

Configuring Traffic Mirroring

This module describes the configuration of the traffic mirroring feature. Traffic mirroring is sometimes called port mirroring, or switched port analyzer (SPAN). You can then pass this traffic to a destination port on the same router.

Feature Release History

Release	Modification
Release 7.0.2	SPAN over Pseudo-Wire was introduced.
Release 7.2.1	File Mirroring was introduced.
Release 7.3.1	PCAPng file format was introduced.

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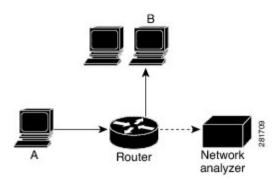
Introduction to Traffic Mirroring

Traffic mirroring, also referred to as Port mirroring or Switched Port Analyzer (SPAN), is a Cisco proprietary feature that enables you to monitor network traffic passing in or out of a set of ports on a router. You can then mirror this traffic to a remote destination or a destination port on the same router.

Traffic mirroring copies traffic from one or more source ports and sends the copied traffic to one or more destinations for analysis by a network analyzer or other monitoring devices. Traffic mirroring does not affect the flow of traffic on the source interfaces or sub-interfaces. It allows the mirrored traffic to be sent to a destination interface or sub-interface.

For example, you can attach a traffic or network analyzer to the router and capture the ethernet traffic that is sent by host A to host B.

Figure 1: Traffic Mirroring Operation



Traffic Mirroring Terminology

- Ingress Traffic Traffic that comes into the router.
- Egress Traffic Traffic that goes out of the router.
- Source port—A port that is monitored with the use of traffic mirroring. It is also called a monitored port.
- Destination port—A port that monitors source ports, usually where a network analyzer is connected. It is also called a monitoring port.
- Monitor session—A designation for a collection of SPAN configurations consisting of a single destination and, potentially, one or many source ports.

Traffic Mirroring Types

These are the supported traffic mirroring types.

- Local SPAN
- Remote SPAN
- SPAN on Subinterfaces
- · ACL-based SPAN
- ERSPAN
- SPAN over Pseudowire
- SPAN-to-File, on page 22
- File Mirroring

Characteristics of Source Port

A source port, also called a monitored port, is a routed port that you monitor for network traffic analysis. In a single traffic mirroring session, you can monitor source port traffic. The routers support a maximum of up to 800 source ports.

A source port has these characteristics:

- It can be any data port type, such as Bundle Interface, 100 Gigabit Ethernet physical port, or 10 Gigabit Ethernet physical port.
- Each source port can be monitored in only one traffic mirroring session.
- When a port is used as a source port, the same port cannot be used as a destination port.
- Each source port can be configured with a direction (ingress, egress, or both) to monitor local traffic mirroring. Remote traffic mirroring is supported both in the ingress and egress directions. For bundles, the monitored direction applies to all physical ports in the group.

Characteristics of Monitor Session

A monitor session is a collection of traffic mirroring configurations consisting of a single destination and, potentially, many source interfaces. For any given monitor session, the traffic from the source interfaces (called *source ports*) is sent to the monitoring port or destination port. If there are more than one source port in a monitoring session, the traffic from the several mirrored traffic streams is combined at the destination port. The result is that the traffic that comes out of the destination port is a combination of the traffic from one or more source ports.

Monitor sessions have these characteristics:

- A single monitor session can have only one destination port.
- A single destination port can belong to only one monitor session.
- A monitor session can have a maximum of 800 source ports. This maximum limit is applicable only when the maximum number of source ports from all monitoring sessions does not exceed 800.

Characteristics of Destination Port

Each session must have a destination port or file that receives a copy of the traffic from the source ports.

A destination port has these characteristics:

- A destination port cannot be a source port.
- A destination port must reside on the same router as the source port for local traffic mirroring. For remote mirroring, the destination is always a GRE tunnel.
- For remote mirroring, the destination is a GRE tunnel.
- A destination port for local mirroring can be any Ethernet physical port, EFP, GRE tunnel interface, or bundle interface. It can be a Layer 2 or Layer 3 transport interface.
- A destination port on router cannot be a VLAN subinterface.
- At any time, a destination port can participate in only one traffic mirroring session. A destination port
 in one traffic mirroring session cannot be a destination port for a second traffic mirroring session. In
 other words, no two monitor sessions can have the same destination port.

Supported Scale

This list provides scale supported on the NCS 560 routers for traffic mirroring.

Restrictions

Generic Restrictions

The following are the generic restrictions related to traffic mirroring:

- Partial mirroring and sampled mirroring are not supported.
- Sub-interface configured as source interface is not supported on SPAN.
- The destination bundle interfaces flap when:
 - both the mirror source and destination are bundle interfaces in the Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) mode.
 - mirror packets next-hop is a router or a switch instead of a traffic analyzer.

This behavior is observed due to a mismatch of LACP packets on the next-hop bundle interface due to the mirroring of LACP packets on the source bundle interface.

- Bridge group virtual interfaces (BVIs) are not supported as source ports or destination ports.
- Bundle members cannot be used as destination ports.
- Fragmentation of mirror copies is not handled by SPAN when SPAN destination MTU is less than the packet size. Existing behaviour if the MTU of destination interface is less than the packet size is as below:

Platforms	Rx SPAN	Tx SPAN
NCS 5500	Mirror copies are not fragmented. Receives whole packets as mirror copies.	1 0

You can configure the SPAN destination with an MTU which is greater than the packet size.

