

Why is there no ARP table on the access switch



Overview

In a layer two switch, there is not an ARP table, only a forwarding table. The switch records each src MAC address it sees inbound in the forwarding table, and attributes it to the port so frames with a dst MAC will only get sent to the port known for that MAC. For having an ARP table that is not empty the C2960 needs to have a L3 interface on the same Vlan / IP subnet where the PCs connect to and an IP address in that subnet. 06-28-2006 02:43 PM PC's also have arp table and we know PCs are not. If you have a switch that can be pinged / managed etc over the network then yes it does have an ARP table. This is a somewhat complicated question because network devices--in reality--very rarely fit into a single specific category. So the switches arp cache will be filled when traffic is destined for a layer 3 interface on the switch.



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What is ARP in 2026 and How Does it Work?

Learn what ARP is, how it maps IP to MAC, dynamic vs static entries, ARP spoofing and protections like DAI, and how ARP relates to IPv6

What Is an ARP Table? Address Resolution Protocol

For example, a device that operates at Layer 2 only, like a Layer 2 switch, will have a MAC address table, but no ARP table – it has no need to

IP Addressing: ARP Configuration Guide, Cisco IOS Release 15S

The Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) feature performs a required function in IP routing. ARP finds the hardware address, also known as Media Access Control (MAC) address, of a host

What Is an ARP Table? Address Resolution Protocol

By extension, an ARP table is simply the method for storing the information discovered through ARP. It's used to record the discovered MAC and

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Solved: ARP table on switches

I have always thought that ARP tables get created on routers only. However, I just noticed our Cat-2950 switch has an ARP table as well as the cam table. Since this switch has no

Monitoring and Maintaining ARP Information

Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) is an Internet protocol used to map an IP address to a Media Access Control (MAC) address. ARP finds the MAC address, also known as the hardware

Do Layer 2 switches have ARP tables? Do they generate ARP

If you have a switch that can be pinged / managed etc over the network then yes it does have an ARP table. If it has no "smarts" at all then it wont have an ARP table.

Tips to Keep the ARP Table Available for DHCP IP

This article explains how to set the Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) table of a switch to frequently clear the expired Media Access Control (MAC)

ARP isn't showing all the interfaces/MAC bindings

Just because a device connects to a switch interface does not mean the switch has an ARP entry for it. A layer-2 interface will not use ARP. It could have a CAM table entry if the device

[EX/QFX] ARP verification for basic connectivity issues

This article provides a concise guide to troubleshoot ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) learning issues on Juniper equipment. ARP is crucial for mapping IP addresses to MAC addresses,

Switch does not have arp entry but does have a mac-address entry

When I perform a "sho ip route", there is no result, because there is no default gateway configured on Switch-B. I do not see an ARP entry for the host on Switch-B, but I do see an entry in

Catalyst 6500/6000 Switches ARP or CAM Table Issues Troubleshooting

This document provides information on how to troubleshoot Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) or Content Addressable Memory (CAM) table-related issues on Catalyst 6500/6000 Switches.

Switch MAC Tables

Cam and MAC address tables are the same thing, ARP is something completely different (but still Layer 2). A MAC address will only appear in the switch if the device is sending traffic. For

How ARP works

Since the routing switch's IP route table and IP forwarding cache contain IP address information but not MAC address information, the routing switch cannot forward IP packets based solely on the

Empty ARP table : r/ccna

A switch only requires an entry in its "MAC" table to forward traffic to other IP's than its own. The switch will update its "ARP" table only for traffic that is specifically for its own IP (such as a management SVI).

Routing on firewall or core switches? : r/networking

On Fortigate or core switches. In my research I'm getting mixed suggestions - Some say that core switches are for routing, when others say that core switches have to be as fast as possible and have

Core switch not generating arp requests in response to ping

There is no communication with the device until you ping it from the core switch. My theory is that the core switch is not sending an arp packet in response to an inbound syn packet

Solved: Arp table is not populating**

Hi folks I have a 3560 with many devices connected on 2 subnets/vlans when I sh arp table there are only 5 ip's listed. There is actually about 20 devices with Ip addresses on the switch.

Switch Administration Guide

The Switch maintains an ARP table which is comprised of mapped IP addresses and MAC addresses. When a packet needs to be routed to a certain device, the Switch looks up the IP address of the

ARP Table

The ARP table (cache) maps Network layer addresses to Data Link layer addresses so that an IP-enabled host can create the proper frame with which to communicate with the intended destination

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For traffic flowing through a switch, the Switch will never initiate or respond to ARP frames, nor maintain any ARP mapping or ARP table. For traffic flowing to a switch, the Switch will use ARP like any other

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However, Layer 3 switches are routers that build an ARP cache (table). For more information about bridges, refer to the Cisco IOS Bridging and

arp entry on switch and pc

Thank you for correcting me and answering my question. So why does a switch hold on to an arp table, If the pc has the arp table for it's destination?

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