

Configuring Static and Dynamic NAT Translation

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Network Address Translation Overview

Network Address Translation (NAT) enables private IP internetworks that use nonregistered IP addresses to connect to the Internet. NAT operates on a device, usually connecting two networks, and translates private (not globally unique) IP addresses in the internal network into legal IP addresses before packets are forwarded to another network. You can configure NAT to advertise only one IP address for the entire network to the outside world. This ability provides additional security, effectively hiding the entire internal network behind one IP address.

A device configured with NAT has at least one interface to the inside network and one to the outside network. In a typical environment, NAT is configured at the exit router between a stub domain and a backbone. When a packet leaves the domain, NAT translates the locally significant source IP address into a globally unique IP address. When a packet enters the domain, NAT translates the globally unique destination IP address into a local IP address. If more than one exit point exists, NAT configured at each point must have the same translation table.

NAT is described in RFC 1631.

Beginning with 7.0(3)I2(1), static and dynamic NAT translation is supported.

Information About Static NAT

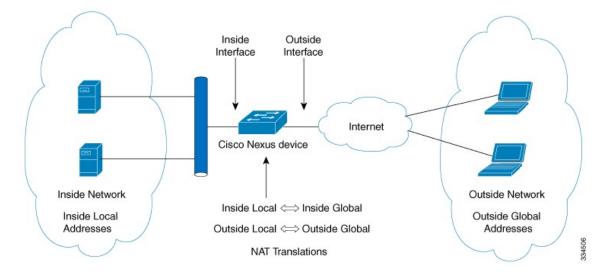
Static Network Address Translation (NAT) allows the user to configure one-to-one translations of the inside local addresses to the outside global addresses. It allows both IP addresses and port number translations from the inside to the outside traffic and the outside to the inside traffic. The Cisco Nexus device supports Hitless NAT, which means that you can add or remove a NAT translation in the NAT configuration without affecting the existing NAT traffic flows.

Static NAT creates a fixed translation of private addresses to public addresses. Because static NAT assigns addresses on a one-to-one basis, you need an equal number of public addresses as private addresses. Because the public address is the same for each consecutive connection with static NAT, and a persistent translation rule exists, static NAT enables hosts on the destination network to initiate traffic to a translated host if an access list exists that allows it .

With dynamic NAT and Port Address Translation (PAT), each host uses a different address or port for each subsequent translation. The main difference between dynamic NAT and static NAT is that static NAT allows a remote host to initiate a connection to a translated host if an access list exists that allows it, while dynamic NAT does not.

The figure shows a typical static NAT scenario. The translation is always active so both translated and remote hosts can originate connections, and the mapped address is statically assigned by the **static** command.

Figure 1: Static NAT



These are key terms to help you understand static NAT:

- NAT inside interface—The Layer 3 interface that faces the private network.
- NAT outside interface—The Layer 3 interface that faces the public network.
- Local address—Any address that appears on the inside (private) portion of the network.
- Global address—Any address that appears on the outside (public) portion of the network.
- Legitimate IP address—An address that is assigned by the Network Information Center (NIC) or service provider.

- Inside local address—The IP address assigned to a host on the inside network. This address does not need to be a legitimate IP address.
- Outside local address—The IP address of an outside host as it appears to the inside network. It does not have to be a legitimate address, because it is allocated from an address space that can be routed on the inside network.
- Inside global address—A legitimate IP address that represents one or more inside local IP addresses to the outside world.
- Outside global address—The IP address that the host owner assigns to a host on the outside network.

 The address is a legitimate address that is allocated from an address or network space that can be routed.

Dynamic NAT Overview

Dynamic Network Address Translation (NAT) translates a group of real IP addresses into mapped IP addresses that are routable on a destination network. Dynamic NAT establishes a one-to-one mapping between unregistered and registered IP addresses; however, the mapping can vary depending on the registered IP address that is available at the time of communication.

A dynamic NAT configuration automatically creates a firewall between your internal network and outside networks or the Internet. Dynamic NAT allows only connections that originate inside the stub domain—a device on an external network cannot connect to devices in your network, unless your device has initiated the contact.

Dynamic NAT translations do not exist in the NAT translation table until a device receives traffic that requires translation. Dynamic translations are cleared or timed out when not in use to make space for new entries. Usually, NAT translation entries are cleared when the ternary content addressable memory (TCAM) entries are limited. The default minimum timeout for dynamic NAT translations is 30 minutes.



Note

For Cisco NX-OS 7.0(3)I2(3) and earlier releases, the minimum value of the sampling-timeout in the **ip nat translation sampling-timeout** command was reduced from 30 minutes to 15 minutes.



Note

For Cisco NX-OS 7.0(3)I3(1) and later releases, the **ip nat translation sampling-timeout** command is not supported. Statistics are collected every 60 seconds for the installed NAT policies. These statistics are used to determine if the flow is active or not.



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For Cisco NX-OS 7.0(3)I2(3) and earlier releases, the timeout of a dynamic NAT translation involves both the sampling-timeout value and the TCP or UDP timeout value. The sampling-timeout specifies the time after which the device checks for dynamic translation activity. It has a default value of 12 hours. All the other timeouts start only after the sample-timeout times out. After the sampling-timeout, the device inspects the packets that are hitting this translation. The checking happens for the TCP or UDP timeout period. If there

are no packets for the TCP or UDP timeout period, the translation is cleared. If activity is detected on the translation, then the checking is stopped immediately and a sampling-timeout period begins.

For Cisco NX-OS 7.0(3)I2(3) and earlier releases, after waiting for this new sampling-timeout period, the device checks for dynamic translation activity again. During an activity check the TCAM sends a copy of the packet that matches the dynamic NAT translation to the CPU. If the Control Plane Policing (CoPP) is configured at a low threshold, the TCP or UDP packets might not reach the CPU, and the CPU considers this as inactivity of the NAT translation.

Dynamic NAT supports Port Address Translation (PAT) and access control lists (ACLs). PAT, also known as overloading, is a form of dynamic NAT that maps multiple unregistered IP addresses to a single registered IP address by using different ports. Your NAT configuration can have multiple dynamic NAT translations with same or different ACLs. However, for a given ACL, only one interface can be specified.

Timeout Mechanisms

After dynamic NAT translations are created, they must be cleared when not in use so that newer translations can be created, especially because the number of TCAM entries is limited. Cisco NX-OS supports **syn-timeout** and **finrst-timeout**. The following NAT translation timeout timers are supported on the switch:

• **syn-timeout**—Timeout value for TCP data packets that send the SYN request, but do not receive a SYN-ACK reply.

The timeout value ranges from 1 second to 172800 seconds. The default value is 60 seconds.

- **finrst-timeout**—Timeout value for the flow entries when a connection is terminated by receiving RST or FIN packets. Use the same keyword to configure the behavior for both RST and FIN packets.
 - If an RST packet is received after the connection is established, SYN-->SYN-ACK-->RST, the flows are expired after the configured timeout value.
 - If a FIN packet is received after the connection is established, SYN-->SYN-ACK-->FIN, the finrst timer starts.
 - If a FIN-ACK is received from the other side, the translation entry is cleared immediately, else it clears after the timeout value completes.



Note

If dynamic pool-based configuration is used and a FIN-ACK is received, the translation entry is not cleared.

The timeout value ranges from 1 second to 172800 seconds. The default value is 60 seconds.

• tcp-timeout—Timeout value for TCP translations for which connections have been established after a three-way handshake (SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK). If no active flow occurs after the connection has been established, the translations expire as per the configured timeout value. This timeout value starts after the sampling timeout value completes.

The timeout value ranges from 60 seconds to 172800 seconds, including the sampling-timeout.

• udp-timeout—Timeout value for all NAT UDP packets.

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The timeout value ranges from 60 seconds to 172800 seconds, including the sampling-timeout.

• sampling-timeout—Time after which the device checks for dynamic translation activity.

The timeout value ranges from 900 seconds to 172800 seconds.

The **tcp-timeout**, **udp-timeout**, and the **timeout** value timers are triggered after the timeout configured for the **ip nat translation sampling-timeout** command expires.

