



Configuring Private VLANs Using NX-OS

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Information About Private VLANs

Starting in Cisco Nexus NX-OS 6.1(2)I3(4), the private VLAN feature is supported.



Note You must enable the private VLAN feature before you can configure this feature.



Note A Layer 2 port can function as either a trunk port, an access port, or a private VLAN port.

In certain instances where similar systems do not need to interact directly, private VLANs provide additional protection at the Layer 2 level. Private VLANs are an association of primary and secondary VLANs.

A primary VLAN defines the broadcast domain with which the secondary VLANs are associated. The secondary VLANs may either be isolated VLANs or community VLANs. Hosts on isolated VLANs communicate only with associated promiscuous ports in primary VLANs, and hosts on community VLANs communicate only among themselves and with associated promiscuous ports but not with isolated ports or ports in other community VLANs.

In configurations that use integrated switching and routing functions, you can assign a single Layer 3 VLAN network interface to each private VLAN to provide routing. The VLAN network interface is created for the primary VLAN. In such configurations, all secondary VLANs communicate at Layer 3 only through a mapping with the VLAN network interface on the primary VLAN. Any VLAN network interfaces previously created on the secondary VLANs are put out-of-service.

Private VLAN Overview

You must enable private VLANs before the device can apply the private VLAN functionality.

You cannot disable private VLANs if the device has any operational ports in a private VLAN mode.



Note You must have already created the VLAN before you can convert the specified VLAN to a private VLAN, either primary or secondary.

Primary and Secondary VLANs in Private VLANs

The private VLAN feature addresses two problems that users encounter when using VLANs:

- Each VDC supports up to 4096 VLANs. If a user assigns one VLAN per customer, the number of customers that the service provider can support is limited.
- To enable IP routing, each VLAN is assigned with a subnet address space or a block of addresses, which can result in wasting the unused IP addresses and creating IP address management problems.

Using private VLANs solves the scalability problem and provides IP address management benefits and Layer 2 security for customers.

The private VLAN feature allows you to partition the Layer 2 broadcast domain of a VLAN into subdomains. A subdomain is represented by a pair of private VLANs: a primary VLAN and a secondary VLAN. A private VLAN domain can have multiple private VLAN pairs, one pair for each subdomain. All VLAN pairs in a private VLAN domain share the same primary VLAN. The secondary VLAN ID differentiates one subdomain from another.



Note A private VLAN domain has only one primary VLAN.

Secondary VLANs provide Layer 2 isolation between ports within the same private VLAN. The following two types are secondary VLANs within a primary VLAN:

- Isolated VLANs—Ports within an isolated VLAN cannot communicate with each other at the Layer 2 level.
- Community VLANs—Ports within a community VLAN can communicate with each other but cannot communicate with ports in other community VLANs or in any isolated VLANs at the Layer 2 level.

Private VLAN Ports



Note Both community and isolated private VLAN ports are labeled as PVLAN host ports. A PVLAN host port is either a community PVLAN port or an isolated PVLAN port depending on the type of secondary VLAN with which it is associated.

The types of private VLAN ports are as follows:

- **Promiscuous port**—A promiscuous port belongs to the primary VLAN. The promiscuous port can communicate with all interfaces, including the community and isolated host ports, that belong to those secondary VLANs associated to the promiscuous port and associated with the primary VLAN. You can have several promiscuous ports in a primary VLAN. Each promiscuous port can have several secondary VLANs, or no secondary VLANs, associated to that port. You can associate a secondary VLAN to more than one promiscuous port, as long as the promiscuous port and secondary VLANs are within the same primary VLAN. You may want to do this association for load balancing or redundancy purposes. You can also have secondary VLANs that are not associated to any promiscuous port, but these secondary VLANs cannot communicate to the Layer 3 interface.



Note As a best practice, you should map all the secondary ports on the primary to minimize any loss of traffic.

- **Promiscuous trunk**—You can configure a promiscuous trunk port to carry traffic for multiple primary VLANs. You map the private VLAN primary VLAN and either all or selected associated VLANs to the promiscuous trunk port. Each primary VLAN and one associated and secondary VLAN is a private VLAN pair, and you can configure a maximum of 16 private VLAN pairs on each promiscuous trunk port.



Note Private VLAN promiscuous trunk ports carry traffic for normal VLANs as well as for primary private VLANs.

- **Isolated port**—An isolated port is a host port that belongs to an isolated secondary VLAN. This port has complete Layer 2 isolation from other ports within the same private VLAN domain, except that it can communicate with associated promiscuous ports. Private VLANs block all traffic to isolated ports except traffic from promiscuous ports. Traffic received from an isolated port is forwarded only to promiscuous ports. You can have more than one isolated port in a specified isolated VLAN, and each port is completely isolated from all other ports in the isolated VLAN.
- **Isolated or secondary trunk**—You can configure an isolated trunk port to carry traffic for multiple isolated VLANs. Each secondary VLAN on an isolated trunk port must be associated with a different primary VLAN. You cannot put two secondary VLANs that are associated with the same primary VLAN on an isolated trunk port. Each primary VLAN and one associated secondary VLAN is a private VLAN pair, and you can configure a maximum of 16 private VLAN pairs on each isolated trunk port.



Note Private VLAN isolated trunk ports carry traffic for normal VLANs as well as for secondary private VLANs.

- **Community port**—A community port is a host port that belongs to a community secondary VLAN. Community ports communicate with other ports in the same community VLAN and with associated promiscuous ports. These interfaces are isolated at Layer 2 from all other interfaces in other communities and from all isolated ports within the private VLAN domain.



