

Information Technology Policy

Network Router and Switch Requirements

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to establish requirements for router and switch technologies in order to protect the [confidentiality](#) of information, safeguard the [integrity](#) of [information](#), establish common equipment platforms/standards, and ensure access to information.

2. Required Features

(some features may not be applicable to both routers and switches)

- Provide a modular, standard 19-inch rack mountable design.
- Co-exist with IPv4 for conversion to IPv6.
- Support VOIP and QOS. New deployments must implement QOS.
- Provide port mirroring.
- Provide an out-of-band port management option. Must comply with all applicable regulatory requirements. (ex: [Multi-Factor Authentication](#))
- Enable wire-speed performance for current services.
- Support port channeling
- Support access control lists (ACLs)
- Support the ability to turn off telnet access.
- Provide the ability to support Power over Ethernet for Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF) implementations (if there is a business need)
- Support current SNMP version(s) v2 and v3:
 - SNMP support shall include the standard Internet MIB-II current and back level.
 - SNMP read-only and read-write access shall be independently configurable, including separate community strings and separate access lists (or equivalent) for restricting access by IP address.
- Provide the ability to disable web-based or GUI configuration features. If web-based interfaces are enabled, provide for HTTPS-only access protected by an ACL using a TLS version that adheres to [ITP-SEC031, Encryption Standards](#)
- Provide the ability to display accurate octet and packet counters per interface, viewable from the CLI and from SNMP
- Support encrypted, secure in-band management access using current SSH version.
- Allow, via optional configuration parameters, centralized in-band login management

- for operators and administrator using either TACACS or RADIUS
- Provide the ability to interface with Radius security.
- Support import and export of full configuration in readable ASCII text format
- Support password recovery procedures for any configurable password on routers and switches

3. Evaluation Considerations

When evaluating router and switch technology, agencies are to consider the following criteria during their selection process:

- Support for the Commonwealth's Identity Management solution and common security architecture
- Robustness and usability of monitoring and reporting capabilities
- Total cost of ownership, including but not limited to:
 - Management costs
 - Support and licensing costs
 - Sparing strategies within and across agencies with a goal to standardize and leverage those strategies across the Commonwealth.
- Robustness and usability of tool and utility administration
- Robustness and usability of user role, privilege, and access control administration
- Degree of support for advanced multicast and unicast management
- Performance and throughput capabilities of the device

4. Supported Protocols

- Full TCP/IP Suite
- 802.1Q VLAN
- 802.1X
- 802.1P (QOS)
- 802.3 1000 Base-TX (Gigabit Ethernet)
- ARP - Address Resolution Protocol
- BGP – Border Gateway Protocol
- CDP - Cisco Discovery Protocol
- CHAP - Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol
- DHCP Relay – Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol / Relay
- DHCP Server – Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol / Server
- EIGRP - Enhance Interior Gateway Routing Protocol
- Ethernet LAN
- GRE – Generic Routing Encapsulation Protocol
- HDLC - High-Level Data Link Control
- HSRP – Hot Stand-by Router Protocol
- ICMP - Internet Control Message Protocol
- IGMP - Multicast Internet Group Management Protocol
- IKE – Internet Key Exchange
- IPsec – Internet Protocol Security (in accordance with [ITP-SEC031, Encryption Standards](#))
- IPsec VPN – Internet Protocol Security – Virtual Private Network
- IS-IS – Link State Routing Protocol Classless Routing Protocol Intermediate System to Intermediate System
- L2F - Layer 2 Forwarding Protocol (for use only in applications that do not require the tunnel encryption)
- L2TP – Layer 2 VPN Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol
- LACP – Link Aggregation Control Protocol
- LAPB - Link Access Procedure Balanced
- LLDP-MED - Link Layer Discovery Protocol Media Endpoint Discovery
- LLDP - Link Layer Discover Protocol

- MGCP - Media Gateway Control Protocol Megaco (H.248)
- MLPPP – Multi-Link Point-to Point Protocol
- MPLS – Multi-Protocol Label Switching
- Multicast PIM-DM – Protocol Independent Multicast – Dense Mode
- Multicast PIM-SM – Protocol Independent Multicast – Sparse Mode (RFC 2362)
- NAT/PAT - Network Address Translation/Port Address Translation support
- NTP – Network Time Protocol (Refer to [ITP-NET017, Network Timing Protocol](#) for detailed guidance)
- OSPF – Open Shortest Path First
- PAP - Password Authentication Protocol
- PPP - Point to Point Connections
- PPTP - Point to Point Tunneling Protocol
- PVlan – Cisco implementation of Private Virtual Lan
- RARP - Reverse Address Resolution Protocol
- Rem Br (STP over PPP)
- RTP - Real-time Transport Protocol
- RVP – A Presence and Instant Messaging Protocol
- SDP - Session Description Protocol
- SIP - Session Initiated Protocol
- STP - Spanning Tree Protocol
- STUN – Session Traversal Utilities for NAT
- SSH – Secure Shell
- Static Routing
- SCCP - Skinny Client Control Protocol
- TCP - Transmission control Protocol
- UDP – User Datagram Protocol
- WCCP - Web Cache Communication Protocol
- UDP - User Datagram Protocol
- VRRP – Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol
- VTP - VLAN Trunking Protocol
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- VXLAN – Virtual Extensible LAN

This chart contains a history of this publication’s revisions.

Version	Date	Purpose of Revision
Original	09/22/2006	Base Document
Revision	12/20/2010	ITP Refresh
Revision	10/31/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITP Reformat • Shortened policy title name Updated Required Features Updated Evaluation Considerations • Updated Supported Protocols
Revision	02/21/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresh • Updated to Accessible ITP Template Updated required features. • Updated Supported Protocols
Revision	01/05/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor grammatical and reference updates • Removed Reference, Authority, and Version Control sections as these are covered in the ITP. • Under Supported Protocols <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Added LACP ○ Removed NFS & SMB