• SPAN only supports port-level source interfaces.

ACL-based SPAN Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to SPAN-ACL:

• Table 1: SPAN-ACL Support

Platforms	Rx Direction	Tx Direction
NCS 5500	Supported at the port level, that is, in the ingress direction for IPv4 or IPv6 ACLs.	Not supported.

• MPLS traffic cannot be captured with SPAN-ACL.

- ACL for any MPLS traffic is not supported.
- Traffic mirroring counters are not supported.
- ACL-based traffic mirroring is not supported with Layer 2 (ethernet-services) ACLs.
- Main interface as span source interface and ACL with the **capture** keyword on same main interface's sub-interface are not supported.
- If a SPAN session with the **acl** keyword is applied on an interface with no ACL rule attached to that interface, SPAN happens without any filtering.

ERSPAN Restrictions

This section provides the restrictions that apply to ERSPAN and multiple ERSPAN sessions.

The following restrictions apply to ERSPAN:

- The value of ERSPAN session-ID is always zero. IOS XR command for configuring ERSPAN is not available.
- ERSPAN next-hop must have ARP resolved. Any other traffic or protocol will trigger ARP.
- ERSPAN packets with outgoing interface having MPLS encapsulation are not supported.
 - Additional routers may encapsulate in MPLS.
- ERSPAN sessions can be created only on physical interfaces. The sessions cannot be created on sub-interfaces.
- ERSPAN decapsulation is not supported.
- ERSPAN does not work if the GRE next hop is reachable over sub-interface. For ERSPAN to work, the next hop must be reachable over the main interface.
- ERSPAN decapsulation is not supported. Tunnel destination should be network analyzer.

Multiple ERSPAN Restrictions

- All sessions under the source port should have SPAN access control list (ACL) enabled.
- A few sessions with SPAN ACL and a few without SPAN ACLs in the same source interface are not supported.
- No two sessions should have the same ACL in the same source interface. Each session should have a different ACL.
- Multiple sessions without ACL in the same interface are not supported.
- Multi-SPAN ACL does not support the **Deny** action.
- One SPAN session with the keyword ACL (use security acl as the keyword) and other SPAN sessions
 with the keyword SPAN ACL are not supported.
- At a time, you can make only one mirror copy of a packet.
- Capturing keywords is not required.
- Multiple sessions under the same interface cannot have a combination of directions. Only RX is supported.

SPAN over Pseudowire Restrictions

SPAN over Psedowire (PW-SPAN) does not support the listed functionalities:

- •
- Monitor session statistics
- · Partial packet SPAN
- Sampled SPAN

SPAN-to-File Restrictions

SPAN to File has the following restrictions:

- A maximum of 1000 source ports are supported across the system. Individual platforms may support lower numbers. The SPAN session may be any of these currently supported classes: Ethernet, IPv4, IPv6, MPLS-IPv4, and MPLS-IPv6.
- Provides a buffer range of 1000-1000000 KB. The default buffer size is set to 1000 KB.
- Provides support for SPAN source.
 - Each source port can be monitored in only one traffic mirroring session.
 - Each source port can be configured with a direction (ingress, egress, or both) to monitor local traffic mirroring.
- Only port-level is supported.
- VLAN interface as source port is not supported.
- Bundle members as source interfaces are not supported.
- Filtering based on Egress ACL is not supported.
- Source port statistics is not supported.
- Span to file mirror packets are punted from NPU to CPU at a maximum shaper rate of 40 mbps.

File Mirroring Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to file mirroring:

- Supported only on Dual RP systems.
- Supports syncing only from active to standby RP. If files are copied into standby /harddisk:/mirror location, it won't be synced to active RP.
- A slight delay is observed in show mirror command output when mirror checksum configuration is enabled.
- Not supported on multichassis systems.

Forward-Drop Packets Mirroring Restrictions

These are some restrictions for Forward-Drop packets mirroring:

- Only one global forward-drop session can be configured on a router.
- When traffic-class is configured under monitor-session for forward-drop, the type of service (ToS) byte of the outgoing ERSPAN packet is overwritten with the configured traffic-class value.
- In-band traffic destined to router management interface cannot be captured using this functionality.

SPAN Types, Supported Features, and Configurations

Local SPAN

This is the most basic form of traffic mirroring. The network analyzer or sniffer is attached directly to the destination interface. In other words, all monitored ports are located on the same router as the destination port.

Remote SPAN

Configure Remote Traffic Mirroring

Procedure

Step 1 configure

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure

Enters global configuration mode.

Step 2 monitor-session session-name

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # monitor-session mon1 ethernet
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon) #

Defines a monitor session and enters monitor session configuration mode.

Step 3 destination interface subinterface

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)# destination interface TenGigE 0/2/0/4.1

Specifies the destination subinterface to which traffic is replicated.

Step 4 exit

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#

Exits monitor session configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

Step 5 interface *type number*

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # interface HundredGigE 0/0/1/0
```

Enters interface configuration mode for the specified source interface. The interface number is entered in *rack/slot/module/port* notation. For more information about the syntax for the router, use the question mark (?) online help function.

Step 6 monitor-session session-name ethernet direction rx-onlyport-only

Example:

```
\label{eq:rpolicy}  \mbox{RPO/CPU0:router(config-if) \# monitor-session mon1 ethernet direction rx-only port-only}
```

Specifies the monitor session to be used on this interface. Use the **direction** keyword to specify that only ingress or egress traffic is mirrored.

Step 7 end or commit

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) # end
or
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) # commit
```

Saves configuration changes.

