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Troubleshooting FC-SP, Port Security, and Fabric Binding

This chapter describes procedures used to troubleshoot Fibre Channel Security Protocol (FC-SP), port security, and fabric binding in Cisco MDS 9000 Family products. It includes the following sections:

- FC-SP Overview
- Port Security Overview
- Fabric Binding Overview
- Initial Troubleshooting Checklist
- FC-SP Issues
- Port Security Issues
- Fabric Binding Issues

FC-SP Overview

FC-SP capabilities provide switch-switch and host-switch authentication to overcome security challenges for enterprise-wide fabrics. Diffie-Hellman Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (DHCHAP) is an FC-SP protocol that provides authentication between Cisco MDS 9000 Family switches and other devices. You can configure FC-SP to authenticate locally or to use a remote AAA server for authentication.

Port Security Overview

Typically, any Fibre Channel device in a SAN can attach to any SAN switch port and access SAN services based on zone membership. Port security features prevent unauthorized access to a switch port in the Cisco MDS 9000 Family:

- Login requests from unauthorized Fibre Channel devices (Nx ports) and switches (xE ports) are rejected.
- All intrusion attempts are reported to the SAN administrator through system messages.

Fabric Binding Overview

The fabric binding feature ensures ISLs are only enabled between specified switches in the fabric binding configuration. Fabric binding is configured on a per-VSAN basis.

This feature helps prevent unauthorized switches from joining the fabric or disrupting current fabric operations. It uses the Exchange Fabric Membership Data (EFMD) protocol to ensure that the list of authorized switches is identical in all switches in the fabric.

Domain IDs are mandatory for FICON-based fabric binding and optional for non-FICON based fabric binding. For non-FICON based fabric binding, not specifying a domain ID means that the switch with the matching WWN can login with any domain ID.

Initial Troubleshooting Checklist

Begin troubleshooting FC-SP issues by checking the following issues:

Checklist	Check off
Verify licensing requirements. See <i>Cisco MDS 9000 Family Fabric Manager Configuration Guide</i> .	
Verify that your installed HBAs support FC-SP.	
Verify that you have configured MD5 for the hash algorithm if you are authenticating through a RADIUS or TACACS server. RADIUS and TACACS always use MD5 for CHAP authentication. Using SHA-1 as the hash algorithm may prevent RADIUS and TACACS usage even if these AAA protocols are enabled for DHCHAP authentication.	
Verify that your AAA server is functioning properly.	

Begin troubleshooting port security issues by checking the following issues:

Checklist	Check off
Verify that you have the ENTERPRISE_PKG license installed on all switches.	
Verify that port security is activated and that the end devices are present in the port security active database.	
Verify that no unauthorized devices (host or switch) are connected to a port. (One unauthorized pWWN prevents the port from being active and blocks all other devices on that port.)	

Begin troubleshooting fabric binding issues by checking the following issues:

Checklist	Check off
Verify that you have the ENTERPRISE_PKG or the MAINFRAME_PKG license installed on all switches.	
Verify that you have activated fabric binding.	
Verify that all switches in the fabric have the same fabric binding database settings.	

Common Troubleshooting Tools in Fabric Manager

Use the following Fabric Manager procedure to troubleshoot FC-SP issues:

- Choose **Switches > Security > FC-SP**.

Use the following Fabric Manager procedure to troubleshoot port security issues:

- Choose **Fabric *xx* > VSAN *xx* > Port Security**.

Use the following Fabric Manager procedure to troubleshoot fabric binding issues:

- Choose **Fabric *xx* > VSAN *xx* > Fabric Binding**

Common Troubleshooting Commands in the CLI

Use the following CLI commands to troubleshoot FC-SP issues:

- **show fcsp interface**
- **show fcsp internal event-history errors**
- **show fcsp dhchap**
- **show fcsp dhchap database**

Use the following CLI commands to troubleshoot port security issues:

- **show port-security status**
- **show port-security database vsan**
- **show port-security database active vsan**
- **show port-security violations**
- **show port-security internal global**
- **show port-security internal info vsan**
- **show port-security internal state-history vsan**
- **show port-security internal commit-history vsan**
- **show port-security internal merge-history vsan**

