



## Configuring Multicast VPN

The Multicast VPN (MVPN) feature provides the ability to support multicast over a Layer 3 VPN. As enterprises extend the reach of their multicast applications, service providers can accommodate these enterprises over their Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) core network. IP multicast is used to stream video, voice, and data to an MPLS VPN network core.

Historically, point-to-point tunnels were the only way to connect through a service provider network. Although such tunneled networks tend to have scalability issues, they represented the only means of passing IP multicast traffic through a VPN.

Because Layer 3 VPNs support only unicast traffic connectivity, deploying MPLS in conjunction with a Layer 3 VPN allows service providers to offer both unicast and multicast connectivity to Layer 3 VPN customers.

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## Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and 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.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to <https://cfng.cisco.com/>. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

## Prerequisites for Configuring Multicast VPN

Enable IP multicast and configure the PIM interfaces using the tasks described in the “Configuring Basic IP Multicast” module.

## Restrictions for Configuring Multicast VPN

- The update source interface for the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) peerings must be the same for all BGP peerings configured on the device in order for the default multicast distribution tree (MDT) to be configured properly. If you use a loopback address for BGP peering, PIM sparse mode must be enabled on the loopback address.
- The **ip mroute-cache** command must be enabled on the loopback interface used as the BGP peering interface in order for distributed multicast switching to function on the platforms that support it. The **no ip mroute-cache** command must not be present on these interfaces.
- MVPN does not support multiple BGP peering update sources.
- Data MDTs are not created for VPN routing and forwarding instance (VRF) PIM dense mode multicast streams because of the flood and prune nature of dense mode multicast flows and the resulting periodic bring-up and tear-down of such data MDTs.
- Multiple BGP update sources are not supported, and configuring them can break MVPN reverse path forwarding (RPF) checking. The source IP address of the MVPN tunnels is determined by the highest IP address used for the BGP peering update source. If this IP address is not the IP address used as the BGP peering address with the remote provider edge (PE) device, MVPN will not function properly.

## Information About Configuring Multicast VPN

### Multicast VPN Operation

MVPN IP allows a service provider to configure and support multicast traffic in an MPLS VPN environment. This feature supports routing and forwarding of multicast packets for each individual VRF instance, and it also provides a mechanism to transport VPN multicast packets across the service provider backbone.

A VPN is network connectivity across a shared infrastructure, such as an ISP. Its function is to provide the same policies and performance as a private network, at a reduced cost of ownership, thus creating many opportunities for cost savings through operations and infrastructure.

An MVPN allows an enterprise to transparently interconnect its private network across the network backbone of a service provider. The use of an MVPN to interconnect an enterprise network in this way does not change the way that enterprise network is administered, nor does it change general enterprise connectivity.

### Benefits of Multicast VPN

- Provides a scalable method to dynamically send information to multiple locations.
- Provides high-speed information delivery.
- Provides connectivity through a shared infrastructure.

## Multicast VPN Routing and Forwarding and Multicast Domains

MVPN introduces multicast routing information to the VPN routing and forwarding table. When a provider edge (PE) device receives multicast data or control packets from a customer edge (CE) router, forwarding is performed according to the information in the Multicast VPN routing and forwarding instance (MVRF). MVPN does not use label switching.

A set of MVRFs that can send multicast traffic to each other constitutes a multicast domain. For example, the multicast domain for a customer that wanted to send certain types of multicast traffic to all global employees would consist of all CE routers associated with that enterprise.

## Multicast Distribution Trees

MVPN establishes a static default multicast distribution tree (MDT) for each multicast domain. The default MDT defines the path used by PE routers to send multicast data and control messages to every other PE router in the multicast domain.

If Source Specific Multicast (SSM) is used as the core multicast routing protocol, the multicast IP addresses used for the default and data MDT must be configured within the SSM range on all PE routers.

