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Configuring Enhanced Object Tracking

Before the introduction of the Enhanced Object Tracking feature, the Hot Standby Router Protocol (HSRP) had a simple tracking mechanism that allowed you to track the interface line-protocol state only. If the line-protocol state of the interface went down, the HSRP priority of the router was reduced, allowing another HSRP router with a higher priority to become active.

The Enhanced Object Tracking feature separates the tracking mechanism from HSRP and creates a separate standalone tracking process that can be used by other Cisco IOS processes and HSRP. This feature allows tracking of other objects in addition to the interface line-protocol state.

A client process such as HSRP, Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP), or Gateway Load Balancing Protocol (GLBP), can register its interest in tracking objects and then be notified when the tracked object changes state.

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest feature information and caveats, see the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the Feature Information Table at the end of this document.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to www.cisco.com/go/cfn. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Restrictions for Enhanced Object Tracking

Enhanced Object Tracking is not stateful switchover (SSO)-aware and cannot be used with Hot Standby Routing Protocol (HSRP), Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP), or Gateway Load Balancing Protocol (GLBP) in SSO mode.

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Feature Design of Enhanced Object Tracking

The Enhanced Object Tracking feature provides complete separation between the objects to be tracked and the action to be taken by a client when a tracked object changes. Thus, several clients such as HSRP, VRRP, or GLPB can register their interest with the tracking process, track the same object, and each take different action when the object changes.

Each tracked object is identified by a unique number that is specified on the tracking CLI. Client processes use this number to track a specific object.

The tracking process periodically polls the tracked objects and notes any change of value. The changes in the tracked object are communicated to interested client processes, either immediately or after a specified delay. The object values are reported as either up or down.

You can configure a combination of tracked objects in a list and a flexible method for combining objects using Boolean logic. This functionality includes the following capabilities:

- Threshold—The tracked list can be configured to use a weight or percentage threshold to measure the state of the list. Each object in a tracked list can be assigned a threshold weight. The state of the tracked list is determined by whether the threshold has been met.
- Boolean "and" function—When a tracked list has been assigned a Boolean "and" function, each object defined within a subset must be in an up state so that the tracked object can become up.
- Boolean "or" function—When the tracked list has been assigned a Boolean "or" function, at least one object defined within a subset must be in an up state so that the tracked object can become up.

As of Cisco IOS Release 15.1(3)T, 15.1(1)S and 12.2(50)SY a maximum of 1000 objects can be tracked. Although 1000 tracked objects can be configured, each tracked object uses CPU resources. The amount of available CPU resources on a router depends on variables such as traffic load and how other protocols are configured and run. The ability to use 1000 tracked objects depends on the available CPU. Testing should be conducted on site to ensure that the service works under the specific site traffic conditions.

Interface State Tracking

An IP-routing object is considered up when the following criteria exist:

- IP routing is enabled and active on the interface.
- The interface line-protocol state is up.
- The interface IP address is known. The IP address is configured or received through Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) or IP Control Protocol (IPCP) negotiation.

Interface IP routing will go down when one of the following criteria exists:

- IP routing is disabled globally.
- The interface line-protocol state is down.
- The interface IP address is unknown. The IP address is not configured or received through DHCP or IPCP negotiation.

Tracking the IP-routing state of an interface using the **track interface ip routing** command can be more useful in some situations than just tracking the line-protocol state using the **track interface line-protocol** command, especially on interfaces for which IP addresses are negotiated. For example, on a serial interface that uses the PPP, the line protocol could be up (link control protocol [LCP] negotiated successfully), but IP could be down (IPCP negotiation failed).

The **track interface ip routing** command supports the tracking of an interface with an IP address acquired through any of the following methods:

- Conventional IP address configuration
- PPP/IPCP
- DHCP
- Unnumbered interface

You can configure Enhanced Object Tracking to consider the carrier-delay timer when tracking the IP-routing state of an interface by using the **carrier-delay** command in tracking configuration mode.

Scaled Route Metrics

The **track ip route** command enables tracking of a route in the routing table. If a route exists in the table, the metric value is converted into a number. To provide a common interface to tracking clients, normalize route metric values to the range from 0 to 255, where 0 is connected and 255 is inaccessible. Scaled metrics can be tracked by setting thresholds. Up and down state notification occurs when the thresholds are crossed. The resulting value is compared against threshold values to determine the tracking state as follows:

- State is up if the scaled metric for that route is less than or equal to the up threshold.
- State is down if the scaled metric for that route is greater than or equal to the down threshold.

Tracking uses a per-protocol configurable resolution value to convert the real metric to the scaled metric. The table below shows the default values used for the conversion. You can use the **track resolution** command to change the metric resolution default values.

Table 1 Metric Conversion

Route Type[1]	Metric Resolution
Static	10
Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP)	2560
Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)	1
Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System (IS-IS)	10

For example, a change in 10 in an IS-IS metric results in a change of 1 in the scaled metric. The default resolutions are designed so that approximately one 2-Mbps link in the path will give a scaled metric of 255.

1 **RIP is scaled directly to the range from 0 to 255 because its maximum metric is less than 255.**

Scaling the very large metric ranges of EIGRP and IS-IS to a 0 to 255 range is a compromise. The default resolutions will cause the scaled metric to exceed the maximum limit with a 2-Mb/s link. However, this scaling allows a distinction between a route consisting of three Fast-Ethernet links and a route consisting of four Fast-Ethernet links.

IP SLA Operation Tracking

Object tracking of IP Service Level Agreements (SLAs) operations allows tracking clients to track the output from IP SLAs objects and use the provided information to trigger an action.

Cisco IOS IP SLAs is a network performance measurement and diagnostics tool that uses active monitoring. Active monitoring is the generation of traffic in a reliable and predictable manner to measure network performance. Cisco IOS software uses IP SLAs to collect real-time metrics such as response time, network resource availability, application performance, jitter (interpacket delay variance), connect time, throughput, and packet loss.

These metrics can be used for troubleshooting, for proactive analysis before problems occur, and for designing network topologies.

Every IP SLAs operation maintains an operation return-code value. This return code is interpreted by the tracking process. The return code can return OK, OverThreshold, and several other return codes. Different operations can have different return-code values, so only values common to all operation types are used.

Two aspects of an IP SLAs operation can be tracked: state and reachability. The difference between these aspects is the acceptance of the OverThreshold return code. The table below shows the state and reachability aspects of IP SLAs operations that can be tracked.

Table 2 Comparison of State and Reachability Operations

Tracking	Return Code	Track State
State	OK	Up
	(all other return codes)	Down
Reachability	OK or OverThreshold	Up
	(all other return codes)	Down

Enhanced Object Tracking and Embedded Event Manager

Enhanced Object Tracking (EOT) is now integrated with Embedded Event Manager (EEM) to allow EEM to report on status change of a tracked object and to allow EOT to track EEM objects. A new type of tracking object--a stub object--is created. The stub object can be modified by an external process through a defined Application Programming Interface (API). See the Embedded Event Manager Overview document in the *Cisco IOSNetwork Management Configuration Guide* for more information on how EOT works with EEM.

EOT Support for Carrier Delay

The EOT Support for Carrier Delay feature enables Enhanced Object Tracking (EOT) to consider the carrier-delay timer when tracking the status of an interface.

If a link fails, by default there is a two-second timer that must expire before an interface and the associated routes are declared as being down. If a link goes down and comes back up before the carrier delay timer

expires, the down state is effectively filtered, and the rest of the software on the switch is not aware that a link-down event occurred. You can configure the carrier-delay seconds command in interface configuration mode to extend the timer up to 60 seconds.

When EOT is configured on an interface, the tracking may detect the interface is down before a configured carrier-delay timer has expired. This is because EOT looks at the interface state and does not consider the carrier delay timer. Use the **carrier-delay** command in tracking configuration mode to enable tracking to consider the carrier-delay timer configured on an interface.

Enhanced Object Tracking for Mobile IP Applications

The Enhanced Object Tracking Support for Mobile IP feature enables EOT to monitor the presence of Home Agent, Packet Data Serving Node (PDSN), or Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN) traffic on a router for mobile wireless applications.

When a redundant pair of Home Agents running HSRP between them loses connectivity, both HSRP nodes become active. Once the connectivity is restored between the two nodes, a graceful way is needed to restore proper HSRP states without losing Home Agent bindings. During the time of no connectivity, one of the nodes will continue to process Home Agent, GGSN, or PDSN traffic while the other will not. The node that continues to process traffic needs to remain active once connectivity is restored. To ensure that the active node remains in the active state, the priority of the HSRP group member that does not process Home Agent traffic is reduced. Reducing the priority of the node that is not processing Home Agent traffic ensures that this node will become the standby after connectivity is restored. When connectivity is restored, the normal Home Agent state synchronization will get all bindings back into the inactive node and, depending on the preempt configuration, it may switch over again. This state synchronization ensures that no Mobile IP, GGSN, or PDSN bindings are lost.

For more information on configuring Mobile IP services, see the following Cisco IOS configuration guides:

- *Cisco IOS Mobile Wireless Home Agent Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco IOS Mobile Wireless Gateway GPRS Support Node Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco IOS Mobile Wireless Packet Data Serving Node Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco IOS IP Mobility Configuration Guide*

Benefits of Enhanced Object Tracking

- Increases the availability and speed of recovery of a network.
- Decreases the number of network outages and their duration.
- Enables client processes such as VRRP and GLBP to track objects individually or as a list of objects. Prior to the introduction of this functionality, the tracking process was embedded within HSRP.

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Tracking the Line-Protocol State of an Interface

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **track timer interface** {*seconds* | **msec** *milliseconds*}
4. **track** *object-number* **interface** *type number* **line-protocol**
5. **carrier-delay**
6. **delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** [*seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*]}
7. **end**
8. **show track** *object-number*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**track timer interface** {*seconds* | **msec** *milliseconds*} **Example:** `Router(config)# track timer interface 5`	(Optional) Specifies the interval in which the tracking process polls the tracked object. • The default interval that the tracking process polls interface objects is 1 second. **Note** All polling frequencies can be configured down to 500 milliseconds, overriding the minimum 1-second interval configured using the **msec** keyword and *milliseconds* argument.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**track** *object-number* **interface** *type number* **line-protocol** **Example:** `Router(config)# track 3 interface ethernet 0/1 line-protocol`	Tracks the line-protocol state of an interface and enters tracking configuration mode.
Step 5	**carrier-delay** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# carrier-delay`	(Optional) Enables EOT to consider the carrier-delay timer when tracking the status of an interface.
Step 6	**delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** [*seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*]} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# delay up 30`	(Optional) Specifies a period of time (in seconds) to delay communicating state changes of a tracked object.
Step 7	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# end`	Exits to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 8	**show track** *object-number* **Example:** `Router# show track 3`	(Optional) Displays tracking information. • Use this command to verify the configuration.

Example

The following example shows the state of the line protocol on an interface when it is tracked:

```
Router# show track 3

Track 3
   Interface Ethernet0/1 line-protocol
   Line protocol is Up
     1 change, last change 00:00:05
   Tracked by:
     HSRP Ethernet0/3 1
```

Tracking the IP-Routing State of an Interface

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **track timer interface** {*seconds* | **msec** *milliseconds*}
4. **track** *object-number* **interface** *type number* **ip routing**
5. **carrier-delay**
6. **delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*}
7. **end**
8. **show track** *object-number*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**track timer interface** {*seconds* | **msec** *milliseconds*} **Example:** `Router(config)# track timer interface 5`	(Optional) Specifies the interval in which the tracking process polls the tracked object. • The default interval that the tracking process polls interface objects is 1 second. **Note** All polling frequencies can be configured down to 500 milliseconds, overriding the minimum 1-second interval configured using the **msec** keyword and *milliseconds* argument.
Step 4	**track** *object-number* **interface** *type number* **ip routing** **Example:** `Router(config)# track 1 interface ethernet 0/1 ip routing`	Tracks the IP-routing state of an interface and enters tracking configuration mode. • IP-route tracking tracks an IP route in the routing table and the ability of an interface to route IP packets.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**carrier-delay** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# carrier-delay`	(Optional) Enables EOT to consider the carrier-delay timer when tracking the status of an interface.
Step 6	**delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# delay up 30`	(Optional) Specifies a period of time (in seconds) to delay communicating state changes of a tracked object.
Step 7	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 8	**show track** *object-number* **Example:** `Router# show track 1`	Displays tracking information. • Use this command to verify the configuration.

Example

The following example shows the state of IP routing on an interface when it is tracked:

```
Router# show track 1

Track 1
   Interface Ethernet0/1 ip routing
   IP routing is Up
     1 change, last change 00:01:08
   Tracked by:
     HSRP Ethernet0/3 1
```

Tracking IP-Route Reachability

Perform this task to track the reachability of an IP route. A tracked object is considered up when a routing table entry exists for the route and the route is accessible.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **track timer ip route** {*seconds* | **msec** *milliseconds*}
4. **track** *object-number* **ip route** *ip-address*/*prefix-length* **reachability**
5. **delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*}
6. **ip vrf** *vrf-name*
7. **end**
8. **show track** *object-number*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**track timer ip route** {*seconds* | **msec** *milliseconds*} **Example:** `Router(config)# track timer ip route 20`	(Optional) Specifies the interval in which the tracking process polls the tracked object. • The default interval that the tracking process polls IP-route objects is 15 seconds. **Note** All polling frequencies can be configured down to 500 milliseconds, overriding the minimum 1-second interval configured using the **msec** keyword and *milliseconds* argument.
Step 4	**track** *object-number* **ip route** *ip-address*/*prefix-length* **reachability** **Example:** `Router(config)# track 4 ip route 10.16.0.0/16 reachability`	Tracks the reachability of an IP route and enters tracking configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# delay up 30`	(Optional) Specifies a period of time (in seconds) to delay communicating state changes of a tracked object.
Step 6	**ip vrf** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config-track)# ip vrf VRF2`	(Optional) Configures a VPN routing and forwarding (VRF) table.
Step 7	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 8	**show track** *object-number* **Example:** `Router# show track 4`	(Optional) Displays tracking information. • Use this command to verify the configuration.

Example

The following example shows the state of the reachability of an IP route when it is tracked:

```
Router# show track 4

Track 4
   IP route 10.16.0.0 255.255.0.0 reachability
   Reachability is Up (RIP)
     1 change, last change 00:02:04
   First-hop interface is Ethernet0/1
   Tracked by:
     HSRP Ethernet0/3 1
```

Tracking the Threshold of IP-Route Metrics

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **track timer ip route** {*seconds* | **msec** *milliseconds*}
4. **track resolution ip route** {**eigrp** | **isis** | **ospf** | **static**} *resolution-value*
5. **track** *object-number* **ip route** *ip-address/prefix-length* **metric threshold**
6. **delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*}
7. **ip vrf** *vrf-name*
8. **threshold metric** {**up** *number* [**down** *number*] | **down** *number* [**up** *number*]}
9. **end**
10. **show track** *object-number*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**track timer ip route** {*seconds* | **msec** *milliseconds*} **Example:** `Router(config)# track timer ip route 20`	(Optional) Specifies the interval in which the tracking process polls the tracked object. • The default interval that the tracking process polls IP-route objects is 15 seconds. **Note** All polling frequencies can be configured down to 500 milliseconds, overriding the minimum 1-second interval configured using the **msec** keyword and *milliseconds* argument.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**track resolution ip route** {**eigrp** | **isis** | **ospf** | **static**} *resolution-value* **Example:** `Router(config)# track resolution ip route eigrp 300`	(Optional) Specifies resolution parameters for a tracked object. • Use this command to change the default metric resolution values.
Step 5	**track** *object-number* **ip route** *ip-address/prefix-length* **metric threshold** **Example:** `Router(config)# track 6 ip route 10.16.0.0/16 metric threshold`	Tracks the scaled metric value of an IP route to determine if it is above or below a threshold and enters tracking configuration mode. • The default down value is 255, which equates to an inaccessible route. • The default up value is 254.
Step 6	**delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# delay up 30`	(Optional) Specifies a period of time (in seconds) to delay communicating state changes of a tracked object.
Step 7	**ip vrf** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config-track)# ip vrf VRF1`	(Optional) Configures a VRF table.
Step 8	**threshold metric** {**up** *number* [**down** *number*] | **down** *number* [**up** *number*]} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# threshold metric up 254 down 255`	(Optional) Sets a metric threshold other than the default value.
Step 9	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# end`	Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	**show track** *object-number* **Example:** `Router# show track 6`	(Optional) Displays tracking information. • Use this command to verify the configuration.

Example

The following example shows the metric threshold of an IP route when it is tracked:

```
Router# show track 6

Track 6
   IP route 10.16.0.0 255.255.0.0 metric threshold
   Metric threshold is Up (RIP/6/102)
     1 change, last change 00:00:08
   Metric threshold down 255 up 254
   First-hop interface is Ethernet0/1
   Tracked by:
     HSRP Ethernet0/3 1
```

Tracking the State of an IP SLAs Operation

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **track** *object-number* **ip sla** *operation-number* **state**
4. **delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds* | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*}
5. **end**
6. **show track** *object-number*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**track** *object-number* **ip sla** *operation-number* **state** **Example:** `Router(config)# track 2 ip sla 4 state`	Tracks the state of an IP SLAs object and enters tracking configuration mode. Effective with Cisco IOS Release 12.4(20)T, 12.2(33)SXI1, and 12.2(33)SRE the **track rtr** command was replaced by the **track ip sla** command.
Step 4	**delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds* | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# delay up 60 down 30`	(Optional) Specifies a period of time (in seconds) to delay communicating state changes of a tracked object.
Step 5	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# end`	Exits to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	**show track** *object-number* **Example:** `Router# show track 2`	(Optional) Displays tracking information. • Use this command to verify the configuration.

Example

The following example shows the state of the IP SLAs tracking:

```
Router# show track 2

Track 2
   IP SLA 1 state
   State is Down
     1 change, last change 00:00:47
   Latest operation return code: over threshold
   Latest RTT (millisecs) 4
   Tracked by:
     HSRP Ethernet0/1 3
```

Tracking the Reachability of an IP SLAs IP Host

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **track** *object-number* **ip sla** *operation-number* **reachability**
4. **delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down***seconds*}
5. **end**
6. **show track** *object-number*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**track** *object-number* **ip sla** *operation-number* **reachability** **Example:** `Router(config)# track 2 ip sla 4 reachability`	Tracks the reachability of an IP SLAs IP host and enters tracking configuration mode. **Note** Effective with Cisco IOS Release 12.4(20)T, 12.2(33)SXI1, and 12.2(33)SRE, the **track rtr** command was replaced by the **track ip sla** command.
Step 4	**delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*]	[**up** *seconds*] **down***seconds*} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# delay up 30 down 10`	(Optional) Specifies a period of time (in seconds) to delay communicating state changes of a tracked object.
Step 5	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# end`	Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**show track** *object-number* **Example:** `Router# show track 3`	(Optional) Displays tracking information. • Use this command to verify the configuration.

Example

The following example shows whether the route is reachable:

```
Router# show track 3

Track 3
   IP SLA 1 reachability
   Reachability is Up
     1 change, last change 00:00:47
   Latest operation return code: over threshold
   Latest RTT (millisecs) 4
   Tracked by:
     HSRP Ethernet0/1 3
```

Configuring a Tracked List and Boolean Expression

Perform this task to configure a tracked list of objects and a Boolean expression to determine the state of the list. A tracked list contains one or more objects. The Boolean expression enables two types of calculations by using either “and” or “or” operators. For example, when you configure tracking for two interfaces using the “and” operator up means that *both* interfaces are up, and down means that either interface is down.

You may configure a tracked list state to be measured using a weight or percentage threshold. See the *Configuring a Tracked List and Threshold Weight, page 18* section and the *Configuring a Tracked List and Threshold Percentage, page 20* section.

An object must exist before it can be added to a tracked list.

Note The “not” operator is specified for one or more objects and negates the state of the object.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **track** *track-number* **list boolean** {**and** | **or**}
4. **object** *object-number* [**not**]
5. **delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*}
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**track** *track-number* **list boolean** {**and** | **or**} **Example:** `Router(config)# track 100 list boolean and`	Configures a tracked list object and enters tracking configuration mode.
Step 4	**object** *object-number* [**not**] **Example:** `Router(config-track)# object 3 not`	Specifies the object to be tracked. • The*object-number* argument has a valid range from 1 to 500. There is no default. The optional **not** keyword negates the state of the object. **Note** The example means that when object 3 is up, the tracked list detects object 3 as down.
Step 5	**delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# delay up 3`	(Optional) Specifies a tracking delay in seconds between up and down states.
Step 6	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring a Tracked List and Threshold Weight

Perform this task to configure a list of tracked objects, to specify that weight be used as the threshold, and to configure a weight for each of the objects in the list of tracked objects. A tracked list contains one or more objects. Enhanced object tracking uses a threshold weight to determine the state of each object by comparing the total weight of all objects that are up against a threshold weight for each object.

You can also configure a tracked list state to be measured using a Boolean calculation or threshold percentage. See the *Configuring a Tracked List and Boolean Expression, page 17* section and the *Configuring a Tracked List and Threshold Percentage, page 20* section.

An object must exist before it can be added to a tracked list.

Note You cannot use the Boolean "not" operator in a weight or percentage threshold list.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **track** *track-number* **list threshold weight**
4. **object** *object-number* [**weight** *weight-number*]
5. **threshold weight** {**up** *number* **down** *number* | **up** *number* | **down** *number*}
6. **delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*}
7. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**track** *track-number* **list threshold weight** **Example:** `Router(config)# track 100 list threshold weight`	Configures a tracked list object and enters tracking configuration mode. The keywords are as follows: • **threshold** —Specifies that the state of the tracked list is based on a threshold. • **weight** —Specifies that the threshold is based on a specified weight.
Step 4	**object** *object-number* [**weight** *weight-number*] **Example:** `Router(config-track)# object 3 weight 30`	Specifies the object to be tracked. The *object-number* argument has a valid range from 1 to 500. There is no default. The optional **weight** keyword specifies a threshold weight for each object.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**threshold weight** {**up** *number* **down** *number* | **up** *number* | **down** *number*} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# threshold weight up 30`	Specifies the threshold weight. • **up** *number* —Valid range is from 1 to 255. • **down** *number*—Range depends upon what you select for the **up** keyword. For example, if you configure 25 for up, you will see a range from 0 to 24 for down.
Step 6	**delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# delay up 3`	(Optional) Specifies a tracking delay in seconds between up and down states.
Step 7	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring a Tracked List and Threshold Percentage

Perform this task to configure a tracked list of objects, to specify that a percentage will be used as the threshold, and to specify a percentage for each object in the list. A tracked list contains one or more objects. Enhanced object tracking uses the threshold percentage to determine the state of the list by comparing the assigned percentage of each object to the list.

You may also configure a tracked list state to be measured using a Boolean calculation or threshold weight. See the *Configuring a Tracked List and Boolean Expression, page 17* section and the*Configuring a Tracked List and Threshold Weight, page 18* section.

Note You cannot use the Boolean “not” operator in a weight or percentage threshold list.

An object must exist before it can be added to a tracked list.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **track** *track-number* **list threshold percentage**
4. **object** *object-number*
5. **threshold percentage** {**up** *number* [**down** *number*] | **down** *number* [**up** *number*]}
6. **delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*}
7. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**track** *track-number* **list threshold percentage** **Example:** `Router(config)# track 100 list threshold percentage`	Configures a tracked list object and enters tracking configuration mode. The keywords are as follows: • **threshold** —Specifies that the state of the tracked list is based on a threshold. • **percentage** —Specifies that the threshold is based on a percentage.
Step 4	**object** *object-number* **Example:** `Router(config-track)# object 3`	Specifies the object to be tracked. • The *object-number* argument has a valid range from 1 to 500. There is no default.
Step 5	**threshold percentage** {**up** *number* [**down** *number*] | **down** *number* [**up** *number*]} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# threshold percentage up 30`	Specifies the threshold percentage. • **up** *number*—Valid range is from 1 to 100. • **down** *number* —Range depends upon what you have selected for the **up** keyword. For example, if you specify 25 as up, a range from 26 to 100 is displayed for the **down** keyword.
Step 6	**delay** {**up** *seconds* [**down** *seconds*] | [**up** *seconds*] **down** *seconds*} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# delay up 3`	(Optional) Specifies a tracking delay in seconds between up and down states.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring Track List Defaults

Perform this task to configure a default delay value for a tracked list, a default object, and default threshold parameters for a tracked list.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **track** *track-number*
4. **default** {**delay** | **object** *object-number* | **threshold percentage**}
5. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**track** *track-number* **Example:** `Router(config)# track 3`	Enters tracking configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**default** {**delay** | **object** *object-number* | **threshold percentage**} **Example:** `Router(config-track)# default delay`	Specifies a default delay value for a tracked list, a default object, and default threshold parameters for a tracked list. • **delay** —Reverts to the default delay. • **object** *object-number*—Specifies a default object for the track list. The valid range is from 1 to 1000. • **threshold percentage**—Specifies a default threshold percentage.
Step 5	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring Tracking for Mobile IP Applications

Perform this task to configure a tracked list of Mobile IP application objects.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **track** *track-number* **application home-agent**
4. **exit**
5. **track** *track-number* **application pdsn**
6. **exit**
7. **track** *track-number* **application ggsn**
8. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**track** *track-number* **application home-agent** **Example:** `Router(config)# track 100 application home-agent`	(Optional) Tracks the presence of Home Agent traffic on a router and enters tracking configuration mode.
Step 4	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# exit`	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 5	**track** *track-number* **application pdsn** **Example:** `Router(config)# track 100 application pdsn`	(Optional) Tracks the presence of Packet Data Serving Node (PDSN) traffic on a router tracking configuration mode.
Step 6	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-track)# exit`	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 7	**track** *track-number* **application ggsn** **Example:** `Router(config)# track 100 application ggsn`	(Optional) Tracks the presence of Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN) traffic on a router tracking configuration mode.
Step 8	**end** **Example:** `Router(config)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

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Example: Interface Line Protocol

In the following example, the tracking process is configured to track the line-protocol state of GigabitEthernet interface 1/0/0. HSRP on GigabitEthernet interface 0/0/0 then registers with the tracking process to be informed of any changes to the line-protocol state of GigabitEthernet interface 1/0/0. If the line protocol on GigabitEthernet interface 1/0/0 goes down, the priority of the HSRP group is reduced by 10.

Router A Configuration

```
Router(config)# track 100 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/0 line-protocol
!
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.1.0.21 255.255.0.0
Router(config-if)# standby 1 preempt
Router(config-if)# standby 1 ip 10.1.0.1
Router(config-if)# standby 1 priority 110
Router(config-if)# standby 1 track 100 decrement 10
```

Router B Configuration

```
Router(config)# track 100 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/0 line-protocol
!
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.1.0.22 255.255.0.0
Router(config-if)# standby 1 preempt
Router(config-if)# standby 1 ip 10.1.0.1
Router(config-if)# standby 1 priority 105
Router(config-if)# standby 1 track 100 decrement 10
```

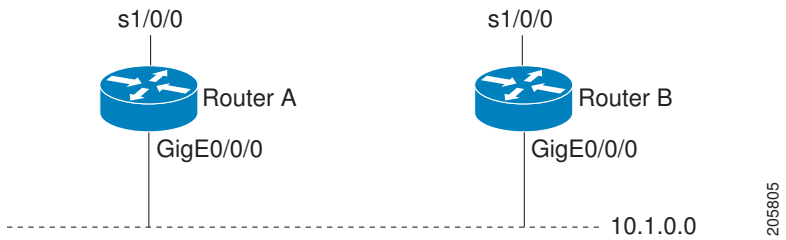
Example: Interface IP Routing

In the following example, the tracking process is configured to track the IP-routing capability of GigabitEthernet interface 1/0/0. HSRP on GigabitEthernet interface 0/0/0 then registers with the tracking process to be informed of any changes to the IP-routing state of GigabitEthernet interface 1/0/0. If the IP-routing state on GigabitEthernet interface 1/0/0 goes down, the priority of the HSRP group is reduced by 10.

