



## Radio Aware Routing

Radio-Aware Routing (RAR) is a mechanism that uses radios to interact with the routing protocol OSPFv3 to signal the appearance, disappearance, and link conditions of one-hop routing neighbors.

In a large mobile networks, connections to the routing neighbors are often interrupted due to distance and radio obstructions. When these signals do not reach the routing protocols, protocol timers are used to update the status of a neighbor. Routing protocols have lengthy timer, which is not recommended in mobile networks.

The RAR feature is supported on Cisco ISR G2 and G3 Series Routers, Cisco ISR 4000 Series Routers.

PPPoE Extensions is the RAR protocol supported in Cisco 4000 Series ISRs. PPPoE Extensions with Aggregate support is introduced from Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.7. release. OSPFv3 and EIGRP are the supported routing protocols.

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## Benefits of Radio Aware Routing

The Radio Aware Routing feature offers the following benefits:

- Provides faster network convergence through immediate recognition of changes.
- Enables routing for failing or fading radio links.
- Allows easy routing between line-of-sight and non-line-of-sight paths.
- Provides faster convergence and optimal route selection so that delay-sensitive traffic, such as voice and video, is not disrupted
- Provides efficient radio resources and bandwidth usage.
- Reduces impact on the radio links by performing congestion control in the router.
- Allows route selection based on radio power conservation.
- Enables decoupling of the routing and radio functionalities.

- Provides simple Ethernet connection to RFC 5578, R2CP, and DLEP compliant radios.

## Restrictions and Limitations

The Radio Aware Routing feature has the following restrictions and limitations:

- The DLEP and R2CP protocols are not supported in Cisco 4000 Series ISRs.
- Multicast traffic is not supported in aggregate mode.
- Cisco High Availability (HA) technology is not supported.

## Performance

The Radio Aware Routing feature has the ability to support a maximum of 10 neighbors per radio or VMI interface; and a total of 30 to 40 neighbors.

## System Components

The Radio Aware Routing (RAR) feature is implemented using the MANET (Mobile adhoc network) infrastructure comprising of different components such as PPPoE, Virtual multipoint interface (VMI), QoS, routing protocol interface and RAR protocols.

### Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet PPPoE or PPPoE

PPPoE is a well-defined communication mechanism between the client and the server. In the RAR implementation, radio takes the role of the PPPoE client and router takes the role of the PPPoE server. This allows a loose coupling of radio and router, while providing a well-defined and predictable communication mechanism.

As PPPoE is a session or a connection oriented protocol, it extends the point-to-point radio frequency (RF) link from an external radio to an IOS router.

### PPPoE Extensions

PPPoE extensions are used when the router communicates with the radio. In the Cisco IOS implementation of PPPoE, each individual session is represented by virtual access interface (connectivity to a radio neighbor) on which, QoS can be applied with these PPPoE extensions.

RFC5578 provides extensions to PPPoE to support credit-based flow control and session-based real time link metrics, which are very useful for connections with variable bandwidth and limited buffering capabilities (such as radio links).

### Virtual Multipoint Interface (VMI)

Though PPPoE Extensions provides the most of the setup to communicate between a router and a radio, VMI addresses the need to manage and translate events that higher layers (example, routing protocols) consume. In addition, VMI operates in the Bypass mode.

In Bypass mode, every Virtual Access Interface (VAI) representing a radio neighbor is exposed to routing protocols OSPFv3 and EIGRP, so that, the routing protocol directly communicates with the respective VAI for both unicast and multicast routing protocol traffic.

In Aggregate mode, VMI is exposed to the routing protocols (OSPF) so that the routing protocols can leverage VMI for their optimum efficiency. When the network neighbors are viewed as a collection of networks on a point-to-multipoint link with broadcast and multicast capability at VMI, VMI helps in aggregating the multiple virtual access interfaces created from PPPoE. VMI presents a single multi access layer 2 broadcast capable interface. The VMI layer handles re-directs unicast routing protocol traffic to the appropriate P2P link (Virtual-Access interface), and replicates any Multicast/Broadcast traffic that needs to flow. Since the routing protocol communicates to a single interface, the size of the topology database is reduced, without impacting the integrity of the network.

