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# CHAPTER 1

## IP Multicast Technology Overview

IP multicast is a bandwidth-conserving technology that reduces traffic by delivering a single stream of information simultaneously to potentially thousands of businesses and homes. Applications that take advantage of multicast include video conferencing, corporate communications, distance learning, and distribution of software, stock quotes, and news.

This module contains a technical overview of IP multicast. IP multicast is an efficient way to use network resources, especially for bandwidth-intensive services such as audio and video. Before beginning to configure IP multicast, it is important that you understand the information presented in this module.

- [Information About IP Multicast Technology, on page 1](#)

## Information About IP Multicast Technology

### Role of IP Multicast in Information Delivery

IP multicast routing enables a host (source) to send packets to a group of hosts (receivers) anywhere within the IP network by using a special form of IP address called the IP multicast group address. The sending host inserts the multicast group address into the IP destination address field of the packet and IP multicast routers and multilayer switches forward incoming IP multicast packets out all interfaces that lead to the members of the multicast group. Any host, regardless of whether it is a member of a group, can send to a group. However, only the members of a group receive the message.

### Multicast Group Transmission Scheme

IP communication consists of hosts that act as senders and receivers of traffic as shown in the first figure. Senders are called sources. Traditional IP communication is accomplished by a single host source sending packets to another single host (unicast transmission) or to all hosts (broadcast transmission). IP multicast provides a third scheme, allowing a host to send packets to a subset of all hosts (multicast transmission). This subset of receiving hosts is called a multicast group. The hosts that belong to a multicast group are called group members.

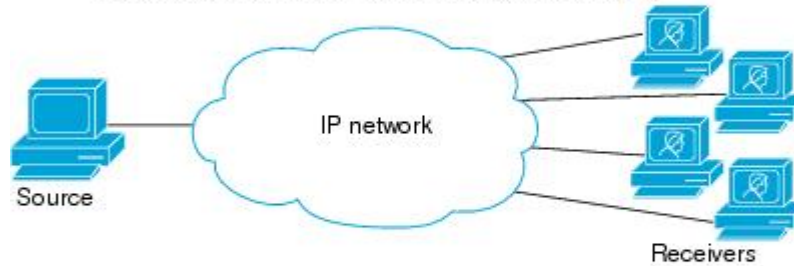
Multicast is based on this group concept. A multicast group is an arbitrary number of receivers that join a group in order to receive a particular data stream. This multicast group has no physical or geographical boundaries--the hosts can be located anywhere on the Internet or on any private internetwork. Hosts that are interested in receiving data from a source to a particular group must join that group. Joining a group is accomplished by a host receiver by way of the Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP).

In a multicast environment, any host, regardless of whether it is a member of a group, can send to a group. However, only the members of a group can receive packets sent to that group. Multicast packets are delivered to a group using best-effort reliability, just like IP unicast packets.

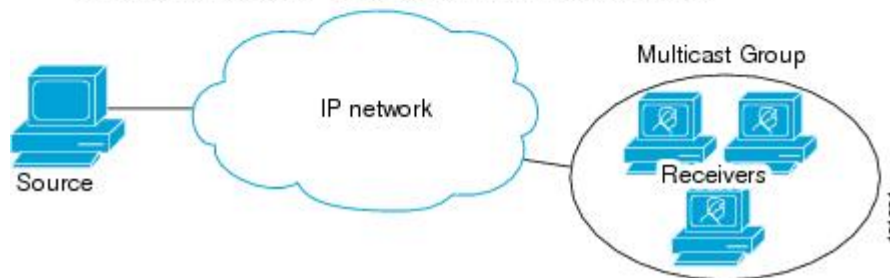
Unicast transmission—One host sends and the other receives.



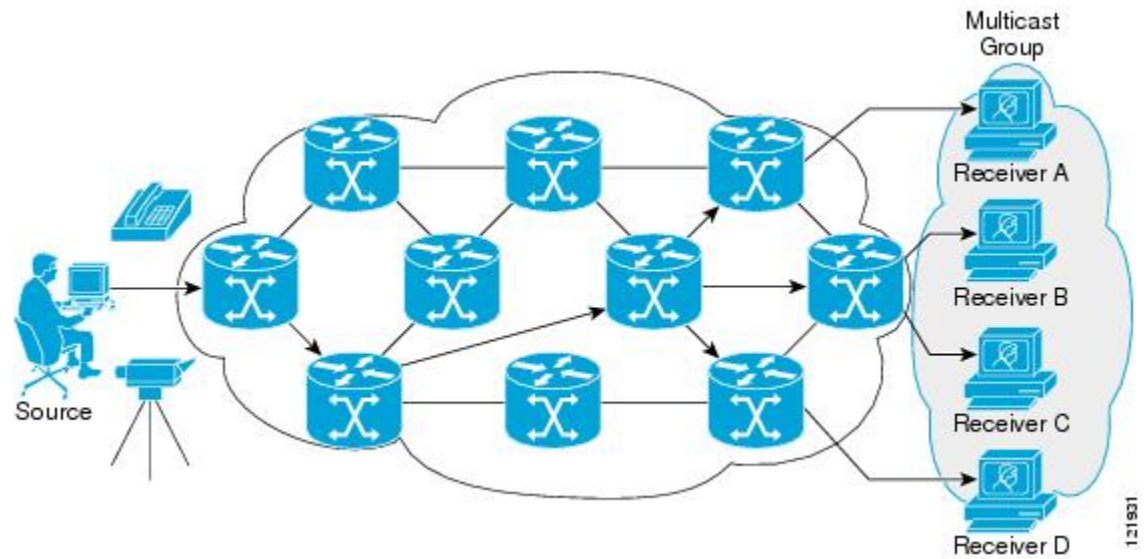
Broadcast transmission—One sender to all receivers.



Multicast transmission—One sender to a group of receivers.



In the next figure, the receivers (the designated multicast group) are interested in receiving the video data stream from the source. The receivers indicate their interest by sending an IGMP host report to the routers in the network. The routers are then responsible for delivering the data from the source to the receivers. The routers use Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) to dynamically create a multicast distribution tree. The video data stream will then be delivered only to the network segments that are in the path between the source and the receivers.



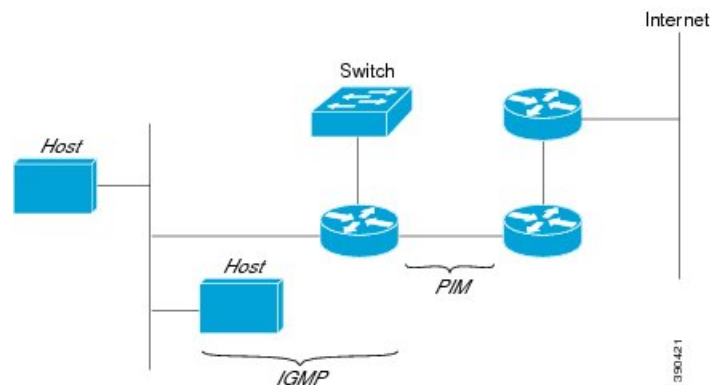
## IP Multicast Routing Protocols

The software supports the following protocols to implement IP multicast routing:

- IGMP is used between hosts on a LAN and the routers on that LAN to track the multicast groups of which hosts are members.
- Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) is used between routers so that they can track which multicast packets to forward to each other and to their directly connected LANs.

The figure shows where these protocols operate within the IP multicast environment.

**Figure 1: IP Multicast Routing Protocols**



## IP Multicast Group Addressing

A multicast group is identified by its multicast group address. Multicast packets are delivered to that multicast group address. Unlike unicast addresses that uniquely identify a single host, multicast IP addresses do not identify a particular host. To receive the data sent to a multicast address, a host must join the group that address identifies. The data is sent to the multicast address and received by all the hosts that have joined the group.

indicating that they wish to receive traffic sent to that group. The multicast group address is assigned to a group at the source. Network administrators who assign multicast group addresses must make sure the addresses conform to the multicast address range assignments reserved by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA).

## IP Class D Addresses

IP multicast addresses have been assigned to the IPv4 Class D address space by IANA. The high-order four bits of a Class D address are 1110. Therefore, host group addresses can be in the range 224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255. A multicast address is chosen at the source (sender) for the receivers in a multicast group.



**Note** The Class D address range is used only for the group address or destination address of IP multicast traffic. The source address for multicast datagrams is always the unicast source address.

## IP Multicast Address Scoping

The multicast address range is subdivided to provide predictable behavior for various address ranges and for address reuse within smaller domains. The table provides a summary of the multicast address ranges. A brief summary description of each range follows.

**Table 1: Multicast Address Range Assignments**

Name	Range	Description
Reserved Link-Local Addresses	224.0.0.0 to 224.0.0.255	Reserved for use by network protocols on a local network segment.
Globally Scoped Addresses	224.0.1.0 to 238.255.255.255	Reserved to send multicast data between organizations and across the Internet.
Source Specific Multicast	232.0.0.0 to 232.255.255.255	Reserved for use with the SSM datagram delivery model where data is forwarded only to receivers that have explicitly joined the group.
GLOP Addresses	233.0.0.0 to 233.255.255.255	Reserved for statically defined addresses by organizations that already have an assigned autonomous system (AS) domain number.
Limited Scope Address	239.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255	Reserved as administratively or limited scope addresses for use in private multicast domains.

### Reserved Link-Local Addresses

The IANA has reserved the range 224.0.0.0 to 224.0.0.255 for use by network protocols on a local network segment. Packets with an address in this range are local in scope and are not forwarded by IP routers. Packets with link local destination addresses are typically sent with a time-to-live (TTL) value of 1 and are not forwarded by a router.

Within this range, reserved link-local addresses provide network protocol functions for which they are reserved. Network protocols use these addresses for automatic router discovery and to communicate important routing information. For example, Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) uses the IP addresses 224.0.0.5 and 224.0.0.6 to exchange link-state information.

IANA assigns single multicast address requests for network protocols or network applications out of the 224.0.1.xxx address range. Multicast routers forward these multicast addresses.



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**Note** All the packets with reserved link-local addresses are punted to CPU by default in the ASR 903 RSP2 Module.

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### Globally Scoped Addresses

Addresses in the range 224.0.1.0 to 238.255.255.255 are called globally scoped addresses. These addresses are used to send multicast data between organizations across the Internet. Some of these addresses have been reserved by IANA for use by multicast applications. For example, the IP address 224.0.1.1 is reserved for Network Time Protocol (NTP).

### Source Specific Multicast Addresses

Addresses in the range 232.0.0.0/8 are reserved for Source Specific Multicast (SSM) by IANA. In Cisco IOS software, you can use the **ip pim ssm** command to configure SSM for arbitrary IP multicast addresses also. SSM is an extension of Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) that allows for an efficient data delivery mechanism in one-to-many communications. SSM is described in the [IP Multicast Delivery Modes, on page 6](#) section.

### GLOP Addresses

GLOP addressing (as proposed by RFC 2770, GLOP Addressing in 233/8) proposes that the 233.0.0.0/8 range be reserved for statically defined addresses by organizations that already have an AS number reserved. This practice is called GLOP addressing. The AS number of the domain is embedded into the second and third octets of the 233.0.0.0/8 address range. For example, AS 62010 is written in hexadecimal format as F23A. Separating the two octets F2 and 3A results in 242 and 58 in decimal format. These values result in a subnet of 233.242.58.0/24 that would be globally reserved for AS 62010 to use.

### Limited Scope Addresses

The range 239.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255 is reserved as administratively or limited scoped addresses for use in private multicast domains. These addresses are constrained to a local group or organization. Companies, universities, and other organizations can use limited scope addresses to have local multicast applications that will not be forwarded outside their domain. Routers typically are configured with filters to prevent multicast traffic in this address range from flowing outside an autonomous system (AS) or any user-defined domain. Within an AS or domain, the limited scope address range can be further subdivided so that local multicast boundaries can be defined.



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**Note** Network administrators may use multicast addresses in this range, inside a domain, without conflicting with others elsewhere in the Internet.

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## Layer 2 Multicast Addresses

Historically, network interface cards (NICs) on a LAN segment could receive only packets destined for their burned-in MAC address or the broadcast MAC address. In IP multicast, several hosts need to be able to receive a single data stream with a common destination MAC address. Some means had to be devised so that multiple

hosts could receive the same packet and still be able to differentiate between several multicast groups. One method to accomplish this is to map IP multicast Class D addresses directly to a MAC address. Using this method, NICs can receive packets destined to many different MAC address.

## IP Multicast Delivery Modes

IP multicast delivery modes differ only for the receiver hosts, not for the source hosts. A source host sends IP multicast packets with its own IP address as the IP source address of the packet and a group address as the IP destination address of the packet.

### Any Source Multicast

For the Any Source Multicast (ASM) delivery mode, an IP multicast receiver host can use any version of IGMP to join a multicast group. This group is notated as G in the routing table state notation. By joining this group, the receiver host is indicating that it wants to receive IP multicast traffic sent by any source to group G. The network will deliver IP multicast packets from any source host with the destination address G to all receiver hosts in the network that have joined group G.

ASM requires group address allocation within the network. At any given time, an ASM group should only be used by a single application. When two applications use the same ASM group simultaneously, receiver hosts of both applications will receive traffic from both application sources. This may result in unexpected excess traffic in the network. This situation may cause congestion of network links and malfunction of the application receiver hosts.

### Source Specific Multicast

Source Specific Multicast (SSM) is a datagram delivery model that best supports one-to-many applications, also known as broadcast applications. SSM is a core network technology for the Cisco implementation of IP multicast targeted for audio and video broadcast application environments.

For the SSM delivery mode, an IP multicast receiver host must use IGMP Version 3 (IGMPv3) to subscribe to channel (S,G). By subscribing to this channel, the receiver host is indicating that it wants to receive IP multicast traffic sent by source host S to group G. The network will deliver IP multicast packets from source host S to group G to all hosts in the network that have subscribed to the channel (S, G).

SSM does not require group address allocation within the network, only within each source host. Different applications running on the same source host must use different SSM groups. Different applications running on different source hosts can arbitrarily reuse SSM group addresses without causing any excess traffic on the network.

## Protocol Independent Multicast

The Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) protocol maintains the current IP multicast service mode of receiver-initiated membership. PIM is not dependent on a specific unicast routing protocol; it is IP routing protocol independent and can leverage whichever unicast routing protocols are used to populate the unicast routing table, including Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP), Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), and static routes. PIM uses unicast routing information to perform the multicast forwarding function.

Although PIM is called a multicast routing protocol, it actually uses the unicast routing table to perform the reverse path forwarding (RPF) check function instead of building up a completely independent multicast routing table. Unlike other routing protocols, PIM does not send and receive routing updates between routers.



PIM can operate in dense mode or sparse mode. The router can also handle both sparse groups and dense groups at the same time. The mode determines how the router populates its multicast routing table and how the router forwards multicast packets it receives from its directly connected LANs.

For information about PIM forwarding (interface) modes, see the following sections:

## PIM Dense Mode

PIM dense mode (PIM-DM) uses a push model to flood multicast traffic to every corner of the network. This push model is a method for delivering data to the receivers without the receivers requesting the data. This method is efficient in certain deployments in which there are active receivers on every subnet in the network.

In dense mode, a router assumes that all other routers want to forward multicast packets for a group. If a router receives a multicast packet and has no directly connected members or PIM neighbors present, a prune message is sent back to the source. Subsequent multicast packets are not flooded to this router on this pruned branch. PIM builds source-based multicast distribution trees.

PIM-DM initially floods multicast traffic throughout the network. Routers that have no downstream neighbors prune back the unwanted traffic. This process repeats every 3 minutes.

Routers accumulate state information by receiving data streams through the flood and prune mechanism. These data streams contain the source and group information so that downstream routers can build up their multicast forwarding table. PIM-DM supports only source trees--that is, (S,G) entries--and cannot be used to build a shared distribution tree.



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**Note** Dense mode is not often used and its use is not recommended. For this reason it is not specified in the configuration tasks in related modules.

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## PIM Sparse Mode

PIM sparse mode (PIM-SM) uses a pull model to deliver multicast traffic. Only network segments with active receivers that have explicitly requested the data will receive the traffic.

Unlike dense mode interfaces, sparse mode interfaces are added to the multicast routing table only when periodic Join messages are received from downstream routers, or when a directly connected member is on the interface. When forwarding from a LAN, sparse mode operation occurs if an RP is known for the group. If so, the packets are encapsulated and sent toward the RP. When no RP is known, the packets are dropped. If the multicast traffic from a specific source is sufficient, the first hop router of the receiver may send Join messages toward the source to build a source-based distribution tree.

PIM-SM distributes information about active sources by forwarding data packets on the shared tree. Because PIM-SM uses shared trees (at least, initially), it requires the use of a rendezvous point (RP). The RP must be administratively configured in the network. See the [Rendezvous Points, on page 9](#) section for more information.

In sparse mode, a router assumes that other routers do not want to forward multicast packets for a group, unless there is an explicit request for the traffic. When hosts join a multicast group, the directly connected routers send PIM Join messages toward the RP. The RP keeps track of multicast groups. Hosts that send multicast packets are registered with the RP by the first hop router of that host. At this point, packets are forwarded on a shared distribution tree. If the multicast traffic from a specific source is sufficient, the first hop router of the host may send Join messages toward the source to build a source-based distribution tree.

Sources register with the RP and then data is forwarded down the shared tree to the receivers. The edge router sends PIM (S,G) Join messages toward that source. Each router along the reverse path compares the unicast routing metric of the RP address to the metric of the source address. If the metric for the source address is better, it will forward a PIM (S,G) Join message toward the source. If the metric for the RP is the same or better, then the PIM (S,G) Join message will be sent in the same direction as the RP. In this case, the shared tree and the source tree would be considered congruent.

If the shared tree is not an optimal path between the source and the receiver, the routers dynamically create a source tree and stop traffic from flowing down the shared tree. This behavior is the default behavior in software. Network administrators can force traffic to stay on the shared tree by using the **ip pim spt-threshold infinity** command. The default value of **ip pim spt-threshold infinity** command is 0.

PIM-SM scales well to a network of any size, including those with WAN links. The explicit join mechanism prevents unwanted traffic from flooding the WAN links.

## Sparse-Dense Mode

If you configure either sparse mode or dense mode on an interface, then sparseness or denseness is applied to the interface as a whole. However, some environments might require PIM to run in a single region in sparse mode for some groups and in dense mode for other groups.

An alternative to enabling only dense mode or only sparse mode is to enable sparse-dense mode. In this case, the interface is treated as dense mode if the group is in dense mode; the interface is treated in sparse mode if the group is in sparse mode. You must have an RP if the interface is in sparse-dense mode and you want to treat the group as a sparse group.

If you configure sparse-dense mode, the idea of sparseness or denseness is applied to the groups for which the router is a member.

Another benefit of sparse-dense mode is that Auto-RP information can be distributed in a dense mode; yet, multicast groups for user groups can be used in a sparse mode manner. Therefore there is no need to configure a default RP at the leaf routers.

When an interface is treated in dense mode, it is populated in the outgoing interface list of a multicast routing table when either of the following conditions is true:

- Members are on the interface.
- There are PIM neighbors and the group has not been pruned.

When an interface is treated in sparse mode, it is populated in the outgoing interface list of a multicast routing table when either of the following conditions is true:

- Members are on the interface.
- An explicit Join message has been received by a PIM neighbor on the interface.

## Multicast Group Modes

In PIM, packet traffic for a multicast group is routed according to the rules of the mode configured for that multicast group. The Cisco implementation of PIM supports three modes for a multicast group:

- PIM Sparse mode
- PIM Dense mode

- PIM Source Specific Multicast (SSM) mode

A router can simultaneously support all three modes or any combination of them for different multicast groups.

## Sparse Mode

Sparse mode operation centers around a single unidirectional shared tree whose root node is called the rendezvous point (RP). Sources must register with the RP to get their multicast traffic to flow down the shared tree by way of the RP. This registration process actually triggers a shortest path tree (SPT) Join by the RP toward the source when there are active receivers for the group in the network.

A sparse mode group uses the explicit join model of interaction. Receiver hosts join a group at a rendezvous point (RP). Different groups can have different RPs.

Multicast traffic packets flow down the shared tree to only those receivers that have explicitly asked to receive the traffic.

## Dense Mode

Dense mode operates using the broadcast (flood) and prune model.

In populating the multicast routing table, dense mode interfaces are always added to the table. Multicast traffic is forwarded out all interfaces in the outgoing interface list to all receivers. Interfaces are removed from the outgoing interface list in a process called pruning. In dense mode, interfaces are pruned for various reasons including that there are no directly connected receivers.

A pruned interface can be reestablished, that is, grafted back so that restarting the flow of multicast traffic can be accomplished with minimal delay.

## Rendezvous Points

A rendezvous point (RP) is a role that a device performs when operating in Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) Sparse Mode (SM). An RP is required only in networks running PIM SM. In the PIM-SM model, only network segments with active receivers that have explicitly requested multicast data will be forwarded the traffic.

This method of delivering multicast data is in contrast to PIM Dense Mode (PIM DM). In PIM DM, multicast traffic is initially flooded to all segments of the network. Routers that have no downstream neighbors or directly connected receivers prune back the unwanted traffic.

An RP acts as the meeting place for sources and receivers of multicast data. In a PIM-SM network, sources must send their traffic to the RP. This traffic is then forwarded to receivers down a shared distribution tree. By default, when the first hop device of the receiver learns about the source, it will send a Join message directly to the source, creating a source-based distribution tree from the source to the receiver. This source tree does not include the RP unless the RP is located within the shortest path between the source and receiver.

In most cases, the placement of the RP in the network is not a complex decision. By default, the RP is needed only to start new sessions with sources and receivers. Consequently, the RP experiences little overhead from traffic flow or processing. In PIM version 2, the RP performs less processing than in PIM version 1 because sources must only periodically register with the RP to create state.

## Auto-RP

In the first version of PIM-SM, all leaf routers (routers directly connected to sources or receivers) were required to be manually configured with the IP address of the RP. This type of configuration is also known as static

RP configuration. Configuring static RPs is relatively easy in a small network, but it can be laborious in a large, complex network.

Following the introduction of PIM-SM version 1, Cisco implemented a version of PIM-SM with the Auto-RP feature. Auto-RP automates the distribution of group-to-RP mappings in a PIM network. Auto-RP has the following benefits:

- Configuring the use of multiple RPs within a network to serve different groups is easy.
- Auto-RP allows load splitting among different RPs and arrangement of RPs according to the location of group participants.
- Auto-RP avoids inconsistent, manual RP configurations that can cause connectivity problems.

Multiple RPs can be used to serve different group ranges or serve as backups to each other. For Auto-RP to work, a router must be designated as an RP-mapping agent, which receives the RP-announcement messages from the RPs and arbitrates conflicts. The RP-mapping agent then sends the consistent group-to-RP mappings to all other routers. Thus, all routers automatically discover which RP to use for the groups they support.




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**Note** If you configure PIM in sparse mode or sparse-dense mode and do not configure Auto-RP, you must statically configure an RP.

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**Note** If router interfaces are configured in sparse mode, Auto-RP can still be used if all routers are configured with a static RP address for the Auto-RP groups.

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To make Auto-RP work, a router must be designated as an RP mapping agent, which receives the RP announcement messages from the RPs and arbitrates conflicts. The RP mapping agent then sends the consistent group-to-RP mappings to all other routers by dense mode flooding. Thus, all routers automatically discover which RP to use for the groups they support. The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) has assigned two group addresses, 224.0.1.39 and 224.0.1.40, for Auto-RP. One advantage of Auto-RP is that any change to the RP designation must be configured only on the routers that are RPs and not on the leaf routers. Another advantage of Auto-RP is that it offers the ability to scope the RP address within a domain. Scoping can be achieved by defining the time-to-live (TTL) value allowed for the Auto-RP advertisements.

