



# PIM Dense Mode State Refresh

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This feature module describes the Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) Dense Mode (DM) State Refresh feature, which is an extension to the dense operational mode of the PIM Version 2 multicast routing architecture.

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## Finding Feature Information

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## Prerequisite for PIM Dense Mode State Refresh

- PIM dense mode is enabled on an interface. By default, all PIM devices that are running a Cisco software release that supports the PIM Dense Mode State Refresh feature automatically process and forward state refresh control messages.



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## Restrictions on PIM Dense Mode State Refresh

- All devices in a PIM dense mode network must run a software release that supports the PIM Dense Mode State Refresh feature to process and forward state refresh control messages.
- The origination interval for the state refresh control message must be the same for all PIM devices on the same LAN. Specifically, the same origination interval must be configured on each device interface that is directly connected to the LAN.

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## PIM Dense Mode State Refresh Overview

The PIM Dense Mode State Refresh feature is an extension of the PIM Version 2 multicast routing architecture.

PIM dense mode builds source-based multicast distribution trees that operate on a flood and prune principle. Multicast packets from a source are flooded to all areas of a PIM dense mode network. PIM devices that receive multicast packets and have no directly connected multicast group members or PIM neighbors send a prune message back up the source-based distribution tree toward the source of the packets. As a result, subsequent multicast packets are not flooded to pruned branches of the distribution tree. However, the pruned state in PIM dense mode times out approximately every 3 minutes and the entire PIM dense mode network is reflooded with multicast packets and prune messages. This reflooding of unwanted traffic throughout the PIM dense mode network consumes network bandwidth.

The PIM Dense Mode State Refresh feature keeps the pruned state in PIM dense mode from timing out by periodically forwarding a control message down the source-based distribution tree. The control message refreshes the prune state on the outgoing interfaces of each device in the distribution tree.

## Benefits of PIM Dense Mode State Refresh

The PIM Dense Mode State Refresh feature keeps the pruned state in PIM dense mode from timing out, which saves network bandwidth by greatly reducing the reflooding of unwanted multicast traffic to pruned branches of the PIM dense mode network. This feature also enables PIM devices in a PIM dense mode multicast network to recognize topology changes (sources joining or leaving a multicast group) before the default 3-minute state refresh timeout period.

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## Configuring PIM Dense Mode State Refresh

There are no configuration tasks for enabling the PIM Dense Mode State Refresh feature. By default, all PIM devices that are running a Cisco software release that supports the PIM Dense Mode State Refresh feature automatically process and forward state refresh control messages.

To disable the processing and forwarding of state refresh control messages on a PIM device, use the **ip pim state-refresh disable** global configuration command. To enable state refresh again if it has been disabled, use the **no ip pim state-refresh disable** global configuration command.

The origination of state refresh control messages is disabled by default. To configure the origination of the control messages on a PIM device, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode:

| Command   | Purpose  |
|---|--|
| Device(config)# <b>interface</b> <i>type number</i>                                     | Specifies an interface and places the device in interface configuration mode.  |
| Device(config-if)# <b>ip pim state-refresh origination-interval</b> [ <i>interval</i> ] | Configures the origination of the PIM Dense Mode State Refresh control message. Optionally, you can configure the number of seconds between control messages by using the <i>interval</i> argument. The default interval is 60 seconds. The interval range is 1 second to 100 seconds. |

## Verifying PIM Dense Mode State Refresh Configuration

Use the **show ip pim interface** [*type number*] **detail** and the **show ip pim neighbor** [*interface*] commands to verify that the PIM Dense Mode State Refresh feature is configured correctly. The following sample output indicates that processing, forwarding, and origination of state refresh control messages is enabled.

```
Device# show ip pim interface fastethernet 0/1/0 detail
FastEthernet0/1/0 is up, line protocol is up
  Internet address is 172.16.8.1/24
  Multicast switching:process
  Multicast packets in/out:0/0
  Multicast boundary:not set
  Multicast TTL threshold:0
  PIM:enabled
    PIM version:2, mode:dense
    PIM DR:172.16.8.1 (this system)
    PIM neighbor count:0
    PIM Hello/Query interval:30 seconds
    PIM State-Refresh processing:enabled
    PIM State-Refresh origination:enabled, interval:60 seconds
    PIM NBMA mode:disabled
    PIM ATM multipoint signalling:disabled
    PIM domain border:disabled
  Multicast Tagswitching:disabled
```