Use the following CLI commands to troubleshoot fabric binding issues:

- **show fabric-binding status**
- **show fabric-binding database vsan**
- **show fabric-binding database active vsan**
- **show fabric-binding violations**
- **show fabric-binding internal global**
- **show fabric-binding internal info**
- **show fabric-binding internal event-history**
- **show fabric-binding internal efmd event-history**

FC-SP Issues

This section describes troubleshooting FC-SP issues and includes the following topic:

- Switch or Host Blocked from Fabric

Switch or Host Blocked from Fabric

Symptom Switch or host blocked from joining the fabric.

Table 19-1 Switch or Host Blocked From Fabric

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Switch or host blocked from joining the fabric.	FC-SP not enabled on all switches.	Choose Switches > Security > FC-SP , set the command field to enable , and click Apply Changes on Fabric Manager to enable FC-SP. You can also use the fcsp enable CLI command on all switches in your fabric.
	Local switch FC-SP password does not match remote password.	Choose Switches > Security > FC-SP , click the General/Password tab, and set the GenericPassword field in Fabric Manager. You can also use the fcsp dhchap password CLI command to set the local switch password.
	FC-SP DHCHAP configuration does not match remote switch or host.	See the "Verifying FC-SP Configuration Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying FC-SP Configuration Using the CLI" section.
	Switch or host not in authentication database.	Add switch or host to the local or remote FC-SP database. See the "Verifying Local FC-SP Database Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying Local FC-SP Database Using the CLI" section.
	Host or switch does not support FC-SP.	Upgrade host or switch or use the auto-active or auto-passive DHCHAP mode. Choose Switches > Interfaces > FC logical , click the FC-SP tab, set the Mode field to autoActive or autoPassive , and click Apply Changes in Fabric Manager. You can also use the fcsp auto-active or fcsp auto-passive CLI command in interface mode to set the DHCHAP mode.

Verifying FC-SP Configuration Using Fabric Manager

To verify the FC-SP configuration using Fabric Manager, follow these steps:

1. Choose **Switches > Security > FC-SP** and click the **General/Password** tab to view the configured DHCHAP timeout value.

2. Set the Timeout field to modify the timeout value.
3. Set the DH-CHAP HashList field to modify the DHCHAP hash algorithm.
4. Set the DH-CHAP GroupList field to modify the DHCHAP group settings.

Verifying FC-SP Configuration Using the CLI

To verify the FC-SP configuration using the CLI, follow these steps:

1. Use the **show fcsp** command to view the configured DHCHAP timeout value.

```
switch# show fcsp
fc-sp authentication TOV:30
```

2. Use the **fcsp timeout** command to modify the timeout value.

```
switch(config)# fcsp timeout 60
```

3. Use the `''show fcsp dhchap ''`

```
<pre>
switch# show fcsp dhchap
Supported Hash algorithms (in order of preference):
DHCHAP_HASH_MD5
DHCHAP_HASH_SHA_1

Supported Diffie Hellman group ids (in order of preference):
DHCHAP_GROUP_1536
```

4. Use the **fcsp dhchap hash** command to modify the DHCHAP hash algorithm.

```
switch(config)# fcsp dhchap hash MD5
```

5. Use the **fcsp dhchap group** command to modify the DHCHAP group settings.

```
switch(config)# fcsp dhchap group 2 3 4
```

Verifying Local FC-SP Database Using Fabric Manager

To verify the local FC-SP database using Fabric Manager, follow these steps:

1. Choose **Switches > Security > FC-SP** and click the **Local Passwords** tab and the **Remote Password** tab to view the configured switches and hosts.
2. Choose **Switches > FC Services > WWN Manager** to find the sWWN for the switch.
3. Choose **Switches > Interfaces > FC Logical** and click the **FLOGI** tab to find the pWWN for the host that you want to add to the FC-SP local database.
4. Choose **Switches > Security > FC-SP**, click the **Local Passwords** tab, and then click **Create Row** to add a host or switch to the local database.
5. Fill in the WWN and password fields and click **Create**.