If both serial interfaces are operational, Router A will be the HSRP active router because it has the higher priority. However, if IP on GigabitEthernet interface 1/0/0 in Router A fails, the HSRP group priority will be reduced and Router B will take over as the active router, thus maintaining a default virtual gateway service to hosts on the 10.1.0.0 subnet.

See the figure below for a sample topology.

Figure 1 Topology for IP-Routing Support



Router A Configuration

```
Router(config)# track 100 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/0 ip routing
!
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.1.0.21 255.255.0.0
Router(config-if)# standby 1 preempt
Router(config-if)# standby 1 ip 10.1.0.1
Router(config-if)# standby 1 priority 110
Router(config-if)# standby 1 track 100 decrement 10
```

Router B Configuration

```
Router(config)# track 100 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/0 ip routing
!
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.1.0.22 255.255.0.0
Router(config-if)# standby 1 preempt
Router(config-if)# standby 1 ip 10.1.0.1
Router(config-if)# standby 1 priority 105
Router(config-if)# standby 1 track 100 decrement 10
```

Example: IP-Route Reachability

In the following example, the tracking process is configured to track the reachability of IP route 10.2.2.0/24:

Router A Configuration

```
Router(config)# track 100 ip route 10.2.2.0/24 reachability
!
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.21 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# standby 1 preempt
Router(config-if)# standby 1 ip 10.1.1.1
Router(config-if)# standby 1 priority 110
Router(config-if)# standby 1 track 100 decrement 10
```

Router B Configuration

```
Router(config)# track 100 ip route 10.2.2.0/24 reachability
!
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.22 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# standby 1 preempt
Router(config-if)# standby 1 ip 10.1.1.1
Router(config-if)# standby 1 priority 105
Router(config-if)# standby 1 track 100 decrement 10
```

Example: IP-Route Threshold Metric

In the following example, the tracking process is configured to track the threshold metric of IP route 10.2.2.0/24:

Router A Configuration

```
Router(config)# track 100 ip route 10.2.2.0/24 metric threshold
!
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.21 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# standby 1 preempt
```

```
Router(config-if)# standby 1 ip 10.1.1.1
Router(config-if)# standby 1 priority 110
Router(config-if)# standby 1 track 100 decrement 10
```

Router B Configuration

```
Router(config)# track 100 ip route 10.2.2.0/24 metric threshold
!
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.22 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# standby 1 preempt
Router(config-if)# standby 1 ip 10.1.1.1
Router(config-if)# standby 1 priority 105
Router(config-if)# standby 1 track 100 decrement 10
```

Example: IP SLAs IP Host Tracking

The following example shows how to configure IP host tracking for IP SLAs operation 1 in Cisco IOS releases prior to Cisco IOS Release 12.4(20)T, 12.2(33)SXI1, and 12.2(33)SRE:

```
Router(config)# ip sla 1
Router(config-ip-sla)# icmp-echo 10.51.12.4
Router(config-ip-sla-echo)# timeout 1000
Router(config-ip-sla-echo)# threshold 2
Router(config-ip-sla-echo)# frequency 3
Router(config-ip-sla-echo)# request-data-size 1400
Router(config-ip-sla-echo)# exit
Router(config)# ip sla schedule 1 start-time now life forever
Router(config-ip-sla)# track 2 rtr 1 state
Router(config-ip-sla)# exit
Router(config)# track 3 rtr 1 reachability
Router(config-track)# exit
Router(config)# interface ethernet0/1
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.21.0.4 255.255.0.0
Router(config-if)# no shutdown
Router(config-if)# standby 3 ip 10.21.0.10
Router(config-if)# standby 3 priority 120
Router(config-if)# standby 3 preempt
Router(config-if)# standby 3 track 2 decrement 10
Router(config-if)# standby 3 track 3 decrement 10
```

The following example shows how to configure IP host tracking for IP SLAs operation 1 in Cisco IOS Release 12.4(20)T, 12.2(33)SXI1, 12.2(33)SRE, and later releases:

```
Router(config)# ip sla 1
Router(config-ip-sla)# icmp-echo 10.51.12.4
Router(config-ip-sla-echo)# threshold 2
Router(config-ip-sla-echo)# timeout 1000
Router(config-ip-sla-echo)# frequency 3
Router(config-ip-sla-echo)# request-data-size 1400
Router(config-ip-sla-echo)# exit
Router(config)# ip sla schedule 1 start-time now life forever
Router(config)# track 2 ip sla 1 state
Router(config-track)# exit
Router(config)# track 3 ip sla 1 reachability
Router(config-track)# exit
Router(config)# interface ethernet0/1
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.21.0.4 255.255.0.0
Router(config-if)# no shutdown
Router(config-if)# standby 3 ip 10.21.0.10
Router(config-if)# standby 3 priority 120
Router(config-if)# standby 3 preempt
Router(config-if)# standby 3 track 2 decrement 10
Router(config-if)# standby 3 track 3 decrement 10
```

Example: Boolean Expression for a Tracked List

In the following example, a track list object is configured to track two GigabitEthernet interfaces when both interfaces are up and when either interface is down:

```
Router(config)# track 1 interface GigabitEthernet2/0/0 line-protocol
Router(config)# track 2 interface GigabitEthernet2/1/0 line-protocol
Router(config-track)# exit
Router(config)# track 100 list boolean and
Router(config-track)# object 1
Router(config-track)# object 2
```

In the following example, a track list object is configured to track two GigabitEthernet interfaces when either interface is up and when both interfaces are down:

```
Router(config)# track 1 interface GigabitEthernet2/0/0 line-protocol
Router(config)# track 2 interface GigabitEthernet2/1/0 line-protocol
Router(config-track)# exit
Router(config)# track 101 list boolean or
Router(config-track)# object 1
Router(config-track)# object 2
```

The following configuration example shows that tracked list 4 has two objects and one object state is negated (if the list is up, the list detects that object 2 is down):

```
Router(config)# track 4 list boolean and
Router(config-track)# object 1
Router(config-track)# object 2 not
```

Example: Threshold Weight for a Tracked List

In the following example, three GigabitEtherent interfaces in tracked list 100 are configured with a threshold weight of 20 each. The down threshold is configured to 0 and the up threshold is configured to 40:

```
Router(config)# track 1 interface GigabitEthernet2/0/0 line-protocol
Router(config)# track 2 interface GigabitEthernet2/1/0 line-protocol
Router(config)# track 3 interface GigabitEthernet2/2/0 line-protocol
Router(config-track)# exit
Router(config)# track 100 list threshold weight
Router(config-track)# object 1 weight 20
Router(config-track)# object 2 weight 20
Router(config-track)# object 3 weight 20
Router(config-track)# threshold weight  up 40 down 0
```

In the example above the track-list object goes down only when all three serial interfaces go down, and comes up again only when at least two interfaces are up (because 20 + 20 >= 40). The advantage of this configuration is that it prevents the track-list object from coming up if two interfaces are down and the third interface is flapping.

The following configuration example shows that if object 1 and object 2 are down, then track list 4 is up, because object 3 satisfies the up threshold value of up 30. But, if object 3 is down, both objects 1 and 2 need to be up in order to satisfy the threshold weight.

```
Router(config)# track 4 list threshold weight
Router(config-track)# object 1 weight 15
Router(config-track)# object 2 weight 20
Router(config-track)# object 3 weight 30
Router(config-track)# threshold weight up 30 down 10
```

This configuration may be useful to you if you have two small bandwidth connections (represented by object 1 and 2) and one large bandwidth connection (represented by object 3). Also the down 10 value

means that once the tracked object is up, it will not go down until the threshold value is lower or equal to 10, which in this example means that all connections are down.

Example: Threshold Percentage for a Tracked List

In the following example, four GigabitEthernet interfaces in track list 100 are configured for an up threshold percentage of 75. The track list is up when 75 percent of the interfaces are up and down when fewer than 75 percent of the interfaces are up.

```
Router(config)# track 1 interface GigabitEthernet2/0/0 line-protocol
Router(config)# track 2 interface GigabitEthernet2/1/0 line-protocol
Router(config)# track 3 interface GigabitEthernet2/2/0 line-protocol
Router(config)# track 4 interface GigabitEthernet2/3/0 line-protocol
Router(config-track)# exit
Router(config)# track 100 list threshold percentage
Router(config-track)# object 1
Router(config-track)# object 2
Router(config-track)# object 3
Router(config-track)# object 4
Router(config-track)# threshold percentage up 75
```

Example: Mobile IP Application Tracking

The following example shows how to configure EOT to track Mobile IP, GGSN, and PDSN traffic on a router:

```
Router(config)# track 1 application home-agent
Router(config-track)# exit
Router(config)# track 2 application ggsn
Router(config-track)# exit
Router(config)# track 3 application pdsn
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases
Embedded Event Manager	*Embedded Event Manager Overview*
HSRP concepts and configuration tasks	*Configuring HSRP*
GLBP concepts and configuration tasks	*Configuring GLBP*
IP SLAs commands	*Cisco IOS IP SLAs Command Reference*
VRRP concepts and configuration tasks	*Configuring VRRP*
GLBP, HSRP, and VRRP commands	*Cisco IOS IP Application Services Command Reference*

Standards

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

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
No new or modified MIBs are supported by this feature, and support for existing MIBs has not been modified by this feature.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFCs	Title
No new or modified RFCs are supported by this feature, and support for existing RFCs has not been modified by this feature.	—

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for Enhanced Object Tracking

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 3 Feature Information for Enhanced Object Tracking

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
Enhanced Tracking Support	Cisco IOS XE 3.1.0SG 12.2(15)T 12.2(25)S 12.2(28)SB 12.2(33)SRA 12.2(33)SXH	The Enhanced Tracking Support feature separates the tracking mechanism from HSRP and creates a separate standalone tracking process that can be used by other Cisco IOS processes as well as HSRP. This feature allows tracking of other objects in addition to the interface line-protocol state. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **debug track**, **delay tracking**,**ip vrf**, **show track**, **standby track**, **threshold metric**, **track interface**,**track ip route**, **track timer**.
FHRP--Enhanced Object Tracking Integration with Embedded Event Manager	12.2(33)SRB 12.2(33)SXI 12.4(2)T	EOT is now integrated with EEM to allow EEM to report on a status change of a tracked object and to allow EOT to track EEM objects. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **action track read**, **action track set**, **default-state**,**event resource**, **event rf**,**event track**, **show track**, **track stub**.
FHRP--Enhanced Object Tracking of IP SLAs Operations	Cisco IOS XE 3.1.0SG 12.2(25)S 12.2(27)SBC 12.2(33)SRA 12.2(33)SXH 12.3(4)T 15.0(1)S	This feature enables First Hop Redundancy Protocols (FHRPs) and other Enhanced Object Tracking (EOT) clients to track the output from IP SLAs objects and use the provided information to trigger an action. The following command was introduced by this feature: **track rtr**.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
FHRP--Enhanced Object Tracking Support for Mobile IP	12.4(11)T	The FHRP--Enhanced Object Tracking Support for Mobile IP feature provides new tracking objects needed by mobile wireless applications to track the presence of Home Agent, GGSN, or PDSN traffic on a router. The following command was introduced by this feature: **track application**.
FHRP--EOT Deprecation of **rtr** Keyword	12.2(33)SRE 12.2(33)SXI1 12.4(20)T	This feature replaces the **track rtr** command with the **track ip sla** command. The following command was introduced by this feature: **track ip sla**.
FHRP--Object Tracking List	Cisco IOS XE 3.1.0SG 12.2(30)S 12.2(31)SB2 12.2(33)SRA 12.2(33)SXH 12.3(8)T 15.0(1)S	This feature enhances the tracking capabilities to enable the configuration of a combination of tracked objects in a list, and a flexible method of combining objects using Boolean logic. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **show track**, **threshold percentage**, **threshold weight**, **track list**, **track resolution**.
EOT Support for Carrier Delay	12.4(9)T	The EOT Support for Carrier Delay feature enables Enhanced Object Tracking (EOT) to consider the carrier-delay timer when tracking the status of an interface. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **carrier-delay (tracking)**, **show track**.

Glossary

DHCP—Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol. DHCP is a protocol that delivers IP addresses and configuration information to network clients.

GGSN—Gateway GPRS Support Node. A wireless gateway that allows mobile cell phone users to access the public data network (PDN) or specified private IP networks. The GGSN function is implemented on the Cisco routers.

GLBP—Gateway Load Balancing Protocol. Provides automatic router backup for IP hosts that are configured with a single default gateway on an IEEE 802.3 LAN. Multiple first-hop routers on the LAN combine to offer a single virtual first-hop IP router while sharing the IP packet forwarding load. Other routers on the LAN may act as redundant (GLBP) routers that will become active if any of the existing forwarding routers fail.

GPRS—General Packet Radio Service. A 2.5G mobile communications technology that enables mobile wireless service providers to offer their mobile subscribers with packet-based data services over GSM networks.

GSM network—Global System for Mobile Communications network. A digital cellular technology that is used worldwide, predominantly in Europe and Asia. GSM is the world's leading standard in digital wireless communications.

Home Agent—A Home Agent is a router on the home network of the Mobile Node (MN) that maintains an association between the home IP address of the MN and its care-of address, which is the current location of the MN on a foreign or visited network. The HA redirects packets by tunneling them to the MN while it is away from the home network.

HSRP—Hot Standby Router Protocol. Provides high network availability and transparent network topology changes. HSRP creates a Hot Standby router group with a lead router that services all packets sent to the Hot Standby address. The lead router is monitored by other routers in the group, and if it fails, one of these standby routers inherits the lead position and the Hot Standby group address.

IPCP—IP Control Protocol. The protocol used to establish and configure IP over PPP.

LCP—Link Control Protocol. The protocol used to establish, configure, and test data-link connections for use by PPP.

PDSN—Packet Data Serving Node. The Cisco PDSN is a standards-compliant, wireless gateway that enables packet data services in a Code Division Multiplex Access (CDMA) environment. Acting as an access gateway, the Cisco PDSN provides simple IP and Mobile IP access, foreign-agent support, and packet transport for Virtual Private Networks (VPN).

PPP—Point-to-Point Protocol. Provides router-to-router and host-to-network connections over synchronous and asynchronous circuits. PPP is most commonly used for dial-up Internet access. Its features include address notification, authentication via CHAP or PAP, support for multiple protocols, and link monitoring.

VRF—VPN routing and forwarding instance. A VRF consists of an IP routing table, a derived forwarding table, a set of interfaces that use the forwarding table, and a set of rules and routing protocols that determine what goes into the forwarding table. In general, a VRF includes the routing information that defines a customer VPN site that is attached to a provider edge router.

VRRP—Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol. Eliminates the single point of failure inherent in the static default routed environment. VRRP specifies an election protocol that dynamically assigns responsibility for a virtual router to one of the VRRP routers on a LAN. The VRRP router that controls the IP addresses associated with a virtual router is called the master, and forwards packets sent to these IP addresses. The election process provides dynamic failover in the forwarding responsibility should the master become unavailable. Any of the virtual router IP addresses on a LAN can then be used as the default first-hop router by end hosts.

Configuring IP Services

This module describes how to configure optional IP services. For a complete description of the IP services commands in this chapter, refer to the Cisco IOS IP Application Services Command Reference. To locate documentation of other commands that appear in this module, use the command reference master index, or search online.

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest feature information and caveats, see the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the Feature Information Table at the end of this document.

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IP Source Routing

The Cisco IOS software examines IP header options on every packet. It supports the IP header options Strict Source Route, Loose Source Route, Record Route, and Time Stamp, which are defined in RFC 791. If the software finds a packet with one of these options enabled, it performs the appropriate action. If it finds a packet with an invalid option, it sends an Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) parameter problem message to the source of the packet and discards the packet.

IP provides a provision known as source routing that allows the source IP host to specify a route through the IP network. Source routing is specified as an option in the IP header. If source routing is specified, the software forwards the packet according to the specified source route. IP source routing is employed when you want to force a packet to take a certain route through the network. The default is to perform source routing. IP source routing is rarely used for legitimate purposes in networks. Some older IP implementations do not process source-routed packets properly, and it may be possible to crash devices running these implementations by sending them datagrams with source routing options. Disable IP source routing whenever possible. Disabling IP source routing will cause a Cisco router to never forward an IP packet that carries a source routing option.

ICMP Overview

Originally created for the TCP/IP suite in RFC 792, the Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) was designed to report a small set of error conditions. ICMP also can report a wide variety of error conditions and provide feedback and testing capabilities. Each message uses a common format and is sent and received by using the same protocol rules.

ICMP enables IP to perform addressing, datagram packaging, and routing by allowing encapsulated messages to be sent and received between IP devices. These messages are encapsulated in IP datagrams just like any other IP message. When the message is generated, the original IP header is encapsulated in the ICMP message and these two pieces are encapsulated within a new IP header to be returned as an error report to the sending device.

ICMP messages are sent in several situations: when a datagram cannot reach its destination, when the gateway does not have the buffering capacity to forward a datagram, and when the gateway can direct the host to send traffic on a shorter route. To avoid the infinite regress of messages about messages, no ICMP messages are sent about ICMP messages.

ICMP does not make IP reliable or ensure the delivery of datagrams or the return of a control message. Some datagrams may be dropped without any report of their loss. The higher-level protocols that use IP must implement their own reliability procedures if reliable communication is required.

ICMP Unreachable Error Messages

Type 3 error messages are sent when a message cannot be delivered completely to the application at a destination host. Six codes contained in the ICMP header describe the unreachable condition as follows:

- 0--Network unreachable
- 1--Host unreachable
- 2--Protocol unreachable
- 3--Port unreachable
- 4--Fragmentation needed and the “don’t fragment” (DF) bit is set
- 5--Source route failed

Cisco IOS software can suppress the generation of ICMP unreachable destination error messages, which is called rate-limiting. The default is no unreachable messages more often than once every half second.

Separate intervals can be configured for code 4 and all other unreachable destination error messages. However, there is no method of displaying how many ICMP messages have not been sent.

The ICMP Unreachable Destination Counters feature provides a method to count and display the unsent Type 3 messages. This feature also provides console logging with error messages when there are periods of excessive rate limiting that would indicate a Denial of Service (DoS) attack against the router.

If the Cisco IOS software receives a nonbroadcast packet destined for itself that uses an unknown protocol, it sends an ICMP protocol unreachable message back to the source. Similarly, if the software receives a packet that it is unable to deliver to the final destination because it knows of no route to the destination address, it sends an ICMP host unreachable message to the source. This functionality is enabled by default.

Disable Internet Message Control Protocol (ICMP) host unreachable messages whenever possible. ICMP supports IP traffic by relaying information about paths, routes, and network conditions. These messages can be used by an attacker to gain network mapping information.

Because the null interface is a packet sink, packets forwarded there will always be discarded and, unless disabled, will generate host unreachable messages. In that case, if the null interface is being used to block a Denial-of-Service attack, these messages flood the local network with these messages. Disabling these messages prevents this situation. In addition, because all blocked packets are forwarded to the null interface, an attacker receiving host unreachable messages could use those messages to determine Access Control List (ACL) configuration. If the “null 0” interface is configured on your router, disable ICMP host unreachable messages for discarded packets or packets routed to the null interface.

ICMP Mask Reply Messages

Occasionally, network devices must know the subnet mask for a particular subnetwork in the internetwork. To obtain this information, such devices can send ICMP mask request messages. ICMP mask reply messages are sent in reply from devices that have the requested information. The Cisco IOS software can respond to ICMP mask request messages if this function is enabled.

These messages can be used by an attacker to gain network mapping information.

ICMP Redirect Messages

Routes are sometimes less than optimal. For example, it is possible for the router to be forced to resend a packet through the same interface on which it was received. If the router resends a packet through the same interface on which it was received, the Cisco IOS software sends an ICMP redirect message to the originator of the packet telling the originator that the router is on a subnet directly connected to the receiving device, and that it must forward the packet to another system on the same subnet. The software sends an ICMP redirect message to the originator of the packet because the originating host presumably could have sent that packet to the next hop without involving this device at all. The redirect message instructs the sender to remove the receiving device from the route and substitute a specified device representing a more direct path. This functionality is enabled by default.

In a properly functioning IP network, a router will send redirects only to hosts on its own local subnets, no end node will ever send a redirect, and no redirect will ever be traversed more than one network hop. However, an attacker may violate these rules; some attacks are based on this. Disabling ICMP redirects will cause no operational impact to the network, and it eliminates this possible method of attack.

Denial of Service Attack

Denial of service has become a growing concern, especially when considering the associated costs of such an attack. DoS attacks can decrease the performance of networked devices, disconnect the devices from the

network, and cause system crashes. When network services are unavailable, enterprises and service providers suffer the loss of productivity and sales.

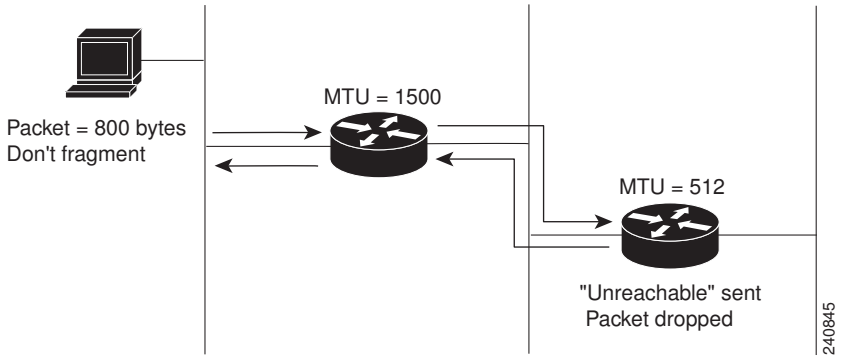
The objective of a DoS attack is to deprive a user or organization access to services or resources. If a Website is compromised by a DoS attack, millions of users could be denied access to the site. DoS attacks do not typically result in intrusion or the illegal theft of information. Instead of providing access to unauthorized users, DoS attacks can cause much aggravation and cost to the target customer by preventing authorized access. Distributed DoS (DDoS) attacks amplify DoS attacks in that a multitude of compromised systems coordinate to flood targets with attack packets, thereby causing denial of service for users of the targeted systems.

A DoS attack occurs when a stream of ICMP echo requests (pings) are broadcast to a destination subnet. The source addresses of these requests are falsified to be the source address of the target. For each request sent by the attacker, many hosts on the subnet will respond flooding the target and wasting bandwidth. The most common DoS attack is called a “smurf” attack, named after an executable program and is in the category of network-level attacks against hosts. DoS attacks can be easily detected when error-message logging of the ICMP Unreachable Destination Counters feature is enabled.

Path MTU Discovery

The Cisco IOS software supports the IP Path MTU Discovery mechanism, as defined in RFC 1191. IP Path MTU Discovery allows a host to dynamically discover and cope with differences in the maximum allowable maximum transmission unit (MTU) size of the various links along the path. Sometimes a router is unable to forward a datagram because it requires fragmentation (the packet is larger than the MTU you set for the interface with the **ip mtu** interface configuration command), but the “don’t fragment” (DF) bit is set. TheCisco IOS software sends a message to the sending host, alerting it to the problem. The host will need to fragment packets for the destination so that they fit the smallest packet size of all the links along the path. This technique is shown in the figure below.

Figure 2 IP Path MTU Discovery



IP Path MTU Discovery is useful when a link in a network goes down, forcing the use of another, different MTU-sized link (and different routers). As shown in the figure above, suppose a router is sending IP packets over a network where the MTU in the first router is set to 1500 bytes, but the second router is set to 512 bytes. If the “don’t fragment” bit of the datagram is set, the datagram would be dropped because the 512-byte router is unable to forward it. All packets larger than 512 bytes are dropped in this case. The second router returns an ICMP destination unreachable message to the source of the datagram with its Code field indicating “Fragmentation needed and DF set.” To support IP Path MTU Discovery, it would also include the MTU of the next hop network link in the low-order bits of an unused header field.

IP Path MTU Discovery is also useful when a connection is being established and the sender has no information at all about the intervening links. It is always advisable to use the largest MTU that the links will bear; the larger the MTU, the fewer packets the host must send.

Note IP Path MTU Discovery is a process initiated by end hosts. If an end host does not support IP Path MTU Discovery, the receiving device will have no mechanism available to avoid fragmenting datagrams generated by the end host.

If a router that is configured with a small MTU on an outbound interface receives packets from a host that is configured with a large MTU (for example, receiving packets from a Token Ring interface and forwarding them to an outbound Ethernet interface), the router fragments received packets that are larger than the MTU of the outbound interface. Fragmenting packets slows the performance of the router. To keep routers in your network from fragmenting received packets, run IP Path MTU Discovery on all hosts and routers in your network, and always configure the largest possible MTU for each router interface type.

IP MAC and Precedence Accounting

Cisco IP accounting support provides basic IP accounting functions. By enabling IP accounting, users can see the number of bytes and packets switched through the Cisco IOS software on a source and destination IP address basis. Only transit IP traffic is measured and only on an outbound basis; traffic generated by the software or terminating in the software is not included in the accounting statistics. To maintain accurate accounting totals, the software maintains two accounting databases: an active and a checkpointed database.

Cisco IP accounting support also provides information identifying IP traffic that fails IP access lists. Identifying IP source addresses that violate IP access lists alerts you to possible attempts to breach security. The data also indicates that you should verify IP access list configurations. To make this functionality available to users, you must enable IP accounting of access list violations using the **ip accounting access-violations** interface configuration command. Users can then display the number of bytes and packets from a single source that attempted to breach security against the access list for the source destination pair. By default, IP accounting displays the number of packets that have passed access lists and were routed.

The MAC address accounting functionality provides accounting information for IP traffic based on the source and destination MAC addresses on LAN interfaces. MAC accounting calculates the total packet and byte counts for a LAN interface that receives or sends IP packets to or from a unique MAC address. It also records a time stamp for the last packet received or sent. For example, with IP MAC accounting, you can determine how much traffic is being sent to or received from various peers at Network Access Profiles (NAPS)/peering points. IP MAC accounting is supported on Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, and FDDI interfaces and supports Cisco Express Forwarding, distributed Cisco Express Forwarding, flow, and optimum switching.

The Precedence Accounting feature provides accounting information for IP traffic based on the precedence on any interface. This feature calculates the total packet and byte counts for an interface that receives or sends IP packets and sorts the results based on IP precedence. This feature is supported on all interfaces and subinterfaces and supports Cisco Express Forwarding, distributed Cisco Express Forwarding, flow, and optimum switching.

Show and Clear Commands for IOS Sockets

The Show and Clear Commands for IOS Sockets feature introduces the **show udp**, **show sockets**, and **clear sockets**commands. These new commands are useful for monitoring and managing the Cisco IOS Socket library.

In Cisco IOS software, sockets are a per process entity. This means that the maximum number of sockets is per process and all sockets are managed on a per process basis. For example, each Cisco IOS process could

have a socket with file descriptor number 1. This is unlike UNIX or other operating systems that have per system file descriptor allocations.

The **show**and **clear** commands operate on a per process basis to be consistent with the current functionality. Thus, any action taken by the commands will be applicable only to a particular process at a time as selected by the process ID entered on the CLI.

Many applications have a need for **show** and **clear**commands, which primarily aid in debugging. The following scenarios provide examples of when these commands might be useful:

- The application H.323 is using sockets for voice calls. According to the current number of calls, there is still space for more sockets. However, no more sockets can be opened. You can now use the the **show sockets** command to find out if the socket space is indeed exhausted or if there are unused sockets available.
- An application is waiting for a particular socket event to happen. A UDP segment was seen, but the application never became active. You can use the **show udp** command to display the list of events being monitored to determine if a UDP socket event is being monitored or if the socket library failed to activate the application.
- An application wants to forcibly close all the sockets for a particular process. You can use the **clear sockets** command to close both the sockets and the underlying TCP or UDP connection or Stream Control Transmission Protocol (SCTP) association.

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Protecting Your Network from DOS Attacks

ICMP supports IP traffic by relaying information about paths, routes, and network conditions. ICMP messages can be used by an attacker to gain network mapping information. IP source routing allows the source IP host to specify a route through the IP network and is rarely used for legitimate purposes in networks. Some older IP implementations do not process source-routed packets properly, and it may be possible to crash devices running these implementations by sending them datagrams with source routing options.

Whenever possible, ICMP messages and IP source routing should be disabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **no ip source-route**
4. **interface** *type/number*
5. **no ip unreachables**
6. **no ip redirects**
7. **no ip mask-reply**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**no ip source-route** **Example:** `Router(config)# no ip source-route`	Disables IP source routing.
Step 4	**interface** *type/number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0`	Specifies the interface to configure and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 5	**no ip unreachables** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# no ip unreachables`	Disables the sending of ICMP protocol unreachable and host unreachable messages. This command is enabled by default. **Note** Disabling the unreachable messages also disables IP Path MTU Discovery because path discovery works by having the Cisco IOS software send unreachable messages.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**no ip redirects** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# no ip redirects`	Disables the sending of ICMP redirect messages to learn routes. This command is enabled by default.
Step 7	**no ip mask-reply** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# no ip mask-reply`	Disables the sending of ICMP mask reply messages.

Configuring ICMP Unreachable Rate Limiting User Feedback

Perform this task to clear all of the unreachable destination packet statistics and to specify an interval number for unreachable destination messages. This task also configures a packet counter (threshold) and interval to trigger a logging message to a console. This task is beneficial to begin a new log after the thresholds have been set.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **clear ip icmp rate-limit** [*interface-type interface-number*]
3. **configure terminal**
4. **ip icmp rate-limit unreachable** [**df**] [*ms*] [**log** [*packets*] [*interval-ms*]]
5. **exit**
6. **show ip icmp rate-limit** [*interface-type interface-number*]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**clear ip icmp rate-limit** [*interface-type interface-number*] **Example:** `Router# clear ip icmp rate-limit ethernet 2/3`	Clears all current ICMP unreachable statistics for all configured interfaces. The optional *interface-type* and *interface-number* arguments clear the statistics for only one interface.

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3 **configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 4 **ip icmp rate-limit unreachable** [**df**] [*ms*] [**log** [*packets*] [*interval-ms*]] **Example:** `Router(config)# ip icmp rate-limit unreachable df log 1100 12000`	Specifies the rate limitation of ICMP unreachable destination messages and the error message log threshold for generating a message. The default is no unreachable messages are sent more often than once every half second. The arguments and keywords are as follows: • **df** --(Optional) When “don’t fragment” (DF) bit is set in the ICMP header, a datagram cannot be fragmented. If the **df** keyword is not specified, all other types of destination unreachable messages are sent. • *ms* --(Optional) Interval at which unreachable messages are generated. The valid range is from 1 to 4294967295. • **log** --(Optional) List of error messages. The arguments are as follows: ◦ *packets*--(Optional) Number of packets that determine a threshold for generating a log. The default is 1000. ◦ *interval-ms*--(Optional) Time limit for an interval for which a logging message is triggered. The default is 60000, which is 1 minute. **Note** Counting begins as soon as this command is configured.
Step 5 **exit** **Example:** `Router# exit`	Exits to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6 **show ip icmp rate-limit** [*interface-type interface-number*] **Example:** `Router# show ip icmp rate-limit ethernet 2/3`	(Optional) Displays all current ICMP unreachable statistics for all configured interfaces. The optional *interface-type* and *interface-number* arguments display the statistics for only one interface.

Example

The following output using the**show ip icmp rate-limit** command displays the unreachable destinations by interface:

```
Router# show ip icmp rate-limit
```

```
                          DF bit unreachables       All other unreachables
Interval (millisecond)    500                       500
Interface                 # DF bit unreachables     # All other unreachables
---------                 ---------------------     ------------------------
Ethernet0/0               0                         0
Ethernet0/2               0                         0
Serial3/0/3               0                         19
The greatest number of unreachables is on serial interface 3/0/3.
```

Setting the MTU Packet Size

All interfaces have a default MTU packet size. You can adjust the IP MTU size so that the Cisco IOS software will fragment any IP packet that exceeds the MTU set for an interface.

Changing the MTU value (with the **mtu** interface configuration command) can affect the IP MTU value. If the current IP MTU value is the same as the MTU value and you change the MTU value, the IP MTU value will be modified automatically to match the new MTU. However, the reverse is not true; changing the IP MTU value has no effect on the value for the **mtu** interface configuration command.

All devices on a physical medium must have the same protocol MTU in order to operate.

Perform this task to set the MTU packet size for a specified interface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type/number*
4. **ip mtu** *bytes*
5. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface** *type/number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0`	Specifies the interface to configure and enters interface configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**ip mtu** *bytes* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip mtu 300`	Sets the IP MTU packet size for an interface.
Step 5	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# exit`	Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring IP Accounting

To configure IP accounting, perform this task for each interface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip accounting-threshold** *threshold*
4. **ip accounting-list** *ip-address wildcard*
5. **ip accounting-transits** *count*
6. **interface** *type number*
7. **ip accounting** [**access-violations**] [**output-packets**]
8. **ip accounting mac-address** {**input** | **output**}

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3 **ip accounting-threshold** *threshold* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip accounting-threshold 500`	(Optional) Sets the maximum number of accounting entries to be created.
Step 4 **ip accounting-list** *ip-address wildcard* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip accounting-list 192.31.0.0 0.0.255.255`	(Optional) Filters accounting information for hosts.
Step 5 **ip accounting-transits** *count* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip accounting-transits 100`	(Optional) Controls the number of transit records that will be stored in the IP accounting database.
Step 6 **interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/0`	Specifies the interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 7 **ip accounting** [**access-violations**] [**output-packets**] **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip accounting access-violations`	Configures basic IP accounting. • Use the optional **access-violations** keyword to enable IP accounting with the ability to identify IP traffic that fails IP access lists. • Use the optional **output-packets** keyword to enable IP accounting based on the IP packets output on the interface.
Step 8 **ip accounting mac-address** {**input** | **output**} **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip accounting mac-address output`	(Optional) Configures IP accounting based on the MAC address of received (input) or transmitted (output) packets.

Monitoring and Maintaining the IP Network

You can display specific statistics such as the contents of IP routing tables, caches, databases and socket processes. The resulting information can be used to determine resource utilization and to solve network problems.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **clear ip traffic**
2. **clear ip accounting** [**checkpoint**]
3. **clear sockets** *process-id*
4. **show ip accounting** [**checkpoint**] [**output-packets** | **access-violations**]
5. **show interface** *type number* **mac**
6. **show interface** [*type number*] **precedence**
7. **show ip redirects**
8. **show sockets** *process-id* [**detail**] [**events**]
9. **show udp** [**detail**]
10. **show ip traffic**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **clear ip traffic**

To clear all IP traffic statistical counters on all interfaces, use the following command:

Example:

```
Router# clear ip traffic
```

Step 2 **clear ip accounting** [**checkpoint**]

You can remove all contents of a particular cache, table, or database. Clearing a cache, table, or database can become necessary when the contents of the particular structure have become or are suspected to be invalid. To clear the active IP accounting database when IP accounting is enabled, use the following command:

Example:

```
Router# clear ip accounting
```

To clear the checkpointed IP accounting database when IP accounting is enabled, use the following command:

Example:

```
Router# clear ip accounting checkpoint
```

Step 3 **clear sockets** *process-id*

To close all IP sockets and clear the underlying transport connections and data structures for the specified process, use the following command:

Example:

```
Router# clear sockets 35

All sockets (TCP, UDP and SCTP) for this process will be cleared.
Do you want to proceed? [yes/no]: y
Cleared sockets for PID 35
```

Step 4 **show ip accounting** [**checkpoint**] [**output-packets** | **access-violations**]

To display access list violations, use the **show ip accounting** command. To use this command, you must first enable IP accounting on a per-interface basis.

Use the **checkpoint** keyword to display the checkpointed database. Use the **output-packets** keyword to indicate that information pertaining to packets that passed access control and were routed should be displayed. Use the **access-violations** keyword to display the number of the access list failed by the last packet for the source and destination pair. The number of packets reveals how aggressive the attack is upon a specific destination. If you do not specify the **access-violations** keyword, the command defaults to displaying the number of packets that have passed access lists and were routed.

If neither the **output-packets** nor **access-violations** keyword is specified, **output-packets** is the default.

The following is sample output from the **show ip accounting** command:

Example:

```
Router# show ip accounting

   Source           Destination              Packets               Bytes
 172.16.19.40    192.168.67.20                  7                 306
 172.16.13.55    192.168.67.20                 67                2749
 172.16.2.50     192.168.33.51                 17                1111
 172.16.2.50     172.31.2.1                    5                 319
 172.16.2.50     172.31.1.2                    463               30991
 172.16.19.40    172.16.2.1                     4                 262
 172.16.19.40    172.16.1.2                    28                2552
 172.16.20.2     172.16.6.100                  39                2184
 172.16.13.55    172.16.1.2                    35                3020
 172.16.19.40    192.168.33.51                 1986              95091
 172.16.2.50     192.168.67.20                  233              14908
 172.16.13.28    192.168.67.53                 390               24817
 172.16.13.55    192.168.33.51                214669            9806659
 172.16.13.111   172.16.6.23                  27739             1126607
 172.16.13.44    192.168.33.51                35412             1523980
 192.168.7.21    172.163.1.2                     11                824
 172.16.13.28    192.168.33.2                   21                1762
 172.16.2.166    192.168.7.130                 797               141054
 172.16.3.11     192.168.67.53                   4                 246
 192.168.7.21    192.168.33.51                15696             695635
 192.168.7.24    192.168.67.20                  21                916
 172.16.13.111   172.16.10.1                    16                1137
 accounting threshold exceeded for 7 packets and 433 bytes
```

The following is sample output from the **show ip accounting access-violations** command. The output pertains to packets that failed access lists and were not routed:

Example:

```
Router#  show ip accounting access-violations

   Source           Destination      Packets        Bytes        ACL
172.16.19.40    192.168.67.20             7          306         77
172.16.13.55    192.168.67.20            67         2749        185
172.16.2.50     192.168.33.51            17         1111        140
172.16.2.50     172.16.2.1               5          319        140
172.16.19.40    172.16.2.1               4          262         77
Accounting data age is 41
```

Step 5 **show interface** *type number* **mac**

To display information for interfaces configured for MAC accounting, use the **show interface mac** command. The following is sample output from the **show interface mac** command:

Example:

```
Router# show interface ethernet 0/1 mac

Ethernet0/1
```

```
Input  (511 free)
0007.f618.4449(228):  4 packets, 456 bytes, last: 2684ms ago
Total:  4 packets, 456 bytes
Output  (511 free)
0007.f618.4449(228):  4 packets, 456 bytes, last: 2692ms ago
Total:  4 packets, 456 bytes
```

Step 6 **show interface** [*type number*] **precedence**

To display information for interfaces configured for precedence accounting, use the **show interface precedence** command.

The following is sample output from the **show interface precedence** command. In this example, the total packet and byte counts are calculated for the interface that receives (input) or sends (output) IP packets and sorts the results based on IP precedence.

Example:

```
Router# show interface ethernet 0/1 precedence

Ethernet0/1
Input
Precedence 0:  4 packets, 456 bytes
Output
Precedence 0:  4 packets, 456 bytes
```

Step 7 **show ip redirects**

To display the address of the default router and the address of hosts for which an ICMP redirect message has been received, use the **show ip redirects**command.

Example:

```
Router#  show ip redirects

Default gateway is 172.16.80.29

Host              Gateway           Last Use    Total Uses  Interface
172.16.1.111      172.16.80.240        0:00             9  Ethernet0
172.16.1.4        172.16.80.240        0:00             4  Ethernet0
```

Step 8 **show sockets** *process-id* [**detail**] [**events**]

To display the number of sockets currently open and their distribution with respect to the transport protocol process specified by the *process-id* argument, use the **show sockets** command. The following sample output from the **show sockets** command displays the total number of open sockets for the specified process:

Example:

```
Router# show sockets 35

Total open sockets - TCP:7, UDP:0, SCTP:0
```

The following sample output shows information about the same open processes with the **detail** keyword specified:

Example:

```
Router# show sockets 35 detail

   FD LPort FPort Proto Type    TransID

   0  5000  0     TCP   STREAM  0x6654DEBC
State: SS_ISBOUND
Options: SO_ACCEPTCONN

   1  5001  0     TCP   STREAM  0x6654E494
```

```
State: SS_ISBOUND
Options: SO_ACCEPTCONN

   2  5002  0     TCP   STREAM  0x656710B0
State: SS_ISBOUND
Options: SO_ACCEPTCONN

   3  5003  0     TCP   STREAM  0x65671688
State: SS_ISBOUND
Options: SO_ACCEPTCONN

   4  5004  0     TCP   STREAM  0x65671C60
State: SS_ISBOUND
Options: SO_ACCEPTCONN

   5  5005  0     TCP   STREAM  0x65672238
State: SS_ISBOUND
Options: SO_ACCEPTCONN

   6  5006  0     TCP   STREAM  0x64C7840C
State: SS_ISBOUND
Options: SO_ACCEPTCONN

Total open sockets - TCP:7, UDP:0, SCTP:0
```

The following example displays IP socket event information:

Example:

```
Router# show sockets 35 events

Events watched for this process: READ
FD Watched Present Select Present

0 --- --- R-- R--
```

Step 9 **show udp** [**detail**]

To display IP socket information about UDP processes, use the **show udp** command. The following example shows how to display detailed information about UDP sockets:

Example:

```
Router# show udp detail

 Proto    Remote      Port      Local       Port  In Out Stat TTY OutputIF
 17       10.0.0.0    0         10.0.21.70  67    0  0   2211 0
 Queues: output 0
         input  0 (drops 0, max 50, highwater 0)
 Proto    Remote      Port      Local       Port  In Out Stat TTY OutputIF
 17       10.0.0.0    0         10.0.21.70  2517  0   0  11   0
 Queues: output 0
         input  0 (drops 0, max 50, highwater 0)
 Proto    Remote      Port      Local       Port  In Out Stat TTY OutputIF
 17       10.0.0.0    0         10.0.21.70  5000  0  0   211  0
 Queues: output 0
         input  0 (drops 0, max 50, highwater 0)
 Proto    Remote      Port      Local       Port  In Out Stat TTY OutputIF
 17       10.0.0.0    0         10.0.21.70  5001  0  0   211  0
 Queues: output 0
         input  0 (drops 0, max 50, highwater 0)
 Proto    Remote      Port      Local       Port  In Out Stat TTY OutputIF
 17       10.0.0.0    0         10.0.21.70  5002  0  0   211  0
 Queues: output 0
         input  0 (drops 0, max 50, highwater 0)
 Proto    Remote      Port      Local       Port  In Out Stat TTY OutputIF
 17       10.0.0.0    0         10.0.21.70  5003  0  0   211  0
 Queues: output 0
         input  0 (drops 0, max 50, highwater 0)
 Proto    Remote      Port      Local       Port  In Out Stat TTY OutputIF
```

```
 17       10.0.0.0    0         10.0.21.70  5004  0  0   211  0
 Queues: output 0
         input  0 (drops 0, max 50, highwater 0)
```

Step 10 **show ip traffic**

To display IP protocol statistics, use the **show ip traffic** command. The following example shows that the IP traffic statistics have been cleared by the **clear ip traffic** command:

Example:

```
Router# clear ip traffic

Router# show ip traffic

IP statistics:
 Rcvd:  0 total, 0 local destination
        0 format errors, 0 checksum errors, 0 bad hop count
        0 unknown protocol, 0 not a gateway
        0 security failures, 0 bad options, 0 with options
 Opts:  0 end, 0 nop, 0 basic security, 0 loose source route
        0 timestamp, 0 extended security, 0 record route
        0 stream ID, 0 strict source route, 0 alert, 0 cipso
        0 other
 Frags: 0 reassembled, 0 timeouts, 0 couldn't reassemble
        0 fragmented, 0 couldn't fragment
 Bcast: 0 received, 0 sent
 Mcast: 0 received, 0 sent
 Sent: 0 generated, 0 forwarded
 Drop: 0 encapsulation failed, 0 unresolved, 0 no adjacency
       0 no route, 0 unicast RPF, 0 forced drop

ICMP statistics:
 Rcvd: 0 format errors, 0 checksum errors, 0 redirects, 0 unreachable
       0 echo, 0 echo reply, 0 mask requests, 0 mask replies, 0 quench
       0 parameter, 0 timestamp, 0 info request, 0 other
       0 irdp solicitations, 0 irdp advertisements
 Sent: 0 redirects, 0 unreachable, 0 echo, 0 echo reply
       0 mask requests, 0 mask replies, 0 quench, 0 timestamp
       0 info reply, 0 time exceeded, 0 parameter problem
       0 irdp solicitations, 0 irdp advertisements

UDP statistics:
 Rcvd: 0 total, 0 checksum errors, 0 no port
 Sent: 0 total, 0 forwarded broadcasts

TCP statistics:
 Rcvd: 0 total, 0 checksum errors, 0 no port
 Sent: 0 total

Probe statistics:
 Rcvd: 0 address requests, 0 address replies
       0 proxy name requests, 0 where-is requests, 0 other
 Sent: 0 address requests, 0 address replies (0 proxy)
       0 proxy name replies, 0 where-is replies

EGP statistics:
 Rcvd: 0 total, 0 format errors, 0 checksum errors, 0 no listener
 Sent: 0 total

IGRP statistics:
 Rcvd: 0 total, 0 checksum errors
 Sent: 0 total

OSPF statistics:
 Rcvd: 0 total, 0 checksum errors
       0 hello, 0 database desc, 0 link state req
       0 link state updates, 0 link state acks

 Sent: 0 total
```

```
IP-IGRP2 statistics:
 Rcvd: 0 total
 Sent: 0 total

PIMv2 statistics: Sent/Received
 Total: 0/0, 0 checksum errors, 0 format errors
 Registers: 0/0, Register Stops: 0/0, Hellos: 0/0
 Join/Prunes: 0/0, Asserts: 0/0, grafts: 0/0
 Bootstraps: 0/0, Candidate_RP_Advertisements: 0/0

IGMP statistics: Sent/Received
 Total: 0/0, Format errors: 0/0, Checksum errors: 0/0
 Host Queries: 0/0, Host Reports: 0/0, Host Leaves: 0/0
 DVMRP: 0/0, PIM: 0/0
```

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Example: Protecting Your Network from DOS Attacks

The following example shows how to change some of the ICMP defaults for GigabitEthernet interface 0/0/0 to prevent ICMP from relaying information about paths, routes, and network conditions, which can be used by an attacker to gain network mapping information.

Disabling the unreachable messages will have a secondary effect: it also will disable IP Path MTU Discovery, because path discovery works by having the Cisco IOS software send Unreachable messages. If you have a network segment with a small number of devices and an absolutely reliable traffic pattern--which could easily happen on a segment with a small number of rarely used user devices--you would be disabling options that your device would be unlikely to use anyway.

```
Router(config)# no ip source-route
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Router(config-if)# no ip unreachables
Router(config-if)# no ip redirects
Router(config-if)# no ip mask-reply
```

Example: Configuring ICMP Unreachable Destination Counters

The following example shows how to clear all of the unreachable destination packet statistics and to specify an interval number for unreachable destination messages. This example also shows how to configure a packet counter threshold and interval to trigger a logging message to a console.

```
Router# clear ip icmp rate-limit ethernet 0/0
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip icmp rate-limit unreachable df log 1100 12000
```

Example: Setting the MTU Packet Size

The following example shows how to change the default MTU packet size for GigabitEthernet interface 0/0/0:

```
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip mtu 300
```

Example: Configuring IP Accounting

The following example shows how to enable IP accounting based on the source and destination MAC address and based on IP precedence for received and transmitted packets:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# interface ethernet 0/5
Router(config-if)# ip accounting mac-address input
Router(config-if)# ip accounting mac-address output
Router(config-if)# ip accounting precedence input
Router(config-if)# ip accounting precedence output
```

The following example shows how to enable IP accounting with the ability to identify IP traffic that fails IP access lists and with the number of transit records that will be stored in the IP accounting database limited to 100:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip accounting-transits 100
Router(config)# interface ethernet 0/5
Router(config-if)# ip accounting output-packets
Router(config-if)# ip accounting access-violations
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases
IP application services commands	*Cisco IOS IP Application Services Command Reference*

Standards

Standard	Title
No new or modified standards are supported, and support for existing standards has not been modified	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
No new or modified MIBs are supported, and support for existing MIBs has not been modified	—

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 1256	ICMP Router Discovery Messages: http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1256.txt

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. To receive security and technical information about your products, you can subscribe to various services, such as the Product Alert Tool (accessed from Field Notices), the Cisco Technical Services Newsletter, and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for IP Services

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to www.cisco.com/go/cfn. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Table 4 Feature Information for IP Services

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Clear IP Traffic CLI	12.4(2)T 12.2(31)SB2	The Clear IP Traffic CLI feature introduced the **clear ip traffic**command to clear all IP traffic statistics on a router instead of reloading the router. For added safety, the user will see a confirmation prompt when entering this command. In Cisco IOS Release 12.4(2)T, this feature was introduced. The following command was introduced by this feature: **clear ip traffic**.
ICMP Unreachable Rate Limiting User Feedback	12.4(2)T 12.2(31)SB2	The ICMP Unreachable Rate Limiting User Feedback feature enables you to clear and display packets that have been discarded because of an unreachable destination, and to configure a threshold interval for triggering error messages. When message logging is generated, it displays on your console. In Cisco IOS Release 12.4(2)T, this feature was introduced. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **clear ip icmp rate-limit**, **ip icmp rate-limit unreachable**, **show ip icmp rate-limit**.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
IP Precedence Accounting	12.2(21) 12.1(27b)E1 12.1(5)T15 12.2(25)S 12.2(33)SRA 12.2(18)SXF13 12.2(33)SXH1 15.0(1)S	The IP Precedence Accounting feature provides accounting information for IP traffic based on the precedence of any interface. This feature calculates the total packet and byte counts for an interface that receives or sends IP packets and sorts the results based on the IP precedence. This feature is supported on all interfaces and subinterfaces and supports CEF, dCEF, flow, and optimum switching. The following command was introduced by this feature: **show interface precedence**, **ip accounting precedence**.
Show and Clear Commands for IOS Sockets	12.4(11)T	The Show and Clear Commands for IOS Sockets feature introduces the **show udp**, **show sockets**, and **clear sockets**commands. These new commands are useful for monitoring and managing the Cisco IOS Socket library. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **clear sockets**, **show sockets**,**show udp**. The following command was replaced by this feature:**show ip sockets**.

Configuring IPv4 Broadcast Packet Handling

This module explains what IPv4 broadcast packets are, when they are used, and how to customize your router's configuration for situations when the default behavior for handling IPv4 broadcast packets isn't appropriate.

This module also explains some common scenarios that require customizing IPv4 broadcast packet handling by routers. For example, UDP forwarding of Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) traffic to ensure broadcast packets sent by DHCP clients can reach DHCP servers that are not on the same network segment as the client. Configuration tasks and examples are also provided in this module.

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest feature information and caveats, see the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the Feature Information Table at the end of this document.

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IP Unicast Address

An IP unicast address is not a broadcast addresses. A packet with an unicast destination IP address is intended for a specific IP host. For example, 172.16.1.1/32. Only the intended host of a unicast packets receives and processes the packet. This term is often used in conjunction with references to types of IP broadcast traffic. For example, a network administrator considering upgrading a router in a network must consider the amount of unicast, multicast, and broadcast traffic because each type of traffic can have a different effect on the performance of the router.

IP Broadcast Address

IP broadcast packets are sent to the destination IP broadcast address 255.255.255.255 (or the older but still occasionally used IP broadcast address of 000.000.000.000). The broadcast destination IP addresses 255.255.255.255 and 000.000.000.000 are used when a packet is intended for every IP-enabled device on a network.

Note Packets that use the broadcast IP address as the destination IP address are known as broadcast packets.

If routers forwarded IP broadcast packets by default, the packets would have to be forwarded out every interface that is enabled for IP because the 255.255.255.255 IP destination address is assumed to be reachable via every IP enabled interface in the router. Forwarding IP broadcast packets out every interface that is enabled for IP would result in what is known as a broadcast storm (network overload due to high levels of broadcast traffic). In order to avoid the IP packet broadcast storm that would be created if a router forwarded packets with a broadcast IP destination address out every IP-enabled interface, the default behavior for a router is to *not* forward broadcast packets. This is a key difference between routing IP traffic at Layer 3 versus bridging it at Layer 2. Layer 2 bridges by default forward IP broadcast traffic out every interface that is in a forwarding state, which can lead to scalability problems.

Some TCP/IP protocols use the IP broadcast address to either communicate with all of the hosts on a network segment or to identify the IP address of a specific host on a network segment. For example:

- Routing Information Protocol (RIP) version 1 sends routing table information using the IP broadcast address so that any other host on the network segment running RIP version 1 can receive and process the updates.
- The Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) is used to determine the Layer 2 MAC address of the host that owns a specific Layer 3 IP address. ARP sends an IP broadcast packet (that is also a Layer 2 broadcast frame) on the local network. All of the hosts on the local network receive the ARP broadcast packet because it is sent to as a Layer 2 broadcast frame. All of the hosts on the local network process the ARP packet because it is sent to the IP broadcast address. Only the host that owns the IP address indicated in the data area of the ARP packet responds to the ARP broadcast packet.

IP Directed Broadcast Address

An IP directed broadcast is intended to reach all hosts on a remote network. A router that needs to send data to a remote IP host when only the IP network address is known uses an IP directed broadcast to reach the

remote host. For example, a directed broadcast sent by a host with an IP address of 192.168.100.1 with a destination IP address of 172.16.255.255 is intended only for hosts that are in the 172.16.0.0 address space (hosts that have an IP address that begins with 172.16.0.0).

An IP directed broadcast packet is routed through the network as a unicast packet until it arrives at the target subnet, where it is converted into a Layer 2 broadcast frame (MAC address of FFFF.FFFF.FFFF). Because of the nature of the IP addressing architecture, only the last router in the chain, the one that is connected directly to the target subnet, can conclusively identify a directed broadcast. For example, only a router with an interface connected to a network using an IP address in the 172.16.0.0/16 address space such as 172.16.1.1/16 can determine that a packet sent to 172.16.255.255 is a directed broadcast and convert it to a Layer 2 broadcast that is received by all hosts on the local network. The other routers in the network that are not connected to the 172.16.0.0/16 network forward packets addressed to 172.16.255.255 as if they were for a specific IP host.

All of the hosts on the remote network receive IP directed broadcasts after they are converted to Layer 2 broadcast frames. Ideally only the intended destination host will fully process the IP directed broadcast and respond to it. However, IP directed broadcasts can be used for malicious purposes. For example, IP directed broadcasts are used in "smurf" Denial of Service (DoS) attack and derivatives thereof. In a "smurf" attack, the attacker sends Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) echo requests (pings) to a directed broadcast address using the source IP address of the device that is the target of the attack. The target is usually a host inside a company’s network such as a web server. The ICMP echo requests are sent to an IP directed broadcast address in the company’s network that causes all the hosts on the target subnet to send ICMP echo replies to the device under attack. By sending a continuous stream of such requests, the attacker can create a much larger stream of replies, which can completely inundate the host that is under attack. For information on how IP directed broadcasts are used in DoS attacks, search the Internet for "IP directed broadcasts," "denial of service," and "smurf attacks."