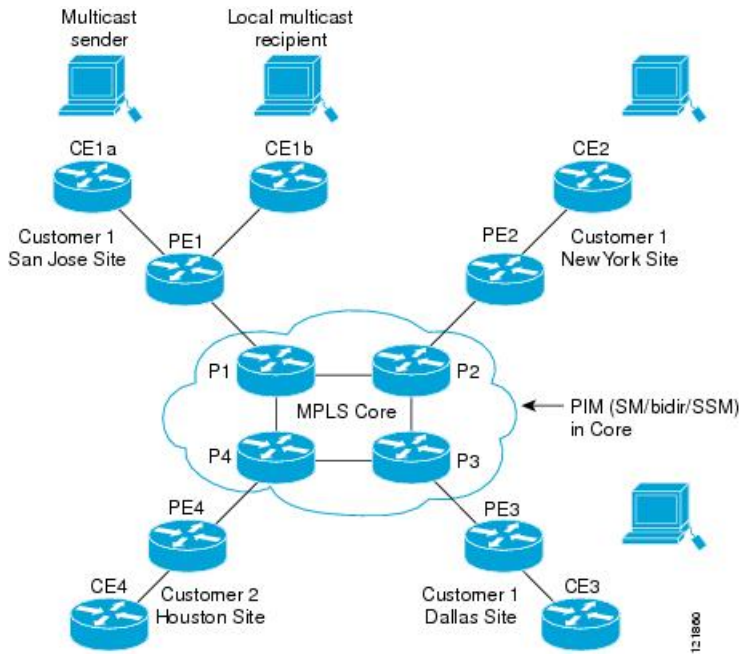
MVPN also supports the dynamic creation of MDTs for high-bandwidth transmission. Data MDTs are a feature unique to Cisco IOS software. Data MDTs are intended for high-bandwidth sources such as full-motion video inside the VPN to ensure optimal traffic forwarding in the MPLS VPN core. The threshold at which the data MDT is created can be configured on a per-router or a per-VRF basis. When the multicast transmission exceeds the defined threshold, the sending PE router creates the data MDT and sends a UDP message, which contains information about the data MDT, to all routers on the default MDT. The statistics to determine whether a multicast stream has exceeded the data MDT threshold are examined once every second. After a PE router sends the UDP message, it waits 3 more seconds before switching over; 13 seconds is the worst case switchover time, and 3 seconds is the best case.

Data MDTs are created only for (S, G) multicast route entries within the VRF multicast routing table. They are not created for (\*, G) entries regardless of the value of the individual source data rate.

In the following example, a service provider has a multicast customer with offices in San Jose, New York, and Dallas. A one-way multicast presentation is occurring in San Jose. The service provider network supports all three sites associated with this customer, in addition to the Houston site of a different enterprise customer.

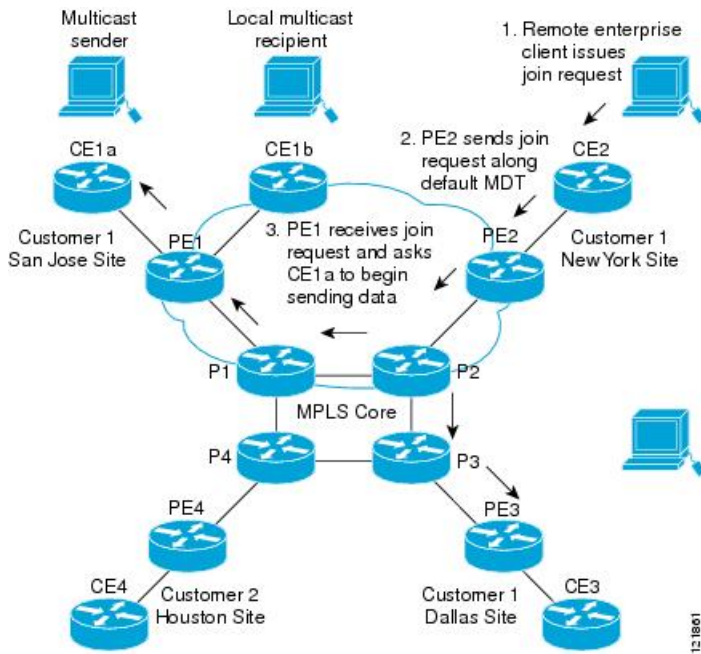
The default MDT for the enterprise customer consists of provider routers P1, P2, and P3 and their associated PE routers. PE4 is not part of the default MDT, because it is associated with a different customer. The figure shows that no data flows along the default MDT, because no one outside of San Jose has joined the multicast.

