

Configuring Routing Information Protocol

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Routing Information Protocol (RIP) is a commonly used routing protocol in small to medium TCP/IP networks. It is a stable protocol that uses a distance-vector algorithm to calculate routes.

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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.

Prerequisites for Configuring RIP

Before configuring RIP, the **ip routing** command must be configured. For more information about configuring the **ip routing** command, see the Cisco IOS IP Routing: RIP Command Reference.

Restrictions for Configuring RIP

The metric that RIP uses to rate the value of different routes is *hop count*. The hop count is the number of routers that can be traversed in a route. A directly connected network has a metric of zero; an unreachable



network has a metric of 16. This small range of metrics makes RIP an unsuitable routing protocol for large networks.

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RIP Overview

Routing Information Protocol uses broadcast User Datagram Protocol (UDP) data packets to exchange routing information. Cisco IOS XE software sends routing information updates every 30 seconds, which is termed *advertising*. If a router does not receive an update from another router for 180 seconds or more, it marks the routes served by the nonupdating router as being unusable. If there is still no update after 240 seconds, the router removes all routing table entries for the nonupdating router.

A router that is running RIP can receive a default network via an update from another router that is running RIP, or the router can source (generate) the default network itself with RIP. In both cases, the default network is advertised through RIP to other RIP neighbors.

The Cisco implementation of RIP Version 2 supports plain text and Message Digest 5 (MD5) authentication, route summarization, classless interdomain routing (CIDR), and variable-length subnet masks (VLSMs).

RIP Routing Updates

RIP sends routing-update messages at regular intervals and when the network topology changes. When a router receives a RIP routing update that includes changes to an entry, the router updates its routing table to reflect the new route. The metric value for the path is increased by 1, and the sender is indicated as the next hop. RIP routers maintain only the best route (the route with the lowest metric value) to a destination. After updating its routing table, the router immediately begins transmitting RIP routing updates to inform other network routers of the change. These updates are sent independently of the regularly scheduled updates that RIP routers send.

RIP Routing Metric

RIP uses a single routing metric (hop count) to measure the distance between the source and a destination network. Each hop in a path from source to destination is assigned a hop count value, which is typically 1. When a router receives a routing update that contains a new or changed destination network entry, the router adds 1 to the metric value indicated in the update and enters the network in the routing table. The IP address of the sender is used as the next hop. If the network of an interface network is not specified, it will not be advertised in any RIP update.

RIP Version 2 and Enabling Authentication

The Cisco implementation of RIP Version 2 supports authentication, key management, route summarization, CIDR, and VLSMs. For more information about managing authentication keys see the "Managing Authentication Keys" section of the "Configuring IP Routing Protocol-Independent Feature" module.

By default, the software receives RIP Version 1 and Version 2 packets, but sends only Version 1 packets. You can configure the software to receive and send only Version 1 packets. Alternatively, you can configure the software to receive and send only Version 2 packets. To override the default behavior, you can configure which RIP version an interface sends. Similarly, you can also control how packets received from an interface are processed.

RIP Version 1 does not support authentication. If you are sending and receiving RIP Version 2 packets, you can enable RIP authentication on an interface.

The key chain determines the set of keys that can be used on the interface. If a key chain is not configured, no authentication is performed on that interface, not even the default authentication. Therefore, you must also perform the tasks in the section "Managing Authentication Keys" in the "Configuring IP Routing Protocol-Independent Features" module.

We support two modes of authentication on an interface for which RIP authentication is enabled: plain text authentication and MD5 authentication. The default authentication in every RIP Version 2 packet is plain text authentication.



Do not use plain text authentication in RIP packets for security purposes, because the unencrypted authentication key is sent in every RIP Version 2 packet. Use plain text authentication when security is not an issue, for example, to ensure that misconfigured hosts do not participate in routing.

Exchange of Routing Information

RIP is normally a broadcast protocol, and in order for RIP routing updates to reach nonbroadcast networks, you must configure the Cisco IOS XE software to permit this exchange of routing information.

To control the set of interfaces with which you want to exchange routing updates, you can disable the sending of routing updates on specified interfaces by configuring the **passive-interface** router configuration command. See the discussion on filtering in the "Filter Routing Information" section in the "Configuring IP Routing Protocol-Independent Features" module.