Each method for configuring an RP has its own strengths, weaknesses, and level of complexity. In conventional IP multicast network scenarios, we recommend using Auto-RP to configure RPs because it is easy to configure, well-tested, and stable. The alternative ways to configure an RP are static RP, Auto-RP, and bootstrap router.

## Sparse-Dense Mode for Auto-RP

A prerequisite of Auto-RP is that all interfaces must be configured in sparse-dense mode using the **ip pim sparse-dense-mode** interface configuration command. An interface configured in sparse-dense mode is treated in either sparse mode or dense mode of operation, depending on which mode the multicast group operates. If a multicast group has a known RP, the interface is treated in sparse mode. If a group has no known RP, by default the interface is treated in dense mode and data will be flooded over this interface. (You can prevent dense-mode fallback; see the module “Configuring Basic IP Multicast.”)

To successfully implement Auto-RP and prevent any groups other than 224.0.1.39 and 224.0.1.40 from operating in dense mode, we recommend configuring a “sink RP” (also known as “RP of last resort”). A sink RP is a statically configured RP that may or may not actually exist in the network. Configuring a sink RP

does not interfere with Auto-RP operation because, by default, Auto-RP messages supersede static RP configurations. We recommend configuring a sink RP for all possible multicast groups in your network, because it is possible for an unknown or unexpected source to become active. If no RP is configured to limit source registration, the group may revert to dense mode operation and be flooded with data.

## Multicast Forwarding

Forwarding of multicast traffic is accomplished by multicast-capable routers. These routers create distribution trees that control the path that IP multicast traffic takes through the network in order to deliver traffic to all receivers.

Multicast traffic flows from the source to the multicast group over a distribution tree that connects all of the sources to all of the receivers in the group. This tree may be shared by all sources (a shared tree) or a separate distribution tree can be built for each source (a source tree). The shared tree may be one-way or bidirectional.

Before describing the structure of source and shared trees, it is helpful to explain the notations that are used in multicast routing tables. These notations include the following:

- (S,G) = (unicast source for the multicast group G, multicast group G)
- (\*,G) = (any source for the multicast group G, multicast group G)

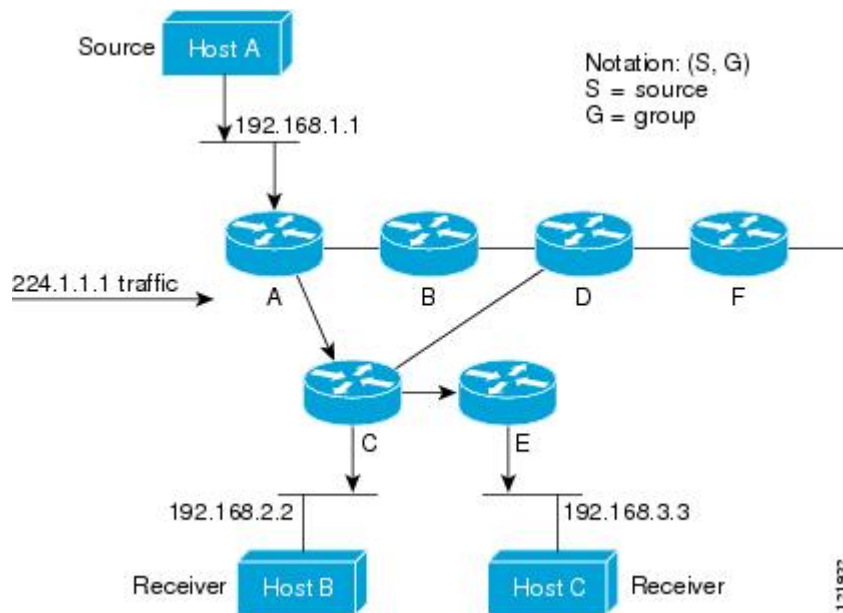
The notation of (S,G), pronounced “S comma G,” enumerates a shortest path tree where S is the IP address of the source and G is the multicast group address.

Shared trees are (\*,G) and the source trees are (S,G) and always routed at the sources.

## Multicast Distribution Source Tree

The simplest form of a multicast distribution tree is a source tree. A source tree has its root at the source host and has branches forming a spanning tree through the network to the receivers. Because this tree uses the shortest path through the network, it is also referred to as a shortest path tree (SPT).

The figure shows an example of an SPT for group 224.1.1.1 rooted at the source, Host A, and connecting two receivers, Hosts B and C.



Using standard notation, the SPT for the example shown in the figure would be (192.168.1.1, 224.1.1.1).

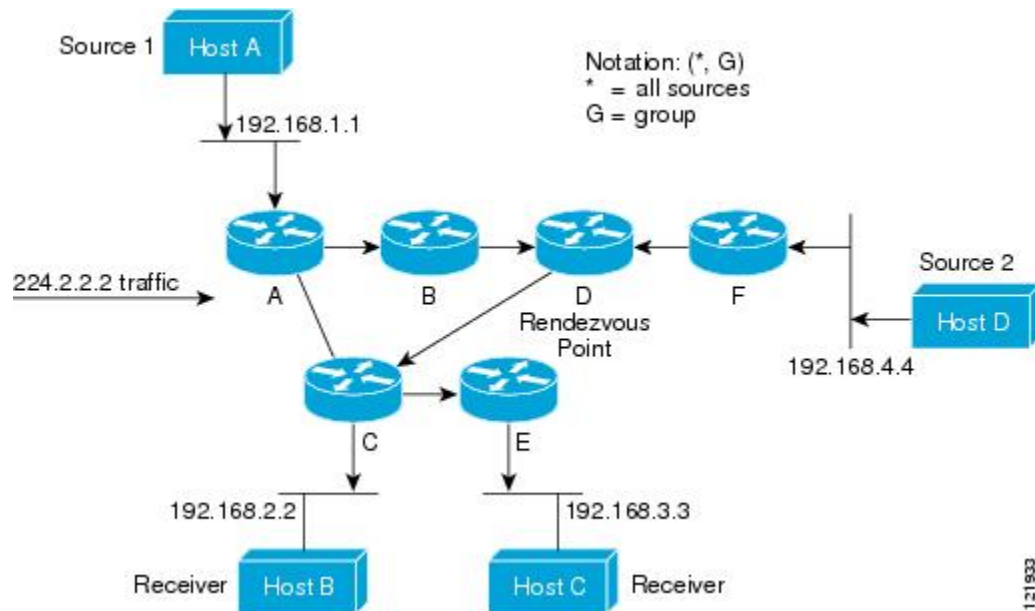
The (S,G) notation implies that a separate SPT exists for each individual source sending to each group--which is correct.

## Multicast Distribution Shared Tree

Unlike source trees that have their root at the source, shared trees use a single common root placed at some chosen point in the network. This shared root is called a rendezvous point (RP).

The following figure shows a shared tree for the group 224.2.2.2 with the root located at Router D. This shared tree is unidirectional. Source traffic is sent towards the RP on a source tree. The traffic is then forwarded down the shared tree from the RP to reach all of the receivers (unless the receiver is located between the source and the RP, in which case it will be serviced directly).

Figure 2: Shared Tree



In this example, multicast traffic from the sources, Hosts A and D, travels to the root (Router D) and then down the shared tree to the two receivers, Hosts B and C. Because all sources in the multicast group use a common shared tree, a wildcard notation written as (\*, G), pronounced "star comma G", represents the tree. In this case, \* means all sources, and G represents the multicast group. Therefore, the shared tree shown in the figure would be written as (\*, 224.2.2.2).

Both source trees and shared trees are loop-free. Messages are replicated only where the tree branches. Members of multicast groups can join or leave at any time; therefore the distribution trees must be dynamically updated. When all the active receivers on a particular branch stop requesting the traffic for a particular multicast group, the routers prune that branch from the distribution tree and stop forwarding traffic down that branch. If one receiver on that branch becomes active and requests the multicast traffic, the router will dynamically modify the distribution tree and start forwarding traffic again.

## Source Tree Advantage

Source trees have the advantage of creating the optimal path between the source and the receivers. This advantage guarantees the minimum amount of network latency for forwarding multicast traffic. However, this optimization comes at a cost. The routers must maintain path information for each source. In a network that has thousands of sources and thousands of groups, this overhead can quickly become a resource issue on the routers. Memory consumption from the size of the multicast routing table is a factor that network designers must take into consideration.

## Shared Tree Advantage

Shared trees have the advantage of requiring the minimum amount of state in each router. This advantage lowers the overall memory requirements for a network that only allows shared trees. The disadvantage of shared trees is that under certain circumstances the paths between the source and receivers might not be the optimal paths, which might introduce some latency in packet delivery. For example, in the figure above the shortest path between Host A (source 1) and Host B (a receiver) would be Router A and Router C. Because we are using Router D as the root for a shared tree, the traffic must traverse Routers A, B, D and then C.

Network designers must carefully consider the placement of the rendezvous point (RP) when implementing a shared tree-only environment.

In unicast routing, traffic is routed through the network along a single path from the source to the destination host. A unicast router does not consider the source address; it considers only the destination address and how to forward the traffic toward that destination. The router scans through its routing table for the destination address and then forwards a single copy of the unicast packet out the correct interface in the direction of the destination.

In multicast forwarding, the source is sending traffic to an arbitrary group of hosts that are represented by a multicast group address. The multicast router must determine which direction is the upstream direction (toward the source) and which one is the downstream direction (or directions) toward the receivers. If there are multiple downstream paths, the router replicates the packet and forwards it down the appropriate downstream paths (best unicast route metric)--which is not necessarily all paths. Forwarding multicast traffic away from the source, rather than to the receiver, is called Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF). RPF is described in the following section.

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Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) uses the unicast routing information to create a distribution tree along the reverse path from the receivers towards the source. The multicast routers then forward packets along the distribution tree from the source to the receivers. RPF is a key concept in multicast forwarding. It enables routers to correctly forward multicast traffic down the distribution tree. RPF makes use of the existing unicast routing table to determine the upstream and downstream neighbors. A router will forward a multicast packet only if it is received on the upstream interface. This RPF check helps to guarantee that the distribution tree will be loop-free.

## RPF Check

When a multicast packet arrives at a router, the router performs an RPF check on the packet. If the RPF check succeeds, the packet is forwarded. Otherwise, it is dropped.

For traffic flowing down a source tree, the RPF check procedure works as follows:

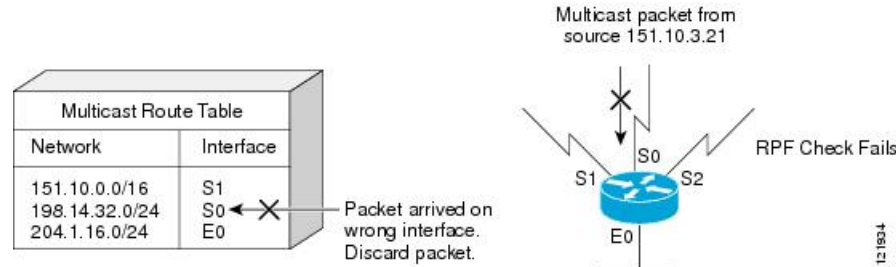
1. The router looks up the source address in the unicast routing table to determine if the packet has arrived on the interface that is on the reverse path back to the source.
2. If the packet has arrived on the interface leading back to the source, the RPF check succeeds and the packet is forwarded out the interfaces present in the outgoing interface list of a multicast routing table entry.



3. If the RPF check in Step 2 fails, the packet is dropped.

The figure shows an example of an unsuccessful RPF check.

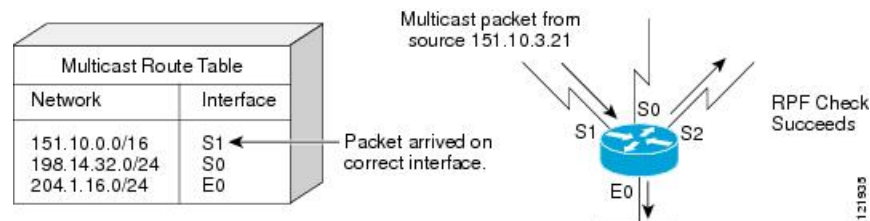
**Figure 3: RPF Check Fails**



As the figure illustrates, a multicast packet from source 151.10.3.21 is received on serial interface 0 (S0). A check of the unicast route table shows that S1 is the interface this router would use to forward unicast data to 151.10.3.21. Because the packet has arrived on interface S0, the packet is discarded.

The figure shows an example of a successful RPF check.

**Figure 4: RPF Check Succeeds**



In this example, the multicast packet has arrived on interface S1. The router refers to the unicast routing table and finds that S1 is the correct interface. The RPF check passes, and the packet is forwarded.

## Guidelines for Choosing a PIM Mode

Before beginning the configuration process, you must decide which PIM mode needs to be used. This determination is based on the applications you intend to support on your network.

Basic guidelines include the following:

- In general, if the application is one-to-many or many-to-many in nature, then PIM-SM can be used successfully.
- For optimal one-to-many application performance, SSM is appropriate but requires IGMP version 3 support.





## CHAPTER 2

# Configuring Basic IP Multicast

IP multicast is a bandwidth-conserving technology that reduces traffic by delivering a single stream of information simultaneously to potentially thousands of corporate businesses and homes. Applications that take advantage of multicast include video conferencing, corporate communications, distance learning, and distribution of software, stock quotes, and news. This module describes the tasks used to configure basic IP multicast.

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## Prerequisites for Configuring Basic IP Multicast

- To determine which of the tasks contained in this module you will have to perform, you must decide which Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) mode will be used. This determination is based on the applications you intend to support on your network.
- All access lists to be used with the tasks in this module should be configured prior to beginning the configuration task. For information about how to configure an access list, see the “Creating an IP Access List and Applying It to an Interface” module of the *Security Configuration Guide: Access Control Lists* guide.

## Information About Configuring Basic IP Multicast

### Auto-RP Overview

#### The Role of Auto-RP in a PIM Network

Auto-RP automates the distribution of group-to- rendezvous point (RP) mappings in a PIM network. To make Auto-RP work, a device must be designated as an RP mapping agent, which receives the RP announcement messages from the RPs and arbitrates conflicts. The RP mapping agent then sends the consistent group-to-RP mappings to all other devices.

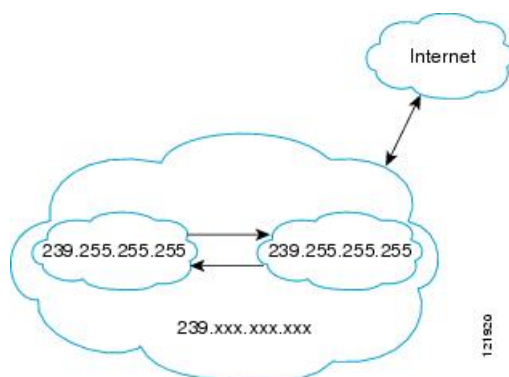
Thus, all routers automatically discover which RP to use for the groups they support. The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) has assigned two group addresses, 224.0.1.39 and 224.0.1.40, for Auto-RP.

The mapping agent receives announcements of intention to become the RP from Candidate-RPs. The mapping agent then announces the winner of the RP election. This announcement is made independently of the decisions by the other mapping agents.

## IP Multicast Boundary

As shown in the figure, address scoping defines domain boundaries so that domains with RPs that have the same IP address do not leak into each other. Scoping is performed on the subnet boundaries within large domains and on the boundaries between the domain and the Internet.

**Figure 5: Address Scoping at Boundaries**



You can set up an administratively scoped boundary on an interface for multicast group addresses using the **ip multicast boundary** command with the *access-list* argument. A standard access list defines the range of addresses affected. When a boundary is set up, no multicast data packets are allowed to flow across the boundary from either direction. The boundary allows the same multicast group address to be reused in different administrative domains.

The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) has designated the multicast address range 239.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255 as the administratively scoped addresses. This range of addresses can be reused in domains administered by different organizations. They would be considered local, not globally unique.

You can configure the **filter-autorp** keyword to examine and filter Auto-RP discovery and announcement messages at the administratively scoped boundary. Any Auto-RP group range announcements from the Auto-RP packets that are denied by the boundary access control list (ACL) are removed. An Auto-RP group range announcement is permitted and passed by the boundary only if all addresses in the Auto-RP group range are permitted by the boundary ACL. If any address is not permitted, the entire group range is filtered and removed from the Auto-RP message before the Auto-RP message is forwarded.

## Benefits of Auto-RP in a PIM Network

- Auto-RP allows any change to the RP designation to be configured only on the devices that are RPs, not on the leaf routers.
- Auto-RP offers the ability to scope the RP address within a domain.

## Static RP Overview

If you are configuring PIM sparse mode, you must configure a PIM RP for a multicast group. An RP can either be configured statically in each device, or learned through a dynamic mechanism. This task explains how to statically configure an RP, as opposed to the router learning the RP through a dynamic mechanism such as Auto-RP.

PIM designated routers (DRs) forward data from directly connected multicast sources to the RP for distribution down the shared tree. Data is forwarded to the RP in one of two ways. It is encapsulated in register packets and unicast directly to the RP, or, if the RP has itself joined the source tree, it is multicast forwarded per the RPF forwarding algorithm. Last hop routers directly connected to receivers may, at their discretion, join themselves to the source tree and prune themselves from the shared tree.

A single RP can be configured for multiple groups that are defined by an access list. If no RP is configured for a group, the router treats the group as dense using the PIM sparse-dense mode techniques. (You can prevent this occurrence by configuring the **no ip pim dm-fallback** command.)

If dynamic and static group-to-RP mappings are used together and there is an RP address conflict, the RP address configured for a static group-to-RP mapping (with the **ip pim rp-address override** command) will take precedence.



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**Note** If the **override** keyword is not specified and there is RP address conflict, dynamic group-to-RP mappings will take precedence over static group-to-RP mappings.

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## SSM Overview

Source Specific Multicast (SSM). SSM is an extension of IP multicast where datagram traffic is forwarded to receivers from only those multicast sources that the receivers have explicitly joined. For multicast groups configured for SSM, only source-specific multicast distribution trees (not shared trees) are created.

## SSM Components

Source Specific Multicast (SSM) is a datagram delivery model that best supports one-to-many applications, also known as broadcast applications. SSM is a core networking technology for the Cisco implementation of IP multicast solutions targeted for audio and video broadcast application environments and is described in RFC 3569. The following two components together support the implementation of SSM:

- Protocol Independent Multicast source-specific mode (PIM-SSM)
- Internet Group Management Protocol Version 3 (IGMPv3)

Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) SSM, or PIM-SSM, is the routing protocol that supports the implementation of SSM and is derived from PIM sparse mode (PIM-SM). IGMP is the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) standards track protocol used for hosts to signal multicast group membership to routers. IGMP Version 3 supports source filtering, which is required for SSM. In order for SSM to run with IGMPv3, SSM must be supported in the device, the host where the application is running, and the application itself.

## How SSM Differs from Internet Standard Multicast

The standard IP multicast infrastructure in the Internet and many enterprise intranets is based on the PIM-SM protocol and Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP). These protocols have proved to be reliable,

extensive, and efficient. However, they are bound to the complexity and functionality limitations of the Internet Standard Multicast (ISM) service model. For example, with ISM, the network must maintain knowledge about which hosts in the network are actively sending multicast traffic. With SSM, this information is provided by receivers through the source addresses relayed to the last-hop devices by IGMPv3. SSM is an incremental response to the issues associated with ISM and is intended to coexist in the network with the protocols developed for ISM. In general, SSM provides IP multicast service for applications that utilize SSM.

ISM service is described in RFC 1112. This service consists of the delivery of IP datagrams from any source to a group of receivers called the multicast host group. The datagram traffic for the multicast host group consists of datagrams with an arbitrary IP unicast source address *S* and the multicast group address *G* as the IP destination address. Systems will receive this traffic by becoming members of the host group. Membership in a host group simply requires signaling the host group through IGMP Version 1, 2, or 3.

In SSM, delivery of datagrams is based on (*S*, *G*) channels. Traffic for one (*S*, *G*) channel consists of datagrams with an IP unicast source address *S* and the multicast group address *G* as the IP destination address. Systems will receive this traffic by becoming members of the (*S*, *G*) channel. In both SSM and ISM, no signaling is required to become a source. However, in SSM, receivers must subscribe or unsubscribe to (*S*, *G*) channels to receive or not receive traffic from specific sources. In other words, receivers can receive traffic only from (*S*, *G*) channels to which they are subscribed, whereas in ISM, receivers need not know the IP addresses of sources from which they receive their traffic. The proposed standard approach for channel subscription signaling utilizes IGMP INCLUDE mode membership reports, which are supported only in IGMP Version 3.

SSM can coexist with the ISM service by applying the SSM delivery model to a configured subset of the IP multicast group address range. The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) has reserved the address range from 232.0.0.0 through 232.255.255.255 for SSM applications and protocols. The software allows SSM configuration for an arbitrary subset of the IP multicast address range from 224.0.0.0 through 239.255.255.255. When an SSM range is defined, an existing IP multicast receiver application will not receive any traffic when it tries to use addresses in the SSM range unless the application is modified to use explicit (*S*, *G*) channel subscription or is SSM-enabled.

## SSM Operations

An established network in which IP multicast service is based on PIM-SM can support SSM services. SSM can also be deployed alone in a network without the full range of protocols that are required for interdomain PIM-SM. That is, SSM does not require an RP, so there is no need for an RP mechanism such as Auto-RP, MSDP, or bootstrap router (BSR).

If SSM is deployed in a network that is already configured for PIM-SM, then only the last-hop devices must be upgraded to a software image that supports SSM. Routers that are not directly connected to receivers do not have to upgrade to a software image that supports SSM. In general, these non-last-hop devices must only run PIM-SM in the SSM range. They may need additional access control configuration to suppress MSDP signaling, registering, or PIM-SM shared-tree operations from occurring within the SSM range.

The SSM mode of operation is enabled by configuring the SSM range using the `ip pim ssm` global configuration command. This configuration has the following effects:

- For groups within the SSM range, (*S*, *G*) channel subscriptions are accepted through IGMPv3 INCLUDE mode membership reports.
- PIM operations within the SSM range of addresses change to PIM-SSM, a mode derived from PIM-SM. In this mode, only PIM (*S*, *G*) Join and Prune messages are generated by the device. Incoming messages related to rendezvous point tree (RPT) operations are ignored or rejected, and incoming PIM register messages are immediately answered with Register-Stop messages. PIM-SSM is backward-compatible

with PIM-SM unless a device is a last-hop device. Therefore, devices that are not last-hop devices can run PIM-SM for SSM groups (for example, if they do not yet support SSM).

- For groups within the SSM range, no MSDP Source-Active (SA) messages within the SSM range will be accepted, generated, or forwarded.

## IGMPv3 Host Signaling

IGMPv3 is the third version of the IETF standards track protocol in which hosts signal membership to last-hop devices of multicast groups. IGMPv3 introduces the ability for hosts to signal group membership that allows filtering capabilities with respect to sources. A host can signal either that it wants to receive traffic from all sources sending to a group except for some specific sources (a mode called EXCLUDE) or that it wants to receive traffic only from some specific sources sending to the group (a mode called INCLUDE).

IGMPv3 can operate with both ISM and SSM. In ISM, both EXCLUDE and INCLUDE mode reports are accepted by the last-hop router. In SSM, only INCLUDE mode reports are accepted by the last-hop router.

## Benefits of Source Specific Multicast

### IP Multicast Address Management Not Required

In the ISM service, applications must acquire a unique IP multicast group address because traffic distribution is based only on the IP multicast group address used. If two applications with different sources and receivers use the same IP multicast group address, then receivers of both applications will receive traffic from the senders of both applications. Even though the receivers, if programmed appropriately, can filter out the unwanted traffic, this situation would cause generally unacceptable levels of unwanted traffic.