Note Because trunks can support the VLANs that carry traffic between promiscuous, isolated, and community ports, the isolated and community port traffic might enter or leave the device through a trunk interface.

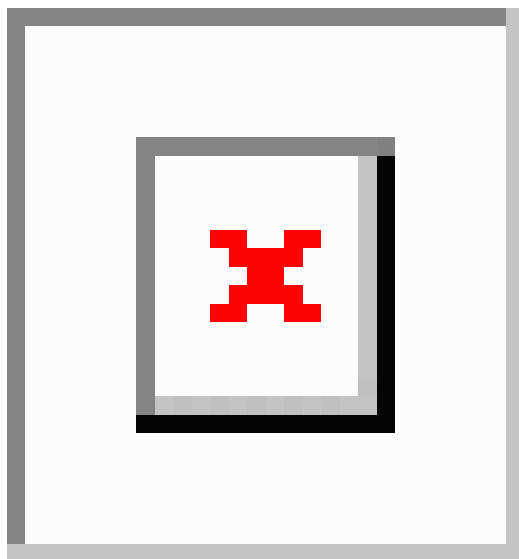
Primary, Isolated, and Community Private VLANs

Because the primary VLAN has the Layer 3 gateway, you associate secondary VLANs with the primary VLAN in order to communicate outside the private VLAN. Primary VLANs and the two types of secondary VLANs, isolated VLANs and community VLANs, have these characteristics:

- **Primary VLAN**— The primary VLAN carries traffic from the promiscuous ports to the (isolated and community) host ports and to other promiscuous ports.
- **Isolated VLAN** —An isolated VLAN is a secondary VLAN that carries unidirectional traffic upstream from the hosts toward the promiscuous ports and the Layer 3 gateway. You can configure one isolated VLAN in a primary VLAN. In addition, each isolated VLAN can have several isolated ports, and the traffic from each isolated port also remains completely separate.
- **Community VLAN**—A community VLAN is a secondary VLAN that carries upstream traffic from the community ports to the promiscuous port gateways and to other host ports in the same community. You can configure multiple community VLANs in a private VLAN domain. The ports within one community can communicate, but these ports cannot communicate with ports in any other community or isolated VLAN in the private VLAN.

Figure 1: Private VLAN Layer 2 Traffic Flows

This figure shows the Layer 2 traffic flows within a primary, or private VLAN, along with the types of VLANs and types of ports.





Note The private VLAN traffic flows are unidirectional from the host ports to the promiscuous ports. Traffic that egresses the promiscuous port acts like the traffic in a normal VLAN, and there is no traffic separation among the associated secondary VLAN.

A promiscuous port can serve only one primary VLAN, but it can serve multiple isolated VLANs and multiple community VLANs. (Layer 3 gateways are connected to the device through a promiscuous port.) With a promiscuous port, you can connect a wide range of devices as access points to a private VLAN. For example, you can use a promiscuous port to monitor or back up all the private VLAN servers from an administration workstation.



Note You can configure private VLAN promiscuous and isolated trunk ports. These promiscuous and isolated trunk ports carry traffic for multiple primary and secondary VLANs as well as normal VLAN.

Although you can have several promiscuous ports in a primary VLAN, you can have only one Layer 3 gateway per primary VLAN.

In a switched environment, you can assign an individual private VLAN and associated IP subnet to each individual or common group of end stations. The end stations need to communicate only with a default gateway to communicate outside the private VLAN.



Note You must enable the VLAN interface feature before you can configure the Layer 3 gateway. See the *Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Interfaces Configuration Guide* for complete information on VLAN network interfaces and IP addressing.

Associating Primary and Secondary VLANs

To allow the host ports in secondary VLANs to communicate outside the private VLAN, you associate secondary VLANs to the primary VLAN. If the association is not operational, the host ports (isolated and community ports) in the secondary VLAN are brought down.



Note You can associate a secondary VLAN with only one primary VLAN.

For an association to be operational, the following conditions must be met:

- The primary VLAN must exist.
- The secondary VLAN must exist.
- The primary VLAN must be configured as a primary VLAN.
- The secondary VLAN must be configured as either an isolated or community VLAN.



Note See the **show** command display to verify that the association is operational. The device does not issue an error message when the association is nonoperational.

If you delete either the primary or secondary VLAN, the ports that are associated with the VLAN become inactive. When you reconvert the specified VLAN to private VLAN mode, the original associations are reinstated.

If the association is not operational on private VLAN trunk ports, only that VLAN goes down, not the entire port.

When you enter the **no private-vlan** command, the VLAN returns to the normal VLAN mode. All associations on that VLAN are suspended, but the interfaces remain in private VLAN mode.

If you enter the **no vlan** command for the primary VLAN, all private VLAN associations with that VLAN are lost. However, if you enter the **no vlan** command for a secondary VLAN, the private VLAN associations with that VLAN are suspended and return when you recreate the specified VLAN and configure it as the secondary VLAN.



Note This behavior is different from how Catalyst devices work.

In order to change the association between a secondary and primary VLAN, you must first remove the current association and then add the desired association.

Broadcast Traffic in Private VLANs

Broadcast traffic from ports in a private VLAN flows in the following ways:

- The broadcast traffic flows from all promiscuous ports to all ports in the primary VLAN. This broadcast traffic is distributed to all ports within the primary VLAN, including those ports that are not configured with private VLAN parameters.
- The broadcast traffic from all isolated ports is distributed only to those promiscuous ports in the primary VLAN that are associated to that isolated port.
- The broadcast traffic from community ports is distributed to all ports within the port's community and to all promiscuous ports that are associated to the community port. The broadcast packets are not distributed to any other communities within the primary VLAN or to any isolated ports.