An offset list is the mechanism for increasing incoming and outgoing metrics to routes learned via RIP. Optionally, you can limit the offset list with either an access list or an interface. To increase the value of routing metrics, use the following command in router configuration mode:

Routing protocols use several timers that determine such variables as the frequency of routing updates, the length of time before a route becomes invalid, and other parameters. You can adjust these timers to tune

routing protocol performance to better suit your internetwork needs. You can make the following timer adjustments:

- The rate (time in seconds between updates) at which routing updates are sent
- The interval of time (in seconds) after which a route is declared invalid
- The interval (in seconds) during which routing information regarding better paths is suppressed
- The amount of time (in seconds) that must pass before a route is removed from the routing table
- The amount of time for which routing updates will be postponed

It also is possible to tune the IP routing support in the software to enable faster convergence of the various IP routing algorithms, and, hence, quicker fallback to redundant routers. The total effect is to minimize disruptions to end users of the network in situations where quick recovery is essential

In addition, an address family can have explicitly specified timers that apply to that address-family (or VRF) only. The timers basic command must be specified for an address family or the system defaults for the timers basic command are used regardless of what is configured for RIP routing. The VRF does not inherit the timer values from the base RIP configuration. The VRF will always use the system default timers unless explicitly changed using the timers basic command.

See the "Address Family Timers Example" section at the end of this chapter for examples of adjusting timers for an address family (VRF).

RIP Route Summarization

Summarizing routes in RIP Version 2 improves scalability and efficiency in large networks. Summarizing IP addresses means that there is no entry for child routes (routes that are created for any combination of the individual IP addresses contained within a summary address) in the RIP routing table, reducing the size of the table and allowing the router to handle more routes.

Summary IP address functions more efficiently than multiple individually advertised IP routes for the following reasons:

- The summarized routes in the RIP database are processed first.
- Any associated child routes that are included in a summarized route are skipped as RIP looks through the routing database, reducing the processing time required.

Cisco routers can summarize routes in two ways:

 Automatically, by summarizing subprefixes to the classful network boundary when crossing classful network boundaries (automatic summary).



Automatic summary is enabled by default.

• As specifically configured, advertising a summarized local IP address pool on the specified interface (on a network access server) so that the address pool can be provided to dialup clients.

When RIP determines that a summary address is required in the RIP database, a summary entry is created in the RIP routing database. As long as there are child routes for a summary address, the address remains in the routing database. When the last child route is removed, the summary entry also is removed from the database. This method of handling database entries reduces the number of entries in the database because each child route is not listed in an entry, and the aggregate entry itself is removed when there are no longer any valid child routes for it.

RIP Version 2 route summarization requires that the lowest metric of the "best route" of an aggregated entry, or the lowest metric of all current child routes, be advertised. The best metric for aggregated

summarized routes is calculated at route initialization or when there are metric modifications of specific routes at advertisement time, and not at the time the aggregated routes are advertised.

The **ip summary-address rip router**configuration command causes the router to summarize a given set of routes learned via RIP Version 2 or redistributed into RIP Version 2. Host routes are especially applicable for summarization.

See the "Configuring Route Summarization Examples, page 26" section at the end of this chapter for examples of using split horizon.

You can verify which routes are summarized for an interface using the **show ip protocols** EXEC command. You can check summary address entries in the RIP database. These entries will appear in the database only if relevant child routes are being summarized. To display summary address entries in the RIP routing database entries if there are relevant routes being summarized based upon a summary address, use the **show ip rip database** command in EXEC mode. When the last child route for a summary address becomes invalid, the summary address is also removed from the routing table.

Split Horizon Mechanism

Normally, routers that are connected to broadcast-type IP networks and that use distance-vector routing protocols employ the *split horizon* mechanism to reduce the possibility of routing loops. Split horizon blocks information about routes from being advertised by a router out of any interface from which that information originated. This behavior usually optimizes communications among multiple routers, particularly when links are broken. However, with nonbroadcast networks (such as Frame Relay and Switched Multimegabit Digital System [SMDS]), situations can arise for which this behavior is less than ideal. For these situations, you may want to disable split horizon with RIP.

If an interface is configured with secondary IP addresses and split horizon is enabled, updates might not be sourced by the secondary address. One routing update is sourced per network number unless split horizon is disabled.

Interpacket Delay for RIP Updates

By default, the software adds no delay between packets in a multiple-packet RIP update being sent. If you have a high-end router sending to a low-speed router, you might want to add such interpacket delay to RIP updates, in the range of 8 to 50 milliseconds.

RIP Optimization over WAN Circuits

Routers are used on connection-oriented networks to allow potential connectivity to many remote destinations. Circuits on the WAN are established on demand and are relinquished when the traffic subsides. Depending on the application, the connection between any two sites for user data could be short and relatively infrequent.