Allocating a unique IP multicast group address for an application is still a problem. Most short-lived applications use mechanisms like Session Description Protocol (SDP) and Session Announcement Protocol (SAP) to get a random address, a solution that does not work well with a rising number of applications in the Internet. The best current solution for long-lived applications is described in RFC 2770, but this solution suffers from the restriction that each autonomous system is limited to only 255 usable IP multicast addresses.

In SSM, traffic from each source is forwarded between devices in the network independent of traffic from other sources. Thus different sources can reuse multicast group addresses in the SSM range.

### Denial of Service Attacks from Unwanted Sources Inhibited

In SSM, multicast traffic from each individual source will be transported across the network only if it was requested (through IGMPv3 or IGMP v3lite memberships) from a receiver. In contrast, ISM forwards traffic from any active source sending to a multicast group to all receivers requesting that multicast group. In Internet broadcast applications, this ISM behavior is highly undesirable because it allows unwanted sources to easily disturb the actual Internet broadcast source by simply sending traffic to the same multicast group. This situation depletes bandwidth at the receiver side with unwanted traffic and thus disrupts the undisturbed reception of the Internet broadcast. In SSM, this type of denial of service (DoS) attack cannot be made by simply sending traffic to a multicast group.

### Easy to Install and Manage

SSM is easy to install and provision in a network because it does not require the network to maintain which active sources are sending to multicast groups. This requirement exists in ISM (with IGMPv1, IGMPv2, or IGMPv3).

The current standard solutions for ISM service are PIM-SM and MSDP. Rendezvous point (RP) management in PIM-SM (including the necessity for Auto-RP or BSR) and MSDP is required only for the network to learn about active sources. This management is not necessary in SSM, which makes SSM easier than ISM to install and manage, and therefore easier than ISM to operationally scale in deployment. Another factor that contributes to the ease of installation of SSM is the fact that it can leverage preexisting PIM-SM networks and requires only the upgrade of last hop devices to support IGMPv3, or IGMP v3lite.

### Ideal for Internet Broadcast Applications

The three benefits previously described make SSM ideal for Internet broadcast-style applications for the following reasons:

- The ability to provide Internet broadcast services through SSM without the need for unique IP multicast addresses allows content providers to easily offer their service (IP multicast address allocation has been a serious problem for content providers in the past).
- The prevention against DoS attacks is an important factor for Internet broadcast services because, with their exposure to a large number of receivers, they are the most common targets for such attacks.
- The ease of installation and operation of SSM makes it ideal for network operators, especially in those cases where content needs to be forwarded between multiple independent PIM domains (because there is no need to manage MSDP for SSM between PIM domains).

## How to Configure Basic IP Multicast

The tasks described in this section configure the basic IP multicast modes. No single task in this section is required; however, at least one of the tasks must be performed to configure IP multicast in a network. More than one of the tasks may be needed.

### Configuring Sparse Mode with Auto-RP

#### Before you begin

- An interface configured in sparse-dense mode is treated in either sparse mode or dense mode of operation, depending on the mode in which the multicast group operates. You must decide how to configure your interfaces.
- All access lists that are needed when Auto-RP is configured should be configured prior to beginning the configuration task.



#### Note

- If a group has no known RP and the interface is configured to be sparse-dense mode, the interface is treated as if it were in dense mode, and data is flooded over the interface. To avoid this data flooding, configure the Auto-RP listener and then configure the interface as sparse mode.
- When configuring Auto-RP, you must either configure the Auto-RP listener feature (Step 5) and specify sparse mode (Step 7) or specify sparse-dense mode (Step 8).
- When you configure sparse-dense mode, dense mode failover may result in a network dense-mode flood. To avoid this condition, use PIM sparse mode with the Auto-RP listener feature.



Follow this procedure to configure auto-rendezvous point (Auto-RP). Auto-RP can also be optionally used with anycast RP.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip multicast-routing distributed**
4. Either perform Steps 5 through 7 or perform Steps 6 and 8.
5. **ip pim autorp listener**
6. **interface** *type number*
7. **ip pim sparse-mode**
8. **ip pim sparse-dense-mode**
9. **exit**
10. Repeat Steps 1 through 9 on all PIM interfaces.
11. **ip pim send-rp-announce** *{interface-type interface-number | ip-address}* **scope** *tvl-value* [**group-list** *access-list*] [**interval** *seconds*] [**bidir**]
12. **ip pim send-rp-discovery** [*interface-type interface-number*] **scope** *tvl-value* [**interval** *seconds*]
13. **ip pim rp-announce-filter** **rp-list** *access-list* **group-list** *access-list*
14. **no ip pim dm-fallback**
15. **interface** *type number*
16. **ip multicast boundary** *access-list* [**filter-autorp**]
17. **end**
18. **show ip pim autorp**
19. **show ip pim rp** [**mapping**] [*rp-address*]
20. **show ip igmp groups** [*group-name | group-address*] [*interface-type interface-number*] [**detail**]
21. **show ip mroute** [*group-address | group-name*] [*source-address | source-name*] [*interface-type interface-number*] [**summary**] [**count**] [**active** *kpbs*]

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b> Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
Step 2	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	<b>ip multicast-routing distributed</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# ip multicast-routing	Enables IP multicast routing.

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 4</b>	Either perform Steps 5 through 7 or perform Steps 6 and 8.	--
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>ip pim autorp listener</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config)# ip pim autorp listener</pre>	Causes IP multicast traffic for the two Auto-RP groups 224.0.1.39 and 224.0.1.40 to be PIM dense mode flooded across interfaces operating in PIM sparse mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skip this step if you are configuring sparse-dense mode in Step 8.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>interface type number</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/0</pre>	Selects an interface that is connected to hosts on which PIM can be enabled.
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>ip pim sparse-mode</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-if)# ip pim sparse-mode</pre>	Enables PIM sparse mode on an interface. When configuring Auto-RP in sparse mode, you must also configure the Auto-RP listener in the next step. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skip this step if you are configuring sparse-dense mode in Step 8.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>ip pim sparse-dense-mode</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-if)# ip pim sparse-dense-mode</pre>	Enables PIM sparse-dense mode on an interface. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skip this step if you configured sparse mode in Step 7.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 9</b>	<b>exit</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-if)# exit</pre>	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
<b>Step 10</b>	Repeat Steps 1 through 9 on all PIM interfaces.	--
<b>Step 11</b>	<b>ip pim send-rp-announce {interface-type interface-number   ip-address} scope ttl-value [group-list access-list] [interval seconds] [bidir]</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config)# ip pim send-rp-announce loopback0 scope 31 group-list 5</pre>	Sends RP announcements out all PIM-enabled interfaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform this step on the RP device only.</li> <li>• Use the <i>interface-type</i> and <i>interface-number</i> arguments to define which IP address is to be used as the RP address.</li> <li>• Use the <i>ip-address</i> argument to specify a directly connected IP address as the RP address.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> If the <i>ip-address</i> argument is configured for this command, the RP-announce message will be sourced by the interface to which this IP address is connected (that is, the source address in the IP header of the RP-announce message is the IP address of that interface).</p>

	Command or Action	Purpose
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This example shows that the interface is enabled with a maximum of 31 hops. The IP address by which the device wants to be identified as RP is the IP address associated with loopback interface 0. Access list 5 describes the groups for which this device serves as RP.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Step 12</b></p>	<p><b>ip pim send-rp-discovery</b> [<i>interface-type interface-number</i>] <b>scope</b> <i>ttl-value</i> [<b>interval</b> <i>seconds</i>]</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config)# ip pim send-rp-discovery loopback 1 scope 31</pre>	<p>Configures the device to be an RP mapping agent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform this step on RP mapping agent devices or on combined RP/RP mapping agent devices.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> Auto-RP allows the RP function to run separately on one device and the RP mapping agent to run on one or multiple devices. It is possible to deploy the RP and the RP mapping agent on a combined RP/RP mapping agent device.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the optional <i>interface-type</i> and <i>interface-number</i> arguments to define which IP address is to be used as the source address of the RP mapping agent.</li> <li>Use the <b>scope</b> keyword and <i>ttl-value</i> argument to specify the Time-to-Live (TTL) value in the IP header of Auto-RP discovery messages.</li> <li>Use the optional <b>interval</b> keyword and <i>seconds</i> argument to specify the interval at which Auto-RP discovery messages are sent.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> Lowering the interval at which Auto-RP discovery messages are sent from the default value of 60 seconds results in more frequent floodings of the group-to-RP mappings. In some network environments, the disadvantages of lowering the interval (more control packet overhead) may outweigh the advantages (more frequent group-to-RP mapping updates).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The example shows limiting the Auto-RP discovery messages to 31 hops on loopback interface 1.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Step 13</b></p>	<p><b>ip pim rp-announce-filter rp-list</b> <i>access-list</i> <b>group-list</b> <i>access-list</i></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config)# ip pim rp-announce-filter rp-list 1 group-list 2</pre>	<p>Filters incoming RP announcement messages sent from candidate RPs (C-RPs) to the RP mapping agent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform this step on the RP mapping agent only.</li> </ul>

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 14</b>	<p><b>no ip pim dm-fallback</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config)# no ip pim dm-fallback</pre>	<p>(Optional) Prevents PIM dense mode fallback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skip this step if all interfaces have been configured to operate in PIM sparse mode.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> The <b>no ip pim dm-fallback</b> command behavior is enabled by default if all the interfaces are configured to operate in PIM sparse mode (using the <b>ip pim sparse-mode</b> command).</p>
<b>Step 15</b>	<p><b>interface</b> <i>type number</i></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/0</pre>	<p>Selects an interface that is connected to hosts on which PIM can be enabled.</p>
<b>Step 16</b>	<p><b>ip multicast boundary</b> <i>access-list</i> [<b>filter-autorp</b>]</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config-if)# ip multicast boundary 10 filter-autorp</pre>	<p>Configures an administratively scoped boundary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform this step on the interfaces that are boundaries to other devices.</li> <li>• The access list is not shown in this task.</li> <li>• An access list entry that uses the <b>deny</b> keyword creates a multicast boundary for packets that match that entry.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 17</b>	<p><b>end</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config-if)# end</pre>	<p>Returns to global configuration mode.</p>
<b>Step 18</b>	<p><b>show ip pim autorp</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device# show ip pim autorp</pre>	<p>(Optional) Displays the Auto-RP information.</p>
<b>Step 19</b>	<p><b>show ip pim rp</b> [<b>mapping</b>] [<i>rp-address</i>]</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device# show ip pim rp mapping</pre>	<p>(Optional) Displays RPs known in the network and shows how the device learned about each RP.</p>
<b>Step 20</b>	<p><b>show ip igmp groups</b> [<i>group-name</i>   <i>group-address</i>   <i>interface-type interface-number</i>] [<b>detail</b>]</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device# show ip igmp groups</pre>	<p>(Optional) Displays the multicast groups having receivers that are directly connected to the device and that were learned through Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A receiver must be active on the network at the time that this command is issued in order for receiver information to be present on the resulting display.</li> </ul>

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 21</b>	<b>show ip mroute</b> [ <i>group-address</i>   <i>group-name</i> ] [ <i>source-address</i>   <i>source-name</i> ] [ <i>interface-type</i> <i>interface-number</i> ] [ <b>summary</b> ] [ <b>count</b> ] [ <b>active kbps</b> ]  <b>Example:</b>  Device# show ip mroute cbone-audio	(Optional) Displays the contents of the IP multicast routing (mroute) table.

## What to Do Next

Proceed to the “ Verifying IP Multicast Operation ” module.

## Configuring Sparse Mode with a Single Static RP

A rendezvous point (RP) is required in networks running Protocol Independent Multicast sparse mode (PIM-SM). In PIM-SM, traffic will be forwarded only to network segments with active receivers that have explicitly requested multicast data.

This section describes how to configure sparse mode with a single static RP.

### Before you begin

All access lists that are needed when sparse mode is configured with a single static RP should be configured prior to beginning the configuration task.



**Note** The same RP address cannot be used for both bidirectional and sparse mode PIM groups.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip multicast-routing distributed**
4. **interface** *type number*
5. **ip pim sparse-mode**
6. Repeat Steps 1 through 5 on every interface that uses IP multicast.
7. **exit**
8. **ip pim rp-address** *rp-address* [*access-list*] [**override**]
9. **end**
10. **show ip pim rp** [**mapping**] [*rp-address*]
11. **show ip igmp groups** [*group-name* | *group-address*] [*interface-type interface-number*] [**detail**]
12. **show ip mroute**

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.  • Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b>  Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ip multicast-routing distributed</b> <b>Example:</b>  Router(config)# ip multicast-routing	Enables IP multicast routing.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>interface</b> <i>type number</i> <b>Example:</b>  Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/0	Selects an interface that is connected to hosts on which PIM can be enabled.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>ip pim sparse-mode</b> <b>Example:</b>  Router(config-if)# ip pim sparse-mode	Enables PIM on an interface. You must use sparse mode.
<b>Step 6</b>	Repeat Steps 1 through 5 on every interface that uses IP multicast.	--
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>exit</b> <b>Example:</b>  Router(config-if)# exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>ip pim rp-address</b> <i>rp-address</i> [ <i>access-list</i> ] [ <b>override</b> ] <b>Example:</b>  Router(config)# ip pim rp-address 192.168.0.0	Configures the address of a PIM RP for a particular group.  • The optional <i>access-list</i> argument is used to specify the number or name a standard access list that defines the multicast groups to be statically mapped to the RP.  <b>Note</b> If no access list is defined, the RP will map to all multicast groups, 224/4.  • The optional <b>override</b> keyword is used to specify that if dynamic and static group-to-RP mappings are used together and there is an RP address conflict, the RP address configured for a static group-to-RP mapping will take precedence.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		<b>Note</b> If the <b>override</b> keyword is not specified and there is RP address conflict, dynamic group-to-RP mappings will take precedence over static group-to-RP mappings.
<b>Step 9</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b>  Router(config)# end	Ends the current configuration session and returns to EXEC mode.
<b>Step 10</b>	<b>show ip pim rp [mapping] [rp-address]</b> <b>Example:</b>  Router# show ip pim rp mapping	(Optional) Displays RPs known in the network and shows how the router learned about each RP.
<b>Step 11</b>	<b>show ip igmp groups [group-name   group-address   interface-type interface-number] [detail]</b> <b>Example:</b>  Router# show ip igmp groups	(Optional) Displays the multicast groups having receivers that are directly connected to the router and that were learned through IGMP.  • A receiver must be active on the network at the time that this command is issued in order for receiver information to be present on the resulting display.
<b>Step 12</b>	<b>show ip mroute</b> <b>Example:</b>  Router# show ip mroute	(Optional) Displays the contents of the IP mroute table.

## What to Do Next

Proceed to the “ Verifying IP Multicast Operation ” module.

## Configuring Source Specific Multicast

This section describes how to configure Source Specific Multicast (SSM).

### Before you begin

If you want to use an access list to define the SSM range, configure the access list before you reference the access list in the **ip pim ssm** command.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip multicast-routing distributed**
4. **ip pim ssm {default | range access-list}**
5. **interface type number**

6. **ip pim sparse-mode**
7. Repeat Steps 1 through 6 on every interface that uses IP multicast.
8. **ip igmp version 3**
9. Repeat Step 8 on all host-facing interfaces.
10. **end**
11. **show ip igmp groups** [*group-name* | *group-address*] [*interface-type interface-number*] [**detail**]
12. **show ip mroute**

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.  • Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ip multicast-routing distributed</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# ip multicast-routing	Enables IP multicast routing.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>ip pim ssm</b> { <b>default</b>   <b>range</b> <i>access-list</i> } <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# ip pim ssm default	Configures SSM service.  • The <b>default</b> keyword defines the SSM range access list as 232/8.  • The <b>range</b> keyword specifies the standard IP access list number or name that defines the SSM range.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>interface</b> <i>type number</i> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/0	Selects an interface that is connected to hosts on which IGMPv3 can be enabled.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>ip pim sparse-mode</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-if)# ip pim sparse-mode	Enables PIM on an interface. You must use sparse mode.
<b>Step 7</b>	Repeat Steps 1 through 6 on every interface that uses IP multicast.	--
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>ip igmp version 3</b> <b>Example:</b>	Enables IGMPv3 on this interface. The default version of IGMP is set to Version 2. Version 3 is required by SSM.



	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config-if)# ip igmp version 3	
<b>Step 9</b>	Repeat Step 8 on all host-facing interfaces.	--
<b>Step 10</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# end	Ends the current configuration session and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
<b>Step 11</b>	<b>show ip igmp groups</b> [ <i>group-name</i>   <i>group-address</i>   <i>interface-type interface-number</i> ] [ <b>detail</b> ] <b>Example:</b> Device# show ip igmp groups	(Optional) Displays the multicast groups having receivers that are directly connected to the device and that were learned through IGMP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A receiver must be active on the network at the time that this command is issued in order for receiver information to be present on the resulting display.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 12</b>	<b>show ip mroute</b> <b>Example:</b> Device# show ip mroute	(Optional) Displays the contents of the IP mroute table. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This command displays whether a multicast group is configured for SSM service or a source-specific host report has been received.</li> </ul>

## What to Do Next

Proceed to the “ Verifying IP Multicast Operation ” module.

# Configuration Examples for Basic IP Multicast

## Example: Sparse Mode with Auto-RP

The following example configures sparse mode with Auto-RP:

```
ip multicast-routing
ip pim autorp listener
ip pim send-rp-announce Loopback0 scope 16 group-list 1
ip pim send-rp-discovery Loopback1 scope 16
no ip pim dm-fallback
access-list 1 permit 239.254.2.0 0.0.0.255
access-list 1 permit 239.254.3.0 0.0.0.255
.
.
access-list 10 permit 224.0.1.39
access-list 10 permit 224.0.1.40
access-list 10 permit 239.254.2.0 0.0.0.255
access-list 10 permit 239.254.3.0 0.0.0.255
```

## Example: Sparse Mode with a Single Static RP

The following example sets the PIM RP address to 192.168.1.1 for all multicast groups and defines all groups to operate in sparse mode:

```
ip multicast-routing
interface gigabitEthernet 1/0/0
 ip pim sparse-mode
 ip pim rp-address 192.168.1.1
```



**Note** The same RP cannot be used for both bidirectional and sparse mode groups.

The following example sets the PIM RP address to 172.16.1.1 for the multicast group 225.2.2.2 only:

```
access list 1 225.2.2.2 0.0.0.0
 ip pim rp-address 172.17.1.1
```

## SSM with IGMPv3 Example

The following example shows how to configure a device (running IGMPv3) for SSM:

```
ip multicast-routing
!
interface GigabitEthernet3/1/0
 ip address 172.21.200.203 255.255.255.0
 description backbone interface
 ip pim sparse-mode
!
interface GigabitEthernet3/2/0
 ip address 131.108.1.2 255.255.255.0
 ip pim sparse-mode
 description ethernet connected to hosts
 ip igmp version 3
!
ip pim ssm default
```

## SSM Filtering Example

The following example shows how to configure filtering on legacy RP routers running software releases that do not support SSM routing. This filtering will suppress all unwanted PIM-SM and MSDP traffic in the SSM range. Without this filtering, SSM will still operate, but there may be additional RPT traffic if legacy first hop and last hop routers exist in the network.

```
ip access-list extended no-ssm-range
 deny ip any 232.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 ! SSM range
 permit ip any any
! Deny registering in SSM range
ip pim accept-register list no-ssm-range
ip access-list extended msdp-nono-list
 deny ip any 232.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 ! SSM Range
! .
! .
! .
! See ftp://ftpeng.cisco.com/ipmulticast/config-notes/msdp-sa-filter.txt for other SA
! messages that typically need to be filtered.
```

```
    permit ip any any
! Filter generated SA messages in SSM range. This configuration is only needed if there
! are directly connected sources to this router. The "ip pim accept-register" command
! filters remote sources.
ip msdp redistribute list msdp-nono-list
! Filter received SA messages in SSM range. "Filtered on receipt" means messages are
! neither processed or forwarded. Needs to be configured for each MSDP peer.
ip msdp sa-filter in msdp-peer1 list msdp-nono-list
! .
! .
! .
ip msdp sa-filter in msdp-peerN list msdp-nono-list
```





## CHAPTER 3

# Configuring Source Specific Multicast

This module describes how to configure Source Specific Multicast (SSM). The Source Specific Multicast feature is an extension of IP multicast where datagram traffic is forwarded to receivers from only those multicast sources to which the receivers have explicitly joined. For multicast groups configured for SSM, only source-specific multicast distribution trees (no shared trees) are created.

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## Restrictions for Source Specific Multicast

### Legacy Applications Within the SSM Range Restrictions

Existing applications in a network predating SSM will not work within the SSM range unless they are modified to support (S, G) channel subscriptions. Therefore, enabling SSM in a network may cause problems for existing applications if they use addresses within the designated SSM range.

### IGMP v3lite Requires a Cisco Last Hop Router

SSM and IGMPv3 are solutions that are being standardized in the IETF. However, IGMP v3lite is a Cisco-developed solution. For IGMP v3lite to operate properly for a host, the last hop router toward that host must be a Cisco router with IGMP v3lite enabled.



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**Note** This limitation does not apply to an application using the HSIL if the host has kernel support for IGMPv3, because then the HSIL will use the kernel IGMPv3 instead of IGMP v3lite.

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### Address Management Restrictions

Address management is still necessary to some degree when SSM is used with Layer 2 switching mechanisms. If different receivers in a switched network request different (S, G) channels sharing the same group, then they will not benefit from these existing mechanisms. Instead, both receivers will receive all (S, G) channel traffic (and filter out the unwanted traffic on input). Because of the ability of SSM to reuse the group addresses in the SSM range for many independent applications, this situation can lead to less than expected traffic

filtering in a switched network. For this reason it is important to follow the recommendations set forth in the IETF drafts for SSM to use random IP addresses out of the SSM range for an application to minimize the chance for reuse of a single address within the SSM range between different applications. For example, an application service providing a set of television channels should, even with SSM, use a different group for each television (S, G) channel. This setup will guarantee that multiple receivers to different channels within the same application service will never experience traffic aliasing in networks that include Layer 2 switches.

### IGMP Snooping Limitations

IGMPv3 uses new membership report messages that may not be recognized correctly by older IGMP Snooping switches, in which case hosts will not properly receive traffic. This situation is not an issue if IGMP v3lite is used with hosts where the operating system is not upgraded for IGMPv3, because IGMP v3lite relies only on IGMPv1 or IGMPv2 membership reports.

### State Maintenance Limitations

In PIM-SSM, the last hop router will continue to periodically send (S, G) join messages if appropriate (S, G) subscriptions are on the interfaces. Therefore, as long as receivers send (S, G) subscriptions, the shortest path tree (SPT) state from the receivers to the source will be maintained, even if the source is not sending traffic for longer periods of time (or even never).

This case is opposite to PIM-SM, where (S, G) state is maintained only if the source is sending traffic and receivers are joining the group. If a source stops sending traffic for more than 3 minutes in PIM-SM, the (S, G) state will be deleted and only reestablished after packets from the source arrive again through the RPT. Because no mechanism in PIM-SSM notifies a receiver that a source is active, the network must maintain the (S, G) state in PIM-SSM as long as receivers are requesting receipt of that channel.

## Information About Source Specific Multicast

### SSM Overview

Source Specific Multicast (SSM). SSM is an extension of IP multicast where datagram traffic is forwarded to receivers from only those multicast sources that the receivers have explicitly joined. For multicast groups configured for SSM, only source-specific multicast distribution trees (not shared trees) are created.

### SSM Components

SSM is a datagram delivery model that best supports one-to-many applications, also known as broadcast applications.

