capture-name</i> —Specifies the name of the capture point to be defined (mycap is used in the example).
		• match—Specifies a filter. The first filter defined is the core filter.
		Note  If a capture point doesn't have a core system filter or attachment points defined, it can't be activated.  Attempting to activate a capture point that doesn't meet these requirements generates an error.
		• ipv4—Specifies an IP version 4 filter.
		• ipv6—Specifies an IP version 6 filter.
Step 4	show monitor capture {capture-name} [ parameter]	Displays the capture point parameters defined in Step 2 and confirms that you defined a capture point.
	Example:  Device# show monitor capture mycap parameter   monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 in   monitor capture mycap match any	
Step 5	show capwap summary	Displays the CAPWAP tunnels available as attachment points for a wireless capture.
	Example:	
	Device# show capwap summary	We this command only if you're using a CAPWAP tunnel as an attachment point to perform a wireless capture. See the CAPWAP example in the examples section.
Step 6	show running-config	Verifies your entries.
	Example:	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device# show running-config	
Step 7	copy running-config startup-config  Example:	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

### **Example**

To define a capture point with a CAPWAP attachment point:

```
Device# show capwap summary
```

```
CAPWAP Tunnels General Statistics:
 Number of Capwap Data Tunnels
 Number of Capwap Mobility Tunnels = 0
 Number of Capwap Multicast Tunnels = 0
                               Type PhyPortIf Mode McastIf
Name APName
     Ca0 AP442b.03a9.6715
                                   data Gi3/0/6 unicast -
                                        DstPort DtlsEn MTU Xact
Name SrcIP
                   SrcPort DestIP
    10.10.14.32 5247 10.10.14.2
                                                      1449 0
                                        38514 No
Device# monitor capture mycap interface capwap 0 both
Device# monitor capture mycap file location flash:mycap.pcap
Device# monitor capture mycap file buffer-size 1
Device# monitor capture mycap start
*Aug 20 11:02:21.983: %BUFCAP-6-ENABLE: Capture Point mycap enabled.on
Device# show monitor capture mycap parameter
 monitor capture mycap interface capwap 0 in
  monitor capture mycap interface capwap \ 0 out
  monitor capture mycap file location flash:mycap.pcap buffer-size 1
Device#
Device# show monitor capture mycap
Status Information for Capture mycap
 Target Type:
 Interface: CAPWAP,
   Ingress:
   Egress:
0
  Status : Active
 Filter Details:
  Capture all packets
 Buffer Details:
  Buffer Type: LINEAR (default)
```

```
File Details:
  Associated file name: flash:mycap.pcap
  Size of buffer(in MB): 1
  Limit Details:
  Number of Packets to capture: 0 (no limit)
  Packet Capture duration: 0 (no limit)
  Packet Size to capture: 0 (no limit)
  Packets per second: 0 (no limit)
  Packet sampling rate: 0 (no sampling)
Device#
Device# show monitor capture file flash:mycap.pcap
 1 0.000000 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
 2 0.499974 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
Flags=.....
 3 2.000000 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
Flags=....
    2.499974 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
 Flags=.....
 5 3.000000 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
 6 4.000000 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
 Flags=.....
 7 4.499974 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
Flags=....
 8 5.000000 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
Flags=.....
    5.499974 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
 Flags=....
    6.000000 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
Flags=.....
11 8.000000 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
Flags=.....
 12
     9.225986
                10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32 DTLSv1.0 Application Data
     9.225986
                10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32 DTLSv1.0 Application Data
 1.3
    9.225986 10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32 DTLSv1.0 Application Data
14
 15 9.231998 10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32 DTLSv1.0 Application Data
16 9.231998 10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32 DTLSv1.0 Application Data
17
     9.231998
                10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32 DTLSv1.0 Application Data
 18
     9.236987
                10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32
                                          DTLSv1.0 Application Data
19 10.000000 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
Flags=.....
20 10.499974 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
Flags=.....
21 12.000000 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
Flags=....
 22 12.239993 10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32 DTLSv1.0 Application Data
 23 12.244997 10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32 DTLSv1.0 Application Data
 24 12.244997 10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32 DTLSv1.0 Application Data
               10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32 DTLSv1.0 Application Data
25
    12.250994
 26
    12.256990
                10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32
                                          DTLSv1.0 Application Data
 27
    12.262987
                10.10.14.2 -> 10.10.14.32 DTLSv1.0 Application Data
28 12.499974 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
 Flags=....
               10.10.14.3 -> 10.10.14.255 NBNS Name query NB WPAD.<00>
 29 12.802012
30 13.000000 00:00:00:00:00:00 -> 3c:ce:73:39:c6:60 IEEE 802.11 Probe Request, SN=0, FN=0,
Flags=.....
```

#### What to do next

You can add more attachment points, modify the parameters of your capture point, then activate it. If you want to use your capture point just as it is, you can now activate it.



Note

You can't change the parameters of a capture point using the methods presented in this topic.

If you enter an incorrect capture name, or an invalid/non existing attachment point, the switch shows errors, for example, "Capture Name should be less than or equal to 8 characters. Only alphanumeric characters and underscore (\_) is permitted" and "% Invalid input detected at '^' marker" respectively.

## **Adding or Modifying Capture Point Parameters**

Although listed in sequence, you can execute the steps to specify values for the parameters in any order. You can also specify them in one, two, or several lines. Except for attachment points, which can be multiple, you can replace any value with a more recent value by redefining the same option. You need to confirm interactively when certain parameters already specified are modified.

Starting with the Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.3.x release, you can use packet length range and ether type as parameters for packet capture.

Follow these steps to modify the parameters of a capture point.

### Before you begin

You must define a capture point before you can use these instructions.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	monitor capture {capture-name} match {any   mac mac-match-string   ipv4 {any   host   protocol} {any   host}   ipv6 {any   host   protocol} {any   host}}  Example:  Device# monitor capture mycap match ipv4 any any	Defines the core system filter (ipv4 any any), defined either explicitly, through ACL or through a class map.  You can specify a range of packet lengths for packet capture by using the monitor capture capture-name interface interface-id {in   out   both } match pktlen-range max packet-length-in-bytes min packet-length-in-bytes command in the EXEC configuration mode.
		You can define the core system filter through an ACL. You can configure the Ethertype of a protocol in the ACL. You can configure the same ACL in Wireshark to enable the capture of packets with a specific Ethertype.

