



Configure Segment Routing Path Computation Element

The Segment Routing Path Computation Element (SR-PCE) provides stateful PCE functionality by extending the existing IOS-XR PCEP functionality with additional capabilities. SR-PCE is supported on the MPLS data plane and IPv4 control plane.



Note The Cisco IOS XRv 9000 is the recommended platform to act as the SR-PCE. Refer to the [Cisco IOS XRv 9000 Router Installation and Configuration Guide](#) for more information.

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About SR-PCE

The path computation element protocol (PCEP) describes a set of procedures by which a path computation client (PCC) can report and delegate control of head-end label switched paths (LSPs) sourced from the PCC to a PCE peer. The PCE can request the PCC to update and modify parameters of LSPs it controls. The stateful model also enables a PCC to allow the PCE to initiate computations allowing the PCE to perform network-wide orchestration.

SR-PCE learns topology information by way of IGP (OSPF or IS-IS) or through BGP Link-State (BGP-LS).

SR-PCE is capable of computing paths using the following methods:

- TE metric—SR-PCE uses the TE metric in its path calculations to optimize cumulative TE metric.
- IGP metric—SR-PCE uses the IGP metric in its path calculations to optimize reachability.
- LSP Disjointness—SR-PCE uses the path computation algorithms to compute a pair of disjoint LSPs. The disjoint paths can originate from the same head-end or different head-ends. Disjoint level refers to

the type of resources that should not be shared by the two computed paths. SR-PCE supports the following disjoint path computations:

- Link – Specifies that links are not shared on the computed paths.
- Node – Specifies that nodes are not shared on the computed paths.
- SRLG – Specifies that links with the same SRLG value are not shared on the computed paths.
- SRLG-node – Specifies that SRLG and nodes are not shared on the computed paths.

When the first request is received with a given disjoint-group ID, the first LSP is computed, encoding the shortest path from the first source to the first destination. When the second LSP request is received with the same disjoint-group ID, information received in both requests is used to compute two disjoint paths: one path from the first source to the first destination, and another path from the second source to the second destination. Both paths are computed at the same time.

Configure SR-PCE

This task explains how to configure SR-PCE.

Before you begin

The Cisco IOS XRv 9000 is the recommended platform to act as the SR-PCE.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# <code>configure</code>	Enters mode.
Step 2	pce Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# <code>pce</code>	Enables PCE and enters PCE configuration mode.
Step 3	address ipv4 <i>address</i> Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce)# <code>address ipv4 192.168.0.1</code>	Configures a PCE IPv4 address.
Step 4	state-sync ipv4 <i>address</i> Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce)#	Configures the remote peer for state synchronization.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<code>state-sync ipv4 192.168.0.3</code>	
Step 5	<p>tcp-buffer size <i>size</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce)# tcp-buffer size 1024000</pre>	Configures the transmit and receive TCP buffer size for each PCEP session, in bytes. The default buffer size is 256000. The valid range is from 204800 to 1024000.
Step 6	<p>password {clear encrypted} <i>password</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce)# password encrypted pwd1</pre>	Enables TCP MD5 authentication for all PCEP peers. Any TCP segment coming from the PCC that does not contain a MAC matching the configured password will be rejected. Specify if the password is encrypted or clear text.
Step 7	<p>segment-routing {strict-sid-only te-latency}</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce)# segment-routing strict-sid-only</pre>	Configures the segment routing algorithm to use strict SID or TE latency. Note This setting is global and applies to all LSPs that request a path from this controller.
Step 8	<p>timers</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce)# timers</pre>	Enters timer configuration mode.
Step 9	<p>keepalive <i>time</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-timers)# keepalive 60</pre>	Configures the timer value for locally generated keep-alive messages. The default time is 30 seconds.
Step 10	<p>minimum-peer-keepalive <i>time</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-timers)# minimum-peer-keepalive 30</pre>	Configures the minimum acceptable keep-alive timer that the remote peer may propose in the PCEP OPEN message during session establishment. The default time is 20 seconds.
Step 11	<p>reoptimization <i>time</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-timers)#</pre>	Configures the re-optimization timer. The default timer is 1800 seconds.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<code>reoptimization 600</code>	
Step 12	exit Example: <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-timers)# exit</pre>	Exits timer configuration mode and returns to PCE configuration mode.