Verifying Local FC-SP Database Using the CLI

To verify the local FC-SP database using the CLI, follow these steps:

1. Use the **show fcsp dhchap database** command to view the configured switches and hosts.

```
switch# show fcsp dhchap database
DHCHAP Local Password:
  Non-device specific password:*****
  Password for device with WWN:29:11:bb:cc:dd:33:11:22 is *****
  Password for device with WWN:30:11:bb:cc:dd:33:11:22 is *****
Other Devices' Passwords:
  Password for device with WWN:00:11:22:33:44:aa:bb:cc is *****
```

2. Use the **show wwn switch** command on the switch that you want to add to the FC-SP local database to find the sWWN.

```
MDS-9216# show wwn switch

Switch WWN is 20:00:00:05:30:00:54:de
```

3. Use the **show flogi database interface** command to find the pWWN for the host that you want to add to the FC-SP local database.

```
switch# show flogi database interface fc1/7
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Interface      VSAN    FCID          PORT NAME          NODE NAME
-----
fc1/7          1       0xd10fee      20:00:00:33:8b:00:00:00  20:00:00:33:8b:00:00:00
Total number of flogi = 1
```

4. Use the **fcsp dhchap devicename** command to add a host or switch to the local database.

```
switch(config)# fcsp dhchap devicename 20:00:00:33:8b:00:00:00 password rtp9509
```

Authentication Fails When Using Cisco ACS

Symptom Authentication fails when using Cisco ACS.

Table 19-2 Authentication Fails When Using Cisco ACS


Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Authentication fails when using Cisco ACS.	sWWN does not match ACS entry.	<p>Verify the sWWN and ACS entry. Choose Switches > FC Services > WWN Manager in Fabric Manager to find the sWWN for the switch.</p> <p>You can also use the show wwn switch CLI command.</p> <p>Use the show fcsp asciiwwn sWWN CLI</p>

		<p>command to get an ASCII equivalent of the sWWN.</p> <p>On the Cisco ACS server, choose User Setup. Search for the ASCII equivalent of the sWWN in the User column of the User List.</p>
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Port Security Issues

This section describes troubleshooting port security issues and includes the following topics:

- Device Does Not Log into a Switch When AutoLearn Is Disabled
- Cannot Activate Port Security
- Unauthorized Device Gains Access to Fabric
- Port Security Settings Lost After Reboot
- Merge Fails

 **Note:** After correcting a port security configuration issue, you do not have to disable the interface and reenale it. The port comes up automatically after a port security reactivation if the problem was fixed.

Device Does Not Log into a Switch When AutoLearn Is Disabled

Symptom Device does not log into a switch when autolearn is disabled.

Table 19-3 Device Does Not Log into a Switch When Autolearn Is Disabled

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Device does not log into a switch when autolearn is disabled.	Device pWWN not allowed on port.	Manually add the device to the configured port security database. See the "Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using the CLI" section.
	Port not configured for any device.	Add a device to the port in the port security database or turn on autolearn. See the "Configuring Port Security with Autolearn Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Configuring Port Security with Autolearn Using the CLI" section.
	Device is configured for some other port.	Manually add the device to the configured port security database. See the "Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using the CLI" section.
	Port is shut down	Remove the device causing the port security

	because of port security violation.	violation or add that device to the database. See the "Verifying Port Security Violations Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying Port Security Violations Using the CLI" section.
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Device Does Not Log into a Switch When Autolearn Is Enabled

Symptom Device does not log into a switch when autolearn is enabled.

Table 19-4 Device Does Not Log into a Switch When Autolearn Is Enabled

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Device does not log into a switch when autolearn is enabled.	Device is configured for some other port.	Manually remove the device from the configured port security database. See the "Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using the CLI" section.
	Port is shut down because of port security violation.	Remove the device causing the port security violation or add that device to the database. See the "Verifying Port Security Violations Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying Port Security Violations Using the CLI" section.

Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using Fabric Manager

To verify the active port security database using Fabric Manager, follow these steps:

1. Choose **Fabricxx > VSANxx > Port Security** and click the **Active Database** tab to view the active entries in the database.
2. Click the **Actions** tab, check the **CopyToConfig** check box, and click **Apply Changes** to copy the active database to the configure database.
3. Click the **CFS** tab, if CFS is enabled, and select **commit** from the ConfigAction drop-down menu to distribute these changes to all switches in the fabric.
4. Click the **Config Database** tab and click **Add Row** to add a new entry into the configure database.
5. Fill in the WWNs and interface fields and click **Create**.
6. Click the **CFS** tab, if CFS is enabled, and select **commit** from the ConfigAction drop-down menu to distribute these changes to all switches in the fabric.
7. Click the **Actions** tab, select **activate(TurnLearning off)** from the Action drop-down menu, and click **Apply Changes** to copy the configure database to the active database and reactivate port security.

8. Click the **CFS** tab, if CFS is enabled, and select **commit** from the ConfigAction drop-down menu to distribute these changes to all switches in the fabric.

Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using the CLI

To verify the active port security database using the CLI, follow these steps:

1. Use the **show port-security database active** command to view the active entries in the database.

```
switch# show port-security database active
```

VSAN	Logging-in Entity	Logging-in Point	(Interface)	Learnt
3	21:00:00:e0:8b:06:d9:1d (pwn)	20:0d:00:05:30:00:95:de	(fc1/13)	Yes
3	50:06:04:82:bc:01:c3:84 (pwn)	20:0c:00:05:30:00:95:de	(fc1/12)	
4	20:00:00:05:30:00:95:df (swwn)	20:0c:00:05:30:00:95:de	(port-channel 128)	
5	20:00:00:05:30:00:95:de (swwn)	20:01:00:05:30:00:95:de	(fc1/1)	

```
[Total 4 entries]
```

2. Use the **port-security database copy** command to copy the active database to the configure database. This ensures that no learned entries are lost.

```
switch# '''port-security database copy vsan 1 '''
```

3. Use the **port-security database** command to add a new entry into the configure database.

```
switch(config)# '''port-security database vsan 3 '''
switch(config-port-security)# '''pwn 20:11:33:11:00:2a:4a:66 swwn 20:00:00:0c:85:90:3e:80 interfa
```

4. Use the **port-security activate** command to copy the configure database to the active database and reactivate port security.

```
switch(config)# port-security activate vsan 1
```

5. If CFS distribution is enabled, use the **port-security commit** command to distribute these changes.

```
switch(config)# '''port-security commit vsan 3 '''
```

Verifying Port Security Violations Using Fabric Manager

To verify port security violations using Fabric Manager, follow these steps:

1. Choose **Fabricxx > VSANxx > Port Security** and click **Violations** tab to search for an interface that is shut down.

2. (Optional) Add the device to the port security database by following these steps:

a. Choose **Fabricxx > VSANxx > Port Security** and click the **Actions** tab.

b. Check the **CopyActive to Config** check box and click **Apply Changes** to copy the active database to the configure database. This ensures that no learned entries are lost.

c. click the **CFS** tab, if CFS is enabled, and select **commit** from the ConfigAction drop-down menu to

distribute these changes to all switches in the fabric.

d. Click the **Config Database** tab and click **Add Row** to add a new entry into the configure database.


e. Fill in the WWNs and interface fields and click **Create**.

f. Click the **CFS** tab, if CFS is enabled, and select **commit** from the ConfigAction drop-down menu to distribute these changes to all switches in the fabric.

g. Click the **Actions** tab, select **activate(TurnLearning off)** from the Action drop-down menu, and click **Apply Changes** to copy the configure database to the active database and reactivate port security.

h. Click the **CFS** tab, if CFS is enabled, and select **commit** from the ConfigAction drop-down menu to distribute these changes to all switches in the fabric.

3. (Optional) Remove the device from the switch, choose **Switches > Interfaces > FC Physical** and select **up** from the Admin Status drop-down menu to bring the port back online. Click **Apply Changes**.

