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Configuring MPLS Layer 3 VPNs

A Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Virtual Private Network (VPN) consists of a set of sites that are interconnected by means of an MPLS provider core network. At each customer site, one or more customer edge (CE) routers attach to one or more provider edge (PE) routers. This module explains how to create an MPLS VPN.

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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 MPLS Layer 3 VPNs

Before configuring MPLS Layer 3 VPNs, you should have MPLS, Label Distribution Protocol (LDP), and Cisco Express Forwarding installed in your network. All routers in the core, including the PE routers, must be able to support Cisco Express Forwarding and MPLS forwarding. See the Assessing the Needs of MPLS VPN Customers, page 9 for more information.

Cisco Express Forwarding must be enabled all routers in the core, including the PE routers. For information about how to determine if Cisco Express Forwarding is enabled, see Configuring Basic Cisco Express Forwarding--Improving Performance, Scalability, and Resiliency in Dynamic Network .

Restrictions for MPLS Layer 3 VPNs

When configuring static routes in an MPLS or MPLS VPN environment, some variations of the **ip route** and **ip route vrf** commands are not supported. These variations of the commands are not supported in Cisco IOS releases that support the Tag Forwarding Information Base (TFIB), specifically Cisco IOS Releases 12.xT, 12.xM, and 12.0S. The TFIB cannot resolve prefixes when the recursive route over which the prefixes travel disappears and then reappears. However, the command variations are supported in Cisco IOS releases that support the MPLS Forwarding Infrastructure (MFI), specifically Cisco IOS Release 12.2(25)S and later. Use the following guidelines when configuring static routes.

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS Environment

The following **ip route** command is supported when you configure static routes in MPLS environment:

ip route *destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and configure load sharing with static nonrecursive routes and a specific outbound interface:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface1 next-hop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface2 next-hop2**

Unsupported Static Routes in an MPLS Environment that Uses the TFIB

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment:

ip route *destination-prefix mask next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and enable load sharing where the next hop can be reached through two paths:

ip route *destination-prefix mask next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and enable load sharing where the destination can be reached through two next hops:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop2**

Use the *interface* an *next-hop* arguments when specifying static routes.

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment

The following **ip route vrf** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop and interface are in the same VRF:

- ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop-address*
  ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address*
  ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **interface1 next-hop1**
  ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **interface2 next-hop2**

The following **ip route vrf** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud in the global routing table. For example, these commands are supported when the next hop is pointing to the Internet Gateway.

- ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop-address* **global**

- **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address* (This command is supported when the next hop and interface are in the core.)

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment and enable load sharing with static nonrecursive routes and a specific outbound interfaces:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface1 next-hop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface2 next-hop2**

Unsupported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment that Uses the TFIB

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud within the core, and you enable load sharing where the next hop can be reached through two paths:

ip route vrf *destination-prefix mask next-hop-address* **global**

The following **ip route** commands are not supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud within the core, and you enable load sharing where the destination can be reached through two next hops:

ip route vrf *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop1 global**

ip route vrf *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop2 global**

The following **ip route vrf** commands are not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop and interface are in the same VRF:

ip route vrf *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **next-hop1** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **next-hop1**

ip route vrf *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **next-hop2**

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment Where the Next Hop Resides in the Global Table on the CE Router

The following **ip route vrf** command is supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop is in the global table on the CE side. For example, the following command is supported when the destination-prefix is the CE router's loopback address, as in EBGP multihop cases.

ip route vrf *vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table on the CE side, and you enable load sharing with static non-recursive routes and a specific outbound interfaces:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface1 nexthop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface2 nexthop2**

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MPLS VPN Definition

Before defining an MPLS VPN, you need to define a VPN in general. A VPN is:

- An IP-based network delivering private network services over a public infrastructure
- A set of sites that are allowed to communicate with each other privately over the Internet or other public or private networks

Conventional VPNs are created by configuring a full mesh of tunnels or permanent virtual circuits (PVCs) to all sites in a VPN. This type of VPN is not easy to maintain or expand, because adding a new site requires changing each edge device in the VPN.

MPLS-based VPNs are created in Layer 3 and are based on the peer model. The peer model enables the service provider and the customer to exchange Layer 3 routing information. The service provider relays the data between the customer sites without the customer's involvement.

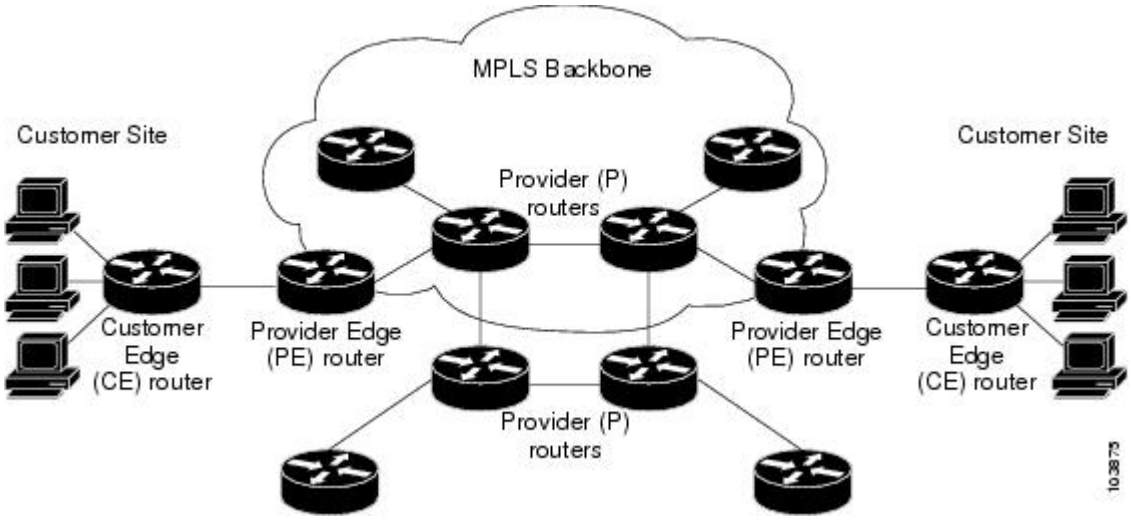
MPLS VPNs are easier to manage and expand than conventional VPNs. When a new site is added to an MPLS VPN, only the service provider’s edge router that provides services to the customer site needs to be updated.

The different parts of the MPLS VPN are described as follows:

- Provider (P) router--Router in the core of the provider network. P routers run MPLS switching, and do not attach VPN labels (MPLS label in each route assigned by the PE router) to routed packets. VPN labels are used to direct data packets to the correct egress router.
- PE router--Router that attaches the VPN label to incoming packets based on the interface or subinterface on which they are received. A PE router attaches directly to a CE router.
- Customer (C) router--Router in the ISP or enterprise network.
- Customer edge router--Edge router on the network of the ISP that connects to the PE router on the network. A CE router must interface with a PE router.

The figure below shows a basic MPLS VPN.

Figure 1 Basic MPLS VPN Terminology



How an MPLS VPN Works

MPLS VPN functionality is enabled at the edge of an MPLS network. The PE router performs the following:

- Exchanges routing updates with the CE router
- Translates the CE routing information into VPNv4 routes
- Exchanges VPNv4 routes with other PE routers through the Multiprotocol Border Gateway Protocol (MP-BGP)

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How Virtual Routing and Forwarding Tables Work in an MPLS VPN

Each VPN is associated with one or more virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instances. A VRF defines the VPN membership of a customer site attached to a PE router. A VRF consists of the following components:

- An IP routing table
- A derived Cisco Express Forwarding table
- A set of interfaces that use the forwarding table
- A set of rules and routing protocol parameters that control the information that is included in the routing table

A one-to-one relationship does not necessarily exist between customer sites and VPNs. A site can be a member of multiple VPNs. However, a site can associate with only one VRF. A site's VRF contains all the routes available to the site from the VPNs of which it is a member.

Packet forwarding information is stored in the IP routing table and the Cisco Express Forwarding table for each VRF. A separate set of routing and Cisco Express Forwarding tables is maintained for each VRF. These tables prevent information from being forwarded outside a VPN, and also prevent packets that are outside a VPN from being forwarded to a router within the VPN.

How VPN Routing Information Is Distributed in an MPLS VPN

The distribution of VPN routing information is controlled through the use of VPN route target communities, implemented by BGP extended communities. VPN routing information is distributed as follows:

- When a VPN route that is learned from a CE router is injected into BGP, a list of VPN route target extended community attributes is associated with it. Typically the list of route target community extended values is set from an export list of route targets associated with the VRF from which the route was learned.
- An import list of route target extended communities is associated with each VRF. The import list defines route target extended community attributes that a route must have in order for the route to be imported into the VRF. For example, if the import list for a particular VRF includes route target extended communities A, B, and C, then any VPN route that carries any of those route target extended communities--A, B, *or* C--is imported into the VRF.

BGP Distribution of VPN Routing Information

A PE router can learn an IP prefix from the following sources:

- A CE router by static configuration
- A BGP session with the CE router
- A Routing Information Protocol (RIP) exchange with the CE router

The IP prefix is a member of the IPv4 address family. After the PE router learns the IP prefix, the PE converts it into a VPN-IPv4 prefix by combining it with an 8-byte route distinguisher (RD). The generated prefix is a member of the VPN-IPv4 address family. It uniquely identifies the customer address, even if the customer site is using globally nonunique (unregistered private) IP addresses. The route distinguisher used to generate the VPN-IPv4 prefix is specified by a configuration command associated with the VRF on the PE router.

BGP distributes reachability information for VPN-IPv4 prefixes for each VPN. BGP communication takes place at two levels:

- Within IP domains, known as an autonomous system (interior BGP [IBGP])
- Between autonomous systems (external BGP [EBGP])

PE-PE or PE-RR (route reflector) sessions are IBGP sessions, and PE-CE sessions are EBGP sessions. In an EIGRP PE-CE environment, when an EIGRP internal route is redistributed into BGP by one PE, then back into EIGRP by another PE, the originating router-id for the route is set to the router-id of the second PE, replacing the original internal router-id.

BGP propagates reachability information for VPN-IPv4 prefixes among PE routers by means of the BGP multiprotocol extensions (refer to RFC 2283, *Multiprotocol Extensions for BGP-4*), which define support for address families other than IPv4. Using the extensions ensures that the routes for a given VPN are learned only by other members of that VPN, enabling members of the VPN to communicate with each other.

MPLS Forwarding

Based on routing information stored in the VRF IP routing table and VRF Cisco Express Forwarding table, packets are forwarded to their destination using MPLS.

A PE router binds a label to each customer prefix learned from a CE router and includes the label in the network reachability information for the prefix that it advertises to other PE routers. When a PE router forwards a packet received from a CE router across the provider network, it labels the packet with the label learned from the destination PE router. When the destination PE router receives the labeled packet, it pops the label and uses it to direct the packet to the correct CE router. Label forwarding across the provider backbone is based on either dynamic label switching or traffic engineered paths. A customer data packet carries two levels of labels when traversing the backbone:

- The top label directs the packet to the correct PE router.
- The second label indicates how that PE router should forward the packet to the CE router.

Major Components of MPLS VPNs

An MPLS-based VPN network has three major components:

- VPN route target communities--A VPN route target community is a list of all members of a VPN community. VPN route targets need to be configured for each VPN community member.

- Multiprotocol BGP (MP-BGP) peering of VPN community PE routers--MP-BGP propagates VRF reachability information to all members of a VPN community. MP-BGP peering needs to be configured in all PE routers within a VPN community.
- MPLS forwarding--MPLS transports all traffic between all VPN community members across a VPN service-provider network.

A one-to-one relationship does not necessarily exist between customer sites and VPNs. A given site can be a member of multiple VPNs. However, a site can associate with only one VRF. A customer-site VRF contains all the routes available to the site from the VPNs of which it is a member.

Benefits of an MPLS VPN

MPLS VPNs allow service providers to deploy scalable VPNs and build the foundation to deliver value-added services, such as the following:

Connectionless Service

A significant technical advantage of MPLS VPNs is that they are connectionless. The Internet owes its success to its basic technology, TCP/IP. TCP/IP is built on packet-based, connectionless network paradigm. This means that no prior action is necessary to establish communication between hosts, making it easy for two parties to communicate. To establish privacy in a connectionless IP environment, current VPN solutions impose a connection-oriented, point-to-point overlay on the network. Even if it runs over a connectionless network, a VPN cannot take advantage of the ease of connectivity and multiple services available in connectionless networks. When you create a connectionless VPN, you do not need tunnels and encryption for network privacy, thus eliminating significant complexity.

Centralized Service

Building VPNs in Layer 3 allows delivery of targeted services to a group of users represented by a VPN. A VPN must give service providers more than a mechanism for privately connecting users to intranet services. It must also provide a way to flexibly deliver value-added services to targeted customers. Scalability is critical, because customers want to use services privately in their intranets and extranets. Because MPLS VPNs are seen as private intranets, you may use new IP services such as:

- Multicast
- Quality of service (QoS)
- Telephony support within a VPN
- Centralized services including content and web hosting to a VPN

You can customize several combinations of specialized services for individual customers. For example, a service that combines IP multicast with a low-latency service class enables video conferencing within an intranet.

Scalability

If you create a VPN using connection-oriented, point-to-point overlays, Frame Relay, or ATM virtual connections (VCs), the VPN's key deficiency is scalability. Specifically, connection-oriented VPNs without fully meshed connections between customer sites are not optimal. MPLS-based VPNs instead use the peer model and Layer 3 connectionless architecture to leverage a highly scalable VPN solution. The peer model requires a customer site to peer with only one PE router as opposed to all other customer edge (CE) routers that are members of the VPN. The connectionless architecture allows the creation of VPNs in Layer 3, eliminating the need for tunnels or VCs.

Other scalability issues of MPLS VPNs are due to the partitioning of VPN routes between PE routers and the further partitioning of VPN and IGP routes between PE routers and provider (P) routers in a core network.

- PE routers must maintain VPN routes for those VPNs who are members.
- P routers do not maintain any VPN routes.

This increases the scalability of the provider's core and ensures that no one device is a scalability bottleneck.

Security

MPLS VPNs offer the same level of security as connection-oriented VPNs. Packets from one VPN do not inadvertently go to another VPN.

Security is provided in the following areas:

- At the edge of a provider network, ensuring packets received from a customer are placed on the correct VPN.
- At the backbone, VPN traffic is kept separate. Malicious spoofing (an attempt to gain access to a PE router) is nearly impossible because the packets received from customers are IP packets. These IP packets must be received on a particular interface or subinterface to be uniquely identified with a VPN label.

Easy to Create

To take full advantage of VPNs, customers must be able to easily create new VPNs and user communities. Because MPLS VPNs are connectionless, no specific point-to-point connection maps or topologies are required. You can add sites to intranets and extranets and form closed user groups. Managing VPNs in this manner enables membership of any given site in multiple VPNs, maximizing flexibility in building intranets and extranets.

Flexible Addressing

To make a VPN service more accessible, customers of a service provider can design their own addressing plan, independent of addressing plans for other service provider customers. Many customers use private address spaces, as defined in RFC 1918, and do not want to invest the time and expense of converting to public IP addresses to enable intranet connectivity. MPLS VPNs allow customers to continue to use their present address spaces without network address translation (NAT) by providing a public and private view of the address. A NAT is required only if two VPNs with overlapping address spaces want to communicate. This enables customers to use their own unregistered private addresses, and communicate freely across a public IP network.

Integrated Quality of Service (QoS) Support

QoS is an important requirement for many IP VPN customers. It provides the ability to address two fundamental VPN requirements:

- Predictable performance and policy implementation
- Support for multiple levels of service in an MPLS VPN

Network traffic is classified and labeled at the edge of the network before traffic is aggregated according to policies defined by subscribers and implemented by the provider and transported across the provider core. Traffic at the edge and core of the network can then be differentiated into different classes by drop probability or delay.

Straightforward Migration

For service providers to quickly deploy VPN services, use a straightforward migration path. MPLS VPNs are unique because you can build them over multiple network architectures, including IP, ATM, Frame Relay, and hybrid networks.

Migration for the end customer is simplified because there is no requirement to support MPLS on the CE router and no modifications are required to a customer's intranet.

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Configuring the Core Network

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Assessing the Needs of MPLS VPN Customers

Before you configure an MPLS VPN, you need to identify the core network topology so that it can best serve MPLS VPN customers. Perform this task to identify the core network topology.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. Identify the size of the network.
2. Identify the routing protocols in the core.
3. Determine if you need MPLS VPN High Availability support.
4. Determine if you need BGP load sharing and redundant paths in the MPLS VPN core.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	Identify the size of the network.	Identify the following to determine the number of routers and ports you need: • How many customers do you need to support? • How many VPNs are needed per customer? • How many virtual routing and forwarding instances are there for each VPN?
Step 2	Identify the routing protocols in the core.	Determine which routing protocols you need in the core network.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	Determine if you need MPLS VPN High Availability support.	MPLS VPN Nonstop Forwarding and Graceful Restart are supported on select routers and Cisco software releases. Contact Cisco Support for the exact requirements and hardware support.
Step 4	Determine if you need BGP load sharing and redundant paths in the MPLS VPN core.	See *Load Sharing MPLS VPN Traffic* for configuration steps.

Configuring Routing Protocols in the Core

To configure a routing protocol, such as BGP, OSPF, IS-IS, EIGRP,and static, see the following documents:

- Configuring BGP
- Configuring OSPF
- Configuring IS-IS
- Configuring ERGRP
- Configuring static routes

Configuring MPLS in the Core

To enable MPLS on all routers in the core, you must configure a label distribution protocol. You can use either of the following as a label distribution protocol:

- MPLS Label Distribution Protocol (LDP). For configuration information, see the MPLS Label Distribution Protocol (LDP).
- MPLS Traffic Engineering Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP). For configuration information, see MPLS Traffic Engineering and Enhancements.

Configuring Multiprotocol BGP on the PE Routers and Route Reflectors

Perform this task to configure multiprotocol BGP (MP-BGP) connectivity on the PE routers and route reflectors.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp** *as-number*
4. **no bgp default ipv4-unicast**
5. **neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **remote-as** *as-number*
6. **neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **activate**
7. **address-family vpnv4** [**unicast**]
8. **neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **send-community extended**
9. **neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **activate**
10. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**router bgp** *as-number* **Example:** `Router(config)# router bgp 100`	Configures a BGP routing process and enters router configuration mode. • The *as-number* argument indicates the number of an autonomous system that identifies the router to other BGP routers and tags the routing information passed along. Valid numbers are from 0 to 65535. Private autonomous system numbers that can be used in internal networks range from 64512 to 65535.
Step 4	**no bgp default ipv4-unicast** **Example:** `Router(config-router)# no bgp default ipv4-unicast`	(Optional) Disables the IPv4 unicast address family on all neighbors. • Use the **no bgp default ipv4-unicast** command if you are using this neighbor for MPLS routes only.
Step 5	**neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **remote-as** *as-number* **Example:** `Router(config-router)# neighbor 10.0.0.1 remote-as 100`	Adds an entry to the BGP or multiprotocol BGP neighbor table. • The *ip-address* argument specifies the IP address of the neighbor. • The *peer-group-name* argument specifies the name of a BGP peer group. • The *as-number* argument specifies the autonomous system to which the neighbor belongs.
Step 6	**neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **activate** **Example:** `Router(config-router)# neighbor 10.0.0.1 activate`	Enables the exchange of information with a neighboring BGP router. • The *ip-address* argument specifies the IP address of the neighbor. • The *peer-group-name* argument specifies the name of a BGP peer group.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**address-family vpnv4** [**unicast**] **Example:** `Router(config-router)# address-family vpnv4`	Enters address family configuration mode for configuring routing sessions, such as BGP, that use standard VPNv4 address prefixes. • The optional **unicast** keyword specifies VPNv4 unicast address prefixes.
Step 8	**neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **send-community extended** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 10.0.0.1 send-community extended`	Specifies that a communities attribute should be sent to a BGP neighbor. • The *ip-address* argument specifies the IP address of the BGP-speaking neighbor. • The *peer-group-name* argument specifies the name of a BGP peer group.
Step 9	**neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **activate** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 10.0.0.1 activate`	Enables the exchange of information with a neighboring BGP router. • The *ip-address* argument specifies the IP address of the neighbor. • The *peer-group-name* argument specifies the name of a BGP peer group.
Step 10	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# end`	(Optional) Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

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Troubleshooting Tips

You can enter a **show ip bgp neighbor** command to verify that the neighbors are up and running. If this command is not successful, enter a **debug ip bgp x.x.x.x events** command, where *x.x.x.x* is the IP address of the neighbor.

