



OSPF SNMP ifIndex Value for Interface ID in Data Fields

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This feature allows you to configure the interface ID value Open Shortest Path First version 2 (OSPFv2) and Open Shortest Path First version 3 (OSPFv3) data fields. You can choose to use either the current interface number or the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) MIB-II interface index (ifIndex) value for the interface ID. The advantage to using the SNMP MIB-II ifIndex value is that this number corresponds to the number that the user will see reported by SNMP.

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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 at the end of this module.

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Prerequisites for SNMP ifIndex Value for Interface ID in Data Fields

Before you can use the SNMP ifIndex value for interface identification, OSPF must be configured on the router.



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Information About SNMP ifIndex Value for Interface ID in Data Fields

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Benefits of Choosing to Identify Interfaces by the SNMP MIB-II ifIndex Value

If you use SNMP for your OSPF network, configuring the OSPF: SNMP ifIndex Value for Interface ID in OSPFv2 and OSPFv3 Data Fields feature can be beneficial for the following reasons:

- Using the SNMP MIB-II ifIndex identification numbers to identify OSPF interfaces makes it easier for network administrators to identify interfaces because the numbers will correspond to the numbers that they will see reported by SNMP.
- In the link-state advertisements (LSAs), the value used in fields that have the interface ID will be the same as the value that is reported by SNMP.
- In the output from the **show ipv6 ospf interface** command, the interface ID number will have the same value that is reported by SNMP.
- Using the SNMP MIB-II IfIndex is also suggested, but not required, by the OSPF RFC 2328 for OSPFv2 and the RFC 2740 for OSPFv3.

How OSPFv2 and OSPFv3 Use the SNMP MIB-II ifIndex Value

The user chooses for OSPF interfaces to use the SNMP MIB-II ifIndex number by entering the **interface-id snmp-if-index** command for a specific OSPF process. If an interface under the specific OSPF process does not have an SNMP ifIndex number, OSPF will not be enabled on that interface.

For OSPFv2, the ifIndex number is used for the Link Data field in the Router LSA for unnumbered point-to-point interfaces and sham links. When the **interface-id snmp-if-index** command is entered, the affected LSAs will immediately be reoriginated.

For OSPFv3, the ifIndex number is used for the interface ID in router LSAs, as the LSID in Network and Link LSAs, and also as the interface ID in Hello packets. Intra-Area-Prefix LSAs that reference Network LSAs have the Network LSAs LSID in the Referenced LSID field, so they will also be updated when the **interface-id snmp-if-index** command is entered. The old Network, Link, and Intra-Area-Prefix LSAs that are associated with a Network LSA will be flushed.

For both OSPFv2 and OSPFv3, adjacencies are not flapped, except for affected OSPFv3 demand circuits (including virtual links) with full adjacencies.

For both OSPFv2 and OSPFv3, if an interface does not have an SNMP ifIndex number and an interface ID is needed (for OSPFv2 this applies only to unnumbered interfaces and sham links), an error message will be generated and the interface will be disabled. The interface will be reenabled if the **no interface-id snmp-if-index** command is entered.

How to Configure SNMP ifIndex Value for Interface ID in Data Fields

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Configuring OSPF interfaces to use SNMP MIB-II ifIndex Numbers

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. Do one of the following:
 - **router ospf** *process-id* [**vrf** *vpn-name*]
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 - **ipv6 router ospf** *process-id*
4. **interface-id snmp-if-index**
5. **end**
6. **show snmp mib ifmib ifindex** [*type number*] [**detail**][**free-list**]