 **Note:** You may need to set the interface down and then up to bring it back online.

Verifying Port Security Violations Using the CLI

To verify port security violations using the CLI, follow these steps:

1. Use the **show port-security violations** command and search for the interface that is shut down.

```
switch# show port-security violations
```

VSAN	Interface	Logging-in Entity	Last-Time	[Repeat count]
1	fc1/13	21:00:00:e0:8b:06:d9:1d (pwwn)	Jul 9 08:32:20 2003	[20]
		20:00:00:e0:8b:06:d9:1d (nwwn)		
1	fc1/12	50:06:04:82:bc:01:c3:84 (pwwn)	Jul 9 08:32:20 2003	[1]
		50:06:04:82:bc:01:c3:84 (nwwn)		
2	port-channel 1	20:00:00:05:30:00:95:de (swwn)	Jul 9 08:32:40 2003	[1]
[Total 2 entries]				

In this example, pWWN 21:00:00:e0:8b:06:d9:1d is causing interface fc1/13 to be shut down because of port security violations.

2. (Optional) Add the device to the port security database by following these steps:

a. Use the **port-security database copy** command to copy the active database to the configure database. This ensures that no learned entries are lost.

```
switch# port-security database copy vsan 3
```

b. Use the **port-security database** command to add a new entry into the configure database.

```
switch(config)# port-security database vsan 3
```

```
switch(config-port-security)# pwwn 20:11:33:11:00:2a:4a:66 swwn
20:00:00:0c:85:90:3e:80 interface fc1/13
```

c. Use the **port-security activate** command to copy the configure database to the active database and reactivate port security.

```
switch(config)# port -security activate vsan 3
```

d. If CFS distribution is enabled, use the **port-security commit** command to distribute these changes.

```
switch(config)# port-security commit vsan 3
```

e. Use the **no shutdown** command in interface mode to bring the port back online.

3. (Optional) Remove the device from the switch and use the **no shutdown** command to bring the port back online.

Cannot Activate Port Security

Symptom Cannot activate port security.

Table 19-5 Cannot Activate Port Security

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Cannot activate port security.	Autolearn is enabled.	See the "Disabling Autolearn Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Disabling Autolearn Using the CLI" section.
	Conflicting entries in the configure database.	Remove the conflicting entries. Conflicting entries when activated cause existing logged-in devices to log out. See the "Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using the CLI" section.
	Configure database is empty.	Choose Fabricxx > VSANxx > Port Security , click the Actions tab, check the CopyActive to Config check box, and click Apply Changes in Fabric Manager to copy the active database to the configure database. You can also use the port-security database copy CLI command.
	Not all members of a PortChannel are configured for port security.	Add the missing members. Make sure that the sWWNs are the same for all the members. See the "Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying the Active Port Security Database Using the CLI" section.

Unauthorized Device Gains Access to Fabric

Symptom Unauthorized device gains access to fabric.

Table 19-6 Unauthorized Device Gains Access to Fabric

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Unauthorized device gains access to fabric.	Port security disabled.	See the "Configuring Port Security with Autolearn Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Configuring Port Security with Autolearn Using the CLI" section.
	Port security not activated in the VSAN.	
	Autolearn is enabled.	Disable autolearn. See the "Disabling Autolearn Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Disabling Autolearn Using the CLI" section.

Disabling Autolearn Using Fabric Manager

To disable autolearn using Fabric Manager, follow these steps:

1. Choose **Fabricxx > VSANxx > Port Security** and click the **Actions** tab.
2. Select **activate(TurnLearning off)** from the Action drop-down menu, and click **Apply Changes** to copy the configure database to the active database and reactivate port security.
3. Click the **CFS** tab if CFS is enabled, and select **commit** from the ConfigAction drop-down menu to distribute these changes to all switches in the fabric.
4. Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration, using the fabric option. This saves the port security configure database to the startup configuration on all switches in the fabric.

Disabling Autolearn Using the CLI

To disable autolearn using the CLI, follow these steps:

1. Use the **no port-security auto-learn** command to disable autolearn.

```
switch# no port-security auto-learn vsan 2
```

2. Use the **port-security database copy** command to copy the active database to the configure database. This ensures that no learned entries are lost.

```
switch# port-security database copy vsan 2
```

3. If CFS distribution is enabled, use the **port-security commit** command to distribute these changes.

```
switch(config)# port-security commit vsan 2
```

4. Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration, using the fabric option. This saves the port security configure database to the startup configuration on all switches in the fabric.