## QoS Provisioning on PPPoE Extension Session

The following example describes QoS provisioning on PPPoE extension session:

```
policy-map rar_policer
  class class-default
    police 10000 2000 1000 conform-action transmit exceed-action drop violate-action drop
policy-map rar_shaper
  class class-default
    shape average percent 1

interface Virtual-Template2
  ip address 10.92.2.1 255.255.255.0
  no peer default ip address
  no keepalive
  service-policy input rar_policer
end
```

## Example: Configuring the RAR Feature in Bypass Mode

The following example is an end-to-end configuration of RAR in the bypass mode:



**Note** Before you begin the RAR configuration, you must first configure the **subscriber authorization enable** command to bring up the RAR session. Without enabling authorization, the Point-to-Point protocol does not recognize this as a RAR session and may not tag *manet\_radio* in presentation of a PPPoE Active Discovery Initiate (PADI). By default, bypass mode does not appear in the configuration. It appears only if the mode is configured as bypass.

### Configure a Service for RAR

```
policy-map type service rar-lab
  pppoe service manet_radio //note: Enter the pppoe service policy name as manet_radio
!
```

### Configure Broadband

```

bba-group pppoe VMI2
  virtual-template 2
  service profile rar-lab
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
  description Connected to Client1
  negotiation auto
  pppoe enable group VMI2
!

```

### Configure a Service for RAR

```

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  pppoe service manet_radio //note: Enter the pppoe service policy name as manet_radio
!

```

### Configuration in Bypass Mode

- IP Address Configured under Virtual-Template Explicitly

```

interface Virtual-Template2
  ip address 192.168.90.3 255.255.255.0
  no ip redirects
  peer default ip address pool PPPoEpool2
  ipv6 enable
  ospfv3 1 network manet
  ospfv3 1 ipv4 area 0
  ospfv3 1 ipv6 area 0
  no keepalive
  service-policy input rar_policer Or/And
  service-policy output rar_shaper

```

- VMI Unnumbered Configured under Virtual Template

```

interface Virtual-Template2
  ip unnumbered vmi2
  no ip redirects
  peer default ip address pool PPPoEpool2
  ipv6 enable
  ospfv3 1 network manet
  ospfv3 1 ipv4 area 0
  ospfv3 1 ipv6 area 0
  no keepalive
  service-policy input rar_policer Or/And
  service-policy output rar_shaper

```

### Configure the Virtual Multipoint Interface in Bypass Mode

```

interface vmi2 //configure the virtual multi interface
  ip address 192.168.2.1 255.255.0.0
  physical-interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
  mode bypass

interface vmi3//configure the virtual multi interface
  ip address 192.168.3.1 255.255.0.0
  physical-interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
  mode bypass

```

## Configure OSPF Routing

```
router ospfv3 1
 router-id 192.168.1.1
 !
 address-family ipv4 unicast
  redistribute connected metric 1 metric-type 1
  log-adjacency-changes
 exit-address-family
 !
 address-family ipv6 unicast
  redistribute connected metric-type 1
  log-adjacency-changes
 exit-address-family
 !
 ip local pool PPPoEpool2 192.168.12.3 192.168.12.254
```

## Verifying RAR Session Details

To retrieve RAR session details, use the following show commands:

```
Router#show pppoe session packets all
```

```
Total PPPoE sessions 2
```

```
session id: 9
```

```
local MAC address: 006b.f10e.a5e0, remote MAC address: 0050.56bc.424a
```

```
virtual access interface: Vi2.1, outgoing interface: Gi0/0/0
```

```
1646 packets sent, 2439363 received
```

```
176216 bytes sent, 117250290 received
```

```
PPPoE Flow Control Stats
```

```
Local Credits: 65535 Peer Credits: 65535 Local Scaling Value 64 bytes
```

```
Credit Grant Threshold: 28000 Max Credits per grant: 65535
```

```
Credit Starved Packets: 0
```

```
PADG xmit Seq Num: 32928 PADG Timer index: 0
```

```
PADG last rcvd Seq Num: 17313
```

```
PADG last nonzero Seq Num: 17306
```

```
PADG last nonzero rcvd amount: 2
```

```
PADG Timers: (ms) [0]-1000 [1]-2000 [2]-3000 [3]-4000 [4]-5000
```

```
PADG xmit: 33308 rcvd: 17313
```

```
PADC xmit: 17313 rcvd: 19709
```

```
In-band credit pkt xmit: 7 rcvd: 2434422
```

```
Last credit packet snapshot
```

```
PADG xmit: seq_num = 32928, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
```

```
PADC rcvd: seq_num = 32928, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535
```

```
PADG rcvd: seq_num = 17313, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
```

```
PADC xmit: seq_num = 17313, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535
```

```
In-band credit pkt xmit: fcn = 61, bcn = 65533
```

```
In-band credit pkt rcvd: fcn = 0, bcn = 65534
```

```
==== PADQ Statistics ====
```

```
PADQ xmit: 0 rcvd: 0
```

```
session id: 10
```

```
local MAC address: 006b.f10e.a5e1, remote MAC address: 0050.56bc.7dcb
```

```
virtual access interface: Vi2.2, outgoing interface: Gi0/0/1
```

```
1389302 packets sent, 1852 received
```

```
77869522 bytes sent, 142156 received
```

```
PPPoE Flow Control Stats
```