SSM is a core networking technology for Cisco's implementation of IP multicast solutions targeted for audio and video broadcast application environments and is described in RFC 3569. The following components together support the implementation of SSM:

- Protocol Independent Multicast source-specific mode (PIM-SSM)
- Internet Group Management Protocol Version 3 (IGMPv3)

Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) SSM, or PIM-SSM, is the routing protocol that supports the implementation of SSM and is derived from PIM sparse mode (PIM-SM). IGMP is the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) standards track protocol used for hosts to signal multicast group membership to routers.

IGMP Version 3 supports source filtering, which is required for SSM. For SSM to run with IGMPv3, SSM must be supported in the router, the host where the application is running, and the application itself.

## How SSM Differs from Internet Standard Multicast

The standard IP multicast infrastructure in the Internet and many enterprise intranets is based on the PIM-SM protocol and Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP). These protocols have proved to be reliable, extensive, and efficient. However, they are bound to the complexity and functionality limitations of the Internet Standard Multicast (ISM) service model. For example, with ISM, the network must maintain knowledge about which hosts in the network are actively sending multicast traffic. With SSM, this information is provided by receivers through the source addresses relayed to the last-hop devices by IGMPv3. SSM is an incremental response to the issues associated with ISM and is intended to coexist in the network with the protocols developed for ISM. In general, SSM provides IP multicast service for applications that utilize SSM.

ISM service is described in RFC 1112. This service consists of the delivery of IP datagrams from any source to a group of receivers called the multicast host group. The datagram traffic for the multicast host group consists of datagrams with an arbitrary IP unicast source address *S* and the multicast group address *G* as the IP destination address. Systems will receive this traffic by becoming members of the host group. Membership in a host group simply requires signaling the host group through IGMP Version 1, 2, or 3.

In SSM, delivery of datagrams is based on (*S, G*) channels. Traffic for one (*S, G*) channel consists of datagrams with an IP unicast source address *S* and the multicast group address *G* as the IP destination address. Systems will receive this traffic by becoming members of the (*S, G*) channel. In both SSM and ISM, no signaling is required to become a source. However, in SSM, receivers must subscribe or unsubscribe to (*S, G*) channels to receive or not receive traffic from specific sources. In other words, receivers can receive traffic only from (*S, G*) channels to which they are subscribed, whereas in ISM, receivers need not know the IP addresses of sources from which they receive their traffic. The proposed standard approach for channel subscription signaling utilizes IGMP INCLUDE mode membership reports, which are supported only in IGMP Version 3.

SSM can coexist with the ISM service by applying the SSM delivery model to a configured subset of the IP multicast group address range. The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) has reserved the address range from 232.0.0.0 through 232.255.255.255 for SSM applications and protocols. The software allows SSM configuration for an arbitrary subset of the IP multicast address range from 224.0.0.0 through 239.255.255.255. When an SSM range is defined, an existing IP multicast receiver application will not receive any traffic when it tries to use addresses in the SSM range unless the application is modified to use explicit (*S, G*) channel subscription.

## SSM Operations

An established network in which IP multicast service is based on PIM-SM can support SSM services. SSM can also be deployed alone in a network without the full range of protocols that are required for interdomain PIM-SM. That is, SSM does not require an RP, so there is no need for an RP mechanism such as Auto-RP, MSDP, or bootstrap router (BSR).

If SSM is deployed in a network that is already configured for PIM-SM, then only the last-hop routers must be upgraded to a software image that supports SSM. Routers that are not directly connected to receivers do not have to upgrade to a software image that supports SSM. In general, these non-last-hop routers must only run PIM-SM in the SSM range. They may need additional access control configuration to suppress MSDP signaling, registering, or PIM-SM shared-tree operations from occurring within the SSM range.

The SSM mode of operation is enabled by configuring the SSM range using the **ip pim ssm** global configuration command. This configuration has the following effects:

- For groups within the SSM range, (S, G) channel subscriptions are accepted through IGMPv3 INCLUDE mode membership reports.
- PIM operations within the SSM range of addresses change to PIM-SSM, a mode derived from PIM-SM. In this mode, only PIM (S, G) Join and Prune messages are generated by the router. Incoming messages related to rendezvous point tree (RPT) operations are ignored or rejected, and incoming PIM register messages are immediately answered with Register-Stop messages. PIM-SSM is backward-compatible with PIM-SM unless a router is a last-hop router. Therefore, routers that are not last-hop routers can run PIM-SM for SSM groups (for example, if they do not yet support SSM).
- For groups within the SSM range, no MSDP Source-Active (SA) messages within the SSM range will be accepted, generated, or forwarded.

## IGMPv3 Host Signaling

IGMPv3 is the third version of the IETF standards track protocol in which hosts signal membership to last-hop routers of multicast groups. IGMPv3 introduces the ability for hosts to signal group membership that allows filtering capabilities with respect to sources. A host can signal either that it wants to receive traffic from all sources sending to a group except for some specific sources (a mode called EXCLUDE) or that it wants to receive traffic only from some specific sources sending to the group (a mode called INCLUDE).

IGMPv3 can operate with both ISM and SSM. In ISM, both EXCLUDE and INCLUDE mode reports are accepted by the last-hop router. In SSM, only INCLUDE mode reports are accepted by the last-hop router.

## Benefits of Source Specific Multicast

### IP Multicast Address Management Not Required

In the ISM service, applications must acquire a unique IP multicast group address because traffic distribution is based only on the IP multicast group address used. If two applications with different sources and receivers use the same IP multicast group address, then receivers of both applications will receive traffic from the senders of both applications. Even though the receivers, if programmed appropriately, can filter out the unwanted traffic, this situation would cause generally unacceptable levels of unwanted traffic.

Allocating a unique IP multicast group address for an application is still a problem. Most short-lived applications use mechanisms like Session Description Protocol (SDP) and Session Announcement Protocol (SAP) to get a random address, a solution that does not work well with a rising number of applications in the Internet. The best current solution for long-lived applications is described in RFC 2770, but this solution suffers from the restriction that each autonomous system is limited to only 255 usable IP multicast addresses.

In SSM, traffic from each source is forwarded between devices in the network independent of traffic from other sources. Thus different sources can reuse multicast group addresses in the SSM range.

### Denial of Service Attacks from Unwanted Sources Inhibited

In SSM, multicast traffic from each individual source will be transported across the network only if it was requested (through IGMPv3 or IGMP v3lite memberships) from a receiver. In contrast, ISM forwards traffic from any active source sending to a multicast group to all receivers requesting that multicast group. In Internet broadcast applications, this ISM behavior is highly undesirable because it allows unwanted sources to easily disturb the actual Internet broadcast source by simply sending traffic to the same multicast group. This situation depletes bandwidth at the receiver side with unwanted traffic and thus disrupts the undisturbed reception of the Internet broadcast. In SSM, this type of denial of service (DoS) attack cannot be made by simply sending traffic to a multicast group.



### Easy to Install and Manage

SSM is easy to install and provision in a network because it does not require the network to maintain which active sources are sending to multicast groups. This requirement exists in ISM (with IGMPv1, IGMPv2, or IGMPv3).

The current standard solutions for ISM service are PIM-SM and MSDP. Rendezvous point (RP) management in PIM-SM (including the necessity for Auto-RP or BSR) and MSDP is required only for the network to learn about active sources. This management is not necessary in SSM, which makes SSM easier than ISM to install and manage, and therefore easier than ISM to operationally scale in deployment. Another factor that contributes to the ease of installation of SSM is the fact that it can leverage preexisting PIM-SM networks and requires only the upgrade of last hop devices to support IGMPv3, or IGMP v3lite.

### Ideal for Internet Broadcast Applications

The three benefits previously described make SSM ideal for Internet broadcast-style applications for the following reasons:

- The ability to provide Internet broadcast services through SSM without the need for unique IP multicast addresses allows content providers to easily offer their service (IP multicast address allocation has been a serious problem for content providers in the past).
- The prevention against DoS attacks is an important factor for Internet broadcast services because, with their exposure to a large number of receivers, they are the most common targets for such attacks.
- The ease of installation and operation of SSM makes it ideal for network operators, especially in those cases where content needs to be forwarded between multiple independent PIM domains (because there is no need to manage MSDP for SSM between PIM domains).

## IGMP v3lite Host Signalling

IGMP v3lite is a Cisco-developed transitional solution for application developers to immediately start programming SSM applications. It allows you to write and run SSM applications on hosts that do not yet support IGMPv3 in their operating system kernel.

Applications must be compiled with the Host Side IGMP Library (HSIL) for IGMP v3lite. This software provides applications with a subset of the IGMPv3 applications programming interface (API) that is required to write SSM applications. HSIL was developed for Cisco by Talarian and is available from the following web page:

<http://www.talarianmulticast.com/cgi-bin/igmpdownload>

One part of the HSIL is a client library linked to the SSM application. It provides the SSM subset of the IGMPv3 API to the SSM application. If possible, the library checks whether the operating system kernel supports IGMPv3. If it does, then the API calls simply are passed through to the kernel. If the kernel does not support IGMPv3, then the library uses the IGMP v3lite mechanism.

When using the IGMP v3lite mechanism, the library tells the operating system kernel to join to the whole multicast group, because joining to the whole group is the only method for the application to receive traffic for that multicast group (if the operating system kernel only supports IGMPv1 or IGMPv2). In addition, the library signals the (S, G) channel subscriptions to an IGMP v3lite server process, which is also part of the HSIL. A server process is needed because multiple SSM applications may be on the same host. This server process will then send IGMP v3lite-specific (S, G) channel subscriptions to the last hop Cisco IOS router, which needs to be enabled for IGMP v3lite. This router will then “see” both the IGMPv1 or IGMPv2 group membership report from the operating system kernel and the (S, G) channel subscription from the HSIL

daemon. If the router sees both of these messages, it will interpret them as an SSM (S, G) channel subscription and join to the channel through PIM-SSM. We recommend referring to the documentation accompanying the HSIL software for further information on how to utilize IGMP v3lite with your application.

IGMP v3lite is supported by Cisco only through the API provided by the HSIL, not as a function of the router independent of the HSIL. By default, IGMP v3lite is disabled. When IGMP v3lite is configured through the **ip igmp v3lite** interface configuration command on an interface, it will be active only for IP multicast addresses in the SSM range.

# How to Configure Source Specific Multicast

## Configuring SSM

To configure SSM, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode:

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **ip pim ssm** [**default** | **rangeaccess-list** ]
2. **interface** *type number*
3. **ip pim** {**sparse-mode** | **sparse-dense-mode**}
4. Do one of the following:
  - **ip igmp version 3**
  - **ip igmp v3lite**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>ip pim ssm</b> [ <b>default</b>   <b>rangeaccess-list</b> ]  <b>Example:</b>  Router(config)# ip pim ssm default	Defines the SSM range of IP multicast addresses.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>interface</b> <i>type number</i>  <b>Example:</b>  Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/0/1	Selects an interface that is connected to hosts on which IGMPv3, IGMP v3lite, and URD can be enabled.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ip pim</b> { <b>sparse-mode</b>   <b>sparse-dense-mode</b> }  <b>Example:</b>  Router(config-if)# ip pim sparse-mode	Enables PIM on an interface. You must use either sparse mode or sparse-dense mode.
<b>Step 4</b>	Do one of the following:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ip igmp version 3</b></li> <li>• <b>ip igmp v3lite</b></li> </ul>	Enables IGMPv3 on this interface. The default version of IGMP is set to Version 2.  or

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Example:</b>  Router(config-if)# ip igmp version 3  or  Router(config-if)# ip igmp v3lite	Enables the acceptance and processing of IGMP v3lite membership reports on an interface.  or  Enables interception of TCP packets sent to the reserved URD port 465 on an interface and processing of URD channel subscription reports.

## Monitoring SSM

Command	Purpose
Router# <b>show ip igmp groups detail</b>	Displays the (S, G) channel subscription through IGMPv3 or IGMP v3lite.
Router# <b>show ip mroute</b>	Displays whether a multicast group supports SSM service or whether a source-specific host report was received.

## Configuration Examples of Source Specific Multicast

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### SSM with IGMPv3 Example

The following example shows how to configure a router (running IGMPv3) for SSM:

```
ip multicast-routing
!
interface GigabitEthernet3/1/0
 ip address 172.21.200.203 255.255.255.0
 description backbone interface
 ip pim sparse-mode
!
interface GigabitEthernet3/2/0
 ip address 131.108.1.2 255.255.255.0
 ip pim sparse-mode
 description ethernet connected to hosts
 ip igmp version 3
!
 ip pim ssm default
```





## CHAPTER 4

# SSM Mapping

The Source Specific Multicast (SSM) Mapping feature extends the Cisco suite of SSM transition tools, which also includes URL Rendezvous Directory (URD) and Internet Group Management Protocol Version 3 Lite (IGMP v3lite). SSM mapping supports SSM transition in cases where neither URD nor IGMP v3lite is available, or when supporting SSM on the end system is impossible or unwanted due to administrative or technical reasons. SSM mapping enables you to leverage SSM for video delivery to legacy set-top boxes (STBs) that do not support IGMPv3 or for applications that do not take advantage of the IGMPv3 host stack.

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## Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to [www.cisco.com/go/cfn](http://www.cisco.com/go/cfn). An account on Cisco.com is not required.

## Prerequisites for SSM Mapping

One option available for using SSM mapping is to install it together with a Domain Name System (DNS) server to simplify administration of the SSM Mapping feature in larger deployments.

Before you can configure and use SSM mapping with DNS lookups, you need to add records to a running DNS server. If you do not already have a DNS server running, you need to install one.

## Restrictions for SSM Mapping

- The SSM Mapping feature does not share the benefit of full SSM. SSM mapping takes a group G join from a host and identifies this group with an application associated with one or more sources, therefore, it can only support one such application per group G. Nevertheless, full SSM applications may still share the same group also used in SSM mapping.
- Enable IGMPv3 with care on the last hop router when you rely solely on SSM mapping as a transition solution for full SSM.

## Information About SSM Mapping

### SSM Components

SSM is a datagram delivery model that best supports one-to-many applications, also known as broadcast applications. SSM is a core networking technology for the Cisco implementation of IP multicast solutions targeted for audio and video broadcast application environments and is described in RFC 3569. The following two components together support the implementation of SSM:

- Protocol Independent Multicast source-specific mode (PIM-SSM)
- Internet Group Management Protocol Version 3 (IGMPv3)

Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) SSM, or PIM-SSM, is the routing protocol that supports the implementation of SSM and is derived from PIM sparse mode (PIM-SM). IGMP is the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) standards track protocol used for hosts to signal multicast group membership to routers. IGMP Version 3 supports source filtering, which is required for SSM. IGMP For SSM to run with IGMPv3, SSM must be supported in the router, the host where the application is running, and the application itself.

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## SSM Transition Solutions

The Cisco IOS suite of SSM transition solutions consists of the following transition solutions that enable the immediate development and deployment of SSM services, without the need to wait for the availability of full IGMPv3 support in host operating systems and SSM receiver applications:

- Internet Group Management Protocol Version 3 lite (IGMP v3lite)
- URL Rendezvous Directory (URD)
- SSM mapping

IGMP v3lite is a solution for application developers that allows immediate development of SSM receiver applications switching to IGMPv3 as soon as it becomes available.

For more information about IGMP v3lite, see the “ Configuring Source Specific Multicast ” module.

URD is an SSM transition solution for content providers and content aggregators that allows them to deploy receiver applications that are not yet SSM enabled (through support for IGMPv3) by enabling the receiving applications to be started and controlled through a web browser.

For more information about URD, see the see the “ Configuring Source Specific Multicast ” module.

SSM mapping supports SSM transition in cases where neither URD nor IGMP v3lite are available, or when supporting SSM on the end system is impossible or unwanted due to administrative or technical reasons.

## SSM Mapping Overview

SSM mapping supports SSM transition when supporting SSM on the end system is impossible or unwanted due to administrative or technical reasons. Using SSM to deliver live streaming video to legacy STBs that do not support IGMPv3 is a typical application of SSM mapping.

In a typical STB deployment, each TV channel uses one separate IP multicast group and has one active server host sending the TV channel. A single server may of course send multiple TV channels, but each to a different group. In this network environment, if a router receives an IGMPv1 or IGMPv2 membership report for a particular group G, the report implicitly addresses the well-known TV server for the TV channel associated with the multicast group.

SSM mapping introduces a means for the last hop router to discover sources sending to groups. When SSM mapping is configured, if a router receives an IGMPv1 or IGMPv2 membership report for a particular group G, the router translates this report into one or more (S, G) channel memberships for the well-known sources associated with this group.

When the router receives an IGMPv1 or IGMPv2 membership report for group G, the router uses SSM mapping to determine one or more source IP addresses for group G. SSM mapping then translates the membership report as an IGMPv3 report INCLUDE (G, [S1, G], [S2, G]...[Sn, G] and continues as if it had received an IGMPv3 report. The router then sends out PIM joins toward (S1, G) to (Sn, G) and continues to be joined to these groups as long as it continues to receive the IGMPv1 or IGMPv2 membership reports and as long as the SSM mapping for the group remains the same. SSM mapping, thus, enables you to leverage SSM for video delivery to legacy STBs that do not support IGMPv3 or for applications that do not take advantage of the IGMPv3 host stack.

SSM mapping enables the last hop router to determine the source addresses either by a statically configured table on the router or by consulting a DNS server. When the statically configured table is changed, or when the DNS mapping changes, the router will leave the current sources associated with the joined groups.

## Static SSM Mapping

SSM static mapping enables you to configure the last hop router to use a static map to determine the sources sending to groups. Static SSM mapping requires that you configure access lists (ACLs) to define group ranges. The groups permitted by those ACLs then can be mapped to sources using the **ip igmp static ssm-map** global configuration command.

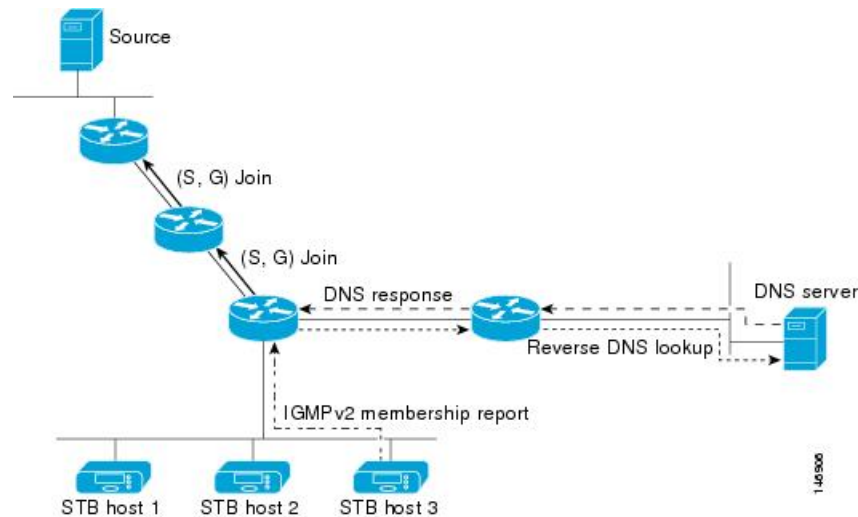
You can configure static SSM mapping in smaller networks when a DNS is not needed or to locally override DNS mappings that may be temporarily incorrect. When configured, static SSM mappings take precedence over DNS mappings.



## DNS-Based SSM Mapping

DNS-based SSM mapping enables you to configure the last hop router to perform a reverse DNS lookup to determine sources sending to groups (see the figure below). When DNS-based SSM mapping is configured, the router constructs a domain name that includes the group address G and performs a reverse lookup into the DNS. The router looks up IP address resource records (IP A RRs) to be returned for this constructed domain name and uses the returned IP addresses as the source addresses associated with this group. SSM mapping supports up to 20 sources for each group. The router joins all sources configured for a group.

**Figure 6: DNS-Based SSM-Mapping**



The SSM mapping mechanism that enables the last hop router to join multiple sources for a group can be used to provide source redundancy for a TV broadcast. In this context, the redundancy is provided by the last hop router using SSM mapping to join two video sources simultaneously for the same TV channel. However, to prevent the last hop router from duplicating the video traffic, it is necessary that the video sources utilize a server-side switchover mechanism where one video source is active while the other backup video source is passive. The passive source waits until an active source failure is detected before sending the video traffic for the TV channel. The server-side switchover mechanism, thus, ensures that only one of the servers is actively sending the video traffic for the TV channel.

To look up one or more source addresses for a group G that includes G1, G2, G3, and G4, the following DNS resource records (RRs) must be configured on the DNS server:

G4.G3.G2.G1 [ <i>multicast-domain</i> ] [ <i>timeout</i> ]	IN A <i>source-address-1</i>
	IN A <i>source-address-2</i>
	IN A <i>source-address-n</i>

The *multicast-domain* argument is a configurable DNS prefix. The default DNS prefix is `in-addr.arpa`. You should only use the default prefix when your installation is either separate from the internet or if the group names that you map are global scope group addresses (RFC 2770 type addresses that you configure for SSM) that you own.

The *timeout* argument configures the length of time for which the router performing SSM mapping will cache the DNS lookup. This argument is optional and defaults to the timeout of the zone in which this entry is configured. The timeout indicates how long the router will keep the current mapping before querying the DNS

server for this group. The timeout is derived from the cache time of the DNS RR entry and can be configured for each group/source entry on the DNS server. You can configure this time for larger values if you want to minimize the number of DNS queries generated by the router. Configure this time for a low value if you want to be able to quickly update all routers with new source addresses.



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**Note** Refer to your DNS server documentation for more information about configuring DNS RRs.

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To configure DNS-based SSM mapping in the software, you must configure a few global commands but no per-channel specific configuration is needed. There is no change to the configuration for SSM mapping if additional channels are added. When DNS-based SSM mapping is configured, the mappings are handled entirely by one or more DNS servers. All DNS techniques for configuration and redundancy management can be applied to the entries needed for DNS-based SSM mapping.

## SSM Mapping Benefits

- The SSM Mapping feature provides almost the same ease of network installation and management as a pure SSM solution based on IGMPv3. Some additional configuration is necessary to enable SSM mapping.
- The SSM benefit of inhibition of DoS attacks applies when SSM mapping is configured. When SSM mapping is configured the only segment of the network that may still be vulnerable to DoS attacks are receivers on the LAN connected to the last hop router. Since those receivers may still be using IGMPv1 and IGMPv2, they are vulnerable to attacks from unwanted sources on the same LAN. SSM mapping, however, does protect those receivers (and the network path leading towards them) from multicast traffic from unwanted sources anywhere else in the network.
- Address assignment within a network using SSM mapping needs to be coordinated, but it does not need assignment from outside authorities, even if the content from the network is to be transited into other networks.

## How to Configure SSM Mapping

### Configuring Static SSM Mapping

Perform this task to configure the last hop router in an SSM deployment to use static SSM mapping to determine the IP addresses of sources sending to groups.

#### Before you begin

- Enable IP multicast routing, enable PIM sparse mode, and configure SSM before performing this task.
- Before you configure static SSM mapping, you must configure ACLs that define the group ranges to be mapped to source addresses.