Port Security Settings Lost After Reboot

Symptom Port security settings were lost after a reboot.

Table 19-7 Port Security Settings Lost After Reboot

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Port security settings were lost after a reboot.	Autolearn entries not saved to configure database and to startup configuration.	See the "Disabling Autolearn Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Disabling Autolearn Using the CLI" section.

Merge Fails

Symptom Merge fails.

Table 19-8 Merge Fails

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Merge fails	Activation or autolearn configuration in the separate fabrics do not match.	Disable autolearn. See the "Disabling Autolearn Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Disabling Autolearn Using the CLI" section.
	Combined port security database contains more than 2047 entries.	Delete the port security database in one of the fabrics and then relearn the entries after the fabrics merge. See the "Configuring Port Security with Autolearn Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Configuring Port Security with Autolearn Using the CLI" section.

Configuring Port Security with Autolearn Using Fabric Manager

To configure port security with autolearn using Fabric Manager, follow these steps:

1. Choose **Fabricxx > VSANxx > Port Security** and click the **Control** tab.
2. Select **enable** from the Command drop-down menu and click **Apply Changes**.
3. Click the **CFS** tab and select **enable** from the Admin drop-down menu and select **enable** from the Global drop-down menu to enable CFS distribution.
4. Click the **CFS** tab and select **commit** from the ConfigAction drop-down menu to distribute these changes to all switches in the fabric.
5. Choose **Fabricxx > VSANxx > Port Security**, click the **Actions** tab, and select **activate** from the Actions drop-down menu.

6. Check the **AutoLearn** check box and click **Apply Changes** to enable autolearn.
7. Click the **CFS** tab and select **commit** from the ConfigAction drop-down menu to distribute these changes to all switches in the fabric.
8. Uncheck the **AutoLearn** check box and click **Apply Changes** to disable autolearn after all entries are learned.
9. Click the **CFS** tab and select **commit** from the ConfigAction drop-down menu to distribute these changes to all switches in the fabric.
10. Check the **CopyActive to Config** check box and click **Apply Changes** to copy the active database to the configure database. This ensures that no learned entries are lost.
11. Click the **CFS** tab and select **commit** from the ConfigAction drop-down menu to distribute these changes to all switches in the fabric.
12. Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration, using the fabric option. This saves the port security configure database to the startup configuration on all switches in the fabric.

Configuring Port Security with Autolearn Using the CLI

To configure port security with autolearn using the CLI, follow these steps:

1. Use the **port-security enable** command to enable port security.

```
switch(config)# port-security enable
```

2. Use the **port-security distribute** command to enable CFS distribution.

```
switch(config)# port-security distribute
```

3. Use the **port-security activate** command to activate port security and enable autolearn.

```
switch(config)# port-security activate vsan 2
```

4. If CFS distribution is enabled, use the **port-security commit** command to distribute these changes.

```
switch(config)# port-security commit vsan 2
```

5. Use the **no port-security auto-learn** command in EXEC mode to disable autolearn after all entries have been learned.

```
switch# no port-security auto-learn vsan 2
```

6. If CFS distribution is enabled, use the **port-security commit** command to distribute these changes.

```
switch(config)# port-security commit vsan 2
```

7. Use the **port-security database copy** command to copy the active database to the configure database. This ensures that no learned entries are lost.

```
switch# port-security database copy vsan 2
```

8. If CFS distribution is enabled, use the **port-security commit** command to distribute these changes.


```
switch(config)# port-security commit vsan 2
```

9. Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration, using the fabric option. This saves the port security configure database to the startup configuration on all switches in the fabric.

Fabric Binding Issues

This section describes troubleshooting fabric binding issues and includes the following topic:

- Switch Cannot Attach to the Fabric
- Cannot Activate Fabric Binding
- Unauthorized Switch Gains Access to Fabric
- Fabric Binding Settings Lost After Reboot

 **Note:** After correcting a fabric binding configuration issue, you do not have to disable the interface and reenable it. The port comes up automatically after a fabric binding reactivation if the problem was fixed.