Source IP Addresses

By default, the software validates the source IP address of incoming RIP routing updates. If that source address is not valid, the software discards the routing update. You might want to disable this feature if you have a router that is "off network" and you want to receive its updates. However, disabling this feature is not recommended under normal circumstances.

Neighbor Router Authentication

You can prevent your router from receiving fraudulent route updates by configuring neighbor router authentication. When configured, neighbor authentication occurs whenever routing updates are exchanged between neighbor routers. This authentication ensures that a router receives reliable routing information from a trusted source.

Without neighbor authentication, unauthorized or deliberately malicious routing updates could compromise the security of your network traffic. A security compromise could occur if someone diverts or analyzes your network traffic. For example, an unauthorized router could send a fictitious routing update to convince your router to send traffic to an incorrect destination. This diverted traffic could be analyzed to learn confidential information about your organization or merely used to disrupt your organization's ability to effectively communicate using the network. Neighbor authentication prevents any such fraudulent route updates from being received by your router.

When neighbor authentication has been configured on a router, the router authenticates the source of each routing update packet that it receives. This is accomplished by the exchange of an authenticating key (sometimes referred to as a password) that is known to both the sending and the receiving router.

There are two types of neighbor authentication used: plain text authentication and Message Digest Algorithm Version 5 (MD5) authentication. Both forms work in the same way, with the exception that MD5 sends a message digest (also called a "hash") instead of the authenticating key. The message digest is created using the key and a message, but the key itself is not sent, preventing it from being read while it is being transmitted. Plain text authentication sends the authenticating key over the wire.



Plain text authentication is not recommended for use as part of your security strategy. Its primary use is to avoid accidental changes to the routing infrastructure. Using MD5 authentication, however, is a recommended security practice.

In plain text authentication, each participating neighbor router must share an authenticating key. This key is specified at each router during configuration. Multiple keys can be specified with some protocols; each key must then be identified by a key number.

In general, when a routing update is sent, the following authentication sequence occurs:

- 1 A router sends a routing update with a key and the corresponding key number to the neighbor router. In protocols that can have only one key, the key number is always zero. The receiving (neighbor) router checks the received key against the same key stored in its own memory.
- 2 If the two keys match, the receiving router accepts the routing update packet. If the two keys do not match, the routing update packet is rejected.

Another form of neighbor router authentication is to configure key management using key chains. When you configure a key chain, you specify a series of keys with lifetimes, and the Cisco IOS XE software rotates through each of these keys. This process decreases the likelihood that keys will be compromised. To find complete configuration information for key chains, refer to the "Managing Authentication Keys" section in the "Configuring IP Routing Protocol-Independent Features" module of the *Cisco IOS XE IP Routing: Protocol-Independent Configuration Guide* .

IP-RIP Delay Start

The IP-RIP Delay Start feature is used on Cisco routers to delay the initiation of RIPv2 neighbor sessions until the network connectivity between the neighbor routers is fully operational, thereby ensuring that the sequence number of the first MD5 packet that the router sends to the non-Cisco neighbor router is 0. The

default behavior for a router configured to establish RIPv2 neighbor sessions with a neighbor router using MD5 authentication is to start sending MD5 packets when the physical interface is up.

The IP-RIP Delay Start feature is often used when a Cisco router is configured to establish a RIPv2 neighbor relationship using MD5 authentication with a non-Cisco device over a Frame Relay network. When RIPv2 neighbors are connected over Frame Relay, it is possible for the serial interface connected to the Frame Relay network to be up while the underlying Frame Relay circuits are not yet ready to transmit and receive data. When a serial interface is up and the Frame Relay circuits are not yet operational, any MD5 packets that the router attempts to transmit over the serial interface are dropped. When MD5 packets are dropped because the Frame Relay circuits over which the packets need to be transmitted are not yet operational, the sequence number of the first MD5 packet received by the neighbor router after the Frame Relay circuits become active will be greater than 0. Some non-Cisco routers will not allow an MD5-authenticated RIPv2 neighbor session to start when the sequence number of the first MD5 packet received from the other router is greater than 0.

The differences in vendor implementations of MD5 authentication for RIPv2 are probably a result of the ambiguity of the relevant RFC (RFC 2082) with regard to packet loss. RFC 2082 suggests that routers should be ready to accept either a sequence number of 0 or a sequence number higher than the last sequence number received. For more information about MD5 message reception for RIPv2, see section 3.2.2 of RFC 2082 at the following url: http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2082.txt.

The IP-RIP Delay Start feature is supported over other interface types such as Fast Ethernet and Gigabit Ethernet.

