

Configuring LAPB and X.25

This chapter describes how to configure connections through X.25 networks, including Link Access Procedure-Balanced (LAPB) connections. LAPB procedures are presented first for those users who only want to configure a simple, reliable serial encapsulation method. For a complete description of the commands mentioned in this chapter, refer to the *Communication Server Command Reference* publication. For historical background and a technical overview of X.25 and LAPB, see the *Internetworking Technology Overview* publication.

Cisco's Implementation of LAPB and X.25

A group of specifications published by the CCITT (French acronym translating to International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee) defines *Recommendations*, or specifications, for X.25. Although it is most commonly referred to as the CCITT, this international standards body recently adopted the name “International Telecommunication Union,” so you might also see references to ITO Recommendations. The CCITT specifications basically specify connections between data terminal equipment (DTE) and data communications equipment (DCE) for remote terminal access and computer communications. The X.25 specifications include LAPB as the data link layer protocol and X.25 as the network layer protocol, or packet layer protocol (PLP) as it is also known. The CCITT updates its specifications every four years, and the specifications dated 1980 and 1984 are the most common versions currently in use. Additionally, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has published ISO 7776:1986 as an equivalent to the LAPB standard, and ISO 8208:1989 as an equivalent to the CCITT 1984 X.25 Recommendation packet layer. Our X.25 software follows the CCITT 1984 X.25 Recommendation, except for its Defense Data Network (DDN) and Blacker Front-End Encryption (BFE) encapsulation operation, which follows the CCITT 1980 X.25 Recommendation.

Briefly, the Cisco Systems X.25 software provides the following capabilities:

- X.25 Level 2, or LAPB (Link Access Procedure, Balanced)—LAPB is a protocol that operates at Level 2 (the data link layer) of the OSI reference model. LAPB specifies methods for exchanging data (in units called *frames*), detecting out-of-sequence or missing frames, retransmitting frames, and acknowledging frames.
- LAPB datagram transport—Protocol datagrams (IP) are carried over a reliable LAPB connection, or datagrams of IP are encapsulated in a proprietary protocol and carried over a LAPB connection. The LAPB connection can carry a single protocol or multiple protocols, depending upon the configuration.
- X.25 datagram transport—Protocol datagrams (IP) are encapsulated inside packets on an X.25 virtual circuit. Mappings between X.25 addresses and protocol addresses allow these datagrams to be routed through an X.25 network, thereby allowing an X.25 public data network (PDN) to transport LAN protocols.

- DDN and BFE X.25—DDN-specified Standard Service is supported. The DDN X.25 Standard Service is the required protocol for use with DDN Packet Switched Nodes (PSNs). The Defense Communications Agency (DCA) has certified Cisco Systems' DDN X.25 Standard Service implementation for attachment to the Defense Data Network. Cisco's DDN implementation also includes Blacker Front-End Encryption and Blacker Emergency Mode operation.
- X.25 MIB— Specified in SNMP MIB Extension for X.25 LAPB (RFC 1381) and SNMP MIB Extension for the X.25 Packet Layer (RFC1382) subsets are supported. The LAPB XID Table X.25 Cleared Circuit Table, and X.25 Call Parameter Table are not implemented. All values are read-only. To use the X.25 MIB, refer to your MIB publications.

Facility Handling in Encapsulated X.25 Virtual Circuits

The communication server either originates or accepts encapsulation virtual circuits (VCs) in order to transport LAN traffic through an X.25 network.

When the communication server originates a CALL for LAN traffic encapsulation, the facilities in the CALL are controlled by the facilities configured for the interface and the map statement that specifies the LAN/X.25 encapsulation. Because a communication server may be attached to a Public Data Network (PDN), the interface and map configurations allow a number of facilities to be specified in outgoing CALLs. These facilities are specified in all originated CALLs relating to the given interface and map with one exception; the incoming and outgoing maximum packet sizes proposed will be lowered if the lower layer (LAPB) cannot support the specified DATA packet size.

When the communication server accepts an encapsulation CALL, many facilities are simply ignored. The maximum packet sizes will be lowered if the lower layer (LAPB) cannot support the sizes proposed. A reverse-charged CALL will be CLEARed if neither the interface nor the map allows it. A CALL that specifies a Network User Identification (NUID) will be CLEARed if the user authentication fails.

LAPB Configuration Task List

It is possible to use only LAPB as a serial encapsulation method. This can be done using a leased serial line. You must use one of the X.25 packet-level encapsulations when attaching to an X.25 network.

The LAPB standards distinguish between two types of hosts: data terminal equipment (DTE), and data circuit-terminating equipment (DCE). At Level 2, or the data link layer in the OSI model, LAPB allows for orderly and reliable exchange of data between a DTE and a DCE. A communication server using LAPB encapsulation can act as a DTE or DCE device at the protocol level, which is distinct from the hardware DTE or DCE level.

Using LAPB under noisy conditions can result in greater throughput than HDLC encapsulation. When LAPB detects a missing frame, the communication server retransmits the frame instead of waiting for the higher layers to recover the lost information. This behavior is good only if the host timers are relatively slow. In the case of quickly expiring host timers, however, you will discover that LAPB is spending much of its time transmitting host retransmissions. If the line is not noisy, the lower overhead of HDLC encapsulation is more efficient than LAPB. When using long delay satellite links, for example, the lock-step behavior of LAPB makes HDLC encapsulation the better choice.

Perform the following tasks to configure LAPB:

- Establish LAPB DCE or DTE Operation
- Set the LAPB Retransmission Timer and Frame Parameters

- Define the LAPB Hold Queue Size
- Monitor and Maintain LAPB and X.25

The following sections describe the LAPB configuration tasks. See the section “Monitor and Maintain LAPB and X.25” for the LAPB administrative tasks. Examples of LAPB configurations appear at the end of this chapter.

Establish LAPB DCE or DTE Operation

Set the appropriate LAPB encapsulation to run datagrams over a serial interface. One end of the link must be DTE and the other must be DCE.

