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Enterprise Security Baseline

The *Enterprise Security Baseline for LAN, Wireless LAN, and WAN Reference Guide* is based on the leading prac-

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Infrastructure devices such as routers and switches are targets of security attacks because of their unique role in the network. Attacking these devices can enable the ability to deny access to an organization’s resources, can be

Access layer edge ports are typically configured to be in spanning-tree portfast (also known as *edge port*) mode. If a PortFast-configured interface receives a BPDU, an invalid configuration exists, such as the connection of an unauthorized device. The BPDU guard feature prevents loops by moving a non-trunking interface into an

BASELINE SECURITY FOR THE LAYER-3 LAN AND ROUTED WAN

Unicast Routing Protocol

Recommendations for securing the unicast routing protocol in the LAN and WAN:

- Enable router neighbor control by using a default passive interface configuration.
- Enable authentication to all routing neighbors.

You prevent unintended disruptions to your Layer 3 routing infrastructure by limiting neighbor relationships to trusted routing devices.

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  no passive-interface [interface type] [number]
interface [interface type] [number]
  description Link to neighbor EIGRP router
  ip authentication mode eigrp [number] md5
  ip authentication key-chain eigrp [number] [chain name]

router ospf [number]
 address-family ipv4 unicast autonomous-system [AS number]
  passive-interface default
interface [interface type] [number]
  description Link to neighbor OSPF router
  ip ospf message-digest-key 1 md5 [neighbor key]
```

Multicast Routing Protocol

Recommendations for securing the multicast routing protocol in the LAN and WAN:

- Enable protection against rogue multicast traffic sources.

Secure HTTPS and SSH are more secure replacements for the HTTP and Telnet protocols. They use SSL and TLS in order to provide device authentication and data encryption. The SSH and HTTPS protocols enable secure management of the WLAN device. SSH is used for CLI access, and HTTPS is used for GUI access. Both protocols are encrypted for privacy.

Access lists should be applied to limit CLI and web access to networks expected to source appropriate management connections.

If SNMP is required, enable it by using SNMPv3 to encrypt SNMP access to the devices. In the cases where

Device Audit Capability

Recommendations for increasing device audit capability:

- Configure a secure synchronized clock across network devices for audit logs, with the most granular measurements available.
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Additional Considerations after Enabling Baseline Security

Securing an organization’s network requires a defense-in-depth approach. The baseline security configuration recommendations are a starting point for securing devices in ways that are appropriate for most commonly deployed LAN, WLAN, and WAN networks. There are additional device capabilities that you should investigate. They are not covered as part of the baseline because they require extensive tuning, have dependencies on less common network service availability, or are restrictive to specific device hardware capabilities that do not currently have widespread deployment.

Listed here are some examples of capabilities that you should investigate for enhanced security in your organization’s deployment:

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