Configure the Disjoint Policy (Optional)

This task explains how to configure the SR-PCE to compute disjointness for a pair of LSPs signaled by PCCs that do not include the PCEP association group-ID object in their PCEP request. This can be beneficial for deployments where PCCs do not support this PCEP object or when the network operator prefers to manage the LSP disjoint configuration centrally.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	disjoint-path Example: <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce)# disjoint-path</pre>	Enters disjoint configuration mode.
Step 2	group-id value type {link node srlg srlg-node} [sub-id value] Example: <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-disjoint)# group-id 1 type node sub-id 1</pre>	<p>Configures the disjoint group ID and defines the preferred level of disjointness (the type of resources that should not be shared by the two paths):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • link—Specifies that links are not shared on the computed paths. • node—Specifies that nodes are not shared on the computed paths. • srlg—Specifies that links with the same SRLG value are not shared on the computed paths. • srlg-node—Specifies that SRLG and nodes are not shared on the computed paths. <p>If a pair of paths that meet the requested disjointness level cannot be found, then the paths will automatically fallback to a lower level:</p>

	Command or Action	Purpose
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the requested disjointness level is SRLG or node, then link-disjoint paths will be computed. If the requested disjointness level was link, or if the first fallback from SRLG or node disjointness failed, then the lists of segments encoding two shortest paths, without any disjointness constraint, will be computed.
Step 3	strict Example: <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-disjoint)# strict</pre>	(Optional) Prevents the automatic fallback behavior of the preferred level of disjointness. If a pair of paths that meet the requested disjointness level cannot be found, the disjoint calculation terminates and no new path is provided. The existing path is not modified.
Step 4	lsp {1 2} pcc ipv4 address lsp-name lsp_name [shortest-path] Example: <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-disjoint)# lsp 1 pcc ipv4 192.168.0.1 lsp-name rtrA_t1 shortest-path RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-disjoint)# lsp 2 pcc ipv4 192.168.0.5 lsp-name rtrE_t2</pre>	Adds LSPs to the disjoint group. The shortest-path keyword forces one of the disjoint paths to follow the shortest path from the source to the destination. This option can only be applied to the the first LSP specified.

PCE-Initiated SR Policies

An SR-TE policy can be configured on the path computation element (PCE) to reduce link congestion or to minimize the number of network touch points.



Note The PCE-initiated SR-TE policies are entered in PCE configuration mode. For more information on configuring SR-TE policies, see the [SR-TE Policy Overview](#).

To minimize the number of network touch points, an application, such as a Network Services Orchestrator (NSO), can request the PCE to create an SR-TE policy. PCE deploys the SR-TE policy using PCC-PCE communication protocol (PCEP).

1. PCE sends a PCInitiate message to the PCC.
2. If the PCInitiate message is valid, the PCC sends a PCRpt message; otherwise, it sends PCErr message.
3. If the PCInitiate message is accepted, the PCE updates the SR-TE policy by sending PCUpd message.

You can achieve high-availability by configuring multiple PCEs with SR-TE policies. If the head-end (PCC) loses connectivity with one PCE, another PCE can assume control of the SR-TE policy.

Configuration Example: PCE-Initiated SR Policy with Explicit SID List

To configure a PCE-initiated SR-TE policy, you must complete the following configurations:

1. Enter PCE configuration mode.
2. Create the segment list.



Note When configuring an explicit path using IP addresses of intermediate links, the SR-TE process selects either the protected or the unprotected Adj-SID of the link, depending on the order in which the Adj-SIDs were received.