• When you issue the **end** command, the system prompts you to commit changes:

```
Uncommitted changes found, commit them before exiting (yes/no/cancel)? [cancel]:
```

- Entering **yes** saves configuration changes to the running configuration file, exits the configuration session, and returns the router to EXEC mode.
- Entering **no** exits the configuration session and returns the router to EXEC mode without committing the configuration changes.
- Entering **cancel** leaves the router in the current configuration session without exiting or committing the configuration changes.
- Use the **commit** command to save the configuration changes to the running configuration file and remain within the configuration session.

Use the **commit** command to save the configuration changes to the running configuration file and remain within the configuration session.

Step 8 show monitor-session [session-name] status [detail] [error]

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session
```

Displays information about the traffic mirroring session.

Example

This example shows the basic configuration for traffic mirroring with physical interfaces.

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # monitor-session ms1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)# destination interface HundredGigE0/2/0/15
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)# commit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # interface TenGigE0/2/0/19
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# monitor-session ms1 port-level
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# commit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # interface TenGigE0/2/0/19
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# monitor-session ms1 direction rx-only port-level
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# commit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface TenGigE0/2/0/19
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# monitor-session ms1 direction tx-only port-level
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# commit
```

This example shows sample output of the show monitor-session command with the status keyword:

```
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status
Monitor-session cisco-rtp1
Destination interface HundredGigE 0/5/0/38
Source Interface Dir Status
TenGigE0/5/0/4 Both Operational
TenGigE0/5/0/17 Both Operational
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status detail
Monitor-session sess1
Destination interface is not configured
Source Interfaces
TenGigE0/1/0/0
Direction: Both
ACL match: Disabled
Portion: Full packet
Status: Not operational (destination interface not known).
TenGigE0/1/0/1
Direction: Both
ACL match: Disabled
Portion: First 100 bytes
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status error
Monitor-session ms1
Destination interface TenGigE0/2/0/15 is not configured
Source Interface Dir Status
Monitor-session ms2
Destination interface is not configured
Source Interface Dir Status
```

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session test status
Monitor-session test (ipv4)
Destination Nexthop 255.254.254.4
______
Source Interface Dir Status
{\rm Gi0/0/0/2.2} Rx Not operational (source same as destination)
Gi0/0/0/2.3 Rx Not operational (Destination not active)
Gi0/0/0/2.4 Rx Operational
Gi0/0/0/4 Rx Error: see detailed output for explanation
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session test status error
Monitor-session test
Destination Nexthop ipv4 address 255.254.254.4
______
Source Interface Status
        ______
Gi0/0/0/4 < Error: FULL Error Details >
```

SPAN on Subinterfaces

VLAN Subinterface as Source for Traffic Mirroring

VLAN subinterface provides the flexibility to monitor ingress or egress, or both ingress/egress traffic from all the active subinterfaces of the source VLAN. The active subinterfaces in the source VLAN are considered as source subinterfaces. When subinterfaces are added or removed from the source VLAN, the corresponding traffic is added or removed from the monitoring sources.

VLAN Interface as Source for Traffic Mirroring

Configuration Example

```
Router# configure
Router(config)# monitor-session mon1 ethernet
Router(config-mon)# destination interface tunnel-ip 3
Router(config-mon)# exit
Router(config)# interface HundredGigE 0/1/0/1.10
Router(config-subif)#
Router(config-if-mon)# commit
```

Running Configuration

```
Router# show run monitor-session mon1
monitor-session mon1 ethernet
destination interface tunnel-ip3
!

Router# show run interface HundredGigE 0/1/0/1.10
interface HundredGigE0/1/0/1.10
encapsulation dot1q 10
ipv4 address 101.1.2.1 255.255.252
monitor-session mon1 ethernet
!
!
```

Verification

VLAN Interface as Source for Traffic Mirroring

Configuration Example

```
Router# configure
Router(config)# controller optics 0/0/0/1
Router(config-Optics)# mode etm
Router(config-Optics)# exit
Router(config)# interface HundredGigE 0/1/0/1.10
Router(config-subif)#
Router(config-if-mon)# commit
```

Running Configuration

```
Router# show run monitor-session mon1
monitor-session mon1 ethernet
destination interface tunnel-ip3
!

Router# show run interface HundredGigE 0/1/0/1.10
interface HundredGigE0/1/0/1.10
encapsulation dot1q 20
ipv4 address 102.1.2.1 255.255.252
monitor-session mon1 ethernet
!
!
!
```

Verification

Monitoring Traffic Mirroring on a Layer 2 Interface

This section describes the configuration for monitoring traffic on a Layer 2 interface.

Configuration

To monitor traffic mirroring on a Layer 2 interface, configure the monitor under 12transport sub-config of the interface:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface TenGigE0/0/0/42
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# 12transport
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if-12)# monitor-session EASTON ethernet port-level
```

Verification

ACL-based SPAN

Traffic is mirrored based on the configuration of the interface ACL.

You can mirror traffic based on the definition of an interface access control list. When you mirror Layer 3 traffic, the ACL is configured using the **ipv4 access-list** or the **ipv6 access-list** command with the **capture** option. The **permit** and **deny** commands determine if the packets in the traffic are permitted or denied. The **capture** option designates the packet is to be mirrored to the destination port, and it is supported only on permit type of Access Control Entries (ACEs).