Figure 1: Default Multicast Distribution Tree Overview



An employee in New York joins the multicast session. The PE router associated with the New York site sends a join request that flows across the default MDT for the multicast domain of the customer. PE1, the PE router associated with the multicast session source, receives the request. The figure depicts that the PE router forwards the request to the CE router associated with the multicast source (CE1a).

Figure 2: Initializing the Data MDT



The CE router (CE1a) begins to send the multicast data to the associated PE router (PE1), which sends the multicast data along the default MDT. Immediately sending the multicast data, PE1 recognizes that the multicast data exceeds the bandwidth threshold for which a data MDT should be created. Therefore, PE1 creates a data MDT, sends a message to all routers using the default MDT, which contains information about the data MDT, and, three seconds later, begins sending the multicast data for that particular stream using the data MDT. Only PE2 has interested receivers for this source, so only PE2 will join the data MDT and receive traffic on it.

PE routers maintain a PIM relationship with other PE routers over the default MDT and a PIM relationship with directly attached PE routers.

## Multicast Tunnel Interface

An MVRF, which is created per multicast domain, requires the device to create a tunnel interface from which all MVRF traffic is sourced. A multicast tunnel interface is an interface that the MVRF uses to access the multicast domain. It can be thought of as a conduit that connects an MVRF and the global MVRF. One tunnel interface is created per MVRF.

## Multicast Distributed Switching Support for Multicast VPN

Multicast distributed switching (MDS) is supported for MVPN. When MDS is configured, ensure that all interfaces enabled for IP multicast have MDS enabled correctly—verify that no interface has the **no ip mroute-cache** command configured (including loopback interfaces).

## MDT Address Family in BGP for Multicast VPN

The **mdt** keyword has been added to the **address-family ipv4** command to configure an MDT address-family session. MDT address-family sessions are used to pass the source PE address and MDT group address to PIM using Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) MDT Subaddress Family Identifier (SAFI) updates.

## BGP Advertisement Methods for Multicast VPN Support

In a single autonomous system, if the default MDT for an MVPN is using PIM sparse mode (PIM-SM) with a rendezvous point (RP), then PIM is able to establish adjacencies over the Multicast Tunnel Interface (MTI) because the source PE and receiver PE discover each other through the RP. In this scenario, the local PE (the source PE) sends register messages to the RP, which then builds a shortest-path tree (SPT) toward the source PE. The remote PE, which acts as a receiver for the MDT multicast group, then sends (\*, G) joins toward the RP and joins the distribution tree for that group.

However, if the default MDT group is configured in a PIM Source Specific Multicast (PIM-SSM) environment rather than a PIM-SM environment, the receiver PE needs information about the source PE and the default MDT group. This information is used to send (S, G) joins toward the source PE to build a distribution tree from the source PE (without the need for an RP). The source PE address and default MDT group address are sent using BGP.

### BGP Extended Community

When BGP extended communities are used, the PE loopback (source address) information is sent as a VPNv4 prefix using Route Distinguisher (RD) Type 2 (to distinguish it from unicast VPNv4 prefixes). The MDT group address is carried in a BGP extended community. Using a combination of the embedded source in the VPNv4 address and the group in the extended community, PE routers in the same MVRF instance can establish SSM trees to each other.




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**Note** Prior to the introduction of MDT SAFI support, the BGP extended community attribute was used as an interim solution to advertise the IP address of the source PE and default MDT group before IETF standardization. A BGP extended community attribute in an MVPN environment, however, has certain limitations: it cannot be used in inter-AS scenarios (because the attribute is nontransitive), and it uses RD Type 2, which is not a supported standard and not supported effective with Cisco IOS Release 15.5(1)T and Cisco IOS Release 15.4(3)S.

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## BGP MDT SAFI

Cisco software releases that support the MDT SAFI, the source PE address and the MDT group address are passed to PIM using BGP MDT SAFI updates. The RD type has changed to RD type 0, and BGP determines the best path for the MDT updates before passing the information to PIM.




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**Note** To prevent backward-compatibility issues, BGP allows the communication of the older style updates with peers that are unable to understand the MDT SAFI address family.