3. Create the policy.

```
/* Enter PCE configuration mode and create the SR-TE segment lists */
Router# configure
Router(config)# pce

/* Create the SR-TE segment lists */
Router(config-pce)# segment-routing
Router(config-pce-sr)# traffic-eng
Router(config-pce-sr-te)# segment-list name addr2a
Router(config-pce-sr-te-sl)# index 10 address ipv4 10.1.1.2
Router(config-pce-sr-te-sl)# index 20 address ipv4 10.2.3.2
Router(config-pce-sr-te-sl)# index 30 address ipv4 10.1.1.4
Router(config-pce-sr-te-sl)# exit

/* Create the SR-TE policy */
Router(config-pce-sr-te)# peer ipv4 10.1.1.1
Router(config-pce-sr-te)# policy P1
Router(config-pce-sr-te-policy)# color 2 end-point ipv4 2.2.2.2
Router(config-pce-sr-te-policy)# candidate-paths
Router(config-pce-sr-te-policy-path)# preference 50
Router(config-pce-sr-te-policy-path-preference)# explicit segment-list addr2a
Router(config-pce-sr-te-pp-info)# commit
Router(config-pce-sr-te-pp-info)# end
Router(config)#
```

Running Config

```
pce
segment-routing
traffic-eng
segment-list name addr2a
index 10 address ipv4 10.1.1.2
index 20 address ipv4 10.2.3.2
index 30 address ipv4 10.1.1.4
!
peer ipv4 10.1.1.1
policy P1
color 2 end-point ipv4 2.2.2.2
candidate-paths
```

```

preference 50
  explicit segment-list addr2a
!
!

```

SR-PCE Flexible Algorithm Multi-Domain Path Computation

Flexible Algorithm provides a traffic engineered path automatically computed by the IGP to any destination reachable by the IGP. With the SR-PCE Flexible Algorithm Multi-Domain Path Computation feature, SR-PCE can use Flexible Algorithms to compute multi-domain paths. See the [Enabling Segment Routing Flexible Algorithm](#) chapter for information about Segment Routing Flexible Algorithm.

The SR-PCE Flexible Algorithm Multi-Domain Path Computation feature incorporates the following functionality:

- BGP-LS has been augmented to allow selected nodes to advertise the Flexible Algorithm definition (FAD) to the SR-PCE
- PCEP has been augmented (vendor-specific object) to allow a PCC to indicate SR policy constraint based on the Flexible Algorithm instance number
- SR-PCE algorithms have been augmented to compute paths based on a Flexible Algorithm constraint

The SR-PCE Flexible Algorithm multi-domain path computation requires the following:

- The same Flexible Algorithm instance ID is used across domains.
- The metric for those Flexible Algorithm instances must be the same across domains.
- The affinity constraints for those Flexible Algorithm instances may be different across domains.
- Multiple Flexible Algorithms can exist in a domain.

For example, considering a multi-domain topology (Domain 1 and Domain 2), the following scenarios meet the requirements listed above:

Scenario	Domain 1	Domain 2
Scenario 1	Flexible Algorithm 128, metric delay	Flexible Algorithm 128, metric delay
Scenario 2	Flexible Algorithm 128, metric delay	Flexible Algorithm 128, metric delay, exclude affinity blue
Scenario 3	Flexible Algorithm 128, metric delay, exclude affinity yellow	Flexible Algorithm 128, metric delay, exclude affinity blue
Scenario 4	Flexible Algorithm 128, metric delay Flexible Algorithm 129, metric IGP	Flexible Algorithm 128, metric delay Flexible Algorithm 129, metric IGP