Note

Prior to Release 6.5.1, ACL-based traffic mirroring required the use of UDK (User-Defined TCAM Key) with the **enable-capture** option so that the **capture** option can be configured in the ACL.

Configuring Security ACLs for Traffic Mirroring

This section describes the configuration for creating security ACLs for traffic mirroring.

In ACL-based traffic mirroring, traffic is mirrored based on the configuration of the interface ACL. You can mirror traffic based on the definition of an interface access control list. When you're mirroring Layer 3 or Layer 2 traffic, the ACL is configured using the **ipv4 access-list** or the **ipv6 access-list** command with the **capture** option. The **permit** and **deny** commands determine the behavior of the regular traffic.

Configure an IPv4 ACL for Traffic Mirroring

Use the following steps to configure ACLs for traffic mirroring.

```
/* Create an IPv4 ACL (TM-ACL) for traffic mirroring */
Router(config)# ipv4 access-list TM-ACL
Router(config-ipv4-acl)# 10 permit udp 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 eq 10 any capture
Router(config-ipv4-acl)# 20 permit udp 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 eq 20 any
Router(config-ipv4-acl)# exit
Router(config)# commit

/* Validate the configuration */
Router(config)# show run
Thu May 17 11:17:49.968 IST
Building configuration...
!! IOS XR Configuration 0.0.0
!! Last configuration change at Thu May 17 11:17:47 2018 by user
...
```

```
ipv4 access-list TM-ACL
  10 permit udp 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 eq 10 any capture
  20 permit udp 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 eq 20 any
!
...
```

You have successfully configured an IPv4 ACL for traffic mirroring.

Configuring UDF-Based Security ACL for Traffic Mirroring

Before you begin

This section describes the configuration steps for UDF-based security ACLs for traffic mirroring.

Procedure

Step 1 configure

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
```

Enters global configuration mode.

Step 2 udf udf-name header {inner | outer} {12 | 13 | 14} offset offset-in-bytes length length-in-bytes

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # udf udf3 header outer 14 offset 0 length 1
(config-mon) #
```

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# udf udf3 header inner 14 offset 10 length 2
(config-mon)#
```

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # udf udf3 header outer 14 offset 50 length 1
(config-mon) #
```

Configures individual UDF definitions. You can specify the name of the UDF, the networking header from which offset, and the length of data to be extracted.

The **inner** or **outer** keywords indicate the start of the offset from the unencapsulated Layer 3 or Layer 4 headers, or if there is an encapsulated packet, they indicate the start of offset from the inner L3/L4.

Note The maximum offset allowed, from the start of any header, is 63 bytes

The **length** keyword specifies, in bytes, the length from the offset. The range is from 1 to 4.

Step 3 ipv4 access-list acl-name

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config))# ipv4 access-list acl1
```

Creates ACL and enters IP ACL configuration mode. The length of the *acl-name* argument can be up to 64 characters.

Step 4 permit regular-ace-match-criteria udf udf-name1 value1 ... udf-name8 value8

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-ipv4-acl)# 10 permit ipv4 any any udf udf1 0x1234 0xffff udf3 0x56 0xff capture
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-ipv4-acl)# 30 permit ipv4 any any dscp af11 udf udf5 0x22 0x22 capture

Configures ACL with UDF match.

Step 5 exit

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-ipv4-acl)# exit

Exits IP ACL configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

Step 6 interfacetype number

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # interface HundredGigE 0/0/1/0

Configures interface and enters interface configuration mode.

Step 7 ipv4 access-group acl-name ingress

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) # ipv4 access-group acl1 ingress

Applies access list to an interface.

Step 8 commit

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# commit

Applies access list to an interface.

Verifying UDF-based Security ACL

Use the **show monitor-session status detail** command to verify the configuration of UDF on security ACL.

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:leaf1# show monitor-session 1 status detail

```
Fri May 12 19:40:39.429 UTC
Monitor-session 1
Destination interface tunnel-ip3
Source Interfaces
-----
TenGigE0/0/0/15
Direction: Rx-only
```

Port level: True

ACL match: Enabled

Portion: Full packet

Interval: Mirror all packets

Status: Not operational (destination not active)

Attaching the Configurable Source Interface

Procedure

Step 1 configure

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure

Enters global configuration mode.

Step 2 interface *type number*

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # interface HundredGigE 0/0/1/0

Enters interface configuration mode for the specified source interface. The interface number is entered in *rack/slot/module/port* notation. For more information about the syntax for the router, use the question mark (?) online help function.

Step 3 ipv4 access-group acl-name {ingress | egress}

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# ipv4 access-group acl1 ingress

Controls access to an interface.

Step 4 monitor-session session-name ethernet direction rx-onlyport-level acl

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) # monitor-session mon1 ethernet direction rx-only port-level
acl
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if-mon) #
```

Attaches a monitor session to the source interface and enters monitor session configuration mode.

Note rx-only specifies that only ingress traffic is replicated.

Step 5 acl

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if-mon)# acl
```

Specifies that the traffic mirrored is according to the defined ACL.

Note If an ACL is configured by name, then this step overrides any ACL that may be configured on the interface.

Step 6 exit

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if-mon)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#
```

Exits monitor session configuration mode and returns to interface configuration mode.