Select an encapsulation and the protocol if using a single protocol, or select the multiple protocol operation, according to the table that follows. Perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Specify a serial interface | interface serial <i>unit</i> |
| Enable encapsulation of a single protocol on the line using DCE operation. | encapsulation lapb-dce |
| Enable encapsulation of a single protocol on the line using DTE operation. | encapsulation lapb |
| Set the line protocol. | lapb protocol <i>protocol</i> |
| Enable use of multiple protocols on the line using DCE operation. | encapsulation multi-lapb-dce |
| Enable use of multiple protocols on the line using DTE operation. | encapsulation multi-lapb |

For an example of configuring LAPB DCE operation, see the section “Typical LAPB Configuration Example” later in this chapter.

Set the LAPB Retransmission Timer and Frame Parameters

X.25 Level 2 or LAPB operates at the data link layer of the OSI reference model. LAPB specifies methods for exchanging data (in units called *frames*), detecting out-of-sequence or missing frames, retransmitting frames, and acknowledging frames.

When connecting to an X.25 network, use the N1 parameter value set by the network administrator. This value is the maximum number of bits in an LAPB frame, which is determined from the maximum size of an X.25 packet. When using LAPB over leased lines, the N1 parameter should be eight times the hardware maximum transmission unit (MTU) size. The other frame parameters are determined by the network configuration; see Table 8-1 for the default values.

The retransmission timer determines how long a transmitted frame can remain unacknowledged before the communication server polls for an acknowledgment. For X.25 networks, the communication server retransmission timer setting should match that of the network.

For leased-line circuits, the retransmission timer setting is critical. The timer setting must be large enough to permit a maximum-sized frame to complete one round trip on the link. If the timer setting is too small, the communication server will poll before the acknowledgment frame can return, which can result in duplicated frames and severe protocol problems; the design of LAPB assumes that a

frame has been lost if it is not acknowledged within period T1. If the timer setting is too large, the communication server waits longer than necessary before requesting an acknowledgment, which reduces bandwidth.

Table 8-1 summarizes the LAPB parameters you can set in interface configuration mode.

Table 8-1 LAPB Parameters

| Task (LAPB Parameter) | Ranges | Default | Command |
|---|----------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| Set the window size (k). | 1-7 packets | 7 | lapb k <i>window-size</i> |
| Set maximum bits per frame (N1). | 1088–32832 bits | 12056 | lapb n1 <i>bits</i> |
| Set retries for acknowledgment frames (N2). | 1-255 tries | 20 | lapb n2 <i>tries</i> |
| Set the retransmission timer (T1). | 1-64000 milliseconds | 3000 | lapb t1 <i>milliseconds</i> |

For an example of configuring the LAPB T1 timer, see the section “Typical LAPB Configuration Example” later in this chapter.

Define the LAPB Hold Queue Size

You can define the maximum number of packets to be held while LAPB is unable to send data. To do so, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|---|--|
| Define the size of a packet hold queue. | lapb hold-queue <i>queue-size</i> |

X.25 Configuration Task List

To configure X.25, you can choose from the following tasks, depending upon the X.25 application or task required for your network:

- Configure an X.25 Datagram Transport
- Configure DDN or BFE X.25
- Create X.29 Access Lists
- Create an X.29 Profile Script
- Configure X.25 Level 3 Parameters and Special Features
- Monitor and Maintain LAPB and X.25

Note that all X.25 applications except DDN and BFE X.25 operation and routing require that an encapsulation method and an X.121 address be set; see the sections “Set X.25 DTE or DCE Operation” and “Set the X.25 Interface Address” for the tasks to do so.

Default parameters have been provided for X.25 operation; however, you can change the settings to meet the needs of your X.25 network or as defined by your X.25 service supplier. We also provide special and custom configuration settings to further optimize your X.25 network. See the section “Configure X.25 Level 3 Parameters and Special Features” later in this chapter for more information.

The following sections describe how to implement the supported configuration types and special configuration tasks. See the *Communication Server Command Reference* publication for information about the commands in the tasks. See the end of this chapter for examples of configuring X.25.

Configure an X.25 Datagram Transport

X.25 support is most commonly configured as a transport for datagrams across an X.25 network. This is accomplished by first establishing a mapping between protocol addresses (for example, IP or DECnet) and the X.121 addresses of the X.25 network. When datagrams for a particular destination are routed for the first time, a virtual circuit is set up to the appropriate X.121 address. The Call User Data portion of the initial Call Request identifies the protocol of the datagrams being carried by a particular virtual circuit. If multiple protocols are in use, multiple virtual circuits will be opened.

Figure 1-1 illustrates two communication servers sending data across an X.25 public data network (PDN).

Figure 1-1 Transporting LAN Protocols across an X.25 PDN



You must perform the following tasks to configure your communication server as a transport for X.25 datagrams (note that these tasks are required by *all* X.25 applications except DDN and BFE X.25):

- Set X.25 DTE or DCE operation
- Set the X.25 interface address

Perform the following tasks, as necessary, to complete the X.25 configuration for your network needs.

- Establish a Protocol-to-X.121 address mapping
- Establish a permanent virtual circuit (PVC)
- Establish a default VC protocol

The following sections describe how to perform these configuration tasks. Configuring the X.25 parameters and special features, including TCP header compression, are described in the section “Configure X.25 Level 3 Parameters and Special Features” later in this chapter.

Set X.25 DTE or DCE Operation

A communication server using X.25 Level 3 encapsulation can act as a DTE or DCE protocol device. Default serial encapsulation is HDLC. Configure one of these encapsulation types, according to the needs of your X.25 service supplier. To do so, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Set X.25 DTE operation. | encapsulation x25 |
| Set X.25 DCE operation. | encapsulation x25-dce |

Typically, a public data network will require attachment as a DTE. (This is distinct from the hardware interface DTE and DCE assignments.)

