



Basic Device Management

This chapter describes how to perform basic management tasks on the Cisco NX-OS device.

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Information About Basic Device Management

This section provides information about basic device management.

Device Hostname

You can change the device hostname displayed in the command prompt from the default (switch) to another character string. When you give the device a unique hostname, you can easily identify the device from the command-line interface (CLI) prompt.

Message-of-the-Day Banner

The message-of-the-day (MOTD) banner displays before the user login prompt on the device. This message can contain any information that you want to display for users of the device.

Device Clock

If you do not synchronize your device with a valid outside timing mechanism, such as an NTP clock source, you can manually set the clock time when your device boots. For information about NTP, see the [Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS System Management Configuration Guide, Release 4.1](#).

Time Zone and Summer Time (Daylight Saving Time)

You can configure the time zone and summer time (daylight saving time) setting for your device. These values offset the clock time from Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). UTC is International Atomic Time (TAI) with leap seconds added periodically to compensate for the Earth's slowing rotation. UTC was formerly called Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

User Sessions

You can display the active user session on your device. You can also send messages to the user sessions. For more information about managing user sessions and accounts, see the [Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Security Configuration Guide, Release 4.1](#).

Virtualization Support for Basic Device Management

Basic device management is local to the virtual device context (VDC). For more information on VDCs, see the [Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Virtual Device Context Configuration Guide, Release 4.1](#).

Licensing Requirements for Basic Device Management

The following table shows the licensing requirements for this feature:

Product	License Requirement
Cisco Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Licensing Guide, Release 4.1 X-OS	Basic device management requires no license. Any feature not included in a license package is bundled with the Cisco NX-OS system images and is provided at no extra charge to you. For a complete explanation of the Cisco NX-OS licensing scheme, see the .

Changing the Device Hostname

You can change the device hostname displayed in the command prompt from the default (switch) to another character string.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: switch# configure terminal switch(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	hostname <i>name</i> Example: switch(config)# hostname Engineering2 Engineering2(config)#	Changes the device hostname. The <i>name</i> argument is alphanumeric, case sensitive, and has a length of 32 characters. The default is switch.
Step 3	switchname <i>name</i> Example: switch# switchname Engineering2 Engineering2(config)#	Changes the device hostname. The default is switch.
Step 4	exit Example: Engineering2(config)# exit Engineering2#	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: Engineering2# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring the MOTD Banner

You can configure the MOTD to display before the login prompt on the terminal when a user logs in. The MOTD banner has the following characteristics:

- Maximum of 80 characters per line
- Maximum of 40 lines

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: switch# configure terminal switch(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	banner motd <i>delimiting-character message delimiting-character</i> Example: <pre>switch(config)# banner motd #Welcome to the Switch# switch(config)#</pre>	Configures the MOTD banner. Do not use the <i>delimiting-character</i> in the <i>message</i> text. Note Do not use " or % as a delimiting character.
Step 3	exit Example: <pre>switch(config)# exit switch#</pre>	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 4	show banner motd Example: <pre>switch# show banner motd</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configured MOTD banner.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: <pre>switch# copy running-config startup-config</pre>	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring the Time Zone

You can configure the time zone to offset the device clock time from UTC.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: <pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	clock timezone <i>zone-name offset-hours offset-minutes</i> Example: <pre>switch(config)# clock timezone EST -5 0</pre>	Configures the time zone. The <i>zone-name</i> argument is a 3-character string for the time zone acronym (for example, PST or EST). The <i>offset-hours</i> argument is the offset from the UTC and the range is from -23 to 23 hours. The range for the <i>offset-minutes</i> argument is from 0 to 59 minutes.
Step 3	exit Example: <pre>switch(config)# exit switch#</pre>	Exits global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	show clock Example: switch# show clock	(Optional) Displays the time and time zone.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring Summer Time (Daylight Saving Time)

You can configure when summer time, or daylight saving time, is in effect for the device and the offset in minutes.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: switch# configure terminal switch(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	clock summer-time zone-name start-week start-day start-month start-time end-week end-day end-month end-time offset-minutes Example: switch(config)# clock summer-time PDT 1 Sunday March 02:00 1 Sunday November 02:00 60	Configures summer time or daylight saving time. The <i>zone-name</i> argument is a three character string for the time zone acronym (for example, PST and EST). The values for the <i>start-day</i> and <i>end-day</i> arguments are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday . The values for the <i>start-month</i> and <i>end-month</i> arguments are January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December . The value for the <i>start-time</i> and <i>end-time</i> arguments are in the format <i>hh:mm</i> . The range for the <i>offset-minutes</i> argument is from 0 to 1440 minutes.
Step 3	exit Example: switch(config)# exit switch#	Exits global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	show clock detail Example: switch(config)# show clock detail	(Optional) Displays the configured MOTD banner.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Manually Setting the Device Clock

You can set the clock manually if your device cannot access a remote time source.

Before You Begin

Configure the time zone.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	clock set <i>time day month year</i> Example: switch# clock set 15:00:00 30 May 2008 Fri May 30 15:14:00 PDT 2008	Configures the device clock. The format for the <i>time</i> argument is <i>hh:mm:ss</i> . The range for the <i>day</i> argument is from 1 to 31. The values for the <i>month</i> argument are January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December . The range for the <i>year</i> argument is from 2000 to 2030.
Step 2	show clock Example: switch(config)# show clock	(Optional) Displays the current clock value.

Related Topics

- [Configuring the Time Zone, page 4](#)

Managing Users

You can display information about users logged into the device and send messages to those users.

Displaying Information about the User Sessions

You can display information about the user session on the device.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	show users Example: switch# show users	Displays the user sessions.

Sending a Message to Users

You can send a message to active users currently using the device CLI.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	show users Example: switch# show users	(Optional) Displays the active user sessions.
Step 2	send [session line] message-text Example: switch# send Reloading the device is 10 minutes!	Sends a message to all active users or to a specific user. The message can be up to 80 alphanumeric characters and is case sensitive.

Verifying the Device Configuration

To verify the device configuration, perform one of the following tasks:

Command	Purpose
show running-config	Displays the running configuration.
show startup-config	Displays the startup configuration.

For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the [Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Fundamentals Command Reference, Release 4.1](#).

Default Settings for Basic Device Parameters

This table lists the default settings for basic device parameters.

Table 1: Default Basic Device Parameters

Parameters	Default
MOTD banner text	User Access Verification
Clock time zone	UTC

Additional References for Basic Device Management

You can find additional information related to basic device management.

Related Documents for Basic Device Management

Related Topic	Document Title
Licensing	Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Licensing Guide, Release 4.1
Command reference	Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Fundamentals Command Reference, Release 4.1

Feature History for Basic Device Management

This table lists the release history for this feature.

Table 2: Feature History for File Systems, Directories, and Files

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Device management	4.0(1)	This feature was introduced.