Step 7 end or commit

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# end
or
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# commit
```

Saves configuration changes.

• When you issue the **end** command, the system prompts you to commit changes:

```
Uncommitted changes found, commit them before exiting (yes/no/cancel)? [cancel]:
```

- Entering **yes** saves configuration changes to the running configuration file, exits the configuration session, and returns the router to EXEC mode.
- Entering **no** exits the configuration session and returns the router to EXEC mode without committing the configuration changes.
- Entering **cancel** leaves the router in the current configuration session without exiting or committing the configuration changes.
- Use the **commit** command to save the configuration changes to the running configuration file and remain within the configuration session.

Step 8 show monitor-session [session-name] status [detail] [error]

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status
```

Displays information about the monitor session.

ERSPAN

Encapsulated Remote Switched Port Analyzer (ERSPAN) transports mirrored traffic over an IP network. The traffic is encapsulated at the source router and is transferred across the network. The packet is decapsulated at the destination router and then sent to the destination interface.

Encapsulated Remote SPAN (ERSPAN) enables generic routing encapsulation (GRE) for all captured traffic and allows it to be extended across Layer 3 domains.

ERSPAN involves mirroring traffic through a GRE tunnel to a remote site. For more information on configuring the GRE tunnel that is used as the destination for the monitor sessions, see the chapter *Configuring GRE Tunnels*.



Note

A copy of every packet includes the Layer 2 header if the ethernet keyword is configured. As this renders the mirrored packets unroutable, the end point of the GRE tunnel must be the network analyzer.

Introduction to ERSPAN Egress Rate Limit

With ERSPAN egress rate limit feature, you can monitor traffic flow through any IP network. This includes third-party switches and routers.

ERSAPN operates in the following modes:

- ERSPAN Source Session box where the traffic originates (is SPANned).
- ERSPAN Termination Session or Destination Session box where the traffic is analyzed.

This feature provides rate limiting of the mirroring traffic or the egress traffic. With rate limiting, you can limit the amount of egress traffic to a specific rate, which prevents the network and remote ERSPAN destination traffic overloading. Be informed, if the egress rate-limit exceeds then the system may cap or drop the monitored traffic.

You can configure the QoS parameters on the traffic monitor session.

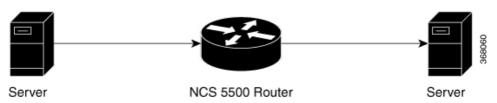
- Traffic Class (0 through 7)
 - Traffic class 0 has the lowest priority and 7 the highest.
 - The default traffic class is the same as that of the original traffic class.
- The Discard Class (0 through 2):
 - The default is 0.
 - The discard class configuration is used in WRED.

Benefits

With ERSPAN Egress rate limit feature, you can limit the egress traffic or the mirrored and use the mirrored traffic for data analysis.

Topology

Figure 2: Topology for ERSPAN Egress Rate Limit



The encapsulated packet for ERSPAN is in ARPA/IP format with GRE encapsulation. The system sends the GRE tunneled packet to the destination box identified by an IP address. At the destination box, SPAN-ASIC decodes this packet and sends out the packets through a port. ERSPAN egress rate limit feature is applied on the router egress interface to rate limit the monitored traffic.

The intermediate switches carrying ERSPAN traffic from source session to termination session can belong to any L3 network.

Configure ERSPAN Egress Rate Limit

Use the following steps to configure ERSPAN egress rate limit:

```
monitor-session ERSPAN ethernet
destination interface tunnel-ip1
!

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:pyke-008#sh run int tunnel-ip 1
interface tunnel-ip1
ipv4 address 4.4.4.1 255.255.255.0
tunnel mode gre ipv4
tunnel source 20.1.1.1
tunnel destination 20.1.1.2
!

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:pyke-008#sh run int hundredGigE 0/0/0/16
interface HundredGigE0/0/0/16
ipv4 address 215.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
ipv6 address 3001::2/64
monitor-session ERSPAN ethernet direction rx-only port-level
acl
!
ipv4 access-group ACL6 ingress
```