DETAILED STEPS

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

Command or Action	Purpose
<p>Step 3 Do one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>router ospf process-id [vrf vpn-name]</code> • <code>ipv6 router ospf process-id</code> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config)# router ospf 4</pre> <p>Example:</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config)# ipv6 router ospf 4</pre>	<p>Configures an OSPFv2 routing process and enters router configuration mode.</p> <p>Configures an OSPFv3 routing process and enters router configuration mode.</p> <p>Note If you configure an OSPFv3 routing process, that uses IPv6, you must have already enabled IPv6.</p>
<p>Step 4 <code>interface-id snmp-if-index</code></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config-router)# interface-id snmp-if-index</pre>	<p>Configures OSPF interfaces with the SNMP interface index identification numbers (ifIndex values).</p>
<p>Step 5 <code>end</code></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config-router)# end</pre>	<p>Returns to privileged EXEC mode.</p> <p>Repeat this task for each OSPF process for which you want the interfaces to use the SNMP MIB-II ifIndex numbers.</p>
<p>Step 6 <code>show snmp mib ifmib ifindex [type number] [detail][free-list]</code></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router# show snmp mib ifmib ifindex GigabitEthernet0/0/0</pre>	<p>Displays SNMP interface index identification numbers (ifIndex values) for all the system interfaces or the specified system interface.</p>

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Example Configuring SNMP ifIndex Value for Interface ID for OSPFv2

The following example configures the OSPF interfaces to use the SNMP ifIndex values for the interface IDs. The **show snmp mib ifmib ifindex** command confirms that the SNMP MIB-II ifIndex values are used for the interface ID values in the OSPFv2 data fields.

```
Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# router ospf 1
Router(config-router)# interface-id snmp-if-index
Router(config-router)# ^Z
Router# show ip ospf 1 1 data router self
OSPF Router with ID (172.16.0.1) (Process ID 1)
Router Link States (Area 1)
LS age: 6
Options: (No TOS-capability, DC)
LS Type: Router Links
Link State ID: 172.16.0.1
Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
LS Seq Number: 80000007
Checksum: 0x63AF
Length: 48
Area Border Router
Number of Links: 2
Link connected to: another Router (point-to-point)
(Link ID) Neighboring Router ID: 172.17.0.1
(Link Data) Router Interface address: 0.0.0.53
Number of TOS metrics: 0
TOS 0 Metrics: 64
Link connected to: a Stub Network
(Link ID) Network/subnet number: 192.168.0.11
(Link Data) Network Mask: 255.255.255.255
Number of TOS metrics: 0
TOS 0 Metrics: 1
Router# show snmp mib ifmib ifindex serial 13/0

Serial13/0: Ifindex = 53
```

Example Configuring SNMP ifIndex Value for Interface ID for OSPFv3

The following example configures the OSPFv3 interfaces to use the SNMP ifIndex values for the interface IDs:

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Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# ipv6 router ospf 1
Router(config-router)# interface-id snmp-if-index
```

The output from the **show snmp mib ifmib ifindex** command confirms that the SNMP MIB-II ifIndex values are being used for the interface ID values in the OSPFv2 data fields:

```
Router# show snmp mib ifmib ifindex GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
0/0/0: Ifindex = 5
Router# show ipv6 ospf interface
OSPF_VL0 is up, line protocol is up
Interface ID 71
Area 0, Process ID 1, Instance ID 0, Router ID 172.16.0.1
Network Type VIRTUAL_LINK, Cost: 10
Configured as demand circuit.
Run as demand circuit.
DoNotAge LSA allowed.
Transmit Delay is 1 sec, State POINT_TO_POINT,
Timer intervals configured, Hello 10, Dead 40, Wait 40, Retransmit 5
Hello due in 00:00:02
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Index 1/2/3, flood queue length 0
Next 0x0(0)/0x0(0)/0x0(0)
Last flood scan length is 1, maximum is 1
Last flood scan time is 0 msec, maximum is 0 msec
Neighbor Count is 1, Adjacent neighbor count is 1
  Adjacent with neighbor 10.0.0.1 (Hello suppressed)
Suppress hello for 1 neighbor(s)
GigabitEthernet is up, line protocol is up
Link Local Address FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:6F02, Interface ID 10
Area 0, Process ID 1, Instance ID 0, Router ID 172.16.0.1
Network Type BROADCAST, Cost: 10
Transmit Delay is 1 sec, State DR, Priority 1
Designated Router (ID) 172.16.0.1, local address FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:6F02
No backup designated router on this network
Timer intervals configured, Hello 10, Dead 40, Wait 40, Retransmit 5
  Hello due in 00:00:06
Index 1/1/2, flood queue length 0
Next 0x0(0)/0x0(0)/0x0(0)
Last flood scan length is 0, maximum is 0
Last flood scan time is 0 msec, maximum is 0 msec
Neighbor Count is 0, Adjacent neighbor count is 0
Suppress hello for 0 neighbor(s)
GigabitEthernet is up, line protocol is up
Link Local Address FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:6F01, Interface ID 6
Area 1, Process ID 1, Instance ID 2, Router ID 172.16.0.1
Network Type BROADCAST, Cost: 10
Transmit Delay is 1 sec, State DR, Priority 1
Designated Router (ID) 172.16.0.1, local address FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:6F01
Backup Designated router (ID) 10.0.0.1, local address FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:6E01
Timer intervals configured, Hello 10, Dead 40, Wait 40, Retransmit 5
  Hello due in 00:00:06
Index 1/1/1, flood queue length 0
Next 0x0(0)/0x0(0)/0x0(0)
Last flood scan length is 1, maximum is 2
Last flood scan time is 0 msec, maximum is 0 msec
Neighbor Count is 1, Adjacent neighbor count is 1
  Adjacent with neighbor 10.0.0.1 (Backup Designated Router)
Suppress hello for 0 neighbor(s)
Router# show ipv6 ospf database network adv-router 172.16.0.1
OSPFv3 Router with ID (172.16.0.1) (Process ID 1)
Net Link States (Area 1)
  LS age: 144
  Options: (V6-Bit E-Bit R-bit DC-Bit)
  LS Type: Network Links
  Link State ID: 6 (Interface ID of Designated Router)
  Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
  LS Seq Number: 80000001
  Checksum: 0x1FC0
  Length: 32
    Attached Router: 172.16.0.1
    Attached Router: 10.0.0.1
Router# show ipv6 ospf database prefix adv-router 172.16.0.1
OSPFv3 Router with ID (172.16.0.1) (Process ID 1)
Intra Area Prefix Link States (Area 0)
Routing Bit Set on this LSA
LS age: 196
LS Type: Intra-Area-Prefix-LSA
Link State ID: 0
Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
LS Seq Number: 80000001
Checksum: 0x6F11
Length: 44
  Referenced LSA Type: 2001
  Referenced Link State ID: 0
  Referenced Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
  Number of Prefixes: 1
  Prefix Address: 2002:0:2::
  Prefix Length: 64, Options: None, Metric: 10
Intra Area Prefix Link States (Area 1)
Routing Bit Set on this LSA
LS age: 161
LS Type: Intra-Area-Prefix-LSA
Link State ID: 0

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Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
LS Seq Number: 80000001
Checksum: 0xB6E7
Length: 52
Referenced LSA Type: 2001
Referenced Link State ID: 0
Referenced Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
Number of Prefixes: 1
Prefix Address: 2002:0:2:0:A8BB:CCFF:FE00:6F02
Prefix Length: 128, Options: LA , Metric: 0
Routing Bit Set on this LSA
LS age: 151
LS Type: Intra-Area-Prefix-LSA
Link State ID: 1006
Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
LS Seq Number: 80000001
Checksum: 0x6E24
Length: 44
Referenced LSA Type: 2002
Referenced Link State ID: 6
Referenced Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
Number of Prefixes: 1
Prefix Address: 2002:0:1::
Prefix Length: 64, Options: None, Metric: 0
Router# show ipv6 ospf database router