Command or Action	Purpose
monitor capture {capture-name} limit {[duration seconds][packet-length size][packets num]}	Specifies the session limit in seconds (60), packets captured, or the packet segment length retained by Wireshark (400).
Example:	
Device# monitor capture mycap limit duration 60 packet-len 400	
monitor capture {capture-name} file {location filename}	Specifies the file association, if the capture point intends to capture packets rather than only display them.
· ·	Note If the file exists, confirm if it can
Device# monitor capture mycap file location flash:mycap.pcap	be overwritten.
monitor capture { capture-name } file { buffer-size size }	Specifies the size of the memory buffer used by Wireshark to handle traffic bursts.
Example:	
Device# monitor capture mycap file buffer-size 100	
show monitor capture {capture-name} [ parameter]	Displays the capture point parameters that you defined previously.
Example:	
Device# show monitor capture mycap parameter    monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 in    monitor capture mycap match ipv4 any any    monitor capture mycap limit duration 60 packet-len 400    monitor capture point mycap file location bootdisk:mycap.pcap    monitor capture mycap file buffer-size 100	
end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Example:	
I	
	<pre>{[duration seconds][packet-length     size][packets num]}  Example:     Device# monitor capture mycap limit     duration 60 packet-len 400  monitor capture {capture-name} file     {location filename}  Example:     Device# monitor capture mycap file     location flash:mycap.pcap  monitor capture {capture-name} file     {buffer-size size}  Example:     Device# monitor capture mycap file     buffer-size 100  show monitor capture {capture-name}[     parameter]  Example:     Device# show monitor capture mycap     parameter         monitor capture mycap interface         GigabitEthernet1/0/1 in         monitor capture mycap match ipv4 any         any         monitor capture mycap limit duration         60 packet-len 400         monitor capture point mycap file         location bootdisk:mycap.pcap         monitor capture mycap file buffer-size         100  end</pre>

### **Modifying Parameters**

### Associating or Disassociating a Capture File

Device# monitor capture point mycap file location flash:mycap.pcap
Device# no monitor capture mycap file

### Specifying a Memory Buffer Size for Packet Burst Handling

Device# monitor capture mycap buffer size 100

#### Defining an Explicit Core System Filter to Match Both IPv4 and IPv6

Device# monitor capture mycap match any

#### **Specifying a Range of Packet Lengths for Packet Capture**

 $\label{eq:config} \mbox{Device} \ (\mbox{config}) \ \mbox{\# monitor capture cap1 interface FortyGigabitEthernet 1/0/1 in match pktlen-range max 100 min 50}$ 

### Specifying an ether type for packets

```
MAC ACL:
Device(config) #mac access-list extended mac1
Device(config-ext-macl) #permit any any 0x806 0x0
Device(config-ext-macl) exit
Device(config) #monitor capture mycap access-list mac1

IP ACL:
Device#ip access-list extended ip1
Device(config-ext-nacl) #permit 1 any any icmp-message-type
Device(config-ext-nacl) # exit
Device#monitor capture mycap access-list ip1
```

### What to do next

If your capture point contains all the parameters you want, activate it.

## **Deleting Capture Point Parameters**

Although listed in sequence, you can execute the steps to delete parameters in any order. You can also delete them in one, two, or several lines. Except for attachment points, which can be multiple, you can delete any parameter.

Follow these steps to delete the parameters of a capture point.

### Before you begin

Define parameters of a capture point before you can use these instructions to delete it.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	no monitor capture {capture-name} match  Example:  Device# no monitor capture mycap match	Deletes all filters defined on capture point (mycap).
Step 3	no monitor capture {capture-name} limit [duration] [packet-length] [packets]  Example:	Deletes the session time limit and the packet segment length retained by Wireshark. It leaves other specified limits in place.  Deletes all limits on Wireshark.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device# no monitor capture mycap limit duration packet-len Device# no monitor capture mycap limit	
Step 4	no monitor capture { capture-name } file [location] [buffer-size]  Example:	Deletes the file association. The capture point will no longer capture packets. It only displays them.
	Device# no monitor capture mycap file Device# no monitor capture mycap file location	Deletes the file location association. The file location is no longer associated with the capture point. However, other defined file association is unaffected by this action.
Step 5	<pre>show monitor capture {capture-name} [ parameter]  Example:  Device# show monitor capture mycap parameter     monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 in</pre>	Displays the capture point parameters that remain defined after your parameter deletion operations. You can run this command at any point in the procedure to see what parameters are associated with a capture point.
Step 6	<pre>end Example: Device(config)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

### What to do next

If your capture point contains all the parameters you want, activate it.



Note

If you delete the parameters when the capture point is active, the switch shows an error "Capture is active".

## **Deleting a Capture Point**

Follow these steps to delete a capture point.

### Before you begin

Define a capture point before you can use these instructions to delete it. Stop the capture point before you can delete it.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device> enable	
Step 2	<b>no monitor capture</b> { capture-name }	Deletes the specified capture point (mycap).
	Example:	
	Device# no monitor capture mycap	
Step 3	show monitor capture { capture-name } [	Displays a message indicating that the specified capture point doesn't exist because it was
	parameter]	
	Example:	deleted.
	Device# show monitor capture mycap	
	parameter Capture mycap does not exist	
Step 4	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 4		Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	
Step 5	show running-config	Verifies your entries.
	Example:	
	Device# show running-config	
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the
	Example:	configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

### What to do next

You can define a new capture point with the same name as the one you deleted. You can perform these instructions when you want to start over with defining a capture point.

## **Activating and Deactivating a Capture Point**

Follow these steps to activate or deactivate a capture point.

### Before you begin

You can activate a capture point even if an attachment point and a core system filter are defined and the associated filename exists. In such an instance, the existing file is overwritten.

You can activate a capture point with no associated filename only to display. When the filename isn't specified, the packets are captured into the buffer. Live display (display during capture) is available in both file and buffer modes.

If no display filters are specified, packets aren't displayed live. All the packets captured by the core system filter are displayed. The default display mode is brief.



Note

When using a CAPWAP tunneling interface as an attachment point, core filters aren't used, so there's no requirement to define them in this case.

### **Procedure**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	monitor capture { capture-name } start [ display [ display-filter filter-string ] ] [ brief   detailed   dump ]	Activates a capture point and filters the displays so it displays only packets containing "stp".
	Example:	
	Device# monitor capture mycap start display display-filter "stp"	
Step 3	monitor capture {capture-name} stop	Deactivates a capture point.
	Example:	
	Device# monitor capture name stop	
Step 4	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	
Step 5	show running-config	Verifies your entries.
	Example:	
	Device# show running-config	
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the
	Example:	configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

### What to do next

While activating and deactivating a capture point, you could encounter a few errors. Here are examples of some of the possible errors.

#### Missing attachment point on activation

```
Device# monitor capture mycap match any
Device# monitor capture mycap start
No Target is attached to capture failed to disable provision featurefailed to remove
policyfailed to disable provision featurefailed to remove policyfailed to disable provision
featurefailed to remove policy
Capture statistics collected at software (Buffer):
Capture duration - 0 seconds
Packets received - 0
Packets dropped - 0
Packets oversized - 0
Unable to activate Capture.
Device# unable to get action unable to get action unable to get action
Device# monitor capture mycap interface g1/0/1 both
Device#monitor capture mycap start
Device#
*Nov 5 12:33:43.906: %BUFCAP-6-ENABLE: Capture Point mycap enabled.
Missing filter on activation
Device# monitor capture mycap int g1/0/1 both
Device# monitor capture mycap start
Filter not attached to capture
Capture statistics collected at software (Buffer):
Capture duration - 0 seconds
Packets received - 0
Packets dropped - 0
Packets oversized - 0
Unable to activate Capture.
Device# monitor capture mycap match any
Device# monitor capture mycap start
Device#
*Nov 5 12:35:37.200: %BUFCAP-6-ENABLE: Capture Point mycap enabled.
Attempting to activate a capture point while another one is already active
Device# monitor capture mycap start
PD start invoked while previous run is active Failed to start capture : Wireshark operation
failure
Unable to activate Capture.
Device# show monitor capture
Status Information for Capture test
Target Type:
 Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/13, Direction: both
Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/14, Direction: both
Status : Active
Filter Details:
Capture all packets
```