Running Configuration

```
!! Policy-map to be used with the ERSPAN Destination (egress interface)
!! Traffic class is set to 5. For packets in this class, apply shaping
!! as well as WRED.
class-map match-any TC5
match traffic-class 5
end-class-map
policy-map shape-foo
class TC5
 random-detect discard-class 0 10000 bytes 40000 bytes
 random-detect discard-class 1 40000 bytes 80000 bytes
 random-detect discard-class 2 80000 bytes 200000 bytes
 shape average percent 15
class class-default
end-policy-map
!!GRE Tunnel Interface
interface Loopback49
ipv4 address 49.49.49.49 255.255.255.255
interface tunnel-ip100
ipv4 address 130.100.1.1 255.255.255.0
tunnel mode gre ipv4
tunnel source 49.49.49.49
 tunnel destination 10.8.1.2
```

```
!!ERSPAN Monitor Session with GRE tunnel as the Destination Interface, and with QoS
configuration
monitor-session FOO ethernet
destination interface tunnel-ip100
 traffic-class 5
discard-class 1
!!ERSPAN Source Interface
interface TenGigE0/6/0/4/0
description connected to TGEN 9/5
 ipv4 address 10.4.90.1 255.255.255.0
monitor-session FOO ethernet port-level
1
!!ERSPAN Destination ip-tunnel00's underlying interface, with egress policy-map shape-foo
attached
interface TenGigE0/6/0/9/0
service-policy output shape-foo
ipv4 address 10.8.1.1 255.255.255.0
Verification
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#show monitor-session FOO status detail
```

```
Wed May 2 15:14:05.762 UTC
Monitor-session FOO
  Destination interface tunnel-ip100
  Source Interfaces
  TenGigE0/6/0/4/0
   Direction: Both
   Port level: True
   ACL match: Disabled
   Portion:
               Full packet
   Interval: Mirror all packets
    Status:
               Operational
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#
show monitor-session <sess-id> status internal
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#show monitor-session FOO status internal
Wed May 2 15:13:06.063 UTC
Information from SPAN Manager and MA on all nodes:
Monitor-session FOO (ID 0x00000001) (Ethernet)
SPAN Mgr: Destination interface tunnel-ip100 (0x0800001c)
          Last error: Success
          Tunnel data:
           Mode: GREoIPv4
           Source IP: 49.49.49.49
            Dest IP: 10.8.1.2
           VRF:
           ToS: 0 (copied)
           TTL: 255
           DFbit: Not set
0/6/CPU0: Destination interface tunnel-ip100 (0x0800001c)
          Tunnel data:
           Mode: GREoTPv4
            Source IP: 49.49.49.49
           Dest IP: 10.8.1.2
           VRF:
            ToS: 0 (copied)
           ттт: 255
           DFbit: Not set
Information from SPAN EA on all nodes:
```

```
Monitor-session 0x0000001 (Ethernet)
0/6/CPU0: Name 'FOO', destination interface tunnel-ip100 (0x0800001c)
Platform, 0/6/CPU0:
  Dest Port: 0xe7d
  ERSPAN Encap:
   Tunnel ID: 0x4001380b
    ERSPAN Tunnel ID: 0x4001380c
   IP-NH Grp key: 0x3140000cc5
   IP-NH hdl: 0x308a5fa5e0
    IP-NH IFH: 0x30002a0
   IP-NH IPAddr: 10.4.91.2
  NPU MirrorRx
                    MirrorTx
       0x00000003
                    0x00000004
  00
  01
        0x0000003
                    0x00000004
       0x00000003 0x00000004
  02
  03
       0x00000003 0x0000004
  04
       0x00000003 0x0000004
  0.5
       0×00000003
                   0x00000004
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#
```

SPAN over Pseudowire

Pseudo-wire traffic mirroring (known as PW-SPAN) is an extra functionality on the existing SPAN solutions. The existing SPAN solutions are monitored on a destination interface or through a GRE tunnel or RSPAN. In PW-SPAN, the traffic mirroring destination port is configured to be a pseudo-wire rather than a physical port. Here, the designated traffic on the source port is mirrored over the pseudo-wire to a central location. This allows the centralization of expensive network traffic analysis tools.

Because the pseudo-wire carries only mirrored traffic, this traffic is unidirectional. Incoming traffic from the remote provider edge is not allowed. Typically, a monitor session should be created with a destination pseudo-wire. This monitor session is one of the L2VPN xconnect segments. The other segment of the L2VPN VPWS is a pseudowire.



Note

Only port-level source interfaces are supported.

Configure SPAN over Pseudowire

Use the following steps to configure SPAN over Pseudowire:

Configure SPAN monitor session

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#config
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#monitor-session M1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)#destination pseudowire
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)#commit
```

Configure SPAN source

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#config
Fri Sep 6 03:49:59.312 UTC
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) #interface Bundle-Ether100
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) #monitor-session M1 ethernet port-level
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if-mon) #commit
```

Configure 12vpn xconnect

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) #12vpn
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn) #pw-class span
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-pwc) #encapsulation mpls
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-pwc-mpls) #transport-mode ethernet
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn) #xconnect group 1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-xc) #p2p 2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-xc-p2p) #monitor-session M1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-xc-p2p) #neighbor ipv4 10.10.10.1 pw-id 2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-xc-p2p) #pw-class span
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-xc-p2p) #commit
```

Verify SPAN over Pseudowire

The following examples show how to verify SPAN over Pseudowire configuration.

To check monitor session status:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show run monitor-session M1
monitor-session M1 ethernet
destination pseudowire
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show monitor-session M1 status
Monitor-session M1
Destination pseudowire
Source Interface Dir Status
                    Both Operational
BE100 (port)
BE400 (port)
                     Both Operational
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show monitor-session M1 status detail
Monitor-session M1
 Destination pseudowire
  Source Interfaces
 Bundle-Ether100
   Direction: Both
   Port level: True
   ACL match: Disabled
   Portion: Full packet
Interval: Mirror all packets
   Status:
              Operational
  Bundle-Ether400
   Direction: Both
    Port level: True
    ACL match: Disabled
               Full packet
   Portion:
    Interval: Mirror all packets
    Status:
              Operational
```

To check underlying 12vpn xconnect:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show run 12vpn
12vpn
pw-class span
encapsulation mpls
  transport-mode ethernet
!
!
p2p 2
monitor-session M1
neighbor ipv4 10.10.10.1 pw-id 2
pw-class span
!
p2p 10
```