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Cisco software releases that support the MDT SAFI, the MDT SAFI address family needs to be explicitly configured for BGP neighbors using the **address-family ipv4 mdt** command. Neighbors that do not support the MDT SAFI still need to be enabled for the MDT SAFI in the local BGP configuration. Prior to the introduction of the MDT SAFI, additional BGP configuration from the VPNv4 unicast configuration was not needed to support MVPN.

Because the new MDT SAFI does not use BGP route-target extended communities, the regular extended community methods to filter these updates no longer apply. As a result, the **match mdt-group** route-map configuration command has been added to filter on the MDT group address using access control lists (ACLs). These route maps can be applied—inbound or outbound—to the IPv4 MDT address-family neighbor configuration.

## Automigration to the MDT SAFI

When migrating a Cisco IOS release to the MDT SAFI, existing VPNv4 neighbors will be automatically configured for the MDT SAFI upon bootup based on the presence of an existing default MDT configuration (that is, pre-MDT SAFI configurations will be automatically converted to an MDT SAFI configuration upon bootup). In addition, when a default MDT configuration exists and a VPNv4 neighbor in BGP is configured, a similar neighbor in the IPv4 MDT address family will be automatically configured.




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**Note** Because there is no VRF configuration on route reflectors (RRs), automigration to the MDT SAFI will not be triggered on RRs. The MDT SAFI configuration, thus, will need to be manually configured on RRs. Having a uniform MDT transmission method will reduce processing time on the routers (because MDT SAFI conversion is not necessary).

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## Guidelines for Configuring the MDT SAFI

- We recommend that you configure the MDT SAFI on all routers that participate in the MVPN. Even though the benefits of the MDT SAFI are for SSM tree building, the MDT SAFI must also be configured when using MVPN with the default MDT group for PIM-SM. From the multicast point of view, the

MDT SAFI is not required for MVPN to work within a PIM-SM core. However, in certain scenarios, the new address family must be configured in order to create the MTI. Without this notification, the MTI would not be created and MVPN would not function (even with PIM-SM).

- For backward compatible sessions, extended communities must be enabled on all MDT SAFI peers. In a pure MDT SAFI environment, there is no need to configure extended communities explicitly for MVPN. However, extended communities will be needed for VPNv4 interior BGP (iBGP) sessions to relay the route-target. In a hybrid (MDT SAFI and pre-MDT SAFI) environment, extended communities must be configured to send the embedded source in the VPNv4 address and the MDT group address to MDT SAFI neighbors.

## Guidelines for Upgrading a Network to Support the MDT SAFI

When moving from a pre-MDT SAFI to an MDT SAFI environment, the upmost care should be taken to minimize the impact to the MVPN service. The unicast service will not be affected, other than the outage due to the reload and recovery. To upgrade a network to support the MDT SAFI, we recommend that you perform the following steps:

1. Upgrade the PEs in the MVPN to a Cisco IOS release that supports the MDT SAFI. Upon bootup, the PE configurations will be automigrated to the MDT SAFI. For more information about the automigration to the MDT SAFI functionality, see the [Automigration to the MDT SAFI, on page 6](#) section.
2. After the PEs have been upgraded, upgrade the RRs and enable the MDT SAFI for all peers providing MVPN service. Enabling or disabling the MDT SAFI will reset the BGP peer relationship for all address families; thus, a loss of routing information may occur.



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**Note** In the case of a multihomed BGP RR scenario, one of the RRs must be upgraded and configured last. The upgraded PEs will use this RR to relay MDT advertisements while the other RRs are being upgraded.

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## Supported Policy

The following policy configuration parameters are supported under the MDT SAFI:

- Mandatory attributes and well-known attributes, such as the AS-path, multiexit discriminator (MED), BGP local-pref, and next-hop attributes.
- Standard communities, community lists, and route maps.

# How to Configure Multicast VPN

## Configuring a Default MDT Group for a VRF

Perform this task to configure a default MDT group for a VRF.