The SYN, FIN and RST timers are not used for dynamic pool-based NAT.

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- If a FIN packet is received after the connection is established, SYN-->SYN-ACK-->FIN, the finrst timer starts.
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- If an RST packet is received after the connection is established, SYN-->SYN-ACK-->RST, the translation entry is cleared immediately.



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• icmp-timeout - Timeout value for ICMP packets.

The timeout value ranges from 60 seconds to 172800 seconds. The default value is 3600 seconds.

• sampling-timeout - Time after which the device checks for dynamic translation activity.

The timeout value ranges from 900 seconds to 172800 seconds.



Note

When you create dynamic entries without timeouts configured, they take the default timeout of 3600 seconds. After you change the default timeout values to the new values, the translation entries created after will pick up the latest timeout values.

The **udp-timeout** and the **timeout** value timers are triggered after the timeout configured for the **ip nat translation sampling-timeout** command expires.

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Note

There are three different options that can be configured for aging:

- Time-out: This is applicable for all type of flows(both TCP and UDP).
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For Cisco NX-OS 7.0(3)I3(1) and later releases, when you create dynamic entries without timeouts configured, they take the default timeout of one hour (60 minutes). If you enter the **clear ip nat translations all** command after configuring timeouts, the configured timeout take effect. A timeout can be configured from 60 to 172800 seconds.



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NAT Inside and Outside Addresses

NAT inside refers to networks owned by an organization that must be translated. When NAT is configured, hosts within this network will have addresses in one space (known as the local address space) that will appear to those outside the network as being in another space (known as the global address space).

Similarly, NAT outside refers to those networks to which the stub network connects. They are not generally under the control of the organization. Hosts in outside networks can be subject to translation and can have local and global addresses.

NAT uses the following definitions:

- Local address—A local IP address that appears on the inside of a network.
- Global address—A global IP address that appears on the outside of a network.
- Inside local address—The IP address that is assigned to a host on the inside network. The address is probably not a legitimate IP address assigned by the Internet Network Information Center (InterNIC) or a service provider.
- Inside global address—A legitimate IP address (assigned by InterNIC or a service provider) that represents one or more inside local IP addresses to the outside world.
- Outside local address—The IP address of an outside host as it appears to the inside network. The address is not necessarily legitimate; it was allocated from the address space that is routable on the inside.
- Outside global address—The IP address that is assigned to a host on the outside network by the owner of the host. The address was allocated from a globally routable address or a network space.

Pool Support for Dynamic NAT

Cisco NX-OS provides pool support for dynamic NAT. Dynamic NAT allows the configuration of a pool of global addresses that can be used to dynamically allocate a global address from the pool for every new translation. The addresses are returned to the pool after the session ages out or is closed. This allows for a more efficient use of addresses based on requirements.

Support for PAT includes the use of the global address pool. This further optimizes IP address utilization. PAT exhausts one IP address at a time with the use of port numbers. If no port is available from the appropriate group and more than one IP address is configured, PAT moves to the next IP address and gets the allocation based on the user defined pool (ignoring the source port or attempting to preserve it).

With dynamic NAT and PAT, each host uses a different address or port for each subsequent translation. The main difference between dynamic NAT and static NAT is that static NAT allows a remote host to initiate a connection to a translated host if an access list exists that allows it, while dynamic NAT does not.

When dynamic NAT is configured to use a pool of IP addresses, that are not locally available or configured locally, the out-to-in traffic is considered as DEST MISS. Due to this behavior, the show system internal access-list dest-miss stats command output displays increment in DEST MISS counters. The DEST MISS statistics is supported from Cisco NX-OS Release 9.3(5) onwards. Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 10.1(1) DEST MISS statistics is supported on Cisco Nexus 9300-FX3 platform switches.

Static and Dynamic Twice NAT Overview

When both the source IP address and the destination IP address are translated as a single packet that goes through a Network Address Translation (NAT) device, it is referred to as twice NAT. Twice NAT is supported for static and dynamic translations.

Twice NAT allows you to configure two NAT translations (one inside and one outside) as part of a group of translations. These translations can be applied to a single packet as it flows through a NAT device. When you add two translations as part of a group, both the individual translations and the combined translation take effect.

A NAT inside translation modifies the source IP address and port number when a packet flows from inside to outside. It modifies the destination IP address and port number when the packet returns from outside to inside. NAT outside translation modifies the source IP address and port number when the packet flows from outside to inside, and it modifies the destination IP address and port number when the packet returns from inside to outside.

Without twice NAT, only one of the translation rules is applied on a packet, either the source IP address and port number or the destination IP address and port number.

Static NAT translations that belong to the same group are considered for twice NAT configuration. If a static configuration does not have a configured group ID, the twice NAT configuration will not work. All inside and outside NAT translations that belong to a single group that is identified by the group ID are paired to form twice NAT translations.

Dynamic twice NAT translations dynamically select the source IP address and port number information from pre-defined **ip nat pool** or **interface overload** configurations. Packet filtration is done by configuring ACLs, and traffic must originate from the dynamic NAT translation rule direction such that source translation is done by using dynamic NAT rules.

Dynamic twice NAT allows you to configure two NAT translations (one inside and one outside) as part of a group of translations. One translation must be dynamic and other translation must be static. When these two translations are part of a group of translations, both the translations can be applied on a single packet as it goes through the NAT device either from inside to outside or from outside to inside.

VRF Aware NAT

The VRF aware NAT feature enables a switch to understand an address space in a VRF (virtual routing and forwarding instances) and to translate the packet. This allows the NAT feature to translate traffic in an overlapping address space that is used between two VRFs.

Notes for VRF aware NAT:

 The VRF aware NAT feature is supported on N9K-9408PC-CFP2, N9K-X9564PX, N9K-C9272Q, N9K-C9272Q, N9K-X9464TX, N9K-X9464TX2, N9K-X9564TX, N9K-X9464PX, N9K-X9536PQ, N9K-X9636PQ, N9K-X9432PQ, N9K-C9332PQ, N9K-C9372PX, N9K-C9372PX-E, N9K-C9372TX, N9K-C9372TX-E, N9K-C93120TX.

• The VRF aware NAT feature is not supported on the Cisco Nexus 9300-EX platform switches.



Note

This is a NAT TCAM limitation for the Cisco Nexus 9300-EX platform switches. NAT TCAM is not VRF aware. NAT does not work with overlapping IP addresses on Cisco Nexus 9300-EX platform switches.

- Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 10.2(3)F, VRF aware NAT is supported on Cisco Nexus 9300-FX, FX2, GX and GX2 platform switches. It is not supported on Cisco Nexus 9346C switch.
- Traffic flowing from one non-default-vrf to another non-default-vrf is not translated. (For example, vrfA to vrfB.)
- For traffic flowing from a VRF to a global-VRF, a nat-outside configuration is not supported on a non-default VRF interface.
- VRF aware NAT is supported by static and dynamic NAT configurations.
 - When traffic is configured to flow from a non-default VRF (inside) to a default VRF (outside), the **match-in-vrf** option of the **ip nat** command cannot be specified.
 - When traffic is configured to flow from a non-default VRF (inside) to the same non-default VRF (outside), the **match-in-vrf** option of the **ip nat** command must be specified.

The following is an example configuration:

```
<vrf-name> [match-in-vrf]] [overload] | interface <globalAddrInterface> [vrf
<vrf-name> [match-in-vrf]] overload} [group <group-id> dynamic]

Switch(config)#ip nat outside source list <acl-name> pool <pool-name> [vrf <vrf-name> [match-in-vrf]] [group <group-id> dynamic]}
```

Switch(config) # ip nat inside source {list <acl-name>} {pool <pool-name> [vrf

- VRF aware NAT does not support fragmented packets.
- VRF aware NAT does not support application layer translations.

Therefore, Layer 4 and other embedded IPs are not translated and the following will fail:

- FTP
- · ICMP failures
- IPSec
- HTTPS
- VRF aware NAT supports NAT or VACL on an interface. (However, both features cannot be supported at the same time on an interface.)
- VRF aware NAT supports egress ACLs that are applied to the original packet, not on the NAT translated packet.