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Defining VRFs on the PE Routers to Enable Customer Connectivity

To define VPN routing and forwarding (VRF) instances, perform this task.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip vrf** *vrf-name*
4. **rd** *route-distinguisher*
5. **route-target** {**import** | **export** | **both**} *route-target-ext-community*
6. **import map** *route-map*
7. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip vrf** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip vrf vpn1`	Defines the VPN routing instance by assigning a VRF name and enters VRF configuration mode. • The *vrf-name* argument is the name assigned to a VRF.
Step 4	**rd** *route-distinguisher* **Example:** `Router(config-vrf)# rd 100:1`	Creates routing and forwarding tables. • The *route-distinguisher* argument adds an 8-byte value to an IPv4 prefix to create a VPN IPv4 prefix. You can enter an RD in either of these formats: ◦ 16-bit AS number: your 32-bit number, for example, 101:3 ◦ 32-bit IP address: your 16-bit number, for example, 10.0.0.1:1

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**route-target** {**import** | **export** | **both**} *route-target-ext-community* **Example:** `Router(config-vrf)# route-target import 100:1`	Creates a route-target extended community for a VRF. • The **import** keyword imports routing information from the target VPN extended community. • The **export** keyword exports routing information to the target VPN extended community. • The **both** keyword imports routing information from and exports routing information to the target VPN extended community. • The *route-target-ext-community* argument adds the route-target extended community attributes to the VRF's list of import, export, or both (import and export) route-target extended communities.
Step 6	**import map** *route-map* **Example:** `Router(config-vrf)# import map vpn1-route-map`	(Optional) Configures an import route map for a VRF. • The *route-map* argument specifies the route map to be used as an import route map for the VRF.
Step 7	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-vrf)# exit`	(Optional) Exits to global configuration mode.

Configuring VRF Interfaces on PE Routers for Each VPN Customer

To associate a VRF with an interface or subinterface on the PE routers, perform this task.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip vrf forwarding** *vrf-name*
5. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface Ethernet 5/0`	Specifies the interface to configure and enters interface configuration mode. • The *type* argument specifies the type of interface to be configured. • The *number* argument specifies the port, connector, or interface card number.
Step 4	**ip vrf forwarding** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip vrf forwarding vpn1`	Associates a VRF with the specified interface or subinterface. • The *vrf-name*argument is the name assigned to a VRF.
Step 5	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	(Optional) Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring Routing Protocols Between the PE and CE Routers

Configure the PE router with the same routing protocol that the CE router uses. You can configure the following routing protocols:

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Configuring BGP as the Routing Protocol Between the PE and CE Routers

To configure PE-to-CE routing sessions using BGP, perform this task.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp** *as-number*
4. **address-family ipv4** [**multicast** | **unicast** | **vrf** *vrf-name*]
5. **neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **remote-as** *as-number*
6. **neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **activate**
7. **exit-address-family**
8. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**router bgp** *as-number* **Example:** `Router(config)# router bgp 100`	Configures a BGP routing process and enters router configuration mode. • The *as-number* argument indicates the number of an autonomous system that identifies the router to other BGP routers and tags the routing information passed along. Valid numbers are from 0 to 65535. Private autonomous system numbers that can be used in internal networks range from 64512 to 65535.
Step 4	**address-family ipv4** [**multicast**	**unicast**	**vrf** *vrf-name*] **Example:** `Router(config-router)# address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1`	Specifies the IPv4 address family type and enters address family configuration mode. • The **multicast** keyword specifies IPv4 multicast address prefixes. • The **unicast** keyword specifies IPv4 unicast address prefixes. • The **vrf** *vrf-name* keyword and argument specify the name of the VRF to associate with subsequent IPv4 address family configuration mode commands.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **remote-as** *as-number* **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 10.0.0.1 remote-as 200`	Adds an entry to the BGP or multiprotocol BGP neighbor table. • The *ip-address* argument specifies the IP address of the neighbor. • The *peer-group-name* argument specifies the name of a BGP peer group. • The *as-number* argument specifies the autonomous system to which the neighbor belongs.
Step 6	**neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name*} **activate** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 10.0.0.1 activate`	Enables the exchange of information with a neighboring BGP router. • The *ip-address* argument specifies the IP address of the neighbor. • The *peer-group-name* argument specifies the name of a BGP peer group.
Step 7	**exit-address-family** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# exit-address-family`	Exits address family configuration mode.
Step 8	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-router)# end`	(Optional) Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring RIPv2 as the Routing Protocol Between the PE and CE Routers

To configure PE-to-CE routing sessions using RIPv2, perform this task.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router rip**
4. **version** {**1** | **2**}
5. **address-family ipv4** [**multicast** | **unicast** | **vrf** *vrf-name*]
6. **network** *ip-address*
7. **redistribute** *protocol* | [**process-id**] | {**level-1** | **level-1-2** | **level-2**} [*as-number*] [**metric** *metric-value*] [**metric-type** *type-value*] [**match** {**internal** | **external 1** | **external 2**}] [**tag** *tag-value*] [**route-map** *map-tag*] [**subnets**]
8. **exit-address-family**
9. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**router rip** **Example:** `Router(config)# router rip`	Enables RIP.
Step 4	**version** {**1** | **2**} **Example:** `Router(config-router)# version 2`	Specifies a Routing Information Protocol (RIP) version used globally by the router.
Step 5	**address-family ipv4** [**multicast** | **unicast** | **vrf** *vrf-name*] **Example:** `Router(config-router)# address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1`	Specifies the IPv4 address family type and enters address family configuration mode. • The **multicast** keyword specifies IPv4 multicast address prefixes. • The **unicast** keyword specifies IPv4 unicast address prefixes. • The **vrf** *vrf-name* keyword and argument specifies the name of the VRF to associate with subsequent IPv4 address family configuration mode commands.
Step 6	**network** *ip-address* **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# network 192.168.7.0`	Enables RIP on the PE-to-CE link.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**redistribute** *protocol* | [**process-id**] | {**level-1** | **level-1-2** | **level-2**} [*as-number*] [**metric** *metric-value*] [**metric-type** *type-value*] [**match** {**internal** | **external 1** | **external 2**}] [**tag** *tag-value*] [**route-map** *map-tag*] [**subnets**] **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# redistribute bgp 200`	Redistributes routes from one routing domain into another routing domain. • For the RIPv2 routing protocol, use the **redistribute bgp** *as-number* command.
Step 8	**exit-address-family** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# exit-address-family`	Exits address family configuration mode.
Step 9	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-router)# end`	(Optional) Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring Static Routes Between the PE and CE Routers

To configure PE-to-CE routing sessions that use static routes, perform this task.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip route vrf** *vrf-name*
4. **address-family ipv4** [**multicast** | **unicast** | **vrf** *vrf-name*]
5. **redistribute** *protocol* | [**process-id**] | {**level-1** | **level-1-2** | **level-2**} [*as-number*] [**metric** *metric-value*] [**metric-type** *type-value*] [**match** {**internal** | **external 1** | **external 2**}] [**tag** *tag-value*] [**route-map** *map-tag*] [**subnets**]
6. **redistribute** *protocol* | [**process-id**] | {**level-1** | **level-1-2** | **level-2**} [*as-number*] [**metric** *metric-value*] [**metric-type** *type-value*] [**match** {**internal** | **external 1** | **external 2**}] [**tag** *tag-value*] [**route-map** *map-tag*] [**subnets**]
7. **exit-address-family**
8. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip route vrf** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip route vrf 200`	Defines static route parameters for every PE-to-CE session.
Step 4	**address-family ipv4** [**multicast** | **unicast** | **vrf** *vrf-name*] **Example:** `Router(config-router)# address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1`	Specifies the IPv4 address family type and enters address family configuration mode. • The **multicast** keyword specifies IPv4 multicast address prefixes. • The **unicast** keyword specifies IPv4 unicast address prefixes. • The **vrf** *vrf-name* keyword and argument specifies the name of the VRF to associate with subsequent IPv4 address family configuration mode commands.
Step 5	**redistribute** *protocol* | [**process-id**] | {**level-1** | **level-1-2** | **level-2**} [*as-number*] [**metric** *metric-value*] [**metric-type** *type-value*] [**match** {**internal** | **external 1** | **external 2**}] [**tag** *tag-value*] [**route-map** *map-tag*] [**subnets**] **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# redistribute static`	Redistributes routes from one routing domain into another routing domain. • To redistribute VRF static routes into the VRF BGP table, use the **redistribute static** command. See the command for information about other arguments and keywords.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**redistribute** *protocol* | [**process-id**] | {**level-1** | **level-1-2** | **level-2**} [*as-number*] [**metric** *metric-value*] [**metric-type** *type-value*] [**match** {**internal** | **external 1** | **external 2**}] [**tag** *tag-value*] [**route-map** *map-tag*] [**subnets**] **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# redistribute connected`	Redistributes routes from one routing domain into another routing domain. • To redistribute directly connected networks into the VRF BGP table, use the **redistribute connected** command.
Step 7	**exit-address-family** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# exit-address-family`	Exits address family configuration mode.
Step 8	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-router)# end`	(Optional) Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring OSPF as the Routing Protocol Between the PE and CE Routers

To configure PE-to-CE routing sessions that use OSPF, perform this task.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router ospf** *process-id* [**vrf** *vpn-name*]
4. **network** *ip-address wildcard-mask* **area** *area-id*
5. **address-family ipv4** [**multicast** | **unicast** | **vrf** *vrf-name*]
6. **redistribute** *protocol* | [**process-id**] | {**level-1** | **level-1-2** | **level-2**} [*as-number*] [**metric** *metric-value*] [**metric-type** *type-value*] [**match** {**internal** | **external 1** | **external 2**}] [**tag** *tag-value*] [**route-map** *map-tag*] [**subnets**]
7. **exit-address-family**
8. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**router ospf** *process-id* [**vrf** *vpn-name*] **Example:** `Router(config)# router ospf 1 vrf grc`	Enables OSPF routing and enters router configuration mode. • The *process-id* argument identifies the OSPF process. • The **vrf** *vpn-name* keyword and argument identify a VPN. Create a separate OSPF process for each VRF that will receive VPN routes.
Step 4	**network** *ip-address wildcard-mask* **area** *area-id* **Example:** `Router(config-router)# network 10.0.0.1 0.0.0.3 area 20`	Defines the interfaces on which OSPF runs and to defines the area ID for those interfaces. • The *ip-address* argument identifies the IP address. • The *wildcard-mask* argument identifies the IP-address-type mask that includes “don't care” bits. • The *area-id* argument identifies the area that is to be associated with the OSPF address range. It can be specified as either a decimal value or as an IP address. To associate areas with IP subnets, specify a subnet address as the value of the *area-id*argument.
Step 5	**address-family ipv4** [**multicast** | **unicast** | **vrf** *vrf-name*] **Example:** `Router(config-router)# address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1`	Specifies the IPv4 address family type and enters address family configuration mode. • The **multicast** keyword specifies IPv4 multicast address prefixes. • The **unicast** keyword specifies IPv4 unicast address prefixes. • The **vrf** *vrf-name* keyword and argument specify the name of the VRF to associate with subsequent IPv4 address family configuration mode commands.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**redistribute** *protocol* | [**process-id**] | {**level-1** | **level-1-2** | **level-2**} [*as-number*] [**metric** *metric-value*] [**metric-type** *type-value*] [**match** {**internal** | **external 1** | **external 2**}] [**tag** *tag-value*] [**route-map** *map-tag*] [**subnets**] **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)#  redistribute rip metric 1 subnets`	Redistributes routes from one routing domain into another routing domain. You may need to include several protocols to ensure that all IBGP routes are distributed into the VRF.
Step 7	**exit-address-family** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# exit-address-family`	Exits address family configuration mode.
Step 8	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-router)# end`	(Optional) Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring EIGRP as the Routing Protocol Between the PE and CE Routers

Using Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP) between the PE and CE routers allows you to transparently connect EIGRP customer networks through an MPLS-enabled BGP core network so that EIGRP routes are redistributed through the VPN across the BGP network as internal BGP (iBGP) routes.

To configure PE-to-CE routing sessions that use EIGRP, perform this task.

BGP must be configured in the network core.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp** *as-number*
4. **no synchronization**
5. **neighbor** *ip-address* **remote-as** *as-number*
6. **neighbor** *ip-address update-source* **loopback** *interface-number*
7. **address-family vpnv4**
8. **neighbor** *ip-address* **activate**
9. **neighbor** *ip-address* **send-community extended**
10. **exit-address-family**
11. **address-family ipv4 vrf** *vrf-name*
12. **redistribute eigrp** *as-number* [**metric** *metric-value*] [**route-map** *map-name*]
13. **no synchronization**
14. **exit-address-family**
15. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**router bgp** *as-number* **Example:** `Router(config)# router bgp 10`	Enters router configuration mode, and creates a BGP routing process.
Step 4	**no synchronization** **Example:** `Router(config-router)# no synchronization`	Configures BGP to send advertisements without waiting to synchronize with the IGP.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**neighbor** *ip-address* **remote-as** *as-number* **Example:** `Router(config-router)# neighbor 10.0.0.1 remote-as 10`	Establishes peering with the specified neighbor or peer-group. • In this step, you are establishing an iBGP session with the PE router that is connected to the CE router at the other CE site.
Step 6	**neighbor** *ip-address update-source* **loopback** *interface-number* **Example:** `Router(config-router)# neighbor 10.0.0.1 update-source loopback 0`	Configures BGP to use any operational interface for TCP connections. • This configuration step is not required. However, the BGP routing process will be less susceptible to the affects of interface or link flapping.
Step 7	**address-family vpnv4** **Example:** `Router(config-router)# address-family vpnv4`	Enters address family configuration mode for configuring routing sessions that use standard IPv4 address prefixes, such as BGP, RIP, and static routing sessions.
Step 8	**neighbor** *ip-address* **activate** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 10.0.0.1 activate`	Establishes peering with the specified neighbor or peer-group. • In this step, you are activating the exchange of VPNv4 routing information between the PE routers.
Step 9	**neighbor** *ip-address* **send-community extended** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 10.0.0.1 send-community extended`	Configures the local router to send extended community attribute information to the specified neighbor. • This step is required for the exchange of EIGRP extended community attributes.
Step 10	**exit-address-family** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# exit-address-family`	Exits address family configuration mode and enters router configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 11	**address-family ipv4 vrf** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config-router)# address-family ipv4 vrf RED`	Configures an IPv4 address-family for the EIGRP VRF and enters address family configuration mode. • An address-family VRF needs to be configured for each EIGRP VRF that runs between the PE and CE routers.
Step 12	**redistribute eigrp** *as-number* [**metric** *metric-value*] [**route-map** *map-name*] **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# redistribute eigrp 101`	Redistributes the EIGRP VRF into BGP. • The autonomous system number from the CE network is configured in this step.
Step 13	**no synchronization** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# no synchronization`	Configures BGP to send advertisements without waiting to synchronize with the IGP.
Step 14	**exit-address-family** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# exit-address-family`	Exits address family configuration mode and enters router configuration mode.
Step 15	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-router)# end`	Exits router configuration mode and enters privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring EIGRP Redistribution in the MPLS VPN

Perform this task to every PE router that provides VPN services to enable EIGRP redistribution in the MPLS VPN.

The metric must be configured for routes from external EIGRP autonomous systems and non-EIGRP networks before these routes can be redistributed into an EIGRP CE router. The metric can be configured in the redistribute statement using the redistribute (IP) command or configured with the default-metric (EIGRP) command. If an external route is received from another EIGRP autonomous system or a non-EIGRP network without a configured metric, the route will not be advertised to the CE router.

Note Redistribution between native EIGRP VRFs is not supported. This is designed behavior.

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router eigrp** *as-number*
4. **address-family ipv4** [**multicast** | **unicast** | **vrf** *vrf-name*]
5. **network** *ip-address wildcard-mask*
6. **redistribute bgp** {*as-number*} [**metric** *bandwidth delay reliability load mtu*] [**route-map** *map-name*]
7. **autonomous-system** *as-number*
8. **exit-address-family**
9. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**router eigrp** *as-number* **Example:** `Router(config)# router eigrp 1`	Enters router configuration mode and creates an EIGRP routing process. • The EIGRP routing process for the PE router is created in this step.
Step 4	**address-family ipv4** [**multicast** | **unicast** | **vrf** *vrf-name*] **Example:** `Router(config-router)# address-family ipv4 vrf RED`	Enters address-family configuration mode and creates a VRF. • The VRF name must match the VRF name that was created in the previous section.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**network** *ip-address wildcard-mask* **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# network 172.16.0.0 0.0.255.255`	Specifies the network for the VRF. • The network statement is used to identify which interfaces to include in EIGRP. The VRF must be configured with addresses that fall within the wildcard-mask range of the network statement.
Step 6	**redistribute bgp** {*as-number*} [**metric** *bandwidth delay reliability load mtu*] [**route-map** *map-name*] **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# redistribute bgp 10 metric 10000 100 255 1 1500`	Redistributes BGP into the EIGRP. • The autonomous system number and metric of the BGP network is configured in this step. BGP must be redistributed into EIGRP for the CE site to accept the BGP routes that carry the EIGRP information. A metric must also be specified for the BGP network and is configured in this step.
Step 7	**autonomous-system** *as-number* **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# autonomous-system 101`	Specifies the autonomous system number of the EIGRP network for the customer site.
Step 8	**exit-address-family** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# exit-address-family`	Exits address family configuration mode and enters router configuration mode.
Step 9	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-router)# end`	Exits router configuration mode and enters privileged EXEC mode.

Verifying the VPN Configuration

A route distinguisher must be configured for the VRF, and MPLS must be configured on the interfaces that carry the VRF. Use the **show ip vrf** command to verify the route distinguisher (RD) and interface that are configured for the VRF.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show ip vrf**

DETAILED STEPS

show ip vrf
Use this command to display the set of defined VRF instances and associated interfaces. The output also maps the VRF instances to the configured route distinguisher.

Verifying Connectivity Between MPLS VPN Sites

To verify that the local and remote CE routers can communicate across the MPLS core, perform the following tasks:

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Verifying IP Connectivity from CE Router to CE Router Across the MPLS Core

Perform this task to verify IP connectivity from CE router to CE router across the MPLS VPN.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **ping** [*protocol*] {*host-name* | *system-address*}
3. **trace** [*protocol*] [*destination*]
4. **show ip route** [*ip-address* [*mask*] [**longer-prefixes**]] | *protocol* [*process-id*]] | [**list** [*access-list-name* | *access-list-number*]

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **enable**
Use this command to enable privileged EXEC mode.

Step 2 **ping** [*protocol*] {*host-name* | *system-address*}
Use this command to diagnoses basic network connectivity on AppleTalk, CLNS, IP, Novell, Apollo, VINES, DECnet, or XNS networks. Use the **ping** command to verify the connectivity from one CE router to another.

Step 3 **trace** [*protocol*] [*destination*]
Use this command to discover the routes that packets take when traveling to their destination. Use the **trace** command to verify the path that a packet goes through before reaching the final destination. The **trace** command can help isolate a trouble spot if two routers cannot communicate.

Step 4 **show ip route** [*ip-address* [*mask*] [**longer-prefixes**]] | *protocol* [*process-id*]] | [**list** [*access-list-name* |*access-list-number*]
Use this command to display the current state of the routing table. Use the *ip-address* argument to verify that CE1 has a route to CE2. Verify the routes learned by CE1. Make sure that the route for CE2 is listed.

Verifying that the Local and Remote CE Routers Are in the Routing Table

Perform this task to check that the local and remote CE routers are in the routing table of the PE routers.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show ip route vrf** *vrf-name* [*prefix*]
3. **show ip cef vrf** *vrf-name* [*ip-prefix*]
4. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **enable**
Use this command to enable privileged EXEC mode.

Step 2 **show ip route vrf** *vrf-name* [*prefix*]
Use this command to display the IP routing table associated with a VRF. Check that the loopback addresses of the local and remote CE routers are in the routing table of the PE routers.

Step 3 **show ip cef vrf** *vrf-name* [*ip-prefix*]
Use this command to display the Cisco Express Forwarding forwarding table associated with a VRF. Check that the prefix of the remote CE router is in the Cisco Express Forwarding table.

Step 4 **exit**

Configuration Examples for MPLS VPNs

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Configuring an MPLS VPN Using BGP Example

This example shows an MPLS VPN that is configured using BGP.