Private VLAN Port Isolation

You can use private VLANs to control access to end stations as follows:

- Configure selected interfaces connected to end stations as isolated ports to prevent any communication at Layer 2. For example, if the end stations are servers, this configuration prevents Layer 2 communication between the servers.
- Configure interfaces connected to default gateways and selected end stations (for example, backup servers) as promiscuous ports to allow all end stations access to a default gateway.

Private VLANs and VLAN Interfaces

A VLAN interface to a Layer 2 VLAN is also called a switched virtual interface (SVI). Layer 3 devices communicate with a private VLAN only through the primary VLAN and not through secondary VLANs.

Configure VLAN network interfaces only for primary VLANs. Do not configure VLAN interfaces for secondary VLANs. VLAN network interfaces for secondary VLANs are inactive while the VLAN is configured as a secondary VLAN. You will see the following actions if you misconfigure the VLAN interfaces:

- If you try to configure a VLAN with an active VLAN network interface as a secondary VLAN, the configuration is not allowed until you disable the VLAN interface.
- If you try to create and enable a VLAN network interface on a VLAN that is configured as a secondary VLAN, that VLAN interface remains disabled and the system returns an error.

When the primary VLAN is associated with and mapped to the secondary VLAN, any configuration on the primary VLAN is propagated to the secondary VLANs. For example, if you assign an IP subnet to the VLAN network interface on the primary VLAN, this subnet is the IP subnet address of the entire private VLAN.



Note You must enable the VLAN interface feature before you configure VLAN interfaces. See the *Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Interfaces Configuration Guide*, for information on VLAN interfaces and IP addressing.

Private VLANs Across Multiple Devices

You can extend private VLANs across multiple devices by trunking the primary, isolated, and community VLANs to other devices that support private VLANs. To maintain the security of your private VLAN configuration and to avoid other uses of the VLANs configured to be private VLANs, configure private VLANs on all intermediate devices, including devices that have no private VLAN ports.

High Availability for Private VLANs

The software supports high availability for both stateful and stateless restarts, as during a cold reboot, for private VLANs. For the stateful restarts, the software supports a maximum of three retries. If you try more than 3 times within 10 seconds of a restart, the software reloads the supervisor module.



Note When private VLANs are configured, downgrading to an earlier version of Cisco NX-OS is not supported.



Note See the *Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS High Availability and Redundancy Guide*, for complete information on high-availability features.

Prerequisites for Private VLANs

Private VLANs have the following prerequisites:

- You must be logged onto the device.
- You must enable the private VLAN feature.

Guidelines and Limitations for Configuring Private VLANs

Private VLANs (PVLANS) have the following configuration guidelines and limitations:

- **show** commands with the **internal** keyword are not supported.
- You must enable PVLANS before the device can apply the PVLAN functionality.
- You must enable the VLAN interface feature before the device can apply this functionality.
- Shut down the VLAN network interface for all VLANs that you plan to configure as secondary VLANs before you configure these VLANs.
- When a static MAC is created on a regular VLAN and then that VLAN is converted to a secondary VLAN, the Cisco NX-OS maintains the MAC that was configured on the secondary VLAN as the static MAC.
- PVLANS support PVLAN port modes as follows:
 - Promiscuous.
 - Promiscuous trunk.
 - Isolated host.
 - Isolated host trunk.
 - Community host.
- Private VLANs do not provide port mode support for port channels.
- Private VLANs do not provide port mode support for virtual port channels (vPCs) interfaces.
- When you configure PVLAN promiscuous trunks or PVLAN isolated trunks, we recommend that you allow non-PVLANS in the list specified by the **switchport private-vlan trunk allowed id** command. PVLANS are mapped or associated depending on the PVLAN trunk mode.
- PVLANS support PACLs and RAACLs.
- PVLANS support SVIs as follows:
 - SVIs on the primary VLANs.
 - Primary and secondary IP addresses on the SVI.
 - HSRP on the primary SVI.
- PVLANS support Layer 2 forwarding.
- PVLANS support STP as follows:
 - RSTPs
 - MSTs

- PVLANS are supported across switches through a regular trunk port.
- PVLANS are supported on the 10G ports of the Cisco Nexus 9396PQ and 93128TX switches.
- PVLAN configurations are not supported on the ALE ports of Cisco Nexus 9300 Series switches.
- PVLAN port mode is not supported on the Cisco Nexus 3164Q switch.
- On Network Forwarding Engines (NFE), PVLANS do not provide support on breakout.
- PVLANS are not supported on vPC or port channel FEX ports.
- PVLANS do not provide support for IP multicast or IGMP snooping.
- PVLANS do not provide support for DHCP snooping.
- PVLANS do not provide support for PVLAN QoS.
- PVLANS do not provide support for VACLs.
- PVLANS do not provide support for VTP.
- PVLANS do not provide support for tunnels.
- PVLANS do not provide support for VXLANs.
- PVLANS do not provide support for SPAN when the source is a PVLAN VLAN.
- You cannot configure a shared interface to be part of a PVLAN. For more details, see the *Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Interfaces Configuration Guide*.
- Although the Cisco NX-OS CLI allows the configuration of multiple isolated VLAN configurations per PVLAN group, such a configuration is not supported. A PVLAN group can have at most one isolated VLAN.
- Breakout ports cannot be configured to be part of a private VLAN on Cisco Nexus 9500 platform switches' 40 G ports with the following line cards:
 - N9K-X9636PQ
 - N9K-X9564PX
 - N9K-X9564TX
 - N9K-X9536PQ
 - N9K-X9432PQ
 - N9K-X9464PX
 - N9K-X9464TX

Secondary and Primary VLAN Configuration

Follow these guidelines when configuring secondary or primary VLANs in private VLANs:

- You cannot configure the default VLAN (VLAN1) or any of the internally allocated VLANs as primary or secondary VLANs.