The IP-RIP Delay Start feature is required only when your Cisco router is configured to establish a RIPv2 neighbor relationship with a non-Cisco device and you want to use MD5 neighbor authentication.

Cisco routers allow an MD5-authenticated RIPv2 neighbor session to start when the sequence number of the first MD5 packet received from the other router is greater than 0. If you are using only Cisco routers in your network, you do not need to use the IP-RIP Delay Start feature.

Offset-list

An offset list is the mechanism for increasing incoming and outgoing metrics to routes learned via RIP. This is done to provide a local mechanism for increasing the value of routing metrics. Optionally, you can limit the offset list with either an access list or an interface.

Timers

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Enabling RIP and Configuring RIP Parameters

Perform this task to enable RIP and configure the RIP parameters.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. router rip
- 4. network ip-address
- **5. neighbor** *ip-address*
- **6. offset-list** [access-list-number | access-list-name] {**in** | **out**} offset[interface-type interface-number]
- **7. timers basic** *update invalid holddown flush* [sleeptime]
- 8. end

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	router rip	Enables a RIP routing process and enters router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# router rip	
Step 4	network ip-address	Associates a network with a RIP routing process.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# network 10.1.1.0	
Step 5	neighbor ip-address	Defines a neighboring router with which to exchange routing information.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# neighbor 1.1.1.2	
Step 6	<pre>offset-list [access-list-number access-list-name] {in out} offset[interface-type interface-number]</pre>	(Optional) Applies an offset to routing metrics.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# offset-list 98 in 1 Ethernet 1/0	
Step 7	timers basic update invalid holddown flush [sleeptime]	(Optional) Adjusts routing protocol timers.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# timers basic 1 2 3 4	
Step 8	end	Exits router configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# end	

Specifying a RIP Version and Enabling Authentication

Perform this task to specify a RIP version and enable authentication.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. router rip
- 4. version $\{1 \mid 2\}$
- 5. exit
- 6. interface type number
- 7. ip rip send version [1] [2]
- 8. ip rip receive version [1] [2]
- 9. ip rip authentication key-chain name-of-chain
- **10.** ip rip authentication mode {text | md5}
- 11. end

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	router rip	Enters router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# router rip	
Step 4	version $\{1 \mid 2\}$	Configures an interface to send only RIP Version 1 packets.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# version 1	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	exit	Exits the router configuration mode and enters the global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# exit	
Step 6	interface type number	Enters interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/0/0	
Step 7	ip rip send version [1] [2]	Configures an interface to send only RIP Version 1 packets.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# ip rip send version 1	
Step 8	ip rip receive version [1] [2]	Configures an interface to accept only RIP Version 1 packets.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# ip rip receive version 1	
Step 9	ip rip authentication key-chain name-of-chain	Enables RIP authentication.
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	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# ip rip authentication key-chain chainname	
Step 10	ip rip authentication mode {text md5}	Configures the interface to use MD5 digest authentication (or let it default to plain text
	Example:	authentication).
	Router(config-if)# ip rip authentication mode md5	
Step 11		Exits interface configuration mode and returns to
экер 11	Citu	privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# end	
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Summarizing RIP Routes

RIP Version 2 supports automatic route summarization by default. The software summarizes subprefixes to the classful network boundary when classful network boundaries are crossed.

If you have disconnected subnets, disable automatic route summarization to advertise the subnets. When route summarization is disabled, the software sends subnet and host routing information across classful network boundaries. To disable automatic summarization, use the **no auto-summary** command in router configuration mode.



Supernet advertisement (advertising any network prefix less than its classful major network) is not allowed in RIP route summarization, other than advertising a supernet learned in the routing tables. Supernets learned on any interface that is subject to configuration are still learned.

For example, the following supernet summarization is invalid:

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Router(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip summary-address rip 10.0.0.0 252.0.0.0
.
```

Each route summarization on an interface must have a unique major network, even if the subnet mask is unique. For example, the following configuration is not permitted:

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3. interface** *type number*
- 4. ip summary-address rip ip-address network-mask
- 5. exit
- 6. router rip
- 7. no auto-summary
- 8. end

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	interface type number	Enters the interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/0/0	
Step 4	ip summary-address rip ip-address network-mask	Specifies the IP address and network mask that identify the routes to be summarized.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# ip summary-address rip 10.2.0.0 255.255.0.0	
Step 5	exit	Exits the interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# exit	
Step 6	router rip	Enters the router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# router rip	
Step 7	no auto-summary	Used in router configuration mode, disables automatic summarization.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# no auto-summary	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8		Exits router configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# end	

Enabling or Disabling Split Horizon

Perform this task to enable or disable split horizon.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3. interface** *type number*
- 4. ip split-horizon
- 5. no ip split-horizon
- 6. end

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	ip split-horizon	Enables split horizon.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# ip split-horizon	
Step 5	no ip split-horizon	Disables split horizon.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# no ip split-horizon	
Step 6	end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# end	

Disabling the Validation of Source IP Addresses

Perform this task to disable the default function that validates the source IP addresses of incoming routing updates.



Split horizon for Frame Relay and SMDS encapsulation is disabled by default. Split horizon is not disabled by default for interfaces using any of the X.25 encapsulations. For all other encapsulations, split horizon is enabled by default.

In general, changing the state of the default is not recommended unless you are certain that your application requires making a change in order to advertise routes properly. Remember that if split horizon is disabled on a serial interface (and that interface is attached to a packet-switched network), you *must* disable split horizon for all routers in any relevant multicast groups on that network.

Summarized network will not be advertised when split horizon is enabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3. interface** *type number*
- 4. ip split-horizon
- 5. exit
- 6. router rip
- 7. no validate-update-source
- 8. end

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	interface type number	Enters interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# interface serial 0/0/0	
Step 4	ip split-horizon	Enables split horizon.
	Example:	
Step 5	Router(config-if)# ip split-horizon	Exits interface configuration mode.
otop 3	CAIL	Exits interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# exit	
Step 6	router rip	Enters router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# router rip	
Step 7	no validate-update-source	Disables the validation of the source IP address of incoming RIP routing updates.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# no validate-update-source	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	end	Exits router configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# end	

Configuring Interpacket Delay

Perform this task to configure interpacket delay.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3**. **interface** *type number*
- 4. exit
- 5. router rip
- **6. output-delay** *milliseconds*
- **7**. end

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	interface type number	Enters interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	${\tt Router(config)\#\ interface\ gigabitEthernet\ 0/0/0}$	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	exit	Exits interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# exit	
Step 5	router rip	Enters router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# router rip	
Step 6	output-delay milliseconds	Configures interpacket delay for outbound RIP updates.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# output-delay 8	
Step 7	end	Exits router configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
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	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# end	

Optimizing RIP over WAN

There are two problems when RIP is not optimized:

- Periodic broadcasting by RIP generally prevents WAN circuits from being closed.
- Even on fixed, point-to-point links, the overhead of periodic RIP transmissions could seriously
 interrupt normal data transfer because of the quantity of information that passes through the line every
 30 seconds.

To overcome these limitations, triggered extensions to RIP cause RIP to send information on the WAN only when there has been an update to the routing database. Periodic update packets are suppressed over the interface on which this feature is enabled. RIP routing traffic is reduced on point-to-point, serial interfaces. Therefore, you can save money on an on-demand circuit for which you are charged for usage. Triggered extensions to RIP partially support RFC 2091, *Triggered Extensions to RIP to Support Demand Circuits*.

Perform this task to enable triggered extensions to RIP and to display the contents of the RIP private database.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- $\textbf{3. interface pos} \ controller \textit{-number}$
- 4. ip rip triggered
- **5**. **end**
- **6. show ip rip database** [prefix mask]

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	interface pos controller-number	Configures a serial interface.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# interface serial 2/0/0	
Step 4	ip rip triggered	Enables triggered extensions to RIP.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# ip rip triggered	
Step 5	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# end	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	show ip rip database [prefix mask]	Displays the contents of the RIP private database.
	Example:	
	Router# show ip rip database	

Configuring IP-RIP Delay Start for Routers Connected by a Frame Relay Network

The tasks in this section explain how to configure a router to use the IP-RIP Delay Start feature on a Frame Relay interface:

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Prerequisites

Your router must be running Cisco IOS XE Release 2.6.

Configuring RIPv2