For an example of configuring X.25 DTE operation, see the section “Typical X.25 Configuration Example” later in this chapter.

Set the X.25 Interface Address

Set the X.121 address of the network interface. The X.121 address is assigned by the X.25 network service provider. To set the X.121 address, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|------------------------|---|
| Set the X.121 address. | x25 address <i>X.121-address</i> |

For an example of configuring the X.25 interface address, see the section “Typical X.25 Configuration Example” later in this chapter.

Establish a Protocol-to-X.121 Address Map

The communication server can use several methods to map protocol addresses to X.121 addresses used by X.25 as follows:

A communication server set up for DDN or BFE service uses a dynamic mapping technique to convert between Internet and X.121 addresses. This technique has two severe limitations: BFE mapping applies only to Class A Internet addresses, and it ignores the third octet of the protocol address. This technique works well for the DDN and Blacker connections, but not for other networks. The BFE service is a variant of DDN service.

You can establish the X.121 address of a particular network interface using the **x25 address** interface subcommand. A DDN or BFE interface will have a default address generated from the interface IP address.

You also can set up explicit protocol-to-X.121 address mapping for the host. Because no defined protocol can dynamically determine such mappings, you must enter a mapping for each host with which the communication server will exchange traffic.

To establish a map, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|--|---|
| Establish a Protocol-to-X.121 address map. | x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address [options]</i> |

As an example, if you are running IP over X.25, you must define an IP address for the X.25 interface as well as map the IP address to the X.121 address. These tasks are described in the chapter entitled “Configuring IP.”

When setting up the address map, you can include features such as enabling broadcasts and number of virtual circuits allowed as well as the user facility settings as part of the options. The following list summarizes the supported protocol keywords for map definitions.

- **ip**—IP
- **novell**—Novell IPX
- **compressedtcp**—TCP header compression

For specific information about how to establish a protocol to run over X.25, refer to each of the protocol chapters in this publication.

The configuration for the Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) protocol can be greatly simplified by adding the optional **broadcast** keyword when doing this task. See the **x25-map** description in *Communication Server Command Reference* publication for more information.

Establish a Permanent Virtual Circuit (PVC)

Permanent virtual circuits (PVCs) are the X.25 equivalent of leased lines; they are never disconnected. Specify the required network protocol-to-X.121 address map before you set up a PVC. To establish a PVC, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|------------|--|
| Set a PVC. | x25 pvc <i>circuit protocol-keyword protocol-address [option]</i> |

IP and Novell IPX are supported by this task.

Establish a Default VC Protocol

The Call Request packet that sets up a virtual circuit (VC) might contain a field called the Call User Data (CUD) field. Typically, the software uses the first byte of Call User Data to distinguish which high-level protocol will be carried by a particular virtual circuit.

Table 1-2 lists the hexadecimal values of the initial byte of Call User Data and its corresponding network level protocol. The use of 0xCC for Department of Defense IP is defined by RFC 877. The other values are meaningful only to our X.25 software. Most of the single-byte identifiers are padded to four bytes with three bytes of 0x00. BFE IP encapsulation requires that only one byte be used. CLNS may use one or five bytes as defined in ISO 8473.

Table 1-2 Protocols and Initial Byte of Call User Data

| Protocol | Initial CUD Byte |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| DoD IP | 0xCC |
| Novell IPX | 0xD3 |
| TCP Header Compression (THC) | 0xD8 |

You can specify the protocol assumed by the communication server to interpret calls with unknown Call User Data (CUD) or with no CUD by performing the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Establish the default protocol. | x25 default <i>protocol</i> |

Configure DDN or BFE X.25

The DDN X.25 protocol has two versions: Basic Service and Standard Service. Our X.25 implementation only supports the Standard Service. DDN X.25 Standard Service requires that the X.25 data packets carry IP datagrams. The DDN Packet Switch Nodes (PSNs) can extract the IP packet from within the X.25 packet and pass data to another Standard Service host.

The DDN X.25 Standard is the required protocol for use with DDN PSNs. The Defense Communications Agency (DCA) has certified our DDN X.25 Standard implementation for attachment to the Defense Data Network. As part of the certification, our software is required to provide a scheme for dynamically mapping Internet address to X.121 addresses. See the section “DDN X.25 Dynamic Mapping” that follows for details on that scheme.

Complete the following tasks to enable DDN X.25 service:

- Enable DDN X.25
- Define the IP precedence handling

Perform the following task, as necessary, to complete the configuration.

- Configure Defense Data Network Blacker Front-End Encryption (BFE) and Blacker Emergency Mode, as needed.

DDN X.25 Dynamic Mapping

The DDN X.25 standard implementation includes a scheme for dynamically mapping all classes of Internet addresses to X.121 addresses without a table. This scheme requires that the Internet addresses conform to the formats shown in Figure 1-2. These formats segment the Internet addresses into network (N), host (H), logical address (L), and PSN (P) portions. (The acronym PSN stands for Packet Switch Node.) For the BFE encapsulation, the Internet address is segmented into Port (P), Domain (D), and BFE ID number (B). The DDN algorithm requires that the host value be less than 64.

Figure 1-2 DDN Internet/X.121 Address Conventions

| | |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Class A: | Net.Host.LH.PSN → 0000 0 PPPHH00 |
| Bits: | 8 8 8 8 |
| Class B: | Net.Net.Host.PSN → 0000 0 PPPHH00 |
| Bits: | 8 8 8 8 |
| Class C: | Net.Net.Net.Host.PSN → 0000 0 PPPHH00 |
| Bits: | 8 8 8 4 4 |

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The DDN conversion scheme uses the host and PSN portions of an Internet address to create the corresponding X.121 address. Strictly speaking, the DDN conversion mechanism is limited to Class A Internet addresses. However, the communication server can convert Class B and Class C addresses as well. As indicated, this method uses the last two octets of a Class B address as the host and PSN identifiers, and the upper and lower four bits in the last octet of a Class C address as the host and PSN identifiers, respectively. The BFE conversion scheme requires a Class A IP address.