- You must use VLAN configuration (config-vlan) mode to configure private VLANs.
- A primary VLAN can have only one isolated VLAN associated with it, however it can have multiple community VLANs associated with it. An isolated or community VLAN can be associated with only one primary VLAN.
- Although private VLANs provide host isolation at Layer 2, hosts can communicate with each other at Layer 3.
- A PVLAN group can have at most one isolated VLAN. Multiple isolated VLAN configurations per primary VLAN configurations are not supported.
- When a secondary VLAN is associated with the primary VLAN, the STP parameters of the primary VLAN, such as bridge priorities, are propagated to the secondary VLAN. However, STP parameters do not necessarily propagate to other devices. You should manually check the STP configuration to ensure that the spanning tree topologies for the primary, isolated, and community VLANs match exactly so that the VLANs can properly share the same forwarding database.
- For normal trunk ports, note the following:
 - There is a separate instance of STP for each VLAN in the private VLAN.
 - STP parameters for the primary and all secondary VLANs must match.
 - The primary and all associated secondary VLANs should be in the same MST instance.
- For nontrunking ports, note the following:
 - STP is aware only of the primary VLAN for any private VLAN host port; STP runs only on the primary VLAN for all private VLAN ports.

**Note**

We recommend that you enable BPDU Guard on all ports that you configure as a host port; do not enable this feature on promiscuous ports.

- For private VLAN promiscuous trunk ports, note the following:
 - You can configure a maximum of 16 private VLAN primary and secondary VLAN pairs on each promiscuous trunk port.
- For private VLAN isolated trunk ports, note the following:
 - You can configure a maximum of 16 private VLAN primary and secondary VLAN pairs on each isolated trunk port.
 - The native VLAN must be either a normal VLAN or a private VLAN secondary VLAN. You cannot configure a private VLAN primary port as the native VLAN for a private VLAN isolated trunk port.
- To downgrade a system that has private VLAN ports configured, you must unconfigure these ports.

**Note**

When downgrading to an image that supports PVLANS, removing the PVLAN is not necessary.

- Before you configure a VLAN as a secondary VLAN, you must shut down the VLAN network interface for the secondary VLAN.
- Downgrading a system that has PVLAN ports configured to a release that does not support PVLAN requires unconfiguring the ports.

Private VLAN Port Configuration

Follow these guidelines when configuring private VLAN ports:

- Use only the private VLAN configuration commands to assign ports to primary, isolated, or community VLANs.
- The Layer 2 access ports that are assigned to the VLANs that you configure as primary, isolated, or community VLANs are inactive while the VLAN is part of the private VLAN configuration. Layer 2 trunk interfaces, which may carry private VLANs, are active and remain part of the STP database.
- If you delete a VLAN used in the private VLAN configuration, the private VLAN ports (promiscuous ports or host ports, not trunk ports) that are associated with the VLAN become inactive.
- FEX HIF PC/VPC and FEX AA (active/active) configurations are not supported.
- PVLAN promiscuous port mode configurations are not supported on FEX ports and FEX port-channels.

Limitations with Other Features

Consider these configuration limitations with other features when configuring private VLANs:



Note In some cases, the configuration is accepted with no error messages, but the commands have no effect.

- A private VLAN port can be configured as a SPAN source port.
- Private VLAN host or promiscuous ports cannot be a SPAN destination port.
- A destination SPAN port cannot be an isolated port. (However, a source SPAN port can be an isolated port.)
- After you configure the association between the primary and secondary VLANs, the dynamic MAC addresses that learned the secondary VLANs are aged out.
- After you configure the association between the primary and secondary VLANs, you cannot create static MAC addresses for the secondary VLANs.
- After you configure the association between the primary and secondary VLANs, if you delete the association, all static MAC addresses that were created on the primary VLANs remain on the primary VLAN only.
- In private VLANs, STP controls only the primary VLAN.
- After configuring the association between the primary and secondary VLANs:
 - Static MAC addresses for the secondary VLANs cannot be created.

- Dynamic MAC addresses that learned the secondary VLANs are aged out.
- vPC pairing between Cisco Nexus 9300, 9500, 3164Q switches and Cisco Nexus 3232C, 3264Q switch platforms are not recommended.



Note See the *Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Security Configuration Guide* for information on configuring static MAC addresses.

Default Settings for Private VLANs

This table lists the default setting for private VLANs.

Table 1: Default Private VLAN Setting

Parameters	Default
Private VLANs	Disabled

Configuring a Private VLAN

You must have already created the VLAN before you can assign the specified VLAN as a private VLAN.

See the *Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Interfaces Configuration Guide*, for information on assigning IP addresses to VLAN interfaces.



Note If you are familiar with the Cisco IOS CLI, be aware that the Cisco NX-OS commands for this feature might differ from the Cisco IOS commands that you would use.

Enabling Private VLANs - CLI Version

You must enable private VLANs on the device to have the private VLAN functionality.