Status Information for Capture mycap

Packet sampling rate: 0 (no sampling)

Associated file name: flash:cchh.pcap

Number of Packets to capture: 0 (no limit)
Packet Capture duration: 0 (no limit)
Packet Size to capture: 0 (no limit)

Maximum number of packets to capture per second: 1000

Buffer Details:

File Details:

Limit Details:

Buffer Type: LINEAR (default) Buffer Size (in MB): 10

```
Target Type:
Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/1, Direction: both
 Status : Inactive
Filter Details:
Capture all packets
 Buffer Details:
Buffer Type: LINEAR (default)
Buffer Size (in MB): 10
File Details:
File not associated
Limit Details:
Number of Packets to capture: 0 (no limit)
Packet Capture duration: 0 (no limit)
Packet Size to capture: 0 (no limit)
Maximum number of packets to capture per second: 1000
Packet sampling rate: 0 (no sampling)
Device# monitor capture test stop
Capture statistics collected at software (Buffer & Wireshark):
Capture duration - 157 seconds
Packets received - 0
Packets dropped - 0
Packets oversized - 0
Device#
*Nov 5 13:18:17.406: %BUFCAP-6-DISABLE: Capture Point test disabled.
Device# monitor capture mycap start
Device#
*Nov 5 13:18:22.664: %BUFCAP-6-ENABLE: Capture Point mycap enabled.
Device#
```

## **Clearing the Capture Point Buffer**

Follow these steps to clear the buffer contents or save them to an external file for storage.



Note

If you have more than one capture that is storing packets in a buffer, clear the buffer before starting a new capture to avoid memory loss. Don't try to clear buffer on an active capture point.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	monitor capture {capture-name} [clear   export filename]	Clear - Completely deletes the buffer.

Command or Action	Purpose
Example:	Note When you run the clear command,
Device# monitor capture mycap clear	<ul> <li>On DNA Advantage license</li> <li>the command clears the</li> <li>buffer contents without</li> <li>deleting the buffer.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>On all other licenses - the command deletes the buffer itself.</li> </ul>
	Export - Saves the captured packets in the buffer and deletes the buffer.
end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Example:	
Device(config)# end	
show running-config	Verifies your entries.
Example:	
Device# show running-config	
copy running-config startup-config  Example:	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.
Device# copy running-config startup-config	
	Example: Device# monitor capture mycap clear  end Example: Device(config)# end  show running-config Example: Device# show running-config  copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# copy running-config

### **Examples: Capture Point Buffer Handling**

### **Exporting Capture to a File**

Device# monitor capture mycap export flash:mycap.pcap

Storage configured as File for this capture

### **Clearing Capture Point Buffer**

Device# monitor capture mycap clear

Capture configured with file options

#### What to do next



Note

If you try to clear the capture point buffer on licenses other than DNA Advantage, the switch shows an error "Failed to clear capture buffer: Capture Buffer BUSY".

## **How to Implement Embedded Packet Capture**

## **Managing Packet Data Capture**



Note

You can export the active capture point only after stopping the active capture.

To manage Packet Data Capture in the buffer mode, perform the following steps:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	monitor capture capture-name access-list	Configures a monitor capture specifying an
	access-list-name	access list as the core filter for the packet
	Example:	capture.
	Device# monitor capture mycap access-list v4acl	
Step 3	monitor capture capture-name limit duration seconds	Configures monitor capture limits.
	Example:	
	Device# monitor capture mycap limit duration 1000	
Step 4	monitor capture capture-name interface interface-name both	Configures monitor capture specifying an attachment point and the packet flow direction.
	Example:	
	Device# monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1 both	
Step 5	monitor capture capture-name buffer circular size bytes	Configures a buffer to capture packet data.
	Example:	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device# monitor capture mycap buffer circular size 10	
Step 6	monitor capture capture-name start  Example:  Device# monitor capture mycap start	Starts the capture of packet data at a traffic trace point into a buffer.
Step 7	monitor capture capture-name stop  Example:	Stops the capture of packet data at a traffic trace point.
	Device# monitor capture mycap stop	
Step 8	monitor capture capture-name export filelocation/file-name	Exports captured data for analysis.
	Example:	
	Device# monitor capture mycap export tftp://10.1.88.9/mycap.pcap	
Step 9	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device# <b>end</b>	

## **Monitoring and Maintaining Captured Data**

Perform this task to monitor and maintain the packet data captured. Capture buffer details and capture point details are displayed.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	show monitor capture capture-buffer-name buffer dump	(Optional) Displays a hexadecimal dump of captured packet and its metadata.
	Example:	
	Device# show monitor capture mycap buffer dump	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	show monitor capture capture-buffer-name parameter	(Optional) Displays a list of commands that were used to specify the capture.
	Example:	
	Device# show monitor capture mycap parameter	
Step 4	debug epc capture-point	(Optional) Enables packet capture point
	Example:	debugging.
	Device# debug epc capture-point	
Step 5	debug epc provision	(Optional) Enables packet capture provisioning
	Example:	debugging.
	Device# debug epc provision	
Step 6	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	

# **Configuration Examples for Packet Capture**

The following sections provide configuration examples for packet capture.

## **Configuration Examples for Wireshark**

The following sections provide configuration examples for Wireshark.

## **Example: Displaying a Brief Output from a .pcap File**

You can display the output from a .pcap file by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture file flash:mycap.pcap brief
Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
                10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
 1 0.000000000
                                           ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x002e,
seq=0/0, ttl=254
 2 0.000051000 10.10.10.1 -> 10.10.10.2
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) reply
                                                                         id=0x002e,
seq=0/0, ttl=255 (request in 1)
 3 0.000908000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                         id=0x002e,
seq=1/256, ttl=254
 4 0.001782000 10.10.10.1 -> 10.10.10.2
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) reply
                                                                         id=0x002e,
seq=1/256, ttl=255 (request in 3)
 5 0.002961000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                           ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x002e,
seq=2/512, ttl=254
```