The DDN conversion scheme uses a physical address mapping if the host identifier is numerically less than 64. (This limit derives from the fact that a PSN cannot support more than 64 nodes.) If the host identifier is numerically larger than 64, the resulting X.121 address is called a logical address. The DDN does not use logical addresses.

The format of physical DDN X.25/X.121 addresses is *ZZZZFIIHHZZ(SS)*, where each character represents a digit. *ZZZZ* represents four zeros, *F* is zero to indicate a physical address, *III* represents the PSN octet from the Internet address padded with leading zeros, *HH* is the host octet from the Internet address padded with leading zeros, and *ZZ* represents two zeros. *(SS)* represents the optional and unused subaddress.

The physical and logical mappings of the DDN conversion scheme always generate a 12-digit X.121 address. Subaddresses are optional; when added to this scheme, the result is a 14-digit X.121 address. The DDN does not use subaddressing.

Packets using routing and other protocols that require broadcast support can successfully traverse X.25 networks, including the DDN. This traversal requires the use of network protocol-to-X.121 maps, because the communication server must know explicitly where to deliver broadcast datagrams. (X.25 does not support broadcasts.) You can mark network protocol-to-X.121 map entries to accept broadcast packets; the communication server then sends broadcast packets to hosts with marked entries. If you do not specify the address for an interface configured for DDN X.25, the communication server uses the DDN mapping technique to obtain the X.121 address of an interface.

Enable DDN X.25

Both DCE and DTE operation cause the communication server to specify the Standard Service facility in the Call Request packet, which notifies the PSNs to use Standard Service.

Perform one of the following tasks in interface configuration mode, as appropriate for your network:

| Task | Command |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Set DDN X.25 DTE operation. | encapsulation ddnx25 |
| Set DDN X.25 DCE operation. | encapsulation ddnx25-dce |

For an example of enabling DDN X.25, see the section “DDN X.25 Configuration Example” later in this chapter.

Define IP Precedence Handling

Using Standard Service, the DDN can be configured to provide efficient service for datagrams with high precedence values. If the communication server receives an IP packet with a nonzero protocol precedence field, it uses a different virtual circuit and sets the precedence facility request to the DDN-specified precedence mapping in the Call Request packet. Different virtual circuits are maintained based on the precedence mapping values and the number of virtual circuits permitted.

By default, the DDN X.25 software opens one virtual circuit for all types of service values. You can enable the precedence sensitivity feature by performing the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|---|--------------------------|
| Allow a new virtual circuit based on the type of service (TOS) field. | x25 ip-precedence |

Some hosts send nonstandard data in the TOS field, thereby causing multiple, wasteful virtual circuits to be created.

Configure Blacker Emergency Mode

For environments that require a high level of security, your communication server software supports the Defense Data Network Blacker Front-End Encryption (BFE) and Blacker Emergency Mode.

Blacker Emergency Mode allows your BFE device and your communication server to function in emergency situations. When the communication server is configured to participate in emergency mode and the BFE device is in emergency mode, the communication server sends address translation information to the BFE device to assist it in sending information.

Our implementation of Blacker Emergency Mode adheres to the specifications outlined in the DCA Blacker Interface Control document, published March 21, 1989.

Your BFE device is configured to be in one of three possible modes as follows:

- Enters emergency mode when requested to by the network. If the communication server is configured to respond to a BFE device in emergency mode, or if the EXEC command **bfe enter** is used, the communication server sends address translation information to the BFE device.
- Never enters emergency mode.
- Notifies the communication server that an emergency mode window is open and waits for the communication server to tell it to enter emergency mode. If the communication server is configured to respond to a BFE in emergency mode, or if the EXEC command **bfe enter** is used, the communication server sends a special address translation packet to the BFE device. The “special” data includes a command to the BFE to enter emergency mode.

Perform these tasks to configure Blacker Emergency Mode:

- Set BFE encapsulation on the communication server attached to a BFE device.
- Provide address translation information to the BFE device.
- Define the circumstances under which the communication server will participate in emergency mode.
- Enter Blacker Emergency Mode using the **bfe** EXEC command.

The following tables describe these tasks.

BFE encapsulation operates to map between Class A IP addresses and the X.121 addresses expected by the BFE encryption device. To set BFE encapsulation, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Set BFE encapsulation on the communication server attached to a BFE device. | encapsulation bfeX25 |

For an example of enabling Blacker Emergency mode, see the section “Example of Setting BFE Emergency Mode” later in this chapter.

You must set up a table that provides the address translation information the communication server sends to the BFE when the BFE is in emergency mode. To do so, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|---|---|
| Set up the table that lists the BFE nodes (host or gateways) to which the communication server will send packets. | x25 remote-red <i>host-ip-address</i> remote-black <i>Blacker-ip-address</i> |

For an example of configuring setting up the table, see the section “Example of Setting BFE Emergency Mode” later in this chapter.

You can define the circumstances under which the communication server participates in emergency mode and how it will participate in emergency mode. To do so, perform the following tasks in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|--|---|
| Configure the circumstances under which the communication server will participate in emergency mode. | x25 bfe-emergency { never always decision } |
| Configure how a communication server configured as x25 bfe-emergency decision will participate in emergency mode. | x25 bfe-decision { no yes ask } |

For an example of configuring the circumstances under which the communication server participates in emergency mode, see the section “Example of Setting BFE Emergency Mode” later in this chapter.

To set the communication server to participate in emergency mode or to end participation in emergency mode when your system is so configured, perform the following task in EXEC mode:

| Task | Command |
|--|---|
| Set communication server to participate in emergency mode. | bfe { enter leave } <i>interface-type number</i> |

For an example of configuring the communication server to participate in emergency mode, see the section “Example of Setting BFE Emergency Mode” later in this chapter. See the previous task for more information about configuring the communication server to participate in emergency mode.