```
monitor-session M2
  neighbor ipv4 10.10.10.1 pw-id 10
   pw-class span
 !
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show 12vpn xconnect
Fri Sep 6 03:41:15.691 UTC
Legend: ST = State, UP = Up, DN = Down, AD = Admin Down, UR = Unresolved,
     SB = Standby, SR = Standby Ready, (PP) = Partially Programmed
XConnect.
                      Segment 1
Group Name ST Description
                                               Description
                      -----
         2 UP
                                         UP
                                                 10.10.10.1
                      M1
        10 UP M2
                                         UP
                                               10.10.10.1
                                                               10
```

SPAN-to-File

SPAN-to-File is an extension of the pre-existing SPAN feature that allows network packets to be mirrored to a file instead of an interface. This simplifies the analysis of the packets at a later stage. The file format is PCAP, which helps that data to be used by tools, such as tepdump or Wireshark.



Warning

Be cautious when you apply this feature to files located on interfaces with high traffic.

When a file is configured as a destination for a SPAN session, a buffer is created on each node to which the network packets are logged. The buffer is for all packets on the node regardless of which interface they are from, that is, multiple interfaces may be providing packets for the same buffer. The buffers are deleted when the session configuration is removed. The file is written by each node to a location on the active RP which contains the node ID of the node on which the buffer was located.

If multiple interfaces are attached to a session, then interfaces on the same node are expected to have their packets sent to the same file. Bundle interfaces can be attached to a session with a file destination, which is similar to attaching individual interfaces.

SPAN-to-File Enhancements

Table 2: Feature History Table

Configure SPAN-to-File

Use the following command to configure SPAN to File:

```
monitor-session <name> [ethernet|ipv4|ipv6|mpls-ipv4|mpls-ipv6]
    destination file [size <kbytes>] [buffer-type linear]
```

The monitor-session <name> [ethernet|ipv4|ipv6|mpls-ipv4|mpls-ipv6] part of the command creates a monitor-session with the specified name and class and is a pre-existing chain point from the current SPAN feature. The destination file [size <kbytes>] [buffer-type linear] part of the command adds a new "file" option to the existing "destination".

destination file has the following configuration options:

- Buffer size.
- Two types of buffer:
 - Circular: Once the buffer is full, the start is overwritten.
 - Linear: Once the buffer is full, no further packets are logged.



Note

The default buffer-type is circular. Only linear buffer is explicitly configurable. Changing any of the parameters (buffer size or type) recreates the session, and clears any buffers of packets.

All configuration options which are applied to an attachment currently supported for other SPAN types should also be supported by SPAN to file. This may include:

- ACLs
- Write only first X bytes of packet.
- Mirror interval from 512 to 16k.



Note

These options are implemented by the platform when punting the packet.

Once a session has been created, then interfaces may be attached to it using the following configuration:

```
interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/0
  monitor-session <name> [ethernet|ipv4|ipv6|mpls-ipv4|mpls-ipv6]
```

The attachment configuration is unchanged by SPAN-to-File feature.



Note

Once the SPAN-to-File session is attached to source interface, mirroring starts and packets are punted from NPU to CPU and dropped at CPU until the **packet-collection start action** command is executed.

Configuration Examples

To configure a mon1 monitor session, use these commands:

```
monitor-session mon1 ethernet destination file size 230000 !
```

In the above example, omitting the buffer-type option results in default circular buffer.

To configure a mon2 monitor session with the linear buffer type, use these commands:

```
monitor-session mon2 ethernet
destination file size 1000 buffer-type linear
```

To attach monitor session to a physical or bundle interface, use these commands:

```
interface Bundle-Ether1
monitor-session ms7 ethernet
!
```

Running Configuration

```
!! IOS XR Configuration 7.1.1.124I
!! Last configuration change at Tue Nov 26 19:29:05 2019 by root
!
hostname OC
logging console informational
!
monitor-session mon2 ethernet
destination file size 1000 buffer-type linear
!
interface Bundle-Ether1
monitor-session ms7 ethernet
end
```

Verification

To verify packet collection status:

If packet collection is not active, the following line is displayed:

```
Monitor-session mon2
Destination File - Not collecting
```

Here, Status-Operational and Destination File - Not collecting indicates that mirroring has started and packets are being punted from NPU to CPU but getting dropped at CPU until the **packet-collection start action** command is executed.

Action Commands for SPAN-to-File

Action commands are added to start and stop network packet collection. The commands may only be run on sessions where the destination is a file. The action command auto-completes names of globally configured SPAN to File sessions. See the table below for more information on action commands.

Table 3: Action Commands for SPAN-to-File

Action	Command	Description
Start	monitor-session <name> packet-collection start</name>	Issue this command to start writing packets for the specified session to the configured buffer.
		Once the SPAN is configured and operational, the packets are punted to CPU and dropped by CPU until the monitor-session <name> packet-collection start command is executed.</name>
Stop	monitor-session <name> packet-collection stop [discard-data write directory <dir> filename <filename>]</filename></dir></name>	Issue this command to stop writing packets to the configured buffer. • discard-data: Specify this option to clear the buffer.
		discard-data: Specify this option to write the buffer to the disk before it is cleared.
		The buffer is written in .pcap format in this location: / <directory>/<node id="">/<filename>.pcap.</filename></node></directory>
		The .pcap extension that the user adds to the filename is removed automatically to avoid a duplicate file extension.

File Mirroring

Prior to Cisco IOS XR Software Release, the router did not support file mirroring from active RP to standby RP. Administrators had to manually perform the task or use EEM scripts to sync files across active RP and standby RP. Starting with Cisco IOS XR Software Release, the file mirroring feature enables the router to copy files or directories automatically from <code>/harddisk:/mirror</code> location in active RP to <code>/harddisk:/mirror</code> location in standby RP or RSP without user intervention or EEM scripts.

Two new CLIs have been introduced for the file mirroring feature:

• mirror enable

The /harddisk:/mirror directory is created by default, but file mirroring functionality is only enabled by executing the mirror enable command from configuration terminal. Status of the mirrored files can be viewed with show mirror status command.

• mirror enable checksum

The mirror enable checksum command enables MD5 checksum across active to standby RP to check integrity of the files. This command is optional.

Configure File Mirroring

File mirroring has to be enabled explicitly on the router. It is not enabled by default.