Due to the security implications of allowing a router to forward directed broadcasts and the reduction in applications that require directed broadcasts, IP directed broadcasts are disabled by default in Cisco IOS Release 12.0 and later releases. If your network requires support for IP directed broadcasts, you can enable it on the interfaces that you want to translate the IP directed broadcasts to Layer 2 broadcasts using the **ip directed-broadcast** command. For example, if your router is receiving IP directed broadcasts on Fast Ethernet interface 0/0 for the network address assigned to Fast Ethernet interface 0/1, and you want the IP directed broadcasts to be translated to Layer 2 broadcasts out interface Fast Ethernet interface 0/1, configure the **ip directed-broadcast** command on Fast Ethernet interface 0/1. You can specify an access list to control which IP directed broadcasts are translated to Layer 2 broadcasts. When an access list is specified, only those IP packets permitted by the access list are eligible to be translated from directed broadcasts to Layer 2 broadcasts. For example, if you know that the only legitimate source IP address of any IP directed broadcasts in your network is 192.168.10.2, create an extended IP access list allowing traffic from 192.168.10.2 and assign the access list with the **ip directed-broadcast***access-list* command.

IP Directed Broadcasts

IP directed broadcasts are dropped by default. Dropping IP directed broadcasts reduces the risk of DoS attacks.

You can enable forwarding of IP directed broadcasts on an interface where the broadcast becomes a physical broadcast. You enable the translation of directed IP broadcast packets to Layer 2 broadcast frames on the interface that is connected to the IP network that the IP directed broadcast is addressed to. For example, if you need to translate IP directed broadcasts with the IP destination address of 172.16.10.255 to Layer 2 broadcast frames, you enable the translation on the interface that is connected to IP network 172.16.10.0/24.

You can specify an access list to control which directed broadcasts are forwarded. When an access list is specified, only those IP packets permitted by the access list are eligible to be translated from directed broadcasts to physical broadcasts.

IP directed broadcasts are disabled by default in Cisco IOS Release 12.0 and newer releases.

IP Multicast Addresses

IP multicast addresses are intended to reach an arbitrary subset of the hosts on a local network. IP broadcast addresses create a problem because every host must receive and process the data in each packet to determine if it contains information that the host must process further. IP multicast addresses resolve this problem by using well-known IP addresses that a host must be configured to recognize before it will process packets addressed to it. When a host receives an IP multicast packet, the host compares the IP multicast address with the list of multicast addresses it is configured to recognize. If the host is not configured to recognize the IP multicast address, the host ignores the packet instead of processing it further to analyze the data in the packet. Because the host can ignore the packet it spends less time and fewer resources than it would have had to spend if the packet had been an IP broadcast that had to be processed all the way to the data layer before it was discarded.

The range of IP addresses reserved for Class D multicast addresses is 224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255/32 (255.255.255.255).

Most of the TCP/IP routing protocols use IP multicast addresses to send routing updates and other information to hosts on the same local network that are running the same routing protocol. Many other applications such as audio/video streaming over the Internet use IP multicast addresses. For a list of the currently assigned IP multicast addresses see *Internet Multicast Addresses*.

Information on configuring network devices for IP multicast support is available in the following documentation:

- *Cisco IOS IP Multicast Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco IOS IP Multicast Command Reference*

Early IP Implementations

Several early IP implementations do not use the current broadcast address standard of 255.255.255.255. Instead, they use the old standard, which calls for all zeros (000.000.000.000) instead of all ones to indicate broadcast addresses. Many of these implementations do not recognize an all-1s broadcast address and fail to respond to the broadcast correctly. Others forward all-1s broadcasts by default, which causes a serious network overload known as a *broadcast storm*. Implementations that exhibit these problems include systems based on versions of Berkeley Standard Distribution (BSD) UNIX prior to Version 4.3.

DHCP and IPv4 Broadcast Packets

DHCP requires that the client (host requiring information from the DHCP server) send broadcast packets to find a DHCP server to request configuration information from. If the DHCP server is not on the same network segment as the client that is sending the DHCP broadcasts, the router must be configured to forward the DHCP requests to the appropriate network.

For more information on DHCP, see RFC 2131 *Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol*, at http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2131.txt.

UDP Broadcast Packet Forwarding

UDP broadcast packets are used by TCP/IP protocols such as DHCP and applications that need to send the same data to multiple hosts concurrently. Because routers by default do not forward broadcast packets you need to customize your router's configuration if your network has UDP broadcast traffic on it. One option for forwarding UDP broadcast packets is to use the UDP forwarding feature. UDP forwarding rewrites the broadcast IP address of a UDP packet to either a unicast (specific host) IP address or a directed IP broadcast. After the address is rewritten the UDP packet is forwarded by all of the routers in the path to the destination network without requiring additional configuration changes on the other routers.

You can enable forwarding of UDP broadcast packets, such as DHCP requests, to a host, or to multiple hosts on the same target network. When a UDP broadcast packet is forwarded, the destination IP address is rewritten to match the address that you configure. For example, the **ip helper-address 172.16.10.2** command rewrites the IP destination address from 255.255.255.255 to 172.16.10.2.

To enable UDP broadcast packet forwarding to specific host, use a specific host IP address as the helper address when you configure the **ip helper-address** *address* command. To enable UDP broadcast packet forwarding to a range of hosts to allow for load sharing and redundancy, use an IP directed broadcast address as the helper address when you configure the **ip helper-address** *address* command.

UDP Broadcast Packet Flooding

You can allow IP broadcasts to be flooded throughout your network in a controlled fashion using the database created by theLayer 2 bridging Spanning Tree Protocol (STP). Enabling this feature also prevents flooding loops. In order to support this capability, the Cisco IOS software on your router must include support for transparent bridging, and transparent bridging must be configured on each interface that is to participate in the flooding. If bridging is not configured on an interface, the interface is still able to receive broadcasts. However, the interface will never forward broadcasts it receives, and the router will never use that interface to send broadcasts received on a different interface.

Packets that are forwarded to a single network address using the IP helper address mechanism can be flooded. Only one copy of the packet is sent on each network segment.

In order to be considered for flooding, packets must meet the following criteria. (These are the same conditions used to consider packet forwarding using IP helper addresses.)

- The packet must be a MAC-level broadcast (FFFF.FFFF.FFFF).
- The packet must be an IP-level broadcast (255.255.255.255).
- The packet must be a Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP), Domain Name System (DNS), Time, NetBIOS, Neighbor Discovery (ND), or BOOTP packet, or a UDP protocol specified by the **ip forward-protocol udp** global configuration command.
- The time-to-live (TTL) value of the packet must be at least two.

If you want to send the flooded UDP packets to a specific host, you can change the Layer 3 IP broadcast address of the flooded UDP packets with the **ip broadcast-address** command in interface configuration mode. The address of the flooded UDP packets can be set to any desired IP address. The source address of the flooded UDP packet is never changed. The TTL value of the flooded UDP packet is decremented.

After a decision has been made to send the datagram out on an interface (and the destination IP address possibly changed), the datagram is handed to the normal IP output routines and is, therefore, subject to access lists if they are present on the output interface.

If no actual bridging is desired, you can configure a type-code bridging filter that will deny all packet types from being bridged. Refer to the "Configuring Transparent Bridging" module of the *Cisco IOS Bridging*

and IBM Networking Configuration Guide for more information about using access lists to filter bridged traffic. The Spanning-Tree database is still available to the IP forwarding code to use for the flooding.

IP Broadcast Flooding Acceleration

You can accelerate flooding of UDP datagrams using the spanning-tree algorithm. Used in conjunction with the **ip forward-protocol spanning-tree** command in global configuration mode, this feature boosts the performance of spanning-tree-based UDP flooding by a factor of about four to five times. The feature, called *turbo flooding*, is supported over Ethernet interfaces configured for Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) encapsulated, FDDI, and high-level data link control (HDLC)-encapsulated serial interfaces. However, it is not supported on Token Ring interfaces. As long as the Token Rings and the non-HDLC serial interfaces are not part of the bridge group being used for UDP flooding, turbo flooding will behave normally.

Default UDP Port Numbers

If a helper address is specified and UDP forwarding is enabled, broadcast packets destined to the following port numbers are forwarded by default:

- Time service (port 37)
- IEN-116 Name Service (port 42)
- TACACS service (port 49)
- Domain Naming System (port 53)
- BOOTP client and server packets (ports 67 and 68)
- TFTP (port 69)
- NetBIOS Name Server (port 137)
- NetBIOS Datagram Server (port 138)

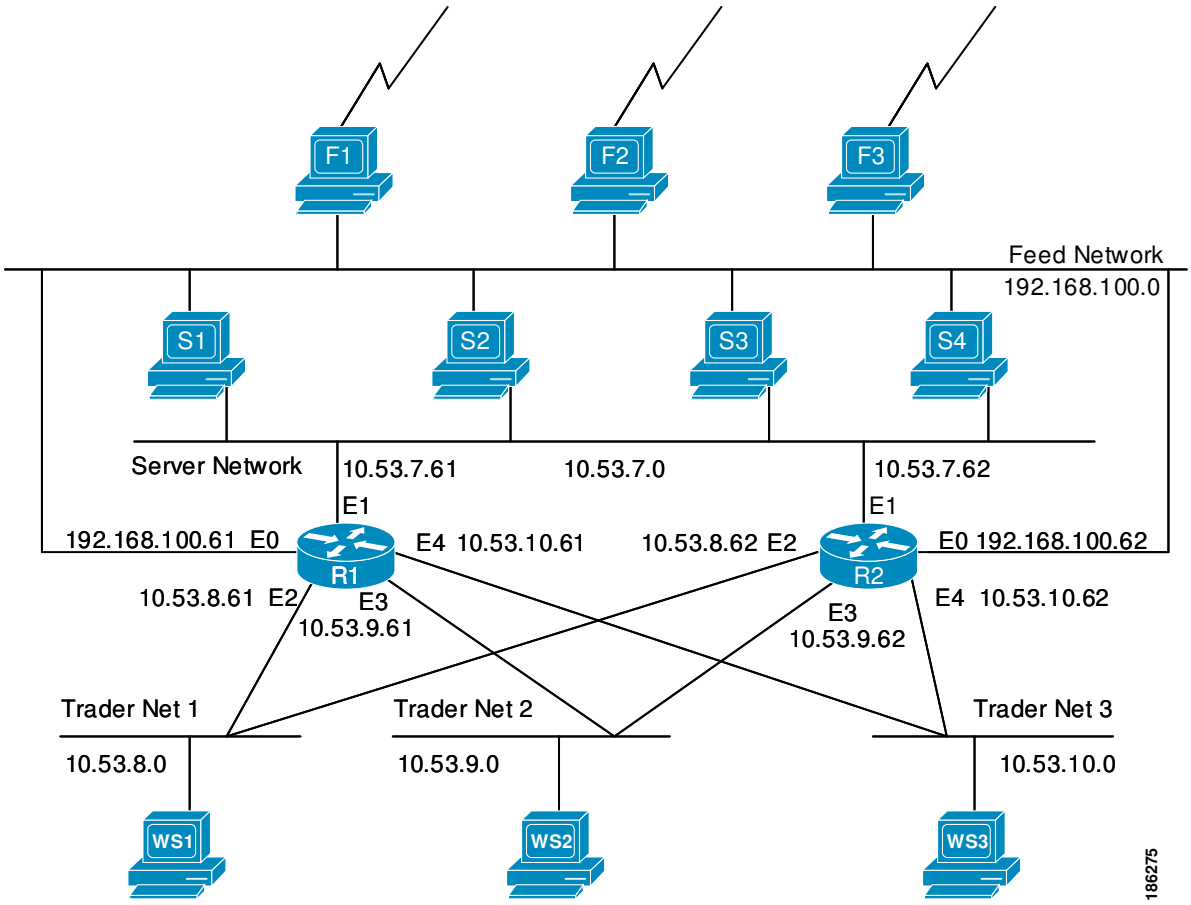
Default IP Broadcast Address

The Cisco IOS software supports sending IP broadcasts on both LANs and WANs. There are several ways to indicate an IP broadcast address. The default is an address consisting of all ones (255.255.255.255), although the software can be configured to generate any form of IP broadcast address such as all zeros (0.0.0.0), and directed broadcasts such as 172.16.255.255. Cisco IOS software can receive and process most IP broadcast addresses.

UDP Broadcast Packet Case Study

This case study is from a trading floor application in a financial company. The workstations (WS1, WS2, and WS3) in the following figure receive financial data from the feed network. The financial data is sent using UDP broadcasts.

Figure 3 Topology that Requires UDP Broadcast Forwarding



The following sections explain the possible solutions for this application:

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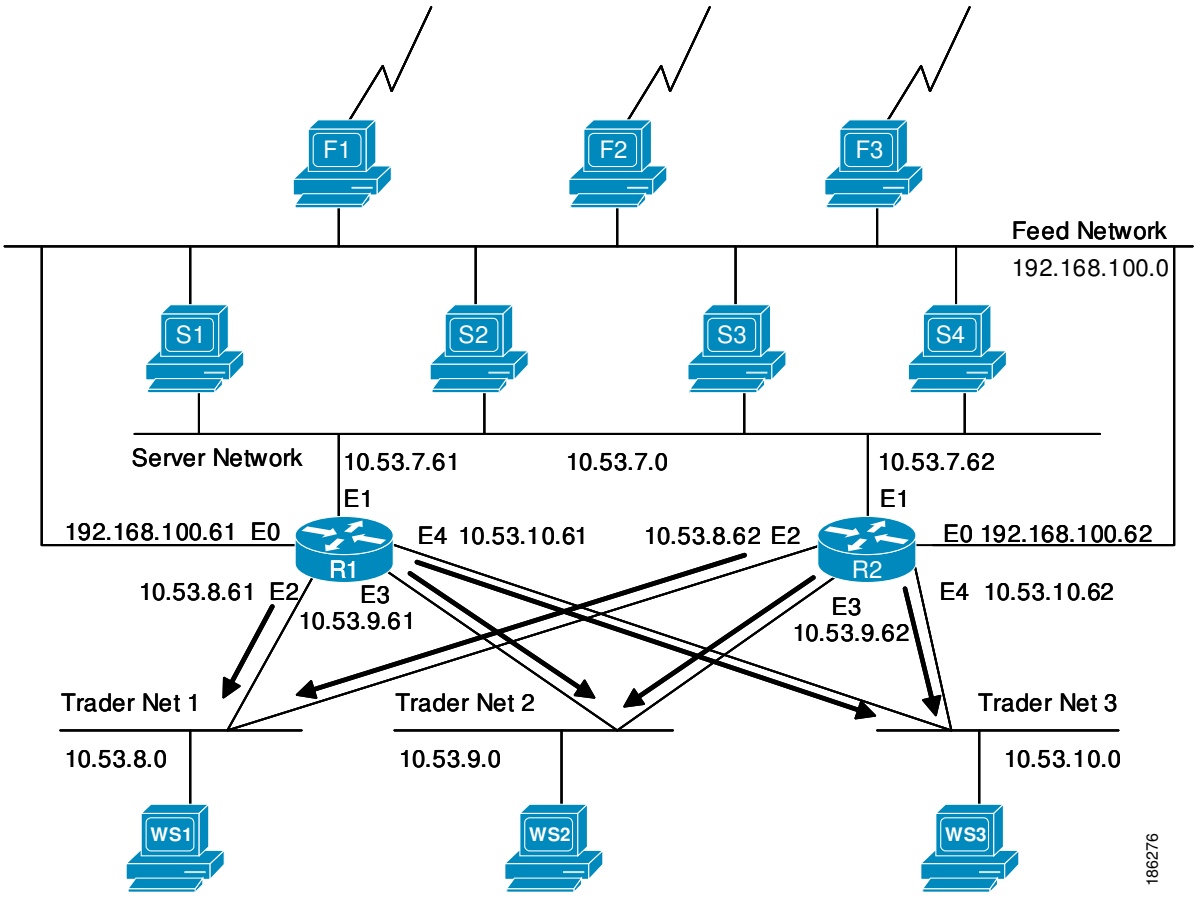
UDP Broadcast Packet Forwarding

The first option is UDP broadcast packet using helper addresses. To configure helper addressing, you must specify the **ip helper-address** command on every interface on every router that receives a UDP broadcast that needs to be forwarded. On router 1 and router 2 in the figure below, IP helper addresses can be configured to move data from the server network to the trader networks. However IP helper addressing was

determined not to be an optimal solution for this type of topology because each router receives unnecessary broadcasts from the other router, as shown in the figure below.

Figure 4 Flow of UDP Packets



In this case, router 1 receives each broadcast sent by router 2 three times, one for each segment, and router 2 receives each broadcast sent by router 1 three times, one for each segment. When each broadcast is received, the router must analyze it and determine that the broadcast does not need to be forwarded. As more segments are added to the network, the routers become overloaded with unnecessary traffic, which must be analyzed and discarded.

When IP helper addressing is used in this type of topology, no more than one router can be configured to forward UDP broadcasts (unless the receiving applications can handle duplicate broadcasts). This is because duplicate packets arrive on the trader network. This restriction limits redundancy in the design and can be undesirable in some implementations.

To configure routers to send UDP broadcasts bidirectionally in this type of topology, a second **ip helper address** command must be applied to every router interface that receives UDP broadcasts. As more segments and devices are added to the network, more **ip helper address** commands are required to reach them, so the administration of these routers becomes more complex over time.

Note Bidirectional traffic in this topology significantly impacts router performance.

Although IP helper addressing is well-suited to nonredundant, nonparallel topologies that do not require a mechanism for controlling broadcast loops, IP helper addressing does not work well in this topology. To improve performance, the network designers considered four other alternatives:

- Setting the broadcast address on the servers to all ones (255.255.255.255)—This alternative was dismissed because the servers have more than one interface, causing server broadcasts to be sent back onto the feed network. In addition, some workstation implementations do not allow all 1s broadcasts when multiple interfaces are present.
- Setting the broadcast address of the servers to the major network broadcast IP address--This alternative was dismissed because the TCP/IP implementation on the servers does not allow the use of major network IP broadcast addresses when the network is subnetted.
- Eliminating the subnets and letting the workstations use Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) to learn addresses—This alternative was dismissed because the servers cannot quickly learn an alternative route in the event of a primary router failure.
- UDP broadcast packet flooding—This alternative uses the spanning-tree topology created with transparent bridging to forward UDP broadcast packets in a redundant topology while avoiding loops and duplicate broadcast traffic.

UDP Broadcast Packet Flooding

UDP flooding uses the spanning-tree algorithm to forward packets in a controlled manner. Bridging is enabled on each router interface for the sole purpose of building the spanning tree. The spanning tree prevents loops by stopping a broadcast from being forwarded out an interface on which the broadcast was received. The spanning tree also prevents packet duplication by placing certain interfaces in the blocked state (so that no packets are forwarded) and other interfaces in the forwarding state (so that packets that need to be forwarded are forwarded).

Before you can enable UDP flooding, the router must be running software that supports transparent bridging and bridging must be configured on each interface that is to participate in the flooding. If bridging is not configured for an interface, the interface will receive broadcasts, but the router will not forward those broadcasts and will not use that interface as a destination for sending broadcasts received on a different interface.

Note Releases prior to Cisco IOS Release 10.2 do not support flooding subnet broadcasts.

When configured for UDP flooding, the router uses the destination address specified by the **ip broadcast-address** command on the output interface to assign a destination address to a flooded UDP datagram. Thus, the destination address might change as the datagram propagates through the network. The source address, however, does not change.

With UDP flooding, both routers shown in the figure below use a spanning-tree to control the network topology for the purpose of forwarding broadcasts. The **bridge protocol** command can specify either the **dec** keyword (for the Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) spanning-tree protocol) or the **ieee** keyword (for the IEEE Ethernet protocol). All routers in the network must enable the same spanning-tree protocol. The **ip forward-protocol spanning-tree** command uses the database created by the **bridge protocol** command. Only one broadcast packet arrives at each segment, and UDP broadcasts can traverse the network in both directions.

Because bridging is enabled only to build the spanning-tree database, use access lists to prevent the spanning-tree from forwarding non-UDP traffic.

The router configuration specifies a path cost for each interface to determine which interface forwards or blocks packets. The default path cost for Ethernet is 100. Setting the path cost for each interface on router 2 to 50 causes the spanning-tree algorithm to place the interfaces in router 2 in forwarding state. Given the higher path cost (100) for the interfaces in router 1, the interfaces in router 1 are in the blocked state and do not forward the broadcasts. With these interface states, broadcast traffic flows through router 2. If router 2 fails, the spanning-tree algorithm will place the interfaces in router 1 in the forwarding state, and router 1 will forward broadcast traffic.

With one router forwarding broadcast traffic from the server network to the trader networks, you should configure the other router to forward unicast traffic. For that reason, each router enables the ICMP Router Discovery Protocol (IRDP), and each workstation on the trader networks runs the IRDP daemon. On router 1, the **preference** keyword of the **ip irdp** command sets a higher IRDP preference than does the configuration for router 2, which causes each IRDP daemon to use router 1 as its preferred default gateway for unicast traffic forwarding. Users of those workstations can use the **netstat -rn** command to see how the routers are being used.

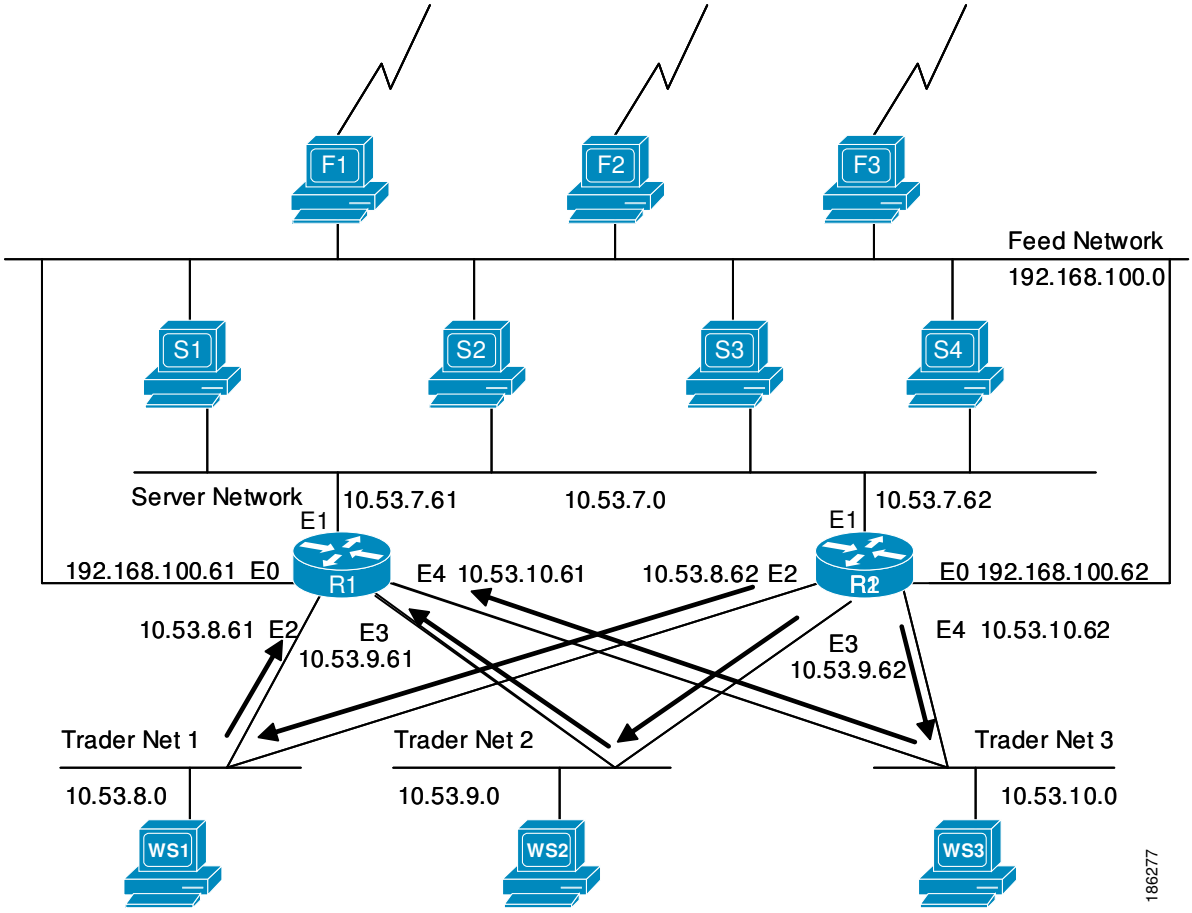
On the routers, the **holdtime**, **maxadvertinterval**, and **minadvertinterval** keywords of the **ip irdp** command reduce the advertising interval from the default so that the IRDP daemons running on the hosts expect to see advertisements more frequently. With the advertising interval reduced, the workstations will adopt router 2 more quickly if router 1 becomes unavailable. With this configuration, when a router becomes unavailable, IRDP offers a convergence time of less than one minute.

IRDP is preferred over the Routing Information Protocol (RIP) and default gateways for the following reasons:

- RIP takes longer to converge.
- Configuration of router 1 as the default gateway on each Sun workstation on the trader networks would allow those Sun workstations to send unicast traffic to router 1, but would not provide an alternative route if router 1 becomes unavailable.

The figure below shows how data flows when the network is configured for UDP flooding.

Figure 5 Data Flow with UDP Flooding and IRDP



Note This topology is broadcast intensive--broadcasts sometimes consume 20 percent of the 10-MB Ethernet bandwidth. However, this is a favorable percentage when compared to the configuration of IP helper addressing, which, in the same network, causes broadcasts to consume up to 50 percent of the 10-MB Ethernet bandwidth.

If the hosts on the trader networks do not support IRDP, Hot Standby Routing Protocol (HSRP), Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP), or Gateway Load Balancing Protocol (GLBP) can be used to select which router will handle unicast traffic. These protocols allow the standby router to take over quickly if the primary router becomes unavailable.

Enable turbo flooding on the routers to increase the performance of UDP flooding.

Note Turbo flooding increases the amount of processing that is done at interrupt level, which increases the CPU load on the router. Turbo flooding may not be appropriate on routers that are already under high CPU load or that must also perform other CPU-intensive activities.