Create X.29 Access Lists

Protocol translation software supports access lists, which make it possible to limit access to the communication server from X.25 hosts. Access lists take advantage of the message field defined by Recommendation X.29, which describes procedures for exchanging data between two PADs or between a PAD and a DTE device.

To define X.29 access lists, perform the following tasks:

Step 1 Create an X.29 access list.

Step 2 Apply an access list to a virtual terminal line or to protocol translation.

These tasks are described in the following sections.

When configuring protocol translation, you can specify an access list number with each **translate** command. When translation sessions result from incoming PAD connections, the corresponding X.29 access list is used. See the protocol translation chapter in the *Communication Server Command Reference* for more information about the **translate** command.

Create an Access List

To specify the access conditions, perform the following global configuration task:

| Task | Command |
|--|--|
| Restrict incoming and outgoing connections between a particular virtual terminal line (into a Cisco device) and the addresses in an access list. | x29 access-list <i>access-list-number</i> { permit deny } <i>regular-expression</i> |

An access list can contain any number of lines. The lists are processed in the order in which you type the entries. The first match causes the permit or deny condition. If an X.121 address does not match any of the entries in the access list, access will be denied.

Apply an Access List to a Line

To apply an access list to a virtual line, perform the following tasks:

| Task | Command |
|--|---|
| Step 1 Specify a line. | line vty <i>x</i> |
| Step 2 Restrict incoming and outgoing connections between a particular virtual terminal line (into a Cisco device) and the addresses in an access list. | access-class <i>access-list-number</i> in |

The access list number is used both for incoming TCP access and for incoming PAD access. For TCP access, the protocol translator uses the defined IP access lists. For incoming PAD connections, the same X.25 access list is used. If you want to have access restrictions only on one of the protocols, then you can create an access list that permits all addresses for the other protocol.

For information about applying an access list using the **translate** command, see the protocol translation chapter in the *Communication Server Command Reference*.

Create an X.29 Profile Script

You can create an X.29 profile script for use by the **translate** command. When an X.25 connection is established, the protocol translator then acts as if an X.29 SET PARAMETER packet had been sent that contained the parameters and values set by this command.

To create an X.29 profile script, perform the following global configuration task:

| Task | Command |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Create an X.29 profile script | x29 profile name parameter:value [parameter:value...] |

Configure X.25 Level 3 Parameters and Special Features

The communication server software allows you to configure the standard Level 2 and Level 3 X.25 parameters and user facilities.

Note If you connect a communication server to an X.25 network, use the parameters set by the network administrator. Also, note that the X.25 Level 2 parameters described in “Set the LAPB Retransmission Timer and Frame Parameters” earlier in this chapter affect X.25 Level 3 operations.

This section describes the X.25 parameters, user facilities, and special features you can configure. Which tasks you perform depends upon the structure of your network and the requirements of the service provider. These parameters must be adjusted to match the values used by the X.25 network. It is common for networks to require values different from our defaults.

Perform the following tasks to configure the optional parameters, user facilities, and special features:

- Configure virtual circuits ranges
- Configure the switched virtual circuit idle timer
- Increase the number of VCs allowed
- Configure the Ignore Destination Timer
- Set default maximum window sizes
- Set default packet sizes
- Establish packet acknowledgment policy
- Configure the X.25 level 3 retransmission timers
- Set X.25 TCP header compression
- Define X.25 host names
- Define the default encapsulation protocol
- Configure the X.25 user facilities
- Set the packet numbering modulo
- Suppress the calling address
- Suppress the called address
- Disable packet-level restarts, if needed
- Define the VC packet hold queue size
- Configure an interface alias

The following sections describe these tasks.

Configure Virtual Circuit Ranges

The X.25 protocol maintains multiple connections over one physical link between a DTE and a DCE. These connections are called virtual circuits (VCs) or logical channels (LCs). X.25 can maintain up to 4095 VCs numbered 1 through 4095. An individual VC is identified by giving its logical channel identifier (LCI) or virtual circuit number (VCN). Many documents use the terms VC and LC, and VCN, LCN, and LCI interchangeably. Each of these terms refer to the virtual circuit number.

An important part of X.25 operation is the range of virtual circuit numbers. Virtual circuit numbers are broken into four ranges (listed here in numerically increasing order):

- 1 Permanent virtual circuits (PVCs)
- 2 Incoming-only circuits
- 3 Two-way circuits
- 4 Outgoing-only circuits

The incoming-only, two-way, and outgoing-only ranges define the VC numbers over which a switched virtual circuit (SVC) can be established by placing an X.25 call, much like a telephone network establishes a switched voice circuit when a call is placed.

The rules about DCE and DTE devices initiating calls are as follows:

- Only the DCE device can initiate a call in the incoming-only range.
- Only the DTE device can initiate a call in the outgoing-only range.
- Both the DCE device and the DTE device can initiate a call in the two-way range.

There is no difference in the operation of the SVCs except the restrictions on which a device can initiate a call. These ranges can be used to prevent one side from monopolizing the virtual circuits, which can be useful for X.25 interfaces with a small total number of SVCs available.

Six X.25 parameters define the upper and lower limit of each of the three SVC ranges. A permanent virtual circuit (PVC) must be assigned a number less than the numbers assigned to the SVC ranges. An SVC range is not allowed to overlap another range.

Table 1-3 lists the virtual circuit range types and the corresponding commands used to configure the ranges. Note that the values for these parameters must be the same on both ends of an X.25 link. For connection to a public data network (PDN), these values must be set to the values assigned by the network. An SVC range is unused if its lower and upper limits are set to 0; other than this use for marking unused ranges, VC 0 is not available.

Note Because the X.25 protocol requires the DTE and DCE to have identical VC ranges, if the interface is up, changes to the VC range limits will be held until the X.25 protocol RESTARTs the packet service.