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**

2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip igmp ssm-map enable**
4. **no ip igmp ssm-map query dns**
5. **ip igmp ssm-map static** *access-list source-address*
6. Repeat Step 5 to configure additional static SSM mappings, if required.
7. **end**

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device&gt; enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	<b>ip igmp ssm-map enable</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config)# ip igmp ssm-map enable</pre>	Enables SSM mapping for groups in the configured SSM range. <b>Note</b> By default, this command enables DNS-based SSM mapping.
Step 4	<b>no ip igmp ssm-map query dns</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config)# no ip igmp ssm-map query dns</pre>	(Optional) Disables DNS-based SSM mapping. <b>Note</b> Disable DNS-based SSM mapping if you only want to rely on static SSM mapping. By default, the <b>ip igmp ssm-map</b> command enables DNS-based SSM mapping.
Step 5	<b>ip igmp ssm-map static</b> <i>access-list source-address</i> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config)# ip igmp ssm-map static 11 172.16.8.11</pre>	Configures static SSM mapping. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ACL supplied for the <i>access-list</i> argument defines the groups to be mapped to the source IP address entered for the <i>source-address</i> argument.</li> </ul> <b>Note</b> You can configure additional static SSM mappings. If additional SSM mappings are configured and the router receives an IGMPv1 or IGMPv2 membership report for a group in the SSM range, the determines the source addresses associated with the group by walking each configured <b>ip igmp ssm-map static</b> command. The associates up to 20 sources per group.

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 6</b>	Repeat Step 5 to configure additional static SSM mappings, if required.	--
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# end	Ends the current configuration session and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

## Configuring DNS-Based SSM Mapping

Perform this task to configure the last hop router to perform DNS lookups to learn the IP addresses of sources sending to a group.

### Before you begin

- Enable IP multicast routing, enable PIM sparse mode, and configure SSM before performing this task.
- Before you can configure and use SSM mapping with DNS lookups, you need to be able to add records to a running DNS server. If you do not already have a DNS server running, you need to install one.

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1. **enable**
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3. **ip igmp ssm-map enable**
4. **ip igmp ssm-map query dns**
5. **ip domain multicast** *domain-prefix*
6. **ip name-server** *server-address1* [*server-address2*...*server-address6*]
7. Repeat the Steps to configure additional DNS servers for redundancy, if required.
8. **end**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b> Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ip igmp ssm-map enable</b> <b>Example:</b>	Enables SSM mapping for groups in a configured SSM range.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<pre>Device(config)# ip igmp ssm-map enable</pre>	
<b>Step 4</b>	<p><b>ip igmp ssm-map query dns</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config)# ip igmp ssm-map query dns</pre>	<p>(Optional) Enables DNS-based SSM mapping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By default, the <b>ip igmp ssm-map</b> command enables DNS-based SSM mapping. Only the <b>no</b>form of this command is saved to the running configuration.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> Use this command to reenables DNS-based SSM mapping if DNS-based SSM mapping is disabled.</p>
<b>Step 5</b>	<p><b>ip domain multicast</b> <i>domain-prefix</i></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config)# ip domain multicast ssm-map.cisco.com</pre>	<p>(Optional) Changes the domain prefix used for DNS-based SSM mapping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By default, the software uses the ip-addr.arpa domain prefix.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 6</b>	<p><b>ip name-server</b> <i>server-address1</i> [<i>server-address2...server-address6</i>]</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config)# ip name-server 10.48.81.21</pre>	Specifies the address of one or more name servers to use for name and address resolution.
<b>Step 7</b>	Repeat the Steps to configure additional DNS servers for redundancy, if required.	--
<b>Step 8</b>	<p><b>end</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config-if)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

## Configuring Static Traffic Forwarding with SSM Mapping

Perform this task to configure static traffic forwarding with SSM mapping on the last hop router. Static traffic forwarding can be used in conjunction with SSM mapping to statically forward SSM traffic for certain groups. When static traffic forwarding with SSM mapping is configured, the last hop router uses DNS-based SSM mapping to determine the sources associated with a group. The resulting (S, G) channels are then statically forwarded.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip igmp static-group** *group-address* **source ssm-map**
5. **end**

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.  • Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>interface</b> <i>type number</i> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/0	Selects an interface on which to statically forward traffic for a multicast group using SSM mapping and enters interface configuration mode.  <b>Note</b> Static forwarding of traffic with SSM mapping works with either DNS-based SSM mapping or statically-configured SSM mapping.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>ip igmp static-group</b> <i>group-address</i> <b>source ssm-map</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-if)# ip igmp static-group 232.1.2.1 source ssm-map	Configures SSM mapping to be used to statically forward a (S, G) channel out of the interface.  • Use this command if you want to statically forward SSM traffic for certain groups. Use DNS-based SSM mapping to determine the source addresses of the channels.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-if)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

## Verifying SSM Mapping Configuration and Operation

Perform this optional task to verify SSM mapping configuration and operation.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. show ip igmp ssm-mapping
3. show ip igmp ssm-mapping *group-address*
4. show ip igmp groups [*group-name* | *group-address* | *interface-type interface-number*] [**detail**]
5. show host
6. debug ip igmp *group-address*

## DETAILED STEPS

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### Step 1 **enable**

Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.

#### Example:

```
> enable
```

### Step 2 **show ip igmp ssm-mapping**

(Optional) Displays information about SSM mapping.

The following example shows how to display information about SSM mapping configuration. In this example, SSM static mapping and DNS-based SSM mapping are enabled.

#### Example:

```
# show ip igmp ssm-mapping
SSM Mapping : Enabled
DNS Lookup  : Enabled
Mcast domain : ssm-map.cisco.com
Name servers : 10.0.0.3
              10.0.0.4
```

### Step 3 **show ip igmp ssm-mapping group-address**

(Optional) Displays the sources that SSM mapping uses for a particular group.

The following example shows how to display information about the configured DNS-based SSM mapping. In this example, the router has used DNS-based mapping to map group 232.1.1.4 to sources 172.16.8.5 and 172.16.8.6. The timeout for this entry is 860000 milliseconds (860 seconds).

#### Example:

```
# show ip igmp ssm-mapping 232.1.1.4
Group address: 232.1.1.4
Database      : DNS
DNS name      : 4.1.1.232.ssm-map.cisco.com
Expire time   : 860000
Source list   : 172.16.8.5
              : 172.16.8.6
```

### Step 4 **show ip igmp groups [group-name | group-address | interface-type interface-number] [detail]**

(Optional) Displays the multicast groups with receivers that are directly connected to the router and that were learned through IGMP.

The following is sample output from the **show ip igmp groups** command with the *group-address* argument and **detail** keyword. In this example the “M” flag indicates that SSM mapping is configured.

#### Example:

```
# show ip igmp group 232.1.1.4 detail
Interface:      GigabitEthernet2/0/0
Group:          232.1.1.4 SSM
Uptime:         00:03:20
Group mode:     INCLUDE
```

```

Last reporter: 0.0.0.0
CSR Grp Exp: 00:02:59
Group source list: (C - Cisco Src Report, U - URD, R - Remote,
                   S - Static, M - SSM Mapping)
Source Address  Uptime    v3 Exp   CSR Exp  Fwd  Flags
172.16.8.3     00:03:20  stopped  00:02:59 Yes  CM
172.16.8.4     00:03:20  stopped  00:02:59 Yes  CM
172.16.8.5     00:03:20  stopped  00:02:59 Yes  CM
172.16.8.6     00:03:20  stopped  00:02:59 Yes  CM

```

**Step 5** `show host`

(Optional) Displays the default domain name, the style of name lookup service, a list of name server hosts, and the cached list of hostnames and addresses.

The following is sample output from the `show host` command. Use this command to display DNS entries as they are learned by the router.

**Example:**

```

# show host
Default domain is cisco.com
Name/address lookup uses domain service
Name servers are 10.48.81.21
Codes: UN - unknown, EX - expired, OK - OK, ?? - revalidate
       temp - temporary, perm - permanent
       NA - Not Applicable None - Not defined
Host      Port  Flags   Age  Type  Address(es)
10.0.0.0.ssm-map.cisco.c  None (temp, OK)  0   IP   172.16.8.5
                                           172.16.8.6
                                           172.16.8.3

```

172.16.8.4

**Step 6** `debug ip igmp group-address`

(Optional) Displays the IGMP packets received and sent and IGMP host-related events.

The following is sample output from the `debug ip igmp` command when SSM static mapping is enabled. The following output indicates that the router is converting an IGMPv2 join for group G into an IGMPv3 join:

**Example:**

```
IGMP(0): Convert IGMPv2 report (*,232.1.2.3) to IGMPv3 with 2 source(s) using STATIC.
```

The following is sample output from the `debug ip igmp` command when DNS-based SSM mapping is enabled. The following output indicates that a DNS lookup has succeeded:

**Example:**

```
IGMP(0): Convert IGMPv2 report (*,232.1.2.3) to IGMPv3 with 2 source(s) using DNS.
```

The following is sample output from the `debug ip igmp` command when DNS-based SSM mapping is enabled and a DNS lookup has failed:

```
IGMP(0): DNS source lookup failed for (*, 232.1.2.3), IGMPv2 report failed
```



# Configuration Examples for SSM Mapping

## SSM Mapping Example

The following configuration example shows a router configuration for SSM mapping. This example also displays a range of other IGMP and SSM configuration options to show compatibility between features. Do not use this configuration example as a model unless you understand all of the features used in the example.



**Note** Address assignment in the global SSM range 232.0.0.0/8 should be random. If you copy parts or all of this sample configuration, make sure to select a random address range but not 232.1.1.x as shown in this example. Using a random address range minimizes the possibility of address collision and may prevent conflicts when other SSM content is imported while SSM mapping is used.

```

!
no ip domain lookup
ip domain multicast ssm.map.cisco.com
ip name-server 10.48.81.21
!
!
ip multicast-routing distributed
ip igmp ssm-map enable
ip igmp ssm-map static 10 172.16.8.10
ip igmp ssm-map static 11 172.16.8.11
!
!
.
.
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
description Sample IGMP Interface Configuration for SSM-Mapping Example
ip address 10.20.1.2 255.0.0.0
ip pim sparse-mode
ip igmp last-member-query-interval 100
ip igmp static-group 232.1.2.1 source ssm-map
ip igmp version 3
ip igmp explicit-tracking
ip igmp limit 2
ip igmp v3lite
ip urd
!
.
.
!
ip pim ssm default
!
access-list 10 permit 232.1.2.10
access-list 11 permit 232.1.2.0 0.0.0.255
!

```

This table describes the significant commands shown in the SSM mapping configuration example.

Table 2: SSM Mapping Configuration Example Command Descriptions

Command	Description
<b>no ip domain lookup</b>	Disables IP DNS-based hostname-to-address translation.  <b>Note</b> The <b>no ip domain-list</b> command is shown in the configuration only to demonstrate that disabling IP DNS-based hostname-to-address translation does not conflict with configuring SSM mapping. If this command is enabled, the Cisco IOS XE software will try to resolve unknown strings as hostnames.
<b>ip domain multicast ssm-map.cisco.com</b>	Specifies ssm-map.cisco.com as the domain prefix for SSM mapping.
<b>ip name-server 10.48.81.21</b>	Specifies 10.48.81.21 as the IP address of the DNS server to be used by SSM mapping and any other service in the software that utilizes DNS.
<b>ip multicast-routing</b>	Enables IP multicast routing.
<b>ip igmp ssm-map enable</b>	Enables SSM mapping.
<b>ip igmp ssm-map static 10 172.16.8.10</b>	Configures the groups permitted by ACL 10 to use source address 172.16.8.10.  • In this example, ACL 10 permits all groups in the 232.1.2.0/25 range except 232.1.2.10.
<b>ip igmp ssm-map static 11 172.16.8.11</b>	Configures the groups permitted by ACL 11 to use source address 172.16.8.11.  • In this example, ACL 11 permits group 232.1.2.10.
<b>ip pim sparse-mode</b>	Enables PIM sparse mode.
<b>ip igmp last-member-query-interval 100</b>	Reduces the leave latency for IGMPv2 hosts.  <b>Note</b> This command is not required for configuring SSM mapping; however, configuring this command can be beneficial for IGMPv2 hosts relying on SSM mapping.
<b>ip igmp static-group 232.1.2.1 source ssm-map</b>	Configures SSM mapping to be used to determine the sources associated with group 232.1.2.1. The resulting (S, G) channels are statically forwarded.
<b>ip igmp version 3</b>	Enables IGMPv3 on this interface.  <b>Note</b> This command is shown in the configuration only to demonstrate that IGMPv3 can be configured simultaneously with SSM mapping; however, it is not required.

Command	Description
<b>ip igmp explicit-tracking</b>	Minimizes the leave latency for IGMPv3 host leaving a multicast channel. <b>Note</b> This command is not required for configuring SSM mapping.
<b>ip igmp limit 2</b>	Limits the number of IGMP states resulting from IGMP membership states on a per-interface basis. <b>Note</b> This command is not required for configuring SSM mapping.
<b>ip igmp v3lite</b>	Enables the acceptance and processing of IGMP v3lite membership reports on this interface. <b>Note</b> This command is shown in the configuration only to demonstrate that IGMP v3lite can be configured simultaneously with SSM mapping; however, it is not required.
<b>ip urd</b>	Enables interception of TCP packets sent to the reserved URD port 465 on an interface and processing of URD channel subscription reports. <b>Note</b> This command is shown in the configuration only to demonstrate that URD can be configured simultaneously with SSM mapping; however, it is not required.
<b>ip pim ssm default</b>	Configures SSM service. The <b>default</b> keyword defines the SSM range access list as 232/8.
<b>access-list 10 permit 232.1.2.10</b> <b>access-list 11 permit 232.1.2.0</b> <b>0.0.0.255</b>	Configures the ACLs to be used for static SSM mapping. <b>Note</b> These are the ACLs that are referenced by the <b>ip igmp ssm-map static</b> commands in this configuration example.

## DNS Server Configuration Example

To configure DNS-based SSM mapping, you need to create a DNS server zone or add records to an existing zone. If the routers that are using DNS-based SSM mapping are also using DNS for other purposes besides SSM mapping, you should use a normally-configured DNS server. If DNS-based SSM mapping is the only DNS implementation being used on the router, you can configure a fake DNS setup with an empty root zone, or a root zone that points back to itself.

The following example shows how to create a zone and import the zone data using Network Registrar:

```
Router> zone 1.1.232.ssm-map.cisco.com. create primary file=named.ssm-map
100 Ok
Router> dns reload
100 Ok
```

The following example shows how to import the zone files from a named.conf file for BIND 8:

```
Router> ::import named.conf /etc/named.conf
```

```
Router> dns reload  
100 Ok:
```



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**Note** Network Registrar version 8.0 and later support import BIND 8 format definitions.

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## CHAPTER 5

# Configuring Multicast Admission Control

This module describes how to implement multicast admission control in an IP multicast network. Multicast admission control features are configured on multicast-enabled routers to prevent control plane overload, ensure proper resource allocation, and provide multicast Call Admission Control (CAC) capabilities.

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## Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to [www.cisco.com/go/cfn](http://www.cisco.com/go/cfn). An account on Cisco.com is not required.

## Prerequisites for Configuring Multicast Admission Control

IP multicast is enabled and the Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) interfaces are configured using the tasks described in the “Configuring Basic IP Multicast” module.

## Information About Configuring Multicast Admission Control

### Multicast Admission Control

As the popularity of network video applications grows among consumers, admission control functions--which govern transmission and reception of multicast traffic based on available network resources--are vital. Without admission control, some users may receive degraded multicast streams, rendering programs unwatchable, and

others may receive a “Network Busy” message or nothing at all as network resources are overtaxed. Network admission control is important in maintaining a high quality of experience for digital video consumers.

The goals of multicast admission control features, therefore, are as follows:

- Protect the router from control plane overload to ensure that memory and CPU resources on multicast-enabled routers are not overrun by multicast route (mroute) states or denial-of-service (DoS) attacks from multicast packets.
- Enable proper resource allocation (on a global, per MVRF, or per interface basis) to ensure that multicast services are delivered to subscribers per their IP Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and to minimize the effects of DoS attacks on subscribers.
- Provide multicast CAC capabilities to prevent bandwidth resources (interfaces, subnetworks) from being congested and to enable service providers to offer more flexible and refined content and subscriber-based policies.

## Multicast Admission Control Features

The Cisco IOS software supports the following multicast admission control features:

- Global and Per MVRF Mroute State Limit

The **ip multicast route-limit** command allows for the configuration of global and per MVRF state limiters, which impose limits on the number of multicast routes (mroutes) that can be added to the global table or to a particular Multicast Virtual Routing and Forwarding (MVRF) table.

- IGMP State Limit

This feature allows for the configuration of IGMP state limiters, which impose limits on mroute states resulting from Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) membership reports (IGMP joins).

- Per Interface Mroute State Limit

This feature allows for the configuration of per interface mroute state limiters, which impose mroute state limits for different access control list (ACL)-classified sets of multicast traffic on an interface.

- Bandwidth-Based CAC for IP Multicast

This feature allows for the configuration of bandwidth-based multicast CAC policies, which allow for bandwidth-based CAC on a per interface basis.

These admission control features may be invoked by service providers and enterprise network administrators based on different criteria, including the service package an end user has purchased or the privileges an enterprise user is entitled to.

## Global and Per MVRF Mroute State Limit

The **ip multicast route-limit** command allows for the configuration of global and per MVRF mroute state limiters, which impose limits on the number of mroutes that can be added to the global table or to a particular MVRF table, respectively.

Global mroute state limiters are used to limit the number of mroutes that can be added to the global table on a router. Configuring a global mroute state limiter can protect a router in the event of a multicast DoS attack (by preventing mroutes from overrunning the router).

Per VRF mroute state limiters are used to limit the number of mroutes that can be added to an MVRF table on a Multicast VPN (MVPN) provider edge (PE) router. Configuring per MVRF mroute state limits can be used to ensure the fair sharing of mroutes between different MVRFs on an MVPN PE router.

## Global and Per MVRF Mroute State Limit Feature Design

Global and per MVRF mroute state limiters are configured using the **ip multicast route-limit** command in global configuration mode. The syntax of the **ip multicast route-limit** command is as follows:

```
ip multicast [vrf vrf-name] route-limit limit [threshold]
```

Issuing the **ip multicast route-limit** command without the optional **vrf** keyword and *vrf-name* arguments configures a global mroute state limiter. The optional **vrf** keyword and *vrf-name* arguments are used with the **ip multicast limit** command to configure per MVRF mroute state limiters.




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**Note** When configuring global and per VRF mroute state limiters, you can only configure one limit for the global table and one limit per MVRF table.

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The value specified for the required *limit* argument defines the maximum number of mroutes that can be added to either the global table or a particular MVRF table, respectively.




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**Note** Global and per MVRF mroute state limiters operate independently and can be used alone or together, depending upon the admission control requirements of your network.

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In addition, for both global and per MVRF mroute state limiters, the optional *threshold* argument is available to set mroute threshold limits.

## Mechanics of Global and Per MVRF Mroute State Limiters

The mechanics of global and per MVRF mroute state limiters are as follows:

- Each time the state for an mroute is created on a router, the Cisco IOS software checks to see if the limit for the global mroute state limiter (if the mroute is associated with the global table) or the limit for the per MVRF mroute state limiter (if the mroute is associated with the MVRF table) has been reached.
- States for mroutes that exceed the configured limit for the global or the per MVRF mroute state limiter are not created on the router, and a warning message in the following format is generated:

```
% MROUTE-4-ROUTELIMIT : <current mroute count> exceeded multicast route-limit of
<mroute limit value>
```

- When an mroute threshold limit is also configured for the global or the per MVRF mroute state limiter, each time the state for an mroute is created on a router, the Cisco IOS software also checks to see if the mroute threshold limit has been reached. If the mroute threshold limit is exceeded, a warning message in the following format is generated:

```
% MROUTE-4-ROUTE LIMIT WARNING : multicast route-limit warning <current mroute count> threshold
<mroute threshold value>
```

Warning messages continue to be generated until the number of mroutes exceeds the configured limit or until the number of mroute states falls below the configured mroute threshold limit.

## IGMP State Limit

The IGMP State Limit feature allows for the configuration of IGMP state limiters, which impose limits on mroute states resulting from IGMP membership reports (IGMP joins) on a global or per interface basis. Membership reports exceeding the configured limits are not entered into the IGMP cache. This feature can be used to prevent DoS attacks or to provide a multicast CAC mechanism in network environments where all the multicast flows roughly utilize the same amount of bandwidth.




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**Note** IGMP state limiters impose limits on the number of mroute states resulting from IGMP, IGMP v3lite, and URL Rendezvous Directory (URD) membership reports on a global or per interface basis.

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## IGMP State Limit Feature Design

- Configuring IGMP state limiters in global configuration mode specifies a global limit on the number of IGMP membership reports that can be cached.
- Configuring IGMP state limiters in interface configuration mode specifies a limit on the number of IGMP membership reports on a per interface basis.
- Use ACLs to prevent groups or channels from being counted against the interface limit. A standard or an extended ACL can be specified. A standard ACL can be used to define the (\*, G) state to be excluded from the limit on an interface. An extended ACLs can be used to define the (S, G) state to be excluded from the limit on an interface. An extended ACL also can be used to define the (\*, G) state to be excluded from the limit on an interface, by specifying 0.0.0.0 for the source address and source wildcard--referred to as (0, G)--in the permit or deny statements that compose the extended access list.
- You can only configure one global limit per device and one limit per interface.

## Mechanics of IGMP State Limiters

The mechanics of IGMP state limiters are as follows:

- Each time a router receives an IGMP membership report for a particular group or channel, the Cisco IOS software checks to see if either the limit for the global IGMP state limiter or the limit for the per interface IGMP state limiter has been reached.
- If only a global IGMP state limiter has been configured and the limit has not been reached, IGMP membership reports are honored. When the configured limit has been reached, subsequent IGMP membership reports are then ignored (dropped) and a warning message in one of the following formats is generated:

```
•
%IGMP-6-IGMP_GROUP_LIMIT: IGMP limit exceeded for <group (*, group address)> on
<interface type number> by host <ip address>
```



- ```
%IGMP-6-IGMP_CHANNEL_LIMIT: IGMP limit exceeded for <channel (source address, group address)> on <interface type number> by host <ip address>
```
- If only per interface IGMP state limiters are configured, then each limit is only counted against the interface on which it was configured.
- If both a global IGMP state limiter and per interface IGMP state limiters are configured, the limits configured for the per interface IGMP state limiters are still enforced but are constrained by the global limit.

## Per Interface Mroute State Limit

The Per Interface Mroute State Limit feature provides the capability to limit the number of mroute states on an interface for different ACL-classified sets of multicast traffic. This feature can be used to prevent DoS attacks or to provide a multicast CAC mechanism when all the multicast flows roughly utilize the same amount of bandwidth.

The Per Interface Mroute State Limit feature essentially is a complete superset of the IGMP State Limit feature (with the exception that it does not support a global limit). The Per Interface Mroute State Limit feature, moreover, is more flexible and powerful (albeit more complex) than the IGMP State Limit feature but is not intended to be a replacement for it because there are applications that suit both features.

The main differences between the Per Interface Mroute State Limit feature and the IGMP State Limit feature are as follows:

- The Per Interface Mroute State Limit feature allows multiple limits to be configured on an interface, whereas the IGMP State Limit feature allows only one limit to be configured on an interface. The Per Interface Mroute State Limit feature, thus, is more flexible than the IGMP State Limit feature in that it allows multiple limits to be configured for different sets of multicast traffic on an interface.
- The Per Interface Mroute State Limit feature can be used to limit both IGMP and PIM joins, whereas the IGMP State Limit feature can only be used to limit IGMP joins. The IGMP State Limit feature, thus, is more limited in application in that it is best suited to be configured on an edge router to limit the number of groups that receivers can join on an outgoing interface. The Per Interface Mroute State Limit feature has a wider application in that it can be configured to limit IGMP joins on an outgoing interface, to limit PIM joins (for Any Source Multicast [ASM] groups or Source Specific Multicast [SSM] channels) on an outgoing interface connected to other routers, to limit sources behind an incoming interface from sending multicast traffic, or to limit sources directly connected to an incoming interface from sending multicast traffic.