Note The private VLAN commands do not appear until you enable the private VLAN feature.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `feature private-vlan`
3. `exit`

4. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	feature private-vlan Example: switch(config)# feature private-vlan switch(config)#	Enables private VLAN functionality on the device. Note You cannot apply the no feature private-vlan command if there are operational ports on the device that are in private VLAN mode.
Step 3	exit Example: switch(config)# exit switch#	Exits the configuration mode.
Step 4	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to enable private VLAN functionality on the device:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# feature private-vlan
switch(config)#
```

Configuring a VLAN as a Private VLAN - CLI Version

Note Before you configure a VLAN as a secondary VLAN—that is, either a community or isolated VLAN—you must first shut down the VLAN network interface.

You can configure a VLAN as a private VLAN.

To create a private VLAN, you first create a VLAN and then configure that VLAN to be a private VLAN.

You create all VLANs that you want to use in the private VLAN as a primary VLAN, a community VLAN, or an isolated VLAN. You will later associate multiple isolated and multiple community VLANs to one primary VLAN. You can have many primary VLANs and associations, which means that you could have many private VLANs.

If you delete either the primary or secondary VLAN, the ports that are associated with the VLAN become inactive.

On private VLAN trunk ports, if you delete either the secondary or primary VLAN, only that specific VLAN becomes inactive; the trunk ports stay up.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **vlan** {*vlan-id* | *vlan-range*}
3. [**no**] **private-vlan** {**community** | **isolated** | **primary**}
4. **exit**
5. (Optional) **show vlan private-vlan** [*type*]
6. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	vlan { <i>vlan-id</i> <i>vlan-range</i> }	Places you into the VLAN configuration submode.
	Example: switch(config)# vlan 5 switch(config-vlan)#	
Step 3	[no] private-vlan { community isolated primary }	Configures the VLAN as either a community, isolated, or primary private VLAN. In a private VLAN, you must have one primary VLAN. You can have multiple community and isolated VLANs.
	Example: switch(config-vlan)# private-vlan primary	or Removes the private VLAN configuration from the specified VLAN(s) and returns it to normal VLAN mode. If you delete either the primary or secondary VLAN, the ports that are associated with the VLAN become inactive.
Step 4	exit Example: switch(config-vlan)# exit switch(config)#	Exits the VLAN configuration submode.
Step 5	(Optional) show vlan private-vlan [<i>type</i>] Example: switch# show vlan private-vlan	Displays the private VLAN configuration.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to assign VLAN 5 to a private VLAN as the primary VLAN:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# vlan 5
switch(config-vlan)# private-vlan primary
switch(config-vlan)# exit
switch(config)#
```

Associating Secondary VLANs with a Primary Private VLAN - CLI Version

Follow these guidelines when you associate secondary VLANs with a primary VLAN:

- The *secondary-vlan-list* parameter cannot contain spaces. It can contain multiple comma-separated items. Each item can be a single secondary VLAN ID or a hyphenated range of secondary VLAN IDs.
- The *secondary-vlan-list* parameter can contain multiple community and isolated VLAN IDs.
- Enter a *secondary-vlan-list* or enter the **add** keyword with a *secondary-vlan-list* to associate secondary VLANs with a primary VLAN.
- Enter the **remove** keyword with a *secondary-vlan-list* to clear the association between secondary VLANs and a primary VLAN.
- You change the association between a secondary and primary VLAN by removing the existing association and then adding the desired association.

If you delete either the primary or secondary VLAN, the ports that are associated with the VLAN become inactive.

When you enter the **no private-vlan** command, the VLAN returns to the normal VLAN mode. All associations on that VLAN are suspended, but the interfaces remain in private VLAN mode.

When you reconvert the specified VLAN to private VLAN mode, the original associations are reinstated.

If you enter the **no vlan** command for the primary VLAN, all private VLAN associations with that VLAN are lost. However, if you enter the **no vlan** command for a secondary VLAN, the private VLAN associations with that VLAN are suspended and return when you recreate the specified VLAN and configure it as the previous secondary VLAN.

Before you begin

Ensure that the private VLAN feature is enabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **vlan *primary-vlan-id***
3. **[no] private-vlan association** *{[add] secondary-vlan-list | remove secondary-vlan-list}*
4. **exit**
5. (Optional) **show vlan private-vlan [type]**
6. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	vlan <i>primary-vlan-id</i> Example: switch(config)# vlan 5 switch(config-vlan)#	Enters the number of the primary VLAN that you are working in for the private VLAN configuration.
Step 3	[no] private-vlan association <i>{[add] secondary-vlan-list remove secondary-vlan-list}</i> Example: switch(config-vlan)# private-vlan association 100-105,109	Use one form of the command to Associate the secondary VLANs with the primary VLAN. or Remove all associations from the primary VLAN and return it to normal VLAN mode.
Step 4	exit Example: switch(config-vlan)# exit switch(config)#	Exits the VLAN configuration submode.
Step 5	(Optional) show vlan private-vlan [type] Example: switch# show vlan private-vlan	Displays the private VLAN configuration.
Step 6	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to associate community VLANs 100 through 105 and isolated VLAN 109 with primary VLAN 5:


```
switch(config)# vlan 5
switch(config-vlan)# private-vlan association 100-105, 109
switch(config-vlan)# exit
switch(config)#
```

Mapping Secondary VLANs to the VLAN Interface of a Primary VLAN - CLI Version



Note See the *Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Interfaces Configuration Guide*, for information on assigning IP addresses to VLAN interfaces on primary VLANs of private VLANs.

You map secondary VLANs to the VLAN interface of a primary VLAN. Isolated and community VLANs are both called secondary VLANs. To allow Layer 3 processing of private VLAN ingress traffic, you map secondary VLANs to the VLAN network interface of a primary VLAN.



Note You must enable VLAN network interfaces before you configure the VLAN network interface. VLAN network interfaces on community or isolated VLANs that are associated with a primary VLAN will be out of service. Only the VLAN network interface on the primary VLAN is in service.