The default MDT group must be the same group configured on all devices that belong to the same VPN. The source IP address will be the address used to source the BGP sessions.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip multicast-routing distributed**
4. **ip multicast-routing vrf *vrf-name* distributed**
5. **ip vrf *vrf-name***
6. **mdt default *group-address***

## DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action  | Purpose   |
|---------------|--|---|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device&gt; enable</pre>   | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device# configure terminal</pre>  | Enters global configuration mode.   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip multicast-routing distributed</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device(config)# ip multicast-routing distributed</pre>                              | Enables multicast routing.  |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>ip multicast-routing vrf <i>vrf-name</i> distributed</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device(config)# ip multicast-routing vrf vrf1 distributed</pre> | Supports the MVPN VRF instance.   |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>ip vrf <i>vrf-name</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device(config)# ip vrf vrf1</pre>   | Enters VRF configuration mode and defines the VPN routing instance by assigning a VRF name.   |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <b>mdt default <i>group-address</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device(config-vrf)# mdt default 232.0.0.1</pre>                                     | Configures the multicast group address for the default MDT for a VRF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A tunnel interface is created as a result of this command.</li> <li>• By default, the destination address of the tunnel header is the <i>group-address</i> value.</li> </ul> |



## Configuring the MDT Address Family in BGP for Multicast VPN

Perform this task to configure an MDT address family session on PE devices to establish MDT peering sessions for MVPN.

### Before you begin

Before MVPN peering can be established through an MDT address family, MPLS and Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF) must be configured in the BGP network and multiprotocol BGP on PE devices that provide VPN services to CE devices.



**Note** The following policy configuration parameters are not supported:

- Route-originator attribute
- Network Layer Reachability Information (NLRI) prefix filtering (prefix lists, distribute lists)
- Extended community attributes (route target and site of origin)

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp *as-number***
4. **address-family ipv4 mdt**
5. **neighbor *neighbor-address* activate**
6. **neighbor *neighbor-address* send-community [both | extended | standard]**
7. **exit**
8. **address-family vpnv4**
9. **neighbor *neighbor-address* activate**
10. **neighbor *neighbor-address* send-community [both | extended | standard]**
11. **end**

### DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action  | Purpose  |
|--------|--|--|
| Step 1 | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable                         | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul> |
| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Router# configure terminal | Enters global configuration mode.  |

|                | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|----------------|---|--|
| <b>Step 3</b>  | <b>router bgp</b> <i>as-number</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# router bgp 65535   | Enters router configuration mode and creates a BGP routing process.                  |
| <b>Step 4</b>  | <b>address-family ipv4 mdt</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-router)# address-family ipv4 mdt   | Enters address family configuration mode to create an IP MDT address family session. |
| <b>Step 5</b>  | <b>neighbor neighbor-address activate</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 192.168.1.1 activate   | Enables the MDT address family for this neighbor.                                    |
| <b>Step 6</b>  | <b>neighbor neighbor-address send-community [both   extended   standard]</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 192.168.1.1 send-community extended | Enables community and (or) extended community exchange with the specified neighbor.  |
| <b>Step 7</b>  | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-router-af)# exit  | Exits address family configuration mode and returns to router configuration mode.    |
| <b>Step 8</b>  | <b>address-family vpnv4</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-router)# address-family vpnv4   | Enters address family configuration mode to create a VPNv4 address family session.   |
| <b>Step 9</b>  | <b>neighbor neighbor-address activate</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 192.168.1.1 activate   | Enables the VPNv4 address family for this neighbor.                                  |
| <b>Step 10</b> | <b>neighbor neighbor-address send-community [both   extended   standard]</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 192.168.1.1 send-community extended | Enables community and (or) extended community exchange with the specified neighbor.  |
| <b>Step 11</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b>   | Exits address family configuration mode and enters privileged EXEC mode.             |

|  | Command or Action             | Purpose |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|
|  | Device(config-router-af)# end |         |

## Configuring the Data Multicast Group

A data MDT group can include a maximum of 256 multicast groups per VPN per VRF per PE device. Multicast groups used to create the data MDT group are dynamically chosen from a pool of configured IP addresses.