### Note

Although the PIM Interface Mroute State Limit feature allows you to limit both IGMP and PIM joins, it does not provide the capability to limit PIM or IGMP joins separately because it does not take into account whether the state is created as a result of an IGMP or PIM join. As such, the IGMP State Limit feature is more specific in application because it specifically limits IGMP joins.

- The Per Interface Mroute State Limit feature allows you to specify limits according to the direction of traffic; that is, it allows you to specify limits for outgoing interfaces, incoming interfaces, and for incoming interfaces having directly connected multicast sources. The IGMP State Limit feature, however, only can be used to limit outgoing interfaces. The Per Interface State Mroute State Limit feature, thus, is wider

in scope in that it can be used to limit mroute states for both incoming and outgoing interfaces from both sources and receivers, whereas the IGMP State Limit feature is more narrow in scope in that it can only be used to limit mroute states for receivers on an LAN by limiting the number of IGMP joins on an outgoing interface.

Both the IGMP State Limit and Per Interface Mroute State Limit features provide a rudimentary multicast CAC mechanism that can be used to provision bandwidth utilization on an interface when all multicast flows roughly utilize the same amount of bandwidth. The Bandwidth-Based CAC for IP Multicast feature, however, offers a more flexible and powerful alternative for providing multicast CAC in network environments where IP multicast flows utilize different amounts of bandwidth.

## Per Interface Mroute State Limit Feature Design

The Per Interface Mroute State Limit feature is configured using the **ip multicast limit** command in interface configuration mode. An **ip multicast limit** command configured on an interface is called an per interface mroute state limiter. A per interface mroute state limiter is defined by direction, ACL, and maximum number of mroutes. Each per interface mroute state limiter maintains a counter to ensure that the maximum number of mroutes is not exceeded.

The following forms of the **ip multicast limit** command are available to configure per interface mroute state limiters:

- **ip multicast limit** *access-list max-entries*

This command limits mroute state creation for an ACL-classified set of traffic on an interface when the interface is an outgoing (egress) interface, and limits mroute outgoing interface list (olist) membership when the interface is an incoming (ingress) Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF) interface.

This type of per interface mroute state limiter limits mroute state creation--by accounting each time an mroute permitted by the ACL is created or deleted--and limits mroute olist membership--by accounting each time that an mroute olist member permitted by the ACL is added or removed.

Entering this form of the command (that is, with no optional keywords) is equivalent to specifying the **ip multicast limit rpf** and **ip multicast limit out** forms of the command.

- **ip multicast limit connected** *access-list max-entries*

This command limits mroute state creation for an ACL-classified set of multicast traffic on an incoming (RPF) interface that is directly connected to a multicast source by accounting each time that an mroute permitted by the ACL is created or deleted.

- **ip multicast limit out** *access-list max-entries*

This command limits mroute olist membership on an outgoing interface for an ACL-classified set of multicast traffic by accounting each time that an mroute olist member permitted by the ACL is added or removed.

- **ip multicast limit rpf** *access-list max-entries*

This command limits mroute state creation for an ACL-classified set of multicast traffic on an incoming (RPF) interface by accounting each time an mroute permitted by the ACL is created or deleted.

For the required *access-list* argument, specify the ACL that defines the IP multicast traffic to be limited on an interface. A standard or extended ACL can be specified. Standard ACLs can be used to define the (\*, G) state to be limited on an interface. Extended ACLs can be used to define the (S, G) state to be limited on an interface. Extended ACLs also can be used to define the (\*, G) state to be limited on an interface, by specifying

0.0.0.0 for the source address and source wildcard--referred to as (0, G)--in the permit or deny statements that compose the extended access list.

## Mechanics of Per Interface Mroute State Limiters

The mechanics of per interface mroute state limiters are as follows:

- Each time the state for an mroute is created or deleted and each time an olist member is added or removed, the software searches for a corresponding per interface mroute state limiter that matches the mroute.
- When an mroute is created or deleted, the software searches for a per interface mroute state limiter configured on the incoming (RPF) interface that matches the mroute to be created or deleted. When an olist member is added or removed, the software searches for a per interface mroute state limiter configured on the outgoing interface that matches the mroute to be added or removed.
- A top-down search is performed using the list of configured per interface mroute state limiters. Only per interface mroute state limiters that match the direction of traffic are considered. The first per interface mroute state limiter that matches is used for limiting (sometimes referred to as accounting). A match is found when the ACL permits the mroute state.
- When a match is found, the counter of the per interface mroute state limiter is updated (increased or decreased). If no per interface mroute state limiter is found that matches an mroute, no accounting is performed for the mroute (because there is no counter to update).
- The amount with which to update the counter is called the cost (sometimes referred to as the cost multiplier). The default cost is 1.



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**Note** A per interface mroute state limiter always allows the deletion of an mroute or the removal of an interface from the olist. In those cases, the respective per interface mroute state limiter decreases the counter by the value of the cost multiplier. In addition, RPF changes to an existing mroute are always allowed (in order to not affect existing traffic). However, a per interface mroute state limiter only allows the creation of an mroute or the addition of an mroute olist member if adding the cost does not exceed the maximum number of mroutes permitted.

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## Tips for Configuring Per Interface Mroute State Limiters

- To ensure that all mroutes are accounted, you can configure a per interface mroute state limiter whose ACL contains a permit-any statement and set the value of zero (0) for maximum entries. Configuring an mroute state limiter in this manner effectively denies all fall through states, which may be a way to prevent a multicast DoS attack in and out of the interface.
- When creating an ACL, remember that, by default, the end of the ACL contains an implicit deny-any statement for everything if it did not find a match before reaching the end.
- An explicit deny statement for a specific mroute in an ACL can be used to specify the state that will not match the ACL which will prevent the ACL from being accounted. If an mroute matches a deny statement, the search immediately continues to the next configured mroute state limiter. Configuring an explicit deny statement in an ACL can be more efficient than forcing the mroute to fall through an ACL by using an implicit deny-any statement at the end of the ACL.

# How to Configure Multicast Admission Control

## Configuring Global and Per MVRF Mroute State Limiters

Perform the following optional tasks to configure global and per MVRF mroute state limiters.

Global mroute state limiters are used to limit the number of mroutes that can be added to the global table on a router. Configuring a global mroute state limiter can protect a router in the event of a multicast DoS attack (by preventing mroutes from overrunning the router).

Per VRF mroute state limiters are used to limit the number of mroutes that can be added to an MVRF table on an MVPN PE router. Configuring per MVRF mroute state limits can be used to ensure the fair sharing of mroutes between different MVRFs on an MVPN PE router.




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**Note** Global and per MVRF mroute state limiters operate independently and can be used alone or together, depending upon the admission control requirements of your network.

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**Note** When configuring global and per VRF mroute state limiters, you can only configure one limit for the global table and one limit per MVRF table.

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The following tasks explain how to configure global and per MVRF mroute state limiters:

### Prerequisites

- These tasks assume that IP multicast has been enabled and that the PIM interfaces have been configured using the tasks described in the “Configuring Basic IP Multicast” module.
- Before configuring per MVRF mroute state limiters, the MVRFs on the PE router must be configured using the tasks described in the “Configuring Multicast VPN” module.

### Configuring a Global Mroute State Limiter

Perform this task to limit the number of mroutes that can be added to the global table. States for mroutes that exceed the global mroute limit will not be created.

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip multicast route-limit limit [threshold]**
4. **end**
5. **show ip mroute count**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action                                                                                                                                   | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Step 1 | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Router&gt; enable</pre>                                                                                    | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>                                                               | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Step 3 | <b>ip multicast route-limit <i>limit</i> [<i>threshold</i>]</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Router(config)# ip multicast route-limit 1500 1460</pre> | Limits the number of mroutes that can be added to the global table. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the required <i>limit</i> argument, specify the limit on the number of mroutes that can be added to the global table. The range is from 1 to 2147483647.</li> <li>• Use the optional <i>threshold</i> argument to set an mroute threshold limit. The range is from 1 to 2147483647.</li> <li>• Maximum number of mroute state limits supported globally is 1000.</li> </ul> |
| Step 4 | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Router(config)# end</pre>                                                                                     | Ends the current configuration session and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Step 5 | <b>show ip mroute count</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Router# show ip mroute count</pre>                                                           | (Optional) Displays mroute data and packet count statistics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use this command to verify the number of mroutes in the global table.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## What to Do Next

Proceed to the [Configuring Per MVRF Mroute State Limiters, on page 67](#) task to configure per MVRF mroute state limiters on a PE router.

## Configuring Per MVRF Mroute State Limiters

Perform this optional task to configure per MVRF mroute state limiters to limit the number of mroutes that can be added to a particular MVRF table. This feature can be configured on a PE router to ensure the fair sharing of mroutes between different MVRFs on the router. States for mroutes that exceed the per MVRF mroute limiter are not created.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**

2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip multicast vrf** *vrf-name* **route-limit** *limit* [*threshold*]
4. Repeat Step 3 to configure additional per VRF mroute state limiters for other VRFs on an MVPN PE router.
5. **end**
6. **show ip mroute vrf** *vrf-name* **count**

## DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                                        | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Router&gt; enable</pre>                                                                                                                         | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>                                                                                                    | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip multicast vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i> <b>route-limit</b> <i>limit</i> [ <i>threshold</i> ]<br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Router(config)# ip multicast vrf red route-limit 1500 1460</pre> | Limits the number of mroutes that can be added to a particular MVRF table. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the <b>vrf</b> keyword and <i>vrf-name</i> argument, specify the MVRF for which to apply the limit.</li> <li>• For the required <i>limit</i> argument, specify the limit on the number of mroutes that can be added to the MVRF table (for the specified MVRF). The range is from 1 to 2147483647.</li> <li>• Use the optional <i>threshold</i> argument to set an mroute threshold limit. The range is from 1 to 2147483647</li> <li>• Maximum number of mroute state limits supported on MVRF level is 1000.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 4</b> | Repeat Step 3 to configure additional per VRF mroute state limiters for other VRFs on an MVPN PE router.                                                                                 | --                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Router(config)# end</pre>                                                                                                                          | Ends the current configuration session and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <b>show ip mroute vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i> <b>count</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Router# show ip mroute vrf red count</pre>                                                             | (Optional) Displays mroute data and packet count statistics related to the specified MVRF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use this command to verify the number of mroutes in a particular MVRF table.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Configuring IGMP State Limiters



**Note** IGMP state limiters impose limits on the number of mroute states resulting from IGMP, IGMP v3lite, and URD membership reports on a global or per interface basis.

### Prerequisites

- These tasks assume that IP multicast has been enabled and that the PIM interfaces have been configured using the tasks described in the “ Configuring Basic IP Multicast ” module.
- All ACLs you intend to apply to per interface IGMP state limiters should be configured prior to beginning this configuration task; otherwise, IGMP membership reports for all groups and channels are counted against the configured limits. For information about how to configure ACLs, see the “ Creating an IP Access List and Applying It to an Interface ” module.

### Configuring Global IGMP State Limiters

Perform this optional task to configure one global IGMP state limiter per device.

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip igmp limit *number***
4. **end**
5. **show ip igmp groups**

#### DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                                          | Purpose                                                                                                            |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable                                         | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal                 | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip igmp limit <i>number</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip igmp limit 150 | Configures a global limit on the number of mroute states resulting from IGMP membership reports (IGMP joins).      |

|               | Command or Action                                                                | Purpose                                                                                                                               |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config-if)# end                      | Ends the current configuration session and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                           |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>show ip igmp groups</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device# show ip igmp groups | (Optional) Displays the multicast groups with receivers that are directly connected to the device and that were learned through IGMP. |

## What to Do Next

Proceed to the [Configuring Per Interface IGMP State Limiters, on page 70](#) task to configure per interface IGMP state limiters.

## Configuring Per Interface IGMP State Limiters

Perform this optional task to configure a per interface IGMP state limiter.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip igmp limit** *number* [**except** *access-list*]
5. Do one of the following:
  - **exit**
  - **end**
6. **show ip igmp interface** [*type number*]
7. **show ip igmp groups**

### DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                              | Purpose                                                                                                            |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device> enable                         | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device# configure terminal | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>interface</b> <i>type number</i>                                            | Enters interface configuration mode.                                                                               |



|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                                       | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|               | <b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0</pre>                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specify an interface that is connected to hosts.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>ip igmp limit</b> <i>number</i> [ <b>except</b> <i>access-list</i> ]<br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device(config-if)# ip igmp limit 100</pre>                                           | Configures a per interface limit on the number of mroutes states created as a result of IGMP membership reports (IGMP joins).                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Step 5</b> | Do one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>exit</b></li> <li><b>end</b></li> </ul> <b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device(config-if)# exit Device(config-if)# end</pre> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Optional) Ends the current configuration session and returns to global configuration mode. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to configure a per interface limiter on another interface.</li> <li>Ends the current configuration session and returns to privileged EXEC mode.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <b>show ip igmp interface</b> [ <i>type number</i> ]<br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device# show ip igmp interface</pre>                                                                    | (Optional) Displays information about the status and configuration of IGMP and multicast routing on interfaces.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Step 7</b> | <b>show ip igmp groups</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device# show ip igmp groups</pre>                                                                                                 | (Optional) Displays the multicast groups with receivers that are directly connected to the device and that were learned through IGMP.                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Configuring Per Interface Mroute State Limiters

Perform this task to prevent DoS attacks or to provide a multicast CAC mechanism for controlling bandwidth when all multicast flows utilize approximately the same amount of bandwidth.

### Before you begin

All ACLs to be applied to per interface mroute state limiters must be configured prior to beginning this configuration task; otherwise, the limiters are ignored. For information about how to configure ACLs, see the “Creating an IP Access List and Applying It to an Interface” module of the *Security Configuration Guide: Access Control Lists* guide.

### SUMMARY STEPS

- enable**
- configure terminal**
- interface** *type number*
- ip multicast limit** [**connected** | **out** | **rpf**] *access-list max-entries*
- Repeat Step 4 to configure additional per interface mroute state limiters on this interface.
- Repeat Steps 3 and Step 4 to configure per interface mroute state limiters on additional interfaces.

## 7. end

## DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                            | Purpose                                                                          |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable                                                                                           | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br>• Enter your password if prompted.              |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal                                                                   | Enters global configuration mode.                                                |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>interface type number</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0                                              | Enters interface configuration mode for the specified interface type and number. |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>ip multicast limit [connected   out   rpf] access-list max-entries</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-if)# ip multicast limit 15 100 | Configures per interface mroute state limiters.                                  |
| <b>Step 5</b> | Repeat Step 4 to configure additional per interface mroute state limiters on this interface.                                                 | --                                                                               |
| <b>Step 6</b> | Repeat Steps 3 and Step 4 to configure per interface mroute state limiters on additional interfaces.                                         | --                                                                               |
| <b>Step 7</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-if)# end                                                                                      | Returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                 |

## What to Do Next

Proceed to the Monitoring Per Interface Mroute State Limiters and Bandwidth-Based Multicast CAC Policies task to monitor per interface mroute state limiters.

## Monitoring Per Interface Mroute State Limiters and Bandwidth-Based Multicast CAC Policies

Perform this optional task to monitor per interface mroute state limiters and bandwidth-based multicast CAC policies.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **debug ip mrouting limits** *[group-address]*
3. **show ip multicast limit** *type number*
4. **clear ip multicast limit** *[type number]*

## DETAILED STEPS

### Step 1 enable

#### Example:

```
Device> enable
```

Enables privileged EXEC mode.

- Enter your password if prompted.

### Step 2 debug ip mrouting limits *[group-address]*

Displays debugging information about configured per interface mroute state limiters and bandwidth-based multicast CAC policies.

The following output is from the **debug ip mrouting limits** command. The output displays the following events:

- An mroute state being created and the corresponding per interface mroute state limiter counter being increased by the default cost of 1 on incoming Ethernet interface 1/0.
- An mroute olist member being removed from the olist and the corresponding per interface mroute limiter being decreased by the default cost of 1 on outgoing Ethernet interface 1/0.
- An mroute being denied by the per interface mroute state limiter because the maximum number of mroute states has been reached.
- An mroute state being created and the corresponding per interface mroute state limiter counter being increased by the cost of 2 on incoming Ethernet interface 1/0.
- An mroute olist member being removed from the olist and the corresponding per interface mroute limiter being decreased by a cost of 2 on outgoing Ethernet interface 1/0.

#### Example:

```
device# debug ip mrouting limits
```

```
MRL(0): incr-ed acl 'rpf-list' to (13 < max 32), [n:0,p:0], (main) GigabitEthernet0/0, (10.41.0.41,
225.30.200.60)
MRL(0): decr-ed acl 'out-list' to (10 < max 32), [n:0,p:0], (main) GigabitEthernet0/0, (*,
225.40.202.60)
MRL(0): Add mroute (10.43.0.43, 225.30.200.60) denied for GigabitEthernet0/2, acl std-list, (16 =
max 16)
MRL(0): incr-ed limit-acl 'rpf-list' to (12 < max 32), cost-acl 'cost-list' cost 2, [n:0,p:0], (main)
GigabitEthernet0/0, (10.41.0.41, 225.30.200.60)
MRL(0): decr-ed limit-acl 'out-list' to (8 < max 32), cost-acl 'cost-list' cost 2, [n:0,p:0], (main)
GigabitEthernet0/0, (*, 225.40.202.60)
```

### Step 3 show ip multicast limit *type number*

Displays counters related to mroute state limiters configured on the interfaces on the router.

For each per interface mroute state limiter shown in the output, the following information is displayed:

- The direction of traffic that the per mroute state limiter is limiting.
- The ACL referenced by the per interface mroute state limiter that defines the IP multicast traffic being limited.
- Statistics, enclosed in parenthesis, which track the current number of mroutes being limited less the configured limit. Each time the state for an mroute is created or deleted and each time an outgoing interface list (olist) member is added or removed, the counters for matching per interface mroute state limiters are increased or decreased accordingly.
- The exceeded counter, which tracks the total number of times that the limit configured for the per interface mroute state limiter has been exceeded. Each time an mroute is denied due to the configured limit being reached, the exceeded counter is increased by a value of 1.

The following is sample output from the **show ip multicast limit** command with the *type number* arguments. In this example, information about mroute state limiters configured on Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/0 is displayed.

**Example:**

```
Device# show ip multicast limit GigabitEthernet 0/0

Interface GigabitEthernet 0/0
  Multicast Access Limits
  out acl out-list (1 < max 32) exceeded 0
  rpf acl rpf-list (6 < max 32) exceeded 0
  con acl conn-list (0 < max 32) exceeded 0
```

**Step 4** **clear ip multicast limit** [*type number*]

Resets the exceeded counter for per interface mroute state limiters.

The following example shows how to reset exceeded counters for per interface mroute state limiters configured on Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/0:

**Example:**

```
Device# clear ip multicast limit interface GigabitEthernet 0/0
```

## Configuration Examples for Configuring Multicast Admission Control

### Configuring Global and Per MVRF Mroute State Limiters Example

The following example shows how to configure a global mroute state limiter. In this example, a global mroute state limiter is configured with an mroute limit of 1500 and an mroute threshold limit of 1460.

```
ip multicast route-limit 1500 1460
```

The following is a sample mroute threshold warning message. The output shows that the configured mroute threshold limit of 1460 has been exceeded by one mroute.

```
%MROUTE-4-ROUTE LIMIT WARNING : multicast route-limit warning 1461 threshold 1460
```

The following is a sample mroute exceeded warning message. The output shows that the configured mroute limit of 1500 has been exceeded by one mroute. States for mroutes that exceed the configured limit for the global mroute state limiter are not created on the router.

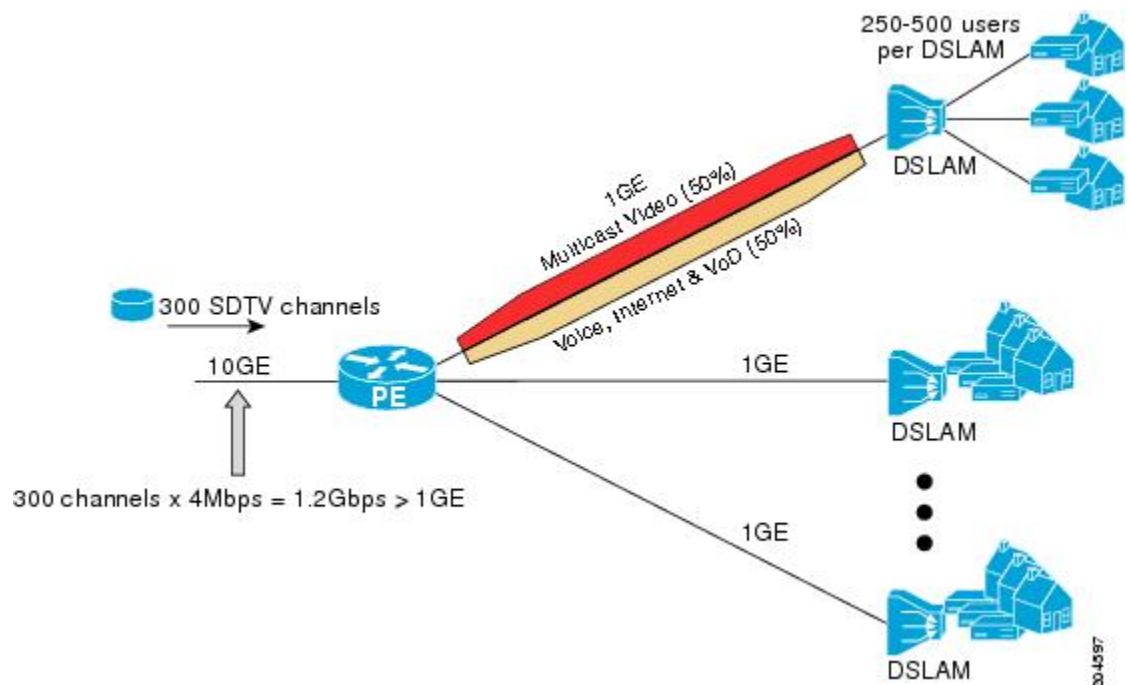
```
%MROUTE-4-ROUTE LIMIT : 1501 routes exceeded multicast route-limit of 1500
```

## Example: Configuring IGMP State Limiters

The following example shows how to configure IGMP state limiters to provide multicast CAC in a network environment where all the multicast flows roughly utilize the same amount of bandwidth.

This example uses the topology illustrated in the figure.

**Figure 7: IGMP State Limit Example Topology**



In this example, a service provider is offering 300 Standard Definition (SD) TV channels. Each SD channel utilizes approximately 4 Mbps.

The service provider must provision the Gigabit Ethernet interfaces on the PE device connected to the Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers (DSLAMs) as follows: 50% of the link's bandwidth (500 Mbps) must be available to subscribers of the Internet, voice, and video on demand (VoD) service offerings while the remaining 50% (500 Mbps) of the link's bandwidth must be available to subscribers of the SD channel offerings.

Because each SD channel utilizes the same amount of bandwidth (4 Mbps), per interface IGMP state limiters can be used to provide the necessary CAC to provision the services being offered by the service provider. To determine the required CAC needed per interface, the total number of channels is divided by 4 (because each channel utilizes 4 Mbps of bandwidth). The required CAC needed per interface, therefore, is as follows:

$$500\text{Mbps} / 4\text{Mbps} = 125 \text{ mroutes}$$

Once the required CAC is determined, the service provider uses the results to configure the per IGMP state limiters required to provision the Gigabit Ethernet interfaces on the PE device. Based on the network's CAC requirements, the service provider must limit the SD channels that can be transmitted out a Gigabit Ethernet interface (at any given time) to 125. Configuring a per interface IGMP state limit of 125 for the SD channels provisions the interface for 500 Mbps of bandwidth, the 50% of the link's bandwidth that must always be available (but never exceeded) for the SD channel offerings.