Perform this required task to configure RIPv2 on the router.



Note

This task provides instructions for only one of the many possible permutations for configuring RIPv2 on your router.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. router rip
- **4. network** *ip-network*
- 5. version $\{1 | 2\}$
- 6. [no] auto-summary

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	router rip	Enables a RIP routing process, which places you in router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# router rip	
Step 4	network ip-network	Associates a network with a RIP routing process.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# network 192.168.0.0	
Step 5	version $\{1 \mid 2\}$	Configures the software to receive and send only RIP Version 1 or only RIP Version 2 packets.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# version 2	
Step 6	[no] auto-summary	Disables or restores the default behavior of automatic summarization of subnet routes into network-level routes.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router)# no auto-summary	

Configuring Frame Relay on a Serial Subinterface

Perform this required task to configure a serial subinterface for Frame Relay.



Note

This task provides instructions for only one of the many possible permutations for configuring Frame Relay on a subinterface. For more information about and instructions for configuring Frame Relay, see the Configuring Frame Relay part of the *Cisco IOS XE Wide-Area Networking Configuration Guide* .

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. interface type slot/sublslot/port
- 4. no ip address
- 5. encapsulation frame-relay [mfr number | ietf]
- 6. frame-relay lmi-type $\{cisco \mid ansi \mid q933a\}$
- 7. exit
- **8.** interface type slot/subslot/port {point-to-point | multipoint}
- 9. frame-relay interface-dlci dlci [ietf | cisco]

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	interface type slot/sublslot/port	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
	Formula	
	Example:	
	Router (config)# interface serial 2/0/0	
Step 4	no ip address	Removes a previously configured IP address from the interface.
	Example:	
	Router (config-if)# no ip address	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	encapsulation frame-relay [mfr number ietf]	Specifies the type of Frame Relay encapsulation for the interface.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# encapsulation frame-relay ietf	
Step 6	frame-relay lmi-type {cisco ansi q933a}	Specifies the type of Frame Relay local management interface (LMI) for the interface.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# frame-relay lmi-type ansi	
Step 7	exit	Exits interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# exit	
Step 8	<pre>interface type slot/subslot/port {point-to-point multipoint}</pre>	Specifies a subinterface and the connection type for the subinterface and enters subinterface configuration mode.
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Router(config)# interface serial 2/0/0 point-to-point	
Step 9	frame-relay interface-dlci dlci [ietf cisco]	Assigns a data-link connection identifier (DLCI) to a Frame Relay subinterface.
	Example:	
	Router(config-subif)# frame-relay interface-dlci 100 ietf	

Configuring IP with MD5 Authentication for RIPv2 and IP-RIP Delay on a Frame Relay Subinterface

Perform this required task to configure IP, MD5 authentication for RIPv2, and the IP-RIP Delay Start feature on a Frame Relay subinterface.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. key chain name-of-chain
- 4. key number
- **5. key-string** *string*
- 6. exit
- 7. exit
- **8.** interface type slot/subslot/port
- 9. no cdp enable
- **10.ip address** *ip-address subnet-mask*
- 11.ip rip authentication mode {text | md5}
- 12. ip rip authentication key-chain name-of-chain
- 13. ip rip initial-delay delay
- 14. end

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	key chain name-of-chain	Specifies the name of a key chain and enters key chain
		configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# key chain rip-md5	
Step 4	key number	Specifies the key identifier and enters key chain key
		configuration mode. Range: 0 to 2147483647.
	Example:	
	Router(config-keychain)# key 123456	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	key-string string	Configures the key string.
	Example:	
	Router(config-keychain-key)# key-string abcde	
Step 6	exit	Exits key chain key configuration mode.
	Example:	
	•	
04 7	Router(config-keychain-key)# exit	
Step 7	exit	Exits key chain configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-keychain)# exit	
Step 8	interface type slot /subslot /port	Specifies an interface and enters the subinterface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# interface serial 2/0/0	
Step 9	no cdp enable	Disables Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP) options on the interface.
	Example:	Note CDP is not supported by non-Cisco devices, and the
	Router(config-subif)# no cdp enable	IP-RIP Delay Start feature is required only when you are connecting to a non-Cisco router. Therefore, you should disable CDP on any interfaces on which you want to configure the IP-RIP Delay Start feature.
Step 10	ip address ip-address subnet-mask	Configures an IP address for the Frame Relay subinterface.
	Example:	
	Router (config-subif)# ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0	
Step 11	ip rip authentication mode {text md5}	Specifies the mode for RIPv2 authentication.
	Example:	
	Router(config-subif)# ip rip authentication mode md5	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 12	ip rip authentication key-chain name-of-chain	Specifies a previously configured key chain for RIPv2 MD5 authentication.
	Example:	
	Router (config-subif)# ip rip authentication key-chain rip-md5	
Step 13	ip rip initial-delay delay Example:	Configures the IP-RIP Delay Start feature on the interface. The router will delay sending the first MD5 authentication packet to the RIPv2 neighbor for the number of seconds specified by the <i>delay</i> argument. Range: 0 to 1800.
	Router(config-subif)# ip rip initial-delay 45	
Step 14	end	Exits the subinterface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-subif)# end	

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Configuring Route Summarization Examples

This section provides a correct and an incorrect example of configuring route summarization.

Example 1: Correct Configuration

The following example shows how the **ip summary-address rip** router configuration command works with automatic summary addressing in RIP, starting in global configuration mode. In the example, the major network is 10.0.0.0. The summary address 10.2.0.0 overrides the automatic summary address of 10.0.0.0, so that 10.2.0.0 is advertised out Ethernet interface 1 and 10.0.0.0 is not advertised.



If split horizon is enabled, neither automatic summary addresses nor interface summary addresses (those configured with the **ip summary-address rip** interface configuration command) are advertised.

