

Chapter 23: DHCP Snooping



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23.1 DHCP Snooping Overview

For the sake of security, the IP addresses used by online DHCP clients need to be tracked for the administrator to verify the corresponding relationship between the IP addresses the DHCP clients obtained from DHCP servers and the MAC addresses of the DHCP clients. Switches can track DHCP client IP addresses through the DHCP snooping function, which monitors DHCP broadcast packets.

DHCP snooping monitors the following two types of packets to retrieve the IP addresses the DHCP clients obtain from DHCP servers and the MAC addresses of the DHCP clients:

DHCP-ACK packet

DHCP-REQUEST packet

When an unauthorized DHCP server exists in the network, a DHCP client may obtain an illegal IP address. To ensure that the DHCP clients obtain IP addresses from valid DHCP servers, you can specify a port to be a trust port or an untrusted port by the DHCP snooping function:

Trusted ports can be used to connect DHCP servers or ports of other Switches. Untrusted ports can be used to connect DHCP clients or networks.

Untrusted ports drop the DHCP-ACK and DHCP-OFFER packets received from DHCP servers. Trusted ports forward any received DHCP packets to ensure that DHCP clients can obtain IP addresses from valid DHCP servers.

Trusted vlan: untrusted port will not drop the DHCP-ACK and DHCP-Offer.

23.2 Configure DHCP Snooping

23.2.1 DHCP Snooping Configuration List

Configuration Task	Description	Detailed Configuration
Enable DHCP Snooping	Required	23.2.2
Configure DHCP Snooping Trust port	Required	23.2.3
Configure Max Clients Number	Optional	23.2.4
Configure Link-Down Operation	Optional	23.2.5
Configure IP-Source-Guard	Optional	23.2.6
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23.3.2 Enable DHCP Snooping

Operation	Command	Remarks
Enter global configuration mode	system-view	
Enable DHCP Snooping	dhcp-snooping	
Disable DHCP Snooping	undo dhcp-snooping	Disabled by default

23.2.3 Configure DHCP Snooping Trust port

Operation	Command	Remarks
Enter global configuration mode	system-view	
Enable interface mode	interface ethernet <i>interface-num</i>	
Configure trust port	dhcp-snooping trust	
Delete trust port	undo dhcp-snooping trust	

23.2.4 Configure Max Clients Number

If the attacker exists, it will disguise as multiple users to ask DHCP Server for address to use up the Server allocable address. As a consequence, Server has no address to allocate to the user who needs the IP address. For this problem, network administrator can take the following measures:

Restrict the DHCP-Client number connected to Switch port. In this case, only the clients connected to the same port with the attacker will suffer the attack.

Restrict the DHCP-Client number in specified VLAN. In this case, only the clients in the same VLAN with the attacker will suffer the attack.

Operation	Command	Remarks
Enter global configuration mode	system-view	
Enable interface mode	interface ethernet interface-num	
Configure max DHCP-Client number connected to Switch port	dhcp-snooping max-clients num	
Enter vlan configuration mode	vlan vlan-id	
Configure max DHCP-Client number in specified VLAN	dhcp-snooping max-clients num	

23.2.5 Configure Link-Down Operation

When the link is down, you can perform the following actions on the dynamic entries which Dhcp-snooping has learned:

enable fast-remove to delete Dhcp-snooping dynamic entries immediately when the port is down.

disable fast-remove to normally age the dynamic entries according to the tenancy term instead of deleting the Dhcp-snooping dynamic entries immediately when the port is down.

Operation	Command	Remarks
Enter global configuration mode	system-view	

Configure link-down operation of the	dhcp-snooping port-down-action	
port	fast-remove	
Delete link-down operation of the	undo dhcp-snooping port-down-action	
port	fast-remove	

23.2.6 Configure IP-Source-Guard

IP Source Guard provides source IP address filtering on a Layer 2 port to prevent a malicious host from impersonating a legitimate host by assuming the legitimate host's IP address. The feature uses dynamic DHCP snooping and static IP source binding to match IP addresses to hosts on untrusted Layer 2 access ports. When using IP-Source-Guard, pay attention:

DHCP-Snooping has been

enabled Use this function

in Trust port

After enabling IP-Source-Guard, all traffic with that IP source address is permitted from that trusted client. Traffic from other hosts is denied. This filtering limits a host's ability to attack the network by claiming a neighbor host's IP address. The filtering info can be source MAC, source IP and source port number.

Operation	Command	Remarks
Enter global configuration mode	system-view	-
Configure IP-source-guard bind table	ip-source-guard bind { ip <i>ip-address</i> mac <i>mac-address</i> interface ethernet <i>interface-num</i> }	-
Enter interface configuration mode	interface ethernet <i>interface-num</i>	-
Enable IP-Source-Guard on Trust port	ip-source-guard	By default, ip-source-guard
		on port is disabled.

23.2.7 DHCP Snooping Display and Maintenance

Operation	Command	Remarks
Display DHCP-Snooping clients	display dhcp-snooping clients	
Display DHCP-Snooping status in interface	display dhcp-snooping interface [ethernet <i>interface-num</i>]	
Display DHCP-Snooping status in VLAN	display dhcp-snooping vlan	
Display IP-Source-Guard status in interface	display ip-source-guard	
Display source IP binding table of IP-Source-Guard	display ip-source-guard bind [ip <i>ip-address</i>]	