PE Configuration	CE Configuration
ip vrf vpn1 rd 100:1 route-target export 100:1 route-target import 100:1 ! ip cef mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls label protocol ldp ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.255 ! interface Ethernet0/0 ip vrf forwarding vpn1 ip address 34.0.0.2 255.0.0.0 no cdp enable ! interface Ethernet 1/1 ip address 30.0.0.1 255.0.0.0 mpls label protocol ldp mpls ip ! router ospf 100 network 10.0.0. 0.0.0.0 area 100 network 30.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100 ! router bgp 100 no synchronization bgp log-neighbor changes neighbor 10.0.0.3 remote-as 100 neighbor 10.0.0.3 update-source Loopback0 no auto-summary ! address-family vpnv4 neighbor 10.0.0.3 activate neighbor 10.0.0.3 send-community extended bgp scan-time import 5 exit-address-family ! address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1 redistribute connected neighbor 34.0.0.1 remote-as 200 neighbor 34.0.0.1 activate neighbor 34.0.0.1 as-override neighbor 34.0.0.1 advertisement-interval 5 no auto-summary no synchronization exit-address-family	ip cef mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls label protocol ldp ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.9 255.255.255.255 ! interface Ethernet0/0 ip address 34.0.0.1 255.0.0.0 no cdp enable ! router bgp 200 bgp log-neighbor-changes neighbor 34.0.0.2 remote-as 100 ! address-family ipv4 redistribute connected neighbor 34.0.0.2 activate neighbor 34.0.0.2 advertisement-interval 5 no auto-summary no synchronization exit-address-family

Configuring an MPLS VPN Using RIP Example

This example shows an MPLS VPN that is configured using RIP.

PE Configuration	CE Configuration
ip vrf vpn1 rd 100:1 route-target export 100:1 route-target import 100:1 ! ip cef mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls label protocol ldp ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.255 ! interface Ethernet0/0 ip vrf forwarding vpn1 ip address 34.0.0.2 255.0.0.0 no cdp enable interface Ethernet 1/1 ip address 30.0.0.1 255.0.0.0 mpls label protocol ldp mpls ip ! router rip version 2 timers basic 30 60 60 120 ! address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1 version 2 redistribute bgp 100 metric transparent network 34.0.0.0 distribute-list 20 in no auto-summary exit-address-family ! router bgp 100 no synchronization bgp log-neighbor changes neighbor 10.0.0.3 remote-as 100 neighbor 10.0.0.3 update-source Loopback0 no auto-summary ! address-family vpnv4 neighbor 10.0.0.3 activate neighbor 10.0.0.3 send-community extended bgp scan-time import 5 exit-address-family ! address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1 redistribute connected redistribute rip no auto-summary no synchronization exit-address-family	ip cef mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls label protocol ldp ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.9 255.255.255.255 ! interface Ethernet0/0 ip address 34.0.0.1 255.0.0.0 no cdp enable router rip version 2 timers basic 30 60 60 120 redistribute connected network 10.0.0.0 network 34.0.0.0 no auto-summary

Configuring an MPLS VPN Using Static Routes Example

This example shows an MPLS VPN that is configured using static routes.

PE Configuration	CE Configuration
ip vrf vpn1 rd 100:1 route-target export 100:1 route-target import 100:1 ! ip cef mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls label protocol ldp ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.255 ! interface Ethernet0/0 ip vrf forwarding vpn1 ip address 34.0.0.2 255.0.0.0 no cdp enable ! interface Ethernet 1/1 ip address 30.0.0.1 255.0.0.0 mpls label protocol ldp mpls ip ! router ospf 100 network 10.0.0. 0.0.0.0 area 100 network 30.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100 ! router bgp 100 no synchronization bgp log-neighbor changes neighbor 10.0.0.3 remote-as 100 neighbor 10.0.0.3 update-source Loopback0 no auto-summary ! address-family vpnv4 neighbor 10.0.0.3 activate neighbor 10.0.0.3 send-community extended bgp scan-time import 5 exit-address-family ! address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1 redistribute connected redistribute static no auto-summary no synchronization exit-address-family ! ip route vrf vpn1 10.0.0.9 255.255.255.255 34.0.0.1 ip route vrf vpn1 34.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 34.0.0.1	ip cef ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.9 255.255.255.255 ! interface Ethernet0/0 ip address 34.0.0.1 255.0.0.0 no cdp enable ! ip route 10.0.0.9 255.255.255.255 34.0.0.2 3 ip route 31.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 34.0.0.2 3

Configuring an MPLS VPN Using OSPF Example

This example shows an MPLS VPN that is configured using OSPF.

PE Configuration	CE Configuration
ip vrf vpn1 rd 100:1 route-target export 100:1 route-target import 100:1 ! ip cef mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls label protocol ldp ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.255 ! interface Ethernet0/0 ip vrf forwarding vpn1 ip address 34.0.0.2 255.0.0.0 no cdp enable ! router ospf 1000 vrf vpn1 log-adjacency-changes redistribute bgp 100 metric-type 1 subnets network 10.0.0.13 0.0.0.0 area 10000 network 34.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 10000 ! router bgp 100 no synchronization bgp log-neighbor changes neighbor 10.0.0.3 remote-as 100 neighbor 10.0.0.3 update-source Loopback0 no auto-summary ! address-family vpnv4 neighbor 10.0.0.3 activate neighbor 10.0.0.3 send-community extended bgp scan-time import 5 exit-address-family ! address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1 redistribute connected redistribute ospf 1000 match internal external 1 external 2 no auto-summary no synchronization exit-address-family	ip cef mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls label protocol ldp ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.9 255.255.255.255 ! interface Ethernet0/0 ip address 34.0.0.1 255.0.0.0 no cdp enable ! router ospf 1000 log-adjacency-changes auto-cost reference-bandwidth 1000 redistribute connected subnets network 34.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 1000 network 10.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 area 1000

Configuring an MPLS VPN Using EIGRP Example

This example shows an MPLS VPN that is configured using EIGRP.

PE Configuration	CE Configuration
ip vrf vpn1 rd 100:1 route-target export 100:1 route-target import 100:1 ! ip cef mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls label protocol ldp ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.255 interface Ethernet0/0 ip vrf forwarding vpn1 ip address 34.0.0.2 255.0.0.0 no cdp enable interface Ethernet 1/1 ip address 30.0.0.1 255.0.0.0 mpls label protocol ldp mpls ip router eigrp 1000 auto-summary ! address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1 redistribute bgp 100 metric 10000 100 255 1 1500 network 34.0.0.0 distribute-list 20 in no auto-summary autonomous-system 1000 exit-address-family ! router bgp 100 no synchronization bgp log-neighbor changes neighbor 10.0.0.3 remote-as 100 neighbor 10.0.0.3 update-source Loopback0 no auto-summary ! address-family vpnv4 neighbor 10.0.0.3 activate neighbor 10.0.0.3 send-community extended bgp scan-time import 5 exit-address-family ! address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1 redistribute connected redistribute eigrp no auto-summary no synchronization exit-address-family	ip cef mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls label protocol ldp ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.9 255.255.255.255 ! interface Ethernet0/0 ip address 34.0.0.1 255.0.0.0 no cdp enable ! router eigrp 1000 network 34.0.0.0 auto-summary

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier	• MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier Using LDP and an IGP • MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier with BGP
MPLS VPN InterAutonomous Systems	• MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging IPv4 Routes and MPLS Labels • MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging VPN-IPv4 Addresses

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

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 2547	BGP/MPLS VPNs

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. To receive security and technical information about your products, you can subscribe to various services, such as the Product Alert Tool (accessed from Field Notices), the Cisco Technical Services Newsletter, and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/techsupport

Feature Information for MPLS Layer 3 VPNs

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 MPLS Layer 3 VPNs

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
MPLS Virtual Private Networks	12.0(5)T 12.0(21)ST 12.0(22)S 12.0(23)S 12.2(13)T 12.2(14)S 12.0(26)S	This feature allows a set of sites that to be interconnected by means of an MPLS provider core network. At each customer site, one or more customer edge (CE) routers attach to one or more provider edge (PE) routers.
MPLS VPN Support for EIGRP Between Provider Edge and Customer Edge	12.0(22)S 12.2(15)T 12.2(18)S 12.0(27)S	This feature allows you to connect customers running EIGRP to an MPLS VPN.

Configuring Route Maps to Control the Distribution of MPLS Labels Between Routers in an MPLS VPN

Route maps enable you to specify which routes are distributed with Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) labels. Route maps also enable you to specify which routes with MPLS labels a router receives and adds to its Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) table.

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Finding Feature Information

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

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Restrictions for Using Route Maps with MPLS VPNs

You can use route maps with MPLS VPN Inter-AS with Autonomous System Boundary Routers (ASBRs) exchanging IPv4 routes with MPLS labels. You cannot use route maps with MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs exchanging VPN-IPv4 addresses.

Prerequisites for Using Route Maps with MPLS VPNs

Before you configure and apply route maps, you need to create an access control list (ACL) and specify the routes that the router should distribute with MPLS labels.

Information About Route Maps in MPLS VPNs

When routers are configured to distribute routes with MPLS labels, all the routes are encoded with the multiprotocol extensions and contain MPLS labels. You can use a route map to control the distribution of MPLS labels between routers.

Route maps enable you to specify which routes are distributed with MPLS labels. Route maps also enable you to specify which routes with MPLS labels a router receives and adds to its BGP table. Route maps enable you to specify the following:

- For a router distributing MPLS labels, you can specify which routes are distributed with an MPLS label.
- For a router receiving MPLS labels, you can specify which routes are accepted and installed in the BGP table.

Route maps work with ACLs. You enter the routes into an ACL and then specify the ACL when you configure the route map. You can configure a router to accept only routes that are specified in the route map. The router checks the routes listed in the BGP update message against the list of routes in the specified ACL. If a route in the BGP update message matches a route in the ACL, the route is accepted and added to the BGP table.

How to Configure Route Maps in an MPLS VPN

Perform the following tasks to enable routers to send MPLS labels with the routes specified in the route maps:

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Configuring a Route Map for Incoming Routes

Perform this task to create a route map to filter arriving routes. You create an ACL and specify the routes that the router should accept and add to the BGP table.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp** *as-number*
4. **route-map** *map-name* [**permit** | **deny**] *sequence-number*
5. **match ip address** {*access-list-number* [*access-list-number...*| *access-list-name...*] *access-list-name* [*access-list-number...*| *access-list-name*] | **prefix-list** *prefix-list-name* [*prefix-list-name....*]]
6. **match mpls-label**
7. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**router bgp** *as-number* **Example:** `Router(config)# router bgp 100`	Configures a BGP routing process and enters router configuration mode. • The *as-number* argument indicates the number of an autonomous system that identifies the router to other BGP routers and tags the routing information passed along. Valid numbers are from 0 to 65535. Private autonomous system numbers that can be used in internal networks range from 64512 to 65535.
Step 4	**route-map** *map-name* [**permit** | **deny**] *sequence-number* **Example:** `Router(config-router)# route-map csc-mpls-routes-in permit`	Enters route map configuration mode and creates a route map with the name you specify. • The *map-name* argument identifies the name of the route map. • The **permit** keyword allows the actions to happen if all conditions are met. • A **deny** keyword prevents any actions from happening if all conditions are met. • The *sequence-number* argument allows you to prioritize route maps. If you have multiple route maps and want to prioritize them, assign each one a number. The route map with the lowest number is implemented first, followed by the route map with the second lowest number, and so on.
Step 5	**match ip address** {*access-list-number* [*access-list-number...*| *access-list-name...*] *access-list-name* [*access-list-number...*| *access-list-name*] | **prefix-list** *prefix-list-name* [*prefix-list-name....*]] **Example:** `Router(config-route-map)# match ip address acl-in`	Distributes any routes that have a destination network number address that is permitted by a standard access list, an extended access list, or a prefix list, or performs policy routing on packets. • The *access-list-number...* argument is a number of a standard or extended access list. It can be an integer from 1 to 199. The ellipsis indicates that multiple values can be entered. • The *access-list-name...* argument is a name of a standard or extended access list. It can be an integer from 1 to 199. The ellipsis indicates that multiple values can be entered. • The **prefix-list** keyword distributes routes based on a prefix list. • The *prefix-list-name...* argument is a name of a specific prefix list. The ellipsis indicates that multiple values can be entered.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**match mpls-label** **Example:** `Router(config-route-map)# match mpls-label`	Redistributes routes that include MPLS labels if the routes meet the conditions specified in the route map.
Step 7	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-route-map)# exit`	Exits route map configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

Configuring a Route Map for Outgoing Routes

This configuration is optional.

Perform this task to create a route map to filter departing routes. You create an access list and specify the routes that the router should distribute with MPLS labels.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp** *as-number*
4. **route-map** *map-name* [**permit** | **deny**] *sequence-number*
5. **match ip address** {*access-list-number* [*access-list-number*...| *access-list-name*...}] | *access-list-name* [*access-list-number*...| *access-list-name* | **prefix-list** *prefix-list-name* [*prefix-list-name*....]]
6. **set mpls-label**
7. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**router bgp** *as-number* **Example:** `Router(config)# router bgp 100`	Configures a BGP routing process and enters router configuration mode. • The *as-number* argument indicates the number of an autonomous system that identifies the router to other BGP routers and tags the routing information passed along. Valid numbers are from 0 to 65535. Private autonomous system numbers that can be used in internal networks range from 64512 to 65535.
Step 4	**route-map** *map-name* [**permit** | **deny**] *sequence-number* **Example:** `Router(config-router)# route-map csc-mpls-routes-out permit`	Enters route map configuration mode and creates a route map with the name you specify. • The *map-name* argument identifies the name of the route map. • The **permit** keyword allows the actions to happen if all conditions are met. • A **deny** keyword prevents any actions from happening if all conditions are met. • The *sequence-number* argument allows you to prioritize route maps. If you have multiple route maps and want to prioritize them, assign each one a number. The route map with the lowest number is implemented first, followed by the route map with the second lowest number, and so on.
Step 5	**match ip address** {*access-list-number* [*access-list-number...*| *access-list-name...*}] | *access-list-name* [*access-list-number...*| *access-list-name* | **prefix-list** *prefix-list-name* [*prefix-list-name....*]] **Example:** `Router(config-route-map)# match ip address acl-out`	Distributes any routes that have a destination network number address that is permitted by a standard access list, an extended access list, or a prefix list, or performs policy routing on packets. • The *access-list-number...* argument is a number of a standard or extended access list. It can be an integer from 1 to 199. The ellipsis indicates that multiple values can be entered. • The *access-list-name...* argument is a name of a standard or extended access list. It can be an integer from 1 to 199. The ellipsis indicates that multiple values can be entered. • The **prefix-list** keyword distributes routes based on a prefix list. • The *prefix-list-name...* argument is a name of a specific prefix list. The ellipsis indicates that multiple values can be entered.
Step 6	**set mpls-label** **Example:** `Router(config-route-map)# set mpls-label`	Enables a route to be distributed with an MPLS label if the route matches the conditions specified in the route map.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-route-map)# exit`	Exits route map configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

Applying the Route Maps to the MPLS VPN Edge Routers

This configuration is optional.

Perform this task to enable the edge routers to use the route maps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp** *as-number*
4. **address-family ipv4** [**multicast** | **unicast** | **vrf** *vrf-name*]
5. **neighbor** *ip-address* **route-map** *map-name* **in**
6. **neighbor** *ip-address* **route-map** *map-name* **out**
7. **neighbor** *ip-address* **send-label**
8. **exit-address-family**
9. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**router bgp** *as-number* **Example:** `Router(config)# router bgp 100`	Configures a BGP routing process and enters router configuration mode. • The *as-number* argument indicates the number of an autonomous system that identifies the router to other BGP routers and tags the routing information passed along. Valid numbers are from 0 to 65535. Private autonomous system numbers that can be used in internal networks range from 64512 to 65535.
Step 4	**address-family ipv4** [**multicast** | **unicast** | **vrf** *vrf-name*] **Example:** `Router(config-router)# address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1`	Specifies the IPv4 address family type and enters address family configuration mode. • The **multicast** keyword specifies IPv4 multicast address prefixes. • The **unicast** keyword specifies IPv4 unicast address prefixes. • The **vrf** *vrf-name* keyword and argument specify the name of the VRF to associate with subsequent IPv4 address family configuration mode commands.
Step 5	**neighbor** *ip-address* **route-map** *map-name* **in** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# neighbor pp. 0.0.1 route-map csc-mpls-routes-in in`	Applies a route map to incoming routes. • The *ip-address* argument specifies the router to which the route map is to be applied. • The *map-name* argument specifies the name of the route map. • The **in** keyword applies the route map to incoming routes.
Step 6	**neighbor** *ip-address* **route-map** *map-name* **out** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# neighbor pp. 0.0.1 route-map csc-mpls-route-out out`	Applies a route map to outgoing routes. • The *ip-address* argument specifies the router to which the route map is to be applied. • The *map-name* argument specifies the name of the route map. • The **out** keyword applies the route map to outgoing routes.
Step 7	**neighbor** *ip-address* **send-label** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# neighbor pp. 0.0.1 send-label`	Enables a BGP router to send MPLS labels with BGP routes to a neighboring BGP router. • The *ip-address* argument specifies the IP address of the neighboring router.
Step 8	**exit-address-family** **Example:** `Router(config-router-af)# exit-address-family`	Exits from address family configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-router)# end`	(Optional) Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

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Troubleshooting Tips

You can enter a **show route-map** *map-name* command to verify that the route map is applied to the PE routers.

Note After you make any changes to a route map, you need to reset the BGP connection for the changes to take effect.

Configuration Examples for Route Maps in MPLS VPNs

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Using a Route Map in an MPLS VPN Inter-AS Network Example

In this example, a route map is applied to an autonomous system border router (ASBR) that exchanges IPv4 routes and MPLS labels with another ASBR.

- A route map called OUT specifies that the ASBR should distribute the PE1 route (ee.ee) with labels and the RR1 route (aa.aa) without labels.
- A route map called IN specifies that the ASBR should accept the PE2 route (ff.ff) with labels and the RR2 route (bb.bb) without labels.

```
ip subnet-zero
mpls label protocol tdp
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address ww.ww.ww.ww 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no ip route-cache
 no ip mroute-cache
!
interface Ethernet0/2
 ip address hh.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no ip mroute-cache
!
interface Ethernet0/3
 ip address dd.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
```

```
 no ip mroute-cache
 mpls label protocol ldp
 tag-switching ip
!
router ospf 10
 log-adjacency-changes
 auto-cost reference-bandwidth 1000
 redistribute connected subnets
 passive-interface Ethernet0/2
 network ww.ww.ww.ww 0.0.0.0 area 100
 network dd.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100

router bgp 100
 bgp log-neighbor-changes
 timers bgp 10 30
 neighbor aa.aa.aa.aa remote-as 100
 neighbor aa.aa.aa.aa update-source Loopback0
 neighbor hh.0.0.1 remote-as 200
 no auto-summary
 !
!
address-family ipv4                      ! Redistributing IGP into BGP
 redistribute ospf 10                    ! so that PE1 & RR1 loopbacks
 neighbor aa.aa.aa.aa activate           ! get into the BGP table
 neighbor aa.aa.aa.aa send-label
 neighbor hh.0.0.1 activate
 neighbor hh.0.0.1 advertisement-interval 5
 neighbor hh.0.0.1 send-label
 neighbor hh.0.0.1 route-map IN in       ! accepting routes in route map IN.
 neighbor hh.0.0.1 route-map OUT out     ! distributing routes in route map OUT.
 neighbor kk.0.0.1 activate
 neighbor kk.0.0.1 advertisement-interval 5
 neighbor kk.0.0.1 send-label
 neighbor kk.0.0.1 route-map IN in       ! accepting routes in route map IN.
 neighbor kk.0.0.1 route-map OUT out     ! distributing routes in route map OUT.
 no auto-summary
 no synchronization
 exit-address-family
!
ip default-gateway 3.3.0.1
ip classless
!
access-list 1 permit ee.ee.ee.ee log               !Setting up the access lists
access-list 2 permit ff.ff.ff.ff log
access-list 3 permit aa.aa.aa.aa log
access-list 4 permit bb.bb.bb.bb log
route-map IN permit 10                             !Setting up the route maps
 match ip address 2
 match mpls-label
!
route-map IN permit 11
 match ip address 4
!
route-map OUT permit 12
 match ip address 3
!
route-map OUT permit 13
 match ip address 1
 set mpls-label
!
end
```

Using a Route Map in an MPLS VPN CSC Network Example

The following example creates two route maps, which are named:

- IN for incoming routes
- OUT for outgoing routes

The route maps specify the following:

- If an IP address in an incoming BGP update message matches an IP address in access list 99, the route is added to the BGP table.
- If an IP address in an outbound BGP update message matches an IP address in access list 88, the router distributes that route.