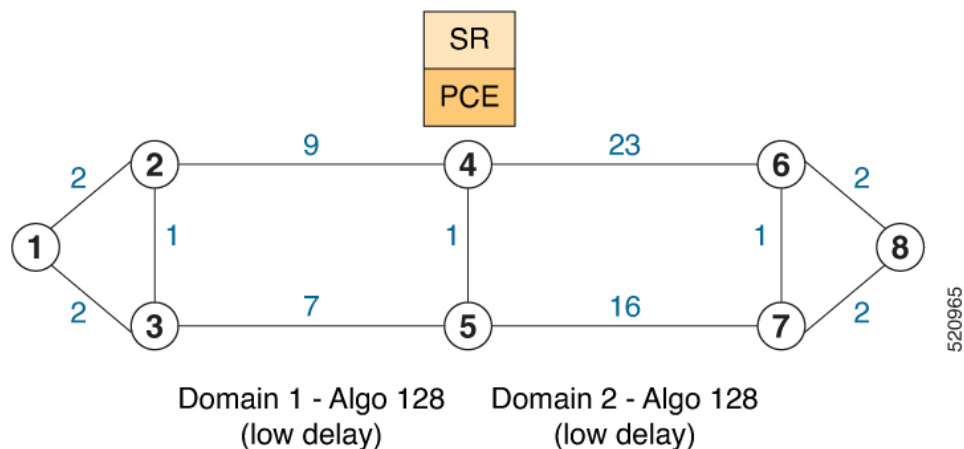


Note The use of a Flexible Algorithm constraint in a multi-domain SR topology does not preclude the use of an SR policy that are optimized for a particular metric type. For example, a policy can request a PCE for a Multi Domain policy based on metric delay. SR-PCE computes the path and encodes it with regular prefix SIDs and Adj-SIDs as required. Alternatively, a policy can request to have a constraint for a Flexible Algorithm instance X, which is defined in multiple domains and it minimizes based on metric delay. In this case, the SR-PCE computes the multi-domain path and encodes it using only Flexible Algorithm prefix SIDs. This case benefits from the optimized label stack size that Flexible Algorithm provides (1 label per domain).

Example: SR-PCE Flexible Algorithm Multi-Domain Path Computation Use Case

The following use case depicts a multi-domain topology with two IS-IS processes, each with a Flexible Algorithm instance of 128 that minimizes metric delay. A multi-domain SR policy programmed at Node 1 leverages a Flexible Algorithm 128 path computed by the SR-PCE toward Node 8.

Figure 1: Multi-Domain Topology



Configuration on Node 8

IS-IS and Flexible Algorithm Configuration

```

router isis 2
 is-type level-2-only
 net 49.0002.0000.0000.0008.00
 distribute link-state
 flex-algo 128
  metric-type delay
  advertise-definition

 address-family ipv4 unicast
  metric-style wide
  router-id 10.1.1.8
  segment-routing mpls
 !
 interface Loopback0
  passive
  
```



```

address-family ipv4 unicast
prefix-sid absolute 16008
prefix-sid algorithm 128 absolute 16808
!

```

Configuration on Node 4 (ABR/ASBR)

IS-IS and Flexible Algorithm Configuration

```

router isis 1
is-type level-2-only
net 49.0001.0000.0000.0004.00
distribute link-state instance-id 100
flex-algo 128
metric-type delay
advertise-definition

address-family ipv4 unicast
metric-style wide
router-id 10.1.1.4
segment-routing mpls
!
interface Loopback0
passive
address-family ipv4 unicast
prefix-sid absolute 16004
prefix-sid algorithm 128 absolute 16804
!
router isis 2
is-type level-2-only
net 49.0002.0000.0000.0004.00
distribute link-state instance-id 200
flex-algo 128
metric-type delay
advertise-definition

address-family ipv4 unicast
metric-style wide
router-id 10.1.1.4
segment-routing mpls
!
interface Loopback0
passive
address-family ipv4 unicast
prefix-sid absolute 16004
prefix-sid algorithm 128 absolute 16804
!