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OSPFv3 Router with ID (10.0.0.1) (Process ID 1)
Router Link States (Area 0)
  Routing Bit Set on this LSA
  LS age: 5 (DoNotAge)
  Options: (V6-Bit E-Bit R-bit DC-Bit)
  LS Type: Router Links
  Link State ID: 0
  Advertising Router: 10.0.0.1
  LS Seq Number: 80000004
  Checksum: 0xEE5C
  Length: 40
  Area Border Router
  Number of Links: 1
    Link connected to: a Virtual Link
      Link Metric: 10
      Local Interface ID: 70
      Neighbor Interface ID: 71
      Neighbor Router ID: 172.16.0.1
  LS age: 162
  Options: (V6-Bit E-Bit R-bit DC-Bit)
  LS Type: Router Links
  Link State ID: 0
  Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
  LS Seq Number: 80000004
  Checksum: 0xCE7C
  Length: 40
  Area Border Router
  Number of Links: 1
    Link connected to: a Virtual Link
      Link Metric: 10
      Local Interface ID: 71
      Neighbor Interface ID: 70
      Neighbor Router ID: 10.0.0.1
Router Link States (Area 1)
  Routing Bit Set on this LSA
  LS age: 176
  Options: (V6-Bit E-Bit R-bit DC-Bit)
  LS Type: Router Links
  Link State ID: 0
  Advertising Router: 10.0.0.1
  LS Seq Number: 80000003
  Checksum: 0xC807
  Length: 40
  Area Border Router
  Number of Links: 1
    Link connected to: a Transit Network
  Link Metric: 10

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Local Interface ID: 6
Neighbor (DR) Interface ID: 6
Neighbor (DR) Router ID: 172.16.0.1
LS age: 175
Options: (V6-Bit E-Bit R-bit DC-Bit)
LS Type: Router Links
Link State ID: 0
Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
LS Seq Number: 80000004
Checksum: 0xBD10
Length: 40
Area Border Router
Number of Links: 1
  Link connected to: a Transit Network
Link Metric: 10
Local Interface ID: 6
Neighbor (DR) Interface ID: 6
Neighbor (DR) Router ID: 172.16.0.1
Router# show ipv6 ospf database link adv-router 172.16.0.1
OSPFv3 Router with ID (172.16.0.1) (Process ID 1)
Link (Type-8) Link States (Area 0)
  LS age: 245
  Options: (V6-Bit E-Bit R-bit DC-Bit)
  LS Type: Link-LSA (Interface: GigabitEthernet2/0)
  Link State ID: 10 (Interface ID)
  Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
  LS Seq Number: 80000002
  Checksum: 0xA0CB
  Length: 56
  Router Priority: 1
  Link Local Address: FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:6F02
  Number of Prefixes: 1
  Prefix Address: 2002:0:2::
  Prefix Length: 64, Options: None
Link (Type-8) Link States (Area 1)
  LS age: 250
  Options: (V6-Bit E-Bit R-bit DC-Bit)
  LS Type: Link-LSA (Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0)
  Link State ID: 6 (Interface ID)
  Advertising Router: 172.16.0.1
  LS Seq Number: 80000001
  Checksum: 0x4F94
  Length: 44
  Router Priority: 1
  Link Local Address: FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:6F01
  Number of Prefixes: 0

```

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to the OSPF: SNMP ifIndex Value for Interface ID in OSPFv2 and OSPFv3 Data Fields feature.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Configuring OSPF	<i>Configuring OSPF</i>
OSPF commands	<i>Cisco IOS IP Routing: OSPF Command Reference</i>
Cisco IOS master command list, all releases	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases

Standards

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

MIBs

MIB	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 IOS XE software releases , and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 2328	<i>OSPF Version 2</i>
RFC 2740	<i>OSPF Version 3</i>

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
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Feature Information for OSPF SNMP ifIndex Value for Interface ID

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Table 1 **Feature Information for OSPF: SNMP ifIndex Value for Interface ID in OSPFv2 and OSPFv3 Data Fields**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
OSPF: SNMP ifIndex Value for Interface ID in OSPFv2 and OSPFv3 Data Fields	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.6 Cisco IOS Release 15.1(1)SG Cisco IOS XE Release 3.3SG	This allows you to choose either the current interface number or the SNMP ifIndex value for the interface ID in OSPFv2 and OSPFv3 data fields. The advantage to using the SNMP MIB-II ifIndex value is that this number corresponds to the number that the user will see reported by SNMP. The following command is introduced or modified by the feature documented in this module: interface-id snmp-if-index

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