The route maps are applied to the CSC-PE router with the address qq.0.0.1.

```
address-family ipv4 vrf vpn2
 neighbor qq.0.0.1 remote-as 200
 neighbor qq.0.0.1 activate
 neighbor qq.0.0.1 as-override
 neighbor qq.0.0.1 advertisement-interval 5
 neighbor qq.0.0.1 route-map IN in
 neighbor qq.0.0.1 route-map OUT out
 neighbor qq.0.0.1 send-label
!
access-list 88 permit rr.rr.rr.rr
access-list 88 permit ss.ss.ss.ss
access-list 88 permit tt.tt.tt.tt
access-list 99 permit uu.uu.uu.uu
access-list 99 permit vv.vv.vv.vv
access-list 99 permit ww.ww.ww.ww
!
route-map IN permit 1
 match ip address 99
!
route-map OUT permit 1
 match ip address 88
 set mpls-label
!
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Basic MPLS VPNs	Configuring MPLS Layer 3 VPNs
MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier	• MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier Using LDP and an IGP • MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier with BGP
MPLS VPN InterAutonomous Systems	• MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging IPv4 Routes and MPLS Labels • MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging VPN-IPv4 Addresses

Standards

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RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 2547	BGP/MPLS VPNs

Technical Assistance

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

Feature Information for Route Maps in MPLS VPNs

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 2 Feature Information for Route Maps in MPLS VPNs

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
This feature was included as part of the following features: • MPLS VPN Inter-Autonomous Systems - IPv4 BGP Label Distribution • MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier with IPv4 BGP Label Distribution	12.0(21)ST 12.0(22)S 12.0(23)S 12.2(13)T 12.0(24)S 12.2(14)S 12.0(27)S 12.0(29)S	Route maps enable you to specify which routes are distributed with MPLS labels. Route maps also enable you to specify which routes with MPLS labels a router receives and adds to its BGP table.

Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address for MPLS VPNs

The dialer software in Cisco IOS prior to Release 12.2(8)T had no way to dial two different destinations with the same IP address. More specifically, in networks where a network access server (NAS) supports dialing clients with overlapping addresses, dial-out attempts fail. This module explains how to dial to more than one destination with the same IP address.

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- Information About Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address for MPLS VPNs, page 55
- How to Enable Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address for MPLS VPNs, page 56
- Configuration Examples for Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address, page 59
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Finding Feature Information

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

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Prerequisites for Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address for MPLS VPNs

Before configuring this feature, you should understand how to configure the following network features:

- Virtual profiles with two-way AAA authentication
- MPLS VPNs

Refer to the documents listed in the Additional References, page 63 section for information about configuring these features.

Restrictions for Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address for MPLS VPNs

When configuring static routes in an MPLS or MPLS VPN environment, some variations of the **ip route** and **ip route vrf** commands are not supported. These variations of the commands are not supported in Cisco IOS releases that support the Tag Forwarding Information Base (TFIB), specifically Cisco IOS Releases 12.xT, 12.xM, and 12.0S. The TFIB cannot resolve prefixes when the recursive route over which the prefixes travel disappears and then reappears. However, the command variations are supported in Cisco IOS releases that support the MPLS Forwarding Infrastructure (MFI), specifically Cisco IOS Release 12.2(25)S and later. Use the following guidelines when configuring static routes.

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS Environment

The following **ip route** command is supported when you configure static routes in MPLS environment:

ip route *destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and configure load sharing with static nonrecursive routes and a specific outbound interface:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface1 next-hop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface2 next-hop2**

Unsupported Static Routes in an MPLS Environment that Uses the TFIB

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment:

ip route *destination-prefix mask next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and enable load sharing where the next hop can be reached through two paths:

ip route *destination-prefix mask next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and enable load sharing where the destination can be reached through two next hops:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop2**

Use the *interface* an *next-hop* arguments when specifying static routes.

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment

The following **ip route vrf** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop and interface are in the same VRF:

- ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop-address*
  ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address*
  ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **interface1 next-hop1**
  ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **interface2 next-hop2**

The following **ip route vrf** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud in the global routing table. For example, these commands are supported when the next hop is pointing to the Internet Gateway.

- ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop-address* **global**
  ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address* (This command is supported when the next hop and interface are in the core.)

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment and enable load sharing with static nonrecursive routes and a specific outbound interfaces:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface1 next-hop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface2 next-hop2**

Unsupported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment that Uses the TFIB

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud within the core, and you enable load sharing where the next hop can be reached through two paths:

ip route vrf *vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop-address* **global**

The following **ip route** commands are not supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud within the core, and you enable load sharing where the destination can be reached through two next hops:

ip route vrf *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop1 global**

ip route vrf *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop2 global**

The following **ip route vrf** commands are not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop and interface are in the same VRF:

ip route vrf *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **next-hop1**

ip route vrf *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **next-hop2**

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment Where the Next Hop Resides in the Global Table on the CE Router

The following **ip route vrf** command is supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop is in the global table on the CE side. For example, the following command is supported when the destination-prefix is the CE router's loopback address, as in EBGP multihop cases.

ip route vrf *vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table on the CE side, and you enable load sharing with static non-recursive routes and a specific outbound interfaces:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface1 nexthop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface2 nexthop2**

Information About Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address for MPLS VPNs

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Introduction to Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address for MPLS VPNs

The Cisco IOS dialer software can distinguish between two destinations with the same IP address using information stored in the VRF. This capability is provided to the dialer software by two existing Cisco IOS commands, **dialer map** and **ip route**, which have been enhanced to include VPN routing and forwarding (VRF) information.

In previous Cisco IOS releases, the dialer software obtained the telephone number for dial-out based on the destination IP address configured in the **dialer map** command. Now, the enhanced **dialer map** command supplies the name of the VRF so that the telephone number to be dialed is based on the VRF name and the destination IP address. The VRF is identified based on the incoming interface of the packet, and is used with the destination IP address defined in the **dialer map** command to determine the telephone number to be dialed.

The **ip route** configuration command also includes the VRF information. When a packet arrives in an incoming interface that belongs to a particular VRF, only those **ip route** commands that correspond to that particular VRF are used to determine the destination interface.

Benefits of this Feature

This feature allows the dialer software to dial out in an MPLS-based VPN. The MPLS VPN model simplifies network routing. For example, rather than needing to manage routing over a complex virtual network backbone composed of many virtual circuits, an MPLS VPN user can employ the backbone of the service provider as the default route in communicating with all other VPN sites.

This default route capability allows several sites to transparently interconnect through the service provider network. One service provider network can support several different IP VPNs, each of which appears to its users as a separate, private network. Within a VPN, each site can send IP packets to any other site in the same VPN, because each VPN is associated with one or more VRFs. The VRF is a key element in the VPN technology, because it maintains the routing information that defines a customer VPN site.

How to Enable Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address for MPLS VPNs

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- Verifying the Configuration, page 58

Mapping the VRF and Next-Hop Address to a Dial String

Use the following procedure to map a VRF and next-hop address combination to a dial string and thereby allow the dialer software to be VRF-aware for an MPLS VPN.

These commands are only part of the required configuration and show how to map a VRF and next-hop address combination to a dial string. Refer to the documents listed in the Additional References, page 63 section and the example in the Configuration Examples for Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address, page 59 section for details on where to include these commands in the network configuration.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface dialer** *number*
4. **dialer map ip** *protocol-next-hop-address* **vrf** *vrf-name* **name** *host-name dial-string*
5. **end**
6. **ip route vrf** *vrf-name ip-address mask interface-type interface-number*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface dialer** *number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface dialer 1`	Enters interface configuration mode and begins dialer configuration.
Step 4	**dialer map ip** *protocol-next-hop-address* **vrf** *vrf-name* **name** *host-name dial-string* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# dialer map ip 60.0.0.12 vrf yellow name rubbertree02 5552171`	Maps a VRF and next-hop address combination to a dial string (telephone number).
Step 5	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	(Optional) Exits interface configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**ip route vrf** *vrf-name ip-address mask interface-type interface-number* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip route vrf blue 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.255 Dialer0`	Configures a VRF and next hop address combination that points to the interface where the dialer software should make the connection.

Verifying the Configuration

To verify the configuration, use the following procedure.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **ping**
2. **show adjacency**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **ping**
Use this command on the customer edge NAS to place a call to a peer. The expected result is that the NAS successfully dials out to that peer.

Step 2 **show adjacency**
Use this command if the call fails to check Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF) adjacency table information.

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Troubleshooting Tips

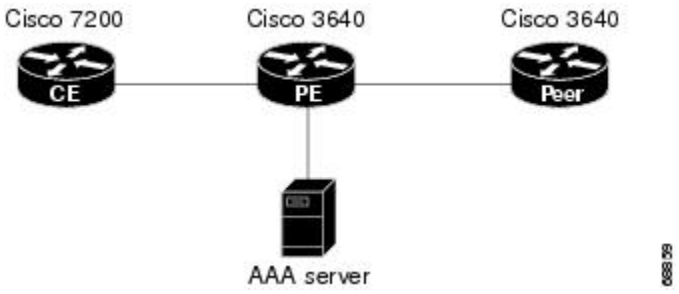
If you encounter problems with the feature, use the following **debug** privileged EXEC commands on the NAS to help you determine where the problem lies:

- **debug aaa authentication**
- **debug aaa authorization**
- **debug dialer**
- **debug ppp authentication**
- **debug ppp negotiation**
- **debug radius**

Configuration Examples for Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address

This section provides a configuration example of the feature for a simple network topology shown in the figure below.

Figure 2 MPLS VPN Topology



Note The network addresses and telephone numbers used in the following configuration are examples only and will not work in an actual network configuration.

Customer Edge (CE) Router

```
!
hostname oaktree02
enable secret 5 !1!35Fg$Ep4.D8JGpg7rKxQa49BF9/
!
ip subnet-zero
no ip domain-lookup
!
controller T1 5/0
!
controller T1 5/1
!
interface FastEthernet0/0
 no ip address
 no ip mroute-cache
 duplex auto
 speed auto
!
interface FastEthernet0/1
 no ip address
 no ip mroute-cache
 shutdown
 duplex auto
 speed auto
!
interface Ethernet1/0
 ip address 10.0.58.11 255.255.255.0
 no ip mroute-cache
 half-duplex
!
interface Ethernet1/1
 ip address 50.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
 no ip mroute-cache
 half-duplex
```

```
!
interface Ethernet1/2
 no ip address
 no ip mroute-cache
 shutdown
 half-duplex
!
interface Ethernet1/3
 no ip address
 no ip mroute-cache
 shutdown
 half-duplex
!
interface Serial2/0
 no ip address
 no ip mroute-cache
 shutdown
 no fair-queue
 serial restart-delay 0
!
interface Serial2/1
 no ip address
 no ip mroute-cache
 shutdown
 serial restart-delay 0
!
interface Serial2/2
 no ip address
 no ip mroute-cache
 shutdown
 serial restart-delay 0
!
interface Serial2/3
 no ip address
 no ip mroute-cache
 shutdown
 serial restart-delay 0
!
interface FastEthernet4/0
 no ip address
 no ip mroute-cache
 shutdown
 duplex auto
 speed auto
!
ip classless
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 10.0.58.1
ip route 60.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 50.0.0.1
no ip http server
!
!
snmp-server manager
banner motd ^C  AV-8B    OAKTREE^C
alias exec r sh run
!
line con 0
 exec-timeout 0 0
line aux 0
 login
line vty 0 4
 no login
!
end
```

Provider Edge (PE) Router

```
hostname pinetree02
!
aaa new-model
!
!
aaa authentication login con-log none
```

```
aaa authentication ppp default group radius
aaa authorization network default group radius
aaa session-id common
enable secret 5 $1$7KlA$xpC8l4dJCZogbzZvGUtFl/
!
username rubbertree02 password 0 Hello
ip subnet-zero
!
no ip domain-lookup
!
ip vrf yellow
 rd 100:1
ip cef
virtual-profile aaa
isdn switch-type primary-5ess
!
controller T1 3/0
 framing esf
 linecode b8zs
 pri-group timeslots 1-24
!
controller T1 3/1
 framing esf
 linecode b8zs
!
controller T1 3/2
 framing esf
 linecode b8zs
!
controller T1 3/3
 framing esf
 linecode b8zs
!
controller T1 3/4
 framing esf
 linecode b8zs
!
controller T1 3/5
 framing esf
 linecode b8zs
!
controller T1 3/6
 framing esf
 linecode b8zs
!
controller T1 3/7
 framing esf
 linecode b8zs
!
interface Loopback0
 ip vrf forwarding yellow
 ip address 70.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
!
interface FastEthernet1/0
 no ip address
 shutdown
 duplex half
!
interface Ethernet2/0
 ip address 10.0.58.3 255.255.255.0
 duplex full
!
interface Ethernet2/1
 ip vrf forwarding yellow
 ip address 50.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
 duplex half
!
interface Ethernet2/2
 no ip address
 shutdown
 duplex half
!
interface Ethernet2/3
```

```
 no ip address
 shutdown
 duplex half
!
interface Serial3/0:23
 description phone# 555-3123
 no ip address
 encapsulation ppp
 dialer rotary-group 0
 dialer-group 1
 isdn switch-type primary-5ess
 ppp authentication chap
!
interface Serial4/0
 no ip address
 shutdown
 no fair-queue
!
interface Dialer0
 ip address negotiated
 encapsulation ppp
 dialer in-band
 dialer map ip 60.0.0.12 vrf yellow name rubbertree02 5552171
 dialer map ip 60.0.0.2 5552172
 dialer-group 1
 ppp authentication chap
!
ip classless
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 10.0.58.1
ip route 60.0.0.2 255.255.255.255 Dialer0
ip route vrf yellow 60.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 Dialer0 permanent
no ip http server
ip pim bidir-enable
!
ip director cache time 60
dialer-list 1 protocol ip permit
!
radius-server host 172.19.192.89 auth-port 1645 acct-port 1646 key rad123
radius-server retransmit 3
call rsvp-sync
!
no mgcp timer receive-rtcp
!
mgcp profile default
!
dial-peer cor custom
!
gatekeeper
 shutdown
!
banner motd ^C   F/A-18    PINETREE ^C
!
line con 0
 exec-timeout 0 0
 login authentication con-log

line aux 0
line vty 5 15
!
end
```

Peer Router

```
hostname rubbertree02
!
logging buffered 32000 debugging
enable secret 5 $1$RCKC$scgtdlaDzjSyUVAi7KK5Q.
enable password Windy
!
username pinetree02 password 0 Hello
!
ip subnet-zero
```

```
no ip domain-lookup
!
isdn switch-type basic-5ess
!
interface Ethernet0
 ip address 10.0.58.9 255.255.255.0
 no ip route-cache
!
interface BRI0
 description phone# 555-2171
 ip address 60.0.0.12 255.0.0.0
 encapsulation ppp
 no ip route-cache
 dialer map ip 60.0.0.11 5553123
 dialer map ip 60.0.0.2 5552172
 dialer-group 1
 isdn switch-type basic-5ess
 isdn fast-rollover-delay 45
!
ip default-gateway 10.0.58.1
ip classless
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 10.0.58.1
ip route 50.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 70.0.0.1
no ip http server
!
dialer-list 1 protocol ip permit
no cdp run
banner motd ^C   F-4B   RUBBERTREE^C
!
line con 0
 exec-timeout 0 0
line vty 0 4
 password Windy
 login
!
end
```

AAA Server User File

```
[aaa-serv]/usr/testing/bin> ./radiusd_1.16 -d . -a . -x
greentree-16        Password = "Hello", Expiration = "Dec 31 2005"
        Service-Type = Framed-User,
        Framed-Protocol = PPP
        cisco-avpair = "lcp:interface-config=ip vrf forwarding yellow \nip
unnumbered Loopback0"
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
MPLS	MPLS Product Literature

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RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 1164	Application of the Border Gateway Protocol in the Internet
RFC 1171	A Border Gateway Protocol 4
RFC 1700	Assigned Numbers
RFC 1966	BGP Route Reflection: An Alternative to Full Mesh IBGP
RFC 2283	Multiprotocol Extensions for BGP-4
RFC 2547	BGP/MPLS VPNs
RFC 2842	Capabilities Advertisement with BGP-4
RFC 2858	Multiprotocol Extensions for BGP-4

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Feature Information for Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address

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Table 3 Feature Information for Dialing to Destinations with the Same IP Address

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
Dialer Map VRF-Aware for MPLS VPNs	12.2(8)T	The Cisco IOS dialer software is "VRF-aware for an MPLS VPN," which means that it can distinguish between two destinations with the same IP address using information stored in the VRF.

Ensuring MPLS VPN Clients Communicate over the Backbone Links

This module describes how to configure a sham-link that ensures traffic travels between Virtual Private Network (VPN) client sites over the Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) VPN backbone. This feature is for VPNs that run Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) between the provider edge (PE) and customer edge (CE) routers. By default, OSPF uses backdoor paths between VPN sites, not the MPLS VPN backbone.

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Prerequisites for Ensuring MPLS VPN Clients Communicate over the Backbone Links

Before you can configure a sham-link in an MPLS VPN, you must first enable OSPF as follows:

- Create an OSPF routing process.
- Specify the range of IP addresses to be associated with the routing process.
- Assign area IDs to be associated with the range of IP addresses.

Restrictions for Ensuring MPLS VPN Clients Communicate over the Backbone Links

When OSPF is used as a protocol between PE and CE routers, the OSPF metric is preserved when routes are advertised over the VPN backbone. The metric is used on the remote PE routers to select the correct route. For this reason, you should not modify the metric value when OSPF is redistributed to Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), and when BGP is redistributed to OSPF. If you modify the metric value, routing loops may occur.

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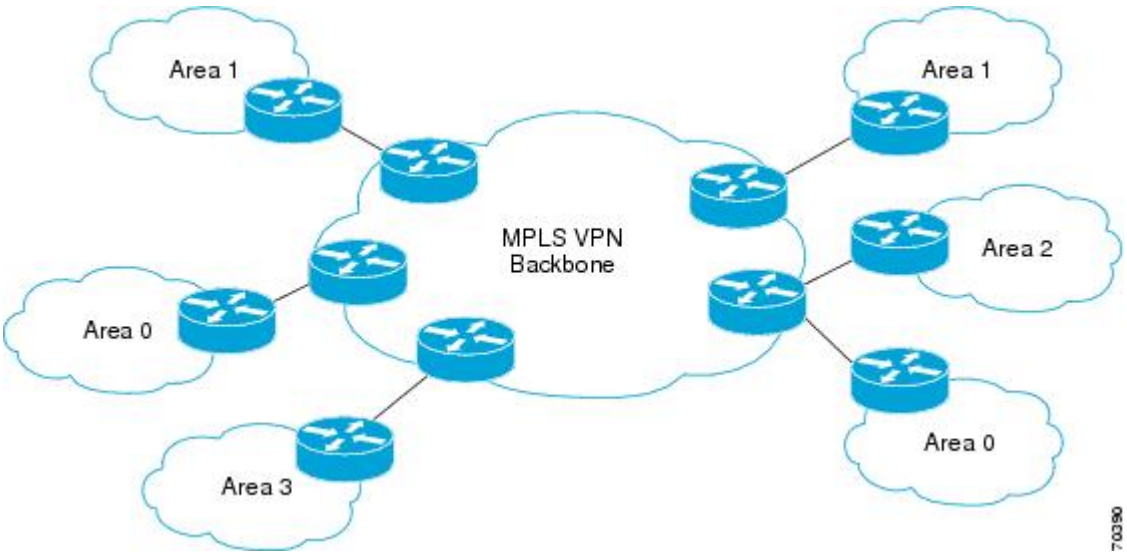
Introduction to MPLS VPNs Using OSPF Between PE and CE Routers

In an MPLS VPN configuration, the OSPF protocol is one way you can connect CE routers to PE routers in the VPN backbone. OSPF is often used by customers that run OSPF as their intrasite routing protocol, subscribe to a VPN service, and want to exchange routing information between their sites using OSPF (during migration or on a permanent basis) over an MPLS VPN backbone.

The figure below shows an example of how VPN client sites (areas 0, 1, 2, and 3) that run OSPF can connect over an MPLS VPN backbone.