Switch Cannot Attach to the Fabric

Symptom Switch cannot attach to the fabric.

Table 19-9 Switch Cannot Attach to the Fabric


Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Switch cannot attach to the fabric.	Fabric binding not activated on local switch. (It is activated on only one side of the ISL).	Activate fabric binding. Choose Fabricxx > VSANxx > Fabric Binding and click the Actions tab, select activate from the Action drop-down menu, and click Apply Changes to copy the configure database to the active database and activate fabric binding. You can also use the fabric-binding activate CLI command.
	sWWN not present in fabric binding database.	Add sWWN to fabric binding database. See the "Verifying Fabric Binding Violations Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying Fabric Binding Violations Using the CLI" section.
	Fabric binding database has sWWN with a different domain ID configured.	For non-FICON VSANs, you can remove the domain ID from the fabric binding database. You also can update the domain ID in the fabric binding database (for FICON or NON-FICON VSANs). See the "Verifying Fabric Binding Violations Using Fabric Manager" section or the

		"Verifying Fabric Binding Violations Using the CLI" section.
	The local active fabric binding database is different from the other switches.	Update the fabric binding database and reactivate it. See the "Verifying Fabric Binding Violations Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying Fabric Binding Violations Using the CLI" section.
	Switch blocked because of fabric binding violation.	Remove the device causing the fabric binding violation or add that device to the database. See the "Verifying Fabric Binding Violations Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying Fabric Binding Violations Using the CLI" section.

Verifying Fabric Binding Violations Using Fabric Manager

To verify fabric binding violations using Fabric Manager, follow these steps:

1. Choose **Fabricxx > VSANxx > Fabric Binding** and select the **Violations** tab to search for an interface that is shut down.
2. (Optional) Remove the switch, choose **Switches > Interfaces > FC Physical**, and select **up** from the Admin Status drop-down menu to bring the port back online. Click **Apply Changes**.

 **Note:** You may need to set the interface down and then up to bring it back online.

3. (Optional) Follow these steps to add the switch to the fabric binding database:
 - a. Choose **Fabricxx > VSANxx > Fabric Binding** and select the **Actions** tab.
 - b. Check the **CopyActive to Config** check box and click **Apply Changes** to copy the active database to the configure database. This ensures that no learned entries are lost.
 - c. Select the **Config Database** tab and click **Add Row** to add a new entry into the configure database.
 - d. Fill in the WWNs and Domain ID fields and click **Create**.
 - e. Click the **Actions** tab, select **activate** from the Action drop-down menu, and click **Apply Changes** to copy the configure database to the active database and reactivate fabric binding.

Verifying Fabric Binding Violations Using the CLI

To verify fabric binding violations using the CLI, follow these steps:

1. Use the **show port-security violations** command and search for the interface that is shut down.

```
switch# show fabric-binding violations
-----
VSAN Switch WWN [domain] Last-Time [Repeat count] Reason
-----
```

```

2 20:00:00:05:30:00:4a:1e [*] Nov 25 05:44:58 2003 [2] sWWN not found
3 20:00:00:05:30:00:4a:1e [0xeb] Nov 25 05:46:14 2003 [2] Domain mismatch
4 20:00:00:05:30:00:4a:1e [*] Nov 25 05:46:25 2003 [1] Database mismatch

```

In VSAN 2, the sWWN itself was not found in the list. In VSAN 3, the sWWN was found in the list, but has a domain ID mismatch.

2. (Optional) Remove the switch and use the **no shutdown** command to bring the ISL back online.

3. (Optional) Add the switch to the fabric binding database by following these steps:

a. Use the **fabric-binding database copy** command to copy the active database to the configure database.

```
switch# fabric-binding database copy vsan 3
```

b. Use the **fabric-binding database** command to add a new entry into the configure database.

```
switch(config)# fabric-binding database vsan 3
switch(config-fabric-binding)# swn 20:11:33:11:00:2a:4a:66
```

c. Use the **fabric-binding activate** command to copy the configure database to the active database and reactivate fabric binding.

```
switch(config)# fabric-binding activate vsan 3
```

d. Use the **no shutdown** command in interface mode to bring the port back online.