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Enabling IP Directed Broadcasts Without an Access List

Perform this task to permit the forwarding of IP directed broadcasts from any source.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip address** *address mask*
5. **ip directed-broadcast**
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/1`	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	**ip address** *address mask* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0`	Assigns an IP address to the interface.
Step 5	**ip directed-broadcast** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip directed-broadcast`	Enables IP directed broadcasts on the interface. • Configure this command on the interface that is connected to the IP network address of the directed broadcast packets. • In this example the directed broadcast packets are addressed to 172.16.10.255.
Step 6	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Exits the current configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Enabling IP Directed Broadcasts with an Access List

Perform this task to limit the forwarding of IP directed broadcasts by applying an access list to the **ip directed-broadcast** command.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **access-list** *100-199* **permit ip** *source-address mask destination-address mask*
4. **interface** *type number*
5. **ip address** *address mask*
6. **ip directed-broadcast** *access-list*
7. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**access-list** *100-199* **permit ip** *source-address mask destination-address mask* **Example:** `Router(config)# access-list 100 permit ip 10.4.9.167 0.0.0.0 172.16.10.0 0.0.0.255`	Creates an access list to limit the IP directed broadcasts that are forwarded. • In this example the IP directed broadcasts are sent by the host with the IP address of 10.4.9.167 to the IP directed broadcast address 172.16.10.255.
Step 4	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/0`	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 5	**ip address** *address mask* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0`	Assigns an IP address to the interface.
Step 6	**ip directed-broadcast** *access-list* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip directed-broadcast 100`	Enables IP directed broadcasts on the interface for broadcast packets that are allowed by the access list you assigned. Configure this command on the interface that is connected to the IP network address of the directed broadcast packets. • In this example the directed broadcast packets are addressed to 172.16.10.255.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Exits the current configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Enabling Forwarding of UDP Broadcast Packets to a Specific Host

Perform this task to enable UDP broadcast packet forwarding to a single host.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip forward-protocol udp**
4. **interface** *type number*
5. **ip address** *address mask*
6. **ip helper-address** *address*
7. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip forward-protocol udp** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip forward-protocol udp`	Enables forwarding of UDP broadcast packets.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/1`	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 5	**ip address** *address mask* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0`	Assigns an IP address to the interface.
Step 6	**ip helper-address** *address* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip helper-address 172.16.10.2`	Enables an IP helper address for the interface that is receiving the UDP broadcast packets. • In this example the IP destination address of the IP UDP broadcast packets is rewritten to 172.16.10.2.
Step 7	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Exits the current configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Enabling Forwarding of UDP Broadcast Packets to a Range of Hosts

Perform this task to enable UDP broadcast packet forwarding to a range of hosts to allow for load sharing between the destination hosts and to provide redundancy if one or more of the destination hosts fail.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip forward-protocol udp**
4. **interface** *type number*
5. **ip address** *address mask*
6. **ip helper-address** *address*
7. **exit**
8. **interface** *type number*
9. **ip address** *address mask*
10. **ip directed-broadcast**
11. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip forward-protocol udp** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip forward-protocol udp`	Enables forwarding of UDP broadcast packets.
Step 4	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/0`	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 5	**ip address** *address mask* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 192.168.10.1 255.255.255.0`	Assigns an IP address to the interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**ip helper-address** *address* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip helper-address 172.16.10.255`	Enables an IP helper address for the interface that is receiving the UDP broadcast packets. • In this example an IP directed broadcast address is used. The IP destination address of the IP UDP broadcast packets is rewritten to 172.16.10.255. • All of the hosts on the 172.16.10.0/24 network that support the application or service that the UDP broadcast packets are intended for will respond to the UDP broadcast packets. **Note** This often results in the source of the UDP broadcast packets receiving responses from two or more hosts. In most circumstances the source of the UDP broadcast packets accepts the first response and ignores any subsequent responses. In some situations the source of the UDP broadcast packets cannot handle duplicate responses and reacts by reloading, or other unexpected behavior.
Step 7	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# exit`	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 8	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/1`	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 9	**ip address** *address mask* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0`	Assigns an IP address to the interface.
Step 10	**ip directed-broadcast** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip directed-broadcast`	Enables IP directed broadcasts on the interface that is transmitting the UDP broadcasts.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 11	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Exits the current configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Changing the Default IP Broadcast Address for All Interfaces to 0.0.0.0 on Routers Without Nonvolatile Memory

If you router does not have NVRAM, and you need to change the IP broadcast address to 0.0.0.0, you must change the IP broadcast address manually by setting jumpers in the processor configuration register. Setting bit 10 causes the device to use all 0s. Bit 10 interacts with bit 14, which controls the network and host portions of the broadcast address. Setting bit 14 causes the device to include the network and host portions of its address in the broadcast address. The table below shows the combined effect of setting bits 10 and 14.

Table 5 Configuration Register Settings for Broadcast Address Destination

Bit 14	Bit 10	Address (<net><host>)
Out	Out	<ones><ones>
Out	In	<zeros><zeros>
In	In	<net><zeros>
In	Out	<net><ones>

For additional information on setting the hardware jumpers on your router, see the hardware documentation that was supplied with you router.

Changing the Default IP Broadcast Address for All Interfaces to 0.0.0.0 on Routers with Nonvolatile Memory

Cisco IOS-based routers with NVRAM have software configuration registers that allow you to modify several behaviors of the router such as where it looks for images to load, what IP broadcast address it uses, and the console line speed. The factory default value for the configuration register is 0x2102 where *0X* indicates this a hexadecimal number. The **config-register** command is used to modify the settings of the software configuration registers.

Information on configuring other behaviors with the software configuration registers using the **config-register** command is available in the following documentation:

- "Loading and Managing System Images" chapter of the *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Configuration Guide*
- *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference*

Caution You need to be very careful when you change the software configuration registers on your router because if you inadvertently alter the console port line speed, you will not be able to configure the router with a terminal server on the console port unless you know the speed that you set for the console port, and you know how to change the line speed for your terminal application. If your router is configured for alternate access to the CLI such as using Telnet or a web browser, you can use this method to log in to the router and change the software configuration register back to 0x2102.

Perform this task to set the IP broadcast address on every interface to 0.0.0.0 while maintaining the remainder of the default values for the software configuration register settings.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **config-register** *value*
4. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**config-register** *value* **Example:** `Router(config)# config-register 0x2502`	Sets the IP broadcast address to 0.0.0.0 on every interface while maintaining the remainder of the default values for the other software configuration register settings.
Step 4	**end** **Example:** `Router(config)# end`	Exits the current configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Changing the IP Broadcast Address to Any IP Address on One or More Interfaces in a Router

Perform this task if you network requires an IP broadcast address other than 255.255.255.255 or 0.0.0.0, or you want to change the IP broadcast address to 0.0.0.0 on a subset of the interfaces on the router instead of on all of the interfaces on the router.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip address** *address mask*
5. **ip broadcast-address** *address*
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/1`	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	**ip address** *address mask* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0`	Assigns an IP address to the interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**ip broadcast-address** *address* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip broadcast-address 172.16.10.255`	Specifies the IP broadcast address • In this example IP broadcasts are sent to 172.16.10.255.
Step 6	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Exits the current configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring UDP Broadcast Packet Flooding

The version of Cisco IOS software on your router must support transparent bridging.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **bridge** *number* **protocol ieee**
4. **ip forward-protocol spanning-tree**
5. **ip forward-protocol turbo-flood**
6. **ip forward-protocol udp**
7. **interface** *type number*
8. **ip address** *address mask*
9. **bridge-group** *number*
10. **interface** *type number*
11. **ip address** *address mask*
12. **bridge-group** *number*
13. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**bridge** *number* **protocol ieee** **Example:** `Router(config)# bridge 1 protocol ieee`	Enables spanning-tree bridging and specifies the bridging protocol.
Step 4	**ip forward-protocol spanning-tree** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip forward-protocol spanning-tree`	Enables using the spanning-tree forwarding table to flood broadcast packets.
Step 5	**ip forward-protocol turbo-flood** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip forward-protocol turbo-flood`	(Optional) Enables fast forwarding of broadcast packets using the spanning-tree forwarding table.
Step 6	**ip forward-protocol udp** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip forward-protocol udp`	Enables forwarding of UDP broadcasts.
Step 7	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/0`	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 8	**ip address** *address mask* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 192.168.10.1 255.255.255.0`	Assigns an IP address to the interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	**bridge-group** *number* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# bridge-group 1`	Places the interface in the spanning-tree bridge group specified.
Step 10	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# interface fastethernet 0/1`	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 11	**ip address** *address mask* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0`	Assigns an IP address to the interface.
Step 12	**bridge-group** *number* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# bridge-group 1`	Places the interface in the spanning-tree bridge group specified.
Step 13	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Exits the current configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

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Example: Enabling IP Directed Broadcasts with an Access List

The following example shows how to enable IP directed broadcasts with an access list to control the directed broadcasts that are forwarded.

```
Router(config)# access-list 100 permit ip 10.4.9.167 0.0.0.0 172.16.10.0 0.0.0.255
Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# ip directed-broadcast 100
```

Example: Configuring UDP Broadcast Packet Flooding

```
Router(config)# bridge 1 protocol ieee
Router(config)# ip forward-protocol spanning-tree
Router(config)# ip forward-protocol turbo-flood
Router(config)# ip forward-protocol udp
Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 192.168.10.1 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# bridge-group 1
Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/1
Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# bridge-group 1
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases
Currently assigned IP multicast addresses	*Internet Multicast Addresses* http://www.iana.org/assignments/multicast-addresses
Configuration fundamentals configuration tasks	*Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Configuration Guide*
Configuration fundamentals commands	*Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference*
Cisco IOS bridging and IBM networking configuration tasks	*Cisco IOS Bridging and IBM Networking Configuration Guide*
Cisco IOS bridging and IBM networking commands	*Cisco IOS Bridging and IBM Networking Command Reference*
Cisco IOS IP multicast configuration tasks	*Cisco IOS IP Multicast Configuration Guide*
Cisco IOS IP Multicast commands	*Cisco IOS IP Multicast Command Reference*

Standards

Standard	Title
IEEE Spanning-Tree Bridging	802.1D MAC Bridges http://www.ieee802.org/1/pages/802.1D-2003.html

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
—	No new or modified MIBs are supported, and support for existing MIBs has not been modified.

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 1812	*Requirements for IP Version 4 Routers* http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1812.txt
RFC 2131	*Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol* http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2131.txt .

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for IP Broadcast Packet Handling

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 6 Feature Information for IP Broadcast Packet Handling

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
IP Directed Broadcasts	10.0	Enables the translation of a directed broadcast to physical broadcasts. The following command was introduced or modified by this feature: **ip directed-broadcast**.
UDP Broadcast Packet Forwarding	10.0	Enables the forwarding of UDP broadcast packets. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **ip forward-protocol**, **ip helper-address**.
Flooding Packets Using spanning-tree	10.0	Enables the forwarding of UDP broadcast packets using the spanning-tree forwarding table. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **ip forward-protocol spanning-tree**, **ip forward-protocol turbo-flood**.
Specifying an IP Broadcast Address	10.0	Specifies the IP broadcast address for an interface. The following command was introduced or modified by this feature: **ip broadcast-address**.

Configuring IRDP

The ICMP Router Discovery Protocol (IRDP) allows IPv4 hosts to locate routers that provide IPv4 connectivity to other (nonlocal) IP networks. For a complete description of the IPv4 addressing commands in this module, refer to the Cisco IOS IP Application Services Command Reference. To locate documentation of other commands that appear in this module, use the command reference master index, or search online.

This module explains the concepts related to IRDP and describes how to configure IRDP in a network.

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- Information About IRDP, page 85
- How to Configure IRDP, page 86
- Configuration Examples for IRDP, page 88
- Additional References, page 88
- Feature Information for IRDP, page 89

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest feature information and caveats, see the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the Feature Information Table at the end of this document.

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Information About IRDP

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IRDP Overview

ICMP Router Discovery Protocol (IRDP) allows hosts to locate routers that can be used as a gateway to reach IP-based devices on other networks. When the device running IRDP operates as a router, router discovery packets are generated. When the device running IRDP operates as a host, router discovery packets are received. The Cisco IRDP implementation fully conforms to the router discovery protocol outlined in RFC 1256 (http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1256.txt).

How to Configure IRDP

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Configuring IRDP

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **no shutdown**
5. **ip address** *ip-address mask*
6. **ip irdp**
7. **ip irdp multicast**
8. **ip irdp holdtime** *seconds*
9. **ip irdp maxadvertinterval** *seconds*
10. **ip irdp minadvertinterval** *seconds*
11. **ip irdp preference** *number*
12. **ip irdp address** *address number*
13. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/0`	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**no shutdown** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# no shutdown`	Activates (enables) the interface.
Step 5	**ip address** *ip-address mask* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.16.1 255.255.240.0`	Configures an IP address on the interface.
Step 6	**ip irdp** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip irdp`	Enables IRDP on the interface
Step 7	**ip irdp multicast** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip irdp multicast`	(Optional) Sends IRDP advertisements to the all-systems multicast address (224.0.0.1) on a specified interface.
Step 8	**ip irdp holdtime** *seconds* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip irdp holdtime 120`	(Optional) Sets the IRDP period for which advertisements are valid.
Step 9	**ip irdp maxadvertinterval** *seconds* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip irdp maxadvertinterval 60`	(Optional) Sets the IRDP maximum interval between advertisements.
Step 10	**ip irdp minadvertinterval** *seconds* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip irdp minadvertinterval 10`	(Optional) Sets the IRDP minimum interval between advertisements.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 11	**ip irdp preference** *number* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip irdp preference 900`	(Optional) Sets the IRDP preference level of the device.
Step 12	**ip irdp address** *address number* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip irdp address 192.168.10.2 90`	(Optional) Specifies an IRDP address and preference to proxy-advertise.
Step 13	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Exits the current configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

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Example: Configuring IRDP

The following example shows how to configure IRDP on a router:

```
Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/1
Router(config-if)# no shutdown
Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# ip irdp
Router(config-if)# ip irdp multicast
Router(config-if)# ip irdp holdtime 120
Router(config-if)# ip irdp maxadvertinterval 60
Router(config-if)# ip irdp minadvertinterval 10
Router(config-if)# ip irdp preference 900
Router(config-if)# ip irdp address 192.168.10.2 90
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases

Related Topic	Document Title
IP application services commands	*Cisco IOS IP Application Services Command Reference*

Standards

Standard	Title
No new or modified standards are supported, and support for existing standards has not been modified	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
No new or modified MIBs are supported, and support for existing MIBs has not been modified	—

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 1256	ICMP Router Discovery Messages: http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1256.txt

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. To receive security and technical information about your products, you can subscribe to various services, such as the Product Alert Tool (accessed from Field Notices), the Cisco Technical Services Newsletter, and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for IRDP

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Table 7 Feature Information for IRDP

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
ICMP Router Discovery Protocol	10.0 12.2(33)SRA	The ICMP Router Discovery Protocol (IRDP) allows IPv4 hosts to locate routers that provide IPv4 connectivity to other (non-local) IP networks. The following command was introduced or modified: **ip irdp**.

Configuring TCP

TCP is a protocol that specifies the format of data and acknowledgments used in data transfer. TCP is a connection-oriented protocol because participants must establish a connection before data can be transferred. By performing flow control and error correction, TCP guarantees reliable, in-sequence delivery of packets. It is considered a reliable protocol because if an IP packet is dropped or received out of order, TCP will request the correct packet until it receives it. This module explains the concepts related to TCP and describes how to configure TCP in a network.

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- Prerequisites for TCP, page 91
- Information About TCP, page 92
- How to Configure TCP, page 97
- Configuration Examples for TCP, page 104
- Additional References, page 108
- Feature Information for TCP, page 109

Finding Feature Information

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Prerequisites for TCP

TCP Time Stamp, TCP Selective Acknowledgment, and TCP Header Compression

Because TCP time stamps are always sent and echoed in both directions and the time-stamp value in the header is always changing, TCP header compression will not compress the outgoing packet. To allow TCP header compression over a serial link, the TCP time-stamp option is disabled. If you want to use TCP header compression over a serial line, TCP time stamp and TCP selective acknowledgment must be disabled. Both features are disabled by default. Use the**no ip tcp selective-ack** command to disable TCP selective acknowledgment once it is enabled.

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- TCP Connection Attempt Time, page 93
- TCP Selective Acknowledgment, page 93
- TCP Time Stamp, page 93
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- TCP Window Scaling, page 94
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TCP Services

TCP provides reliable transmission of data in an IP environment. TCP corresponds to the transport layer (Layer 4) of the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) reference model. Among the services TCP provides are stream data transfer, reliability, efficient flow control, full-duplex operation, and multiplexing.

With stream data transfer, TCP delivers an unstructured stream of bytes identified by sequence numbers. This service benefits applications because they do not have to chop data into blocks before handing it off to TCP. Instead, TCP groups bytes into segments and passes them to IP for delivery.

TCP offers reliability by providing connection-oriented, end-to-end reliable packet delivery through an internetwork. It does this by sequencing bytes with a forwarding acknowledgment number that indicates to the destination the next byte the source expects to receive. Bytes not acknowledged within a specified time period are retransmitted. The reliability mechanism of TCP allows devices to handle lost, delayed, duplicate, or misread packets. A timeout mechanism allows devices to detect lost packets and request retransmission.

TCP offers efficient flow control, which means that the receiving TCP process indicates the highest sequence number it can receive without overflowing its internal buffers when sending acknowledgments back to the source.

TCP offers full-duplex operation and TCP processes can both send and receive at the same time.

TCP multiplexing allows numerous simultaneous upper-layer conversations to be multiplexed over a single connection.

TCP Connection Establishment

To use reliable transport services, TCP hosts must establish a connection-oriented session with one another. Connection establishment is performed by using a “three-way handshake” mechanism.

A three-way handshake synchronizes both ends of a connection by allowing both sides to agree upon initial sequence numbers. This mechanism also guarantees that both sides are ready to transmit data and know that

the other side also is ready to transmit. The three-way handshake is necessary so that packets are not transmitted or retransmitted during session establishment or after session termination.

Each host randomly chooses a sequence number used to track bytes within the stream it is sending. Then, the three-way handshake proceeds in the following manner:

- The first host (Host A) initiates a connection by sending a packet with the initial sequence number (X) and synchronize/start (SYN) bit set to indicate a connection request.
- The second host (Host B) receives the SYN, records the sequence number X, and replies by acknowledging the SYN (with an ACK = X + 1). Host B includes its own initial sequence number (SEQ = Y). An ACK = 20 means the host has received bytes 0 through 19 and expects byte 20 next. This technique is called forward acknowledgment.
- Host A acknowledges all bytes Host B sent with a forward acknowledgment indicating the next byte Host A expects to receive (ACK = Y + 1). Data transfer then can begin.

TCP Connection Attempt Time

You can set the amount of time the Cisco IOS software will wait to attempt to establish a TCP connection. Because the connection attempt time is a host parameter, it does not pertain to traffic going through the device, just to traffic originated at the device. To set the TCP connection attempt time, use the **ip tcp synwait-time** command in global configuration mode. The default is 30 seconds.

TCP Selective Acknowledgment

The TCP Selective Acknowledgment feature improves performance in the event that multiple packets are lost from one TCP window of data.

Prior to this feature, with the limited information available from cumulative acknowledgments, a TCP sender could learn about only one lost packet per round-trip time. An aggressive sender could choose to resend packets early, but such re-sent segments might have already been successfully received.

The TCP selective acknowledgment mechanism helps improve performance. The receiving TCP host returns selective acknowledgment packets to the sender, informing the sender of data that have been received. In other words, the receiver can acknowledge packets received out of order. The sender can then resend only the missing data segments (instead of everything since the first missing packet).

Prior to selective acknowledgment, if TCP lost packets 4 and 7 out of an 8-packet window, TCP would receive acknowledgment of only packets 1, 2, and 3. Packets 4 through 8 would need to be re-sent. With selective acknowledgment, TCP receives acknowledgment of packets 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8. Only packets 4 and 7 must be re-sent.

TCP selective acknowledgment is used only when multiple packets are dropped within one TCP window. There is no performance impact when the feature is enabled but not used. Use the **ip tcp selective-ack** command in global configuration mode to enable TCP selective acknowledgment.

Refer to RFC 2018 for more detailed information about TCP selective acknowledgment.

TCP Time Stamp

The TCP time-stamp option provides improved TCP round-trip time measurements. Because the time stamps are always sent and echoed in both directions and the time-stamp value in the header is always changing, TCP header compression will not compress the outgoing packet. To allow TCP header compression over a serial link, the TCP time-stamp option is disabled. Use the **ip tcp timestamp** command to enable the TCP time-stamp option.

Refer to RFC 1323 for more detailed information on TCP time stamps.

TCP Maximum Read Size

The maximum number of characters that TCP reads from the input queue for Telnet and rlogin at one time is a very large number (the largest possible 32-bit positive number) by default. To change the TCP maximum read size value, use the **ip tcp chunk-size** command in global configuration mode.

We do not recommend that you change this value.

TCP Path MTU Discovery

Path MTU Discovery is a method for maximizing the use of available bandwidth in the network between the endpoints of a TCP connection, which is described in RFC 1191. IP Path MTU Discovery allows a host to dynamically discover and cope with differences in the maximum allowable maximum transmission unit (MTU) size of the various links along the path. Sometimes a router is unable to forward a datagram because it requires fragmentation (the packet is larger than the MTU you set for the interface with the **interface** configuration command), but the "don't fragment" (DF) bit is set. The intermediate gateway sends a "Fragmentation needed and DF bit set" Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) message to the sending host, alerting it to the problem. Upon receiving this ICMP message, the host reduces its assumed path MTU and consequently sends a smaller packet that will fit the smallest packet size of all the links along the path.

By default, TCP Path MTU Discovery is disabled. Existing connections are not affected when this feature is enabled or disabled.

Customers using TCP connections to move bulk data between systems on distinct subnets would benefit most by enabling this feature. Customers using remote source-route bridging (RSRB) with TCP encapsulation, serial tunnel (STUN), X.25 Remote Switching (also known as XOT or X.25 over TCP), and some protocol translation configurations might also benefit from enabling this feature.

Use the **ip tcp path-mtu-discovery** global configuration command to enable Path MTU Discovery for connections initiated by the router when it is acting as a host.

For more information about Path MTU Discovery, refer to the "Configuring IP Services" chapter of the *Cisco IOSIP Application Services Configuration Guide*.

TCP Window Scaling

The TCP Window Scaling feature adds support for the Window Scaling option in RFC 1323, *TCP Extensions for High Performance* . A larger window size is recommended to improve TCP performance in network paths with large bandwidth-delay product characteristics that are called Long Fat Networks (LFNs). The TCP Window Scaling enhancement provides that support.

The window scaling extension in Cisco IOS software expands the definition of the TCP window to 32 bits and then uses a scale factor to carry this 32-bit value in the 16-bit window field of the TCP header. The window size can increase to a scale factor of 14. Typical applications use a scale factor of 3 when deployed in LFNs.

The TCP Window Scaling feature complies with RFC 1323. The maximum window size was increased to 1,073,741,823 bytes. The larger scalable window size will allow TCP to perform better over LFNs. Use the **ip tcp window-size** command in global configuration mode to configure the TCP window size.

TCP Sliding Window

A TCP sliding window provides more efficient use of network bandwidth because it enables hosts to send multiple bytes or packets before waiting for an acknowledgment.

In TCP, the receiver specifies the current window size in every packet. Because TCP provides a byte-stream connection, window sizes are expressed in bytes. A window is the number of data bytes that the sender is allowed to send before waiting for an acknowledgment. Initial window sizes are indicated at connection setup, but might vary throughout the data transfer to provide flow control. A window size of zero means “Send no data.” The default TCP window size is 4128 bytes. We recommend you keep the default value unless you know your router is sending large packets (greater than 536 bytes). Use the **ip tcp window-size** command to change the default window size.

In a TCP sliding-window operation, for example, the sender might have a sequence of bytes to send (numbered 1 to 10) to a receiver who has a window size of five. The sender then places a window around the first five bytes and transmits them together. The sender then waits for an acknowledgment.

The receiver responds with an ACK = 6, indicating that it has received bytes 1 to 5 and is expecting byte 6 next. In the same packet, the receiver indicates that its window size is 5. The sender then moves the sliding window five bytes to the right and transmit bytes 6 to 10. The receiver responds with an ACK = 11, indicating that it is expecting sequenced byte 11 next. In this packet, the receiver might indicate that its window size is 0 (because, for example, its internal buffers are full). At this point, the sender cannot send any more bytes until the receiver sends another packet with a window size greater than 0.

TCP Outgoing Queue Size

The default TCP outgoing queue size per connection is 5 segments if the connection has a TTY associated with it (such as a Telnet connection). If no TTY connection is associated with a connection, the default queue size is 20 segments. Use the **ip tcp queuemax** command to change the 5-segment default value.

TCP Congestion Avoidance

The TCP Congestion Avoidance feature enables the monitoring of acknowledgment packets to the TCP sender when multiple packets are lost in a single window of data. Previously the sender would exit Fast-Recovery mode, wait for three or more duplicate acknowledgment packets before retransmitting the next unacknowledged packet, or wait for the retransmission timer to slow start. This could lead to performance issues.

Implementation of RFC 2581 and RFC 3782 addresses the modifications to the Fast-Recovery algorithm that incorporates a response to partial acknowledgments received during Fast Recovery, improving performance in situations where multiple packets are lost in a single window of data.

This feature is an enhancement to the existing Fast Recovery algorithm. There are no commands used to enable or disable this feature.

The output of the **debug ip tcp transactions**command has been enhanced to monitor the acknowledgment packets by showing the following conditions:

- TCP entering Fast Recovery mode.
- Duplicate acknowledgments being received during Fast Recovery mode.
- Partial acknowledgments being received.

TCP Explicit Congestion Notification

The TCP Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN) feature provides a method for an intermediate router to notify the end hosts of impending network congestion. It also provides enhanced support for TCP sessions associated with applications that are sensitive to delay or packet loss including Telnet, web browsing, and transfer of audio and video data. The benefit of this feature is the reduction of delay and packet loss in data transmissions. Use the **ip tcp ecn**command in global configuration mode to enable TCP ECN.

TCP MSS Adjustment

The TCP MSS Adjustment feature enables the configuration of the maximum segment size (MSS) for transient packets that traverse a router, specifically TCP segments with the SYN bit set. Use the **ip tcp adjust-mss** command in interface configuration mode to specify the MSS value on the intermediate router of the SYN packets to avoid truncation.

When a host (usually a PC) initiates a TCP session with a server, it negotiates the IP segment size by using the MSS option field in the TCP SYN packet. The value of the MSS field is determined by the MTU configuration on the host. The default MSS value for a PC is 1500 bytes.

The PPP over Ethernet (PPPoE) standard supports an MTU of only 1492 bytes. The disparity between the host and PPPoE MTU size can cause the router in between the host and the server to drop 1500-byte packets and terminate TCP sessions over the PPPoE network. Even if the path MTU (which detects the correct MTU across the path) is enabled on the host, sessions may be dropped because system administrators sometimes disable the ICMP error messages that must be relayed from the host in order for path MTU to work.

The **ip tcp adjust-mss** command helps prevent TCP sessions from being dropped by adjusting the MSS value of the TCP SYN packets.

The **ip tcp adjust-mss** command is effective only for TCP connections passing through the router.

In most cases, the optimum value for the *max-segment-size* argument of the **ip tcp adjust-mss** command is 1452 bytes. This value plus the 20-byte IP header, the 20-byte TCP header, and the 8-byte PPPoE header add up to a 1500-byte packet that matches the MTU size for the Ethernet link.

See the "Configuring the MSS Value and MTU for Transient TCP SYN Packets" section for configuration instructions.

TCP Applications Flags Enhancement

The TCP Applications Flags Enhancement feature enables the user to display additional flags with reference to TCP applications. There are two types of flags: status and option. The status flags indicate the status of TCP connections such as retransmission timeouts, application closed, and synchronized (SYNC) handshakes for listen. The additional flags indicate the state of set options such as whether a VPN routing and forwarding instance (VRF) is set, whether a user is idle, and whether a keepalive timer is running. Use the **show tcp** command to display TCP application flags.

TCP Show Extension

The TCP Show Extension feature introduces the capability to display addresses in IP format instead of hostname format and to display the VRF table associated with the connection. To display the status for all endpoints with the addresses in IP format, use the **show tcp brief numeric** command.

TCP MIB for RFC 4022 Support

The TCP MIB for RFC 4022 Support feature introduces support for RFC 4022, *Management Information Base for the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)*. RFC 4022 is an incremental change of the TCP MIB to improve the manageability of TCP.