Before you begin

- Enable the private VLAN feature.
- Enable the VLAN interface feature.
- Ensure that you are working on the correct primary VLAN Layer 3 interface to map the secondary VLANs.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface vlan** *primary-vlan-ID*
3. **[no] private-vlan mapping** {[**add**] *secondary-vlan-list* | **remove** *secondary-vlan-list*}
4. **exit**
5. (Optional) **show interface vlan** *primary-vlan-id* **private-vlan mapping**
6. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: <pre>switch# config t switch(config)#</pre>	Enters configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	interface vlan <i>primary-vlan-ID</i> Example: switch(config)# interface vlan 5 switch(config-if)#	Enters the number of the primary VLAN that you are working in for the private VLAN configuration. Places you into the interface configuration mode for the primary VLAN.
Step 3	[no] private-vlan mapping {[add] <i>secondary-vlan-list</i> remove <i>secondary-vlan-list</i>] Example: switch(config-if)# private-vlan mapping 100-105, 109	Map the secondary VLANs to the SVI or Layer 3 interface of the primary VLAN. This action allows the Layer 3 switching of private VLAN ingress traffic. or Clear the mapping to the Layer 3 interface between the secondary VLANs and the primary VLANs.
Step 4	exit Example: switch(config-if)# exit switch(config)#	Exits the interface configuration mode.
Step 5	(Optional) show interface vlan <i>primary-vlan-id</i> private-vlan mapping Example: switch(config)# show interface vlan 101 private-vlan mapping	Displays the interface private VLAN information.
Step 6	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to map the secondary VLANs 100 through 105 and 109 on the Layer 3 interface of the primary VLAN 5:

```
switch #config t
switch(config)# interface vlan 5
switch(config-if)# private-vlan mapping 100-105, 109
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config)#
```

Configuring a Layer 2 Interface as a Private VLAN Host Port

You can configure a Layer 2 interface as a private VLAN host port. In private VLANs, host ports are part of the secondary VLANs, which are either community VLANs or isolated VLANs.



Note We recommend that you enable BPDU Guard on all interfaces configured as a host port.

You then associate the host port with both the primary and secondary VLANs.

Before you begin

Ensure that the private VLAN feature is enabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface** *type slot/port*
3. **switchport mode private-vlan host**
4. **[no] switchport private-vlan host-association** *{primary-vlan-id} {secondary-vlan-id}*
5. **exit**
6. (Optional) **show interface switchport**
7. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	interface <i>type slot/port</i> Example: switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1 switch(config-if)#	Selects the Layer 2 port to configure as a private VLAN host port.
Step 3	switchport mode private-vlan host Example: switch(config-if)# switchport mode private-vlan host switch(config-if)#	Configures the Layer 2 port as a host port for a private VLAN.
Step 4	[no] switchport private-vlan host-association <i>{primary-vlan-id} {secondary-vlan-id}</i> Example: switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan host-association 10 50	Associate the Layer 2 host port with the primary and secondary VLANs of a private VLAN. The secondary VLAN can be either an isolated or community VLAN. or Remove the private VLAN association from the port.
Step 5	exit Example: switch(config-if)# exit switch(config)#	Exits the interface configuration mode.
Step 6	(Optional) show interface switchport Example:	Displays information on all interfaces configured as switch ports.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	switch# show interface switchport	
Step 7	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to configure the Layer 2 port 2/1 as a host port for a private VLAN and associate it to primary VLAN 10 and secondary VLAN 50:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1
switch(config-if)# switchport mode private-vlan host
switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan host-association 10 50
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config)#
```

Configuring a Layer 2 Interface as a Private VLAN Isolated Trunk Port

You can configure a Layer 2 interface as a private VLAN isolated trunk port. These isolated trunk ports carry traffic for multiple secondary VLANs as well as normal VLANs.



Note

You must associate the primary and secondary VLANs before they become operational on the private VLAN isolated trunk port.

Before you begin

Ensure that the private VLAN feature is enabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface** *{type slot/port}*
3. **switchport**
4. **switchport mode private-vlan trunk secondary**
5. (Optional) **switchport private-vlan trunk native vlan** *vlan-id*
6. **switchport private-vlan trunk allowed vlan** *{add vlan-list | all | except vlan-list | none | remove vlan-list}*
7. **[no] switchport private-vlan association trunk** *{primary-vlan-id [secondary-vlan-id]}*
8. **exit**
9. (Optional) **show interface switchport**
10. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: <pre>switch# config t switch(config)#</pre>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	interface {type slot/port} Example: <pre>switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/11 switch(config-if)#</pre>	Selects the Layer 2 port to configure as a private VLAN isolated trunk port.
Step 3	switchport Example: <pre>switch(config-if)# switchport switch(config-if)#</pre>	Configures the Layer 2 port as a switch port.
Step 4	switchport mode private-vlan trunk secondary Example: <pre>switch(config-if)# switchport mode private-vlan trunk secondary switch(config-if)#</pre>	Configures the Layer 2 port as an isolated trunk port to carry traffic for multiple isolated VLANs. Note You cannot put community VLANs into the isolated trunk port.
Step 5	(Optional) switchport private-vlan trunk native vlan vlan-id Example: <pre>switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan trunk native vlan 5</pre>	Sets the native VLAN for the 802.1Q trunk. Valid values are from 1 to 3968 and 4048 to 4093. The default value is 1. Note If you are using a private VLAN as the native VLAN for the isolated trunk port, you must enter a value for a secondary VLAN or a normal VLAN; you cannot configure a primary VLAN as the native VLAN.
Step 6	switchport private-vlan trunk allowed vlan {add vlan-list all except vlan-list none remove vlan-list} Example: <pre>switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan trunk allowed vlan add 1 switch(config-if)#</pre>	Sets the allowed VLANs for the private VLAN isolated trunk interface. Valid values are from 1 to 3968 and 4048 to 4093. When you map the private primary and secondary VLANs to the isolated trunk port, the system automatically puts all the primary VLANs into the allowed VLAN list for this port. Note Ensure that the native VLAN is part of the allowed VLAN list. The default for this command is to allow no VLANs on this interface, so you must configure the native VLAN as an allowed VLAN, unless it is already added as an associated VLAN, to pass native VLAN traffic.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	<p>[no] switchport private-vlan association trunk <i>{primary-vlan-id [secondary-vlan-id]}</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan association trunk 10 101 switch(config-if)#</pre>	<p>Associate the Layer 2 isolated trunk port with the primary and secondary VLANs of private VLANs. The secondary VLAN must be an isolated VLAN. You can associate a maximum of 16 private VLAN primary and secondary pairs on each isolated trunk port. You must reenter the command for each pair of primary and secondary VLANs that you are working with.</p> <p>Note Each secondary VLAN on an isolated trunk port must be associated with a different primary VLAN. You cannot put two isolated VLANs that are associated with the same primary VLAN into a private VLAN isolated trunk port. If you do, the last entry overwrites the previous entry.</p> <p>or</p> <p>Remove the private VLAN association from the private VLAN isolated trunk port.</p>
Step 8	<p>exit</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>switch(config-if)# exit switch(config)#</pre>	Exits the interface configuration mode.
Step 9	<p>(Optional) show interface switchport</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>switch# show interface switchport</pre>	Displays information on all interfaces configured as switch ports.
Step 10	<p>(Optional) copy running-config startup-config</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config</pre>	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to configure the Layer 2 port 2/1 as a private VLAN isolated trunk port associated with three different primary VLANs and an associated secondary VLAN:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1
switch(config-if)# switchport mode private-vlan trunk
switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan trunk allowed vlan add 1
switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan association trunk 10 101
switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan association trunk 20 201
switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan association trunk 30 102
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config)#
```