- VRF aware NAT supports only the default VRF.
- VRF aware NAT does not provide MIB support.
- VRF aware NAT does not provide DCNM support.
- VRF aware NAT supports only a single global VDC.
- VRF aware NAT does not support the active/standby supervisor model.
- VRFs with overlapping subnets cannot go to a common destination without NAT. However, you can achieve this functionality with inter-VRF NAT on dynamic NAT rule configuration. Static NAT configuration is not supported for overlapping address.

Licensing Requirements for Static NAT

This table shows the licensing requirements for static NAT.

Product	License Requirement
Cisco NX-OS	Static NAT requires a LAN Base license and an Algo Boost license. For a complete explanatio of the Cisco NX-OS licensing scheme and how to obtain and apply licenses, see the Cisco NX-OS Licensing Guide.
	Note Make sure the LAN Base Services license is installed on the switch to enable Layer 3 interfaces.
	Static and Dynamic NAT require a LAN BASE SERVICES license.

Guidelines and Limitations for Static NAT

Static NAT has the following configuration guidelines and limitations:

- For Broadcom-based Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switches, if the route to your inside global address on the translating device is reachable via the outside interface, packets for Network Address Translated flows coming from outside to inside get software forwarded, duplicated, and looped in the network. For this situation, you must enter the add-route CLI argument on the end of the NAT configuration for this flow. For example, ip nat inside source static 192.168.1.1 172.16.1.1 add-route.
- The static NAT feature over vPC is not supported on Cisco Nexus 9300 platform switches.
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- show commands with the internal keyword are not supported.
- The static NAT feature is supported only on Cisco Nexus 9300 platform switches.
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- The static NAT feature is supported on Cisco Nexus 9200 platform switches.
- On Cisco Nexus 9200 and 9300-EX, -FX, -FX2, -FX3, -FXP, -GX platform switches, the **add-route** option is required for both inside and outside policies.



Note

NAT is not supported on Cisco Nexus 9500 platform switches.

- NAT supports up to 1024 translations which include both static and dynamic NAT.
- If the translated IP is part of the outside interface subnet, then use the **ip proxy-arp** command on the NAT outside interface. If the **add-route** keyword is used, **ip proxy-arp** should be enabled.
- NAT and sFlow are not supported on the same port.
- Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 10.2(1)F, VXLAN NAT and Distributed Elastic NAT feature is supported on Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2, 9348GC-FXP, N9K-C9504, N9K-C9508, N9K-C9516 platform switches. The Distributed Elastic NAT feature enables NAT on the leaf and spine in the VXLAN topology
- Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 10.2(1)F, VXLAN NAT and Distributed Elastic NAT feature is supported on Cisco Nexus 9300-FX2 platform series switches. The Distributed Elastic NAT feature enables NAT on the leaf and spine in the VXLAN topology.
- VXLAN NAT and Distributed Elastic NAT supports the following:
 - Upto 8000 NAT translations
 - VRF
 - Add-route for static inside configuration
 - · SVI without IP address configuration
- VXLAN and Distributed Elastic NAT does not support the following:
 - IPv6
 - NAT is unaware of vPC. All the configurations should be applied on both the vPC peers.
- The Cisco Nexus device supports NAT on the following interface types:
 - Switch Virtual Interfaces (SVIs)
 - Routed ports
 - Layer 3 port channels
 - · Layer 3 port channels and subinterface
 - Layer 3 and Layer 3 subinterfaces.
- NAT is supported on the default Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF) table only.
- NAT is supported for IPv4 Unicast only.
- The Cisco Nexus device does not support the following:
 - Software translation. All translations are done in the hardware.
 - Application layer translation. Layer 4 and other embedded IPs are not translated, including FTP, ICMP failures, IPSec, and HTTPs.

- NAT and VLAN Access Control Lists (VACLs) that are configured on an interface at the same time.
- PAT translation of fragmented IP packets.
- NAT translation on software forwarded packets. For example, packets with IP-options are not NAT translated.
- Egress ACLs are applied to the original packets and not the NAT translated packets.
- By default, NAT can go up to 127 translations with 256 TCAM entries. If you need more NAT translations, you need to reduce the TCAM region allocation in other areas and then increase the NAT TCAM region using the **hardware profile tcam region nat** command.
- By default no TCAM entries are allocated for the NAT feature. You allocate the TCAM size for the NAT feature by adjusting the TCAM size of other features. The TCAM can be allocated with the **hardware** access-list tcam region nat tcam-size command.
- By default, NAT does not have any reservation in TCAM. You need to reserve the space for NAT in the VACL region of TCAM by using the **hardware profile tcam feature nat limit** command.
- HSRP and VRRP are not supported on a NAT interface.
- HSRP and VRRP are supported on NAT inside address and not on NAT outside addresses.
- HSRP and VRRP are supported only on Static NAT.
- Warp mode latency performance is not supported on packets coming from the outside to the inside domain.
- If an IP address is used for Static NAT or PAT translations, it cannot be used for any other purpose. For example, it cannot be assigned to an interface.
- For Static NAT, the outside global IP address should be different from the outside interface IP address.
- If the translated IP is part of the outside interface subnet, then use the ip local-proxy-arp command on the NAT outside interface.
- Twice NAT is not supported. (Twice NAT is a variation of NAT in that both the source and destination addresses are modified by NAT as a datagram crosses address domains (inside to outside or outside to inside.)
- NAT statistics are not available.
- When configuring a large number of translations (more than 100), it is faster to configure the translations before configuring the NAT interfaces.
- Only one of the following features can be enabled on an interface at a time. If more than one of these features is enabled on an interface, only the feature that is enabled last will work:
 - NAT
 - · DHCP Relay
 - VACL
- NAT supports (non-disruptive) In Service Software Upgrade (ISSU).
- UDF-based features may not work when NAT TCAM is carved.

- ECMP NAT is not supported on Cisco Nexus 9000 switches.
- To enable TCP-aware NAT feature, you need to carve TCP-NAT TCAM using the **hardware access-list tcam region tcp-nat** *tcam-size* command.
 - For each NAT inside policy with "x" aces, "x" number of entries is required.
 - For each configured NAT pool, one entry is required.
 - TCP-NAT TCAM size must be doubled when atomic update mode is enabled.
- NAT configurations such as **ip nat inside** or **ip nat outside** are not supported on loopback interfaces.

Restrictions for Dynamic NAT

The following restrictions apply to dynamic Network Address Translation (NAT):

- For Broadcom-based Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switches, if the route to your inside global address on the translating device is reachable via the outside interface, packets for Network Address Translated flows coming from outside to inside get software forwarded, duplicated, and looped in the network. For this situation, you must enter the add-route CLI argument on the end of the NAT configuration for this flow. For example, ip nat inside source static 192.168.1.1 172.16.1.1 add-route.
- VRF aware NAT is not supported for overlapping inside/outside IP subnet addresses on Cisco Nexus 9200 and 9300-EX platform switches.
- show commands with the internal keyword are not supported.
- The dynamic NAT feature is supported only on Cisco Nexus 9300 platform switches.
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- On Cisco Nexus 9200 and 9300-EX, -FX, -FX2, -FX3, -FXP, -GX platform switches, the **add-route** option is required for both inside and outside policies.
- The **interface overload option for inside policies** option is not supported on the on the Cisco Nexus 9200, 9300-EX, 9300-FX 9300-FX2, 9300-FX3, 9300-FXP, and 9300-GX platform switches for both outside and inside policies.
- VXLAN routing is not supported on Cisco Nexus devices.
- Fragmented packets are not supported.
- Application layer gateway (ALG) translations are not supported. ALG, also known as application-level gateway, is an application that translates IP address information inside the payload of an application packet.
- NAT and virtual access control lists (ACLs) are not supported together on an interface. You can configure
 either NAT or virtual ACL on an interface.
- Egress ACLs are not applied to translated packets.
- Nondefault virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instances are not supported.
- MIBs are not supported.

- Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM) is not supported.
- Multiple global virtual device contexts (VDCs) are not supported on Cisco Nexus devices.
- Dynamic NAT translations are not synchronized with active and standby devices.
- Stateful NAT is not supported. However, NAT and Hot Standby Router Protocol (HSRP) can coexist.
- The timeout value for take up to the configured time-out + 119 seconds.
- Normally, ICMP NAT flows time out after the expiration of the configured sampling-timeout and translation-timeout. However, when ICMP NAT flows present in the switch become idle, they time out immediately after the expiration of the sampling-timeout configured.
- Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 7.0(3)I5(2), hardware programming is introduced for ICMP on Cisco Nexus 9300 platform switches. Therefore, the ICMP entries consume the TCAM resources in the hardware. Because ICMP is in the hardware, the maximum limit for NAT translation in Cisco Nexus platform Series switches is changed to 1024. Maximum of 100 ICMP entries are allowed to make the best usage of the resources.
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- If the translated IP is part of the outside interface subnet, then use the ip local-proxy-arp command on the NAT outside interface.
- When creating a new translation on a Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switch, the flow is software forwarded
 until the translation is programmed in the hardware, which might take a few seconds. During this period,
 there is no translation entry for the inside global address. Therefore, returning traffic is dropped. To
 overcome this limitation, create a loopback interface and give it an IP address that belongs to the NAT
 pool.
- For dynamic NAT, pool overload and interface overload are not supported for the outside NAT.
- Because the NAT overload uses PBR (Policy-Based Routing), the maximum number of available next-hop
 entries in the PBR table determines NAT scale. If the number of NAT inside interfaces are within the
 range of available next-hops entries in the PBR table, the maximum NAT translation scale remains same.
 Otherwise, the maximum number of supported translations may reduce. PBR and NAT-overload are not
 mutually exclusive; they are mutually limiting.
- The Cisco Nexus devices does not support NAT and VLAN Access Control Lists (VACLs) that are configured on an interface at the same time.
- NAT configurations such as **ip nat inside** or **ip nat outside** are not supported on loopback interfaces.
- The dynamic NAT feature over vPC is not supported.
- If traffic ingresses a PBR enabled interface, and has a NAT entry, the traffic will be routed via PBR but the IP address will not be translated.

Guidelines and Limitations for Dynamic Twice NAT

For Broadcom-based Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switches, if the route to your inside global address on the translating device is reachable via the outside interface, packets for Network Address Translated flows coming from outside to inside get software forwarded, duplicated, and looped in the network. For this situation, you must enter the **add-route** CLI argument on the end of the NAT configuration for this flow. For example, **ip** nat inside source static 192.168.1.1 172.16.1.1 add-route.

IP packets without TCP/UDP/ICMP headers are not translated with dynamic NAT.

In dynamic twice NAT, if dynamic NAT flows are not created before creating static NAT flows, dynamic twice NAT flows are not created correctly.

When an empty ACL is created, the default rule of **permit ip any any** is configured. The NAT-ACL does not match further ACL entries if the first ACL is blank.

Guidelines and Limitations for TCP Aware NAT

TCP aware NAT has the following limitations:

- TCP aware NAT is supported on Cisco Nexus 9500 and Cisco Nexus 9300-EX, FX, and FX2 series switches.
- Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 9.3(5), TCP aware NAT is supported on Cisco Nexus N9K-C9316D-GX, N9K-C93600CD-GX, N9K-C9364C-GX switches.
- Only one match ACL can be associated with one range of addresses pool. After associating a pool to a match ACL you cannot change the interface IP or modify the pool range.
- You must define the pool before configuring or using it in a dynamic NAT configuration.
- The dynamic NAT rule must be reconfigured whenever there is a change in pool range or interface address in case of interface overload.

Configuring Static NAT

Enabling Static NAT

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- 2. switch(config)# feature nat
- 3. switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# feature nat	Enables the static NAT feature on the device.
Step 3	switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Saves the change persistently through reboots and restarts by copying the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring Static NAT on an Interface

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- 2. switch(config)# interface type slot/port
- 3. switch(config-if)# ip nat {inside | outside}
- 4. (Optional) switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# interface type slot/port	Specifies an interface to configure, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 3	switch(config-if)# ip nat {inside outside}	Specifies the interface as inside or outside. Note Only packets that arrive on a marked interface can be translated. This configuration is not supported on loopback interface.
Step 4	(Optional) switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Saves the change persistently through reboots and restarts by copying the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to configure an interface with static NAT from the inside:

switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/4
switch(config-if)# ip nat inside

Enabling Static NAT for an Inside Source Address

For inside source translation, the traffic flows from inside interface to the outside interface. NAT translates the inside local IP address to the inside global IP address. On the return traffic, the destination inside global IP address gets translated back to the inside local IP address.



Note

When the Cisco Nexus device is configured to translate an inside source IP address (Src:ip1) to an outside source IP address (newSrc:ip2), the Cisco Nexus device implicitly adds a translation for an outside destination IP address (Dst: ip2) to an inside destination IP address (newDst: ip1).

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- **2.** switch(config)# **ip nat inside source static** local-ip-address global-ip-address [**vrf** vrf-name] [**match-in-vrf**] [**group** group-id]
- 3. switch(config)# ip nat inside source static local-ip-address global-ip-address
- **4.** (Optional) switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# ip nat inside source static local-ip-address global-ip-address [vrf vrf-name] [match-in-vrf] [group group-id]	Configures static NAT to translate the inside local address to the inside global address or to translate the opposite (the inside global traffic to the inside local traffic). Specifying group specifies the group to which this translation belongs on the static twice NAT.
		Note While performing twice NAT configuration in Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switches, you cannot use the same group ID across different VRFs. A unique group ID should be used for unique twice NAT rules.
Step 3	switch(config)# ip nat inside source static local-ip-address global-ip-address	Configures static NAT to translate the inside global address to the inside local address or to translate the opposite (the inside local traffic to the inside global traffic).
Step 4	(Optional) switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Saves the change persistently through reboots and restarts by copying the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to configure static NAT for an inside source address:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip nat inside source static 1.1.1.1 5.5.5.5
switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config
```

Enabling Static NAT for an Outside Source Address

For outside source translation, the traffic flows from the outside interface to the inside interface. NAT translates the outside global IP address to the outside local IP address. On the return traffic, the destination outside local IP address gets translated back to outside global IP address.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- 2. switch(config)# ip nat outside source static outsideGlobalIP outsideLocalIP [vrf vrf-name [match-in-vrf] [group group-id] [dynamic] [add-route]]
- 3. switch(config)# ip nat outside source static global-ip-address local-ip-address [add-route]
- **4.** (Optional) switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# ip nat outside source static outsideGlobalIP outsideLocalIP [vrf vrf-name [match-in-vrf] [group group-id] [dynamic] [add-route]]	Configures static NAT to translate the outside global address to the outside local address or to translate the opposite (the outside local traffic to the outside global traffic). Specifying group specifies the group to which this translation belongs on the static twice NAT. When an inside translation without ports is configured, an implicit add route is performed. The original add route functionality is an option while configuring an outside translation.
Step 3	switch(config)# ip nat outside source static global-ip-address local-ip-address [add-route]	Configures static NAT to translate the outside global address to the outside local address or to translate the opposite (the outside local traffic to the outside global traffic). When an inside translation without ports is configured, an implicit add route is performed. The original add route functionality is an option while configurating an outside translation.
Step 4	(Optional) switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Saves the change persistently through reboots and restarts by copying the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example show how to configure static NAT for an outside source address:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip nat outside source static 2.2.2.2 6.6.6.6
switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config
```

Configuring Static PAT for an Inside Source Address

You can map services to specific inside hosts using Port Address Translation (PAT).