To set the X.25 virtual circuit parameters, perform any of the following tasks in interface configuration mode:

Table 1-3 X.25 Virtual Circuits

| Task (Parameter) | Range | Default | Command |
|---|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Set lowest incoming-only virtual circuit number (LIC). | 1-4095 | 0 | x25 lic <i>circuit-number</i> |
| Set highest incoming-only virtual circuit number (HIC). | 1-4095 | 0 | x25 hic <i>circuit-number</i> |
| Set lowest two-way virtual circuit number (LTC). | 1-4095 | 1 | x25 ltc <i>circuit-number</i> |
| Set highest two-way virtual circuit number (HTC). | 1-4095 | 1024 | x25 htc <i>circuit-number</i> |
| Set lowest outgoing-only virtual circuit number (LOC). | 1-4095 | 0 | x25 loc <i>circuit-number</i> |
| Set highest outgoing-only virtual circuit number (HOC). | 1-4095 | 0 | x25 hoc <i>circuit-number</i> |

For an example of configuring virtual circuit ranges, see the section “Example of Setting Virtual Circuit Ranges” later in this chapter.

Configure the Switched Virtual Circuit Idle Timer

The communication server can clear datagram transport switched virtual circuit (SVC) after a set period of inactivity. You can set this time by performing the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Set the idle time before an SVC is cleared. | x25 idle <i>minutes</i> |

For an example of configuring the SVC idle timer, see the section “Typical X.25 Configuration Example” later in this chapter. See the section “Monitor and Maintain LAPB and X.25” later in this chapter for additional commands that clear virtual circuits.

Increase the Number of Virtual Circuits Allowed

You can establish up to eight switched virtual circuits to a host for each protocol used in X.25 datagram transport. Perform one or both of the following tasks to increase the number of VCs allowed:

| Task | Command |
|--|--|
| Specify the maximum number of switched virtual circuits that can be open simultaneously to one host for each protocol. | x25 nvc <i>count</i> x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address nvc count</i> |

For an example of increasing the number of virtual circuits allowed, see the sections “Typical X.25 Configuration Example” and “DDN X.25 Configuration Example” later in this chapter.

Configure the Ignore Destination Timer

Upon receiving a Clear for an outstanding datagram transport Call Request, the X.25 support code immediately tries another Call Request if it has more traffic to send. This action can overrun some X.25 switches. You can define the number of minutes it takes to prevent calls from going to a previously failed destination by performing the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|---|---|
| Configure the ignore destination timer. | x25 hold-vc-timer <i>minutes</i> |

Incoming calls will still be accepted.

Set Default Window Sizes

X.25 networks have a default input and output window size that is defined by the network administrator. You must set the communication server default input and output window sizes to match those of the network; see the note following the next section “Set Default Maximum Packet Sizes.” To set the default window sizes, perform the following tasks in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Default | Command |
|--|---------|--------------------------------|
| Set the default number of packets the server can receive before sending an X.25 acknowledgment. | 2 | x25 win <i>packets</i> |
| Set the default number of sent packets that can remain unacknowledged before the VC uses its hold queue. | 2 | x25 wout <i>packets</i> |

For an example of setting the default window sizes, see the sections “Typical X.25 Configuration Example” and “DDN X.25 Configuration Example” later in this chapter.

Set Default Maximum Packet Sizes

X.25 networks have a default maximum input and output packet size that is defined by the network administrator. You must set the communication server default input and output maximum packet sizes to match those of the network by performing the following tasks in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Default | Command |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|
| Set the default input maximum packet size. | 128 | x25 ips <i>bytes</i> |
| Set the default output maximum packet size. | 128 | x25 ops <i>bytes</i> |

To send a packet larger than the agreed X.25 packet size over an X.25 virtual circuit, a communication server must break the packet into two or more X.25 packets with the M-bit (“more data” bit) set. The receiving device collects all packets in the M-bit sequence and reassembles them.

For an example of setting the default maximum packet sizes, see the sections “Typical X.25 Configuration Example” and “DDN X.25 Configuration Example” later in this chapter.

Note Because the X.25 protocol requires the DTE and DCE to have identical default maximum packet sizes and default window sizes, if the interface is up, changes to the default window and packet sizes will be held until the X.25 protocol RESTARTs the packet service.

Establish the Packet Acknowledgment Policy

You can instruct the communication server to send an acknowledgment packet when it has received a threshold of data packets it has not acknowledged, instead of waiting until its input window is full. A value of 1 will send an acknowledgment for each data packet received if it cannot be acknowledged in an outgoing data packet. A value of 0 restores the default behavior of waiting until the input window is full. This approach improves line responsiveness at the expense of bandwidth. To do so, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Establish the threshold at which to acknowledge data packets. | x25 th <i>delay-count</i> |

Configure the X.25 Level 3 Retransmission Timers

The X.25 Level 3 retransmission timers determine how long the communication server must wait before retransmitting various packets (an expiring call timer causes the VC to be cleared). You can set these timers independently using the commands listed in Table 1-4. Each keyword requires a time value in seconds as its argument. The last column shows the default timer values, in seconds. Four of the timers apply to DTE devices, and the other four apply to DCE devices. To set the retransmission timers, perform any of the following tasks in interface configuration mode:

Table 1-4 X.25 Retransmission Timers

| Task | Default Timer Value | Command |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Set DTE T20 Restart Indication. | 180 seconds | x25 t20 <i>seconds</i> |
| Set DCE T10 Restart Request. | 60 seconds | x25 t10 <i>seconds</i> |
| Set DTE T21 Call Request. | 200 seconds | x25 t21 <i>seconds</i> |
| Set DCE T11 Call Indication. | 180 seconds | x25 t11 <i>seconds</i> |
| Set DTE T22 Reset Request. | 180 seconds | x25 t22 <i>seconds</i> |
| Set DCE T12 Reset Indication. | 60 seconds | x25 t12 <i>seconds</i> |
| Set DTE T23 Clear Request. | 180 seconds | x25 t23 <i>seconds</i> |
| Set DCE T13 Clear Indication. | 60 seconds | x25 t13 <i>seconds</i> |

For an example of setting the default packet sizes, see the section “DDN X.25 Configuration Example” later in this chapter.