The following configuration shows how the service provider uses a per interface mroute state limiter to provision interface Gigabit Ethernet 0/0 for the SD channels and Internet, Voice, and VoD services being offered to subscribers:

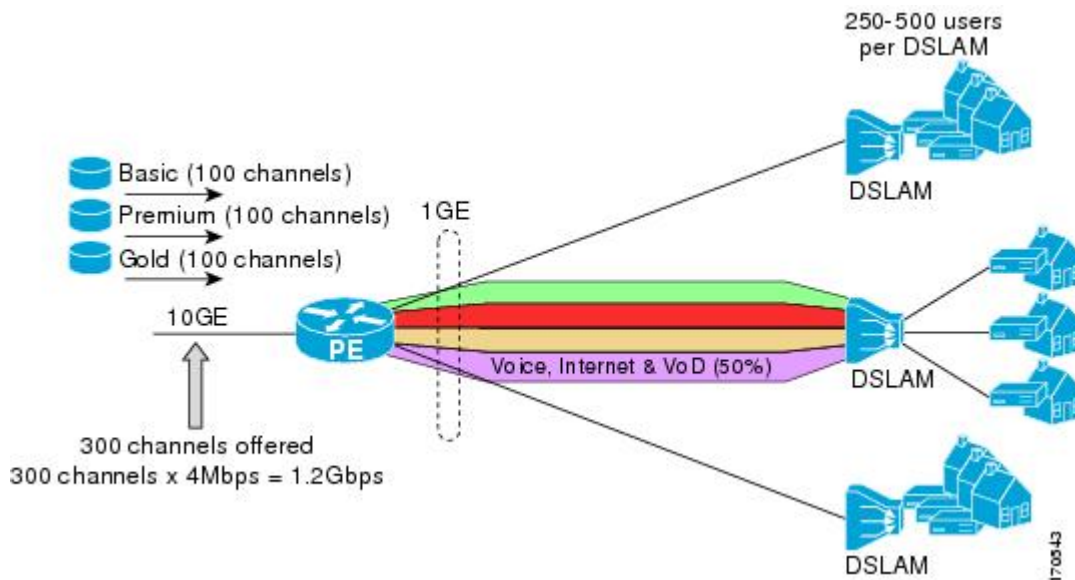
```
interface GigabitEthernet0/0
description --- Interface towards the DSLAM ---
.
.
.
ip igmp limit 125
```

## Example Configuring Per Interface Mroute State Limiters

The following example shows how to configure per interface mroute state limiters to provide multicast CAC in a network environment where all the multicast flows roughly utilize the same amount of bandwidth.

This example uses the topology illustrated in the figure.

**Figure 8: Per Interface Mroute State Limit Example Topology**



In this example, a service provider is offering 300 SD TV channels. The SD channels are being offered to customers in three service bundles (Basic, Premium, and Gold), which are available to customers on a subscription basis. Each bundle offers 100 channels to subscribers, and each channel utilizes approximately 4 Mbps of bandwidth.

The service provider must provision the Gigabit Ethernet interfaces on the PE device connected to DSLAMs as follows: 50% of the link's bandwidth (500 Mbps) must be available to subscribers of their Internet, voice, and VoD service offerings while the remaining 50% (500 Mbps) of the link's bandwidth must be available to subscribers of their SD channel bundle service offerings.

For the 500 Mbps of the link's bandwidth that must always be available to (but must never be exceeded by) the subscribers of the SD channel bundles, the interface must be further provisioned as follows:

- 60% of the bandwidth must be available to subscribers of the basic service (300 Mbps).
- 20% of the bandwidth must be available to subscribers of the premium service (100 Mbps).
- 20% of the bandwidth must be available to subscribers of the gold service (100 Mbps).

Because each SD channel utilizes the same amount of bandwidth (4 Mbps), per interface mroute state limiters can be used to provide the necessary CAC to provision the services being offered by the service provider. To determine the required CAC needed per interface, the number of channels for each bundle is divided by 4 (because each channel utilizes 4 Mbps of bandwidth). The required CAC needed per interface, therefore, is as follows:

- Basic Services:  $300 / 4 = 75$
- Premium Services:  $100 / 4 = 25$
- Gold Services:  $100 / 4 = 25$

Once the required CAC required per SD channel bundle is determined, the service provider uses the results to configure the mroute state limiters required to provision the Gigabit Ethernet interfaces on the PE device for the services being offered to subscribers behind the DSLAMs:

- For the Basic Services bundle, the service provider must limit the number of Basic Service SD channels that can be transmitted out a Gigabit Ethernet interface (at any given time) to 75. Configuring an mroute state limit of 75 for the SD channels offered in the Basic Service bundle provisions the interface for 300 Mbps of bandwidth (the 60% of the link's bandwidth that must always be available to [but never exceeded by] the subscribers of the Basic Services bundle).
- For the Premium Services bundle, the service provider must limit the number of Premium Service SD channels that can be transmitted out a Gigabit Ethernet interface (at any given time) to 25. Configuring an mroute state limit of 25 for the SD channels offered in the Premium Service bundle provisions the interface for 100 Mbps of bandwidth (the 20% of the link's bandwidth that must always be available to [but never exceeded by] the subscribers of the Premium Service bundle).
- For the Gold Services bundle, the service provider must limit the number of Gold Service SD channels that can be transmitted out a Gigabit Ethernet interface (at any given time) to 25. Configuring an mroute state limit of 25 for the SD channels offered in the Gold Service bundle provisions the interface for 100 Mbps of bandwidth (the 20% of the link's bandwidth that must always be available to [but never exceeded by] the subscribers of the Gold Service bundle).

The service provider then configures three ACLs to be applied to per interface mroute state limiters. Each ACL defines the SD channels for each SD channel bundle to be limited on an interface:

- `acl-basic`--The ACL that defines the SD channels offered in the basic service.
- `acl-premium`--The ACL that defines the SD channels offered in the premium service.
- `acl-gold`--The ACL that defines the SD channels offered in the gold service.

These ACLs are then applied to per interface mroute state limiters configured on the PE device's Gigabit Ethernet interfaces.

For this example, three per interface mroute state limiters are configured on Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/0 to provide the multicast CAC needed to provision the interface for the SD channel bundles being offered to subscribers:

- An mroute state limit of 75 for the SD channels that match acl-basic.
- An mroute state limit of 25 for the SD channels that match acl-premium.
- An mroute state limit of 25 for the SD channels that match acl-gold.

The following configuration shows how the service provider uses per interface mroute state limiters to provision Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/0 for the SD channel bundles and Internet, Voice, and VoD services being offered to subscribers:

```
interface GigabitEthernet0/0
description --- Interface towards the DSLAM ---
.
.
.
ip multicast limit out acl-basic 75
ip multicast limit out acl-premium 25
ip multicast limit out acl-gold 25
```





## CHAPTER 6

# IGMP Snooping

This module describes how to enable and configure the Ethernet Virtual Connection (EVC)-based IP Multicast Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) Snooping feature both globally and on bridge domains.

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## Finding Feature Information

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## Prerequisites for IGMP Snooping

- Basic IGMP v3 snooping support (BISS) is supported.
- POP operation for all vlan tags should be configured on EFP.
- Bridge domain (BD) interfaces from 1 to 4094 support IGMP snooping.
- EFPs are supported only on different ports of a single BD, but not on the same ports on the RSP3 module.
- Maximum number of multicast routes for Layer 2 is 1000.
- Maximum number of multicast routes for Layer 2 and Layer 3 for the RSP3 module is 1000.



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**Note** We recommend a delay of at least 2 minutes while performing the below actions:

- Removal and addition of EFP configuration operation.
  - Removal and addition of bridge-domain interface (BDI) configuration operation.
  - Changing the interface configuration to default and reconfiguring the EFP again.
  - Removing and adding IGMP snooping to a bridge-domain.
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## Restrictions for IGMP Snooping

- IGMP snooping should be disabled for bi-directional traffic sent to the same group in the SSM.
- Layer2 multicast is not supported with IGMP snooping when static joins are configured in EFP or TEFP. However, Layer2 multicast with IGMP snooping is supported for dynamic joins configured on the EFP or TEFP.
- IGMP snooping is *not* supported with bridge domain interfaces greater than 4094.
- IGMP snooping must be turned off on the bridge domain when VPLS is configured, for IGMP reports to be sent over the VPLS pseudowire.
- Stateful switchover (SSO) is *not* supported for IGMP snooping.
- Static mrouter configuration is *not* supported.
- IGMP snooping for EFPs and Trunk EPFs is supported on the RSP3 module.
- Starting with Cisco IOS Release 3.13, for Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) Source Specific Multicast (SSM), with Bridge Domain Interface (BDI) as Incoming Interface (IIF), IGMP Snooping is *not* supported on the corresponding Bridge Domain (BD).
- Starting with Cisco IOS Release 3.13, for Protocol Independent Multicast Sparse Mode (PIM-SM), with Bridge Domain Interface BDI as Incoming Interface (IIF), IGMP Snooping is *not* supported on the corresponding Bridge Domain (BD) in non-Designated Router (DR) node.

## Information About IGMP Snooping

### IGMP Snooping

IP Multicast Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP), which runs at Layer 3 on a multicast device, generates Layer 3 IGMP queries in subnets where the multicast traffic must be routed. IGMP (on a device) sends out periodic general IGMP queries.

IGMP Snooping is an Ethernet Virtual Circuit (EVC)-based feature set. EVC decouples the concept of VLAN and broadcast domain. An EVC is an end-to-end representation of a single instance of a Layer 2 service being offered by a provider. In the Cisco EVC framework, bridge domains are made up of one or more Layer 2

interfaces known as service instances. A service instance is the instantiation of an EVC on a given port on a given device. A service instance is associated with a bridge domain based on the configuration.

When you enable EVC-based IGMP snooping on a bridge domain, the bridge domain interface responds at Layer 2 to the IGMP queries with only one IGMP join request per Layer 2 multicast group. Each bridge domain represents a Layer 2 broadcast domain. The bridge domain interface creates one entry per subnet in the Layer 2 forwarding table for each Layer 2 multicast group from which it receives an IGMP join request. All hosts interested in this multicast traffic send IGMP join requests and are added to the forwarding table entry. During a Layer 2 lookup on a bridge domain to which the bridge domain interface belongs, the bridge domain forwards the packets to the correct EFP. When the bridge domain interface hears the IGMP Leave group message from a host, it removes the table entry of the host.



**Note** IGMP snooping is *not* supported with REP and G.8032 on the RSP3 module.

# How to Configure IGMP Snooping

## Enabling IGMP Snooping

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip igmp snooping**
4. **bridge-domain** *bridge-id*
5. **ip igmp snooping**
6. **end**

### DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action                                                              | Purpose                                                                                                            |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Step 1 | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable                             | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul> |
| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal     | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                  |
| Step 3 | <b>ip igmp snooping</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip igmp snooping | Globally enables IGMP snooping after it has been disabled.                                                         |

|               | Command or Action                                                                             | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>bridge-domain</b> <i>bridge-id</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# bridge-domain 100 | (Optional) Enters bridge domain configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>ip igmp snooping</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-bdomain)# ip igmp snooping        | (Optional) Enables IGMP snooping on the bridge domain interface being configured. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required only if IGMP snooping was previously explicitly disabled on the specified bridge domain.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-bdomain)# end                                  | Returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## Configuring IGMP Snooping Globally

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. ip igmp snooping robustness-variable *variable*
4. ip igmp snooping report-suppression
5. ip igmp snooping last-member-query-count *count*
6. ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval *interval*
7. ip igmp snooping check ttl
8. exit

### DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                              | Purpose                                                                                                            |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable                             | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal     | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip igmp snooping robustness-variable</b> <i>variable</i><br><b>Example:</b> | Configures the IGMP defined robustness variable .                                                                  |

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                     | Purpose                                                                                                                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|               | <code>Device(config)# ip igmp snooping robustness-variable 3</code>                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>ip igmp snooping report-suppression</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><code>Device(config)# ip igmp snooping report-suppression</code>                                     | Enables report suppression for IGMP snooping.                                                                                       |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>ip igmp snooping last-member-query-count</b> <i>count</i><br><b>Example:</b><br><code>Device(config)# ip igmp snooping last-member-query-count 5</code>            | Configures how often IGMP snooping sends query messages in response to receiving an IGMP leave message. The default is 2.           |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <b>ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval</b> <i>interval</i><br><b>Example:</b><br><code>Device(config)# ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval 200</code> | Configures the length of time after which the group record is deleted if no reports are received. The default is 1000 milliseconds. |
| <b>Step 7</b> | <b>ip igmp snooping check ttl</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><code>Device(config)# ip igmp snooping check ttl</code>                                                       | Enforces IGMP snooping check.                                                                                                       |
| <b>Step 8</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><code>Device(config)# exit</code>                                                                                                   | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                |

## Configuring IGMP Snooping on a Bridge Domain

### Before you begin

- The bridge domain must be created.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **bridge-domain** *bridge-id*
4. **ip igmp snooping immediate-leave**
5. **ip igmp snooping last-member-query-count** *count*
6. **ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval** *interval*
7. **ip igmp snooping robustness-variable** *variable*
8. **ip igmp snooping report-suppression**

9. `ip igmp snooping check ttl`
10. `end`

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                              | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Step 1 | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> <code>enable</code>                                                                                                                | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# <code>configure terminal</code>                                                                                        | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Step 3 | <b>bridge-domain <i>bridge-id</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# <code>bridge-domain 100</code>                                                                     | Enters bridge domain configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Step 4 | <b>ip igmp snooping immediate-leave</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-bdomain)# <code>ip igmp snooping immediate-leave</code>                                            | Enables IGMPv2 immediate-leave processing. <p><b>Note</b> When both immediate-leave processing and the query count are configured, fast-leave processing takes precedence.</p>                                                                                                                   |
| Step 5 | <b>ip igmp snooping last-member-query-count <i>count</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-bdomain)# <code>ip igmp snooping last-member-query-count 5</code>             | Sets the count for last member query messages sent in response to receiving an IGMP leave message. The valid range is 1 to 7. The default is 2 milliseconds. <p><b>Note</b> When both immediate-leave processing and the query count are configured, fast-leave processing takes precedence.</p> |
| Step 6 | <b>ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval <i>interval</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-bdomain)# <code>ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval 2000</code> | Sets the last member query interval of the bridge domain. The valid range is from 100 to 32767. The default is 1000 milliseconds.                                                                                                                                                                |
| Step 7 | <b>ip igmp snooping robustness-variable <i>variable</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-bdomain)# <code>ip igmp snooping robustness-variable 3</code>                  | Configures the IGMP snooping robustness variable. The default is 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Step 8 | <b>ip igmp snooping report-suppression</b><br><b>Example:</b>                                                                                                                  | Enables report suppression for all hosts on the bridge domain.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

|                | Command or Action                                                                                                | Purpose                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                | Device(config-bdmain)# <b>ip igmp snooping report-suppression</b>                                                |                                  |
| <b>Step 9</b>  | <b>ip igmp snooping check ttl</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-bdmain)# <b>ip igmp snooping check ttl</b> | Enforces IGMP snooping check.    |
| <b>Step 10</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-bdmain)# <b>end</b>                                               | Returns to privileged EXEC mode. |

## Disabling IGMP Snooping Globally

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **no ip igmp snooping**
4. **exit**

### DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                                           | Purpose                                                                                                             |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> <b>enable</b>                                   | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li></ul> |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# <b>configure terminal</b>           | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>no ip igmp snooping</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# <b>no ip igmp snooping</b> | Disables IGMP snooping on the router.                                                                               |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# <b>exit</b>                               | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                |

## Disabling IGMP Snooping on a Bridge Domain

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **bridge-domain *bridge-id***
4. **no ip igmp snooping**
5. **end**

### DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action                                                                                     | Purpose                                                                                                             |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Step 1 | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> <b>enable</b>                                             | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li></ul> |
| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# <b>configure terminal</b>                     | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                   |
| Step 3 | <b>bridge-domain <i>bridge-id</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# <b>bridge-domain 4000</b> | Enters bridge domain configuration mode.                                                                            |
| Step 4 | <b>no ip igmp snooping</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-bdomain)# <b>no ip igmp snooping</b>   | Disables IGMP snooping on the bridge domain.                                                                        |
| Step 5 | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-bdomain)# <b>end</b>                                   | Returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                    |

## Verifying IGMP Snooping

Use these commands to verify IGMP Snooping on the router.

- **show ip igmp snooping**

This command displays the IGMP snooping configuration globally on the router. The following is a sample output from the command:

```
Router# show ip igmp snooping

Global IGMP Snooping configuration:
-----
IGMP snooping Oper State      : Enabled
IGMPv3 snooping (minimal)    : Enabled
```



```

Report suppression           : Enabled
TCN solicit query           : Enabled
Robustness variable         : 3
Last member query count     : 2
Last member query interval  : 200
Check TTL=1                 : Yes
Check Router-Alert-Option   : No

Vlan 1:
-----
IGMP snooping Admin State   : Enabled
IGMP snooping Oper State    : Enabled
IGMPv2 immediate leave     : Disabled
Report suppression         : Enabled
Robustness variable        : 3
Last member query count    : 2
Last member query interval  : 200
Check TTL=1               : Yes
Check Router-Alert-Option   : Yes
.
.
.

```

- **show ip igmp snooping [bd *bd-id*]**

This command displays configuration for IGMP snooping by bridge domain. The following is a sample output from the command:

```

Router# show ip igmp snooping bd 100

Global IGMP Snooping configuration:
-----
IGMP snooping Oper State   : Enabled
IGMPv3 snooping (minimal) : Enabled
Report suppression        : Enabled
TCN solicit query         : Enabled
Robustness variable       : 3
Last member query count   : 2
Last member query interval : 200
Check TTL=1              : Yes
Check Router-Alert-Option : No

Vlan 100:
-----
IGMP snooping Admin State   : Enabled
IGMP snooping Oper State    : Enabled
IGMPv2 immediate leave     : Disabled
Report suppression         : Enabled
Robustness variable        : 3
Last member query count    : 2
Last member query interval  : 200
Check TTL=1               : Yes
Check Router-Alert-Option   : Yes
Query Interval             : 0
Max Response Time          : 10000

```

- **show ip igmp snooping groups bd *bd-id* count**

This command displays snooping information for groups by bridge domain. This is a sample output from the command:

```

Router# show ip igmp snooping group bd 4000 count

Total number of groups in Vlan 4000: 2

```

```
Total number of (S,G) in Vlan 4000: 0
```

- **show ip igmp snooping groups count**

This command displays snooping information for groups. This is a sample output from the command:

```
Router# show ip igmp snooping groups count
```

```
Total number of groups: 4
Total number of (S,G): 0
```

- **show ip igmp snooping counters [bd *bd-id*]**

This command displays IGMP snooping counters, globally or by bridge domain. This is the sample output from this command where Ovr and Und represent oversize and undersize respectively:

```
Router# show ip igmp snooping counters
```

```
Counters of group "IGMP snooping counters" overall there
are 15 counters
```

| Type                                        | Value | Ovr | Und |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| RX processed Query Count                    | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed Group Specific Query           | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed Join                           | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed Leave                          | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed Total Valid Packets            | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed Other Packets                  | 0     |     |     |
| RX Packets dropped for sanity errors        | 0     |     |     |
| RX Packets dropped for checksum errors      | 0     |     |     |
| RX Packets dropped for header length errors | 0     |     |     |
| RX Packets dropped for other errors         | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed Topology change notification   | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed Query Count                    | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed Group Specific Query           | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed Join                           | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed Leave                          | 0     |     |     |

```
Counters of group "IGMP snooping V3 counters" overall there
are 18 counters
```

|                           |   |  |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| RX processed V3 ALLOW NEW | 0 |  |  |
| RX processed V3 BLOCK OLD | 0 |  |  |
| TX processed V3 ALLOW NEW | 0 |  |  |
| TX processed V3 BLOCK OLD | 0 |  |  |

| Type                                 | Value | Ovr | Und |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| RX processed V3 MODE IS INCLUDE      | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed V3 MODE IS EXCLUDE      | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed V3 CHANGE TO INCLUDE    | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed V3 CHANGE TO EXCLUDE    | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed V3 Query                | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed V3 Group Specific Query | 0     |     |     |
| RX processed V3 GSS Query            | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed V3 ALLOW NEW            | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed V3 BLOCK OLD            | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed V3 MODE IS INCLUDE      | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed V3 MODE IS EXCLUDE      | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed V3 CHANGE TO INCLUDE    | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed V3 CHANGE TO EXCLUDE    | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed V3 Query                | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed V3 Group Specific Query | 0     |     |     |
| TX processed V3 GSS Query            | 0     |     |     |

- **show ip igmp snooping mrouter**

[**bd** *bd-id*]

This command displays multicast ports, globally or by bridge domain.. This is a sample output from the command:

```
Router# show ip igmp snooping mrouter
```

```
Vlan    ports
----    -
100     Gi0/3/4-efp1 (dynamic)
  10     Gi0/4/5-tefp1 (dynamic)
100     Po64-efp100 (dynamic)
```

- **show ip igmp snooping querier**

[**bd** *bd-id*]

This command displays the IGMP querier information globally or by a bridge domain. This is a sample output from the command:

```
Router# show ip igmp snooping querier
```

```
Vlan      IP Address          IGMP Version  Port
-----
100       10.0.0.2            v2            Gi0/3/4-efp1
  10       10.0.0.2            v2            Gi0/4/5-tefp1
100       30.1.1.12           v2            Po64-efp100
```

- **show ip igmp snooping group**

This command displays the IGMP snooping information about multicast groups by VLAN. This is a sample output from the command:

```
Router# show ip igmp snooping group
```

```
Flags: I -- IGMP snooping, S -- Static, P -- PIM snooping, A -- ASM mode
Vlan    Group/source      Type      Version  Port List
-----
100     226.0.1.1        I         v2       Gi0/1/1-efp100
  10     225.1.1.1        I         v2       Gi0/4/2-tefp1
100     235.1.1.3        I         v2       Po64-efp1
```

- **show ip igmp snooping group bd**

This command displays the BD level IGMP snooping information. This is a sample output from the command:

```
Router# show ip igmp snooping group bd 100 226.0.1.1
```

```
Flags: I -- IGMP snooping, S -- Static, P -- PIM snooping, A -- ASM mode
Vlan    Group/source      Type      Version  Port List
-----
100     226.0.1.1        I         v2       Gi0/1/1-efp100
100     235.1.1.3        I         v2       Po64-efp1
```

For Scale scenarios: Check the Snooping groups count per BD level.

```
Router# show ip igmp snooping group bd 100 count
```

```
Total number of groups in Vlan 100:  1
Total number of (S,G) in Vlan 100:  0
```





## CHAPTER 7

# Using MSDP to Interconnect Multiple PIM-SM Domains

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This module describes the tasks associated with using Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP) to interconnect multiple Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) Sparse Mode (SM) domains. The tasks explain how to configure MSDP peers, mesh groups, and default peers, how to use filters to control and scope MSDP activity, and how to monitor and maintain MSDP. Using MSDP with PIM-SM greatly reduces the complexity of connecting multiple PIM-SM domains.

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## Prerequisites for MSDP

- Before configuring MSDP, the address of the MSDP peers must be learnt via IGP or BGP protocols.

# Information About Using MSDP to Interconnect Multiple PIM-SM Domains

## Benefits of Using MSDP to Interconnect Multiple PIM-SM Domains

- Allows a rendezvous point (RP) to dynamically discover active sources outside of its domain.
- Introduces a more manageable approach for building multicast distribution trees between multiple domains.