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- 2. switch(config)# ip nat inside source static {inside-local-address inside-global-address | {tcp| udp} inside-local-address {local-tcp-port | local-udp-port} inside-global-address {global-tcp-port | global-ip-address {vrf vrf-name {match-in-vrf} {group group-id} }
- 3. (Optional) switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# ip nat inside source static {inside-local-address inside-global-address {tcp udp}} inside-local-address {local-tcp-port local-udp-port} inside-global-address {global-tcp-port global-udp-port}} global-ip-address {vrf vrf-name {match-in-vrf} {group} group-id} }	Maps static NAT to an inside local port to an inside global port.
Step 3	(Optional) switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Saves the change persistently through reboots and restarts by copying the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to map UDP services to a specific inside source address and UDP port:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip nat inside source static udp 20.1.9.2 63 35.48.35.48 130
switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config
```

Configuring Static PAT for an Outside Source Address

You can map services to specific outside hosts using Port Address Translation (PAT).

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- 2. switch(config)# ip nat outside source static {outside-global-address outside-local-address | {tcp | udp} outside-global-address {global-tcp-port | global-udp-port} outside-local-address {global-tcp-port | global-udp-port}} global-ip-address {group group-id} {add-route} {vrf vrf-name {match-in-vrf}}}
- 3. (Optional) switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# ip nat outside source static {outside-global-address outside-local-address {tcp udp}} outside-global-address {global-tcp-port global-udp-port} outside-local-address {global-tcp-port global-udp-port}} global-ip-address {group group-id} {add-route} {vrf-name {match-in-vrf}}	Maps static NAT to an outside global port to an outside local port. Specifying group specifies the group to which this translation belongs on the static twice NAT. When an inside translation without ports is configured, an implicit add route is performed. The original add route functionality is an option while configuration an outside translation.
Step 3	(Optional) switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	Saves the change persistently through reboots and restarts by copying the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example

This example shows how to map TCP services to a specific outside source address and TCP port:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip nat outside source static tcp 20.1.9.2 63 35.48.35.48 130
switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config
```

Configuring Static Twice NAT

All translations within the same group are considered for creating static twice Network Address Translation (NAT) rules.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. ip nat inside source static inside-local-ip-address inside-global-ip-address [group group-id] [add-route]
- **4. ip nat outside source static** *outside-global-ip-address outside-local-ip-address* [**group** *group-id*] [**add-route**]
- **5. interface** *type number*
- 6. ip address ip-address mask
- 7. ip nat inside
- 8. exit
- **9. interface** *type number*
- **10. ip address** *ip-address mask*
- 11. ip nat outside
- **12**. end

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	switch> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters privileged EXEC mode.
	<pre>Example: switch# configure terminal</pre>	
Step 3	ip nat inside source static inside-local-ip-address inside-global-ip-address [group group-id] [add-route]	Configures static twice NAT to translate an inside local IP address to the corresponding inside global IP address.
	Example: switch(config) # ip nat inside source static 10.1.1.1 192.168.34.4 group 4	• The group keyword determines the group to which a translation belongs.
Step 4	ip nat outside source static outside-global-ip-address outside-local-ip-address [group group-id] [add-route]	Configures static twice NAT to translate an outside global IP address to the corresponding outside local IP address.
	Example: switch(config) # ip nat outside source static 209.165.201.1 10.3.2.42 group 4 add-route	• The group keyword determines the group to which a translation belongs.
Step 5	interface type number Example:	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
	switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/2	
Step 6	ip address ip-address mask	Sets a primary IP address for an interface.
	Example: switch(config-if)# ip address 10.2.4.1 255.255.255.0	
Step 7	ip nat inside Example:	Connects the interface to an inside network, which is subject to NAT.
	switch(config-if)# ip nat inside	Note Configuration not supported on loopback interface.
Step 8	exit Example:	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
	switch(config-if)# exit	
Step 9	<pre>interface type number Example: switch(config) # interface ethernet 1/1</pre>	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 10	ip address ip-address mask	Sets a primary IP address for an interface.
	Example:	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	switch(config-if)# ip address 10.5.7.9 255.255.255.0	
Step 11	ip nat outside	Connects the interface to an outside network, which is
	Example:	subject to NAT.
	switch(config-if)# ip nat outside	Note Configuration not supported on loopback interface.
Step 12	end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged
	Example:	EXEC mode.
	switch(config-if)# end	

Enabling and Disabling no-alias Configuration

NAT devices own Inside Global (IG) and Outside Local (OL) addresses and they are responsible for responding to any ARP requests directed to these addresses. When the IG/OL address subnet matches with the local interface subnet, NAT installs an IP alias and an ARP entry, in this case the device uses local-proxy-arp to respond to ARP requests.

The *no-alias* feature responds to ARP requests of all the translated IPs from a given NAT pool address range if the address range is in same subnet of the outside interface.

If no-alias is enabled on an interface with NAT configuration, the outside interface will not respond to any ARP requests in its subnet. When no-alias is disabled, the ARP requests for IPs in same subnet as of outside interface are served.



Note

When you downgrade to any older releases that does not support this feature, configurations with *no-alias* option may be deleted.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- 2. switch(config)# feature nat
- 3. switch(config)# show run nat
- 4. switch(config)# show ip nat-alias
- **5.** switch(config)# **clear ip nat-alias** *ip address/all*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# feature nat	Enables the static NAT feature on the device.
Step 3	switch(config)# show run nat	Displays NAT configuration.
Step 4	switch(config)# show ip nat-alias	Displays the information whether or not the alias is created.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		Note By default, alias is created. To disable the alias, you must append <i>no-alias</i> keyword to the command.
Step 5	switch(config)# clear ip nat-alias ip address/all	Removes entries from alias list. To remove a specific entry you must provide the IP address that you want to remove. To remove all entries, use the all keyword.

Example

This example shows the interface information:

This example shows the running configuration:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# show running-config nat
!Command: show running-config nat
!Running configuration last done at: Thu Aug 23 11:57:01 2018
!Time: Thu Aug 23 11:58:13 2018

version 9.2(2) Bios:version 07.64
feature nat
interface Ethernet1/1
   ip nat inside
interface Ethernet1/3
   ip nat outside
switch(config)#
```

This example shows how to configure alias:

This example shows the output of *show ip nat-alias*. By default, alias is enabled.

This example shows how to disable alias:

This example shows how to clear alias. Use *clear ip nat-alias* to remove an entry from alias list. You can remove a single entry by specifying the IP address or remove all the alias entries.

Configuration Example for Static NAT and PAT

This example shows the configuration for static NAT:

```
ip nat inside source static 103.1.1.1 11.3.1.1 ip nat inside source static 139.1.1.1 11.39.1.1 ip nat inside source static 141.1.1.1 11.41.1.1 ip nat inside source static 149.1.1.1 95.1.1.1 ip nat inside source static 149.2.1.1 96.1.1.1 ip nat outside source static 95.3.1.1 95.4.1.1 ip nat outside source static 96.3.1.1 96.4.1.1 ip nat outside source static 102.1.2.1 51.1.2.1 ip nat outside source static 104.1.1.1 51.3.1.1 ip nat outside source static 104.1.1.1 51.3.1.1 ip nat outside source static 140.1.1.1 51.40.1.1
```

This example shows the configuration for static PAT:

```
ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 1 210.11.1.1 101 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 2 210.11.1.1 201 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 3 210.11.1.1 301 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 4 210.11.1.1 401 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 5 210.11.1.1 501 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 5 210.11.1.1 501 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 6 210.11.1.1 601 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 7 210.11.1.1 701 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 8 210.11.1.1 801 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 9 210.11.1.1 901 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 10 210.11.1.1 1001 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 11 210.11.1.1 1101 ip nat inside source static tcp 10.11.1.1 12 210.11.1.1 1201
```

Example: Configuring Static Twice NAT

The following example shows how to configure the inside source and outside source static twice NAT configurations:

```
Switch> enable
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# ip nat inside source static 10.1.1.1 192.168.34.4 group 4
Switch(config)# ip nat outside source static 209.165.201.1 10.3.2.42 group 4
Switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/2
Switch(config-if)# ip address 10.2.4.1 255.255.255.0
Switch(config-if)# ip nat inside
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/1
switch(config-if)# ip address 10.5.7.9 255.255.255.0
switch(config-if)# ip nat outside
Switch(config-if)# end
```

Verifying the Static NAT Configuration

To display the static NAT configuration, perform this task:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. switch# show ip nat translations

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	1	Shows the translations for the inside global, inside local, outside local, and outside global IP addresses.

Example

This example shows how to display the static NAT configuration:

switch# sh ip nat tra	nslations		
Pro Inside global	Inside local	Outside local	Outside global
		51.3.1.1	104.1.1.1
		95.4.1.1	95.3.1.1
		96.4.1.1	96.3.1.1
		51.40.1.1	140.1.1.1
		51.42.1.1	142.1.2.1
		51.1.2.1	102.1.2.1
11.1.1.1	101.1.1.1		
11.3.1.1	103.1.1.1		
11.39.1.1	139.1.1.1		
11.41.1.1	141.1.1.1		
95.1.1.1	149.1.1.1		
96.1.1.1	149.2.1.1		
130.1.1.1:590	30.1.1.100:5000		
130.2.1.1:590	30.2.1.100:5000		
130.3.1.1:590	30.3.1.100:5000		

	130.4.1.1:590	30.4.1.100:5000		
	130.1.1.1:591	30.1.1.101:5000		
	tch# show ip nat tr			
	Inside global			
any			20.4.4.40	220.2.2.20
			23.1.1.133:333	210.3.3.33:555
any	160.200.1.140	10.1.1.40		
any	160.200.1.140	10.1.1.40	20.4.4.40	220.2.2.20
tcp	172.9.9.142:777	12.2.2.42:444		
tcp	172.9.9.142:777	12.2.2.42:444	23.1.1.133:333	210.3.3.33:555
	tch# sh ip nat tran			
Pro	Inside global			·-
any			22.1.1.3	22.1.1.2
	Flags:0x200009 time	e-left(secs):-1 id:	0 state:0x0 grp_id:	10
any	11.1.1.130	11.1.1.3		
	Flags:0x1 time-lef	t(secs):-1 id:0 sta	te:0x0 grp id:0	
any	11.1.1.133			
	Flags:0x1 time-lef	t(secs):-1 id:0 sta	te:0x0 grp id:10	
anv	11.1.1.133			22.1.1.2
_		e-left(secs):-1 id:		
tcp	10.1.1.100:64490			
1-		ft(secs):43192 id:3		
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Configuring Dynamic NAT

Configuring Dynamic Translation and Translation Timeouts

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. ip access-list access-list-name
- 4. **permit** protocol source source-wildcard **any**
- 5. deny protocol source source-wildcard any
- 6. exit
- 7. ip nat inside source list access-list-name interface type number [vrf vrf-name [match-in-vrf] [add-route] [overload]
- 8. hardware profile racl priority toggle
- **9. interface** *type number*
- 10. ip address ip-address mask
- 11. ip nat inside
- **12**. exit
- **13**. **interface** *type number*
- 14. ip address ip-address mask
- 15. ip nat outside
- **16**. exit

- 17. ip nat translation tcp-timeout seconds
- 18. ip nat translation max-entries [all-host] number-of-entries
- 19. ip nat translation udp-timeout seconds
- 20. ip nat translation timeout seconds
- 21. ip nat translation creation-delay seconds
- **22**. **ip nat translation icmp-timeout** seconds
- **23**. ip nat translation syn-timeout {seconds | never}
- **24.** ip nat translation finrst-timeout {seconds | never}
- **25**. end

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Switch> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Switch# configure terminal	
Step 3	ip access-list access-list-name	Defines an access list and enters access-list configuration
	Example:	mode.
	Switch(config)# ip access-list acl1	
Step 4	permit protocol source source-wildcard any	Sets conditions in an IP access list that permit traffic
	Example:	matching the conditions.
	Switch(config-acl)# permit ip 10.111.11.0/24 any	
Step 5	deny protocol source source-wildcard any	Sets conditions in an IP access list that deny packets from
	Example:	entering a network.
	Switch(config-acl)# deny udp 10.111.11.100/32 any	The deny rule is treated as a permit rule, and the packets matching the criteria mentioned in the deny rule are forwarded without NAT translation.
Step 6	exit	Exits access-list configuration mode and returns to global
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Switch(config-acl)# exit	
Step 7	ip nat inside source list access-list-name interface type number [vrf vrf-name [match-in-vrf] [add-route] [overload]	Establishes dynamic source translation by specifying the access list defined in Step 3.
	Example:	
	Switch(config)# ip nat inside source list acl1 interface ethernet 1/1 overload	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	hardware profile racl priority toggle Example: Switch(config) # hardware profile racl priority toggle	Increases RACL priority over NAT/VACL You need to reload the device after configuring this command.
Step 9	<pre>interface type number Example: Switch(config) # interface ethernet 1/4</pre>	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 10	<pre>ip address ip-address mask Example: Switch(config-if) # ip address 10.111.11.39 255.255.255.0</pre>	Sets a primary IP address for the interface.
Step 11	<pre>ip nat inside Example: Switch(config-if) # ip nat inside</pre>	Connects the interface to an inside network, which is subject to NAT. Note Configuration not supported on loopback interface.
Step 12	exit Example: Switch(config-if)# exit	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 13	<pre>interface type number Example: Switch(config) # interface ethernet 1/1</pre>	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 14	<pre>ip address ip-address mask Example: Switch(config-if) # ip address 172.16.232.182 255.255.255.240</pre>	Sets a primary IP address for an interface.
Step 15	<pre>ip nat outside Example: Switch(config-if)# ip nat outside</pre>	Connects the interface to an outside network. Note Configuration not supported on loopback interface.
Step 16	<pre>exit Example: Switch(config-if)# exit</pre>	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 17	<pre>ip nat translation tcp-timeout seconds Example: Switch(config) # ip nat translation tcp-timeout 50000</pre>	Specifies the timeout value for TCP-based dynamic NAT entries. • Dynamically created NAT translations are cleared when the configured timeout limit is reached. All configured timeouts are triggered after the timeout

	Command or Action	Purpose
		configured for the ip nat translation sampling-timeout command expires.
Step 18	ip nat translation max-entries [all-host] number-of-entries	Specifies the maximum number of dynamic NAT translations. The number of entries can be between 1 and 1023.
	Example:	
	Switch(config)# ip nat translation max-entries 300	The all-host keyword enforces this translation limit on all hosts. The number of entries per host can be between 1 and 1023.
Step 19	ip nat translation udp-timeout seconds	Specifies the timeout value for UDP-based dynamic NAT
	Example:	entries.
	Switch(config)# ip nat translation udp-timeout 45000	 Dynamically created NAT translations are cleared when the configured timeout limit is reached. All configured timeouts are triggered after the timeout configured for the ip nat translation sampling-timeout command expires.
Step 20	ip nat translation timeout seconds	Specifies the timeout value for dynamic NAT translations.
	Example:	• NAT uses this timeout value only if the tcp-timeout
	switch(config)# ip nat translation timeout 13000	
Step 21	ip nat translation creation-delay seconds	Specifies the ICMP timeout value for dynamic NAT translations.
	Example:	
	switch(config)# ip nat translation creation-delay 250	Note To reduce the frequency of programming the NAT entries in the hardware, NAT batches and programs the translations for one second. Frequently programming the hardware burdens the CPU but delaying the programming delays establishing sessions. You can disable batching or reduce the creation delay using this command. It is not recommended to set creation delay to 0.
Step 22	ip nat translation icmp-timeout seconds	Specifies the ICMP timeout value for dynamic NAT
	Example:	translations.
	<pre>switch(config)# ip nat translation icmp-timeout 100</pre>	
Step 23	ip nat translation syn-timeout {seconds never} Example:	Specifies the timeout value for TCP data packets that send the SYN request, but do not receive a SYN-ACK reply.
	switch(config) # ip nat translation syn-timeout 20	The timeout value ranges from 1 second to 172800 seconds. The default value is 60 seconds.
		The never keyword specifies that the SYN timer will not be run.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 24	<pre>ip nat translation finrst-timeout {seconds never} Example: switch(config) # ip nat translation finrst-timeout 30</pre>	Specifies the timeout value for the flow entries when a connection is terminated by receiving finish (FIN) or reset (RST) packets. Use the same keyword to configure the behavior for both RST and FIN packets. The timeout value ranges from 1 second to 172800 seconds. The default value is 60 seconds. The never keyword specifies that the FIN or RST timer will not be run.
Step 25	<pre>end Example: Switch(config)# end</pre>	Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring Dynamic NAT Pool

You can create a NAT pool by either defining the range of IP addresses in a single **ip nat pool** command or by using the **ip nat pool** and **address** commands

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- 2. switch(config)# feature nat
- **3.** switch(config)# **ip nat pool** pool-name [startip endip] {**prefix** prefix-length | **netmask** network-mask}
- **4.** (Optional) switch(config-ipnat-pool)# address startip endip
- **5.** (Optional) switch(config)# **no ip nat pool** pool-name

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# feature nat	Enables the NAT feature on the device.
Step 3	switch(config)# ip nat pool pool-name [startip endip] { prefix prefix-length netmask network-mask}	Creates a NAT pool with a range of global IP addresses. The IP addresses are filtered by using either a prefix length or a network mask.
Step 4	(Optional) switch(config-ipnat-pool)# address startip endip	Specifies the range of global IP addresses if they were not specified during creation of the pool.
Step 5	(Optional) switch(config)# no ip nat pool pool-name	Deletes the specified NAT pool.

Example

This example shows how to create a NAT pool with a prefix length:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config) # ip nat pool pool1 30.1.1.1 30.1.1.2 prefix-length 24
switch(config) #
```