```
Router(config)# router rip
Router(config-router)# network 10.0.0.0
Router(config-router)# exit
```

```
Router(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.0

Router(config-if)# ip summary-address rip 10.2.0.0 255.255.0.0
Router(config-if)# no ip split-horizon
Router(config-if)# end
```

Example 2: Incorrect Configuration

The following example shows an illegal use of the **ip summary-address rip** interface configuration command, because both addresses to be summarized have the same major network. Each route summarization on an interface must have a unique major network, whether or not the addresses have unique address masks.

```
Router(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip summary-address rip 10.1.0.0 255.255.0.0
Router(config-if)# ip summary-address rip 10.2.2.0 255.255.255.0
.
.
```

Configuring Split Horizon Examples

This section provides two examples of configuring split horizon.

Example 1

The following configuration shows a simple example of disabling split horizon on a serial link. In this example, the serial link is connected to an X.25 network.

```
Router(config)# interface Serial 0/0/0
Router(config-if)# no ip split-horizon
```

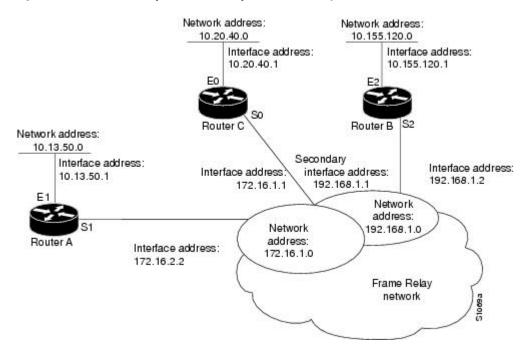
Example 2

In the next example, the figure below illustrates a typical situation in which the **no ip split-horizon** interface configuration command would be useful. This figure depicts two IP subnets that are both accessible via a serial interface on Router C (connected to a Frame Relay network). In this example, the serial interface on Router C accommodates one of the subnets via the assignment of a secondary IP address.

The Gigabit Ethernet interfaces for Router A, Router B, and Router C (connected to IP networks 10.13.50.0, 10.155.120.0, and 10.20.40.0, respectively all have split horizon enabled by default, while the

serial interfaces connected to networks 172.16.1.0 and 192.168.1.0 all have split horizon disabled with the **no ip split-horizon** command. The figure below shows the topology and interfaces.

Figure 1 Disabled Split Horizon Example for Frame Relay Network



In this example, split horizon is disabled on all serial interfaces. Split horizon must be disabled on Router C in order for network 172.16.0.0 to be advertised into network 192.168.0.0 and vice versa. These subnets overlap at Router C, interface S0. If split horizon were enabled on serial interface S0, it would not advertise a route back into the Frame Relay network for either of these networks.

Configuration for Router A

```
interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0
  ip address 10.13.50.1
!
interface serial 0/0/0
  ip address 172.16.2.2
  encapsulation frame-relay
  no ip split-horizon
```

Configuration for Router B

```
interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0
  ip address 10.155.120.1
!
interface serial 0/0/0
  ip address 192.168.1.2
  encapsulation frame-relay
  no ip split-horizon
```

Configuration for Router C

```
interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0
ip address 10.20.40.1
```

```
! interface serial serial 0/0/0 ip address 172.16.1.1 ip address 192.168.1.1 secondary encapsulation frame-relay no ip split-horizon
```

Configuring Address Family Timers Example

The following example shows how to adjust individual address family timers. Note that the address family "notusing timers" will use the system defaults of 30, 180, 180, and 240 even though timer values of 5, 10, 15, and 20 are used under the general RIP configuration. Address family timers are not inherited from the general RIP configuration.