```

BGP-LS Configuration

```

router bgp 65000
bgp router-id 10.1.1.4
address-family link-state link-state
!
neighbor-group AS65000-LS-group
remote-as 65000
update-source Loopback0
address-family link-state link-state
!
!
neighbor 10.1.1.10
use neighbor-group AS65000-LS-group

```

```

description *** To SR-PCE ***
!
!
!

```

Configuration on Node 1

IS-IS and Flexible Algorithm Configuration

```

router isis 1
 is-type level-2-only
 net 49.0001.0000.0000.0001.00
 distribute link-state
 flex-algo 128
 metric-type delay
 advertise-definition

 address-family ipv4 unicast
  metric-style wide
  router-id 10.1.1.1
  segment-routing mpls
 !
 interface Loopback0
  passive
  address-family ipv4 unicast
  prefix-sid absolute 16001
  prefix-sid algorithm 128 absolute 16801
 !

```

SR Policy Configuration

```

segment-routing
 traffic-eng
  policy FOO
  color 100 end-point ipv4 10.1.1.8
  candidate-paths
  preference 100
  dynamic
  pcep
  !
  !
  constraints
  segments
  sid-algorithm 128
  !
  !
  !
  !
  !
  !
  !

```

PCC Configuration

```

segment-routing
 traffic-eng
  pcc
  source-address ipv4 10.1.1.1
  pce address ipv4 10.1.1.10
  precedence 10
  !
  report-all
  !

```

```
!
!
```

Configuration on PCE

```
pce
  address ipv4 10.1.1.10
  rest
  !
!
router bgp 65000
  bgp router-id 10.1.1.10
  address-family link-state link-state
  !
  neighbor-group AS65000-LS-group
  remote-as 65000
  update-source Loopback0
  address-family link-state link-state
  !
  !
  neighbor 10.1.1.4
  use neighbor-group AS65000-LS-group
  description *** To Node-4 ***
  !
  !
  neighbor 10.1.1.5
  use neighbor-group AS65000-LS-group
  description *** To Node-5 ***
  !
  !
!
```

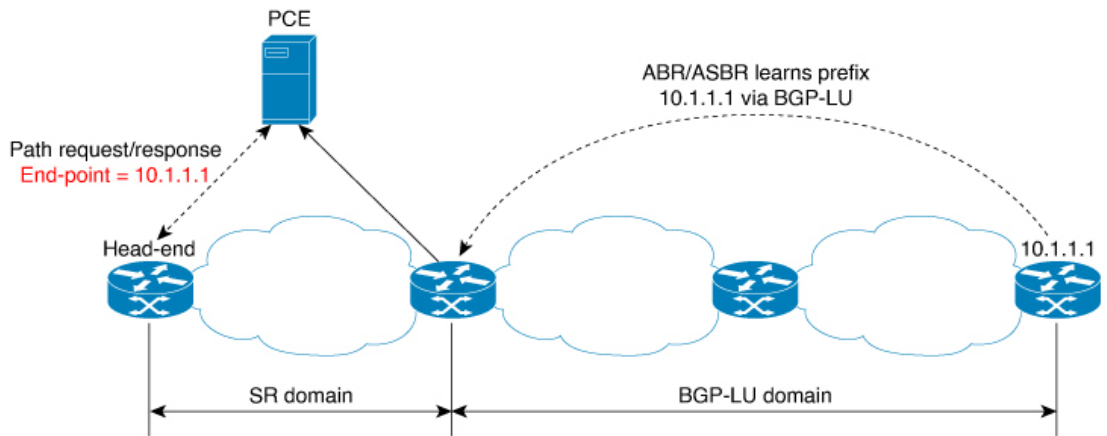
Inter-Domain Path Computation Using Redistributed SID

A Path Computation Element (PCE) computes SR-TE paths based on SR topology database that stores connectivity, state, and TE attributes of SR network nodes and links. BGP Labeled Unicast (BGP-LU) provides MPLS transport across IGP boundaries by advertising loopbacks and label binding of impact edge and border routers across IGP boundaries.