```
6 0.003676000 10.10.10.1 -> 10.10.10.2
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) reply
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=2/512, ttl=255 (request in 5)
 7 0.004835000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x002e,
seq=3/768, ttl=254
 8 0.005579000 10.10.10.1 -> 10.10.10.2
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) reply
                                                                          id=0x002e.
seq=3/768, ttl=255 (request in 7)
 9 0.006850000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=4/1024, ttl=254
10 0.007586000 10.10.10.1 -> 10.10.10.2
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) reply
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=4/1024, ttl=255 (request in 9)
11 0.008768000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x002e.
seq=5/1280, ttl=254
12 0.009497000 10.10.10.1 -> 10.10.10.2
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) reply
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=5/1280, ttl=255 (request in 11)
13 0.010695000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=6/1536, ttl=254
14 0.011427000
                10.10.10.1 -> 10.10.10.2
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) reply
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=6/1536, ttl=255 (request in 13)
15 0.012728000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seg=7/1792, ttl=254
16 0.013458000 10.10.10.1 -> 10.10.10.2
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) reply
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=7/1792, ttl=255 (request in 15)
17 0.014652000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=8/2048, ttl=254
18 0.015394000 10.10.10.1 -> 10.10.10.2
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) reply
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=8/2048, ttl=255 (request in 17)
19 0.016682000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seg=9/2304, ttl=254
20 0.017439000
                 10.10.10.1 -> 10.10.10.2
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) reply
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=9/2304, ttl=255 (request in 19)
21 0.018655000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=10/2560, ttl=254
22 0.019385000 10.10.10.1 -> 10.10.10.2
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) reply
                                                                          id=0x002e
seq=10/2560, ttl=255 (request in 21)
23 0.020575000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                           ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x002e,
seq=11/2816, ttl=254
 --More«
```

## **Example: Displaying Detailed Output from a .pcap File**

You can display the detailed .pcap file output by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture file flash:mycap.pcap detailed
Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
Frame 1: 114 bytes on wire (912 bits), 114 bytes captured (912 bits) on interface 0
   Interface id: 0
   Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)
   Arrival Time: Nov 6, 2015 11:44:48.322497000 UTC
    [Time shift for this packet: 0.00000000 seconds]
   Epoch Time: 1446810288.322497000 seconds
    [Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
    [Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
    [Time since reference or first frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
   Frame Number: 1
    Frame Length: 114 bytes (912 bits)
    Capture Length: 114 bytes (912 bits)
    [Frame is marked: False]
    [Frame is ignored: False]
    [Protocols in frame: eth:ip:icmp:data]
Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_f3:63:46 (00:e1:6d:f3:63:46), Dst: Cisco_31:f1:c6 (00:e1:6d:31:f1:c6)
```

```
Destination: Cisco 31:f1:c6 (00:e1:6d:31:f1:c6)
       Address: Cisco 31:f1:c6 (00:e1:6d:31:f1:c6)
       .... ..0. .... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
       .... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
   Source: Cisco f3:63:46 (00:e1:6d:f3:63:46)
       Address: Cisco f3:63:46 (00:e1:6d:f3:63:46)
       .... .0. .... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
       .... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
   Type: IP (0x0800)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.10.10.2 (10.10.10.2), Dst: 10.10.10.1 (10.10.10.1)
   Version: 4
   Header length: 20 bytes
   Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP 0x00: Default; ECN: 0x00: Not-ECT (Not
ECN-Capable Transport))
       0000 00.. = Differentiated Services Codepoint: Default (0x00)
       .... ..00 = Explicit Congestion Notification: Not-ECT (Not ECN-Capable Transport)
(0x00)
   Total Length: 100
   Identification: 0x04ba (1210)
   Flags: 0x00
       0... = Reserved bit: Not set
       .0.. .... = Don't fragment: Not set
       ..0. .... = More fragments: Not set
   Fragment offset: 0
   Time to live: 254
   Protocol: ICMP (1)
   Header checksum: 0x8fc8 [validation disabled]
       [Good: False]
       [Bad: False]
   Source: 10.10.10.2 (10.10.10.2)
   Destination: 10.10.10.1 (10.10.10.1)
Internet Control Message Protocol
   Type: 8 (Echo (ping) request)
   Code: 0
   Checksum: 0xe4db [correct]
   Identifier (BE): 46 (0x002e)
   Identifier (LE): 11776 (0x2e00)
   Sequence number (BE): 0 (0x0000)
   Sequence number (LE): 0 (0x0000)
   Data (72 bytes)
0000 00 00 00 00 09 c9 8f 77 ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0010 ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0030 ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0040 ab cd ab cd ab cd
       Data: 000000009c98f77abcdabcdabcdabcdabcdabcdabcdabcd...
       [Length: 72]
Frame 2: 114 bytes on wire (912 bits), 114 bytes captured (912 bits) on interface 0
   Interface id: 0
```

## **Example: Displaying a Packet Dump Output from a .pcap File.**

You can display the packet dump output by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture file flash:mycap.pcap dump
Starting the packet display ....... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit

0000 00 e1 6d 31 fl c6 00 e1 6d f3 63 46 08 00 45 00 ..ml...m.cF..E.
0010 00 64 04 ba 00 00 fe 01 8f c8 0a 0a 0a 02 0a 0a .d........
```

```
0030 8f 77 ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0060
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0070
     ab cd
0000 00 e1 6d 31 f1 80 00 e1 6d 31 f1 80 08 00 45 00
                                                  ..m1....m1....E.
     00 64 04 ba 00 00 ff 01 8e c8 0a 0a 0a 01 0a 0a
                                                  .d.....
     0a 02 00 00 ec db 00 2e 00 00 00 00 00 00 09 c9
0020
     8f 77 ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0030
                                                  .W...........
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0040
0050
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0060 ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
                                                  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
0070
     ab cd
     00 e1 6d 31 f1 c6 00 e1 6d f3 63 46 08 00 45 00
                                                  ..m1....m.cF..E.
0010
     00 64 04 bb 00 00 fe 01 8f c7 0a 0a 0a 02 0a 0a
0020
     0a 01 08 00 e4 d7 00 2e 00 01 00 00 00 00 09 c9
0030 8f 7a ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0040 ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
```

## **Example: Displaying Packets from a .pcap File using a Display Filter**

You can display the .pcap file packets output by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture file flash:mycap.pcap display-filter "ip.src == 10.10.10.2"
brief
Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
  1 0.000000000
                  10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x002e,
seq=0/0, ttl=254
 3 0.000908000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=1/256, ttl=254
  5 0.002961000
                  10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                           id=0x002e,
seq=2/512, ttl=254
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
  7 0.004835000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=3/768, ttl=254
  9 0.006850000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=4/1024, ttl=254
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
11 0.008768000
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=5/1280, ttl=254
13 0.010695000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x002e,
seq=6/1536, ttl=254
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
15 0.012728000
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x002e,
seq=7/1792, ttl=254
17 0.014652000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x002e.
seq=8/2048, ttl=254
19 0.016682000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x002e,
seq=9/2304, ttl=254
21 0.018655000
                10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x002e,
sec=10/2560, t+1=254
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
23 0.020575000
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x002e,
seq=11/2816, ttl=254
```

## **Example: Displaying the Number of Packets Captured in a .pcap File**

You can display the number of packets captured in a .pcap file by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture file flash:mycap.pcap packet-count File name: /flash/mycap.pcap
Number of packets: 50
```

## **Example: Displaying a Single Packet Dump from a .pcap File**

You can display a single packet dump from a .pcap file by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture file flash:mycap.pcap packet-number 10 dump Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit

0000 00 e1 6d 31 f1 80 00 e1 6d 31 f1 80 08 00 45 00 ..ml ..ml ..E.
0010 00 64 04 be 00 00 ff 01 8e c4 0a 0a 0a 01 0a 0a .d. ....
0020 0a 02 00 00 ec ce 00 2e 00 04 00 00 00 09 c9 .....
0030 8f 80 ab cd .....
0040 ab cd .....
0050 ab cd .....
0060 ab cd .....
0070 ab cd
```

## **Example: Displaying Statistics of Packets Captured in a .pcap File**

You can display the statistics of the packets captured in a .pcap file by entering:

## **Example: Simple Capture and Display**

This example shows how to monitor traffic in the Layer 3 interface Gigabit Ethernet 1/0/1:

**Step 1**: Define a capture point to match on the relevant traffic by entering:

```
Device# monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3 in Device# monitor capture mycap match ipv4 any any Device# monitor capture mycap limit duration 60 packets 50 Device# monitor capture mycap buffer size 100
```

To avoid high CPU utilization, a low packet count and duration as limits are set.

