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内容提要

本书综合了在现代校园网中设计、利用和部署局域网交换设备及技术的最佳方法。全书分为六个部分，通过提供一系列已经证实的设计模型、实际实现解决方案和疑难解析策略，使我们了解了基本的交换概念范围之外的很多东西。第一部分讨论了重要的基础性问题，为后面的章节打下了基础。这一部分内容包括快速和吉比特以太网、路由选择和交换的比较、Layer 2 交换技术的类型、Catalyst 命令行环境以及 VLAN 等。第二部分详细讨论了已发布的生成树协议，其中包括常见问题、疑难解析以及像 PortFast、UplinkFast、BackboneFast 和 PVST+这样的改进技术。第三部分讨论了中继线连接中的关键问题以及用来在校园网中承载多个 VLAN 的链路。所有的章节都专门讨论 LANE 和 MPOA 的问题。第四部分提供了像 Layer 3 交换技术、VTP、CGMP 和 IGMP 这样的高级特性。第五部分则讲述了实际的校园网设计以及实现过程中遇到的问题，你可以从该部分中局域网交换技术专家的建议中获益。最后一部分讨论了 Catalyst 6000/6500 交换机系列中的问题，其中包括 Layer 3 交换技术中功能强大的 Native IOS Mode。

本书是网络工程师准备 CCIE 考试交换部分的权威指南。本书也适合要详细了解局域网交换技术的网络管理员、网络工程师、网络设计师以及网络项目经理阅读。

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Foreword

With the advent of switching technology and specifically the enormously successful Catalyst Switching products from Cisco Systems, corporations all over the world are upgrading their infrastructures to enable their networks for high bandwidth applications. Although the original goal of most switched network design was primarily increased bandwidth, the networks of today require much more with the advent of mission critical applications and IP Voice emerging as mainstream networking requirements. It is therefore important not only to reap the bandwidth benefits of Catalyst switching but also learn sound network design principles leveraging all of the features in the Catalyst software suite.

One thing network designers have learned over the years is that things never get any easier when it comes to understanding and evaluating all of the available technologies that appear in standards bodies and are written about in trade magazines. We read about MPOA, LANE, Gigabit Ethernet, 802.1Q, 802.1p, Layer 3 switching, OSPF, BGP, VPN, MPLS, and many others. The key, however, to building and operating a successful network is understanding the basic fundamentals of the relevant technologies, knowing where and how to apply them most effectively in a network, and most importantly leveraging the successes of others to streamline the deployment of the network. Internetworking design is part art and part science mostly due to the fact that the applications that ride on top of the network have widely varying traffic characteristics. This represents another challenge when designing a network because you might well optimize it to perform for a certain application only to find that a few months later a brand new application places entirely differing demands on the network.

The science part of campus network design relies on a few basic principles. First, every user connects to a port on a switch and so wiring closets are provisioned with Catalyst switches such as the Catalyst 5000 family to connect end users either at 10 megabit Ethernet or increasingly 100 megabit Ethernet. The base level of switching capability here is called Layer 2 switching.

There are typically tens to hundreds of wiring closets that need to be connected somehow. Although there are many ways to do this, experience has taught us that a structured approach with some hierarchy is the best technique for a stable and easily expandable network. Wiring closets then are typically consolidated into a network layer called the distribution layer that is characterized by a combination of Layer 2 and Layer 3 switching.

If the network is large in size, there can still be a large number of distribution layer switches, and so in keeping with the structured methodology, another layer is used to network the distribution layer together. Often called the core of the network, a number of technologies can be used, typified by ATM, Gigabit Ethernet, and Layer 3 switching.

This probably sounds rather simple at this point, however as you can see from the thickness of this book, there is plenty of art (and a lot more science) toward making your design into a highly available, easy to manage, expandable, easy to troubleshoot network and preparing you with a solid foundation for new emerging applications.

This book not only covers the science part of networking in great detail in the early chapters, but more importantly deals with real-world experience in the implementation of networks using Catalyst products. The book's authors not only teach this material in training classes but also have to prove that they can make the network work at customer sites. This invaluable experience is captured throughout the book. Reading these tips carefully can save you countless hours of time experimenting on finding the best way to fine tune your particular network. In addition, as part of the CCIE Professional Development series of Cisco Press, you can use the experience gained from reading and understanding this book to prepare for one of the most sought after professional certifications in the industry.

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Introduction

Driven by a myriad of factors, LAN switching technology has literally taken the world by storm. The Internet, Web technology, new applications, and the convergence of voice, video, and data have all placed unprecedented levels of traffic on campus networks. In response, network engineers have had to look past traditional network solutions and rapidly embrace switching. Cisco, *the* router company, has jumped heavily into the LAN switching arena and quickly established a leadership position. The Catalyst series of switches has set a new standard for performance and features, not to mention sales.

Despite the popularity of campus switching equipment, it has been very difficult to obtain detailed and clear information on how it should be designed, utilized, and deployed. Although many books have been published in the last several years on routing technology, virtually no books have been published on LAN switching. The few that have been published are vague, out-of-date, and absent of real-world advice. Important topics such as the Spanning-Tree Protocol and Layer 3 switching have either been ignored or received inadequate coverage. Furthermore, most have contained virtually no useful information on the subject of campus design.

This book was written to change that. It has the most in-depth coverage of LAN switching technology in print to date. Not only does it have expansive coverage of foundational issues, but it is also full of practical suggestions. Proven design models, technologies, and strategies are thoroughly discussed and analyzed.