The S in the Mode field of the following **show ip pim neighbor** [*interface*] command output indicates that the neighbor has the PIM Dense Mode State Refresh feature configured.

```
Device# show ip pim neighbor
PIM Neighbor Table
Neighbor          Interface          Uptime/Expires    Ver  DR
Address
172.16.5.1        Ethernet1/1        00:09:03/00:01:41 v2   1 / B S
```

## Monitoring and Maintaining PIM DM State Refresh

The following sample output from the **debug ip pim** command includes PIM Dense Mode State Refresh control messages that are sent and received by a specified PIM device:

```
Device# debug ip pim 239.0.0.1
*Mar 1 00:25:10.416:PIM:Originating refresh message for
(172.16.8.3,239.0.0.1)
*Mar 1 00:25:10.416:PIM:Send SR on GigabitEthernet1/1/0 for (172.16.8.3,239.0.0.1)
TTL=9
```

The following output from the **show ip mroute** command displays the resulting prune timer changes for GigabitEthernet interface 1/0/0 and multicast group 239.0.0.1. (The following output assumes that the **debug ip pim** privileged EXEC command has already been configured on the device.) In the first output from the **show ip mroute** command, the prune timer reads 00:02:06. The debug messages indicate that a PIM Dense Mode State Refresh control message is received and sent on Ethernet interface 1/0, and that other PIM Dense Mode State Refresh devices were discovered. In the second output from the **show ip mroute** command, the prune timer has been reset to 00:02:55.

```
Device# show ip mroute 239.0.0.1
(172.16.8.3, 239.0.0.1), 00:09:50/00:02:06, flags:PT
  Incoming interface:GigabitEthernet1/1/0, RPF nbr 172.16.5.2
  Outgoing interface list:
    GigabitEthernet1/0/0, Prune/Dense, 00:09:43/00:02:06
Device#
*Mar 1 00:32:06.657:PIM:SR on iif from 172.16.5.2 orig 172.16.8.1 for
(172.16.8.3,239.0.0.1)
*Mar 1 00:32:06.661:      flags:prune-indicator
*Mar 1 00:32:06.661:PIM:Cached metric is [0/0]
*Mar 1 00:32:06.661:PIM:Keep RPF nbr 172.16.5.2
*Mar 1 00:32:06.661:PIM:Send SR on Ethernet1/0 for (172.16.8.3,239.0.0.1)
TTL=8
*Mar 1 00:32:06.661:      flags:prune-indicator
Device# show ip mroute 239.0.0.1
(172.16.8.3, 239.0.0.1), 00:10:01/00:02:55, flags:PT
  Incoming interface:GigabitEthernet1/1/0, RPF nbr 172.16.5.2
  Outgoing interface list:
    GigabitEthernet1/0/0, Prune/Dense, 00:09:55/00:02:55
```

## Configuration Examples for PIM Dense Mode State Refresh

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### Example: Originating Processing and Forwarding PIM Dense Mode State Refresh Control Messages

The following example is for a PIM device that is originating, processing, and forwarding PIM Dense Mode State Refresh control messages on Fast Ethernet interface 0/1/0 every 60 seconds:

```
ip multicast-routing distributed
interface FastEthernet0/1/0
 ip address 172.16.8.1 255.255.255.0
 ip pim state-refresh origination-interval 60
 ip pim dense-mode
```

## Example: Processing and Forwarding PIM Dense Mode State Refresh Control Messages

The following example is for a PIM device that is just processing and forwarding PIM Dense Mode State Refresh control messages on Fast Ethernet interface 1/1/0:

```
ip multicast-routing
interface FastEthernet1/1/0
 ip address 172.16.7.3 255.255.255.0
 ip pim dense-mode
```

## Additional References

### Related Documents

| Related Topic   | Document Title                                  |
|---|---|
| The PIM Dense Mode State Refresh feature is an extension of the PIM Version 2 multicast routing architecture            | “Configuring Basic IP Multicast” module         |
| IP multicast commands: complete command syntax, command mode, defaults, command history, usage guidelines, and examples | <i>Cisco IOS IP Multicast Command Reference</i> |

### Standards

| Standard  | Title |
|---|-------|
| No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature. | --    |

### MIBs

| MIB  | MIBs Link  |
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**RFCs**

| RFC  | Title |
|--|-------|
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**Technical Assistance**

| Description   | Link  |
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## Feature Information for PIM Dense Mode State Refresh

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**Table 1** Feature Information for PIM Dense Mode State Refresh

| Feature Name                 | Releases  | Feature Information  |
|------------------------------|-----------|--|
| PIM Dense Mode State Refresh | 12.2(13)T | The PIM Dense Mode State Refresh feature is an extension to the pim-dm protocol. It removes the periodic reflood on pruned branches in the Dense Mode PIM cloud. |

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