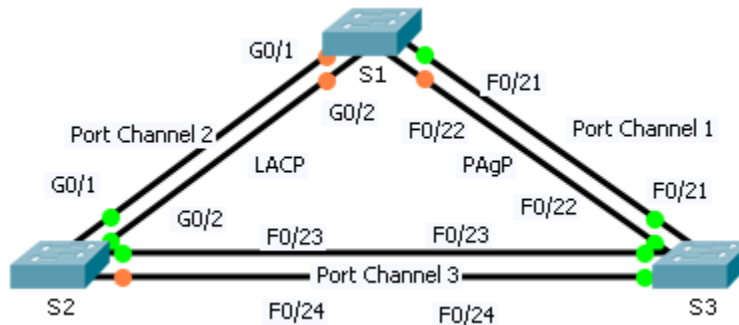


# Packet Tracer – Configuring EtherChannel

## Topology



## Objectives

- Part 1: Configure Basic Switch Settings
- Part 2: Configure an EtherChannel with Cisco PAgP
- Part 3: Configure an 802.3ad LACP EtherChannel
- Part 4: Configure a Redundant EtherChannel Link

## Background

Three switches have just been installed. There are redundant uplinks between the switches. Usually, only one of these links could be used; otherwise, a bridging loop might occur. However, using only one link utilizes only half of the available bandwidth. EtherChannel allows up to eight redundant links to be bundled together into one logical link. In this lab, you will configure Port Aggregation Protocol (PAgP), a Cisco EtherChannel protocol, and Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP), an IEEE 802.3ad open standard version of EtherChannel.

## Part 1: Configure Basic Switch Settings

### Step 1: Configure basic switch parameters.

- a. Assign each switch a hostname according to the topology diagram.
- b. Configure all required ports as trunks, depending on the connections between devices.

**Note:** If the ports are configured with dynamic auto mode, and you do not set the mode of the ports to trunk, the links do not form trunks and remain access ports. The default mode on a 2960 switch is dynamic auto.

## Part 2: Configure an EtherChannel with Cisco PAgP

**Note:** When configuring EtherChannels, it is recommended to shut down the physical ports being grouped on both devices before configuring them into channel groups. Otherwise, the EtherChannel Misconfig Guard may place these ports into err-disabled state. The ports and port channels can be re-enabled after EtherChannel is configured.

### Step 1: Configure Port Channel 1.

- The first EtherChannel created for this activity aggregates ports F0/22 and F0/21 between **S1** and **S3**. Use the **show interfaces trunk** command to ensure that you have an active trunk link for those two links.
- On both switches, add ports F0/21 and F0/22 to Port Channel 1 with the **channel-group 1 mode desirable** command. The **mode desirable** option enables the switch to actively negotiate to form a PAgP link.
- Configure the logical interface to become a trunk by first entering the **interface port-channel number** command and then the **switchport mode trunk** command. Add this configuration to both switches.

### Step 2: Verify Port Channel 1 status.

- Issue the **show etherchannel summary** command to verify that EtherChannel is working on both switches. This command displays the type of EtherChannel, the ports utilized, and port states.
- If the EtherChannel does not come up, shut down the physical interfaces on both ends of the EtherChannel and then bring them back up again. This involves using the **shutdown** command on those interfaces, followed by a **no shutdown** command a few seconds later.

The **show interfaces trunk** and **show spanning-tree** commands also show the port channel as one logical link.

## Part 3: Configure an 802.3ad LACP EtherChannel

### Step 1: Configure Port Channel 2.

- In 2000, the IEEE released 802.3ad, which is an open standard version of EtherChannel. Using the previous commands, configure the link between **S1** and **S2** on ports G0/1 and G0/2 as an LACP EtherChannel. You must use a different port channel number on **S1** than 1, because you already used that in the previous step. To configure a port channel as LACP, use the interface configuration mode **channel-group number mode active** command. Active mode indicates that the switch actively tries to negotiate that link as LACP, as opposed to PAgP.

### Step 2: Verify Port Channel 2 status.

- Use the **show** commands from Part 1 Step 2 to verify the status of Port Channel 2. Look for the protocol used by each port.

## Part 4: Configure a Redundant EtherChannel Link

### Step 1: Configure Port Channel 3.

There are various ways to enter the **channel-group number mode** command:

```
S2(config)# interface range f0/23 - 24
S2(config-if-range)# channel-group 3 mode ?
  active      Enable LACP unconditionally
  auto        Enable PAgP only if a PAgP device is detected
  desirable   Enable PAgP unconditionally
  on          Enable Etherchannel only
  passive     Enable LACP only if a LACP device is detected
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- On switch **S2**, add ports F0/23 and F0/24 to Port Channel 3 with the **channel-group 3 mode passive** command. The **passive** option indicates that you want the switch to use LACP only if another LACP device is detected. Statically configure Port Channel 3 as a trunk interface.

- b. On switch **S3**, add ports F0/23 and F0/24 to Port Channel 3 with the **channel-group 3 mode active** command. The **active** option indicates that you want the switch to use LACP unconditionally. Statically configure Port Channel 3 as a trunk interface.

### Step 2: Verify Port Channel 3 status.

- a. Use the **show** commands from Part 1 Step 2 to verify the status of Port Channel 3. Look for the protocol used by each port.
- b. Port Channel 2 is not operative because spanning tree protocol placed some ports into blocking mode. Unfortunately, those ports were Gigabit ports. To restore these ports, configure **S1** to be **primary** root for VLAN 1 or set the priority to **24576**.