When OSPF is used to connect PE and CE routers, all routing information learned from a VPN site is placed in the VPN routing and forwarding (VRF) instance associated with the incoming interface. The PE

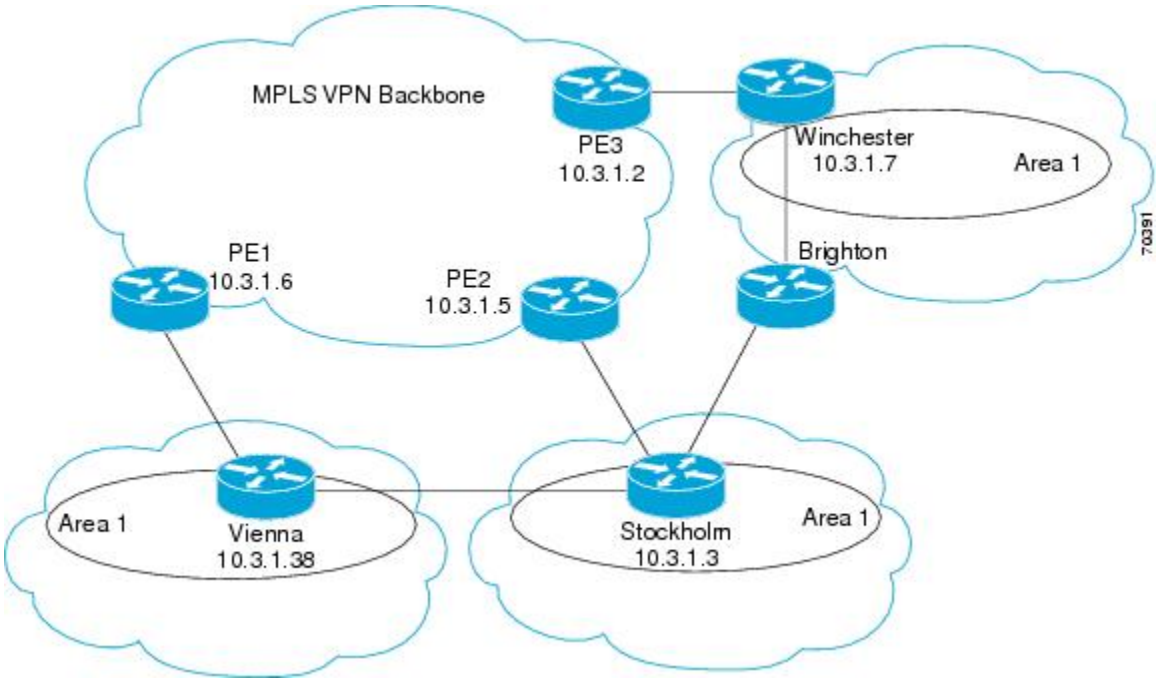
routers that attach to the VPN use the BGP to distribute VPN routes to each other. A CE router can then learn the routes to other sites in the VPN by peering with its attached PE router. The MPLS VPN backbone provides an additional level of routing hierarchy to interconnect the VPN sites running OSPF.

When OSPF routes are propagated over the MPLS VPN backbone, additional information about the prefix in the form of BGP extended communities (route type, domain ID extended communities) is appended to the BGP update. This community information is used by the receiving PE router to decide the type of link-state advertisement (LSA) to be generated when the BGP route is redistributed to the OSPF PECE process. In this way, internal OSPF routes that belong to the same VPN and are advertised over the VPN backbone are seen as interarea routes on the remote sites.

OSPF Uses Backdoor Paths to Communicate Between VPN Sites

Although OSPF PECE connections assume that the only path between two client sites is across the MPLS VPN backbone, backdoor paths between VPN sites may exist. For instance, in the figure below, Vienna, Stockholm, Brighton, and Winchester can communicate through backdoor paths instead of using the MPLS VPN backbone.

If the sites belong to the same OSPF area, the backdoor path will always be selected, because OSPF prefers intra-area paths to interarea paths. (PE routers advertise OSPF routes learned over the VPN backbone as interarea paths.) For this reason, OSPF backdoor paths between VPN sites must be taken into account so that routing is performed based on policy.



For example, the figure above shows three client sites, each with backdoor links. Because each site runs OSPF within the same Area 1 configuration, all routing between the three sites uses the backdoor paths, rather than the MPLS VPN backbone.

The following example shows BGP routing table entries for the Winchester router (prefix 10.3.1.7/32) from the standpoint of the PE1 router in the figure. Prefix 10.3.1.7 is the loopback interface of the Winchester

CE router. As shown in bold in this example, the loopback interface is learned via BGP from PE2 and PE3. It is also generated through redistribution into BGP on PE1.

```
PE1# show ip bgp vpnv4 all 10.3.1.7
BGP routing table entry for 100:251:10.3.1.7/32, version 58
Paths: (3 available, best #2)
  Advertised to non peer-group peers:
  10.3.1.2 10.3.1.5
  Local
    10.3.1.5 (metric 30) from 10.3.1.5 (10.3.1.5)
      Origin incomplete, metric 22, localpref 100, valid, internal
      Extended Community: RT:1:793 OSPF DOMAIN ID:0.0.0.100 OSPF
      RT:1:2:0 OSPF 2
  Local
    10.2.1.38 from 0.0.0.0 (10.3.1.6)
      Origin incomplete, metric 86, localpref 100, weight 32768,
      valid, sourced, best
      Extended Community: RT:1:793 OSPF DOMAIN ID:0.0.0.100 OSPF
      RT:1:2:0 OSPF 2
  Local
    10.3.1.2 (metric 30) from 10.3.1.2 (10.3.1.2)
      Origin incomplete, metric 11, localpref 100, valid, internal
      Extended Community: RT:1:793 OSPF DOMAIN ID:0.0.0.100 OSPF
      RT:1:2:0 OSPF 2
```

Within BGP, the locally generated route (10.2.1.38) is considered to be the best route.

However, as shown in bold in the next example, the VRF routing table shows that the selected path is learned via OSPF with a next hop of 10.2.1.38, which is the Vienna CE router.

```
PE1# show ip route vrf ospf 10.3.1.7
Routing entry for 10.3.1.7/32
  Known via "ospf 100", distance 110, metric 86, type intra area
  Redistributing via bgp 215
  Advertised by bgp 215
  Last update from 10.2.1.38 on Serial0/0/0, 00:00:17 ago
  Routing Descriptor Blocks:
  * 10.2.1.38
, from 10.3.1.7, 00:00:17 ago, via Serial0/0/0
      Route metric is 86, traffic share count is 1
```

This path is selected because:

- The OSPF backdoor path is preferred over the interarea path (over the MPLS VPN backbone) generated by the PE1 router.
- OSPF has a lower administrative distance (AD) than internal BGP (BGP running between routers in the same autonomous system).

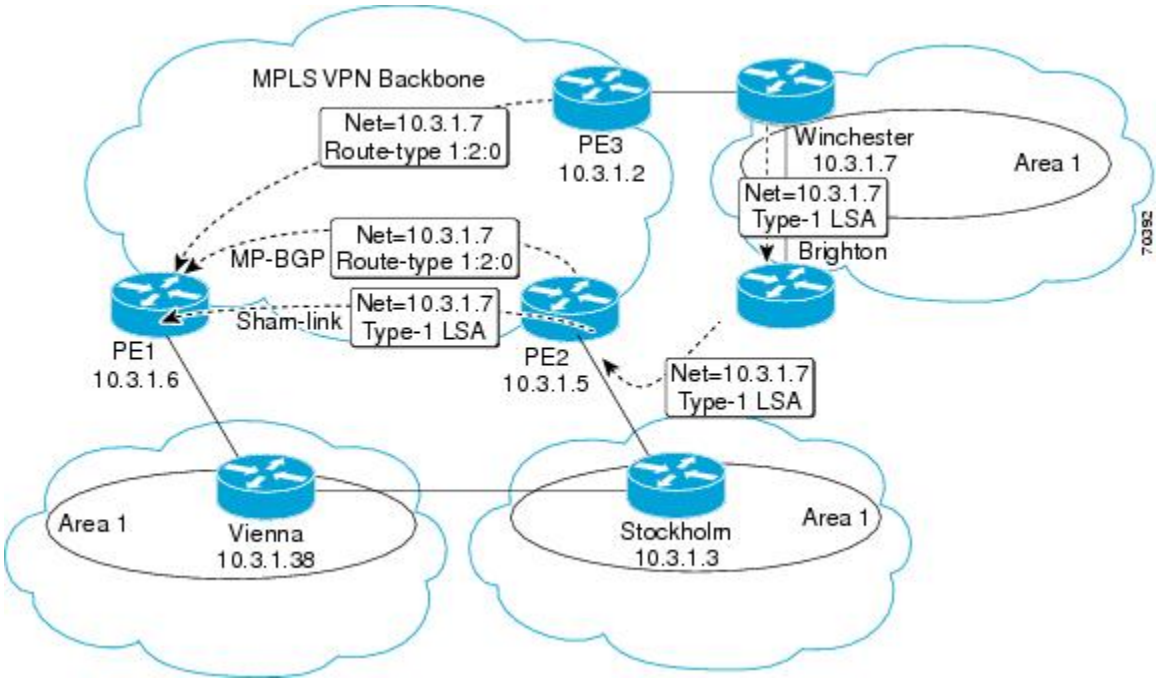
If the backdoor paths between sites are used only for backup purposes and do not participate in the VPN service, then the default route selection is acceptable. You can set up the OSPF cost configured with a sham-link to send VPN site traffic over a backdoor path.

Sham-Links Direct Traffic Between VPN Sites over the MPLS VPN Backbone

To ensure that VPN sites that belong to the same OSPF area and share an OSPF backdoor path communicate with each other using the MPLS VPN backbone, you must create a sham-link. (If no backdoor path exists between the sites, no sham-link is required.) A sham-link is an additional OSPF intra-area (logical) link between ingress and egress VRFs on the PE routers that connect to the CE routers of the VPN sites.

The figure below shows a sample sham-link between PE1 and PE2. You associate a cost with each sham-link to force traffic to use the sham-link rather than the backdoor path. When a sham-link is configured

between PE routers, the PE routers can populate the VRF routing table with the OSPF routes learned over the sham-link.



Because the sham-link is seen as an intra-area link between PE routers, an OSPF adjacency is created and database exchange (for the particular OSPF process) occurs across the link. The PE router can then flood LSAs between sites from across the MPLS VPN backbone. As a result, the desired intra-area connectivity is created.

How to Ensure That MPLS VPN Clients Communicate over the MPLS VPN Backbone

This section explains how to create a sham-link on an MPLS VPN PE router. Perform this task on both PE routers that share the sham-link.

Before you create a sham-link between PE routers in an MPLS VPN, you must:

- Configure a separate /32 address on the remote PE so that OSPF packets can be sent over the VPN backbone to the remote end of the sham-link. The /32 address must meet the following criteria:
  - Belong to a VRF.
  - Not be advertised by OSPF.
  - Be advertised by BGP.

You can use the /32 address for other sham-links.

- Associate the sham-link with an existing OSPF area.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface loopback** *interface-number*
4. **ip vrf forwarding** *vrf-name*
5. **ip address** *ip-address mask*
6. **end**
7. **router ospf** *process-id***vrf** *vrf-name*
8. **area** *area-id* **sham-link** *source-address destination-address* **cost** *number*
9. **show ip ospf sham-links**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface loopback** *interface-number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface loopback 1`	Creates a loopback interface to be used as an endpoint of the sham-link on the PE router and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	**ip vrf forwarding** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip vrf forwarding ospf`	Associates the loopback interface with a VRF. Removes the IP address.
Step 5	**ip address** *ip-address mask* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 10.2.1.2 255.255.255.255`	Reconfigures the IP address of the loopback interface on the PE router.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 7	**router ospf** *process-id***vrf** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config)# router ospf 100 vrf ospf`	Configures the specified OSPF process with the VRF associated with the sham-link interface on the PE router and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 8	**area** *area-id* **sham-link** *source-address destination-address* **cost** *number* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# area 1 sham-link 10.2.1.2 10.2.1.1 cost 40`	Configures the sham-link on the PE router interface within a specified OSPF area and with the loopback interfaces specified by the IP addresses as endpoints. • **cost** *number* configures the OSPF cost for sending an IP packet over the PE sham-link interface.
Step 9	**show ip ospf sham-links** **Example:**	Verifies that the sham-link was successfully created and is operational.

Example

The following is sample output from the **show ip ospf sham-links** command:

```
Router# show ip ospf sham-links
Sham Link OSPF_SL0 to address 10.2.1.2 is up
Area 1 source address 10.2.1.1
  Run as demand circuit
  DoNotAge LSA allowed.
  Cost of using 40 State POINT_TO_POINT,
  Timer intervals configured,
  Hello 10, Dead 40, Wait 40,
    Hello due in 00:00:04
    Adjacency State FULL (Hello suppressed)
    Index 2/2, retransmission queue length 4,     number of retransmission 0
    First 0x63311F3C(205)/0x63311FE4(59) Next
    0x63311F3C(205)/0x63311FE4(59)
    Last retransmission scan length is 0,     maximum is 0
    Last retransmission scan time is 0 msec,     maximum is 0 msec
    Link State retransmission due in 360 msec
```

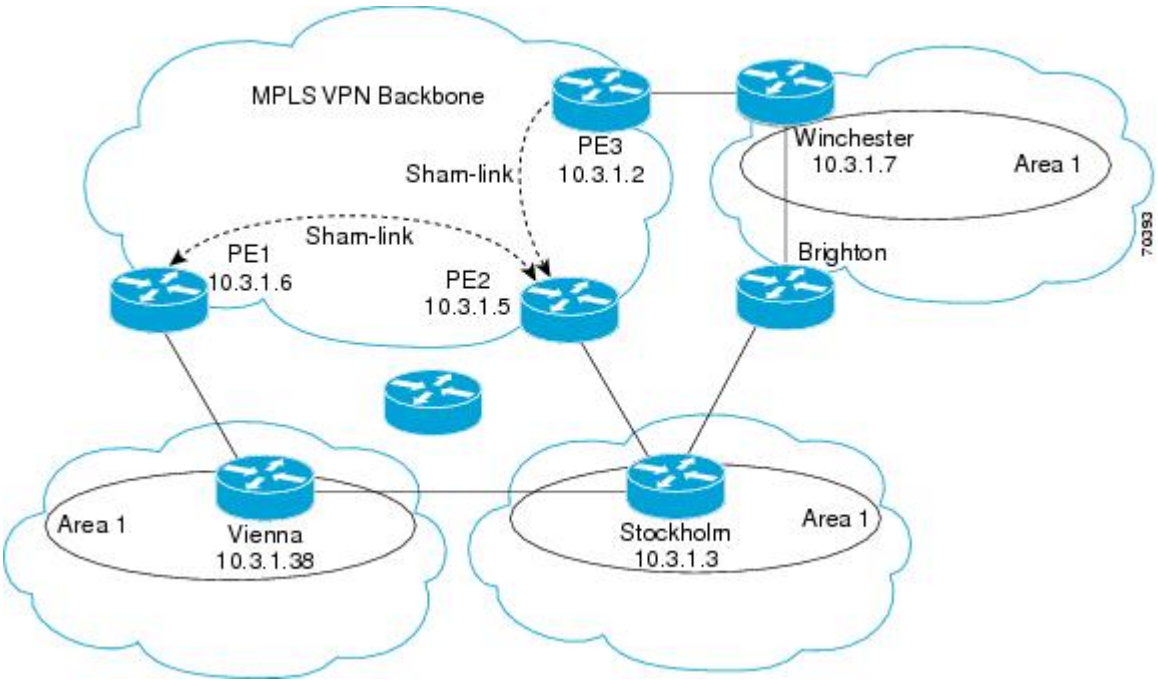
Configuration Examples for Ensuring MPLS VPN Clients Communicate over the MPLS VPN Backbone

The following example shows how to configure a sham-link between two PE routers:

```
Router1(config)# interface loopback 1
Router1(config-if)# ip vrf forwarding ospf
Router1(config-if)# ip address 10.2.1.1 255.255.255.255
!
Router2(config)# interface loopback 1
Router2(config-if)# ip vrf forwarding ospf
Router2(config-if)# ip address 10.2.1.2 255.255.255.255
!
Router1(config)# router ospf 100 vrf ospf
Router1(config-if)# area 1 sham-link 10.2.1.1 10.2.1.2 cost 40
!
Router2(config)# router ospf 100 vrf ospf
Router2(config-if)# area 1 sham-link 10.2.1.2 10.2.1.1 cost 40
```

This example shows how a sham-link is used only to affect the OSPF intra-area path selection of the PE and CE routers. The PE router also uses the information received from Multiprotocol BGP (MP-BGP) to set the outgoing label stack of incoming packets, and to decide to which egress PE router to label-switch the packets.

The figure below shows a sample MPLS VPN topology in which a sham-link configuration is necessary. A VPN client has three sites, each with a backdoor path. Two sham-links have been configured, one between PE1 and PE2, and another between PE2 and PE3. A sham-link between PE1 and PE3 is not necessary in this configuration, because the Vienna and Winchester sites do not share a backdoor path.



The following example shows the forwarding that occurs between sites from the standpoint of how PE1 views the 10.3.1.7/32 prefix, the loopback1 interface of the Winchester CE router in the figure above.

```
PE1# show ip bgp vpnv4 all 10.3.1.7
BGP routing table entry for 100:251:10.3.1.7/32, version 124
Paths: (1 available, best #1)
  Local
    10.3.1.2 (metric 30) from 10.3.1.2
 (10.3.1.2)
       Origin incomplete, metric 11, localpref 100, valid, internal,
```

```
       best
       Extended Community: RT:1:793 OSPF DOMAIN ID:0.0.0.100 OSPF
       RT:1:2:0 OSPF 2
PE1# show ip route vrf ospf 10.3.1.7
Routing entry for 10.3.1.7/32
  Known via "ospf 100
", distance 110, metric 13, type intra area
  Redistributing via bgp 215
  Last update from 10.3.1.2 00:12:59 ago
  Routing Descriptor Blocks:
10.3.1.2 (Default-IP-Routing-Table), from 10.3.1.7, 00:12:59 ago
```

The next example shows forwarding information in which the next hop for the route, 10.3.1.2, is the PE3 router rather than the PE2 router (which is the best path according to OSPF). The OSPF route is not redistributed to BGP on the PE, because the other end of the sham-link already redistributed the route to BGP and there is no need for duplication. The OSPF sham-link is used only to influence intra-area path selection. When sending traffic to a particular destination, the PE router uses the MP-BGP forwarding information.

```
PE1# show ip bgp vpnv4 all tag | begin 10.3.1.7
   10.3.1.7/32      10.3.1.2
        notag/38

PE1# show mpls forwarding 10.3.1.2
Local  Outgoing      Prefix           Bytes label    Outgoing   Next Hop
label  label or VC   or Tunnel Id     switched       interface
31     42            10.3.1.2/32
      0              PO3/0/0    point2point
PE1# show ip cef vrf ospf 10.3.1.7
10.3.1.7/32, version 73, epoch 0, cached adjacency to POS3/0/0
0 packets, 0 bytes
  tag information set
   local tag: VPN-route-head
   fast tag rewrite with PO3/0/0, point2point, tags imposed: {42 38
}
  via 10.3.1.2
, 0 dependencies, recursive
    next hop 10.1.1.17, POS3/0/0 via 10.3.1.2/32
    valid cached adjacency
    tag rewrite with PO3/0/0, point2point, tags imposed: {42 38}
```

If a prefix is learned across the sham-link and the path via the sham-link is selected as the best, the PE router does not generate an MP-BGP update for the prefix. It is not possible to route traffic from one sham-link over another sham-link.

In the following example, PE2 shows how an MP-BGP update for the prefix is not generated. Although 10.3.1.7/32 has been learned via OSPF across the sham-link as shown in bold, no local generation of a route into BGP is performed. The only entry within the BGP table is the MP-BGP update received from PE3 (the egress PE router for the 10.3.1.7/32 prefix).

```
PE2# show ip route vrf ospf 10.3.1.7
Routing entry for 10.3.1.7/32
  Known via "ospf 100
", distance 110, metric 12, type intra area
  Redistributing via bgp 215
  Last update from 10.3.1.2 00:00:10 ago
  Routing Descriptor Blocks:
  * 10.3.1.2 (Default-IP-Routing-Table), from 10.3.1.7, 00:00:10 ago
      Route metric is 12, traffic share count is 1
PE2# show ip bgp vpnv4 all 10.3.1.7
BGP routing table entry for 100:251:10.3.1.7/32, version 166
Paths: (1 available, best #1)
  Not advertised to any peer
  Local
    10.3.1.2 (metric 30) from 10.3.1.2 (10.3.1.2)
      Origin incomplete, metric 11, localpref 100, valid, internal,
      best
```

```
Extended Community: RT:1:793 OSPF DOMAIN ID:0.0.0.100 OSPF
RT:1:2:0 OSPF 2
```

The PE router uses the information received from MP-BGP to set the ongoing label stack of incoming packets, and to decide to which egress PE router to label-switch the packets.

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MPLS VPN InterAutonomous Systems	• MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging IPv4 Routes and MPLS Labels • MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging VPN-IPv4 Addresses

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RFC	Title
RFC 1164	Application of the Border Gateway Protocol in the Internet

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RFC 1171	A Border Gateway Protocol 4
RFC 1700	Assigned Numbers
RFC 1966	BGP Route Reflection: An Alternative to Full Mesh IBGP
RFC 2283	Multiprotocol Extensions for BGP-4
RFC 2328	Open Shortest Path First, Version 2
RFC 2547	BGP/MPLS VPNs
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Ensuring MPLS VPN Clients Communicate over the MPLS VPN Backbone	12.2(8)T 12.0(21)ST 12.0(22)S	This feature allows you to configure a sham-link that directs traffic between Virtual Private Network (VPN) client sites over the Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) VPN backbone.