## Verifying RAR Session Details

```

Local Credits: 65535   Peer Credits: 65535   Local Scaling Value 64 bytes
Credit Grant Threshold: 28000   Max Credits per grant: 65535
Credit Starved Packets: 0
PADG xmit Seq Num: 18787   PADG Timer index: 0
PADG last rcvd Seq Num: 18784
PADG last nonzero Seq Num: 18768
PADG last nonzero rcvd amount: 2
PADG Timers: (ms)   [0]-1000   [1]-2000   [2]-3000   [3]-4000   [4]-5000
PADG xmit: 18787   rcvd: 18784
PADG rcvd: 18784   rcvd: 18787
In-band credit pkt xmit: 1387764 rcvd: 956
Last credit packet snapshot
PADG xmit: seq_num = 18787, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
PADG rcvd: seq_num = 18787, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535
PADG rcvd: seq_num = 18784, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
PADG xmit: seq_num = 18784, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535
In-band credit pkt xmit: fcn = 0, bcn = 64222
In-band credit pkt rcvd: fcn = 0, bcn = 65534
==== PADQ Statistics ====
PADQ xmit: 0   rcvd: 1

```

## Router#show pppoe session packets

Total PPPoE sessions 2

SID	Pkts-In	Pkts-Out	Bytes-In	Bytes-Out
9	2439391	1651	117252098	176714
10	1858	1389306	142580	77869914

## Router#show vmi counters

Interface vmi2: - Last Clear Time =

## Input Counts:

```

Process Enqueue   =          0 (VMI)
Fastswitch        =          0
VMI Punt Drop:
  Queue Full      =          0

```

## Output Counts:

```

Transmit:
  VMI Process DQ =         4280
  Fastswitch VA  =          0
  Fastswitch VMI =          0

```

## Drops:

```

Total              =          0
QOS Error          =          0
VMI State Error    =          0
Mcast NBR Error    =          0
Ucast NBR Error    =          0

```

Interface vmi3: - Last Clear Time =

## Input Counts:

```

Process Enqueue   =          0 (VMI)
Fastswitch        =          0
VMI Punt Drop:
  Queue Full      =          0

```

## Output Counts:

```

Transmit:
  VMI Process DQ =         2956
  Fastswitch VA  =          0
  Fastswitch VMI =          0

```

## Drops:

```

        Total          =          0
        QOS Error      =          0
        VMI State Error =          0
        Mcast NBR Error =          0
        Ucast NBR Error =          0
Interface vmi4: - Last Clear Time =

```

```

Input Counts:
  Process Enqueue =          0 (VMI)
  Fastswitch      =          0
  VMI Punt Drop:
    Queue Full    =          0

```

```

Output Counts:
  Transmit:
    VMI Process DQ =          0
    Fastswitch VA  =          0
    Fastswitch VMI =          0
  Drops:
    Total          =          0
    QOS Error      =          0
    VMI State Error =          0
    Mcast NBR Error =          0
    Ucast NBR Error =          0

```

Router#

Router#**show vmi neighbor details**

```

1 vmi2 Neighbors
  1 vmi3 Neighbors
  0 vmi4 Neighbors
  2 Total Neighbors

```

```

vmi2  IPV6 Address=FE80::21E:E6FF:FE43:F500
      IPV6 Global Addr=:
      IPV4 Address=192.168.2.2, Uptime=05:15:01
      Output pkts=89, Input pkts=0
      No Session Metrics have been received for this neighbor.
      Transport PPPoE, Session ID=9
      INTERFACE STATS:
        VMI Interface=vmi2,
          Input qcount=0, drops=0, Output qcount=0, drops=0
        V-Access intf=Virtual-Access2.1,
          Input qcount=0, drops=0, Output qcount=0, drops=0
        Physical intf=GigabitEthernet0/0/0,
          Input qcount=0, drops=0, Output qcount=0, drops=0