### Before you begin

- Before configuring a default MDT group, the VPN must be configured for multicast routing as described in the "Configuring a Default MDT Group for a VRF" section.
- All access lists needed when using the tasks in this module should be configured prior to beginning the configuration task. For information about how to configure an access list, see the "Creating an IP Access List and Applying It to an Interface" module.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip vrf** *vrf-name*
4. **mdt data** *group-address-range wildcard-bits* [**threshold** *kbps*] [**list** *access-list*]
5. **mdt log-reuse**
6. **end**

### DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose   |
|---------------|---|---|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable  | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li></ul> |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip vrf vrf1   | Enters VRF configuration mode and defines the VPN routing instance by assigning a VRF name.                         |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>mdt data</b> <i>group-address-range wildcard-bits</i> [ <b>threshold</b> <i>kbps</i> ] [ <b>list</b> <i>access-list</i> ]<br><b>Example:</b> | Specifies a range of addresses to be used in the data MDT pool.   |

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose   |
|---------------|---|---|
|               | <pre>Device(config-vrf)# mdt data 239.192.20.32 0.0.0.15 threshold 1</pre>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the <i>group-address-range</i> and <i>wildcard-bits</i> arguments, specify a a multicast group address range. The range is from 224.0.0.1 to 239.255.255.255. Because the range of addresses used in the data MDT pool are multicast group addresses (Class D addresses), there is no concept of a subnet; therefore, you can use all addresses in the mask (wildcard) range that you specify for the <i>wildcard-bits</i> argument.</li> <li>The threshold is in <i>kbps</i>. The range is from 1 through 4294967.</li> <li>Use the optional <b>list</b> keyword and <i>access-list</i> argument to define the (S, G) MVPN entries to be used in a data MDT pool, which would further limit the creation of a data MDT pool to the particular (S, G) MVPN entries defined in the access list specified for the <i>access-list</i> argument</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <p><b>mdt log-reuse</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config-vrf)# mdt log-reuse</pre> | (Optional) Enables the recording of data MDT reuse and generates a syslog message when a data MDT has been reused.  |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <p><b>end</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config-vrf)# end</pre>                     | Returns to privileged EXEC mode.  |

## Configuring Multicast Routes and Information

Perform this task to limit the number of multicast routes that can be added in a device.

### Before you begin

- Before configuring a default MDT group, the VPN must be configured for multicast routing as described in the “Configuring a Default MDT Group for a VRF” section.
- All access lists needed when using the tasks in this module should be configured prior to beginning the configuration task. For information about how to configure an access list, see the “Creating an IP Access List and Applying It to an Interface” module.

### SUMMARY STEPS

- enable**
- configure terminal**
- ip multicast vrf** *vrf-name* **route-limit** *limit* [*threshold*]
- ip multicast minfo-filter** *access-list*

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|--------|---|--|
| Step 1 | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable  | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul> |
| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.  |
| Step 3 | <b>ip multicast vrf <i>vrf-name</i> route-limit <i>limit</i> [<i>threshold</i>]</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip multicast vrf cisco route-limit 200000 20000 | Sets the mroute limit and the threshold parameters.  |
| Step 4 | <b>ip multicast mroute-filter <i>access-list</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip multicast mroute-filter 4   | Filters the multicast device information request packets for all sources specified in the access list.             |

## Verifying Information for the MDT Default Group

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. show ip pim mdt bgp
3. show ip pim vrf *vrf-name* mdt history interval *minutes*

## DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1**      **enable**

**Example:**  
 Device> **enable**

Enables privileged EXEC mode.

- Enter your password if prompted.

**Step 2**      **show ip pim mdt bgp**

**Example:**  
 Device# **show ip pim mdt bgp**

```
MDT (Route Distinguisher + IPv4)                      Router ID                      Next Hop
```

```

MDT group 238.2.2.0
  2:200:50.0.0.4          0.0.0.0          0.0.0.0
MDT group 239.1.1.1
  2:200:50.0.0.4          50.0.0.4         50.0.0.4

```

Displays information about the BGP advertisement of the RD for the MDT default group.

### Step 3 `show ip pim vrf vrf-name mdt history interval minutes`

#### Example:

```

Device# show ip pim vrf vrf1 mdt history interval 20

MDT-data send history for VRF - vrf1 for the past 20 minutes
MDT-data group      Number of reuse
  10.9.9.8           3
  10.9.9.9           2

```

Displays the data MDTs that have been reused during the past configured interval.