This example shows how to create a NAT pool with a network mask:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config) # ip nat pool pool5 20.1.1.1 20.1.1.5 netmask 255.0.255.0
switch(config) #
```

This example shows how to create a NAT pool and define the range of global IP addresses using the **ip nat pool** and **address** commands:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config) # ip nat pool pool7 netmask 255.255.0.0
switch(config-ipnat-pool) # address 40.1.1.1 40.1.1.5
switch(config-ipnat-pool) #
```

This example shows how to delete a NAT pool:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config) # no ip nat pool pool4
switch(config) #
```

Configuring Source Lists

You can configure a source list of IP addresses for the inside interface and the outside interface.

Before you begin

Ensure that you configure a pool before configuring the source list for the pool.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- 2. (Optional) switch# ip nat inside source list list-name pool pool-name [overload]
- 3. (Optional) switch# ip nat outside source list list-name pool pool-name [add-route]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	(Optional) switch# ip nat inside source list list-name pool pool-name [overload]	Creates a NAT inside source list with pool with or without overloading.
Step 3	(Optional) switch# ip nat outside source list list-name pool pool-name [add-route]	Creates a NAT outside source list with pool without overloading.

Example

This example shows how to create a NAT inside source list with pool without overloading:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip nat inside source list list1 pool pool1
switch(config)#
```

This example shows how to create a NAT inside source list with pool with overloading:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config) # ip nat inside source list list2 pool pool2 overload
switch(config) #
```

This example shows how to create a NAT outside source list with pool without overloading:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip nat outside source list list3 pool pool3
switch(config)#
```

Configuring Dynamic Twice NAT for an Inside Source Address

For an inside source address translation, the traffic flows from the inside interface to the outside interface. You can configure dynamic twice NAT for an inside source address.

Before you begin

Ensure that you enable NAT on the switch.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- 2. switch(config)# ip nat outside source static outside-global-ip-address outside-local-ip-address | [tcp | udp] outside-global-ip-address outside-global-port outside-local-ip-address outside-local-port [group group-id] [dynamic] [add-route]
- **3.** switch(config)# **ip nat inside source list** access-list-name [**interface** type slot/port **overload** | **pool** pool-name **overload**] [**group** group-id] [**dynamic**] [**add-route**]
- **4.** switch(config)# **ip nat pool** pool-name [startip endip] {**prefix** prefix-length | **netmask** network-mask}
- **5.** switch(config)# **interface** type slot/port
- 6. switch(config-if)# ip nat outside
- 7. switch(config-if)# exit
- 8. switch(config)# interface type slot/port
- **9.** switch(config-if)# ip nat inside

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	switch(config)# ip nat outside source static outside-global-ip-address outside-local-ip-address [tcp udp] outside-global-ip-address outside-global-port outside-local-ip-address outside-local-port [group group-id] [dynamic] [add-route]	Configures static NAT to translate an outside global address to an inside local address or to translate inside local traffic to inside global traffic. The group keyword determines the group to which a translation belongs.
Step 3	switch(config)# ip nat inside source list access-list-name [interface type slot/port overload pool pool-name overload] [group group-id] [dynamic] [add-route]	Establishes dynamic source translation by creating a NAT inside source list with pool with or without overloading. The group keyword determines the group to which a translation belongs.
Step 4	switch(config)# ip nat pool pool-name [startip endip] { prefix prefix-length netmask network-mask}	Creates a NAT pool with a range of global IP addresses. The IP addresses are filtered by using either a prefix length or a network mask.
Step 5	switch(config)# interface type slot/port	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 6	switch(config-if)# ip nat outside	Connects the interface to an outside network.
Step 7	switch(config-if)# exit	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 8	switch(config)# interface type slot/port	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 9	switch(config-if)# ip nat inside	Connects the interface to an inside network, which is subject to NAT.

Example

This example shows how to configure dynamic twice NAT for an inside source address:

```
switch# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config)# ip nat outside source static 2.2.2.2 4.4.4.4 group 20 dynamic
switch(config)# ip nat inside source list acl_1 pool pool_1 overload group 20 dynamic
switch(config)# ip nat pool pool_1 3.3.3.3 3.3.3.10 prefix-length 24
switch(config)# interface Ethernet1/8
switch(config-if)# ip nat outside
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config)# interface Ethernet1/15
switch(config-if)# ip nat inside
```

Configuring Dynamic Twice NAT for an Outside Source Address

For an outside source address translation, the traffic flows from the outside interface to the inside interface. You can configure dynamic twice NAT for an outside source address.

Before you begin

Ensure that you enable NAT on the switch.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- 2. switch(config)# ip nat inside source static inside-local-ip-address inside-global-ip-address | [tcp | udp] inside-local-ip-address local-port inside-global-ip-address global-port [group group-id] [dynamic] [add-route]
- **3.** switch(config)# **ip nat outside source list** access-list-name **pool** pool-name [**group** group-id] **dynamic** [add-route]
- **4.** switch(config)# **ip nat pool** pool-name [startip endip] {**prefix** prefix-length | **netmask** network-mask}
- **5.** switch(config)# **interface** *type slot/port*
- 6. switch(config-if)# ip nat outside
- **7.** switch(config-if)# exit
- **8.** switch(config)# interface type slot/port
- 9. switch(config-if)# ip nat inside

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	switch(config)# ip nat inside source static inside-local-ip-address inside-global-ip-address [tcp udp] inside-local-ip-address local-port inside-global-ip-address global-port [group group-id] [dynamic] [add-route]	Configures static NAT to translate an inside global address to an inside local address or to translate inside local traffic to inside global traffic. The group keyword determines the group to which a translation belongs.
Step 3	switch(config)# ip nat outside source list access-list-name pool pool-name [group group-id] dynamic [add-route]	Establishes dynamic source translation by creating a NAT outside source list with pool with or without overloading.
Step 4	switch(config)# ip nat pool pool-name [startip endip] { prefix prefix-length netmask network-mask}	Creates a NAT pool with a range of global IP addresses. The IP addresses are filtered by using either a prefix length or a network mask.
Step 5	switch(config)# interface type slot/port	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 6	switch(config-if)# ip nat outside	Connects the interface to an outside network.
Step 7	switch(config-if)# exit	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 8	switch(config)# interface type slot/port	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 9	switch(config-if)# ip nat inside	Connects the interface to an inside network, which is subject to NAT.