```

```

PPPoE Flow Control Stats
Local Credits: 65535  Peer Credits: 65535  Local Scaling Value 64 bytes
Credit Grant Threshold: 28000  Max Credits per grant: 65535
Credit Starved Packets: 0
PADG xmit Seq Num: 33038  PADG Timer index: 0
PADG last rcvd Seq Num: 17423
PADG last nonzero Seq Num: 17420
PADG last nonzero rcvd amount: 2
PADG Timers: (ms)  [0]-1000  [1]-2000  [2]-3000  [3]-4000  [4]-5000
PADG xmit: 33418  rcvd: 17423
PADG rcvd: 17423  rcvd: 19819
In-band credit pkt xmit: 7 rcvd: 2434446
Last credit packet snapshot
PADG xmit: seq_num = 33038, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
PADG rcvd: seq_num = 33038, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535
PADG rcvd: seq_num = 17423, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
PADG xmit: seq_num = 17423, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535

```

```
In-band credit pkt xmit: fcn = 61, bcn = 65533
In-band credit pkt rcvd: fcn = 0, bcn = 65534
==== PADQ Statistics ====
PADQ xmit: 0 rcvd: 0
```

```
vmi3  IPV6 Address=FE80::21E:7AFF:FE68:6100
      IPV6 Global Addr:::
      IPV4 Address=91.91.91.4, Uptime=05:14:55
      Output pkts=6, Input pkts=0
      METRIC DATA: Total rcvd=1, Avg arrival rate (ms)=0
        CURRENT: MDR=128000 bps, CDR=128000 bps
                 Lat=0 ms, Res=100, RLQ=100, load=0
        MDR      Max=128000 bps, Min=128000 bps, Avg=128000 bps
        CDR      Max=128000 bps, Min=128000 bps, Avg=128000 bps
        Latency  Max=0, Min=0, Avg=0 (ms)
        Resource Max=100%, Min=100%, Avg=100%
        RLQ      Max=100, Min=100, Avg=100
        Load     Max=0%, Min=0%, Avg=0%
      Transport PPPoE, Session ID=10
      INTERFACE STATS:
        VMI Interface=vmi3,
          Input qcount=0, drops=0, Output qcount=0, drops=0
        V-Access intf=Virtual-Access2.2,
          Input qcount=0, drops=0, Output qcount=0, drops=0
        Physical intf=GigabitEthernet0/0/1,
          Input qcount=0, drops=0, Output qcount=0, drops=0
```

```
PPPoE Flow Control Stats
Local Credits: 65535 Peer Credits: 65535 Local Scaling Value 64 bytes
Credit Grant Threshold: 28000 Max Credits per grant: 65535
Credit Starved Packets: 0
PADG xmit Seq Num: 18896 PADG Timer index: 0
PADG last rcvd Seq Num: 18894
PADG last nonzero Seq Num: 18884
PADG last nonzero rcvd amount: 2
PADG Timers: (ms) [0]-1000 [1]-2000 [2]-3000 [3]-4000 [4]-5000
PADG xmit: 18896 rcvd: 18894
PADG xmit: 18894 rcvd: 18896
In-band credit pkt xmit: 1387764 rcvd: 961
Last credit packet snapshot
PADG xmit: seq_num = 18896, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
PADG rcvd: seq_num = 18896, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535
PADG xmit: seq_num = 18894, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
PADG rcvd: seq_num = 18894, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535
In-band credit pkt xmit: fcn = 0, bcn = 64222
In-band credit pkt rcvd: fcn = 0, bcn = 65534
==== PADQ Statistics ====
PADQ xmit: 0 rcvd: 1
```

```
Router#show vmi neighbor details vmi 2
```

```
1 vmi2 Neighbors
```

```
vmi2  IPV6 Address=FE80::21E:E6FF:FE43:F500
      IPV6 Global Addr:::
      IPV4 Address=192.168.2.2, Uptime=05:16:03
      Output pkts=89, Input pkts=0
      No Session Metrics have been received for this neighbor.
      Transport PPPoE, Session ID=9
      INTERFACE STATS:
        VMI Interface=vmi2,
          Input qcount=0, drops=0, Output qcount=0, drops=0
        V-Access intf=Virtual-Access2.1,
```



```

Input qcount=0, drops=0, Output qcount=0, drops=0
Physical intf=GigabitEthernet0/0/0,
Input qcount=0, drops=0, Output qcount=0, drops=0