**Step 2**: Confirm that the capture point has been correctly defined by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap parameter
     monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3 in
  monitor capture mycap match ipv4 any any
  monitor capture mycap buffer size 100
  monitor capture mycap limit packets 50 duration 60
Device# show monitor capture mycap
Status Information for Capture mycap
  Target Type:
  Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/3, Direction: in
  Status : Inactive
  Filter Details:
  TPv4
   Source IP: any
   Destination IP: any
  Protocol: anv
  Buffer Details:
```

```
Buffer Type: LINEAR (default)
Buffer Size (in MB): 100
File Details:
File not associated
Limit Details:
Number of Packets to capture: 50
Packet Capture duration: 60
Packet Size to capture: 0 (no limit)
Packet sampling rate: 0 (no sampling)
```

#### **Step 3**: Start the capture process and display the results.

```
Device# monitor capture mycap start display
Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
    0.000000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1 ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0030, seq=0/0,
 tt1=254
 2 0.003682
               10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0030,
seq=1/256, ttl=254
    0.006586
               10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0030,
seq=2/512, ttl=254
     0.008941
               10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0030,
seq=3/768, ttl=254
    0.011138 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0030,
seq=4/1024, ttl=254
 6 0.014099 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0030,
seq=5/1280, ttl=254
 7 0.016868 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0030,
seq=6/1536, ttl=254
 8 0.019210 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                       id=0x0030,
seq=7/1792, ttl=254
     0.024785 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0030,
seq=8/2048, ttl=254
 --More--
```

### **Step 4**: Delete the capture point by entering:

Device# no monitor capture mycap



Note

A **stop** command isn't required in this particular case since we've set a limit and the capture stops once that limit is reached.

For more information on syntax to be used for pcap statistics, refer the "Additional References" section.

## **Example: Simple Capture and Store**

This example shows how to capture packets to a filter:

**Step 1**: Define a capture point to match on the relevant traffic and associate it to a file by entering:

```
Device# monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3 in Device# monitor capture mycap match ipv4 any any Device# monitor capture mycap limit duration 60 packets 50 Device# monitor capture mycap file location flash:mycap.pcap
```

### **Step 2**: Confirm that the capture point has been correctly defined by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap parameter
  monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3 in
  monitor capture mycap match ipv4 any any
  monitor capture mycap file location flash:mycap.pcap
  monitor capture mycap limit packets 50 duration 60
Device# show monitor capture mycap
Status Information for Capture mycap
 Target Type:
  Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/3, Direction: in
  Status : Inactive
 Filter Details:
  IPv4
   Source IP: any
   Destination IP:
                    any
  Protocol: anv
 Buffer Details:
  Buffer Type: LINEAR (default)
  File Details:
  Associated file name: flash:mycap.pcap
 Limit Details:
  Number of Packets to capture: 50
  Packet Capture duration: 60
  Packet Size to capture: 0 (no limit)
  Packet sampling rate: 0 (no sampling)
```

#### **Step 3**: Launch packet capture by entering:

Device# monitor capture mycap start

#### **Step 4**: Display extended capture statistics during runtime by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap capture-statistics
Capture statistics collected at software:
Capture duration - 15 seconds
Packets received - 40
Packets dropped - 0
Packets oversized - 0
Packets errored - 0
Packets sent - 40
Bytes received - 7280
Bytes dropped - 0
Bytes oversized - 0
Bytes errored - 0
Bytes sent - 4560
```

### **Step 5**: After sufficient time has passed, stop the capture by entering:

### # monitor capture mycap stop

```
Capture statistics collected at software (Buffer & Wireshark):

Capture duration - 20 seconds

Packets received - 50

Packets dropped - 0

Packets oversized - 0
```



Note

Alternatively, you could allow the capture operation to stop automatically after the time has elapsed or the packet count are met.

The mycap.pcap file now contains the captured packets.

#### **Step 6**: Display extended capture statistics after stop by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap capture-statistics

Capture statistics collected at software:

Capture duration - 20 seconds

Packets received - 50

Packets dropped - 0

Packets oversized - 0

Packets sent - 50

Bytes received - 8190

Bytes dropped - 0

Bytes oversized - 0

Bytes oversized - 0

Bytes errored - 0

Bytes sent - 5130
```

### **Step 7**: Display the packets by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture file flash:mycap.pcap
Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
 1 0.000000000
                10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seq=0/0, tt1=254
 2 0.002555000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seq=1/256, ttl=254
 3 0.006199000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seq=2/512, ttl=254
 4 0.009199000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seq=3/768, ttl=254
 5 0.011647000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seg=4/1024, ttl=254
 6 0.014168000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seg=5/1280, ttl=254
 7 0.016737000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seq=6/1536, ttl=254
 8 0.019403000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seq=7/1792, ttl=254
 9 0.022151000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seq=8/2048, ttl=254
10 0.024722000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seq=9/2304, ttl=254
11 0.026890000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seq=10/2560, ttl=254
12 0.028862000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0031,
seq=11/2816, ttl=254
 --More--
```

For more information on syntax to be used for pcap statistics, refer the "Additional References" section.

**Step 8**: Delete the capture point by entering:

```
Device# no monitor capture mycap
```

## **Example: Using Buffer Capture**

This example shows how to use buffer capture:

**Step 1**: Launch a capture session with the buffer capture option by entering:

```
Device# monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3 in Device# monitor capture mycap match ipv4 any any Device# monitor capture mycap buffer circular size 1
Device# monitor capture mycap start
```

#### **Step 2**: Determine whether the capture is active by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap
Status Information for Capture mycap
 Target Type:
  Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/3, Direction: in
  Status : Active
 Filter Details:
   Source IP: any
   Destination IP: any
  Protocol: any
 Buffer Details:
  Buffer Type: CIRCULAR
  Buffer Size (in MB): 1
 File Details:
  File not associated
  Limit Details:
  Number of Packets to capture: 0 (no limit)
  Packet Capture duration: 0 (no limit)
  Packet Size to capture: 0 (no limit)
  Maximum number of packets to capture per second: 1000
   Packet sampling rate: 0 (no sampling)
```

#### **Step 3**: Display extended capture statistics during runtime by entering:

#### **Step 4**: Stop the capture by entering:

#### **Step 5**: Display extended capture statistics after stop by entering:

# Device# show monitor capture mycap capture-statistics Capture statistics collected at software: Capture duration - 156 seconds Packets received - 2000 Packets dropped - 0 Packets oversized - 0 Packets serrored - 0 Packets sent - 2000 Bytes received - 364000 Bytes dropped - 0 Bytes oversized - 0 Bytes sent - 228000