To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

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Configuring TCP Performance Parameters

- Both sides of the link must be configured to support window scaling or the default of 65,535 bytes will apply as the maximum window size.
- To support ECN, the remote peer must be ECN-enabled because the ECN capability is negotiated during a three-way handshake with the remote peer.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip tcp synwait-time** *seconds*
4. **ip tcp path-mtu-discovery** [**age-timer** {*minutes* | **infinite**}]
5. **ip tcp selective-ack**
6. **ip tcp timestamp**
7. **ip tcp chunk-size** *characters*
8. **ip tcp window-size** *bytes*
9. **ip tcp ecn**
10. **ip tcp queuemax** *packets*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip tcp synwait-time** *seconds* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip tcp synwait-time 60`	(Optional) Sets the amount of time the Cisco IOS software will wait to attempt to establish a TCP connection. • The default is 30 seconds.
Step 4	**ip tcp path-mtu-discovery** [**age-timer** {*minutes* | **infinite**}] **Example:** `Router(config)# ip tcp path-mtu-discovery age-timer 11`	(Optional) Enables Path MTU Discovery. • **age-timer** —Time interval, in minutes, TCP reestimates the path MTU with a larger MSS. The default is 10 minutes. The maximum is 30 minutes. • **infinite** —Disables the age timer.
Step 5	**ip tcp selective-ack** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip tcp selective-ack`	(Optional) Enables TCP selective acknowledgment.
Step 6	**ip tcp timestamp** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip tcp timestamp`	(Optional) Enables the TCP time stamp.
Step 7	**ip tcp chunk-size** *characters* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip tcp chunk-size 64000`	(Optional) Sets the TCP maximum read size for Telnet or rlogin. **Note** We do not recommend that you change this value.
Step 8	**ip tcp window-size** *bytes* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip tcp window-size 75000`	(Optional) Sets the TCP window size. • The *bytes* argument can be set to an integer from 0 to 1073741823. To enable window scaling to support LFNs, the TCP window size must be more than 65535. The default window size is 4128 if window scaling is not configured. **Note** As of Cisco IOS Release 15.0(1)M, the *bytes* argument can be set to an integer from 68 to 1073741823.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	**ip tcp ecn** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip tcp ecn`	(Optional) Enables ECN for TCP.
Step 10	**ip tcp queuemax** *packets* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip tcp queuemax 10`	(Optional) Sets the TCP outgoing queue size.

Configuring the MSS Value and MTU for Transient TCP SYN Packets

Perform this task to configure the MSS for transient packets that traverse a router, specifically TCP segments with the SYN bit set, and to configure the MTU size of IP packets.

If you are configuring the **ip mtu** command on the same interface as the **ip tcp adjust-mss** command, we recommend that you use the following commands and values:

- **ip tcp adjust-mss 1452**
- **ip mtu 1492**

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip tcp adjust-mss** *max-segment-size*
5. **ip mtu** *bytes*
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/0`	Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	**ip tcp adjust-mss** *max-segment-size* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip tcp adjust-mss 1452`	Adjusts the MSS value of TCP SYN packets going through a router. • The *max-segment-size* argument is the maximum segment size, in bytes. The range is from 500 to 1460.
Step 5	**ip mtu** *bytes* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip mtu 1492`	Sets the MTU size of IP packets, in bytes, sent on an interface.
Step 6	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Exits to global configuration mode.

Verifying TCP Performance Parameters

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show tcp** [*line-number*] [**tcb** *address*]
2. **show tcp brief** [**all** | **numeric**]
3. **debug ip tcp transactions**
4. **debug ip tcp congestion**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **show tcp** [*line-number*] [**tcb** *address*]
Displays the status of TCP connections. The arguments and keyword are as follows:

- *line-number* —(Optional) Absolute line number of the Telnet connection status.
- **tcb** —(Optional) Transmission control block (TCB) of the ECN-enabled connection.
- *address* —(Optional) TCB hexadecimal address. The valid range is from 0x0 to 0xFFFFFFFF.

The following is sample output from the **show tcp tcb** command that displays detailed information by hexadecimal address about an ECN-enabled connection:

Example:

```
Router# show tcp tcb 0x62CD2BB8

Connection state is LISTEN, I/O status: 1, unread input bytes: 0
Connection is ECN enabled
Local host: 10.10.10.1, Local port: 179
Foreign host: 10.10.10.2, Foreign port: 12000
Enqueued packets for retransmit: 0, input: 0 mis-ordered: 0 (0 bytes)
Event Timers (current time is 0x4F31940):
Timer          Starts    Wakeups            Next
Retrans             0          0             0x0
TimeWait            0          0             0x0
AckHold             0          0             0x0
SendWnd             0          0             0x0
KeepAlive           0          0             0x0
GiveUp              0          0             0x0
PmtuAger            0          0             0x0
DeadWait            0          0             0x0
iss:          0 snduna:          0 sndnxt:          0     sndwnd:      0
irs:          0 rcvnxt:          0 rcvwnd:       4128  delrcvwnd:      0
SRTT: 0 ms, RTTO: 2000 ms, RTV: 2000 ms, KRTT: 0 ms
minRTT: 60000 ms, maxRTT: 0 ms, ACK hold: 200 ms
Flags: passive open, higher precedence, retransmission timeout
TCB is waiting for TCP Process (67)
Datagrams (max data segment is 516 bytes):
Rcvd: 6 (out of order: 0), with data: 0, total data bytes: 0
Sent: 0 (retransmit: 0, fastretransmit: 0), with data: 0, total data
bytes: 0
```

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The following is sample output from the **show tcp tcb** command from a Software Modularity image:

Example:

```
Router# show tcp tcb 0x1059C10

Connection state is ESTAB, I/O status: 0, unread input bytes: 0
Local host: 10.4.2.32, Local port: 23
Foreign host: 10.4.2.39, Foreign port: 11000
VRF table id is: 0
Current send queue size: 0 (max 65536)
Current receive queue size: 0 (max 32768)  mis-ordered: 0 bytes
Event Timers (current time is 0xB9ACB9):
Timer          Starts    Wakeups            Next(msec)
Retrans             6          0                 0
SendWnd             0          0                 0
TimeWait            0          0                 0
AckHold             8          4                 0
KeepAlive          11          0           7199992
PmtuAger            0          0                 0
GiveUp              0          0                 0
Throttle            0          0                 0
irs:    1633857851  rcvnxt: 1633857890  rcvadv: 1633890620  rcvwnd:  32730
iss:    4231531315  snduna: 4231531392  sndnxt: 4231531392  sndwnd:   4052
sndmax: 4231531392  sndcwnd:     10220
SRTT: 84 ms,  RTTO: 650 ms,  RTV: 69 ms,  KRTT: 0 ms
```

```
minRTT: 0 ms,  maxRTT: 200 ms, ACK hold: 200 ms
Keepalive time: 7200 sec, SYN wait time: 75 sec
Giveup time: 0 ms, Retransmission retries: 0, Retransmit forever: FALSE
State flags: none
Feature flags: Nagle
Request flags: none
Window scales: rcv 0, snd 0, request rcv 0, request snd 0
Timestamp option: recent 0, recent age 0, last ACK sent          0
Datagrams (in bytes): MSS 1460, peer MSS 1460, min MSS 1460, max MSS 1460
Rcvd: 14 (out of order: 0), with data: 10, total data bytes: 38
Sent: 10 (retransmit: 0, fastretransmit: 0), with data: 5, total data bytes: 76
Header prediction hit rate: 72 %
Socket states: SS_ISCONNECTED, SS_PRIV
Read buffer flags: SB_WAIT, SB_SEL, SB_DEL_WAKEUP
Read notifications: 4
Write buffer flags: SB_DEL_WAKEUP
Write notifications: 0
Socket status: 0
```

Step 2 **show tcp brief** [**all** | **numeric**]

(Optional) Displays addresses in IP format.

Use the **show tcp brief** command to display a concise description of TCP connection endpoints. Use the optional **all** keyword to display the status for all endpoints with the addresses in a Domain Name System (DNS) hostname format. If this keyword is not used, endpoints in the LISTEN state are not shown. Use the optional **numeric** keyword to display the status for all endpoints with the addresses in IP format.

Note If the **ip domain-lookup** command is enabled on the router, and you execute the **show tcp brief** command, the response time of the router to display the output is very slow. To get a faster response, you should disable the **ip domain-lookup** command.

The following is sample output from the **show tcp brief** command while a user is connected to the system by using Telnet:

Example:

```
Router# show tcp brief

TCB       Local Address           Foreign Address        (state)
609789AC  Router.cisco.com.23     cider.cisco.com.3733   ESTAB
```

The following example shows the IP activity after the **numeric** keyword is used to display the addresses in IP format:

Example:

```
Router# show tcp brief numeric

TCB           Local Address          Foreign Address     (state)
6523A4FC      10.1.25.3.11000        10.1.25.3.23         ESTAB
65239A84      10.1.25.3.23           10.1.25.3.11000      ESTAB
653FCBBC      *.1723 *.* LISTEN
```

Step 3 **debug ip tcp transactions**

Use the **debug ip tcp transactions** command to display information about significant TCP transactions such as state changes, retransmissions, and duplicate packets. This command is particularly useful for debugging a performance problem on a TCP/IP network that you have isolated above the data-link layer.

The following is sample output from the **debug ip tcp transactions** command:

Example:

```
Router# debug ip tcp transactions
```

```
TCP: sending SYN, seq 168108, ack 88655553
TCP0: Connection to 10.9.0.13:22530, advertising MSS 966
TCP0: state was LISTEN -> SYNRCVD [23 -> 10.9.0.13(22530)]
TCP0: state was SYNSENT -> SYNRCVD [23 -> 10.9.0.13(22530)]
TCP0: Connection to 10.9.0.13:22530, received MSS 956
TCP0: restart retransmission in 5996
TCP0: state was SYNRCVD -> ESTAB [23 -> 10.9.0.13(22530)]
TCP2: restart retransmission in 10689
TCP2: restart retransmission in 10641
TCP2: restart retransmission in 10633
TCP2: restart retransmission in 13384 -> 10.0.0.13(16151)]
TCP0: restart retransmission in 5996 [23 -> 10.0.0.13(16151)]
```

The following line from the **debug ip tcp transactions** command output shows that TCP has entered Fast Recovery mode:

Example:

```
fast re-transmit - sndcwnd - 512, snd_last - 33884268765
```

The following lines from the **debug ip tcp transactions** command output show that a duplicate acknowledgment is received when TCP is in Fast Recovery mode (first line) and a partial acknowledgment has been received (second line):

Example:

```
TCP0:ignoring second congestion in same window sndcwn - 512, snd_1st - 33884268765
TCP0:partial ACK received sndcwnd:338842495
```

Step 4 **debug ip tcp congestion**

Use the **debug ip tcp congestion** command to display information about TCP congestion events. The **debug ip tcp congestion** command can be used to debug a performance problem on a TCP/IP network that you have isolated above the data-link layer. It also displays information related to variation in TCP's send window, congestion window, and congestion threshold window.

The following is sample output from the **debug ip tcp congestion** command:

Example:

```
Router# debug ip tcp congestion

*May 20 22:49:49.091: Setting New Reno as congestion control algorithm
*May 22 05:21:47.281: Advance cwnd by 12
*May 22 05:21:47.281: TCP85FD0C10: sndcwnd: 1472
*May 22 05:21:47.285: Advance cwnd by 3
*May 22 05:21:47.285: TCP85FD0C10: sndcwnd: 1475
*May 22 05:21:47.285: Advance cwnd by 3
*May 22 05:21:47.285: TCP85FD0C10: sndcwnd: 1478
*May 22 05:21:47.285: Advance cwnd by 9
*May 22 05:21:47.285: TCP85FD0C10: sndcwnd: 1487
.
.
.
*May 20 22:50:32.559: [New Reno] sndcwnd: 8388480 ssthresh: 65535 snd_mark: 232322
*May 20 22:50:32.559: 10.168.10.10:42416 <---> 10.168.30.11:49100 congestion window changes
*May 20 22:50:32.559: cwnd from 8388480 to 2514841, ssthresh from 65535 to 2514841
```

For Cisco IOS TCP, New Reno is the default congestion control algorithm. However, an application can also use Binary Increase Congestion Control (BIC) as the congestion control algorithm. The following is sample output from the **debug ip tcp congestion** command using the BIC congestion control algorithm:

Example:

```
Router# debug ip tcp congestion

*May 22 05:21:42.281: Setting BIC as congestion control algorithm
*May 22 05:21:47.281: Advance cwnd by 12
*May 22 05:21:47.281: TCP85FD0C10: sndcwnd: 1472
*May 22 05:21:47.285: Advance cwnd by 3
*May 22 05:21:47.285: TCP85FD0C10: sndcwnd: 1475
*May 22 05:21:47.285: Advance cwnd by 3
*May 22 05:21:47.285: TCP85FD0C10: sndcwnd: 1478
*May 22 05:21:47.285: Advance cwnd by 9
*May 22 05:21:47.285: TCP85FD0C10: sndcwnd: 1487
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*May 20 22:50:32.559: [BIC] sndcwnd: 8388480 ssthresh: 65535 bic_last_max_cwnd: 0 last_cwnd:
8388480
*May 20 22:50:32.559: 10.168.10.10:42416 <---> 10.168.30.11:49100 congestion window changes
*May 20 22:50:32.559: cwnd from 8388480 to 2514841, ssthresh from 65535 to 2514841
*May 20 22:50:32.559: bic_last_max_cwnd changes from 0 to 8388480
```

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Example: Verifying the Configuration of TCP ECN

The following example shows how to verify that TCP ECN is configured:

```
Router# show running-config

Building configuration...
.
.
.
ip tcp ecn ! ECN is configured.
.
.
.
```

The following example shows how to verify that TCP is ECN enabled on a specific connection (local host):

```
Router# show tcp tcb 123456A

!Local host
!
Connection state is ESTAB, I/O status: 1, unread input bytes: 0
Connection is ECN Enabled
Local host: 10.1.25.31, Local port: 11002
Foreign host: 10.1.25.34, Foreign port: 23
```

The following example shows how to display concise information about one address:

```
Router# show tcp brief

!
TCB          Local address            Foreign Address        (state)
609789C      Router.cisco.com.23      cider.cisco.com.3733    ESTAB
```

The following example show how to enable IP TCP ECN debugging:

```
Router# debug ip tcp ecn
!
TCP ECN debugging is on
!
Router# telnet 10.1.25.31

Trying 10.1.25.31 ...
!
01:43:19: 10.1.25.35:11000 <---> 10.1.25.31:23   out ECN-setup SYN
01:43:21: 10.1.25.35:11000 <---> 10.1.25.31:23   congestion window changes
01:43:21: cwnd from 1460 to 1460, ssthresh from 65535 to 2920
01:43:21: 10.1.25.35:11000 <---> 10.1.25.31:23   in non-ECN-setup SYN-ACK
```

Before a TCP connection can use ECN, a host sends an ECN-setup SYN (synchronization) packet to a remote end that contains an Echo Congestion Experience (ECE) and Congestion window reduced (CWR) bit set in the header. Setting the ECE and CWR bits indicates to the remote end that the sending TCP is ECN capable, rather than an indication of congestion. The remote end sends an ECN-setup SYN-ACK (acknowledgment) packet to the sending host.

In this example the "out ECN-setup SYN" text means that a SYN packet with the ECE and CWR bit set was sent to the remote end. The “in non-ECN-setup SYN-ACK” text means that the remote end did not favorably acknowledge the ECN request and, therefore, the session is not ECN capable.

The following debug output shows that ECN capabilities are enabled at both ends. In response to the ECN-setup SYN, the other end favorably replied with an ECN-setup SYN-ACK message. This connection is now ECN capable for the rest of the session.

```
Router# telnet 10.10.10.10

Trying 10.10.10.10 ... Open
Password required, but none set
!
1d20h: 10.1.25.34:11003 <---> 10.1.25.35:23   out ECN-setup SYN
1d20h: 10.1.25.34:11003 <---> 10.1.25.35:23   in ECN-setup SYN-ACK
```

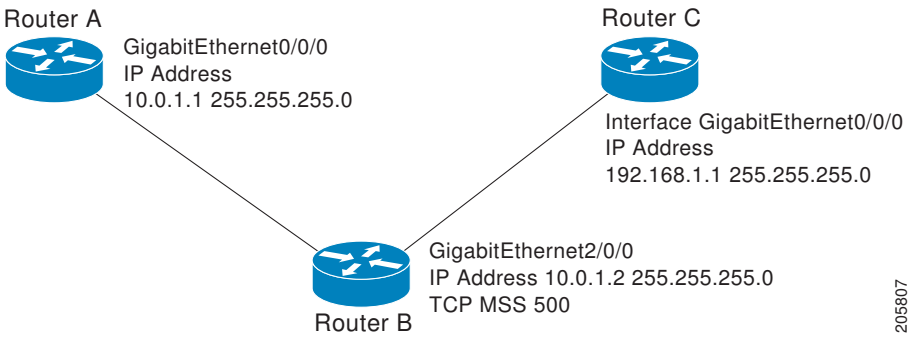
The following example shows how to verify that the hosts are connected:

```
Router# show debugging
!
TCP:
  TCP Packet debugging is on
  TCP ECN debugging is on
!
Router# telnet 10.1.25.234
!
Trying 10.1.25.234 ...
!
00:02:48: 10.1.25.31:11001 <---> 10.1.25.234:23   out ECN-setup SYN
00:02:48: tcp0: O CLOSED 10.1.25.234:11001 10.1.25.31:23 seq 1922220018
        OPTS 4 ECE CWR SYN  WIN 4128
00:02:50: 10.1.25.31:11001 <---> 10.1.25.234:23   congestion window changes
00:02:50: cwnd from 1460 to 1460, ssthresh from 65535 to 2920
00:02:50: tcp0: R SYNSENT 10.1.25.234:11001 10.1.25.31:23 seq 1922220018
        OPTS 4 ECE CWR SYN  WIN 4128
00:02:54: 10.1.25.31:11001 <---> 10.1.25.234:23   congestion window changes
00:02:54: cwnd from 1460 to 1460, ssthresh from 2920 to 2920
00:02:54: tcp0: R SYNSENT 10.1.25.234:11001 10.1.25.31:23 seq 1922220018
        OPTS 4 ECE CWR SYN  WIN 4128
```

```
00:03:02: 10.1.25.31:11001 <---> 10.1.25.234:23   congestion window changes
00:03:02: cwnd from 1460 to 1460, ssthresh from 2920 to 2920
00:03:02: tcp0: R SYNSENT 10.1.25.234:11001 10.1.25.31:23 seq 1922220018
        OPTS 4 ECE CWR SYN  WIN 4128
00:03:18: 10.1.25.31:11001 <---> 10.1.25.234:23   SYN with ECN disabled
00:03:18: 10.1.25.31:11001 <---> 10.1.25.234:23   congestion window changes
00:03:18: cwnd from 1460 to 1460, ssthresh from 2920 to 2920
00:03:18: tcp0: O SYNSENT 10.1.25.234:11001 10.1.25.31:23 seq 1922220018
        OPTS 4 SYN  WIN 4128
00:03:20: 10.1.25.31:11001 <---> 10.1.25.234:23   congestion window changes
00:03:20: cwnd from 1460 to 1460, ssthresh from 2920 to 2920
00:03:20: tcp0: R SYNSENT 10.1.25.234:11001 10.1.25.31:23 seq 1922220018
        OPTS 4 SYN  WIN 4128
00:03:24: 10.1.25.31:11001 <---> 10.1.25.234:23   congestion window changes
00:03:24: cwnd from 1460 to 1460, ssthresh from 2920 to 2920
00:03:24: tcp0: R SYNSENT 10.1.25.234:11001 10.1.25.31:23 seq 1922220018
        OPTS 4 SYN  WIN 4128
00:03:32: 10.1.25.31:11001 <---> 10.1.25.234:23   congestion window changes
00:03:32: cwnd from 1460 to 1460, ssthresh from 2920 to 2920
00:03:32: tcp0: R SYNSENT 10.1.25.234:11001 10.1.25.31:23 seq 1922220018
        OPTS 4 SYN  WIN 4128
!Connection timed out; remote host not responding
```

Example Configuring the TCP MSS Adjustment

Figure 6 Example Topology for TCP MSS Adjustment



The following example shows how to configure and verify the interface adjustment value for the example topology displayed in the figure above. Configure the interface adjustment value on router B:

```
Router_B(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 2/0/0
Router_B(config-if)# ip tcp adjust-mss 500
```

Telnet from router A to router C, with B having the MSS adjustment configured:

```
Router_A# telnet 192.168.1.1

Trying 192.168.1.1... Open
```

Observe the debug output from router C:

```
Router_C# debug ip tcp transactions
Sep 5 18:42:46.247: TCP0: state was LISTEN -> SYNRCVD [23 -> 10.0.1.1(38437)]
Sep 5 18:42:46.247: TCP: tcb 32290C0 connection to 10.0.1.1:38437, peer MSS 500, MSS is
500
Sep 5 18:42:46.247: TCP: sending SYN, seq 580539401, ack 6015751
Sep 5 18:42:46.247: TCP0: Connection to 10.0.1.1:38437, advertising MSS 500
Sep 5 18:42:46.251: TCP0: state was SYNRCVD -> ESTAB [23 -> 10.0.1.1(38437)]
```

The MSS gets adjusted to 500 on Router B as configured.

The following example shows the configuration of a PPPoE client with the MSS value set to 1452:

```
Router(config)# vpdn enable
Router(config)# no vpdn logging
Router(config)# vpdn-group 1
Router(config-vpdn)# request-dialin
Router(config-vpdn-req-in)# protocol pppoe
Router(config-vpdn-req-in)# exit
Router(config-vpdn)# exit
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 192.168.100.1.255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# ip tcp adjust-mss 1452
Router(config-if)# ip nat inside
Router(config-if)# exit
Router(config)# interface ATM0
Router(config-if)# no ip address
Router(config-if)# no atm ilmi-keepalive
Router(config-if)# pvc 8/35
Router(config-if)# pppoe client dial-pool-number 1
Router(config-if)# dsl equipment-type CPE
Router(config-if)# dsl operating-mode GSHDSL symmetric annex B
Router(config-if)# dsl linerate AUTO
Router(config-if)# exit
Router(config)# interface Dialer1
Router(config-if)3 ip address negotiated
Router(config-if)# ip mtu 1492
Router(config-if)# ip nat outside
Router(config-if)# encapsulation ppp
Router(config-if)# dialer pool 1
Router(config-if)# dialer-group 1
Router(config-if)# ppp authentication pap callin
Router(config-if)# ppp pap sent-username sohodyn password 7 141B1309000528
Router(config-if)# ip nat inside source list 101 Dialer1 overload
Router(config-if)# exit
Router(config)# ip route 0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0 Dialer1
Router(config)# access-list permit ip 192.168.100.0.0.0.0.255 any
```

Example: Configuring the TCP Application Flags Enhancement

The following output shows the flags (status and option) displayed using the **show tcp** command:

```
Router# show tcp
.
.
.
Status Flags: passive open, active open, retransmission timeout
 App closed
Option Flags: vrf id set
IP Precedence value: 6
.
.
.
SRTT: 273 ms, RTTO: 490 ms, RTV: 217 ms, KRTT: 0 ms
minRTT: 0 ms, maxRTT: 300 ms, ACK hold: 200 ms
```

Example: Displaying Addresses in IP Format

The following example shows the IP activity by using the **numeric** keyword to display the addresses in IP format:

```
Router# show tcp brief numeric

TCB           Local Address          Foreign Address     (state)
6523A4FC      10.1.25.3.11000        10.1.25.3.23         ESTAB
65239A84      10.1.25.3.23           10.1.25.3.11000      ESTAB
653FCBBC      *.1723 *.* LISTEN
```

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IP application services commands: complete command syntax, command mode, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	*Cisco IOS IP Application Services Command Reference*
Path MTU Discovery	Configuring IP Services
TCP security features	• "TCP Out-of-Order Packet Support for Cisco IOS Firewall" and "Cisco IOS IPS" section in the *Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide: Securing the Data Plane* • "Configuring TCP Intercept (Preventing Denial-of-Service Attacks)" section in the *Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide: Securing the Data Plane*
TCP Header Compression, Class-based TCP Header Compression	• "Configuring Class-Based RTP and TCP Header Compression" section in the *Cisco IOS Quality of Service Solutions Configuration Guide* • " Configuring TCP Header Compression" section in the *Cisco IOS Quality of Service Solutions Configuration Guide*
Troubleshooting TCP	" Troubleshooting TCP/IP" part of the *Internetwork Troubleshooting Handbook*

Standards

Standard	Title
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MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
CISCO-TCP-MIB	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 793	Transmission Control Protocol
RFC 1191	Path MTU discovery
RFC 1323	TCP Extensions for High Performance
RFC 2018	TCP Selective Acknowledgment Options
RFC 2581	TCP Congestion Control
RFC 3168	The Addition of Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN) to IP
RFC 3782	The NewReno Modification to TCP's Fast Recovery Algorithm
RFC 4022	Management Information Base for the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

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Feature Information for TCP

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Table 8 Feature Information for TCP

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
TCP Application Flags Enhancement	12.4(2)T 12.2(31)SB2	The TCP Applications Flags Enhancement feature enables the user to display additional flags with reference to TCP applications. There are two types of flags: status and option. The status flags indicate the status of TCP connections; for example, retransmission timeouts, application closed, and synchronized (SYNC) handshakes for listen. The additional flags indicate the state of set options; for example, whether VRF identification is set, whether a user is idle, and whether a keepalive timer is running. The following command was modified by this feature: **show tcp**.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
TCP Congestion Avoidance	12.3(7)T	The TCP Congestion Avoidance feature enables the monitoring of acknowledgment packets to the TCP sender when multiple packets are lost in a single window of data. Previously the sender would exit Fast-Recovery mode, wait for three or more duplicate acknowledgment packets before retransmitting the next unacknowledged packet, or wait for the retransmission timer to slow start. This could lead to performance issues. Implementation of RFC 2581 and RFC 3782 addresses the modifications to the Fast-Recovery algorithm that incorporates a response to partial acknowledgments received during Fast Recovery, improving performance in situations where multiple packets are lost in a single window of data. This feature is an enhancement to the existing Fast Recovery algorithm. There are no commands used to enable or disable this feature. The output of the **debug ip tcp transactions**command has been enhanced to monitor the acknowledgment packets by displaying the following conditions: • TCP entering Fast Recovery mode. • Duplicate acknowledgments being received during Fast Recovery mode. • Partial acknowledgments being received. The following command was modified by this feature: **debug ip tcp transactions**.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
TCP Explicit Congestion Notification	12.3(7)T	The TCP Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN) feature provides a method for an intermediate router to notify the end hosts of impending network congestion. It also provides enhanced support for TCP sessions associated with applications that are sensitive to delay or packet loss including Telnet, web browsing, and transfer of audio and video data. The benefit of this feature is the reduction of delay and packet loss in data transmissions. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **debug ip tcp ecn**, **ip tcp ecn**, **show debugging**, **show tcp**.
TCP MIB for RFC4022 Support	Cisco IOS XE 3.1.0 SG 12.2(33)XN	The TCP MIB for RFC 4022 Support feature introduces support for RFC 4022, *Management Information Base for the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)* . RFC 4022 is an incremental change of the TCP MIB to improve the manageability of TCP. There are no new or modified commands for this feature.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
TCP MSS Adjust	12.2(4)T 12.2(8)T 12.2(18)ZU2 12.2(28)SB 12.2(33)SRA 12.2(33)SXH 15.0(1)S	The TCP MSS Adjust feature enables the configuration of the maximum segment size (MSS) for transient packets that traverse a router, specifically TCP segments in the SYN bit set. In 12.2(4)T, this feature was introduced. In 12.2(8)T, the command that was introduced by this feature was changed from **ip adjust-mss** to **ip tcp adjust-mss**. In 12.2(28)SB and 12.2(33)SRA, this feature was enhanced to be configurable on subinterfaces. The following command was introduced by this feature: **ip tcp adjust-mss**.
TCP Show Extension	Cisco IOS XE 3.1.0 SG 12.4(2)T 12.2(31)SB2	The TCP Show Extension feature introduces the capability to display addresses in IP format instead of hostname format and to display the VRF table associated with the connection.+ The following command was modified by this feature: **show tcp brief**.
TCP Window Scaling	12.2(8)T 12.2(31)SB2	The TCP Window Scaling feature adds support for the Window Scaling option in RFC 1323. A larger window size is recommended to improve TCP performance in network paths with large bandwidth, long-delay characteristics that are called Long Fat Networks (LFNs). This TCP Window Scaling enhancement provides that support. The following command was introduced or modified by this feature: **ip tcp window-size**.