Set X.25 TCP Header Compression

We support RFC 1144 TCP/IP header compression on serial lines using HDLC and X.25 encapsulation. The implementation of Compressed TCP over X.25 uses one virtual circuit (VC) to pass the compressed packets. Any noncompressed packets are carried over separate IP encapsulations. To set X.25 TCP header compression perform the following tasks interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|--|--|
| To allow a separate VC for compressed packets. | x25 map compressedtcp <i>IP-address X.121-address [options]</i> |

Define the Default Encapsulation Protocol

To instruct the communication server how to interpret unknown Call User Data, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Interpret incoming calls with unknown Call User Data. | x25 default <i>protocol</i> |

Configure the X.25 User Facilities

The X.25 software provides commands to support the X.25 user facilities—options specified by the creators of the X.25 Recommendation that allow the network planner to implement features such as accounting, user identification, and flow control negotiation. The following task list lists the supported facilities and the commands that configure them. The facilities configured by the **x25 map** commands are on a peer-peer basis; all other facility commands specify the values sent for calls originated by the interface.

To set the X.25 user facilities, perform any of the following tasks in interface configuration mode:

| Task (User Facility) | Command |
|---|---|
| Select closed user group. | x25 facility cug <i>number</i> x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address cug number</i> |
| Set flow control parameter negotiation values to request on outgoing calls. | x25 facility packetsize <i>in-size out-size</i> x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address packetsize in-size out-size</i> |
| | x25 facility windowsize <i>in-size out-size</i> x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address windowsize in-size out-size</i> |
| Set reverse charging. | x25 facility reverse x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address reverse</i> |
| Allow reverse charging acceptance. | x25 accept-reverse x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address accept-reverse</i> |
| Select throughput class negotiation. | x25 facility throughput <i>in out</i> x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address throughput in out</i> |

| Task (User Facility) | Command |
|--|---|
| Select transit delay. | x25 facility transit-delay <i>number</i> x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address transit-delay number</i> |
| Set the Recognized Private Operation Agency (RPOA) to use. | x25 facility rpoa <i>name</i> x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address rpoa name</i> |
| Set the Cisco standard network user identification. | x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address nuid username password</i> |
| Set a user-defined network user identification allowing format determined by the network administrator | x25 map <i>protocol-keyword protocol-address X.121-address nudata string</i> |

Additionally, the D-bit is supported and passed through transparently. Both restricted and unrestricted fast select are also supported and are transparently handled by the software. No configuration is required for use of the D-bit or fast select facilities.

Set the Packet Numbering Modulo

The Cisco implementation of X.25 supports the extended packet sequence numbering. To use the extended packet sequence, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Set the packet numbering modulo. | x25 modulo <i>modulus</i> |

Note Because the X.25 protocol requires the DTE and DCE to have identical modulo, if the interface is up, changes to the modulo will be held until the X.25 protocol RESTARTs the packet service.

Suppress the Calling Address

You can omit the calling (source) address in outgoing calls. This option is required for networks that expect only subaddresses in the calling address field. To suppress the calling address, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Omit the calling (source) X.121 address in Call Request packets. | x25 suppress-calling-address |

Suppress the Called Address

You can omit the called (destination) address in outgoing calls. This option is required for networks that expect only subaddresses in the called address field. To suppress the called address, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Omit the called (destination) X.121 address in Call Request packets. | x25 suppress-called-address |

Disable Packet-Level Restarts

By default, a packet-level Restart is performed when the link level is reset. This behavior can be disabled for networks that do not allow it, but disabling this behavior can cause anomalous packet layer behavior. To disable packet-level restarts, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Disable packet-level restarts. | no x25 linkrestart |

Define the VC Packet Hold Queue Size

You can define the maximum number of packets that can be held while a virtual circuit is unable to send data. To define the size of the packet hold queue, perform the following task in interface configuration mode:

| Task | Command |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Define the VC packet hold queue size. | x25 hold-queue <i>queue-size</i> |

Monitor and Maintain LAPB and X.25

To monitor and maintain X.25 and LAPB, perform any of the following tasks in EXEC mode:

| Task | Command |
|--|--|
| Clear all virtual circuits at once (calls originated, terminated, and switched by the communication server are cleared), or clear the single VC specified. | clear x25-vc <i>interface-type interface-number [lcn]</i> |
| Display operation statistics for an interface. | show interfaces serial <i>number</i> |
| Display the protocol-to-X.121 address map. | show x25 map |
| Display the one-to-one mapping of the host IP addresses and the remote BFE device's IP addresses. | show x25 remote-red |
| Display details of active VCs. | show x25 vc [<i>lcn</i>] |

Note Appendix A of the *Debug Command Reference* publication describes X.25 diagnostic codes that can appear in these **show command** displays.

LAPB and X.25 Configuration Examples

Use the examples in this section to help you understand how to configure LAPB and X.25 for your network. The examples provided are as follows:

- Typical LAPB Configuration Example
- Typical X.25 Configuration Example
- Example of Setting Virtual Circuit Ranges
- DDN X.25 Configuration Example
- Example of Setting BFE Emergency Mode

- Example of Netbooting over X.25
- X.29 Access List Example
- X.3 Profile Example

Typical LAPB Configuration Example

In the following example, the frame size (N1), window size (k), and maximum retransmission (N2) parameters retain their default values. The **encapsulation** command sets DCE operation for IP packets only, and the **lapb t1** command sets the retransmission timer to 4,000 milliseconds (4 seconds) for a link with a long delay or slow connecting DTE device.

```
interface serial 0
encapsulation lapb-dce
lapb t1 4000
```

Typical X.25 Configuration Example

The following example shows the complete configuration for a serial interface connected to a commercial X.25 PDN for routing the IP protocol. The IP subnetwork address 131.108.9.0 has been assigned for the X.25 network.