This feature adds new functionality to the SR-PCE that enables it to compute a path for remote non-SR end-point device distributed by BGP-LU.

The remote end-point device in the BGP-LU domain is unknown to the SR-PCE. For the SR-PCE to know about the end-point device, the gateway ABR/ASBR learns the end-point prefix via BGP-LU. The prefix is then redistributed to SR-PCE topology database from the gateway ABR/ASBR. SR-PCE then can compute the best path from the head-end device to the selected gateway router.

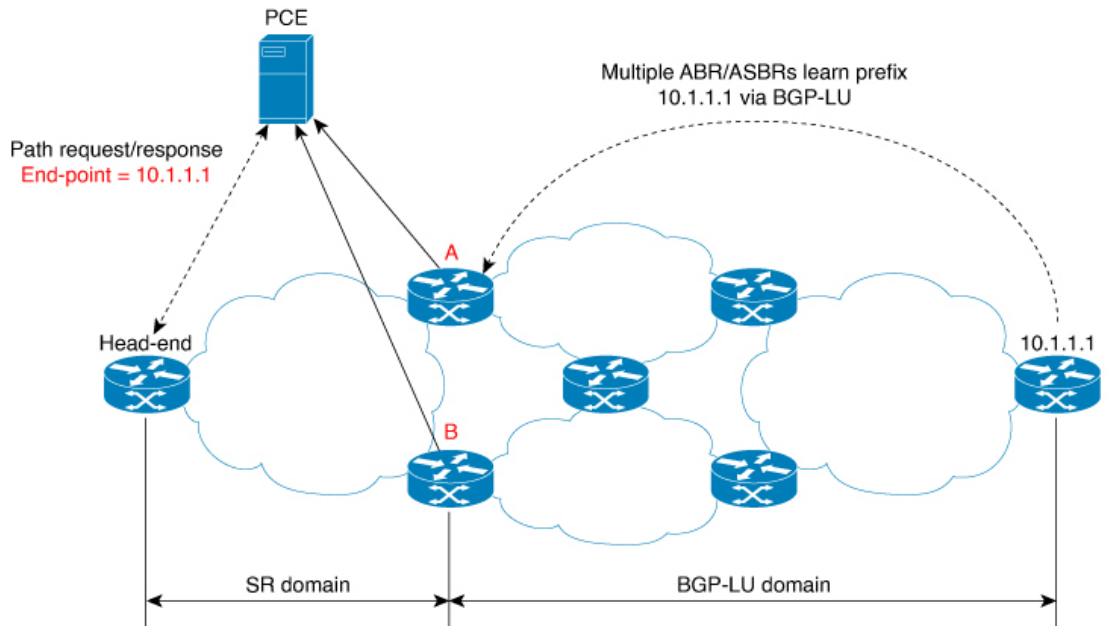
The following topology shows an SR domain and a BGP-LU domain, with a gateway ABR/ASBR between the two domains.



1. The gateway ABR/ASBR is configured with BGP/IGP helper to learn the remote prefix through BGP-LU and redistribute the remote prefix to the IGP helper, then to SR-PCE.
2. The SR-PCE selects the best gateway node to BGP-LU domain and computes the path to reach the remote prefix through the gateway node.
3. The head-end device in the SR domain requests a path to the remote destination and signals the SR profile interworking with the BGP-LU domain.

The BGP-LU prefix advertisement to SR-PCE Traffic Engineer Database (TED) is done by creating an IGP helper on the ABR/ASBR to redistribute BGP-LU prefix information to IGP. IGP then sends the prefix information to the SR-PCE via BGP-LS.

If there are multiple ABR/ASBRs advertising the same remote BGP-LU prefix, the SR-PCE selects the best gateway node to the BGP-LU domain using the accumulative metric from the head-end device to the gateway and the advertised metric from the gateway to the destination.