```

```

PPPoE Flow Control Stats
Local Credits: 65535 Peer Credits: 65535 Local Scaling Value 64 bytes
Credit Grant Threshold: 28000 Max Credits per grant: 65535
Credit Starved Packets: 0
PADG xmit Seq Num: 33100 PADG Timer index: 0
PADG last rcvd Seq Num: 17485
PADG last nonzero Seq Num: 17449
PADG last nonzero rcvd amount: 2
PADG Timers: (ms) [0]-1000 [1]-2000 [2]-3000 [3]-4000 [4]-5000
PADG xmit: 33480 rcvd: 17485
PADG rcvd: 17485 rcvd: 19881
In-band credit pkt xmit: 7 rcvd: 2434460
Last credit packet snapshot
PADG xmit: seq_num = 33100, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
PADG rcvd: seq_num = 33100, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535
PADG rcvd: seq_num = 17485, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
PADG xmit: seq_num = 17485, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535
In-band credit pkt xmit: fcn = 61, bcn = 65533
In-band credit pkt rcvd: fcn = 0, bcn = 65534
==== PADG Statistics ====
PADG xmit: 0 rcvd: 0

```

```
Router#show platform hardware qfp active feature ess session
```

```

Current number sessions: 2
Current number TC flow: 0
Feature Type: A=Accounting D=Policing(DRL) F=FFR M=DSCP Marking L=L4redirect P=Portbundle
T=TC

```

Session	Type	Segment1	SegType1	Segment2	SegType2	Feature	Other
21	PPP	0x0000001500001022	PPPOE	0x0000001500002023	LTERM	-----	
24	PPP	0x0000001800003026	PPPOE	0x0000001800004027	LTERM	-----	

```
Router#show platform software subscriber pppoe_fctl evsi 21
```

```

PPPoE Flow Control Stats
Local Credits: 65535 Peer Credits: 65535 Local Scaling Value 64 bytes
Credit Grant Threshold: 28000 Max Credits per grant: 65535
Credit Starved Packets: 0
PADG xmit Seq Num: 33215 PADG Timer index: 0
PADG last rcvd Seq Num: 17600
PADG last nonzero Seq Num: 17554
PADG last nonzero rcvd amount: 2
PADG Timers: (ms) [0]-1000 [1]-2000 [2]-3000 [3]-4000 [4]-5000
PADG xmit: 33595 rcvd: 17600
PADG rcvd: 17600 rcvd: 19996
In-band credit pkt xmit: 7 rcvd: 2434485
Last credit packet snapshot
PADG xmit: seq_num = 33215, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
PADG rcvd: seq_num = 33215, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535
PADG rcvd: seq_num = 17600, fcn = 0, bcn = 65535
PADG xmit: seq_num = 17600, fcn = 65535, bcn = 65535
In-band credit pkt xmit: fcn = 61, bcn = 65533
In-band credit pkt rcvd: fcn = 0, bcn = 65534

```

```

BQS buffer statistics
Current packets in BQS buffer: 0
Total en-queue packets: 0 de-queue packets: 0
Total dropped packets: 0

```

Internal flags: 0x0

Router#show platform hardware qfp active feature ess session id 21  
Session ID: 21

```
EVSI type: PPP
SIP Segment ID: 0x1500001022
SIP Segment type: PPPOE
FSP Segment ID: 0x1500002023
FSP Segment type: LTERM
QFP if handle: 16
QFP interface name: EVSI21
SIP TX Seq num: 0
SIP RX Seq num: 0
FSP TX Seq num: 0
FSP RX Seq num: 0
Condition Debug: 0x00000000
    session
```

Router#show ospfv3 neighbor

```
OSPFv3 1 address-family ipv4 (router-id 192.168.3.3)

Neighbor ID      Pri   State           Dead Time   Interface ID  Interface
192.168.1.1      0     FULL/ -         00:01:32   19           Virtual-Access2.1

OSPFv3 1 address-family ipv6 (router-id 192.168.3.3)

Neighbor ID      Pri   State           Dead Time   Interface ID  Interface
192.168.1.1      0     FULL/ -         00:01:52   19           Virtual-Access2.1
Router#
```

Router#sh ip route

```
Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP, l - LISP
a - application route
+ - replicated route, % - next hop override, p - overrides from PfR
```

Gateway of last resort is not set

```
192.168.0.3/8 is variably subnetted, 3 subnets, 2 masks
C    192.168.3.0/24 is directly connected, Virtual-Access2.1
O    192.168.4.0/32 [110/1] via 192.168.4.0, 00:00:03, Virtual-Access2.1
L    192.168.5.0/32 is directly connected, Virtual-Access2.1
    192.168.0.5/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C    192.168.2.21 is directly connected, Virtual-Access2.1
```