Configuring UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups

User Datagram Protocol (UDP) forwarding is a feature used in Cisco IOS software to forward broadcast and multicast packets received for a specific IP address. Virtual Router Group (VRG) support, implemented with the Hot Standby Routing Protocol (HSRP), allows a set of routers to be grouped as a logical router that answers to a well-known IP address. The UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups feature enables UDP forwarding to be VRG aware; this results in packets getting forwarde only to the active router in the VRG.

This module explains the concepts related UDP forwarding and VRG support and describes how to configure UDP forwarding support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups in a network.

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- Prerequisites for UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups, page 115
- Information About UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups, page 116
- How to Configure UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups, page 116
- Configuration Examples for UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups, page 118
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Finding Feature Information

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Prerequisites for UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups

- The UDP Forwarding Support for Virtual Router Groups feature is available only on platforms that support VRGs.

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Benefits of the UDP Forwarding Support for Virtual Router Groups Feature

Forwarding is limited to the active router in the VRG instead of all routers within the VRG. Prior to the implementation of this feature, the only VRG support was HSRP. Within a VRG that is formed by HSRP, the forwarding of UDP-based broadcast and multicast packets is done by all the routers within the VRG. This process can cause some DHCP servers to operate incorrectly. The UDP Forwarding Support for VRGs feature limits forwarding to the active router in the VRG.

VRG awareness is achieved with IP Redundancy Service (IRS). The IRS application programming interface (API) provides notification updates of a specific VRG, addition and deletion of a VRG, and querying of the current state of a VRG. A state change notification is provided to avoid the performance impact of querying the state of the VRG each time it is needed. The UDP forwarding code caches the VRG state for each required helper address that is defined. Each time the UDP forwarding code needs to execute, it checks the current state of the VRG associated with the helper address and forwards packets only to VRGs that are active.

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Configuring UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **no shutdown**
5. **ip address** *ip-address mask*
6. **ip helper-address** *address* **redundancy** *vrg-name*
7. **standby** *group-number* **ip** *ip-address*
8. **standby** *group-number* **name** *group-name*
9. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/0`	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	**no shutdown** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# no shutdown`	Restarts a disabled interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**ip address** *ip-address mask* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0`	Sets a primary address for the interface.
Step 6	**ip helper-address** *address* **redundancy** *vrg-name* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip helper-address 10.1.1.1 redundancy vrg1`	Enables UDP forwarding support for the VRG.
Step 7	**standby** *group-number* **ip** *ip-address* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# standby 1 ip 172.16.10.254`	Activates HSRP.
Step 8	**standby** *group-number* **name** *group-name* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# standby 1 name vrg1`	Configures the name of the standby group.
Step 9	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Exits the current configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuration Examples for UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups

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Example: Configuring UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups

The following example shows how to configure UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups:

```
Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/0
Router(config-if)# no shutdown
```

```
Router(config-if)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# ip helper-address 10.1.1.1 redundancy vrg1
Router(config-if)# standby 1 ip 172.16.10.254
Router(config-if)# standby 1 name vrg1
Router(config-if)# end
```

Additional References

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Feature Information for UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups

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Table 9 Feature Information for UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Group	Cisco IOS XE 3.1.0SG 12.2(15)T	User Datagram Protocol (UDP) forwarding is a feature used in Cisco IOS software to forward broadcast and multicast packets received for a specific IP address. Virtual Router Group (VRG) support is currently implemented with the Hot Standby Routing Protocol (HSRP) and it allows a set of routers to be grouped as a logical router that answers to a well known well-known IP address. The UDP Forwarding Support for IP Redundancy Virtual Router Groups feature enables UDP forwarding to be VRG aware, resulting in forwarding only to the active router in the VRG. The following command was introduced or modified: **ip helper-address**.

Configuring WCCP

The Web Cache Communication Protocol (WCCP) is a Cisco-developed content-routing technology that intercepts IP packets and redirects those packets to a destination other than that specified in the IP packet. Typically the packets are redirected from their destination web server on the Internet to a content engine that is local to the client. In some WCCP deployment scenarios, redirection of traffic may also be required from the web server to the client. WCCP enables you to integrate content engines into your network infrastructure.

Cisco IOS Release 12.1 and later releases allow the use of either WCCP Version 1 (WCCPv1) or Version 2 (WCCPv2).

The tasks in this document assume that you have already configured content engines on your network. For specific information on hardware and network planning associated with Cisco Content Engines and WCCP, see the Cisco Content Engines documentation at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/webscale/content/index.htm

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Prerequisites for WCCP

- To use WCCP, IP must be configured on the interface connected to the Internet and another interface must be connected to the content engine.

- The interface connected to the content engine must be a Fast Ethernet or Gigabit Ethernet interface.

Restrictions for WCCP

General

The following limitations apply to WCCPv1 and WCCPv2:

- WCCP works only with IPv4 networks.
- WCCP bypasses Network Address Translation (NAT) when Cisco Express Forwarding is enabled.

WCCPv1

The following limitations apply to WCCPv1:

- WCCPv1 supports the redirection of HTTP (TCP port 80) traffic only.
- WCCPv1 does not allow multiple routers to be attached to a cluster of content engines.

WCCPv2

The following limitations apply to WCCPv2:

- WCCP works only with IPv4 networks.
- For routers servicing a multicast cluster, the Time To Live (TTL) value must be set at 15 or fewer.
- Service groups can comprise up to 32 content engines and 32 routers.
- All content engines in a cluster must be configured to communicate with all routers servicing the cluster.
- Multicast addresses must be from 224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255.

WCCP VRF Support

In Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRE, this feature is supported only on Cisco 7200 NPE-G2 and Cisco 7304-NPE-G100 routers.

This feature is supported in Cisco IOS Release 12.2(50)SY on Catalyst 6000 series switches with a PFC4.

Layer 2 Forwarding and Return

The following limitations apply to WCCP Layer 2 Forwarding and Return:

- Layer 2 redirection requires that content engines be directly connected to an interface on each WCCP router. Unless multicast IP addresses are used, WCCP configuration of the content engine must reference the directly connected interface IP address of the WCCP router and not a loopback IP address or any other IP address configured on the WCCP router.

Cisco Catalyst 4500 Series Switches

The following limitations apply to Cisco Catalyst 4500 series switches:

- Catalyst 4500 series switches do not support WCCPv1.
- Up to eight service groups are supported at the same time on the same client interface.
- The Layer 2 (L2) rewrite forwarding method is supported, but generic routing encapsulation (GRE) is not.

- Direct L2 connectivity to content engines is required; Layer 3 (L3) connectivity of one or more hops away is not supported.
- Ternary content addressable memory (TCAM) friendly mask-based assignment is supported, but the hash bucket-based method is not.
- Redirect ACL for WCCP on a client interface is not supported.
- Incoming traffic redirection on an interface is supported, but outgoing traffic redirection is not.
- When TCAM space is exhausted, traffic is not redirected; it is forwarded normally.
- The WCCP version 2 standard allows for support of up to 256 distinct masks. However, a Catalyst 4500 series switch supports only mask assignment tables with a single mask.

Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series Switches

The following limitation apply to Cisco Catalyst 6500 series switches:

- With a Policy Feature Card 2 (PFC2), Cisco IOS Release 12.2(17d)SXB and later releases support WCCP.
- With a PFC3, Cisco IOS Release 12.2(18)SXD1 and later releases support WCCP.
- With a PFC4, Cisco IOS Release 12.2(50)SY and later releases support WCCP and introduce support for WCCP GRE decapsulation, WCCP mask assignment, and WCCP exclude capability in hardware.
- To use the WCCP Layer 2 PFC redirection feature, configure WCCP on the Catalyst 6500 series switch and configure accelerated WCCP on the cache engine as described in the *Transparent Caching* document.
- Cisco Application and Content Networking System (ACNS) software releases later than Release 4.2.2 support WCCP Layer 2 Policy Feature Card (PFC) redirection hardware acceleration.
- A content engine configured for mask assignment that tries to join a farm where the selected assignment method is hash remains out of the farm as long as the cache engine assignment method does not match that of the existing farm.
- When WCCP Layer 2 PFC redirection is the forwarding method for a service group, the packet counters in the **show ip wccp** *service-number* command output display flow counts instead of packet counts.

Catalyst 6500 Series Switches and Cisco 7600 Series Routers Access Control Lists

When WCCP is using the mask assignment, any redirect list is merged with the mask information from the appliance and the resulting merged ACL is passed down to the Catalyst 6500 series switch or Cisco 7600 series router hardware. Only Permit or Deny ACL entries from the redirect list in which the protocol is IP or exactly matches the service group protocol are merged with the mask information from the appliance.

The following restrictions apply to the redirect-list ACL:

- The ACL must be an IPv4 simple or extended ACL.
- Only individual source or destination port numbers may be specified; port ranges cannot be specified.
- The only valid matching criteria in addition to individual source or destination port numbers are **dscp** or **tos**.
- The use of **fragments**, **time-range**, or **options** keywords, or any TCP flags is not permitted.

If the redirect ACL does not meet the restrictions shown, the system will log the following error message:

```
WCCP-3-BADACE: Service <service group>, invalid access-list entry (seq:<sequence>,
reason:<reason>)
```

WCCP continues to redirect packets, but the redirection is carried out in software (NetFlow Switching) until the access list is adjusted.

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WCCP Overview

WCCP uses Cisco Content Engines (or other content engines running WCCP) to localize web traffic patterns in the network, enabling content requests to be fulfilled locally. Traffic localization reduces transmission costs and download time.

WCCP enables Cisco IOS routing platforms to transparently redirect content requests. The main benefit of transparent redirection is that users do not need to configure their browsers to use a web proxy. Instead, they can use the target URL to request content, and have their requests automatically redirected to a content engine. The word "transparent" in this case means that the end user does not know that a requested file (such as a web page) came from the content engine instead of from the originally specified server.

When a content engine receives a request, it attempts to service it from its own local cache. If the requested information is not present, the content engine issues its own request to the originally targeted server to get the required information. When the content engine retrieves the requested information, it forwards it to the requesting client and caches it to fulfill future requests, thus maximizing download performance and substantially reducing transmission costs.

WCCP enables a series of content engines, called a content engine cluster, to provide content to a router or multiple routers. Network administrators can easily scale their content engines to manage heavy traffic loads through these clustering capabilities. Cisco clustering technology enables each cluster member to work in parallel, resulting in linear scalability. Clustering content engines greatly improves the scalability, redundancy, and availability of your caching solution. You can cluster up to 32 content engines to scale to your desired capacity.

Layer 2 Forwarding Redirection and Return

WCCP uses either generic routing encapsulation (GRE) or Layer 2 (L2) to redirect or return IP traffic. When WCCP forwards traffic via GRE, the redirected packets are encapsulated within a GRE header. The packets also have a WCCP redirect header. When WCCP forwards traffic using L2, the original MAC header of the IP packet is overwritten and replaced with the MAC header for the WCCP client.

Using L2 as a forwarding method allows direct forwarding to the content engine without further lookup. Layer 2 redirection requires that the router and content engines are directly connected, that is, on the same IP subnetwork.

When WCCP returns traffic via GRE, the returned packets are encapsulated within a GRE header. The destination IP address is the address of the router and the source address is the address of the WCCP client. When WCCP returns traffic via L2, the original IP packet is returned without any added header information. The router to which the packet is returned will recognize the source of the packet and prevent redirection.

The WCCP redirection method does not have to match the return method.

L2 forwarding, return, or redirection are typically used for hardware accelerated platforms. In Cisco IOS Release 12.4(20)T and later releases, L2 forwarding, return, and redirection can also be used for software switching platforms.

On Cisco Catalyst 6500 Switches with a PFC4, GRE decapsulation is supported in hardware.

On Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers, both the GRE and L2 forward/return methods use the hardware, so there is not any significant performance degradation between them.

For content engines running Application and Content Networking System (ACNS) software, use the **wccp custom-web-cache** command with the **l2-redirect** keyword to configure L2 redirection. For content engines running Cisco Wide Area Application Services (WAAS) software, use the **wccp tcp-promiscuous** command with the **l2-redirect** keyword to configure L2 redirection.

For more information on Cisco ACNS commands used to configure Cisco Content Engines, see the *Cisco ACNS Software Command Reference*, Release 5.5.13.

For more information on WAAS commands used to configure Cisco Content Engines, see the *Cisco Wide Area Application Services Command Reference (Software Versions 4.2.1)*.

WCCP Mask Assignment

The WCCP Mask Assignment feature enables mask assignment as the load-balancing method (instead of the default hash assignment method) for a WCCP service.

For content engines running Application and Content Networking System (ACNS) software, use the **wccp custom-web-cache** command with the **mask-assign** keyword to configure mask assignment. For content engines running Cisco Wide Area Application Services (WAAS) software, use the **wccp tcp-promiscuous** command with the **mask-assign** keyword to configure mask assignment.

Cisco Catalyst 6500 series switches with a PFC4 support WCCP Mask assignment in hardware.

For more information on Cisco ACNS commands used to configure Cisco Content Engines, see the *Cisco ACNS Software Command Reference*, Release 5.5.13.

For more information on WAAS commands used to configure Cisco Content Engines, see the *Cisco Wide Area Application Services Command Reference (Software Versions 4.2.1)*.

Hardware Acceleration

Catalyst 6500 series switches and Cisco 7600 series routers provide WCCP Layer 2 Policy Feature Card (PFC) redirection hardware acceleration. Hardware acceleration allows Cisco Content Engines to perform a L2 MAC address rewrite redirection method when directly connected to a compatible switch or router.

Redirection processing is accelerated in the switching or routing hardware, which is more efficient than L3 redirection with Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE). L2 redirection takes place on the switch or router, and is not visible to the Multilayer Switch Feature Card (MSFC). The WCCP L2 PFC redirection feature requires no configuration on the MSFC. The **show ip wccp** {*service-number* | **web-cache**} **detail** command displays which redirection method is in use for each content engine.

In order for the router or switch to make complete use of hardware redirection, the content engine must be configured with L2 redirection and mask assignment.

Use the **ip wccp web-cache accelerated** command on hardware-based platforms to enforce the use of L2 redirection and mask assignment. Using this command configures the router to form a service group and redirect packets with an appliance only if the appliance is configured for L2 and mask assignment.

The following guidelines apply to WCCP Layer 2 PFC redirection:

- The WCCP Layer 2 PFC redirection feature sets the IP flow mask to full-flow mode.
- You can configure the Cisco Cache Engine software Release 2.2 or later releases to use the WCCP Layer 2 PFC redirection feature.
- L2 redirection takes place on the PFC and is not visible to the MSFC. The **show ip wccp** {*service-number* | **web-cache**} **detail** command on the MSFC displays statistics for only the first packet of an L2 redirected flow, which provides an indication of how many flows, rather than packets, are using L2 redirection. You can view information about L2 redirected flows by entering the **show platform flow ip** command. The PFC3 provides hardware acceleration for GRE. If you use WCCP Layer 3 redirection with GRE, there is hardware support for encapsulation, but the PFC3 does not provide hardware support for decapsulation of WCCP GRE traffic.

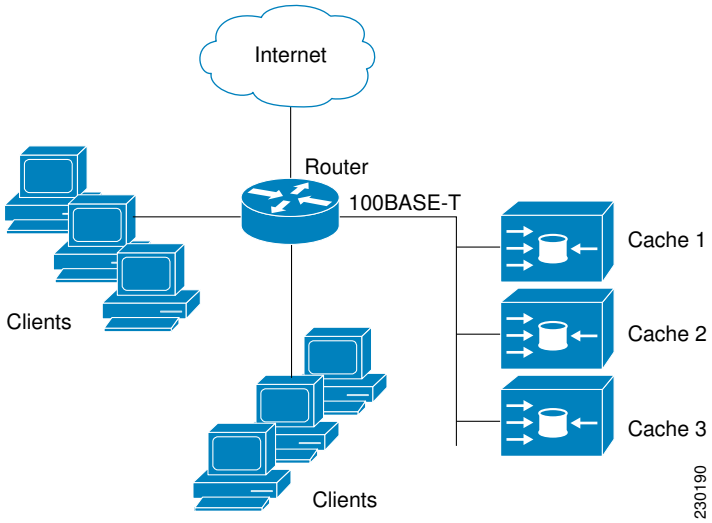
Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers

WCCP implementation on the Cisco ASR 1000 series aggregation services routers is hardware accelerated by default. You do not need to configure the **ip wccp web-cache accelerated** command on Cisco ASR routers to enable hardware acceleration.

WCCPv1 Configuration

With WCCPv1, only a single router services a cluster. In this scenario, this router is the device that performs all the IP packet redirection. The figure below illustrates the WCCPv1 configuration.

Figure 7 WCCPv1 Configuration



Content is not duplicated on the content engines. The benefit of using multiple content engines is that you can scale a caching solution by clustering multiple physical content engines to appear as one logical cache.

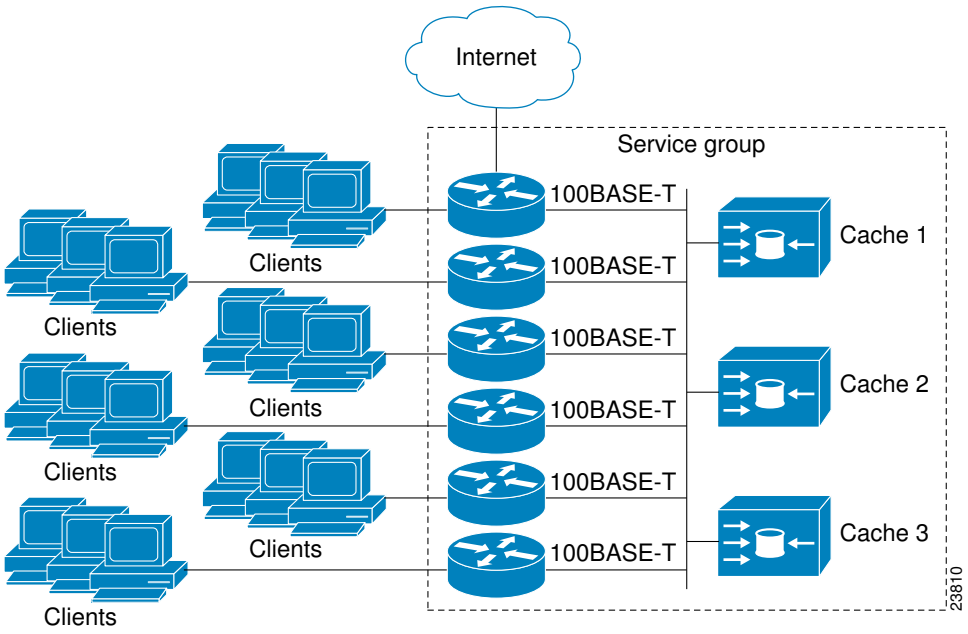
The following sequence of events details how WCCPv1 configuration works:

1. Each content engine is configured by the system administrator with the IP address of the control router. Up to 32 content engines can connect to a single control router.
2. The content engines send their IP addresses to the control router using WCCP, indicating their presence. Routers and content engines communicate to each other via a control channel; this channel is based on UDP port 2048.
3. This information is used by the control router to create a cluster view (a list of caches in the cluster). This view is sent to each content engine in the cluster, essentially making all the content engines aware of each other. A stable view is established after the membership of the cluster remains the same for a certain amount of time.
4. When a stable view has been established, one content engine is elected as the lead content engine. (The lead is defined as the content engine seen by all the content engines in the cluster with the lowest IP address). This lead content engine uses WCCP to indicate to the control router how IP packet redirection should be performed. Specifically, the lead content engine designates how redirected traffic should be distributed across the content engines in the cluster.

WCCPv2 Configuration

Multiple routers can use WCCPv2 to service a content engine cluster. This configuration is in contrast to WCCPv1, in which only one router could redirect content requests to a cluster. The figure below illustrates a sample configuration using multiple routers.

Figure 8 Cisco Content Engine Network Configuration Using WCCPv2



The subset of content engines within a cluster and routers connected to the cluster that are running the same service is known as a service group. Available services include TCP and UDP redirection.

Using WCCPv1, the content engines were configured with the address of the single router. WCCPv2 requires that each content engine be aware of all the routers in the service group. To specify the addresses of all the routers in a service group, you must choose one of the following methods:

- Unicast—A list of router addresses for each of the routers in the group is configured on each content engine. In this case the address of each router in the group must be explicitly specified for each content engine during configuration.
- Multicast—A single multicast address is configured on each content engine. In the multicast address method, the content engine sends a single-address notification that provides coverage for all routers in the service group. For example, a content engine could indicate that packets should be sent to a multicast address of 224.0.0.100, which would send a multicast packet to all routers in the service group configured for group listening using WCCP (see the **ip wccp group-listen** interface configuration command for details).

The multicast option is easier to configure because you need only specify a single address on each content engine. This option also allows you to add and remove routers from a service group dynamically, without needing to reconfigure the content engines with a different list of addresses each time.

The following sequence of events details how WCCPv2 configuration works:

1 Each content engine is configured with a list of routers.

2. Each content engine announces its presence and a list of all routers with which it has established communications. The routers reply with their view (list) of content engines in the group.
3. When the view is consistent across all content engines in the cluster, one content engine is designated as the lead and sets the policy that the routers need to deploy in redirecting packets.

WCCPv2 Support for Services Other Than HTTP

WCCPv2 allows redirection of traffic other than HTTP (TCP port 80 traffic), including a variety of UDP and TCP traffic. WCCPv1 supported the redirection of HTTP (TCP port 80) traffic only. WCCPv2 supports the redirection of packets intended for other ports, including those used for proxy-web cache handling, File Transfer Protocol (FTP) caching, FTP proxy handling, web caching for ports other than 80, and Real Audio, video, and telephony applications.

To accommodate the various types of services available, WCCPv2 introduces the concept of multiple *service groups*. Service information is specified in the WCCP configuration commands using dynamic services identification numbers (such as 98) or a predefined service keyword (such as **web-cache**). This information is used to validate that service group members are all using or providing the same service.

The content engines in a service group specify traffic to be redirected by protocol (TCP or UDP) and up to eight source or destination ports. Each service group has a priority status assigned to it. The priority of a dynamic service is assigned by the content engine. The priority value is in the range of 0 to 255 where 0 is the lowest priority. The predefined web-cache service has an assigned priority of 240.

WCCPv2 Support for Multiple Routers

WCCPv2 allows multiple routers to be attached to a cluster of cache engines. The use of multiple routers in a service group allows for redundancy, interface aggregation, and distribution of the redirection load. WCCPv2 supports up to 32 routers per service group. Each service group is established and maintained independently.

WCCPv2 MD5 Security

WCCPv2 provides optional authentication that enables you to control which routers and content engines become part of the service group using passwords and the HMAC MD5 standard. Shared-secret MD5 one-time authentication (set using the **ip wccp** [**password** [**0** | **7**] *password*] global configuration command) enables messages to be protected against interception, inspection, and replay.

WCCPv2 Web Cache Packet Return

If a content engine is unable to provide a requested object it has cached due to error or overload, the content engine will return the request to the router for onward transmission to the originally specified destination server. WCCPv2 provides a check on packets that determines which requests have been returned from the content engine unserviced. Using this information, the router can then forward the request to the originally targeted server (rather than attempting to resend the request to the content engine cluster). This process provides error handling transparency to clients.

Typical reasons why a content engine would reject packets and initiate the packet return feature include the following:

- Instances when the content engine is overloaded and has no room to service the packets
- Instances when the content engine is filtering for certain conditions that make caching packets counterproductive (for example, when IP authentication has been turned on)

WCCPv2 Load Distribution

WCCPv2 can be used to adjust the load being offered to individual content engines to provide an effective use of the available resources while helping to ensure high quality of service (QoS) to the clients. WCCPv2 allows the designated content engine to adjust the load on a particular content engine and balance the load across the content engines in a cluster. WCCPv2 uses three techniques to perform load distribution:

- Hot Spot Handling—Allows an individual hash bucket to be distributed across all the content engines. Prior to WCCPv2, information from one hash bucket could only go to one content engine.
- Load Balancing—Allows the set of hash buckets assigned to a content engine to be adjusted so that the load can be shifted from an overwhelmed content engine to other members that have available capacity.
- Load Shedding—Enables the router to selectively redirect the load to avoid exceeding the capacity of a content engine.

The use of these hashing parameters prevents one content engine from being overloaded and reduces the potential for bottlenecking.

WCCP VRF Support

The WCCP VRF Support feature enhances the existing WCCPv2 protocol by implementing support for virtual routing and forwarding (VRF).

The WCCP VRF Support feature allows service groups to be configured on a per VRF basis in addition to those defined globally.

Along with the service identifier, the VRF of WCCP protocol packets arriving at the router is used to associate cache-engines with a configured service group.

The interface on which redirection is applied, the interface which is connected to cache engine, and the interface on which the packet would have left if it had not been redirected must be in the same VRF.

In Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRE, this feature is supported only on Cisco 7200 NPE-G2 and Cisco 7304-NPE-G100 routers.

WCCP Bypass Packets

WCCP intercepts IP packets and redirects those packets to a destination other than the destination that is specified in the IP header. Typically the packets are redirected from a web server on the Internet to a web cache that is local to the destination.

Occasionally a web cache cannot manage the redirected packets appropriately and returns the packets unchanged to the originating router. These packets are called bypass packets and are returned to the originating router using either Layer 2 forwarding without encapsulation (L2) or encapsulated in generic routing encapsulation (GRE). The router decapsulates and forwards the packets normally. The VRF associated with the ingress interface (or the global table if there is no VRF associated) is used to route the packet to the destination.

GRE is a tunneling protocol developed by Cisco that encapsulates packet types from a variety of protocols inside IP tunnels, creating a virtual point-to-point link over an IP network.

WCCP Closed Services and Open Services

In applications where packet flows are intercepted and redirected by a Cisco IOS router to external WCCP client devices, it may be necessary to block the packet flows for the application when a WCCP client

device is not available. This blocking is achieved by configuring a WCCP closed service. When a WCCP service is configured as closed, WCCP discards packets that do not have a WCCP client registered to receive the redirected traffic.

By default, WCCP operates as an open service, wherein communication between clients and servers proceeds normally in the absence of an intermediary device.

The **ip wccp service-list** command can only be used for closed-mode services. Use the **service-list** keyword and *service-access-list* argument to register an application protocol type or port number.

When there is a mismatch between the service-list ACL and the definition received from a cache engine, the service is not allowed to start.

WCCP Outbound ACL Check

When WCCP is enabled for redirection on an ingress interface, the packets are redirected by WCCP and instead egress on an interface other than the destination that is specified in the IP header. The packets are still subject to ACLs configured on the ingress interface. However, redirection can cause the packets to bypass the ACL configured on the original egress interface. Packets that would have been dropped because of the ACL configured on the original egress interface can be sent out on the redirect egress interface. This poses a possible security problem. Enabling the WCCP Outbound ACL check feature ensures that redirected packets are subject to any ACL conditions configured on the original egress interface.

WCCP Service Groups

WCCP is a component of Cisco IOS software that redirects traffic with defined characteristics from its original destination to an alternative destination. The typical application of WCCP is to redirect traffic bound for a remote web server to a local web cache to improve response time and optimize network resource usage.