```
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router#show run mirror
Thu Jun 25 10:12:17.303 UTC
mirror enable
mirror checksum
```

Following is an example of copying running configuration to harddisk:/mirror location:

```
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router#copy running-config harddisk:/mirror/run_config Wed Jul 8 10:25:51.064 PDT Destination file name (control-c to abort): [/mirror/run_config]? Building configuration.. 32691 lines built in 2 seconds (16345)lines/sec [OK]
```

Verification

To verify the syncing of file copied to mirror directory, use the show mirror command.

If checksum is disabled, show mirror command displays the following output:

If there is a mismatch during the syncing process, use show mirror mismatch command to verify.

Troubleshoot Traffic Mirroring

When you encounter any issue with traffic mirroring, begin troubleshooting by checking the output of the **show monitor-session status** command. This command displays the recorded state of all sessions and source interfaces:

```
# show monitor-session status
Monitor-session 5
rx destination interface tunnel-ip5
```

In the preceding example, the line marked as <session status> can indicate one of these configuration errors:

Session Status	Explanation
Session is not configured globally	The session does not exist in global configuration. Review the command output and ensure that a session with a correct name configured.
Destination interface <intf> (<down-state>)</down-state></intf>	The destination interface is not in Up state in the Interface Marcan verify the state using the show interfaces command. Chec configuration to determine what might be keeping the interface fr up (for example, a sub-interface needs to have an appropriate enconfigured).

The <Source interface status> can report these messages:

Source Interface Status	Explanation
Operational	Everything appears to be working correctly in traffic mirroring follow up with the platform teams in the first instance, if mirro operating as expected.
Not operational (Session is not configured globally)	The session does not exist in global configuration. Check the scommand output to ensure that a session with the right name has configured.
Not operational (destination not known)	The session exists, but it either does not have a destination interfa or the destination interface named for the session does not exist. If the destination is a sub-interface that has not been created.
Not operational (source same as destination)	The session exists, but the destination and source are the same traffic mirroring does not work.
Not operational (destination not active)	The destination interface or pseudowire is not in the Up state. States corresponding Session status error messages for suggested reso
Not operational (source state <down-state>)</down-state>	The source interface is not in the Up state. You can verify the sthe show interfaces command. Check the configuration to see be keeping the interface from coming up (for example, a sub-int to have an appropriate encapsulation configured).
Error: see detailed output for explanation	Traffic mirroring has encountered an error. Run the show mon status detail command to display more information.

The **show monitor-session status detail** command displays full details of the configuration parameters and any errors encountered. For example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router show monitor-session status detail

```
Monitor-session sess1
Destination interface is not configured
Source Interfaces
 TenGigE0/0/0/1
 Direction: Both
 ACL match: Disabled
 Portion: Full packet
 Status: Not operational (destination interface not known)
TenGigE0/0/0/2
 Direction: Both
 ACL match: Disabled
 Portion: First 100 bytes
 Status: Not operational (destination interface not known). Error: 'Viking SPAN PD' detected
the 'warning' condition 'PRM connection
         creation failure'.
Monitor-session foo
Destination next-hop TenGigE 0/0/0/0
 Source Interfaces
 -----
TenGigE 0/0/0/1.100:
 Direction: Both
 Status: Operating
TenGigE 0/0/0/2.200:
 Direction: Tx
 Status: Error: <blah>
Monitor session bar
No destination configured
Source Interfaces
 -----
 TenGigE 0/0/0/3.100:
 Direction: Rx
 Status: Not operational (no destination)
Here are additional trace and debug commands:
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session trace ?
platform Enable platform trace
process Filter debug by process(cisco-support)
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session trace platform ?
errors Display error traces (cisco-support)
events Display event traces(cisco-support)
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show monitor-session trace platform events location all ?
usrtdir Specify directory to collect unsorted traces(cisco-support)
        Output Modifiers
<cr>
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show monitor-session trace platform errors location all ?
usrtdir Specify directory to collect unsorted traces(cisco-support)
        Output Modifiers
<cr>
#
```

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# debug monitor-session process all
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# debug monitor-session process ea
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# debug monitor-session process ma
\label{eq:rp_operator} \texttt{RP/O/RPO/CPUO:} \texttt{router\# show monitor-session process mgr}
detail Display detailed output
errors Display only attachments which have errors
internal Display internal monitor-session information
       Output Modifiers
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status errors
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status internal
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show tech-support span ?
 file
            Specify a valid file name (e.g. disk0:tmp.log)
list-CLIs list the commands that would be run (don't execute)(cisco-support)
           Specify a location(cisco-support)
location
            Specify a rack(cisco-support)
 time-out per show command timeout configuration(cisco-support)
```

Troubleshoot Traffic Mirroring