Configuring Scalable Hub-and-Spoke MPLS VPNs

This module explains how to ensure that virtual private network (VPN) clients that connect to the same provider edge (PE) router at the edge of the Mutliprotocol (MPLS) Virtual Private Network (VPN) use the hub site. This feature prevents the VPN clients from communicating directly with each other, bypassing the hub site. This feature also provides scalable hub-and-spoke connectivity for subscribers of an MPLS VPN service by removing the requirement of one VRF per spoke.

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Prerequisites for Configuring Scalable Hub-and-Spoke MPLS VPNs

You must have a working MPLS core network.

Restrictions for Configuring Scalable Hub-and-Spoke MPLS VPNs

- In both the upstream and downstream VRFs, routing protocols are not supported on interfaces configured with this feature. Interfaces that are not configured with this feature, however, do not have this restriction for the upstream or downstream VRFs.
- You can configure this feature only on virtual access interfaces (VAIs) and virtual template interfaces (VTIs).
- Only unnumbered interfaces are supported.
- Multicast is not supported on interfaces configured for hub-and-spoke MPLS VPNs.

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Overview

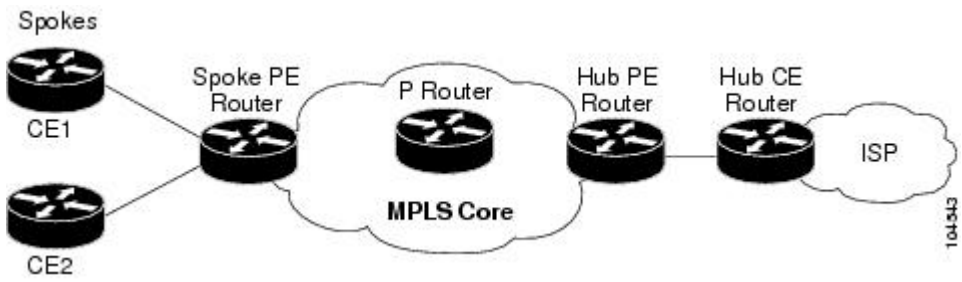
This feature prevents local connectivity between subscribers at the spoke provider edge (PE) router and ensures that a hub site provides subscriber connectivity. Any sites that connect to the same PE router must forward intersite traffic using the hub site. This ensures that the routing done at the spoke site moves from the access-side interface to the network-side interface or from the network-side interface to the access-side interface, but never from the access-side interface to the access-side interface.

This feature prevents situations where the PE router locally switches the spokes without passing the traffic through the hub site. This prevents subscribers from directly connecting to each other.

This feature eases configuration by removing the requirement of one VRF per spoke. In prior releases, when spokes connected to the same PE router, each spoke was configured in a separate VRF to ensure that the traffic between the spokes traversed the central link between the wholesale service provider and the ISP. However, this solution was not scalable. When many spokes connected to the same PE router, configuration of VRFs for each spoke became quite complex and greatly increased memory usage. This was especially true in large-scale environments that supported high-density remote access to Layer 3 VPNs.

The figure below shows a sample hub-and-spoke topology.

Figure 3 Hub-and-Spoke Topology



Upstream and Downstream VRFs

This feature uses two unidirectional VRFs to forward IP traffic between the spokes and the hub PE router:

- The upstream VRF forwards the IP traffic from the spokes toward the hub PE router. This VRF typically contains only a default route but might also contain summary routes and multiple default routes. The default route points to the interface on the hub PE router that connects to the upstream ISP. The router dynamically learns about the default route from the routing updates that the hub PE router or home gateway sends. The upstream VRF also contains the VAIs that connect the spokes, but it contains no other local interfaces.
- The downstream VRF forwards traffic from the hub PE router back to the spokes. This VRF contains Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) peer routes for the spokes and per-user static routes received from the Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA) server. It also contains the routes imported from the hub PE router.

The router redistributes routes from the downstream VRF into Multiprotocol Border Gateway Protocol (MP-BGP). The spoke PE router typically advertises a summary route across the MPLS core for the connected spokes. The VRF configured on the hub PE router imports the advertised summary route.

Reverse Path Forwarding Check

The unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF) check ensures that an IP packet that enters a router uses the correct inbound interface. This feature supports unicast RPF check on the spoke-side interfaces. Because different VRFs are used for downstream and upstream forwarding, the RPF mechanism ensures that source address checks occur in the downstream VRF.

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- Configuring the Downstream VRF for an AAA Server, page 84
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Configuring the Upstream and Downstream VRFs on the PE Router or the Spoke PE Router

To configure the upstream and downstream VRFs on the PE router or on the spoke PE router, use the following procedure.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip vrf** *vrf-name*
4. **rd** *route-distinguisher*
5. **route-target** {**import** | **export** | **both**} *route-target-ext-community*
6. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip vrf** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip vrf U`	Enters VRF configuration mode and defines the VRF instance by assigning a VRF name.
Step 4	**rd** *route-distinguisher* **Example:** `Router(config-vrf)# rd 1:0`	Creates routing and forwarding tables.
Step 5	**route-target** {**import** | **export** | **both**} *route-target-ext-community* **Example:** `Router(config-vrf)# route-target import 1:0`	Creates a list of import and export route target communities for the specified VRF. • The **import** keyword is required to create an upstream VRF. The upstream VRF is used to import the default route from the hub PE router. • The **export** keyword is required to create a downstream VRF. The downstream VRF is used to export the routes of all subscribers of a given service that the VRF serves.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-vrf)# exit`	Returns to global configuration mode.

Associating VRFs

The virtual template interface is used to create and configure a virtual access interface (VAI). After you define and configure the VRFs on the PE routers, associate each VRF with the following:

- Interface or subinterface
- Virtual template interface

To associate a VRF, enter the following commands on the PE router.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface virtual-template** *number*
4. **ip vrf forwarding** *vrf-name1* [**downstream** *vrf-name2*]
5. **ip unnumbered** *type number*
6. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**interface virtual-template** *number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface virtual-template 1`	Creates a virtual template interface that can be configured and applied dynamically in creating virtual access interfaces. Enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	**ip vrf forwarding** *vrf-name1* [**downstream** *vrf-name2*] **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip vrf forwarding vpn1 downstream D`	Associates a virtual template interface with the VRF you specify. • The *vrf-name1* argument is the name of the VRF associated with the virtual template interface. • The *vrf-name2* argument is the name of the downstream VRF into which the PPP peer route and all of the per-user routes from the AAA server are installed. If an AAA server is used, it provides the VRF membership; you do not need to configure the VRF members on the virtual templates.
Step 5	**ip unnumbered** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip unnumbered Loopback1`	Enables IP processing on an interface without assigning an explicit IP address to the interface. The *type* and *number* arguments are the type and number of another interface on which the router has an assigned IP address. It cannot be another unnumbered interface.
Step 6	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# exit`	Returns to global configuration mode.

Configuring the Downstream VRF for an AAA Server

To configure the downstream VRF for an AAA server, enter the following Cisco attribute value:

lcp:interface-config=ip vrf forwarding U downstream D

For more information about configuring a RADIUS server, see Configuring Virtual Template Interfaces.

Verifying the Configuration

To verify the configuration, perform the following steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show ip vrf** [**brief** | **detail** | **interfaces** | **id**] [*vrf-name*]
2. **show ip route vrf** *vrf-name*
3. **show running-config** [**interface** *type number*]

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **show ip vrf** [**brief** | **detail** | **interfaces** | **id**] [*vrf-name*]

Use this command to display information about all of the VRFs configured on the router, including the downstream VRF for each associated VAI.

Example:

```
Router# show ip vrf

  Name   Default RD   Interface
  D      2:0          Loopback2
                      Virtual-Access3 [D]

                      Virtual-Access4 [D]


  U      2:1          Virtual-Access3
                      Virtual-Access4
```

show ip vrf detail *vrf-name*

Use this command to display detailed information about the VRF you specify, including all of the VAIs associated with the VRF.

If you do not specify a value for *vrf-name*, detailed information about all of the VRFs configured on the router appears, including all of the VAIs associated with each VRF.

The following example shows how to display detailed information for the VRF called vrf1.

Example:

```
Router# show ip vrf detail vrf1
VRF D; default RD 2:0; default VPNID <not set>
  Interfaces:
         Loopback2           Virtual-Access3 [D]  Virtual-Access4 [D]
  Connected addresses are not in global routing table
  Export VPN route-target communities
    RT:2:0
  Import VPN route-target communities
    RT:2:1
  No import route-map
  No export route-map
VRF U; default RD 2:1; default VPNID <not set>
  Interfaces:
    Virtual-Access3          Virtual-Access4
  Connected addresses are not in global routing table
  No Export VPN route-target communities
  Import VPN route-target communities
    RT:2:1
  No import route-map
  No export route-map
```

Step 2 **show ip route vrf** *vrf-name*

Use this command to display the IP routing table for the VRF you specify, and information about the per-user static routes installed in the downstream VRF.

The following example shows how to display the routing table for the downstream VRF named D.

Example:

```
Router# show ip route vrf D

Routing Table: D
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2, ia - IS-IS inter
area
       * - candidate default, U - per-user static route, o - ODR
       P - periodic downloaded static route
Gateway of last resort is not set
     2.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 5 subnets, 2 masks
U       2.0.0.2/32 [1/0] via 2.8.1.1
S       2.0.0.0/8 is directly connected, Null0
U       2.0.0.5/32 [1/0] via 2.8.1.2
C       2.8.1.2/32 is directly connected, Virtual-Access4
C       2.8.1.1/32 is directly connected, Virtual-Access3
```

The following example shows how to display the routing table for the upstream VRF named U.

Example:

```
Router# show ip route vrf U
Routing Table: U
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2, ia - IS-IS interarea
       * - candidate default, U - per-user static route, o - ODR
       P - periodic downloaded static route
Gateway of last resort is 100.0.0.20 to network 0.0.0.0
     2.0.0.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C       2.0.0.8 is directly connected, Loopback2
B*   0.0.0.0/0 [200/0] via 100.0.0.20, 1w5d
```

Step 3 **show running-config** [**interface** *type number*]

Use this command to display information about the virtual access interface you specify, including information about the upstream and downstream VRFs.

The following example shows how to display information about the interface named virtual-access 3.

Example:

```
Router# show running-config interface virtual-access 3
Building configuration...
Current configuration : 92 bytes
!
interface Virtual-Access3
 ip vrf forwarding U downstream D
 ip unnumbered Loopback2
end
```

The following example shows how to display information about the interface named virtual-access 4.

Example:

```
Router# show running-config interface virtual-access 4
Building configuration...
Current configuration : 92 bytes
!
```

```
interface Virtual-Access4
 ip vrf forwarding U downstream D
 ip unnumbered Loopback2
end
```

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Configuring the Upstream and Downstream VRFs on the PE Router and the Spoke PE Router Example

The following example configures an upstream VRF named U:

```
Router> enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip vrf U
Router(config-vrf)# rd 1:0
Router(config-vrf)# route-target import 1:0
```

The following example configures a downstream VRF named D:

```
Router> enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip vrf D
Router(config-vrf)# rd 1:8

Router(config-vrf)# route-target export 1:100
```

Associating VRFs Example

The following example associates the VRF named U with the virtual-template 1 interface and specifies the downstream VRF named D:

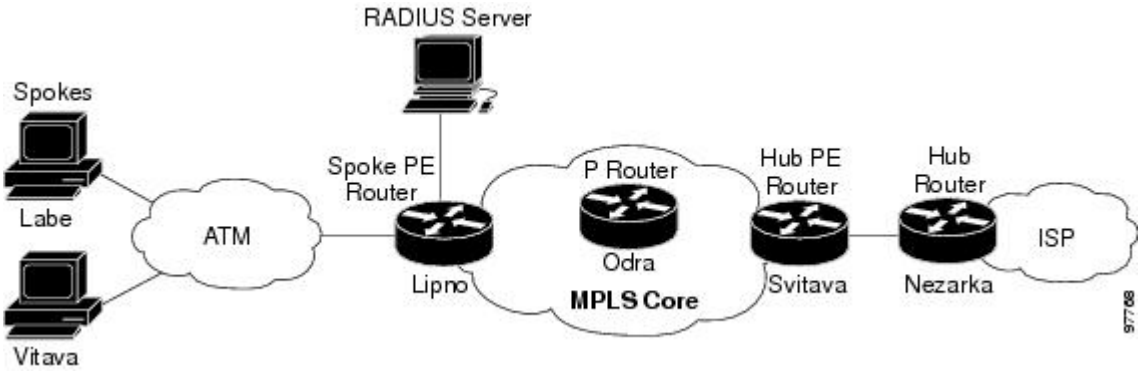
```
Router> enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# interface virtual-template 1
Router(config-if)# ip vrf forwarding U downstream D
Router(config-if)# ip unnumbered Loopback1
```

Configuring Scalable Hub-and-Spoke MPLS VPNs--Basic Configuration Example

In this example, local authentication is used; that is, the RADIUS server is not used.

This example uses the hub-and-spoke topology shown in the figure below.

Figure 4 Sample Topology




```
ip vrf D
 rd 1:8
 route-target export 1:100
!
ip vrf U
 rd 1:0
 route-target import 1:0
!
ip cef
vpdn enable
!
vpdn-group U
 accept-dialin
  protocol pppoe
  virtual-template 1
!
interface Loopback2
 ip vrf forwarding U
 ip address 2.0.0.8 255.255.255.255
!
interface ATM2/0
 description Mze ATM3/1/2
 no ip address
 no atm ilmi-keepalive
 pvc 0/16 ilmi
!
 pvc 3/100
  protocol pppoe
!
pvc 3/101
  protocol pppoe
!
interface Virtual-Template1
 ip vrf forwarding U downstream D
 ip unnumbered Loopback2
 peer default ip address pool U-pool
 ppp authentication chap
```

Example

The following example shows how to connect two Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet (PPPoE) clients to a single VRF pair on the spoke PE router named Lipno. Although both PPPoE clients are configured in the same VRF, all communication occurs using the hub PE router. Half-duplex VRFs are configured on the spoke PE. The client configuration is downloaded to the spoke PE from the RADIUS server.

This example uses the hub-and-spoke topology shown in the figure above.

Note The wholesale provider can forward the user authentication request to the corresponding ISP. If the ISP authenticates the user, the wholesale provider appends the VRF information to the request that goes back to the PE router.

```
aaa new-model
!
aaa group server radius R
 server 22.0.20.26 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
!
aaa authentication ppp default group radius
aaa authorization network default group radius
!
ip vrf D
 description Downstream VRF - to spokes
 rd 1:8
 route-target export 1:100
!
ip vrf U
 description Upstream VRF - to hub
 rd 1:0
 route-target import 1:0
!
ip cef
vpdn enable
!
vpdn-group U
 accept-dialin
  protocol pppoe
  virtual-template 1
!
interface Loopback2
 ip vrf forwarding U
 ip address 2.0.0.8 255.255.255.255
!
interface ATM2/0
  pvc 3/100
  protocol pppoe
 !
pvc 3/101
  protocol pppoe
 !
interface virtual-template 1
 no ip address
 ppp authentication chap
!
router bgp 1
 no synchronization
 neighbor 100.0.0.34 remote-as 1
 neighbor 100.0.0.34 update-source Loopback0
 no auto-summary
 !
address-family vpnv4
  neighbor 100.0.0.34 activate
  neighbor 100.0.0.34 send-community extended
  auto-summary
  exit-address-family
```

```
 !
address-family ipv4 vrf U
  no auto-summary
  no synchronization
  exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv4 vrf D
  redistribute static
  no auto-summary
  no synchronization
  exit-address-family
!
ip local pool U-pool 2.8.1.1 2.8.1.100
ip route vrf D 2.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 Null0
!
radius-server host 22.0.20.26 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
radius-server key cisco
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Basic MPLS VPNs	Configuring MPLS Layer 3 VPNs
MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier	• MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier Using LDP and an IGP • MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier with BGP
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Standards

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RFC	Title
RFC 2547	BGP/MPLS VPNs

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Feature Information for Configuring Scalable Hub-and-Spoke MPLS VPNs

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Table 5 Feature Information for Configuring Scalable Hub-and-Spoke MPLS VPNs

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
MPLS VPN: Half Duplex VRF Support	12.3(6) 12.3(11)T	This feature ensures that VPN clients that connect to the same PE router at the edge of the MPLS VPN use the hub site to communicate.

Assigning an ID Number to a VPN

You can identify Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) by a VPN identification number, as described in RFC 2685. This implementation of the VPN ID feature is used for identifying a VPN.

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- Information About VPN ID, page 93
- How to Configure a VPN ID, page 95
- Additional References, page 97
- Feature Information for Assigning an ID Number to a VPN, page 99

Finding Feature Information

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

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Information About VPN ID

- Introduction to VPN ID, page 93
- Components of the VPN ID, page 94
- Management Applications That Use VPN IDs, page 94

Introduction to VPN ID

You can identify VPNs by a VPN identification number, as described in RFC 2685. This implementation of the VPN ID feature is used for identifying a VPN. The VPN ID feature is not used to control the distribution of routing information or to associate IP addresses with VPN ID numbers in the MP-BGP VPNv4 routing updates.

Multiple VPNs can be configured in a router. A VPN is private and uses a private address space that might also be used by another VPN or by the Internet. The IP address used in a VPN is only significant to the VPN in which it exists. You can use a VPN name (a unique ASCII string) to reference a specific VPN configured in the router. Alternately, you can use a VPN ID to identify a particular VPN in the router. The

VPN ID follows a standard specification (RFC 2685). To ensure that the VPN has a consistent VPN ID, assign the same VPN ID to all the routers in the service provider network that services that VPN.

Note Configuration of a VPN ID for a VPN is optional. You can still use a VPN name to identify configured VPNs in the router. The VPN name is not affected by the VPN ID configuration. These are two independent mechanisms to identify VPNs.

Components of the VPN ID

Each VPN ID defined by RFC 2685 consists of the following elements:

- An Organizational Unique Identifier (OUI), a three-octet hex number: The IEEE Registration Authority assigns OUIs to any company that manufactures components under the ISO/IEC 8802 standard. The OUI is used to generate universal LAN MAC addresses and protocol identifiers for use in local and metropolitan area network applications. For example, an OUI for Cisco Systems is 00-03-6B (hex).
- A VPN index: a four-octet hex number, which identifies the VPN within the company.

Use the following **vpn id** command and specify the VPN ID:

vpn id *oui*:*vpn-index*

A colon separates the OUI from the VPN index.

Management Applications That Use VPN IDs

You can use several applications to manage VPNs by VPN ID. Remote access applications, such as the Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) and Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), can use the VPN ID feature to identify a VPN. RADIUS can use the VPN ID to assign dial-in users to the proper VPN, based on each user's authentication information.

- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol, page 94
- Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service, page 94

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

Using DHCP network administrators can centrally manage and automate the assignment of IP addresses in an organization's network. The DHCP application uses the VPN ID as follows:

1. A VPN DHCP client requests a connection to a provider edge (PE) router from a VRF interface.
2. The PE router determines the VPN ID associated with that interface.
3. The PE router sends a request with the VPN ID and other information for assigning an IP address to the DHCP server.
4. The DHCP server uses the VPN ID and IP address information to process the request.
5. The DHCP server sends a response back to the PE router, allowing the VPN DHCP client access to the VPN.

Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service

A RADIUS server (or daemon) provides authentication and accounting services to one or more client network access servers (NASs). RADIUS servers authenticate users and return all configuration information necessary for the client to deliver service to the users.

Typically, a user login consists of a query (Access-Request) from the NAS to the RADIUS server and a corresponding response (Access-Accept or Access-Reject) from the server.

- The Access-Request packet contains the username, encrypted password, NAS IP address, VPN ID, and port. The format of the request also provides information on the type of session that the user wants to initiate.
- The RADIUS server returns an Access-Accept response if it finds the username and verifies the password. The response includes a list of attribute-value pairs that describe the parameters to be used for this session. If the user is not authenticated, an Access-Reject is sent by the RADIUS server and access is denied.

How to Configure a VPN ID

- Specifying a VPN ID, page 95
- Verifying the VPN ID Configuration, page 96

Specifying a VPN ID

Use this procedure to specify a VPN ID.

- Restrictions, page 95

Restrictions

The VPN ID feature is not used to control the distribution of routing information or to associate IP addresses with VPN ID numbers in the MP-BGP VPNv4 routing updates.

Each VRF configured on a PE router can have a VPN ID configured. Configure all the PE routers that belong to the same VPN with the same VPN ID. Make sure the VPN ID is unique to the service provider network.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip vrf** *vrf-name*
4. **vpn id** *oui*:*vpn-index* :

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip vrf** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip vrf vrf1`	Creates a VRF routing table and a CEF forwarding table and enters VRF configuration mode. • *vrf-name* --Name assigned to a VRF.
Step 4	**vpn id** *oui*:*vpn-index* : **Example:** `Router(config-vrf)# vpn id a1:3f6c`	Assigns the VPN ID to the VRF. • *oui* :--An organizationally unique identifier. The IEEE organization assigns this identifier to companies. The OUI is restricted to three octets. • *vpn-index*--This value identifies the VPN within the company. This VPN index is restricted to four octets.

Verifying the VPN ID Configuration

To verify the VPN ID configuration, perform the following steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show ip vrf**
2. **show ip vrf id**
3. **show ip vrf detail**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **show ip vrf**

Use this command to display information about the VRF tables on the PE router. This example displays three VRF tables called vpn1, vpn2, and vpn5.

Example:

```
Router# show ip vrf
```

```
  Name                             Default RD          Interfaces
  vpn1                             100:1               Ethernet1/1
                                                       Ethernet1/4
  vpn2                             <not set>
  vpn5                             500:1               Loopback2
```

Step 2 **show ip vrf id**

Use this command to ensure that the PE router contains the VPN ID you specified. The following example shows that only VRF tables vpn1 and vpn2 have VPN IDs assigned. The VRF table called vpn5 is not displayed, because it does not have a VPN ID.

Example:

```
Router# show ip vrf id
VPN Id          Name                             RD
2:3             vpn2                             <not set>
A1:3F6C         vpn1                             100:1
```

Step 3 **show ip vrf detail**

Use this command to see all the VRFs on a PE router. This command displays all the VPN IDs that are configured on the router, their associated VRF names, and VRF route distinguishers (RDs). If a VRF table in the PE router has not been assigned a VPN ID, that VRF entry is not included in the output.

Example:

```
Router# show ip vrf detail
VRF vpn1; default RD 100:1; default VPNID A1:3F6C
  Interfaces:
    Ethernet1/1             Ethernet1/4
  Connected addresses are not in global routing table
  Export VPN route-target communities
    RT:100:1
  Import VPN route-target communities
    RT:100:1                RT:500:1
  No import route-map
  No export route-map
VRF vpn2; default RD <not set>; default VPNID 2:3
  No interfaces
  Connected addresses are not in global routing table
  No Export VPN route-target communities
  No Import VPN route-target communities
  No import route-map
  No export route-map
VRF vpn5; default RD 500:1; default VPNID <not set>
  Interfaces:
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Basic MPLS VPNs	Configuring MPLS Layer 3 VPNs

Related Topic	Document Title
MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier	• MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier Using LDP and an IGP • MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier with BGP
MPLS VPN InterAutonomous Systems	• MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging IPv4 Routes and MPLS Labels • MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging VPN-IPv4 Addresses

Standards

Standard	Title
IEEE Std 802-1990	IEEE Local and Metropolitan Area Networks: Overview and Architecture

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RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 2685	Virtual Private Networks Identifier

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Feature Information for Assigning an ID Number to a VPN

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Table 6 Feature Information for Assigning an ID Number to a VPN

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
VPN ID	12.0(17)ST 12.2(4)B 12.2(8)T 12.2(14)S	This feature lets you you identify VPNs by a VPN identification number, as described in RFC 2685.

Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using Policy-Based Routing

This module explains how to configure policy-based routing (PBR) to classify and forward Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Virtual Private Network (VPN) traffic based on multiple VPN routing and forwarding (VRF) selection match criteria.

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Finding Feature Information

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Prerequisites for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using Policy-Based Routing

- Multiprotocol BGP (MP-BGP), Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS), Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF), and MPLS VPNs must be enabled in your network.
- The router must be running Cisco IOS software that supports policy-based routing (PBR).
- A VRF must be defined prior to the configuration of this feature. An error message is displayed in the console if no VRF exists.

Restrictions for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using Policy-Based Routing

- VRF Select is supported only in Service Provider (-p-) images.
- This feature can coexist with features that use VRF selection based on the source IP address, but these features cannot be configured together on the same interface. This is designed behavior to prevent VRF table selection conflicts that could occur if these features were misconfigured together. The console returns an error message if you attempt to configure the **ip vrf select source** and the **ip vrf policy-map** commands on the same interface.
- Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) and multicast packets do not support PBR and cannot be configured for a source IP address that is match criteria for this feature.
- The **set vrf** command cannot be configured with the following commands in the same route map sequence:
  - **set ip default interface**
  - **set interface**
  - **set ip default next-hop**
  - **set ip next-hop**

A packet cannot be set to an interface or to a next hop when the **set vrf** command is specified. This is designed behavior. An error message is displayed if you attempt to configure the **set vrf** command with any of the above four set clauses.

- The VRF Selection using Policy Based Routing feature cannot be configured with IP prefix lists.
- If an interface is associated with a VRF by configuring the **ip vrf forwarding** interface configuration command, you cannot also configure the same interface to use PBR with the **set vrf** route map configuration command.
- PBR can be configured on an interface where a VRF is defined. However, the console displays the following warning messages if you attempt to configure both PBR and a VRF on the same interface:

```
%% Policy Based Routing is NOT supported for VRF" interfaces
%% IP-Policy can be used ONLY for marking "(set/clear DF bit) on
```

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Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using Policy-Based Routing Overview

This feature allows you to route VPN traffic based on the following match criteria:

- IP Access Lists -- IP addresses, IP address ranges, and other IP packet access list filtering options. Named, numbered, standard, and extended access lists are supported. All IP access list configuration options in Cisco IOS software can be used to define match criteria.

- Packet Lengths-- Length of a packet in bytes. The packet length filter is defined in a route map with the **match length** route map configuration command.

Policy routing is defined in the route map. The route map is applied to the incoming interface with the **ip policy route-map** interface configuration command. IP access list match criteria is applied to the route map with the **match ip address** route map configuration command. Packet length match criteria is applied to the route map with the **match length** route map configuration command. The set action is defined with the **set vrf** route map configuration command. The match criteria is evaluated, and the appropriate VRF is selected by the set clause. This combination allows you to define match criteria for incoming VPN traffic and policy route VPN packets out to the appropriate VRF.

VRF Selection Introduces a New PBR Set Clause

When configuring PBR, the following four set clauses can be used to change normal routing and forwarding behavior:

- **set ip default interface**
- **set ip interface**
- **set ip default next-hop**
- **set ip next-hop**

Configuring any of the above set clauses will overwrite normal routing forwarding behavior of a packet.

This feature introduces the fifth set clause that can be used to change normal routing and forwarding behavior. You can use the **set vrf** command to select the appropriate VRF after the successful match occurs in the route map. However, the **set vrf** command cannot be configured with the above four PBR set clauses. This is designed behavior, because a packet cannot be set to an interface or a specific next hop when it is configured within a VRF. An error message will be displayed in the console if you attempt to configure the **set vrf** command with any of the above four PBR set clauses within the same route map.

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Defining the Match Criteria

The match criteria is defined in an access list. Standard and extended access lists are supported. The following sections show how to configure each type of access list:

Match criteria can also be defined based on the packet length by configuring the **match length** route-map configuration command. You use a route map to configure VRF selection based on packet length. See the Configuring the Route Map and Specifying VRFs, page 106 for more information.

Prerequisites

The following tasks assume that the VRF and associated IP address are already defined.

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Defining Match Criteria with a Standard Access List

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **access-list** *access-list-number* {**deny** | **permit**} *source* [*source-wildcard*] [**log**]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**access-list** *access-list-number* {**deny** | **permit**} *source* [*source-wildcard*] [**log**] **Example:** `Router(config)# access-list 40 192.168.1.0 0.0.0.255 permit`	Creates an access list and defines the match criteria for the route map. • Match criteria can be defined based on IP addresses, IP address ranges, and other IP packet access list filtering options. Named, numbered, standard, and extended access lists are supported. All IP access list configuration options in Cisco IOS software can be used to define match criteria. • The example creates a standard access list numbered 40. This filter will permit traffic from any host with an IP address in the 192.168.1.0/24 subnet.

Defining Match Criteria with an Extended Access List

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip access-list** {**standard** | **extended**} [*access-list-name* | *access-list-number*]
4. [*sequence-number*] **permit** |**deny** *protocol source source-wildcard* **destination** *destination-wildcard* [**option** *option-value*] [**precedence** *precedence*] [**tos** *tos*] [**log**] [**time-range** *time-range-name*] [**fragments**]
5. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip access-list** {**standard** | **extended**} [*access-list-name* | *access-list-number*] **Example:** `Router(config)# ip access-list extended NAMEDACL`	Specifies the IP access list type, and enters the corresponding access list configuration mode. • A standard, extended, or named access list can be used.
Step 4	[*sequence-number*] **permit** |**deny** *protocol source source-wildcard* **destination** *destination-wildcard* [**option** *option-value*] [**precedence** *precedence*] [**tos** *tos*] [**log**] [**time-range** *time-range-name*] [**fragments**] **Example:** `Router(config-ext-nacl)# permit ip any any option any-options`	Defines the criteria for which the access list will permit or deny packets. • Match criteria can be defined based on IP addresses, IP address ranges, and other IP packet access list filtering options. Named, numbered, standard, and extended access lists are supported. All IP access list configuration options in Cisco IOS software can be used to define match criteria. • The example creates a named access list that permits any configured IP option.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-ext-nacl)# exit`	Exits named access list configuration mode, and enters global configuration mode.

Configuring the Route Map and Specifying VRFs

You define a route map then assign an access list to it. Then you specify a VRF for the traffic that matches the criteria in the route map. Use the **set vrf** command to specify the VRF through which the outbound VPN packets are routed.

Define the VRF before configuring the route map; otherwise the console displays an error.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **route-map** *map-tag* [**permit** | **deny**] [*sequence-number*]
4. Do one of the following:
   - **match ip address***acl-number* [*acl-number*... | *acl-name*...] | *acl-name* [*acl-name*... | *acl-number*]
5. **set vrf***vrf-name*
6. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**route-map** *map-tag* [**permit** | **deny**] [*sequence-number*] **Example:** `Router(config)# route-map RED permit 10`	Defines the conditions for redistributing routes from one routing protocol into another, or enables policy routing. Enters route map configuration mode.

Step 4	Do one of the following:
	• **match ip address***acl-number* [*acl-number...* | *acl-name...*] | *acl-name* [*acl-name...* | *acl-number*]
	
	Example:
	`Router(config-route-map)# match ip address 1`
	
	Example:
	`match length minimum-length maximum-length`
	
	Example:
	`Router(config-route-map)# match length 3 200`
		Distributes any routes that have a destination network number address that is permitted by a standard or extended access list, and performs policy routing on matched packets.
		• IP access lists are supported.
		• The example configures the route map to use standard access list 1 to define match criteria.
		or
		Specifies the Layer 3 packet length in the IP header as a match criteria in a class map.
		• The example configures the route map to match packets that are between 3 and 200 bytes in size.

Step 5	**set vrf***vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config-route-map)# set vrf RED`	Defines which VRF to send VPN packets that are successfully matched. • The example policy routes matched packets out to the VRF named RED.
Step 6	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-route-map)# exit`	Exits route-map configuration mode and enters global configuration mode.

Applying a Route Map to an Interface

You apply a route map to the incoming interface with the ip policy route-map global configuration command.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip policy route-map** [*map-tag*]
5. **ip vrf receive***vrf-name*
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface FastEthernet 0/1`	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	**ip policy route-map** [*map-tag*] **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip policy route-map RED`	Identifies a route map to use for policy routing on an interface.
Step 5	**ip vrf receive***vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip vrf receive VRF_1`	Adds the IP addresses that are associated with an interface into the VRF table. • This command can be configured so that the receiving packets can be received by the router after being set to a specific VRF.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Exits interface configuration mode and enters global configuration mode.

Configuring IP VRF Receive on the Interface

You must add the source IP address to the VRF selection table. VRF Selection is a one-way (unidirectional) feature. It is applied to the incoming interface. If a match and set operation occurs in the route map but there is no receive entry in the local VRF table, the packet will be dropped if the packet destination is local.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip policy route-map** [*map-tag*]
5. **ip vrf receive** *vrf-name*
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**ip policy route-map** [*map-tag*] **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip policy route-map RED`	Identifies a route map to use for policy routing on an interface.
Step 5	**ip vrf receive** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip vrf receive VRF_1`	Adds the IP addresses that are associated with an interface into the VRF table. • This command must be configured for each VRF that will be used for VRF selection.
Step 6	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Exits interface configuration mode and enters privileged EXEC mode.

Verifying the Configuration

To verify that the configuration is correct, perform the steps in this section.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show ip access-list** [*access-list-number* | *access-list-name*]
3. **show route-map** [*map-name*]
4. **show ip policy**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**show ip access-list** [*access-list-number*	*access-list-name*] **Example:** `Router# show ip access-list`	Displays the contents of all current IP access lists. • This command is used to verify the match criteria that is defined in the access list. Both named and numbered access lists are supported.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**show route-map** [*map-name*] **Example:** `Router# show route-map`	Displays all route maps configured or only the one specified. • This command is used to verify match and set clauses within the route map.
Step 4	**show ip policy** **Example:** `Router# show ip policy`	Displays the route map used for policy routing. • This command can be used to display the route map and the associated interface.

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- Configuring Policy-Based Routing with a Standard Access List Example, page 111
- Verifying Policy-Based Routing Example, page 111

Configuring Policy-Based Routing with a Standard Access List Example

In the following example, three standard access lists are created to define match criteria for three different subnets. A route map called PBR-VRF-Selection is assigned to interface Ethernet 0/1. If interface Ethernet 0/1 receives a packet whose source IP address is part of the 10.1.0.0/24 subnet, that packet is sent to VRF_1.

```
access-list 40 permit 10.1.0.0 0.0.255.255
access-list 50 permit 10.2.0.0 0.0.255.255
access-list 60 permit 10.3.0.0 0.0.255.255
route-map PBR-VRF-Selection permit 10
 match ip address 40
 set vrf VRF_1
 !
route-map PBR-VRF-Selection permit 20
 match ip address 50
 set vrf VRF_2
 !
route-map PBR-VRF-Selection permit 30
 match ip address 60
 set vrf VRF_3
 !
interface Ethernet0/1
 ip address 192.168.1.6 255.255.255.252
 ip policy route-map PBR-VRF-Selection
 ip vrf receive VRF_1
 ip vrf receive VRF_2
 ip vrf receive VRF_3
```

Verifying Policy-Based Routing Example

The following verification examples show defined match criteria and route-map policy configuration.

Verifying Match Criteria

To verify the configuration of match criteria for PBR VRF selection, use the **show ip access-lists** command. The following **show ip access-lists** command output displays three subnet ranges defined as match criteria in three standard access-lists:

```
Router# show ip access-lists

Standard IP access list 40
    10 permit 10.1.0.0, wildcard bits 0.0.255.255
Standard IP access list 50
    10 permit 10.2.0.0, wildcard bits 0.0.255.255
Standard IP access list 60
    10 permit 10.3.0.0, wildcard bits 0.0.255.255
```

Verifying Route-Map Configuration

To verify route-map configuration, use the **show route-map** command. The output displays the match criteria and set action for each route-map sequence. The output also displays the number of packets and bytes that have been policy routed per each route-map sequence.

```
Router# show route-map
route-map PBR-VRF-Selection, permit, sequence 10
  Match clauses:
    ip address (access-lists): 40
  Set clauses:
    vrf VRF_1
  Policy routing matches: 0 packets, 0 bytes
route-map PBR-VRF-Selection, permit, sequence 20
  Match clauses:
    ip address (access-lists): 50
  Set clauses:
    vrf VRF_2
  Policy routing matches: 0 packets, 0 bytes
route-map PBR-VRF-Selection, permit, sequence 30
  Match clauses:
    ip address (access-lists): 60
  Set clauses:
    vrf VRF_3
  Policy routing matches: 0 packets, 0 bytes
```