Example

This example shows how to configure dynamic twice NAT for an outside source address:

```
switch# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config)# ip nat inside source static 7.7.7.7 5.5.5.5 group 30 dynamic
switch(config)# ip nat outside source list acl_1 pool pool_1 group 30 dynamic
switch(config)# ip nat pool pool_2 4.4.4.4 4.4.10 prefix-length 24
switch(config)# interface Ethernet1/6
switch(config-if)# ip nat outside
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config)# interface Ethernet1/11
switch(config-if)# ip nat inside
```

Configuring FINRST and SYN Timers

This section describes how to configure FINRST and SYN timer values. When you reload the switch, restoring or erasing the configured FINRST and/or SYN timer values depends on whether or not the TCP TCAM carved. If the TCAM is carved, the switch restores the currently configured values. If the timer values are not configured, it sets a default value of 60. If the TCAM is not carved, the switch removes any currently configured values and sets a default value as never. This is because the the TCP AWARE feature gets disabled when the TCP TCAM is not carved.

TCP aware NAT has the following limitations:

- TCP aware NAT is supported on Cisco Nexus 9500 and Cisco Nexus 9300-EX, FX, and FX2 series switches.
- Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 9.3(5), TCP aware NAT is supported on Cisco Nexus N9K-C9316D-GX, N9K-C93600CD-GX, N9K-C9364C-GX switches.
- Only one match ACL can be associated with one range of addresses pool. After associating a pool to a match ACL you cannot change the interface IP or modify the pool range.
- You must define the pool before configuring or using it in a dynamic NAT configuration.
- The dynamic NAT rule must be reconfigured whenever there is a change in pool range or interface address in case of interface overload.

Before you begin

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. switch# configure terminal
- 2. switch(config-if)# ip nat translation syn-timeout {seconds | never}
- 3. switch(config-if)# ip nat translation finrst-timeout {seconds | never}

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	switch# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 2	switch(config-if)# ip nat translation syn-timeout {seconds never}	Specifies the timeout value for TCP data packets that sends the SYN request, but do not receive a SYN-ACK reply. The timeout value ranges from 1 to 172800 seconds. When the TCP TCAM is carved the default value is 60 seconds. When the TCP TCAM is not carved the default value is never. The never keyword deactivates SYN timer. Note You cannot configure SYN timer when TCP TCAM is not carved Specifies the timeout value for the flow entries when a connection is terminated by receiving finish (FIN) or reset (RST) packets. You must use the configure the behavior for both RST and FIN. The timeout value ranges from 1 to 172800 seconds. When the TCP TCAM is carved the default value is 60 seconds. When the TCP TCAM is not carved the default value is never. The never keyword deactivates FIN or RST timers. Note You cannot configure FINRST timer when TCP TCAM is not carved	
Step 3	switch(config-if)# ip nat translation finrst-timeout {seconds never}		

Example

The following example that shows when TCP TCAM is carved

switch(config) # ip nat translation syn-timeout 20

The following example that shows when TCP TCAM is not carved

switch(config)# ip nat translation syn-timeout 20 $\,$ Error: SYN TIMER CONFIG FAILED.TCP TCAM NOT CONFIGURED

Clearing Dynamic NAT Translations

To clear dynamic translations, perform the following task:

Command	Purpose
clear ip nat translation [all inside	Deletes all or specific dynamic NAT translations.
global-ip-address local-ip-address [outside	
local-ip-address global-ip-address] outside	
local-ip-address global-ip-address]	

Example

This example shows how to clear all dynamic translations:

switch# clear ip nat translation all

This example shows how to clear dynamic translations for inside and outside addresses:

switch# clear ip nat translation inside 2.2.2.2 4.4.4.4 outside 5.5.5.5 7.7.7.7

Verifying Dynamic NAT Configuration

To display dynamic NAT configuration, perform the following tasks:

Command	Purpose	
show ip nat translations	Displays active Network Address Translation (NAT) translations including dynamic translations.	
	Displays additional information for each translation table entry, including when an entry was created and used.	
show run nat	Displays NAT configuration.	
show ip nat max	Displays active Network Address Translation (NAT) maximum values.	
show ip nat statistics	Monitor NAT statistics.	

Example

This example shows how to display IP NAT Max values:

switch# show ip nat max

This example shows how to display NAT Statistics:

switch# show ip nat statistics

```
IP NAT Statistics
```

```
Stats Collected since: Mon Feb 24 18:27:34 2020

Total active translations: 1
No.Static: 0
No.Dyn: 1
No.Dyn-ICMP: 1

Total expired Translations: 0
SYN timer expired: 0
FIN-RST timer expired: 0
Inactive timer expired: 0
```

```
Total Misses: 2
Total Hits: 2
                          In-Out Misses: 2
In-Out Hits: 0
Out-In Hits: 2
                         Out-In Misses: 0
Total SW Translated Packets: 2
In-Out SW Translated: 2
Out-In SW Translated: 0
______
Total SW Dropped Packets: 0
In-Out SW Dropped: 0
Out-In SW Dropped: 0
Address alloc. failure drop:
Port alloc. failure drop:
Dyn. Translation max limit drop: 0
ICMP max limit drop: 0
Allhost max limit drop:
Total TCP session established: 0
Total TCP session closed: 0
_____
NAT Inside Interfaces: 1
Ethernet1/34
NAT Outside Interfaces: 1
Ethernet1/32
Inside source list:
++++++++++++++++++
Access list: T2
RefCount: 1
Pool: T2 Overload
Total addresses: 10
Allocated: 1 percentage: 10%
Missed: 0
Outside source list:
+++++++++++++++++
______
Switch (config) #
Switch (config) #
\star\starNo.Dyn-ICMP field is to display the no of icmp dynamic translations , its a subset of
"No.Dyn" field.
```



Note

Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 9.3(5), the **No.Dyn-ICMP** field is a subset of **No.Dyn** field and it displays the number of ICMP dynamic translations.

This example shows how to display running configuration for NAT:

```
switch# show run nat
!Command: show running-config nat
!Time: Wed Apr 23 11:17:43 2014
version 6.0(2)A3(1)
```

```
ip nat inside source list list1 pool pool1
ip nat inside source list list2 pool pool2 overload
ip nat inside source list list7 pool pool7 overload
ip nat outside source list list3 pool pool3
ip nat pool pool1 30.1.1.1 30.1.1.2 prefix-length 24
ip nat pool pool2 10.1.1.1 10.1.1.2 netmask 255.0.255.0
ip nat pool pool3 30.1.1.1 30.1.1.8 prefix-length 24
ip nat pool pool5 20.1.1.1 20.1.1.5 netmask 255.0.255.0
ip nat pool pool7 netmask 255.255.0.0
address 40.1.1.1 40.1.1.5
```

This example shows how to display active NAT translations:

Inside pool with overload

```
      switch# show ip nat translation

      Pro
      Inside global
      Inside local
      Outside local
      Outside global

      icmp 20.1.1.3:64762
      10.1.1.2:133
      20.1.1.1:0
      20.1.1.1:0

      icmp 20.1.1.3:64763
      10.1.1.2:134
      20.1.1.1:0
      20.1.1.1:0
```

Outside pool without overload

switch# show in not translation

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Pro	Inside global	Inside local	Outside local	Outside global		
any			177.7.1.1:0	77.7.1.64:0		
any			40.146.1.1:0	40.46.1.64:0		
any			10.4.146.1:0	10.4.46.64:0		

Example: Configuring Dynamic Translation and Translation Timeouts

The following example shows how to configure dynamic overload Network Address Translation (NAT) by specifying an access list:

```
Switch> enable
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config) # ip access-list acl1
Switch(config-acl) # permit ip 10.111.11.0/24 any
Switch(config-acl) # deny udp 10.111.11.100/32 any
Switch(config-acl) # exit
Switch(config) # ip nat inside source list acl1 interface ethernet 1/1 overload
Switch(config) # interface ethernet 1/4
Switch(config-if) # ip address 10.111.11.39 255.255.255.0
Switch (config-if) # ip nat inside
Switch(config-if)# exit
Switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/1
Switch(config-if) # ip address 172.16.232.182 255.255.255.240
Switch(config-if) # ip nat outside
Switch(config-if)# exit
Switch(config) # ip nat translation max-entries 300
Switch(config) # ip nat translation timeout 13000
Switch(config)# end
```

Example: Configuring Dynamic Translation and Translation Timeouts