Note When routing IP over X.25, the X.25 network must be treated as a single IP network or subnetwork. Map entries for communication servers with addresses on subnetworks other than the one on which the interface's IP address is stored are ignored by the routing software. Additionally, all communication servers using the subnet number should have map entries for all others. There are also issues with the broadcast flag, which apply both to IP and to other protocols with dynamic routing.

```
interface serial 0
ip address 131.108.9.1 255.255.255.0
!
encapsulation X25
!
! The "bandwidth" command is not part of the X.25
! configuration; it's especially important to understand that it doesn't
! have any connection with the X.25 entity of the same name.
!"bandwidth" commands are used by IP routing processes (currently only IGRP),
! to determine which lines are the best choices for traffic.
! Since the default is 1544, and X.25 service at that rate isn't generally
! available, most X.25 interfaces that are being used with IGRP in a
! real environment will have "bandwidth" settings.
!
! This is a 9.6 Kbaud line:
!
bandwidth 10
!
! These Level 3 parameters are default flow control values; they need to
! match the PDN defaults. The values used by an SVC are negotiable on a per-call basis:
!
x25 win 7
x25 wout 7
x25 ips 512
x25 ops 512
!
```

```
! You must specify the X.121 address to be assigned to the X.25
! interface by the PDN.
!
x25 address 31370054065
!
! The following Level 3 parameters have been set to match the network.
! You generally need to change some Level 3 parameters, most often
! those listed below. You may not need to change any Level 2
! parameters, however.
!
x25 htc 32
x25 idle 5
x25 nvc 2
!
! The following commands configure the X.25 map. If you want to exchange
! routing updates with any of the communication servers, they would need
! "broadcast" flags.
! If the X.25 network is the only path to them, static routes are
! generally used to save on packet charges. If there is a redundant
! path, it might be desirable to run a dynamic routing protocol.
!
x25 map IP 131.108.9.3 31370019134 ACCEPT-REVERSE
! (ACCEPT-REVERSE allows collect calls)
x25 map IP 131.108.9.2 31370053087
!
! If the PDN cannot handle fast back-to-back frames, use the
!"transmitter-delay" command to slow down the interface:
!
transmitter-delay 1000
!
```

Example of Setting Virtual Circuit Ranges

The following example sets the following VC ranges: 5 to 20 dedicated to incoming calls only (from the DCE to the DTE), 25 to 1024 for either incoming or outgoing calls, no VC range dedicated to outgoing calls (from the DTE to the DCE). Up to four permanent virtual circuits can be defined on VCs 1 through 4.

```
x25 lic 5
x25 hic 20
x25 ltc 25
```

DDN X.25 Configuration Example

The following example illustrates how to configure a communication server interface to run DDN X.25:

```
interface serial 0
ip address 192.31.7.50 255.255.255.240
encapsulation DDNX25
x25 win 6
x25 wout 6
x25 ips 1024
x25 ops 1024
x25 t20 10
x25 t21 10
x25 t22 10
x25 t23 10
x25 nvc 2
x25 map IP 192.31.7.49 000000010300 BROADCAST
```

Example of Setting BFE Emergency Mode

In the following example, interface serial 0 is configured to require an EXEC command from the administrator before it participates in emergency mode. The host IP address is 21.0.0.12, and the address of the remote BFE unit is 21.0.0.1. When the BFE enters emergency mode, the communication server will prompt the administrator for EXEC command **bfe enter** to direct the communication server to participate in emergency mode.

```
interface serial 0
ip address 21.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
encapsulation bfex25
x25 bfe-emergency decision
x25 remote-red 21.0.0.12 remote-black 21.0.0.1
x25 bfe-decision ask
```

Example of Netbooting over X.25

When netbooting over X.25, you cannot netboot via a broadcast. You must netboot from a specific host. Also, an **x25 map** command must exist for the host that you netboot from. The **x25 map** command is used to map an IP address into an X.121 address. There must be an **x25 map** command that matches the IP address given on the **boot system** command line. The following is an example of such a configuration:

```
boot system gs3-bfx.83-2.0 131.108.13.111
!
interface Serial 1
ip address 131.108.126.200 255.255.255.0
encapsulation X25
x25 address 10004
x25 map IP 131.108.13.111 10002 broadcast
lapb nl 12040
clockrate 56000
```

In this case, 10002 is the X.121 address of the remote communication server that can get to host 131.108.13.111.

The remote communication server must have the following **x25 map** entry:

```
x25 map IP 131.108.126.200 10004 broadcast
```

This entry allows the remote communication server to return a boot image (from the netboot host) to the communication server netbooting over X.25.

X.29 Access List Example

The following example illustrates an X.29 access lists. Incoming permit conditions are set for all IP hosts and LAT nodes that have specific characters in their names. All X.25 connections to a printer are denied. Outgoing connections are list restricted.

```
!  
!Permit all IP hosts and LAT nodes beginning with "VMS".  
!Deny X.25 connections to the printer on line 5.  
!  
access-list 1 permit 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255  
lat access-list 1 permit ^VMS.*  
x29 access-list 1 deny .*  
!  
line vty 5  
access-class 1 in  
!  
!Permit outgoing connections for other lines.  
!  
!Permit IP access with the network 131.108  
access-list 2 permit 131.108.0.0 0.0.255.255  
!  
!Permit LAT access to the boojum/snark complexes.  
lat access-list 2 permit ^boojum$  
lat access-list 2 permit ^snark$  
!  
!Permit X.25 connections to Infonet hosts only.  
x29 access-list 2 permit ^31370  
!  
line vty 0 16  
access-class 2 out  
!
```

X.3 Profile Example

The following profile script turns local edit mode on when the connection is made and establishes local echo and line termination upon receipt of a Return. The name "linemode" is used with the **translate** command to effect use of this script.

```
x29 profile linemode 2:1 3:2 15:1  
translate tcp 131.108.1.26 x25 55551234 profile linemode
```

The X.3 PAD parameters are described in the protocol translation chapter.