## Configuration Examples for Multicast VPN

### Example: Configuring MVPN and SSM

In the following example, PIM-SSM is configured in the backbone. Therefore, the default and data MDT groups are configured within the SSM range of IP addresses. Inside the VPN, PIM-SM is configured and only Auto-RP announcements are accepted.

```

ip vrf vrf1
  rd 1:1
  route-target export 1:1
  route-target import 1:1
  mdt default 232.0.0.1
  mdt data 232.0.1.0 0.0.0.255 threshold 500 list 101
!
ip pim ssm default
ip pim vrf vrf1 accept-rp auto-rp

```

### Example: Enabling a VPN for Multicast Routing

In the following example, multicast routing is enabled with a VPN routing instance named vrf1:

```

ip multicast-routing vrf1

```

### Example: Configuring the MDT Address Family in BGP for Multicast VPN

In the following example, an MDT address family session is configured on a PE router to establish MDT peering sessions for MVPN.

```

!
ip vrf test
  rd 55:2222

```

```

route-target export 55:2222
route-target import 55:2222
mdt default 232.0.0.1
!
ip multicast-routing
ip multicast-routing vrf test
!
router bgp 55
.
.
.
!
address-family vpnv4
neighbor 192.168.1.1 activate
neighbor 192.168.1.1 send-community both
!
address-family ipv4 mdt
neighbor 192.168.1.1 activate
neighbor 192.168.1.1 send-community both
!

```

## Example: Configuring the Multicast Group Address Range for Data MDT Groups

In the following example, the VPN routing instance is assigned a VRF named VPN\_A. The MDT default group for a VPN VRF is 239.1.1.1, and the multicast group address range for MDT groups is 239.2.2.0 with wildcard bits of 0.0.0.255:

```

ip vrf VPN_A
rd 2:200
route-target export 2:200
route-target import 2:200
mdt default 239.1.1.1
mdt data 239.2.2.0 0.0.0.255

```

The following is an alternate command to assign VRF to the VPN routing instance.

```

vrf definition VPN_A
rd 101:1
route-target export 101:1
route-target import 101:1
!
address-family ipv4
mdt default 232.1.1.1
mdt data 232.5.1.1 0.0.0.255 threshold 500 list 101

```

## Example: Limiting the Number of Multicast Routes

In the following example, the number of multicast routes that can be added to a multicast routing table is set to 200,000 and the threshold value of the number of mroutes that will cause a warning message to occur is set to 20,000:

```

!
ip multicast-routing distributed
ip multicast-routing vrf cisco distributed
ip multicast cache-headers
ip multicast route-limit 200000 20000
ip multicast vrf cisco route-limit 200000 20000
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
!

```

## Additional References for Configuring Multicast VPN

### Related Documents

| Related Topic   | Document Title   |
|---|--|
| IP multicast commands: complete command syntax, command mode, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples | <a href="#">Cisco IOS IP Multicast Command Reference</a> |
| Basic IP Multicast concepts, tasks, and configuration examples  | “Configuring Basic IP Multicast” module                  |
| Extranet MVPN concepts, tasks, and configuration examples   | “Configuring Multicast VPN Extranet Support” module      |
| Inter-AS MVPN concepts, tasks, and configuration examples   | “Configuring Multicast VPN Inter-AS Support” module      |
| MVPN MIB concepts and tasks   | “Multicast VPN MIB” module                               |

### MIBs

| MIB               | MIBs Link   |
|-------------------|---|
| CISCO_MVPN_MIB.my | To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS XE releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL:<br><br><a href="http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs">http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs</a> |

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## Feature Information for Configuring Multicast VPN

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 1: Feature Information for Configuring Multicast VPN**

| Feature Name  | Releases | Feature Information   |
|---|----------|---|
| Multicast VPN—IP<br>Multicast Support of MPLS<br>VPNs |          | The Multicast VPN feature provides the ability to support multicast over a Layer 3 Virtual Private Network (VPN). As enterprises extend the reach of their multicast applications, service providers can accommodate these enterprises over their Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) core network. IP multicast is used to stream video, voice, and data to an MPLS VPN network core. |

