Core Switch Root Protection

Article Overview

Core switch root protection prevents unauthorized switches from becoming the root bridge, maintaining Layer 2 stability and optimal network topology.

Purpose of Root Protection

Root protection secures the network by preventing other switches from claiming superior BPDUs that could replace the current root bridge. This ensures that the core switch remains the root bridge, maintaining predictable and stable Layer 2 forwarding paths, avoiding unnecessary topology changes, and preventing traffic from being rerouted through suboptimal links .

How Root Protection Works

Root protection is typically implemented using Root Guard or similar features in RSTP/MSTP networks:

o Port-based enforcement: Root protection is enabled on specific ports, usually those connecting to access or distribution switches, where a rogue or misconfigured switch might attempt to become the root .
o Superior BPDU detection: If a port receives a BPDU claiming a better bridge ID than the current root, the port enters a root-inconsistent or discarding state, stopping data forwarding while still listening for BPDUs .
o Automatic recovery: Once the deviant switch stops sending superior BPDUs, the port automatically returns to the forwarding state after a defined interval, typically two Forward Delay periods in RSTP .

Deployment Considerations

o Core switches: Enable root protection on ports connecting to lower-tier switches to prevent them from becoming root bridges .
o Designated ports: Root protection only affects designated ports; it does not interfere with root ports or alternate ports .
o Interaction with other features: Root protection should not be configured on the same port as loop protection. It complements other STP enhancements like BPDU Guard, Loop Guard, and UDLD for comprehensive Layer 2 stability .
o Configuration example: On many platforms, root protection is manually enabled per interface. For instance, on Aruba or Juniper switches, you configure it on the interface connecting to the access layer to enforce the core switch as the root .

Benefits

o Maintains predictable network topology by enforcing root bridge placement.

o Prevents network instability caused by rogue or misconfigured switches.
o Reduces convergence events and potential traffic disruption in the core network.
o Enhances security and manageability in multi-administrative environments . By implementing root protection on core switches, network administrators can ensure that the root bridge remains at the optimal location, preserving high-speed paths and minimizing the risk of loops or congestion in the Layer 2 network.

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To prevent having a suboptimal network, we can set the spanning tree priority using the root primary and root secondary commands.

Set the core switch as the root switch for all vlans. spanning-tree vlan "list all vlans" priority 5 The default priority is 8, so

Enable Root Guard on the aggregation or collapsed core downlinks to prevent access switches from becoming the

The best way to prevent erroneous devices from taking over the STP root role is to set the priority to 0 for the primary root switch and

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A core switch is not a type of switch, but a switch placed at the core layer (the backbone of the network). Generally,

The lower the number the more likely the switch will be chosen as the root switch, whose ports will be active under

Root Guard, as you pointed out in your original question, is more commonly used on uplink ports to protect

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