Cannot Activate Fabric Binding

Symptom Cannot activate fabric binding.

Table 19-10 Cannot Activate Fabric Binding

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Cannot activate fabric binding.	Conflicting entries in the configure database.	Remove the conflicting entries. See the "Verifying the Config Fabric Binding Database Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Verifying the Config Fabric Binding Database Using the CLI" section.

Verifying the Config Fabric Binding Database Using Fabric Manager

To verify the config fabric binding database using Fabric Manager, follow these steps:

1. Choose **Fabricxx > VSANxx > Fabric Binding** and click the **Config Database** tab.

2. Right-click the conflicting entry and click **Delete Row** to remove this entry.

3. Choose **Fabricxx > VSANxx > Fabric Binding** and click the **Actions** tab.

4. Select **activate** from the Action drop-down menu, and click **Apply Changes** to copy the configure database to the active database and reactivate fabric binding.

Verifying the Config Fabric Binding Database Using the CLI

To verify the config fabric binding database using the CLI, follow these steps:

1. Use the **show fabric-binding database active** command to view the active entries in the database.
2. Use the **fabric-binding database copy** command to copy the active database to the configure database.

```
switch# fabric-binding database copy vsan 1
```

3. Use the **fabric-binding database** command to remove an entry from the configure database.

```
switch(config)# fabric-binding database vsan 3
switch(config-port-security)# no swnn 20:00:00:0c:85:90:3e:80
```

4. Use the **fabric-binding activate** command to copy the configure database to the active database and reactivate fabric binding.

```
switch(config)# fabric-binding''' activate vsan 1
```

Unauthorized Switch Gains Access to Fabric

Symptom Unauthorized switch gains access to fabric.

Table 19-11 Unauthorized Switch Gains Access to Fabric

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Unauthorized switch gains access to fabric.	Fabric binding disabled on both ends of an ISL.	See the "Configuring Fabric Binding Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Configuring Fabric Binding Using the CLI" section.

Fabric Binding Settings Lost After Reboot

Symptom Fabric binding settings were lost after a reboot.

Table 19-12 Fabric Binding Settings Lost After Reboot

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Fabric Binding settings were lost after a reboot.	Entries not saved to configure database and to startup configuration.	Save the fabric binding database. See the "Configuring Fabric Binding Using Fabric Manager" section or the "Configuring Fabric Binding Using the CLI" section.

Configuring Fabric Binding Using Fabric Manager

To configure fabric binding using Fabric Manager, follow these steps:

1. Choose **Fabricxx > VSANxx > Fabric Binding** and click the **Control** tab.
 2. Select **enable** from the Command drop-down menu and click **Apply Changes**.
 3. Click the **Config Database** tab and click **Add Row** to add a new entry into the configure database.
 4. Fill in the WWNs and Domain ID fields and click **Create**.
 5. Click the **Actions** tab, select **activate** from the Action drop-down menu, and click **Apply Changes** to copy the configure database to the active database and reactivate fabric binding.
 6. Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration, using the fabric option. This saves the port security configure database to the startup configuration on all switches in the fabric.
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Configuring Fabric Binding Using the CLI

To configure fabric binding using the CLI, follow these steps:

1. Use the **fabric-binding enable** command to enable fabric binding.

```
switch(config)# ''fabric-binding enable
```

2. Use the **fabric-binding database** command to add new entries into the configure database.

```
switch(config)# fabric-binding database vsan 3  
switch(config-port-security)# swnn 20:00:00:0c:85:90:3e:80
```

3. Use the **fabric-binding activate** command to activate fabric binding.

```
switch(config)# fabric-binding activate vsan 2
```

4. Use the **fabric-binding database copy** command to copy the active database to the configure database.

```
switch# fabric-binding database copy vsan 2
```

5. Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration, using the fabric option. This saves the fabric binding configure database to the startup configuration on all switches in the fabric.
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