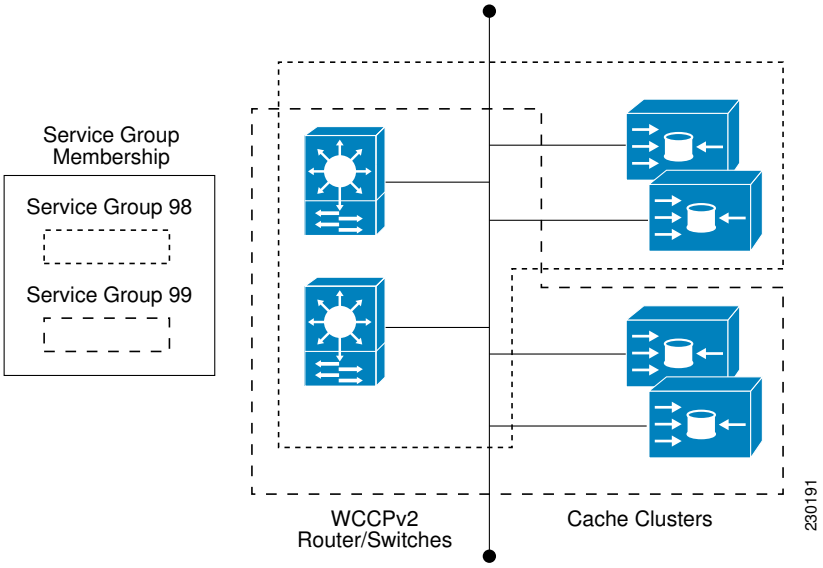
The nature of the selected traffic for redirection is defined by service groups specified on content engines and communicated to routers by using WCCP. The current implementation of WCCP in Cisco IOS releases prior to Cisco IOS Release 12.3(14)T allowed a maximum of eight service groups to be defined. This maximum restricted caching deployments. In Cisco IOS Release 12.3(14)T and later releases, the maximum number of service groups allowed across all VRFs is increased to 256.

WCCPv2 supports up to 32 routers per service group. Each service group is established and maintained independently.

WCCPv2 uses service groups based on logical redirection services, deployed for intercepting and redirecting traffic. The standard service is web cache, which intercepts TCP port 80 (HTTP) traffic and redirects that traffic to the content engines. This service is referred to as a *well-known service*, because the characteristics of the web cache service are known by both the router and content engines. A description of a well-known service is not required beyond a service identification. To specify the standard web cache service, use the **ip wccp** command with the **web-cache** keyword.

Note More than one service can run on a router at the same time, and routers and content engines can be part of multiple service groups at the same time.

Figure 9 WCCP Service Groups



The dynamic services are defined by the content engines; the content engine instructs the router which protocol or ports to intercept, and how to distribute the traffic. The router itself does not have information on the characteristics of the dynamic service group's traffic, because this information is provided by the first content engine to join the group. In a dynamic service, up to eight ports can be specified within a single protocol.

Cisco Content Engines, for example, use dynamic service 99 to specify a reverse-proxy service. However, other content engine devices may use this service number for some other service. The configuration information in this document describes how to enable general services on Cisco routers.

WCCP Check Services All

An interface may be configured with more than one WCCP service. When more than one WCCP service is configured on an interface, the precedence of a service depends on the relative priority of the service compared to the priority of the other configured services. Each WCCP service has a priority value as part of its definition. When an interface is configured with more than one WCCP service, the precedence of the packets is matched against service groups in priority order.

Note The priority of a WCCP service group cannot be configured via Cisco IOS software.

With the **ip wccp check services all** command, WCCP can be configured to check all configured services for a match and perform redirection for those services if appropriate. The caches to which packets are redirected can be controlled by a redirect ACL as well as by the service priority.

If no WCCP services are configured with a redirect ACL, the services are considered in priority order until a service is found that matches the IP packet. If no services match the packet, the packet is not redirected. If

a service matches the packet and the service has a redirect ACL configured, then the IP packet will be checked against the ACL. If the packet is rejected by the ACL, the packet will not be passed down to lower priority services unless the **ip wccp check services all** command is configured. When the **ip wccp check services all** command is configured, WCCP will continue to attempt to match the packet against any remaining lower priority services configured on the interface.

WCCP Interoperability with NAT

To redirect traffic using WCCP to a router running WAAS software that is also configured with NAT, enable the **ip nat inside** command on the WAAS interface. If you are not able to configure the **ip nat inside** command on the WAAS interface, disable Cisco Express Forwarding. You must also update the WCCP redirect ACL to include a private address to ensure that pretranslated traffic is redirected.

WCCP Troubleshooting Tips

CPU usage may be very high when WCCP is enabled. The WCCP counters enable a determination of the bypass traffic directly on the router and can indicate whether or not high CPU usage due to enablement of WCCP is the cause. In some situations, 10 percent bypass traffic may be normal; in other situations, it may be high. However, any figure above 25 percent should prompt a closer investigation of what is occurring in the web cache.

If the counters suggest that the level of bypass traffic is high, the next step is to examine the bypass counters in the content engine and determine why the content engine is choosing to bypass the traffic. You can log in to the content engine console and use the CLI to investigate further. The counters allow you to determine the percent of traffic being bypassed.

How to Configure WCCP

The following configuration tasks assume that you have already installed and configured the content engines you want to include in your network. You must configure the content engines in the cluster before configuring WCCP functionality on your routers or switches. Refer to the *Cisco Cache Engine User Guide* for content engine configuration and setup tasks.

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Configuring Closed Services

Perform this task to specify the number of service groups for WCCP, to configure a service group as a closed or open service, and to optionally specify a check of all services.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. Enter one of the following commands:
   - **ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] *service-number* [**service-list** *service-access-list* **mode** {**open** | **closed**}]
   - or
   - **ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] **web-cache mode** {**open** | **closed**}
4. **ip wccp check services all**
5. **ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] {**web-cache** | *service-number*}
6. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.

Step 3	Enter one of the following commands:
	• **ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] *service-number* [**service-list** *service-access-list* **mode** {**open** | **closed**}]
	• or
	• **ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] **web-cache mode** {**open** | **closed**}
	
	Example:
	`Router(config)# ip wccp 90 service-list 120 mode closed`
	or
	`Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache mode closed`
		Configures a dynamic WCCP service as closed or open.
		or
		Configures a web-cache service as closed or open.
		Note When configuring the web-cache service as a closed service, you cannot specify a service access list.
		Note When configuring a dynamic WCCP service as a closed service, you must specify a service access list.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**ip wccp check services all** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip wccp check services all`	(Optional) Enables a check of all WCCP services. • Use this command to configure WCCP to check the other configured services for a match and perform redirection for those services if appropriate. The caches to which packets are redirected can be controlled by the redirect ACL and not just the service description. **Note** The **ip wccp check services all** command is a global WCCP command that applies to all services and is not associated with a single service.
Step 5	**ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] {**web-cache** | *service-number*} **Example:** `Router(config)# ip wccp 201`	Specifies the WCCP service identifier. • You can specify the standard web-cache service or a dynamic service number from 0 to 255. • The maximum number of services that can be specified is 256.
Step 6	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

Registering a Router to a Multicast Address

If you decide to use the multicast address option for your service group, you must configure the router to listen for the multicast broadcasts on an interface.

For network configurations where redirected traffic needs to traverse an intervening router, the router being traversed must be configured to perform IP multicast routing. You must configure the following two components to enable traversal over an intervening router:

- Enable IP multicast routing using the **ip multicast-routing** global configuration command.
- Enable the interfaces to which the cache engines will connect to receive multicast transmissions using the **ip wccp group-listen** interface configuration command.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip multicast-routing** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] [**distributed**]
4. **ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] {**web-cache** | *service-number*} **group-address** *multicast-address*
5. **interface** *type number*
6. **ip pim** {**sparse-mode** | **sparse-dense-mode** | **dense-mode** [**proxy-register** {**list** *access-list* | **route-map** *map-name*}]}
7. **ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] {**web-cache** | *service-number*} **group-listen**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip multicast-routing** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] [**distributed**] **Example:** `Router(config)# ip multicast-routing`	Enables IP multicast routing.
Step 4	**ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] {**web-cache** | *service-number*} **group-address** *multicast-address* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip wccp 99 group-address 239.1.1.1`	Specifies the multicast address for the service group.
Step 5	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface ethernet 0/0`	Enables the interfaces to which the content engines will connect to receive multicast transmissions for which the web cache service will run, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 6	**ip pim** {**sparse-mode** | **sparse-dense-mode** | **dense-mode** [**proxy-register** {**list** *access-list* | **route-map** *map-name*}]} **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip pim dense-mode`	(Optional) Enables Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) on an interface. **Note** To ensure correct operation of the **ip wccp group-listen** command on Catalyst 6500 series switches and Cisco 7600 series routers, you must enter the **ip pim** command in addition to the **ip wccp group-listen** command.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] {**web-cache** | *service-number*} **group-listen** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip wccp 99 group-listen`	Configures an interface to enable or disable the reception of IP multicast packets for WCCP.

Using Access Lists for a WCCP Service Group

Perform this task to configure the router to use an access list to determine which traffic should be directed to which content engines.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **access-list** *access-list-number* **remark** *remark*
4. **access-list** *access-list-number* **permit** {*source* [*source-wildcard*] | **any**} [**log**]
5. **access-list** *access-list-number* **remark** *remark*
6. **access-list** *access-list-number* **deny** {*source* [*source-wildcard*] | **any**} | [**log**]
7. Repeat some combination of Steps 3 through 6 until you have specified the sources on which you want to base your access list.
8. **ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] **web-cache group-list** *access-list*
9. **ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] **web-cache redirect-list** *access-list*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3 **access-list** *access-list-number* **remark** *remark* **Example:** `Router(config)# access-list 1 remark Give access to user1`	(Optional) Adds a user-friendly comment about an access list entry. • A remark of up to 100 characters can precede or follow an access list entry.
Step 4 **access-list** *access-list-number* **permit** {*source* [*source-wildcard*] | **any**} [**log**] **Example:** `Router(config)# access-list 1 permit 172.16.5.22 0.0.0.0`	Creates an access list that enables or disables traffic redirection to the cache engine and permits the specified source based on a source address and wildcard mask. • Every access list needs at least one permit statement; it does not need to be the first entry. • Standard IP access lists are numbered 1 to 99 or 1300 to 1999. • If the *source-wildcard* is omitted, a wildcard mask of 0.0.0.0 is assumed, meaning match on all bits of the source address. • Optionally use the keyword **any** as a substitute for the *source source-wildcard* to specify the source and source wildcard of 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255. • In this example, host 172.16.5.22 is allowed to pass the access list.
Step 5 **access-list** *access-list-number* **remark** *remark* **Example:** `Router(config)# access-list 1 remark Give access to user1`	(Optional) Adds a user-friendly comment about an access list entry. • A remark of up to 100 characters can precede or follow an access list entry.
Step 6 **access-list** *access-list-number* **deny** {*source* [*source-wildcard*] | **any**} | [**log**] **Example:** `Router(config)# access-list 1 deny 172.16.7.34 0.0.0.0`	Denies the specified source based on a source address and wildcard mask. • If the *source-wildcard* is omitted, a wildcard mask of 0.0.0.0 is assumed, meaning match on all bits of the source address. • Optionally use the abbreviation any as a substitute for the *source source-wildcard* to specify the source and source wildcard of 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255. • In this example, host 172.16.7.34 is denied passing the access list.
Step 7 Repeat some combination of Steps 3 through 6 until you have specified the sources on which you want to base your access list.	Remember that all sources not specifically permitted are denied by an implicit **deny** statement at the end of the access list.
Step 8 **ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] **web-cache group-list** *access-list* **Example:** `Router(config) ip wccp web-cache group-list 1`	Indicates to the router from which IP addresses of content engines to accept packets.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	**ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] **web-cache redirect-list** *access-list* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache redirect-list 1`	(Optional) Disables caching for certain clients.

Enabling the WCCP Outbound ACL Check

Note When all redirection is performed in the hardware, the mode of redirection will change when outbound ACL checking is enabled. The first packet is switched in software to allow the extra ACL check to be performed before a shortcut is installed.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] {**web-cache** | *service-number*} [**group-address** *multicast-address*] [**redirect-list** *access-list*] [**group-list** *access-list*] [**password** *password*]
4. **ip wccp check acl outbound**
5. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] {**web-cache** | *service-number*} [**group-address** *multicast-address*] [**redirect-list** *access-list*] [**group-list** *access-list*] [**password** *password*] **Example:** `Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache`	Enables the support for a Cisco content engine service group or any content engine service group and configures a redirect ACL list or group ACL. **Note** The **web-cache** keyword is for WCCP version 1 and version 2 and the *service-number* argument is for WCCP version 2 only.
Step 4	**ip wccp check acl outbound** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip wccp check acl outbound`	Checks the access control list (ACL) for egress interfaces for packets redirected by WCCP.
Step 5	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration.

Enabling WCCP Interoperability with NAT

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip nat inside**
5. **ip wccp** *service-number* **redirect in**
6. **exit**
7. **interface** *type number*
8. **ip nat outside**
9. **ip wccp** *service-number* **redirect in**
10. **exit**
11. **interface** *type number*
12. **ip nat inside**
13. **ip wccp redirect exclude in**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface ethernet 1`	Specifies an interface on which to enable NAT and enters interface configuration mode. • This is the LAN-facing interface.
Step 4	**ip nat inside** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip nat inside`	Designates that traffic originating from or destined for the interface is subject to NAT and indicates that the interface is connected to the inside network (the network subject to NAT translation).
Step 5	**ip wccp** *service-number* **redirect in** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip wccp 61 redirect in`	Enables packet redirection on an inbound interface using WCCP.
Step 6	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# exit`	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 7	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface ethernet 2`	Specifies an interface on which to enable NAT and enters interface configuration mode. • This is the WAN-facing interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	**ip nat outside** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip nat outside`	Designates that traffic originating from or destined for the interface is subject to NAT and indicates that the interface is connected to the outside network.
Step 9	**ip wccp** *service-number* **redirect in** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip wccp 62 redirect in`	Enables packet redirection on an inbound interface using WCCP.
Step 10	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# exit`	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 11	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface ethernet 3`	Specifies an interface on which to enable NAT and enters interface configuration mode. • This is the WAAS-facing interface.
Step 12	**ip nat inside** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip nat inside`	Designates that traffic originating from or destined for the interface is subject to NAT and indicates that the interface is connected to the inside network (the network subject to NAT translation).
Step 13	**ip wccp redirect exclude in** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip wccp redirect exclude in`	Configures an interface to exclude packets received on an interface from being checked for redirection..

Verifying and Monitoring WCCP Configuration Settings

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] [*service-number* | **web-cache**] [**detail** | **view**]
3. **show ip interface**
4. **more system:running-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**show ip wccp** [**vrf** *vrf-name*] [*service-number* | **web-cache**] [**detail** | **view**] **Example:** `Router# show ip wccp 24 detail`	Displays global information related to WCCP, including the protocol version currently running, the number of content engines in the router service group, which content engine group is allowed to connect to the router, and which access list is being used. The argument and keywords are as follows: • *service-number*—(Optional) Dynamic number of the web-cache service group being controlled by the content engine. The range is from 0 to 99. For web caches that use Cisco Content Engines, the reverse proxy service is indicated by a value of 99. • **web-cache**—(Optional) Statistics for the web-cache service. • **detail**—(Optional) Other members of a particular service group or web cache that have or have not been detected. • **view**—(Optional) Information about a router or all web caches.
Step 3	**show ip interface** **Example:** `Router# show ip interface`	Displays status about whether any **ip wccp redirection** commands are configured on an interface; for example, “Web Cache Redirect is enabled / disabled.”
Step 4	**more system:running-config** **Example:** `Router# more system:running-config`	(Optional) Displays contents of the currently running configuration file (equivalent to the **show running-config** command).

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Example: Changing the Version of WCCP on a Router

The following example shows how to change the WCCP version from the default of WCCPv2 to WCCPv1, and enabling the web-cache service in WCCPv1:

```
Router# show ip wccp

% WCCP version 2 is not enabled
Router# configure terminal

Router(config)# ip wccp version 1

Router(config)# end
Router# show ip wccp

% WCCP version 1 is not enabled
Router# configure terminal

Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache
Router(config)# end
Router# show ip wccp

Global WCCP information:
    Router information:
        Router Identifier:                  10.4.9.8
        Protocol Version:                   1.0
.
.
.
```

Example: Configuring a General WCCPv2 Session

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache group-address 224.1.1.100 password password1
Router(config)# ip wccp source-interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0
Router(config)# ip wccp check services all !
 Configures a check of all WCCP services.
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0
Router(config-if)# ip wccp web-cache redirect in
Router(config-if)# exit
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/2/0
Router(config-if)# ip wccp redirect exclude in
Router(config-if)# exit
```

Example: Setting a Password for a Router and Content Engines

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache password password1
```

Example: Configuring a Web Cache Service

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0
Router(config-if)# ip wccp web-cache redirect in
Router(config-if)# exit
Router# copy running-config startup-config
```

The following example shows how to configure a session in which redirection of HTTP traffic arriving on Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/1/0 is enabled:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0
Router(config-if)# ip wccp web-cache redirect in
Router(config-if)# exit
Router# show ip interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0
.
.
.
WCCP Redirect inbound is enabled
WCCP Redirect exclude is disabled
.
.
.
```

Example: Running a Reverse Proxy Service

The following example assumes that you are configuring a service group using Cisco cache engines, which use dynamic service 99 to run a reverse proxy service:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip wccp 99
Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/1/0
Router(config-if)# ip wccp 99 redirect out
```

Example: Registering a Router to a Multicast Address

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache group-address 224.1.1.100
Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/1/0
Router(config-if)# ip wccp web cache group-listen
```

The following example shows a router configured to run a reverse proxy service, using the multicast address of 224.1.1.1. Redirection applies to packets outgoing via Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/1/0:

```
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip wccp 99 group-address 224.1.1.1
Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/1/0
Router(config-if)# ip wccp 99 redirect out
```

Example: Using Access Lists

To achieve better security, you can use a standard access list to notify the router which IP addresses are valid addresses for a content engine attempting to register with the current router. The following example shows a standard access list configuration session where the access list number is 10 for some sample hosts:

```
Router(config)# access-list 10 permit host 10.1.1.1
Router(config)# access-list 10 permit host 10.1.1.2
Router(config)# access-list 10 permit host 10.1.1.3
Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache group-list 10
```

To disable caching for certain clients, servers, or client/server pairs, you can use WCCP access lists. The following example shows that any requests coming from 10.1.1.1 to 10.3.1.1 will bypass the cache, and that all other requests will be serviced normally:

```
Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache redirect-list 120
Router(config)# access-list 120 deny tcp host 10.1.1.1 any
```

```
Router(config)# access-list 120 deny tcp any host 10.3.1.1
Router(config)# access-list 120 permit ip any any
```

The following example configures a router to redirect web-related packets received via Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/1/0, destined to any host except 209.165.200.224:

```
Router(config)# access-list 100 deny ip any host 209.165.200.224
Router(config)# access-list 100 permit ip any any
Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache redirect-list 100
Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/1/0
Router(config-if)# ip wccp web-cache redirect in
```

Example: WCCP Outbound ACL Check Configuration

The following configuration example shows that the access list prevents traffic from network 10.0.0.0 leaving Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/1/0. Because the outbound ACL check is enabled, WCCP does not redirect that traffic. WCCP checks packets against the ACL before they are redirected.

```
Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache
Router(config)# ip wccp check acl outbound
Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/1/0
Router(config-if)# ip access-group 10 out
Router(config-if)# exit
Router(config)# ip wccp web-cache redirect-list redirect-out
Router(config)# access-list 10 deny 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255
Router(config)# access-list 10 permit any
```

If the outbound ACL check is disabled, the HTTP packets from network 10.0.0.0 would be redirected to a web cache. Users with that network address could retrieve web pages even though the network administrator wanted to prevent it.

Example: Verifying WCCP Settings

The following example shows how to verify your configuration changes by using the **more system:running-config** command in privileged EXEC mode. The following example shows that both the web cache service and dynamic service 99 are enabled on the router:

```
Router# more system:running-config

    Building configuration...
    Current configuration:
    !
    version 12.0
    service timestamps debug uptime
    service timestamps log uptime
    no service password-encryption
    service udp-small-servers
    service tcp-small-servers
    !
    hostname router4
    !
    enable secret 5 $1$nSVy$faliJsVQXVPW.KuCxZNTh1
    enable password password1
    !
    ip subnet-zero
    ip wccp web-cache
    ip wccp 99
    ip domain-name cisco.com
    ip name-server 10.1.1.1
    ip name-server 10.1.1.2
    ip name-server 10.1.1.3
    !
    !
    !
    interface GigabitEthernet0/1/1
```

```
 ip address 10.3.1.2 255.255.255.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 ip wccp web-cache redirect in
 ip wccp 99 redirect in
 no ip route-cache
 no ip mroute-cache
 !
 interface GigabitEthernet0/1/0
 ip address 10.4.1.1 255.255.255.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 ip wccp 99 redirect in
 no ip route-cache
 no ip mroute-cache
 !
 interface Serial0
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no ip route-cache
 no ip mroute-cache
 shutdown
 !
 interface Serial1
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no ip route-cache
 no ip mroute-cache
 shutdown
 !
 ip default-gateway 10.3.1.1
 ip classless
 ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 10.3.1.1
 no ip http server
 !
 !
 !
 line con 0
 transport input none
 line aux 0
 transport input all
 line vty 0 4
 password password1
 login
 !
 end
```

The following example shows how to display global statistics related to WCCP:

```
Router# show ip wccp web-cache detail

WCCP Client information:
WCCP Client ID:      10.1.1.2
Protocol Version:    2.0
State:               Usable
Redirection:         L2
Packet Return:       L2
Packets Redirected:  0
Connect Time:        00:20:34
Assignment:          MASK
Mask  SrcAddr    DstAddr    SrcPort DstPort
----  -------    -------    ------- -------
0000: 0x00000000 0x00001741 0x0000  0x0000
Value SrcAddr    DstAddr   SrcPort DstPort CE-IP
----- -------    -------   ------- ------- -----
0000: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x0000 0x0000 0x3C010102 (10.1.1.2)
0001: 0x00000000 0x00000001 0x0000 0x0000 0x3C010102 (10.1.1.2)
0002: 0x00000000 0x00000040 0x0000 0x0000 0x3C010102 (10.1.1.2)
0003: 0x00000000 0x00000041 0x0000 0x0000 0x3C010102 (10.1.1.2)
0004: 0x00000000 0x00000100 0x0000 0x0000 0x3C010102 (10.1.1.2)
0005: 0x00000000 0x00000101 0x0000 0x0000 0x3C010102 (10.1.1.2)
0006: 0x00000000 0x00000140 0x0000 0x0000 0x3C010102 (10.1.1.2)
```

For more information about the **show ip wccp web-cache** command, see the *Cisco IOS IP Application Services Command Reference*.

Example: Enabling WCCP Interoperability with NAT

```
Router(config)# interface ethernet1 ! This is the LAN-facing interface
Router(config-if)# ip nat inside
Router(config-if)# ip wccp 61 redirect in
Router(config-if)# exit
Router(config)# interface ethernet2 ! This is the WAN-facing interface
Router(config-if)# ip nat outside
Router(config-if)# ip wccp 62 redirect in
Router(config-if)# exit
Router(config)# interface ethernet3 ! This is the WAAS-facing interface
Router(config-if)# ip nat inside
Router(config-if)# ip wccp redirect exclude in
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	*Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases*
Cisco ACNS software configuration information	• *Cisco ACNS Software Caching Configuration Guide, Release 4.2* • Cisco ACNS Software listing page on Cisco.com
IP access list overview, configuration tasks, and commands	*Cisco IOS Security Command Reference*
IP addressing and services commands and configuration tasks	• *Cisco IOS IP Addressing Services Configuration Guide* • *Cisco IOS IP Addressing Services Command Reference*
WCCP commands: complete command syntax, command mode, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	*Cisco IOS IP Application Services Command Reference*

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Feature Information for WCCP

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Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
WCCP Bypass Counters	12.3(7)T 12.2(25)S	The WCCP Bypass Counters feature allows you to display a count of packets that have been bypassed by a web cache and returned to the originating router to be forwarded normally. The **show ip wccp** command was modified by this feature.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
WCCP Closed Services	12.4(11)T	The WCCP Closed Services feature permits WCCP services to be configured so that WCCP always intercepts traffic for such services but, if no WCCP client (such as a content engine) has registered to receive this traffic, packets are discarded. This behavior supports Application-Oriented Network Services (AONS) applications, which require traffic to be transparently intercepted using WCCP but do not want the packets to be forwarded to their destination if the WCCP client is unavailable to perform its processing. (This is contrary to the traditional use of WCCP to assist caches where the absence of a cache does not change the behavior as observed by the user.) The **ip wccp** command was modified by this feature.
WCCP Increased Services	12.3(14)T 12.2(33)SRA 12.2(33)SXH	The WCCP Increased Services feature increases the number of services supported by WCCP to a maximum of 256 across all VRFs. The following commands were modified by this feature: **ip wccp**, **ip wccp check services all**, **ip wccp outbound-acl-check**, **show ip wccp**.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
WCCP Layer 2 Redirection/ Forwarding	12.4(20)T	The WCCP Layer 2 Redirection/ Forwarding feature allows directly connected Cisco content engines to use Layer 2 redirection, which is more efficient than Layer 3 redirection via GRE encapsulation. You can configure a directly connected Cache Engine to negotiate use of the WCCP Layer 2 Redirection/ Forwarding feature. The WCCP Layer 2 Redirection/Forwarding feature requires no configuration on the router or switch. There are no new or modified commands associated with this feature.
WCCP L2 Return	12.4(20)T	The WCCP L2 Return feature allows content engines to return packets to WCCP routers directly connected at Layer 2 by swapping the source and destination MAC addresses rather than tunneling packets back to the router inside a Layer 3 GRE tunnel. There are no new or modified commands associated with this feature.
WCCP Mask Assignment	12.4(20)T	The WCCP Mask Assignment feature introduces support for ACNS/WAAS devices using mask assignment as a cache engine assignment method. There are no new or modified commands associated with this feature.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
WCCP Outbound ACL Check	12.3(7)T 12.2(25)S	The WCCP Outbound ACL Check feature enables you to ensure that traffic redirected by WCCP at an input interface is subjected to the outbound ACL checks that may be configured on the output interface prior to redirection. This feature is supported by Web Cache Communication Protocol (WCCP) Version 1 and Version 2. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **ip wccp**, **ip wccp check acl outbound**.
WCCP Redirection on Inbound Interfaces	12.1(3)T 15.0(1)S	The WCCP Redirection on Inbound Interfaces feature enables interfaces to be configured for input redirection for a particular WCCP service. When this feature is enabled on an interface, all packets arriving at that interface are compared against the specified WCCP service. If the packets match, they will be redirected. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **ip wccp redirect-list**.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
WCCP Version 2	12.0(3)T 15.0(1)S	The WCCP Version 2 feature provides several enhancements and features to the WCCP protocol, including: • The ability of multiple routers to service a content engine cluster. • Redirection of traffic other than HTTP (TCP port 80 traffic), including a variety of UDP and TCP traffic. • Optional authentication that enables you to control which routers and content engines become part of the service group using passwords and the HMAC MD5 standard. • A check on packets that determines which requests have been returned from the content engine unserviced. • Load adjustments for individual content engines to provide an effective use of the available resources while helping to ensure high quality of service (QoS) to the clients. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **clear ip wccp, ip wccp, ip wccp group-listen, ip wccp redirect, ip wccp redirect exclude in, ip wccp version, show ip wccp**.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
WCCP VRF Support	15.0(1)M 12.2(33)SRE	The WCCP VRF Support feature provides enhancements to the existing WCCPv2 protocol which support VRF awareness. In Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRE, this feature is supported only on Cisco 7200 NPE-G2 and Cisco 7304-NPE-G100 routers. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **clear ip wccp**, **debug ip wccp**, **ip wccp**, **ip wccp group-listen**, **ip wccp redirect**, **show ip wccp**.