```
Router(config)# router rip
Router(config-router)# version 2
Router(config-router)# timers basic 5 10 15 20
Router(config-router)# redistribute connected
Router(config-router)# network 5.0.0.0
Router(config-router)# default-metric 10
Router(config-router)# no auto-summary
Router(config-router)#
Router(config-router)# address-family ipv4 vrf abc
Router(config-router-af)# timers basic 10 20 20 20
Router(config-router-af)# redistribute connected
Router(config-router-af)# network 10.0.0.0
Router(config-router-af)# default-metric 5
Router(config-router-af)# no auto-summary
Router(config-router-af)# version 2
Router(config-router-af)# exit-address-family
Router(config-router)#
Router(config-router)# address-family ipv4 vrf xyz
Router(config-router-af)# timers basic 20 40 60 80
Router(config-router-af)# redistribute connected
Router(config-router-af)# network 20.0.0.0
Router(config-router-af)# default-metric 2
Router(config-router-af)# no auto-summary
Router(config-router-af)# version 2
Router(config-router-af)# exit-address-family
Router(config-router)#
Router(config-router)# address-family ipv4 vrf notusingtimers
Router(config-router-af)# redistribute connected
Router(config-router-af)# network 20.0.0.0
Router(config-router-af)# default-metric 2
Router(config-router-af)# no auto-summary
Router(config-router-af)# version 2
Router(config-router-af)# exit-address-family
Router(config-router)#
```

Configuring IP-RIP Delay Start on a Frame Relay Interface Examples

The following example shows the minimum commands required to configure the IP-RIP Delay Start feature on your router:

```
!
key chain rip-md5
key 123456
key-string abcde
!
router rip
version 2
network 172.16.0.0
no auto-summary
!
interface Serial 0/0/0
no ip address
```

```
encapsulation frame-relay ietf frame-relay lmi-type ansi!
interface Serial 2/0/0 point-to-point ip address 172.16.10.1 255.255.255.0 ip rip initial-delay 45 ip rip authentication mode md5 ip rip authentication key-chain rip-md5 frame-relay interface-dlci 100
```

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to configuring Routing Information Protocol.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Protocol-independent features, filtering RIP information, key management (available in RIP Version 2), and VLSM	Configuring IP Routing Protocol-Independent Features
RIP commands: complete command syntax, command mode, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	Cisco IOS IP Routing: RIP Command Reference
Configuring Frame Relay	"Configuring Frame Relay"

Standards

Standard	Title
None	

MIBs

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

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 1058	Routing Information Protocol
RFC 2082	RIP-2 MD5 Authentication

RFC	Title
RFC 2091	Triggered Extensions to RIP to Support Demand Circuits
RFC 2453	RIP version 2

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies.	http://www.cisco.com/techsupport
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Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	

Feature Information for Configuring RIP

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 1
 Feature Information for Configuring Routing Information Protocol

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
IP-RIP Delay Start	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.6	The IP-RIP Delay Start feature is used on Cisco routers to delay the initiation of RIPv2 neighbor sessions until the network connectivity between the neighbor routers is fully operational, thereby ensuring that the sequence number of the first MD5 packet that the router sends to the non-Cisco neighbor router is 0. The default behavior for a router configured to establish RIPv2 neighbor sessions with a neighbor router using MD5 authentication is to start sending MD5 packets when the physical interface is up.
		The following commands were introduced or modified: ip rip initial-delay .
IP Summary Address for RIPv2	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	The IP Summary Adddress for RIPv2 feature introduced the ability to summarize routes. Summarizing routes in RIP Version 2 improves scalability and efficiency in large networks. Summarizing IP addresses means that there is no entry for child routes (routes that are created for any combination of the individual IP addresses contained within a summary address) in the RIP routing table, reducing the size of the table and allowing the router to handle more routes.
		The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: ip summary-address rip .

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Routing Information Protocol	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	Routing Information Protocol (RIP) is a commonly used routing protocol in small to medium TCP/IP networks. It is a stable protocol that uses a distance-vector algorithm to calculate routes.
Triggered RIP	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	Triggered RIP was introduced to overcome constant RIP updates over expensive circuit-based WAN links. Triggered extensions to RIP cause RIP to send information on the WAN only when there has been an update to the routing database. Periodic update packets are suppressed over the interface on which this feature is enabled. RIP routing traffic is reduced on point-to-point, serial interfaces.
		The following commands were introduced or modified: ip rip triggered , show ip rip database .

Glossary

address family --A group of network protocols that share a common format of network address. Address families are defined by RFC 1700.

IS-IS --Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System. An OSI link-state hierarchical routing protocol based on DECnet Phase V routing, where routers exchange routing information based on a single metric to determine network topology.

RIP --Routing Information Protocol. RIP is a dynamic routing protocol used in local and wide-area networks.

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 PE router.

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