#### **Step 6**: Determine whether the capture is active by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap
Status Information for Capture mycap
 Target Type:
   Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/3, Direction: in
   Status : Inactive
  Filter Details:
   TPv4
   Source IP: any
   Destination IP: any
   Protocol: any
  Buffer Details:
  Buffer Type: CIRCULAR
  Buffer Size (in MB): 1
  File Details:
   File not associated
  Limit Details:
  Number of Packets to capture: 0 (no limit)
   Packet Capture duration: 0 (no limit)
   Packet Size to capture: 0 (no limit)
   Maximum number of packets to capture per second: 1000
   Packet sampling rate: 0 (no sampling)
```

#### **Step 7**: Display the packets in the buffer by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap buffer brief
Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
 1 0.000000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038,
seq=40057/31132, ttl=254
 2 0.000030 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038,
seq=40058/31388, ttl=254
    0.000052
               10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038,
seq=40059/31644, ttl=254
    0.000073 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038,
 4
seq=40060/31900, ttl=254
 5 0.000094 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038.
seq=40061/32156, ttl=254
 6 0.000115 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038,
seq=40062/32412, ttl=254
    0.000137 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038,
seq=40063/32668, ttl=254
               10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
    0.000158
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038,
seq=40064/32924, ttl=254
 9 0.000179 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                          ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038,
seq=40065/33180, ttl=254
```

```
10 0.000200 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1 ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038, seq=40066/33436, ttl=254
11 0.000221 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1 ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038, seq=40067/33692, ttl=254
12 0.000243 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1 ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0038, seq=40068/33948, ttl=254
--More--
```

Notice that the packets are buffered.

**Step 8**: Display the packets in other display modes.

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap buffer detailed
Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
Frame 1: 114 bytes on wire (912 bits), 114 bytes captured (912 bits) on interface 0
    Interface id: 0
   Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)
   Arrival Time: Nov 6, 2015 18:10:06.297972000 UTC
    [Time shift for this packet: 0.00000000 seconds]
   Epoch Time: 1446833406.297972000 seconds
    [Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
    [Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
    [Time since reference or first frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
   Frame Number: 1
   Frame Length: 114 bytes (912 bits)
   Capture Length: 114 bytes (912 bits)
    [Frame is marked: False]
    [Frame is ignored: False]
    [Protocols in frame: eth:ip:icmp:data]
Ethernet II, Src: Cisco f3:63:46 (00:e1:6d:f3:63:46), Dst: Cisco 31:f1:c6 (00:e1:6d:31:f1:c6)
    Destination: Cisco 31:f1:c6 (00:e1:6d:31:f1:c6)
       Address: Cisco 31:f1:c6 (00:e1:6d:31:f1:c6)
       .... .0. .... ... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
        .... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
    Source: Cisco_f3:63:46 (00:e1:6d:f3:63:46)
       Address: Cisco f3:63:46 (00:e1:6d:f3:63:46)
        .... .0. .... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
       .... 0 .... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
    Type: IP (0x0800)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.10.10.2 (10.10.10.2), Dst: 10.10.10.1 (10.10.10.1)
   Version: 4
    Header length: 20 bytes
   Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP 0x00: Default; ECN: 0x00: Not-ECT (Not
ECN-Capable Transport))
       0000 00.. = Differentiated Services Codepoint: Default (0x00)
        .... ..00 = Explicit Congestion Notification: Not-ECT (Not ECN-Capable Transport)
(0 \times 0.0)
   Total Length: 100
   Identification: 0xabdd (43997)
    Flags: 0x00
       0... = Reserved bit: Not set
        .0.. .... = Don't fragment: Not set
        ..0. .... = More fragments: Not set
   Fragment offset: 0
   Time to live: 254
    Protocol: ICMP (1)
    Header checksum: 0xe8a4 [validation disabled]
        [Good: False]
        [Bad: False]
   Source: 10.10.10.2 (10.10.10.2)
   Destination: 10.10.10.1 (10.10.10.1)
Internet Control Message Protocol
```

```
Type: 8 (Echo (ping) request)
    Code: 0
    Checksum: 0xa620 [correct]
    Identifier (BE): 56 (0x0038)
   Identifier (LE): 14336 (0x3800)
    Sequence number (BE): 40057 (0x9c79)
    Sequence number (LE): 31132 (0x799c)
    Data (72 bytes)
0000 00 00 00 00 0b 15 30 63 ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
                                                    .....0c.....
0010
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
                                                     . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
0030
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0040
    ab cd ab cd ab cd
       Data: 00000000b153063abcdabcdabcdabcdabcdabcdabcdabcd...
       [Length: 72]
Frame 2: 114 bytes on wire (912 bits), 114 bytes captured (912 bits) on interface 0
Device# show monitor capture mycap buffer dump
Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
0000 00 e1 6d 31 f1 c6 00 e1 6d f3 63 46 08 00 45 00
0010 00 64 ab dd 00 00 fe 01 e8 a4 0a 0a 0a 02 0a 0a
                                                     .d..........
..... .8.y.....
0030
     30 63 ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
                                                     0c.....
0040
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
                                                     . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
0050
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
                                                     . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
0060
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0070
     ab cd
0000
     00 el 6d 31 fl c6 00 el 6d f3 63 46 08 00 45 00
                                                     ..m1....m.cF..E.
0010
     00 64 ab de 00 00 fe 01 e8 a3 0a 0a 0a 02 0a 0a
                                                     .d.....
0020
     0a 01 08 00 a6 1d 00 38 9c 7a 00 00 00 00 0b 15
                                                     .....8.z.....
0030 30 65 ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
                                                     0e.....
0040 ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
                                                     . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
0.050
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0060
     ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd ab cd
0070
     ab cd
```

#### **Step 9**: Clear the buffer by entering:

Device# monitor capture mycap clear



Note

NOTE - Clearing the buffer deletes the buffer along with the contents.



Note

If you require the buffer to display its contents, run the clear commands after show commands.

**Step 10**: Restart the traffic, wait for 10 seconds, then display the buffer contents by entering:



Note

We can't run show from buffer during an active capture. Stop capture before running show from buffer. We can however run a show on a pcap file during an active capture in both file and buffer mode. In file mode, we can display the packets in the pcap file of the current capture session as well when the capture is active.