Verifying PBR VRF Selection Policy

The following **show ip policy** command output displays the interface and associated route map that is configured for policy routing.

```
Router# show ip policy
Interface      Route map
Ethernet0/1    PBR-VRF-Selection
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Basic MPLS VPNs	Configuring MPLS Layer 3 VPNs

Related Topic	Document Title
MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier	• MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier Using LDP and an IGP • MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier with BGP
MPLS VPN InterAutonomous Systems	• MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging IPv4 Routes and MPLS Labels • MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging VPN-IPv4 Addresses

Standards

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

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
No new or modified MIBs are supported by this feature, and support for existing MIBs has not been modified by this feature.	To obtain lists of supported MIBs by platform and Cisco software release, and to download MIB modules, go to the Cisco MIB website on Cisco.com at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/public/sw-center/netmgmt/cmtk/mibs.shtml

RFCs

RFCs	Title
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Feature Information for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using Policy-Based Routing

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 7 Feature Information for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using Policy-Based Routing

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
MPLS VPN--VRF Selection using Policy-Based Routing	12.3(7)T 12.2(25)S	This feature allows you to classify and forward VPN traffic based on match criteria, such as IP access lists and packet length.

Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address

This module explains how to set up an interface on a provider edge (PE) router to route packets to different Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) based on the source IP address of the packet.

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- Restrictions for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address, page 118
- Information About Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address, page 120
- How to Enable MPLS VPN Traffic To Be Routed Using a Source IP Address, page 124
- Configuration Examples for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address, page 128
- Additional References, page 129
- Feature Information for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address, page 131

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Prerequisites for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address

- MPLS VPNs must be enabled in the provider network.
- Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF) must be enabled on any interfaces that have this feature enabled.
- The Cisco IOS software must support MPLS VPNs, and the provider network must have MPLS Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) installed and running.
- This feature is supported on the Cisco 7200 series, 7500 series, and 12000 series router platforms.

Restrictions for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address

VRF Select is supported only in Service Provider (-p-) images.

Unidirectional Traffic

This is a unidirectional feature and can only be used from a customer (IP-based) network into a provider (MPLS-based) network. This feature cannot be used from a provider network to a customer network.

Subnet Masks

Subnet masks should be kept as short as possible for Engine 2 line cards. Performance can degrade with longer subnet masks (/24 or /32, for example).

traceroute Command

An IP **traceroute** command from a customer edge (CE) router that has this featue enabled to a typical MPLS VPN VRF CE router works as expected. However, an IP **traceroute** command from a typical MPLS VPN VRF CE router to a CE router that has this feature enabled may fail to show all the relevant hop information across the core.

Supported Static Route Configurations

When configuring static routes in an MPLS or MPLS VPN environment, some variations of the **ip route** and **ip route vrf** commands are not supported. These variations of the commands are not supported in Cisco IOS releases that support the Tag Forwarding Information Base (TFIB), specifically Cisco IOS Releases 12.xT, 12.xM, and 12.0S. The TFIB cannot resolve prefixes when the recursive route over which the prefixes travel disappears and then reappears. However, the command variations are supported in Cisco IOS releases that support the MPLS Forwarding Infrastructure (MFI), specifically Cisco IOS Release 12.2(25)S and later. Use the following guidelines when configuring static routes.

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS Environment

The following **ip route** command is supported when you configure static routes in MPLS environment:

ip route *destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and configure load sharing with static nonrecursive routes and a specific outbound interface:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface1 next-hop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface2 next-hop2**

Unsupported Static Routes in an MPLS Environment that Uses the TFIB

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment:

ip route *destination-prefix mask next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and enable load sharing where the next hop can be reached through two paths:

ip route *destination-prefix mask next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and enable load sharing where the destination can be reached through two next hops:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop2**

Use the *interface* and *next-hop* arguments when specifying static routes.

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment

The following **ip route vrf** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop and interface are in the same VRF:

- ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop-address*
  ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address*
  ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **interface1 next-hop1**
  ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **interface2 next-hop2**

The following **ip route vrf** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud in the global routing table. For example, these commands are supported when the next hop is pointing to the Internet Gateway.

- ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop-address* **global**
  ◦ **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address* (This command is supported when the next hop and interface are in the core.)

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment and enable load sharing with static nonrecursive routes and a specific outbound interfaces:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface1 next-hop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface2 next-hop2**

Unsupported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment that Uses the TFIB

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud within the core, and you enable load sharing where the next hop can be reached through two paths:

ip route vrf *destination-prefix mask next-hop-address* **global**

The following **ip route** commands are not supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud within the core, and you enable load sharing where the destination can be reached through two next hops:

ip route vrf *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop1 global**

ip route vrf *destination-prefix mask* **next-hop2 global**

The following **ip route vrf** commands are not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop and interface are in the same VRF:

ip route vrf *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **next-hop1**

ip route vrf *vrf-name destination-prefix mask* **next-hop2**

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment Where the Next Hop Resides in the Global Table on the CE Router

The following **ip route vrf** command is supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop is in the global table on the CE side. For example, the following command is supported when the destination-prefix is the CE router's loopback address, as in EBGP multihop cases.

ip route vrf *vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address*

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in a MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table on the CE side, and you enable load sharing with static non-recursive routes and a specific outbound interfaces:

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface1 nexthop1**

ip route *destination-prefix mask* **interface2 nexthop2**

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Introduction to Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address

This feature allows packets arriving on an interface to be switched into the appropriate VRF table based upon the source IP address of the packets. Once the packets have been "selected" into the correct VRF routing table, they are processed normally based upon the destination address and forwarded through the rest of the MPLS VPN.

In most cases, this is a "one way" feature; it works on packets coming from the end users to the PE router.

How MPLS VPN Traffic Is Routed Using the Source IP Address

This feature uses the following process to route packets from the customer networks to the PE router and into the provider network.

A two-table lookup mechanism is used at the ingress interface of the PE router to determine the routing and forwarding of packets coming from the customer networks, which use IP protocols, to the MPLS VPN networks, which use MPLS protocols.

- The first table, the VRF Selection table, is used to compare the source IP address of the packet with a list of IP addresses in the table. Each IP address in the table is associated with an MPLS VPN. If a match is found between the source IP address of the packet and an IP address in the VRF Selection table, the packet is routed to the second table (the VRF table) or the routing table for the appropriate VPN.

If no match is found in the table for the source IP address of the packet, the packet will either be routed via the global routing table used by the PE router (this is the default behavior), or will be dropped. See the

Configuring a VRF to Eliminate Unnecessary Packet Forwarding Example, page 129 for more information.

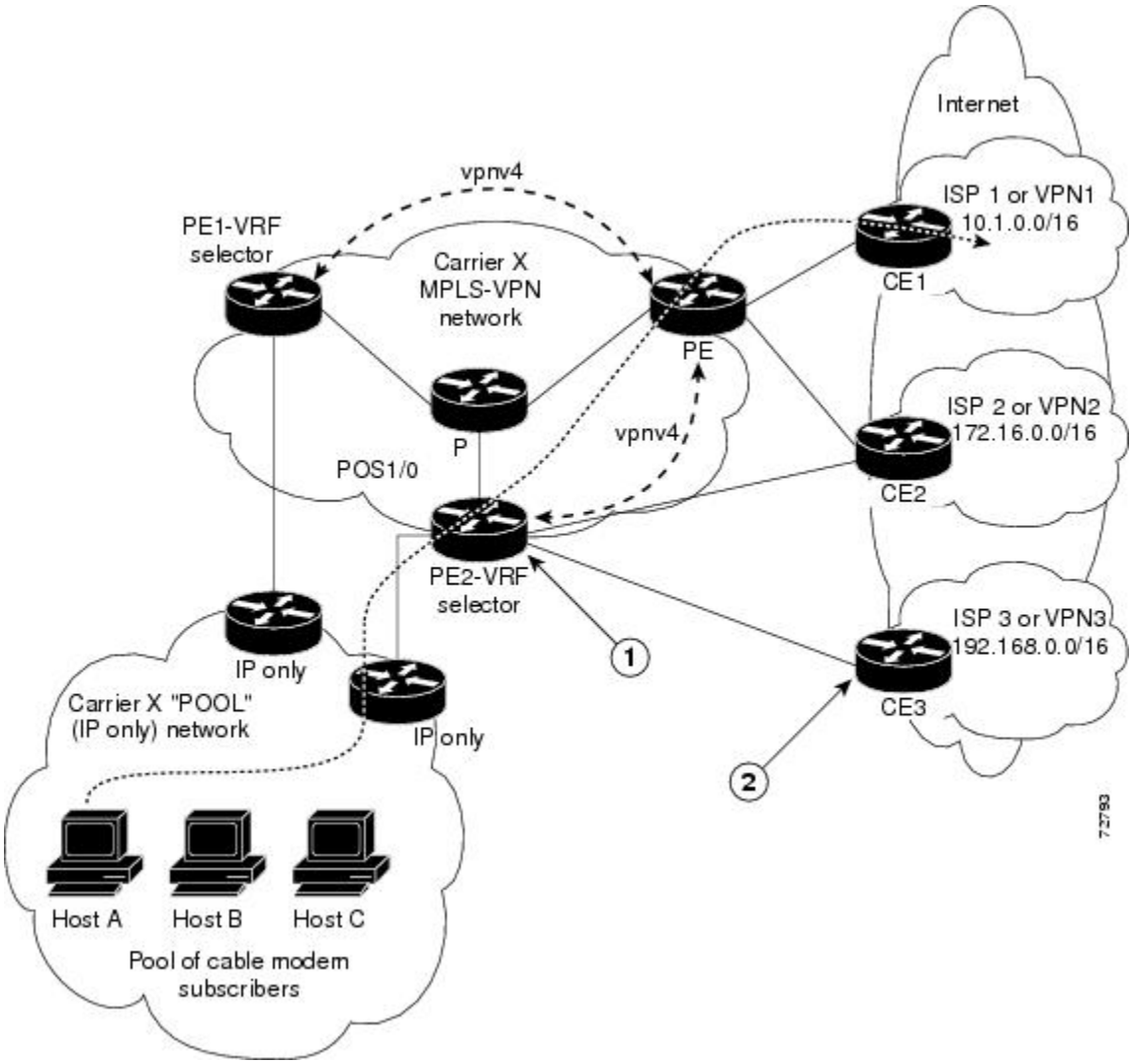
- The second table, the VRF table (also known as the VPN routing and forwarding table), contains the virtual routing and forwarding information for the specified VPN and is used to forward the selected VPN traffic to the correct MPLS label switched path (LSP) based upon the destination IP address of the packet.

The VRF Selection process removes the association between the VRF and the interface and allows more than one MPLS VPN VRF to be associated with the interface.

Example of MPLS VPN Traffic Being Routed Based on the Source IP Address

An example of this feature is a network carrier that allows subscribers to the carrier to choose from multiple Internet service providers (ISPs) for Internet access. The figure below provides an example of this feature with an IP-based Host network, an MPLS VPN network, and three ISPs connected to the MPLS VPN network.

Figure 5 Implementation Example



In the figure above, Carrier X represents the network carrier; Host A, Host B and Host C represent the carrier subscribers; and ISP 1, ISP 2 and ISP 3 represent the ISPs.

- PE2 acts as both a VRF selector and a typical MPLS VPN PE router to CE2 and CE3.
- ISPs 1 through 3 provide a list of IP addresses to Carrier X so that each host in the “POOL” network can be properly addressed. This host addressing would most likely be done by using the DHCP or DNS services of Carrier X.

A dashed line represents the path of a packet traveling from Host A to ISP 1. Host A chooses ISP 1 to use as its ISP. Carrier X provides an IP address to Host A that falls within the range of the ISP 1 registered network addresses (1.1.0.0/16). Based upon this IP address allocation, the VRF Selection criteria is set.

By using default routes, hosts on the POOL network (such as Host A), forward traffic from the Carrier X IP-based (POOL) network to the Carrier X MPLS-based VPN network. PE2 has been configured with this feature. Therefore, the MPLS VPN network forwards the traffic from Host A to ISP 1.

This is a one-way (unidirectional) feature in most implementations; it only works on packets coming from the customer networks to a PE router. Traffic coming from the ISPs to the hosts (in the example, traffic traveling from the ISPs on the right to the hosts on the left) is not affected by this feature and does not have to be returned via an MPLS path. This traffic can return via the shortest available IP path.

Another example is a Cable Modem Termination System (CMTS). If the owner of the CMTS wants to allow cable modem subscribers to choose their ISP from a group of ISPs, this feature provides a fast and scalable solution.

MPLS VPN Traffic Is Unidirectional

In the figure above, the end users are typical Internet home users. If this were a two-way (bidirectional) feature, traffic coming from the ISPs to the hosts would be required to use only the PE routers that have this feature enabled, which might cause performance issues.

When traffic from the POOL network goes through the Carrier network to the ISP networks for Internet access, the traffic in the Carrier network must be forwarded using MPLS VPN paths, because the router has “selected” the traffic into the correct MPLS VPN.

Traffic from the ISP networks to the POOL network does not have to use MPLS VPN paths in the Carrier network and can use any path that is most efficient to return to the POOL network. This traffic can use a path that uses either MPLS or IP for routing and forwarding and does not have to travel via an MPLS VPN.

Traffic from the ISP networks to the POOL networks can be forwarded using the global routing table used by every interface. One way to accomplish this is to enter VRF static routes on the PE router interfaces connected to the ISPs. The VRF static routes would route traffic from the ISPs to the Carrier network. See the Establishing IP Static Routes for a VRF Instance, page 126 for information on placing a default VRF static route onto an interface.

Establishing static VRF routes allows traffic from the ISPs to enter the Carrier network as traffic that can only be routed by using the global routing table toward the POOL network.

If the ISPs do not provide global host address space, or this feature is not being used to route Internet traffic, the PE interfaces connected to the ISPs must be placed into a VRF. If the PE interfaces are using VRFs for routing traffic from the ISPs, all traffic from the ISPs to the hosts through the Carrier network would be forwarded using MPLS VPN paths, and performance would not be as optimal as if IP forwarding was used.

Normal IP-based VPN operations, such as populating the Routing Information Base (RIB) and Forwarding Information Base (FIB) from a routing protocol such as Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), are used to route and forward packets within the various VPNs in the customer networks. The provider network uses MPLS-based routing protocols to perform VPN routing and forwarding inside the provider network.

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Conditions That Cause MPLS VPN Traffic To Become Bidirectional

Forwarding of traffic from the Carrier network to the POOL network by using the global routing table is only possible if the ISPs have provided registered IP address space for all of the subscribed users within the POOL network from the global routing table.

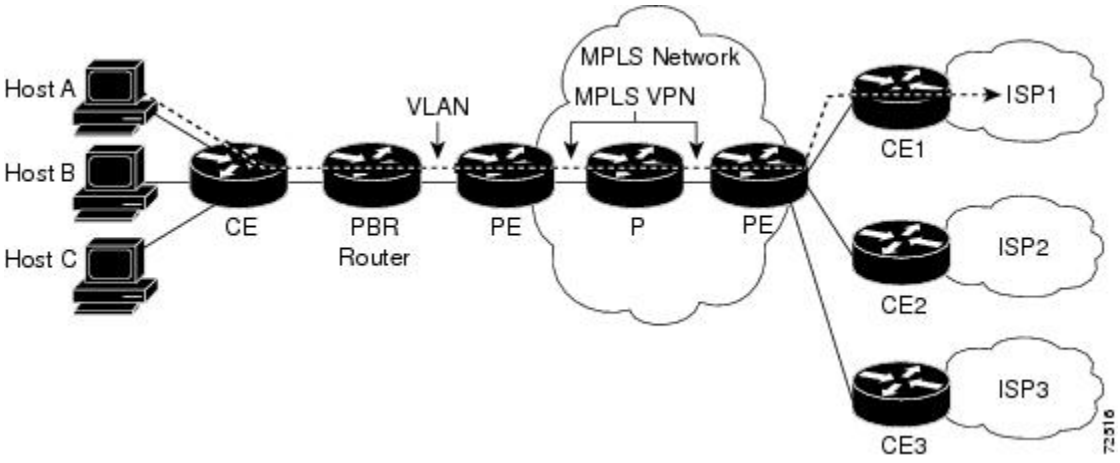
If the POOL network uses IP addresses that are not globally routeable and are designed for a nonconnected enterprise (defined by RFC 1918), this feature becomes bidirectional. All traffic being sent and received by the host would have to travel via a router that has this feature enabled. The POOL network cannot be addressed with overlapping address space, regardless of the type of address space being used.

Advantages of Using the Source IP Address over Per-Interface IP VPN Configuration

This feature removes the association between a VPN and an interface. Before this feature was introduced, the following implementation was used to route outgoing MPLS VPN packets to different destinations:

- A policy-based router (PBR) is attached to the CE router.
- The egress side of the PBR router side has VLANs connected to a PE.
- The PBR router uses a policy-based route map to select the correct output (VLAN) interface and each VLAN is under a specific VRF. The figure below illustrates a sample configuration of using a PBR router for routing MPLS packets to different destinations.

Figure 6 Implementation of Multiple VPNs



The following limitations apply to PBR-based solutions that use this implementation:

- Policy routing and MPLS VPN functions cannot be performed on the same platform. Integration into a single platform is critical for manageability and support.
- VRF is limited to one VPN per interface, which limits scalability.
- The Cisco 7500 series router is used for the PBR, which can limit network performance.
- There is no network redundancy.
- The PBR is the only point of connection for all the networks attached to the PBR. The capacity and the performance capabilities of the PBR router are critical.

- There is no diversity in the connectivity to the networks.
- Every network is required to connect to every PBR. If every network is not connected to every PBR, packets from the end user to the PBR would be dropped because the PBR would have no way of switching the IP traffic properly.
- Adding multiple PBRs that are interconnected introduces more network policy-routed hops.

This feature addresses the limitations of and problems with using a PBR for packet routing and forwarding.

Benefits of Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address

Association of VPN to interface is removed

This feature removes the association between a VPN and an interface, thus allowing packets from the Host network to the provider network to have more than one VPN available per interface.

Access to every customer network is possible from every PE router in the provider network

Access points to each network can be established at any MPLS PE router, and can be made redundant by connections to multiple PE routers (for example, the CE2 router in the figure above).

Multiple points in the provider network can be used for VPN routing and forwarding

MPLS VPNs, like IP, are connectionless. Any PE router can carry MPLS VPN traffic from the MPLS network out to the CE routers.

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Enabling Routing of MPLS VPN Traffic Based on the Source IP Address

Perform the following steps to enable MPLS VPN traffic to be routed based on the source IP address.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **vrf selection source** *source-IP-address source-IP-mask* **vrf** *vrf-name*
4. **interface** *type number*
5. **ip vrf select source**
6. **ip vrf receive** *vrf_name***vrf**
7. **end**
8. **show ip route vrf**
9. **show ip vrf select**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**vrf selection source** *source-IP-address source-IP-mask* **vrf** *vrf-name* **Example:** `Router(config)# vrf selection source 16.16.0.0 255.255.0.0 vrf vpn1`	Populates a source IP address to a VRF selection table.
Step 4	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface FastEthernet 0/1`	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 5	**ip vrf select source** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip vrf select source`	Enables an interface to direct MPLS VPN traffic based on the source IP address of the packet.
Step 6	**ip vrf receive** *vrf_name***vrf** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip vrf receive vpn1`	Adds all the IP addresses that are associated with an interface into a VRF table.
Step 7	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	(Optional) Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	**show ip route vrf** **Example:** `Router# show ip route vrf`	Displays the IP routing table associated wtih a VRF instance. Use this command to verify the configuration.
Step 9	**show ip vrf select** **Example:** `Router# show ip vrf select`	Displays information about the VRF selection.

Establishing IP Static Routes for a VRF Instance

Traffic coming from the ISPs to the hosts does not require the use of the MPLS VPN paths; this traffic can use the shortest IP route back to the host.

VPN static routes for traffic returning to the customer networks are only necessary if VPN traffic returning to the customer networks is being forwarded back from the enabled interface. The remote PE router could also be configured to route return traffic to the customer networks directly by using the global routing table.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip route vrf** *vrf_name prefix mask* [*next-hop-address*] [**interface** {*interface-number*}] [**global**] [**distance**] [**permanent**] [**tag** *tag*]

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	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface FastEthernet 0/1`	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	**ip route vrf** *vrf_name prefix mask* [*next-hop-address*] [**interface** {*interface-number*}] [**global**] [**distance**] [**permanent**] [**tag** *tag*] **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip route vrf vpn1 16.16.0.0 255.255.0.0 POS1/0`	Establishes static routes for a VRF.

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Troubleshooting Tips

- Enter the **debug vrf select** command to enable debugging for this feature.

Note The **debug vrf select** command can cause many messages to be logged when you change the configuration and when switching occurs.

- The following error messages appear if problems occur while configuring this feature:
  - If you attempt to configure a nonexisting VRF Selection table:

```
Router(config)# vrf selection source 2.0.0.0o 255.255.0.0 vrf VRF_NOEXIST
VRF Selection: VRF table VRF_NOEXIST does not exist.
```

- If you attempt to remove a VRF Selection entry that does not exist:

```
Router(config)# no vrf selection source 2.0.0.0 255.255.0.0 vrf VRF1
VRF Selection: Can't find the node to remove.
```

- If you attempt to configure a duplicate IP address and subnet mask for a VRF Selection entry:

```
Router(config)# vrf selection source 2.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 vrf VRF_AOL
Router(config)# vrf selection source 2.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 vrf VRF_AOL
VRF Selection: duplicate address and mask configured.
```

- If an inconsistent IP address and mask are used for a VRF Selection entry:

```
Router(config)# vrf selection source 170.1.2.1 255.255.255.0 vrf red
% Inconsistent address and mask

Router(config)# vrf selection source 170.1.2.1 255.255.255.255 vrf red
```

- If you attempt to configure a VRF instance on an interface that has this feature already configured:

```
Router(config-if)# ip vrf select source

Router(config-if)# ip vrf forward red
% Can not configure VRF if VRF Select is already configured
To enable VRF, first remove VRF Select from the interface
```

- If you attempt to configure an entry on an interface that has this feature already configured:

```
Router(config-if)# ip vrf forward red
Router(config-if)# ip vrf select source
% Can not configure VRF Select if interface is under a non-global VRF
To enable VRF Select, first remove VRF from the interface
```

Configuration Examples for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address

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Enabling MPLS VPN Traffic To Be Routed Based on Source IP Address Example

The following example defines two entries (vpn1 and vpn2) in the VRF Selection table. In this example, packets with the source address of 16.16.0.0 will be routed to the VRF vpn1, and packets with the source address of 17.17.0.0 will be routed to the VRF vpn2:

```
Router(config)# vrf selection source 16.16.0.0 255.255.0.0 vrf vpn1
Router(config)# vrf selection source 17.17.0.0 255.255.0.0 vrf vpn2
```

The following example creates IP static routes for two VRFs (vpn1 and vpn2) for the POS1/0 interface:

```
Router(config)# ip route vrf vpn1 16.16.0.0 255.255.0.0 POS1/0
Router(config)# ip route vrf vpn1 17.17.0.0 255.255.0.0 POS1/0
```

The following example configures the POS1/0 interface for this feature and adds the configured IP address (31.0.0.1) to the VRFs vpn1 and vpn2 as connected routes.

```
Router(config)# interface POS1/0
Router(config-if)# description Link to CE1 POS1/0 (eng2)
Router(config-if)# ip vrf select source
Router(config-if)# ip vrf receive vpn1
Router(config-if)# ip vrf receive vpn2
Router(config-if)# ip address 31.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
Router(config-if)# no ip directed broadcast
Router(config-if)# load-interval 30
Router(config-if)# crc 32
Router(config-if)# end
```

Configuring a VRF to Eliminate Unnecessary Packet Forwarding Example

If a packet arrives at an interface that has VRF Select enabled, and its source IP address does not match any VRF Select definition, that packet will be forwarded via the global routing table. This default behavior could cause problems if IP address spoofing is being implemented. Unnecessary traffic could be forwarded via the global routing table. To eliminate this unnecessary routing of packets, create a VRF Selection definition that will forward all unknown incoming traffic to a null interface.

The following configuration causes all traffic not matching a more specific VRF Selection definition to be routed to the Null0 interface, thus dropping the packets.

```
Router(config)# ip vrf VRF_DROP
Router(config-vrf)# rd 999:99
Router(config-vrf)# route-target export 999:99
Router(config-vrf)# route-target import 999:99
Router(config-vrf)# exit
Router(config)# vrf selection source 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 vrf VRF_DROP
Router(config)# ip route vrf VRF_DROP 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 Null0
```

Verifying the Configuration Example

This example shows the IP routing table associated with the VRF vrf1:

```
Router# show ip route vrf vpn1
Routing Table: vpn1
Codes: C - connected, S - static, I - IGRP, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2, E - EGP
i - IS-IS, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2, ia - IS-IS inter area
* - candidate default, U - per-user static route, o - ODR
Gateway of last resort is not set
B    33.0.0.0/8 [200/0] via 10.10.10.10, 00:00:37
5.0.0.0/16 is subnetted, 1 subnets
B       5.19.0.0 [200/0] via 10.10.10.10, 00:00:37
14.0.0.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
B       14.14.14.14 [200/0] via 10.10.10.10, 00:00:37
15.0.0.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
S       15.15.15.15 [1/0] via 34.0.0.1, POS1/1
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Basic MPLS VPNs	Configuring MPLS Layer 3 VPNs
MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier	• MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier Using LDP and an IGP • MPLS VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier with BGP

Related Topic	Document Title
MPLS VPN InterAutonomous Systems	• MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging IPv4 Routes and MPLS Labels • MPLS VPN Inter-AS with ASBRs Exchanging VPN-IPv4 Addresses

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
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Feature Information for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address

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 8 Feature Information for Directing MPLS VPN Traffic Using a Source IP Address

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
VRF Selection Based on Source IP Address	12.0(22)S 12.0(23)S 12.0(24)S 12.0(26)S	This feature lets you direct MPLS VPN traffic based on the source IP address of the packet.