Example: Inter-Domain Path Computation Using Redistributed SID

The following examples show the configurations for the IGP helper, BGP-LU, and proxy BGP-SR:

Configuration on the End-Point Device

Configure the end-point device to allocate a label for the BGP-LU prefix on the end-point device:

```
router bgp 3107
  bgp router-id 1.0.0.8
  address-family ipv4 unicast
    network 1.0.0.8/32 route-policy bgplu-com
    allocate-label all

  route-policy bgplu-com
    set community (65002:999)
  end-policy
```

Configuration on the Gateway ABR/ASBR

1. Configure the remote prefix set and create the route policy for the BGP-LU domain:

```
prefix-set bgplu
  1.0.0.7/32,
  1.0.0.8/32,
  1.0.0.101/32,
  1.0.0.102/32
end-set
!

route-policy bgp2isis
  if destination in bgplu then
    pass
  else
    drop
  endif
end-policy
!
end
```

2. Configure the helper IGP instance on the Loopback interface:

```
router isis 101
  is-type level-2-only
  net 49.0001.0000.1010.1010.00
  distribute link-state instance-id 9999
  nsf cisco
  nsf lifetime 120
  address-family ipv4 unicast
  metric-style wide
  maximum-paths 64
  router-id Loopback10
  redistribute bgp 3107 metric 200 route-policy bgp2isis
  segment-routing mpls sr-prefer
!
interface Loopback10 >>> this loopback is for gateway SR-TE node-id
  passive
  address-family ipv4 unicast
  prefix-sid index 2001 explicit-null
```

3. Configure the gateway proxy BGP-SR and SR Mapping Server to allocate SR labels:

```

router bgp 3107
  address-family ipv4 unicast
    segment-routing prefix-sid-map
    allocate-label all

segment-routing
  global-block 16000 23999
  mapping-server
    prefix-sid-map
      address-family ipv4
        1.0.0.7/32 2007
        1.0.0.8/32 2008
        1.0.0.101/32 2101
        1.0.0.102/32 2102

```

PCE Support for MPLS-TE LSPs

This feature allows Cisco's SR-PCE to act as a Path Computation Element (PCE) for MPLS Traffic Engineering Label Switched Paths (MPLS-TE LSPs).



Note For more information about MPLS-TE, refer to the "Implementing MPLS Traffic Engineering" chapter in the *MPLS Configuration Guide for Cisco NCS 540 Series Routers*.

The supported functionality is summarized below:

- PCE type: Active Stateful PCE
- MPLS-TE LSP initiation methods:
 - PCE Initiated—An active stateful PCE initiates an LSP and maintains the responsibility of updating the LSP.
 - PCC Initiated—A PCC initiates the LSP and may delegate the control later to the Active stateful PCE.
- MPLS-TE LSP metric—Metric optimized by the path computation algorithm:
 - IGP metric
 - TE metric
 - Latency metric
- MPLS-TE LSP constraints—TE LSP attributes to be taken into account by the PCE during path computation:
 - Resource Affinities
 - Path Disjointness
- MPLS-TE LSP parameters:
 - Setup priority—The priority of the TE LSP with respect to taking resources
 - Hold priority—The priority of the TE LSP with respect to holding resources

- **FRR L flag**—The "Local Protection Desired" bit. Can be set from an application instantiating an MPLS-TE LSP via SR-PCE. SR-PCE passes this flag to the PCC, and the PCC will enable FRR for that LSP.
- **Signaled Bandwidth**—This value can be set from an application instantiating an MPLS-TE LSP via SR-PCE. SR-PCE passes this value to the PCC.
- **Binding SID**—A segment identifier (SID) that a headend binds to an MPLS-TE LSP. When the headend receives a packet with active segment (top MPLS label) matching the BSID of a local MPLS-TE LSP, the headend steers the packet into the associated MPLS-TE LSP.

Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine is an application that leverages the SR-PCE in order to visualize and instantiate MPLS-TE LSPs. For more information, refer to the [Visualize SR Policies and RSVP-TE Tunnels](#) chapter in the [Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine 1.2.1 User Guide](#).



Note No extra configuration is required to enable MPLS-TE support at SR-PCE.

Example: Configuring a PCEP Session (Stateful Mode) on MPLS-TE PCC

The following example shows the configuration for an MPLS-TE PCC to establish a PCEP session with a PCE (IPv4 address 10.1.1.100).



Note MPLS-TE PCC must operate in the stateful PCEP mode when connecting to SR-PCE.

The **instantiation** keyword enables the PCC to support MPLS-TE LSP instantiation by PCE (PCE-initiated).

The **report** keyword enables the PCC to report all the MPLS-TE LSPs configured on that node.



Note PCE-initiated LSPs are automatically reported to all configured PCEs.

The **autoroute-announce** keyword enables autoroute-announce globally for all PCE-initiated LSPs on the PCC.

The **redundancy pcc-centric** keywords enable PCC-centric high-availability model for PCE-initiated LSPs. The PCC-centric model changes the default PCC delegation behavior to the following:

- After LSP creation, LSP is automatically delegated to the PCE that computed it.
- If this PCE is disconnected, then the LSP is redelegated to another PCE.
- If the original PCE is reconnected, then the delegation fallback timer is started. When the timer expires, the LSP is redelegated back to the original PCE, even if it has worse preference than the current PCE.

```
mpls traffic-eng
 pce
  peer ipv4 10.1.1.100
  !
 stateful-client
```

```

instantiation
report
autoroute-announce
redundancy pcc-centric
!
!
!
end

```

Example: Configuring Multiple PCEP Sessions from a PCC Acting as MPLS-TE and SR-TE Headend Toward a Common PCE

The following example shows the configuration for a PCC (IPv4 addresses 10.1.1.1 and 10.1.1.2) to establish two PCEP sessions with a common PCE (IPv4 address 10.1.1.100). One session is configured under MPLS-TE, and the other under SR-TE.



Note The two PCEP sessions must use a different source address on the PCC when connecting to the same PCE.

For more information regarding PCEP configuration at SR-TE PCC, see the *Configure the Head-End Router as PCEP PCC* topic.

```

mpls traffic-eng
pce
peer source ipv4 10.1.1.1
peer ipv4 10.1.1.100
!
!
!
end

segment-routing
traffic-eng
pcc
source-address ipv4 10.1.1.2
pce address ipv4 10.1.1.100
!
!
!
end

```

Configuring the North-Bound API on SR-PCE

The SR-PCE provides a north-bound HTTP-based API to allow communication between SR-PCE and external clients and applications.

Over this API, an external application can leverage the SR-PCE for topology discovery, SR policy discovery, and SR policy instantiation.

The Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine is an application that leverages the SR-PCE. For more information, refer to the [Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine User Guides](#).

Use the following commands under PCE configuration mode to configure the API to allow communication between SR-PCE and external clients or applications.

Example: Configuring API on SR-PCE

The following example shows the current active connections:

```
RP/0/0/CPU0:pce1# show tcp brief | i 8080
Thu Aug  6 00:40:15.408 PDT
0xe9806fb8 0x60000000 0 0 :::8080 :::0 LISTEN
0xe94023b8 0x60000000 0 0 10.1.1.100:50487 10.1.1.200:8080 ESTAB
0xeb20bb40 0x60000000 0 0 10.1.1.100:8080 10.1.1.200:44401 ESTAB
0xe98031a0 0x60000000 0 0 0.0.0.0:8080 0.0.0.0:0 LISTEN
```

The first and fourth entries show the API server listening for IPv4 and IPv6 connections.

The second and third entries show the established sibling connection between PCE1 (10.1.1.100) and PCE2 (10.1.1.200).