```
Device# monitor capture mycap start
Device# show monitor capture mycap
Status Information for Capture mycap
  Target Type:
   Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/3, Direction: in
   Status : Active
  Filter Details:
  IPv4
   Source IP: any
   Destination IP:
                    anv
   Protocol: any
  Buffer Details:
   Buffer Type: CIRCULAR
   Buffer Size (in MB): 1
  File Details:
   File not associated
  Timit Details:
   Number of Packets to capture: 0 (no limit)
   Packet Capture duration: 0 (no limit)
   Packet Size to capture: 0 (no limit)
   Maximum number of packets to capture per second: 1000
   Packet sampling rate: 0 (no sampling)
```

#### **Step 11**: Stop the packet capture and display the buffer contents by entering:

```
Device# monitor capture mycap stop

Capture statistics collected at software (Buffer):

Capture duration - 111 seconds

Packets received - 5000

Packets dropped - 0

Packets oversized - 0
```

#### **Step 12**: Determine whether the capture is active by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap
Status Information for Capture mycap
 Target Type:
 Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/3, Direction: in
 Status : Inactive
Filter Details:
 IPv4
 Source IP: any
 Destination IP: any
Protocol: any
Buffer Details:
Buffer Type: CIRCULAR
Buffer Size (in MB): 1
File Details:
 File not associated
Limit Details:
Number of Packets to capture: 0 (no limit)
Packet Capture duration: 0 (no limit)
Packet Size to capture: 0 (no limit)
```

Maximum number of packets to capture per second: 1000 Packet sampling rate: 0 (no sampling)

#### **Step 13**: Display the packets in the buffer by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap buffer brief
Starting the packet display \dots Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
 1 0.000000000
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=0/0, tt1=254
  2 0.000030000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=1/256, ttl=254
  3 0.000051000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=2/512, ttl=254
 4 0.000072000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x0039,
seq=3/768, ttl=254
 5 0.000093000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=4/1024, ttl=254
  6 0.000114000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=5/1280, ttl=254
 7 0.000136000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=6/1536, ttl=254
  8 0.000157000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x0039.
seq=7/1792, ttl=254
 9 0.000178000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x0039,
seq=8/2048, ttl=254
10 0.000199000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x0039,
seq=9/2304, ttl=254
11 0.000220000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                             ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=10/2560, ttl=254
                10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
12 0.000241000
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=11/2816, ttl=254
 --More«
```

# **Step 14**: Store the buffer contents to the mycap.pcap file in the internal flash: storage device by entering:

Device# monitor capture mycap export flash:mycap.pcap Exported Successfully



Note

The current implementation of export is such that when you run the command, export is "started" but not complete when it returns the prompt to you. So we have to wait for a message display on the console from Wireshark before it can run a display of packets in the file.

#### **Step 15**: Display capture packets from the file by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture file flash:mycap.pcap
Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
 1 0.000000000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=0/0, ttl=254
 2 0.000030000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=1/256, ttl=254
  3 0.000051000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=2/512, ttl=254
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
 4 0.000072000
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=3/768, ttl=254
  5 0.000093000
                 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=4/1024, ttl=254
```

```
6 0.000114000
                10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=5/1280, ttl=254
 7 0.000136000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=6/1536, ttl=254
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
 8 0.000157000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
seq=7/1792, ttl=254
 9 0.000178000
                10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=8/2048, ttl=254
                10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
10 0.000199000
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request
                                                                          id=0x0039,
seq=9/2304, ttl=254
11 0.000220000
                10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seq=10/2560, ttl=254
12 0.000241000 10.10.10.2 -> 10.10.10.1
                                            ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0039,
seg=11/2816, ttl=254
 --More--
```

#### **Step 16**: Delete the capture point by entering:

Device# no monitor capture mycap

## **Example: Simple Capture and Store of Packets in Egress Direction**

This example shows how to capture packets to a filter:

**Step 1**: Define a capture point to match on the relevant traffic and associate it to a file by entering:

```
Device# monitor capture mycap interface Gigabit 1/0/1 out match ipv4 any any Device# monitor capture mycap limit duration 60 packets 100
Device# monitor capture mycap file location flash:mycap.pcap buffer-size 90
```

#### Step 2: Confirm that the capture point has been correctly defined by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap parameter
  monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 out
  monitor capture mycap match ipv4 any any
  monitor capture mycap file location flash: mycap.pcap buffer-size 90
  monitor capture mycap limit packets 100 duration 60
Device# show monitor capture mycap
Status Information for Capture mycap
 Target Type:
  Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/1, Direction: out
  Status : Inactive
 Filter Details:
  TPv4
   Source IP: any
   Destination IP: any
  Protocol: any
 Buffer Details:
  Buffer Type: LINEAR (default)
  File Details:
  Associated file name: flash:mycap.pcap
  Size of buffer(in MB): 90
 Limit Details:
  Number of Packets to capture: 100
  Packet Capture duration: 60
   Packet Size to capture: 0 (no limit)
  Packets per second: 0 (no limit)
   Packet sampling rate: 0 (no sampling)
```

#### **Step 3**: Launch packet capture by entering:

```
Device# monitor capture mycap start
A file by the same capture file name already exists, overwrite?[confirm]
Turning on lock-step mode

Device#
*Oct 14 09:35:32.661: %BUFCAP-6-ENABLE: Capture Point mycap enabled.
```



Note

Allow the capture operation to stop automatically after the time has elapsed or the packet count are met. When you see the following message in the output, you'll know that the capture operation has stopped:

```
*Oct 14 09:36:34.632: %BUFCAP-6-DISABLE_ASYNC: Capture Point mycap disabled. Rea son : Wireshark Session Ended
```

The mycap.pcap file now contains the captured packets.

#### **Step 4**: Display the packets by entering:

```
Device# show monitor capture file flash:mycap.pcap
Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
             10.1.1.30 -> 20.1.1.2
10.1.1.31 -> 20.1.1.2
                                       UDP Source port: 20001 Destination port: 20002
  0.000000
  1.000000
                                        UDP Source port: 20001
                                                                Destination port: 20002
             10.1.1.32 -> 20.1.1.2 UDP Source port: 20001 Destination port: 20002
  2.000000
  3.000000
            10.1.1.33 -> 20.1.1.2 UDP Source port: 20001 Destination port: 20002
  4.000000
            10.1.1.34 -> 20.1.1.2 UDP Source port: 20001 Destination port: 20002
           10.1.1.35 -> 20.1.1.2
10.1.1.36 -> 20.1.1.2
10.1.1.37 -> 20.1.1.2
  5.000000
                                       UDP Source port: 20001 Destination port: 20002
                                        UDP Source port: 20001 Destination port: 20002
  6.000000
                                       UDP Source port: 20001 Destination port: 20002
  7.000000
  8.000000 10.1.1.38 -> 20.1.1.2 UDP Source port: 20001 Destination port: 20002
  9.000000 10.1.1.39 -> 20.1.1.2 UDP Source port: 20001 Destination port: 20002
```

**Step 5**: Delete the capture point by entering:

Device# no monitor capture mycap

# **Configuration Examples for Embedded Packet Capture**

The following sections provide configuration examples for EPC.

## **Example: Managing Packet Data Capture**

The following example shows how to manage packet data capture:

```
Device monitor capture mycap access-list v4acl
Device monitor capture mycap limit duration 1000
Device monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1 both
Device monitor capture mycap buffer circular size 10
Device monitor capture mycap start
Device monitor capture mycap stop
Device monitor capture mycap export tftp://10.1.88.9/mycap.pcap
Device end
```

## **Example: Monitoring and Maintaining Captured Data**

The following example shows how to dump packets in ASCII format:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap buffer dump
Starting the packet display ...... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit
0000: 01005E00 00020000 0C07AC1D 080045C0 ..^....E.
0010: 00300000 00000111 CFDC091D 0002E000 .0......
0020: 000207C1 07C1001C 802A0000 10030AFA .....*....
0030: 1D006369 73636F00 0000091D 0001 ..example.....
0000: 01005E00 0002001B 2BF69280 080046C0 ..^....+....F.
0010: 00200000 00000102 44170000 0000E000 . .....D......
0020: 00019404 00001700 E8FF0000 0000 ......
0000: 01005E00 0002001B 2BF68680 080045C0 ..^....+....E.
0010: 00300000 00000111 CFDB091D 0003E000 .0......
0020: 000207C1 07C1001C 88B50000 08030A6E .....n
0030: 1D006369 73636F00 0000091D 0001 ..example......
0000: 01005E00 000A001C 0F2EDC00 080045C0 ..^................E.
0010: 003C0000 00000258 CE7F091D 0004E000 .<....X......
0020: 000A0205 F3000000 00000000 00000000 ......
0030: 00000000 00D10001 000C0100 01000000 ......
0040: 000F0004 00080501 0300
```

The following example shows how to display the list of commands used to configure the capture named mycap:

```
Device# show monitor capture mycap parameter
monitor capture mycap interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/1 both
monitor capture mycap match any
monitor capture mycap buffer size 10
monitor capture mycap limit pps 1000
```

The following example shows how to debug the capture point:

```
Device# debug epc capture-point
```

```
EPC capture point operations debugging is on
```

```
Device# monitor capture mycap start
*Jun 4 14:17:15.463: EPC CP: Starting the capture cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:15.463: EPC CP: (brief=3, detailed=4, dump=5) = 0
*Jun 4 14:17:15.463: EPC CP: final check before activation
*Jun 4 14:17:15.463: EPC CP: setting up c3pl infra
*Jun 4 14:17:15.463: EPC CP: Setup c3pl acl-class-policy
*Jun 4 14:17:15.463: EPC CP: Creating a class
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Creating a class : Successful
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: class-map Created
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: creating policy-name epc policy cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Creating Policy epc policy cap1 of type 49 and client type 21
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Storing a Policy
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: calling ppm store policy with epc policy
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Creating Policy: Successful
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: policy-map created
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: creating filter for ANY
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Adding acl to class: Successful
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Setup c3pl class to policy
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Attaching Class to Policy
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Attaching epc class cap1 to epc policy cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Attaching Class to Policy: Successful
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: setting up c3pl qos
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: DBG> Set packet rate limit to 1000
```

```
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: creating action for policy map epc policy cap1 class map
epc class cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: DBG> Set packet rate limit to 1000
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Activating Interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 direction both
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Id attached 0
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: inserting into active lists
*Jun 4 14:17:15.464: EPC CP: Id attached 0
*Jun 4 14:17:15.465: EPC CP: inserting into active lists
*Jun 4 14:17:15.465: EPC CP: Activating Vlan
*Jun 4 14:17:15.465: EPC CP: Deleting all temp interfaces
*Jun 4 14:17:15.465: %BUFCAP-6-ENABLE: Capture Point cap1 enabled.
*Jun 4 14:17:15.465: EPC CP: Active Capture 1
Device# monitor capture mycap1 stop
*Jun 4 14:17:31.963: EPC CP: Stopping the capture cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:31.963: EPC CP: Warning: unable to unbind capture cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:31.963: EPC CP: Deactivating policy-map
*Jun 4 14:17:31.963: EPC CP: Policy epc policy cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: Deactivating policy-map Successful
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: removing povision feature
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: Found action for policy-map epc policy cap1 class-map
epc class cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: cleanning up c3pl infra
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: Removing Class epc class cap1 from Policy
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: Removing Class from epc policy cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: Successfully removed
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: Removing acl mac from class
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: Removing acl from class : Successful
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: Removing all policies
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: Removing Policy epc_policy_cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: Removing Policy: Successful
*Jun 4 14:17:31.964: EPC CP: Removing class epc class cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:31.965: EPC CP: Removing class : Successful
*Jun 4 14:17:31.965: %BUFCAP-6-DISABLE: Capture Point cap1 disabled.
*Jun 4 14:17:31.965: EPC CP: Active Capture 0
The following example shows how to debug the Embedded Packet Capture (EPC) provisioning:
Device# debug epc provision
EPC provisionioning debugging is on
Device# monitor capture mycap start
*Jun 4 14:17:54.991: EPC PROV: No action found for policy-map epc policy cap1 class-map
epc class cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:54.991: EPC PROV:
*Jun 4 14:17:54.991: Attempting to install service policy epc policy cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:54.992: EPC PROV: Attached service policy to epc idb subblock
*Jun 4 14:17:54.992: EPC PROV: Successful. Create feature object
*Jun 4 14:17:54.992: EPC PROV:
*Jun 4 14:17:54.992: Attempting to install service policy epc_policy_cap1
*Jun 4 14:17:54.992: EPC PROV: Successful. Create feature object
*Jun 4 14:17:54.992: %BUFCAP-6-ENABLE: Capture Point cap1 enabled.
Device# monitor capture mycap stop
*Jun 4 14:18:02.503: EPC PROV: Successful. Remove feature object
*Jun 4 14:18:02.504: EPC PROV: Successful. Remove feature object
*Jun 4 14:18:02.504: EPC PROV: Destroyed epc idb subblock
*Jun 4 14:18:02.504: EPC PROV: Found action for policy-map epc policy cap1 class-map
epc class cap1
*Jun 4 14:18:02.504: EPC PROV: Deleting EPC action
*Jun 4 14:18:02.504: EPC PROV: Successful. CLASS REMOVE, policy-map epc policy cap1, class
epc class cap1
*Jun 4 14:18:02.504: %BUFCAP-6-DISABLE: Capture Point cap1 disabled.
```

# **Additional References**

#### **Related Documents**

Related Topic	Document Title
Display Filters	For syntax of Display Filters, refer to: Display Filter Reference
Pcap file statistics	For syntax used to display pcap file statistics, refer to "-z" option details at:  Tshark Command Reference

#### **Error Message Decoder**

Description	Link
To help you research and resolve system error messages in this release, use the Error Message Decoder tool.	https://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/Errordecoder/index.cgi

# **Feature History for Packet Capture**

This table provides release and related information for the features explained in this module.

These features are available in all the releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless notedotherwise.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.5.1a	Packet Capture	The Packet Capture feature is an onboard packet capture facility that allows network administrators to capture packets flowing to, through, and from the device.  Support for this feature was introduced only on the C9500-12Q, C9500-16X, C9500-24Q, C9500-40X models of the Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a	Packet Capture	The Packet Capture feature is an onboard packet capture facility that allows network administrators to capture packets flowing to, through, and from the device.
		Support for this feature was introduced only on the C9500-32C, C9500-32QC, C9500-48Y4C, and C9500-24Y4C models of the Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches.
Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.2.1	Embedded Packet Capture (EPC) on an interface either in down state or admin state.	This feature allows you to configure Embedded Packet Capture (EPC) on an interface that is either in down state or admin down state. This does not affect packet capture once the interface changes to up state.
Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.3.1	Enhancements to Embedded Packet Capture (EPC) Packet filters: Packet length and Ether type	In Embedded Packet Capture (EPC), packets can be capture based on packet length or ether type.
Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.7.1	Packet Capture	Support for this feature was introduced on the C9500X-28C8D model of the Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches.

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