Configuring a Layer 2 Interface as a Private VLAN Promiscuous Port

You can configure a Layer 2 interface as a private VLAN promiscuous port and then associate that promiscuous port with the primary and secondary VLANs.

Before you begin

Ensure that the private VLAN feature is enabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface** *{type slot/port}*
3. **switchport mode private-vlan promiscuous**
4. **[no] switchport private-vlan mapping** *{primary-vlan-id}* *{secondary-vlan-list}* | **add** *secondary-vlan-list* | **remove** *secondary-vlan-list*
5. **exit**
6. (Optional) **show interface switchport**
7. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	interface <i>{type slot/port}</i> Example: switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1 switch(config-if)#	Selects the Layer 2 port to configure as a private VLAN promiscuous port.
Step 3	switchport mode private-vlan promiscuous Example: switch(config-if)# switchport mode private-vlan promiscuous	Configures the Layer 2 port as a promiscuous port for a private VLAN.
Step 4	[no] switchport private-vlan mapping <i>{primary-vlan-id}</i> <i>{secondary-vlan-list}</i> add <i>secondary-vlan-list</i> remove <i>secondary-vlan-list</i> Example: switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan mapping 10 50	Configure the Layer 2 port as a promiscuous port and associates the specified port with a primary VLAN and a selected list of secondary VLANs. The secondary VLAN can be either an isolated or community VLAN. or Clear the mapping from the private VLAN.
Step 5	exit Example:	Exits the interface configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	switch(config-if)# exit switch(config)#	
Step 6	(Optional) show interface switchport Example: switch# show interface switchport	Displays information on all interfaces configured as switch ports.
Step 7	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to configure the Layer 2 port 2/1 as a promiscuous port associated with the primary VLAN 10 and the secondary isolated VLAN 50:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1
switch(config-if)# switchport mode private-vlan promiscuous
switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan mapping 10 50
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config)#
```

Configuring a Layer 2 Interface as a Private VLAN Promiscuous Trunk Port

You can configure a Layer 2 interface as a private VLAN promiscuous trunk port and then associate that promiscuous trunk port with multiple primary VLANs. These promiscuous trunk ports carry traffic for multiple primary VLANs as well as normal VLANs.



Note You must associate the primary and secondary VLANs before they become operational on the private VLAN promiscuous trunk port.

Before you begin

Ensure that the private VLAN feature is enabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface** *{type slot/port}*
3. **switchport**
4. **switchport mode private-vlan trunk promiscuous**
5. (Optional) **switchport private-vlan trunk native vlan** *vlan-id*
6. **switchport mode private-vlan trunk allowed vlan** *{add vlan-list | all | except vlan-list | none | remove vlan-list}*

7. **[no]switchport private-vlan mapping trunk** *primary-vlan-id* [*secondary-vlan-id*] {**add** *secondary-vlan-list* | **remove** *secondary-vlan-id*}
8. **exit**
9. (Optional) **show interface switchport**
10. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: <pre>switch# config t switch(config)#</pre>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	interface { <i>type slot/port</i> } Example: <pre>switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1 switch(config-if)#</pre>	Selects the Layer 2 port to configure as a private VLAN promiscuous trunk port.
Step 3	switchport Example: <pre>switch(config-if)# switchport switch(config-if)#</pre>	Configures the Layer 2 port as a switch port.
Step 4	switchport mode private-vlan trunk promiscuous Example: <pre>switch(config-if)# switchport mode private-vlan trunk promiscuous switch(config-if)#</pre>	Configures the Layer 2 port as a promiscuous trunk port to carry traffic for multiple private VLANs as well as normal VLANs.
Step 5	(Optional) switchport private-vlan trunk native vlan <i>vlan-id</i> Example: <pre>switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan trunk native vlan 5</pre>	Sets the native VLAN for the 802.1Q trunk. Valid values are from 1 to 3968 and 4048 to 4093. The default value is 1. Note If you are using a private VLAN as the native VLAN for the promiscuous trunk port, you must enter a value for a primary VLAN or a normal VLAN; you cannot configure a secondary VLAN as the native VLAN.
Step 6	switchport mode private-vlan trunk allowed vlan { add <i>vlan-list</i> all except <i>vlan-list</i> none remove <i>vlan-list</i> } Example: <pre>switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan trunk allowed vlan add 1 switch(config-if)#</pre>	Sets the allowed VLANs for the private VLAN promiscuous trunk interface. Valid values are from 1 to 3968 and 4048 to 4093. When you map the private primary and secondary VLANs to the promiscuous trunk port, the system automatically puts all the primary VLANs into the allowed VLAN list for this port.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		<p>Note Ensure that the native VLAN is part of the allowed VLAN list. The default for this command is to allow no VLANs on this interface, so you must configure the native VLAN as an allowed VLAN, unless it is already added as an associated VLAN, to pass native VLAN traffic.</p>
Step 7	<p>[no]switchport private-vlan mapping trunk primary-vlan-id [secondary-vlan-id] {add secondary-vlan-list remove secondary-vlan-id}</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan mapping trunk 4 5 switch(config-if)#</pre>	<p>Map or remove the mapping for the promiscuous trunk port with the primary VLAN and a selected list of associated secondary VLANs. The secondary VLAN can be either an isolated or community VLAN. The private VLAN association between primary and secondary VLANs must be operational to pass traffic. You can map a maximum of 16 private VLAN primary and secondary pairs on each promiscuous trunk port. You must reenter the command for each primary VLAN that you are working with.</p> <p>or</p> <p>Remove the private VLAN promiscuous trunk mappings from the interface.</p>
Step 8	<p>exit</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>switch(config-if)# exit switch(config)#</pre>	Exits the interface configuration mode.
Step 9	<p>(Optional) show interface switchport</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>switch# show interface switchport</pre>	Displays information on all interfaces configured as switch ports.
Step 10	<p>(Optional) copy running-config startup-config</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config</pre>	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to configure the Layer 2 port 2/1 as a promiscuous trunk port associated with two primary VLANs and their associated secondary VLANs:

```
switch# config t
switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1
switch(config-if)# switchport
switch(config-if)# switchport mode private-vlan trunk promiscuous
switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan trunk allowed vlan add 1
switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan mapping trunk 10 20
switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan mapping trunk 11 21
```

```
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config)#
```

Verifying the Private VLAN Configuration

To display private VLAN configuration information, perform one of the following tasks:

Command	Purpose
show running-config vlan <i>vlan-id</i>	Displays VLAN information.
show vlan private-vlan [<i>type</i>]	Displays information on private VLANs.
show interface private-vlan mapping	Displays information on interfaces for private VLAN mapping.
show interface vlan <i>primary-vlan-id</i> private-vlan mapping	Displays information on interfaces for private VLAN mapping.
show interface switchport	Displays information on all interfaces configured as switch ports.

Displaying and Clearing Private VLAN Statistics

To display private VLAN configuration information, perform one of the following tasks:

Command	Purpose
clear vlan [<i>id vlan-id</i>] counters	Clears counters for all VLANs or for a specified VLAN.
show vlan counters	Displays information on Layer 2 packets in each VLAN.

Configuration Examples for Private VLANs

The following example shows how to create the three types of private VLANs, how to associate the secondary VLANs to the primary VLAN, how to create a private VLAN host and promiscuous port and assign them to the correct VLAN, and how to create a VLAN interface, or SVI, to allow the primary VLAN to communicate with the rest of the network:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# vlan 2
switch(config-vlan)# private-vlan primary
switch(config-vlan)# exit
switch(config)# vlan 3
switch(config-vlan)# private-vlan community
switch(config-vlan)# exit
switch(config)# vlan 4
switch(config-vlan)# private-vlan isolated
```

```

switch(config-vlan)# exit

switch(config)# vlan 2
switch(config-vlan)# private-vlan association 3,4
switch(config-vlan)# exit

switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/11
switch(config-if)# switchport
switch(config-if)# switchport mode private-vlan host
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/12
switch(config-if)# switchport
switch(config-if)# switchport mode private-vlan promiscuous
switch(config-if)# exit

switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/11
switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan host-association 2 3
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/12
switch(config-if)# switchport private-vlan mapping 2 3,4
switch(config-if)# exit

switch(config)# interface vlan 2
switch(config-vlan)# private-vlan mapping 3,4
switch(config-vlan)# exit
switch(config)#

```

Additional References for Private VLANs -- CLI Version

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
VLAN interfaces, IP addressing	<i>Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Interfaces Configuration Guide</i>
Static MAC addresses, security	<i>Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Security Configuration Guide</i>
Cisco NX-OS fundamentals	<i>Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Fundamentals Configuration Guide</i>
High availability	<i>Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS High Availability and Redundancy Guide</i>
System management	<i>Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS System Management Configuration Guide</i>
Licensing	<i>Cisco NX-OS Licensing Guide</i>
Release notes	<i>Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Release Notes</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
• CISCO-PRIVATE-VLAN-MIB	For more information, refer to ftp://ftp.cisco.com/pub/mibs/supportlists/nexus9000/Nexus9000MIBSupportList.html .