Both authors have drawn on their extensive experience with campus switching technology. As two of the first certified Catalyst instructors, they have first-hand knowledge of how to effectively communicate switching concepts. Through design and implementation experience, they have a detailed understanding of what works, as well as what doesn't work.

Objectives

Cisco LAN Switching is designed to help people move forward with their knowledge of the exciting field of campus switching. CCIE candidates will receive broad and comprehensive instruction on a wide variety of switching-related technologies. Other network professionals will also benefit from hard-to-find information on subjects such Layer 3 switching and campus design best practices.

Audience

Cisco LAN Switching should appeal to a wide variety of people working in the network field. It is designed for any network administrator, engineer, designer, or manager who requires a detailed knowledge of LAN switching technology.

Obviously, the book is designed to be an authoritative source for network engineers preparing for the switching portion of the CCIE exams and Cisco Career Certifications. *Cisco LAN Switching* is not a "quick fix" guide that helps you cram (such books are virtually worthless when it comes to taking the CCIE practical exams). Instead, it focuses extensively on theory and building practical knowledge. When allied with hands-on experience, this can be a potent combination.

However, this book is designed to go far beyond test preparation. It is designed to be both a tutorial and a reference tool for a wide range of network professionals, including the following:

- People with less switching experience will benefit extensively from the foundational material discussed in Part I. This material then transitions smoothly into the more advanced subject matter discussed in later chapters.
- Network professionals with a detailed understanding of routing but new to campus switching will find that *Cisco LAN Switching* can open up a whole new world of technology.

- Network engineers with extensive switching experience will find *Cisco LAN Switching* taking them farther into the field. For example, much of the Spanning-Tree Protocol information in Part II and the real-world design information in Part V has never been published before. The Catalyst 6000 material discussed in Part VI is also completely new.
- Network designers will benefit from the state-of-the-art coverage of campus design models and the detailed discussions of opposing design strategies.
- Engineers who have already obtained their CCIE will value *Cisco LAN Switching* as a reference tool and for design information.

Organization

The eighteen chapters and one appendix of this book fall into seven parts:

- **Part I: Foundational Issues**—This section takes you through technologies that underlie the material covered in the rest of the book. Important issues such as Fast Ethernet, Gigabit Ethernet, routing versus switching, the types of Layer 2 switching, the Catalyst command-line environment, and VLANs are discussed. Although advanced readers might want to skip some of this material, they are encouraged to at least skim the sections on Gigabit Ethernet and VLANs.
- **Part II: Spanning Tree**—The Spanning-Tree Protocol can make or break a campus network. Despite the ubiquitous deployment of this protocol, very little detailed information about its internals has been published. This section is designed to be the most comprehensive source available on this important protocol. It presents a detailed analysis of common problems and Spanning Tree troubleshooting. This chapter also discusses important enhancements such PortFast, UplinkFast, BackboneFast, and PVST+.
- **Part III: Trunking**—Part III examines the critical issue of trunk connections, the links used to carry multiple VLANs throughout a campus network. Chapter 8 begins with a detailed discussion of trunking concepts and covers Ethernet-based forms of trunking, ISL, and 802.1Q. Chapters 9 and 10 look at LAN Emulation (LANE) and MPOA (Multiprotocol over ATM), two forms of trunking that utilize Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM).
- **Part IV: Advanced Features**—This section begins with an in-depth discussion of the important topic of Layer 3 switching, a technology that has created a whole switching paradigm. Both MLS (routing switch) and hardware-based (switching router) routing are examined. The next two chapters examine the VLAN Trunking Protocol (VTP) and multicast-related topics such as Cisco Group Management Protocol (CGMP) and Internet Group Membership Protocol (IGMP) Snooping.
- **Part V: Real-World Campus Design and Implementation**—Part V focuses on real-world issues such as design, implementation, and troubleshooting. These chapters are oriented toward helping you benefit from the collective advice of many LAN switching experts.
- **Part VI: Catalyst 6000 Technology**—This section includes a chapter that analyzes the Catalyst 6000 and 6500 models. Focusing primarily on Layer 3 switching, it discusses the important "Native IOS Mode" of operation.
- **Part VII: Appendix**—The single appendix in this section provides answers and solutions to the Review Questions and Hands-On Labs from the book.

Features and Conventions

Where applicable, each chapter includes a variety of questions and exercises to further your knowledge of the material covered in that chapter. Many of the questions probe at the theoretical issues that indicate your mastery of the subject matter. Other questions and exercises provide an opportunity to build switching scenarios yourself. By utilizing extra equipment you might have available, you can build your own laboratory to explore campus switching. For those not fortunate enough to have racks of idle switching gear, the authors will be working with MentorLabs (http://www.mentorlabs.com) to provide value-added labs via the Internet.

Two conventions are used to draw your attention to sidebar, important, or useful information:

TIP Tips are used to highlight important points or useful shortcuts.

NOTE Notes are used for sidebar information related to the main text.

Various elements of Catalyst and Cisco router command syntax are presented in the course of each chapter. This book uses the same conventions as the Cisco documentation:

- Vertical bars (|) separate alternative, mutually exclusive, elements.
- Square brackets [] indicate optional elements.
- Braces { } indicate a required choice.
- Braces within square brackets [{ }] indicate a required choice within an optional element.
- **Boldface** indicates commands and keywords that are entered literally as shown.
- *Italics* indicate arguments for which you supply values.

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