MSDP is a mechanism to connect multiple PIM-SM domains. The purpose of MSDP is to discover multicast sources in other PIM domains. The main advantage of MSDP is that it reduces the complexity of interconnecting multiple PIM-SM domains by allowing PIM-SM domains to use an interdomain source tree (rather than a common shared tree). When MSDP is configured in a network, RPs exchange source information with RPs in other domains. An RP can join the interdomain source tree for sources that are sending to groups for which it has receivers. The RP can do that because it is the root of the shared tree within its domain, which has branches to all points in the domain where there are active receivers. When a last-hop device learns of a new source outside the PIM-SM domain (through the arrival of a multicast packet from the source down the shared tree), it then can send a join toward the source and join the interdomain source tree.



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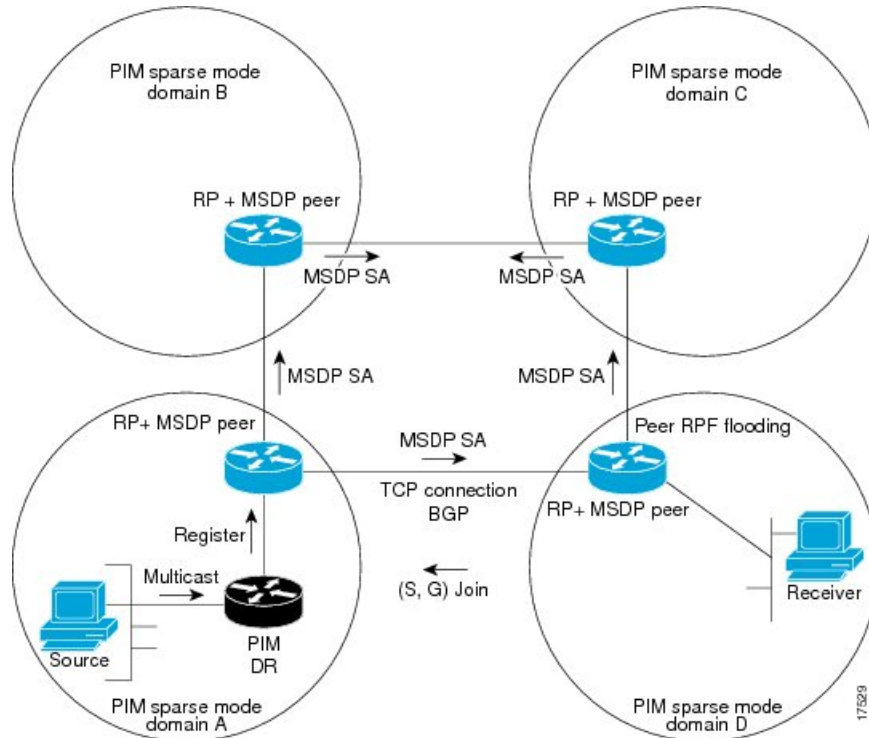
**Note** If the RP either has no shared tree for a particular group or a shared tree whose outgoing interface list is null, it does not send a join to the source in another domain.

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When MSDP is enabled, an RP in a PIM-SM domain maintains MSDP peering relationships with MSDP-enabled devices in other domains. This peering relationship occurs over a TCP connection, where primarily a list of sources sending to multicast groups is exchanged. MSDP uses TCP (port 639) for its peering connections. As with BGP, using point-to-point TCP peering means that each peer must be explicitly configured. The TCP connections between RPs, moreover, are achieved by the underlying routing system. The receiving RP uses the source lists to establish a source path. If the multicast sources are of interest to a domain that has receivers, multicast data is delivered over the normal, source-tree building mechanism provided by PIM-SM. MSDP is also used to announce sources sending to a group. These announcements must originate at the RP of the domain.

The figure illustrates MSDP operating between two MSDP peers. PIM uses MSDP as the standard mechanism to register a source with the RP of a domain.

Figure 9: MSDP Running Between RP Peers



When MSDP is implemented, the following sequence of events occurs:

1. When a PIM designated device (DR) registers a source with its RP as illustrated in the figure, the RP sends a Source-Active (SA) message to all of its MSDP peers.



**Note** The DR sends the encapsulated data to the RP only once per source (when the source goes active). If the source times out, this process happens again when it goes active again. This situation is different from the periodic SA message that contains all sources that are registered to the originating RP. Those SA messages are MSDP control packets, and, thus, do not contain encapsulated data from active sources.

1. The SA message identifies the source address, the group that the source is sending to, and the address or the originator ID of the RP, if configured.
2. Each MSDP peer that receives the SA message floods the SA message to all of its peers downstream from the originator. In some cases (such as the case with the RPs in PIM-SM domains B and C in the figure), an RP may receive a copy of an SA message from more than one MSDP peer. To prevent looping, the RP consults the BGP next-hop database to determine the next hop toward the originator of the SA message. If both MBGP and unicast BGP are configured, MBGP is checked first, and then unicast BGP. That next-hop neighbor is the RPF-peer for the originator. SA messages that are received from the originator on any interface other than the interface to the RPF peer are dropped. The SA message flooding process, therefore, is referred to as peer-RPF flooding. Because of the peer-RPF flooding mechanism, BGP or MBGP must be running in conjunction with MSDP.

1. When an RP receives an SA message, it checks to see whether there are any members of the advertised groups in its domain by checking to see whether there are interfaces on the group's (\*, G) outgoing interface list. If there are no group members, the RP does nothing. If there are group members, the RP sends an (S, G) join toward the source. As a result, a branch of the interdomain source tree is constructed across autonomous system boundaries to the RP. As multicast packets arrive at the RP, they are then forwarded down its own shared tree to the group members in the RP's domain. The members' DRs then have the option of joining the rendezvous point tree (RPT) to the source using standard PIM-SM procedures.
2. The originating RP continues to send periodic SA messages for the (S, G) state every 60 seconds for as long as the source is sending packets to the group. When an RP receives an SA message, it caches the SA message. Suppose, for example, that an RP receives an SA message for (172.16.5.4, 228.1.2.3) from originating RP 10.5.4.3. The RP consults its mroute table and finds that there are no active members for group 228.1.2.3, so it passes the SA message to its peers downstream of 10.5.4.3. If a host in the domain then sends a join to the RP for group 228.1.2.3, the RP adds the interface toward the host to the outgoing interface list of its (\*, 228.1.2.3) entry. Because the RP caches SA messages, the device will have an entry for (172.16.5.4, 228.1.2.3) and can join the source tree as soon as a host requests a join.




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**Note** In all current and supported software releases, caching of MSDP SA messages is mandatory and cannot be manually enabled or disabled. By default, when an MSDP peer is configured, the **ip multicast cache-sa-state** command will automatically be added to the running configuration.

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## MSDP Message Types

There are four basic MSDP message types, each encoded in their own Type, Length, and Value (TLV) data format.

### SA Messages

SA messages are used to advertise active sources in a domain. In addition, these SA messages may contain the initial multicast data packet that was sent by the source.

SA messages contain the IP address of the originating RP and one or more (S, G) pairs being advertised. In addition, the SA message may contain an encapsulated data packet.




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**Note** For more information about SA messages, see the [SA Message Origination Receipt and Processing](#), on page 95 section.

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### SA Request Messages

SA request messages are used to request a list of active sources for a specific group. These messages are sent to an MSDP SA cache that maintains a list of active (S, G) pairs in its SA cache. Join latency can be reduced by using SA request messages to request the list of active sources for a group instead of having to wait up to 60 seconds for all active sources in the group to be readvertised by originating RPs.



## SA Response Messages

SA response messages are sent by the MSDP peer in response to an SA request message. SA response messages contain the IP address of the originating RP and one or more (S, G) pairs of the active sources in the originating RP's domain that are stored in the cache.

## Keepalive Messages

Keepalive messages are sent every 60 seconds in order to keep the MSDP session active. If no keepalive messages or SA messages are received for 75 seconds, the MSDP session is reset.

## SA Message Origination Receipt and Processing

The section describes SA message origination, receipt, and processing in detail.

### SA Message Origination

SA messages are triggered by an RP (assuming MSDP is configured) when any new source goes active within a local PIM-SM domain. A local source is a source that is directly connected to the RP or is the first-hop DR that has registered with it. An RP originates SA messages only for local sources in its PIM-SM domain; that is, for local sources that register with it.



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**Note** A local source is denoted by the A flag being set in the (S, G) mroute entry on the RP (which can be viewed in the output of the **show ip mroute** command). This flag indicates that the source is a candidate for advertisement by the RP to other MSDP peers.

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When a source is in the local PIM-SM domain, it causes the creation of (S, G) state in the RP. New sources are detected by the RP either by the receipt of a register message or the arrival of the first (S, G) packet from a directly connected source. The initial multicast packet sent by the source (either encapsulated in the register message or received from a directly connected source) is encapsulated in the initial SA message.

### SA Message Receipt

SA messages are only accepted from the MSDP RPF peer that is in the best path back toward the originator. The same SA message arriving from other MSDP peers must be ignored or SA loops can occur. Deterministically selecting the MSDP RPF peer for an arriving SA message requires knowledge of the MSDP topology. However, MSDP does not distribute topology information in the form of routing updates. MSDP infers this information by using (M)BGP routing data as the best approximation of the MSDP topology for the SA RPF check mechanism. An MSDP topology, therefore, must follow the same general topology as the BGP peer topology. Besides a few exceptions (such as default MSDP peers and MSDP peers in MSDP mesh groups), MSDP peers, in general should also be (M)BGP peers.

#### How RPF Check Rules Are Applied to SA Messages

The rules that apply to RPF checks for SA messages are dependent on the BGP peerings between the MSDP peers:

- Rule 1: Applied when the sending MSDP peer is also an interior (M)BGP peer.
- Rule 2: Applied when the sending MSDP peer is also an exterior (M)BGP peer.

- Rule 3: Applied when the sending MSDP peer is not an (M)BGP peer.

RPF checks are not performed in the following cases:

- If the sending MSDP peer is the only MSDP peer, which would be the case if only a single MSDP peer or a default MSDP peer is configured.
- If the sending MSDP peer is a member of a mesh group.
- If the sending MSDP peer address is the RP address contained in the SA message.

### How the Software Determines the Rule to Apply to RPF Checks

The software uses the following logic to determine which RPF rule to apply to RPF checks:

- Find the (M)BGP neighbor that has the same IP address as the sending MSDP peer.
  - If the matching (M)BGP neighbor is an internal BGP (iBGP) peer, apply Rule 1.
  - If the matching (M)BGP neighbor is an external BGP (eBGP) peer, apply Rule 2.
  - If no match is found, apply Rule 3.

The implication of the RPF check rule selection is as follows: The IP address used to configure an MSDP peer on a device must match the IP address used to configure the (M)BGP peer on the same device.

### Rule 1 of RPF Checking of SA Messages in MSDP

Rule 1 of RPF checking in MSDP is applied when the sending MSDP peer is also an i(M)BGP peer. When Rule 1 is applied, the RPF check proceeds as follows:

1. The peer searches the BGP Multicast Routing Information Base (MRIB) for the best path to the RP that originated the SA message. If a path is not found in the MRIB, the peer then searches the Unicast Routing Information Base (URIB). If a path is still not found, the RPF check fails.
2. If the previous search succeeds (that is, the best path is found), the peer then determines the address of the BGP neighbor for this best path, which will be the address of the BGP neighbor that sent the peer the path in BGP update messages.




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**Note** The BGP neighbor address is not the same as the next-hop address in the path. Because i(M)BGP peers do not update the next-hop attribute of a path, the next-hop address usually is not the same as the address of the BGP peer that sent us the path.

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**Note** The BGP neighbor address is not necessarily the same as the BGP ID of the peer that sent the peer the path.

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1. If the IP address of the sending MSDP peer is the same as the BGP neighbor address (that is, the address of the BGP peer that sent the peer the path), then the RPF check succeeds; otherwise it fails.

### Implications of Rule 1 of RPF Checking on MSDP

The MSDP topology must mirror the (M)BGP topology. In general, wherever there is an i(M)BGP peer connection between two devices, an MSDP peer connection should be configured. More specifically, the IP

address of the far-end MSDP peer connection must be the same as the far-end i(M)BGP peer connection. The addresses must be the same because the BGP topology between i(M)BGP peers inside an autonomous system is not described by the AS path. If it were always the case that i(M)BGP peers updated the next-hop address in the path when sending an update to another i(M)BGP peer, then the peer could rely on the next-hop address to describe the i(M)BGP topology (and hence the MSDP topology). However, because the default behavior for i(M)BGP peers is to not update the next-hop address, the peer cannot rely on the next-hop address to describe the (M)BGP topology (MSDP topology). Instead, the i(M)BGP peer uses the address of the i(M)BGP peer that sent the path to describe the i(M)BGP topology (MSDP topology) inside the autonomous system.



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**Tip** Care should be taken when configuring the MSDP peer addresses to make sure that the same address is used for both i(M)BGP and MSDP peer addresses.

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### Rule 2 of RPF Checking of SA Messages in MSDP

Rule 2 of RPF checking in MSDP is applied when the sending MSDP peer is also an e(M)BGP peer. When Rule 2 is applied, the RPF check proceeds as follows:

1. The peer searches the BGP MRIB for the best path to the RP that originated the SA message. If a path is not found in the MRIB, the peer then searches the URIB. If a path is still not found, the RPF check fails.
2. If the previous search succeeds (that is, the best path is found), the peer then examines the path. If the first autonomous system in the best path to the RP is the same as the autonomous system of the e(M)BGP peer (which is also the sending MSDP peer), then the RPF check succeeds; otherwise it fails.

### Implications of Rule 2 of RPF Checking on MSDP

The MSDP topology must mirror the (M)BGP topology. In general, wherever there is an e(M)BGP peer connection between two devices, an MSDP peer connection should be configured. As opposed to Rule 1, the IP address of the far-end MSDP peer connection does not have to be the same as the far-end e(M)BGP peer connection. The reason that the addresses do not have to be identical is that BGP topology between two e(M)BGP peers is not described by the AS path.

### Rule 3 of RPF Checking of SA Messages in MSDP

Rule 3 of RPF checking is applied when the sending MSDP peer is not a (M)BGP peer at all. When Rule 3 is applied, the RPF check proceeds as follows:

1. The peer searches the BGP MRIB for the best path to the RP that originated the SA message. If a path is not found in the MRIB, the peer then searches the URIB. If a path is still not found, the RPF check fails.
2. If the previous search succeeds (that is, the best path to the RP that originated the SA message is found), the peer then searches the BGP MRIB for the best path to the MSDP peer that sent the SA message. If a path is not found in the MRIB, the peer then searches the URIB. If a path is still not found, the RPF check fails.



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**Note** The autonomous system of the MSDP peer that sent the SA is the origin autonomous system, which is the last autonomous system in the AS path to the MSDP peer.

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1. If the first autonomous system in the best path to the RP is the same as the autonomous system of the sending MSDP peer, then the RPF check succeeds; otherwise it fails.

## SA Message Processing

The following steps are taken by an MSDP peer whenever it processes an SA message:

1. Using the group address G of the (S, G) pair in the SA message, the peer locates the associated (\*, G) entry in the mroute table. If the (\*, G) entry is found and its outgoing interface list is not null, then there are active receivers in the PIM-SM domain for the source advertised in the SA message.
2. The MSDP peer then creates an (S, G) entry for the advertised source.
3. If the (S, G) entry did not already exist, the MSDP peer immediately triggers an (S, G) join toward the source in order to join the source tree.
4. The peer then floods the SA message to all other MSDP peers with the exception of:
  - The MSDP peer from which the SA message was received.
  - Any MSDP peers that are in the same MSDP mesh group as this device (if the peer is a member of a mesh group).




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**Note** SA messages are stored locally in the device's SA cache.

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## MSDP Peers

Like BGP, MSDP establishes neighbor relationships with other MSDP peers. MSDP peers connect using TCP port 639. The lower IP address peer takes the active role of opening the TCP connection. The higher IP address peer waits in LISTEN state for the other to make the connection. MSDP peers send keepalive messages every 60 seconds. The arrival of data performs the same function as the keepalive message and keeps the session from timing out. If no keepalive messages or data is received for 75 seconds, the TCP connection is reset.

## MSDP MD5 Password Authentication

The MSDP MD5 password authentication feature is an enhancement to support Message Digest 5 (MD5) signature protection on a TCP connection between two MSDP peers. This feature provides added security by protecting MSDP against the threat of spoofed TCP segments being introduced into the TCP connection stream.

### How MSDP MD5 Password Authentication Works

Developed in accordance with RFC 2385, the MSDP MD5 password authentication feature is used to verify each segment sent on the TCP connection between MSDP peers. The **ip msdp password peer** command is used to enable MD5 authentication for TCP connections between two MSDP peers. When MD5 authentication is enabled between two MSDP peers, each segment sent on the TCP connection between the peers is verified. MD5 authentication must be configured with the same password on both MSDP peers; otherwise, the connection between them will not be made. Configuring MD5 authentication causes the Cisco IOS software to generate and verify the MD5 digest of every segment sent on the TCP connection.

### Benefits of MSDP MD5 Password Authentication

- Protects MSDP against the threat of spoofed TCP segments being introduced into the TCP connection stream.

- Uses the industry-standard MD5 algorithm for improved reliability and security.

## SA Message Limits

The **ip msdp sa-limit** command is used to limit the overall number of SA messages that a device can accept from specified MSDP peers. When the **ip msdp sa-limit** command is configured, the device maintains a per-peer count of SA messages stored in the SA cache and will ignore new messages from a peer if the configured SA message limit for that peer has been reached.

The **ip msdp sa-limit** command was introduced as a means to protect an MSDP-enabled device from denial of service (DoS) attacks. We recommend that you configure SA message limits for all MSDP peerings on the device. An appropriately low SA limit should be configured on peerings with a stub MSDP region (for example, a peer that may have some further downstream peers but that will not act as a transit for SA messages across the rest of the Internet). A high SA limit should be configured for all MSDP peerings that act as transits for SA messages across the Internet.

## MSDP Keepalive and Hold-Time Intervals

The **ip msdp keepalive** command is used to adjust the interval at which an MSDP peer will send keepalive messages and the interval at which the MSDP peer will wait for keepalive messages from other peers before declaring them down.

Once an MSDP peering session is established, each side of the connection sends a keepalive message and sets a keepalive timer. If the keepalive timer expires, the local MSDP peer sends a keepalive message and restarts its keepalive timer; this interval is referred to as the keepalive interval. The *keepalive-interval* argument is used to adjust the interval for which keepalive messages will be sent. The keepalive timer is set to the value specified for the *keepalive-interval* argument when the peer comes up. The keepalive timer is reset to the value of the *keepalive-interval* argument whenever an MSDP keepalive message is sent to the peer and reset when the timer expires. The keepalive timer is deleted when an MSDP peering session is closed. By default, the keepalive timer is set to 60 seconds.



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**Note** The value specified for the *keepalive-interval* argument must be less than the value specified for the *holdtime-interval* argument and must be at least one second.

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The hold-time timer is initialized to the value of the *hold-time-interval* argument whenever an MSDP peering connection is established, and is reset to the value of the *hold-time-interval* argument whenever an MSDP keepalive message is received. The hold-time timer is deleted whenever an MSDP peering connection is closed. By default, the hold-time interval is set to 75 seconds.

Use the *hold-time-interval* argument to adjust the interval at which the MSDP peer will wait for keepalive messages from other peers before declaring them down.

## MSDP Connection-Retry Interval

You can adjust the interval at which all MSDP peers will wait after peering sessions are reset before attempting to reestablish the peering sessions. This interval is referred to as the connection-retry interval. By default, MSDP peers will wait 30 seconds after the session is reset before attempting to reestablish sessions with other peers. The modified configured connection-retry interval applies to all MSDP peering sessions on the device.

## Default MSDP Peers

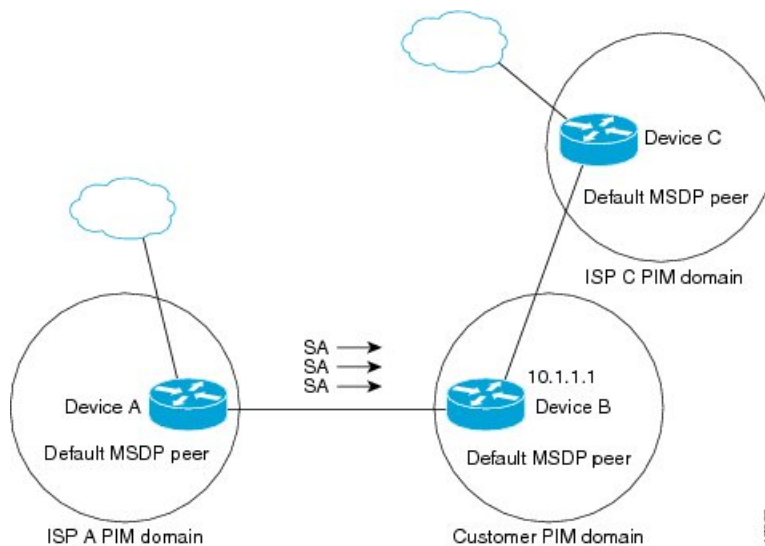
A stub autonomous system also might want to have MSDP peerings with more than one RP for the sake of redundancy. For example, SA messages cannot just be accepted from multiple default peers, because there is no RPF check mechanism. Instead, SA messages are accepted from only one peer. If that peer fails, SA messages are then accepted from the other peer. The underlying assumption here, of course, is that both default peers are sending the same SA messages.

The figure illustrates a scenario where default MSDP peers might be used. In the figure, a customer that owns Device B is connected to the Internet through two Internet service providers (ISPs), one that owns Device A and the other that owns Device C. They are not running BGP or MBGP between them. In order for the customer to learn about sources in the ISP domain or in other domains, Device B identifies Device A as its default MSDP peer. Device B advertises SA messages to both Device A and Device C, but accepts SA messages either from Device A only or Device C only. If Device A is the first default peer in the configuration, it will be used if it is up and running. Only if Device A is not running will Device B accept SA messages from Device C.

The ISP will also likely use a prefix list to define which prefixes it will accept from the customer device. The customer will define multiple default peers, each having one or more prefixes associated with it.

The customer has two ISPs to use. The customer defines both ISPs as default peers. As long as the first default peer identified in the configuration is up and running, it will be the default peer and the customer will accept all SA messages it receives from that peer.

**Figure 10: Default MSDP Peer Scenario**



Device B advertises SAs to Device A and Device C, but uses only Device A or Device C to accept SA messages. If Device A is first in the configuration, it will be used if it is up and running. Only when Device A is not running will Device B accept SAs from Device C. This is the behavior without a prefix list.

If you specify a prefix list, the peer will be a default peer only for the prefixes in the list. You can have multiple active default peers when you have a prefix list associated with each. When you do not have any prefix lists, you can configure multiple default peers, but only the first one is the active default peer as long as the device has connectivity to this peer and the peer is alive. If the first configured peer goes down or the connectivity to this peer goes down, the second configured peer becomes the active default, and so on.

## MSDP Mesh Groups

An MSDP mesh group is a group of MSDP speakers that have fully meshed MSDP connectivity between one another. In other words, each of the MSDP peers in the group must have an MSDP peering relationship (MSDP connection) to every other MSDP peer in the group. When an MSDP mesh group is configured between a group of MSDP peers, SA message flooding is reduced. Because when an MSDP peer in the group receives an SA message from another MSDP peer in the group, it assumes that this SA message was sent to all the other MSDP peers in the group. As a result, it is not necessary for the receiving MSDP peer to flood the SA message to the other MSDP peers in the group.

### Benefits of MSDP Mesh Groups

- Optimizes SA flooding--MSDP mesh groups are particularly useful for optimizing SA flooding when two or more peers are in a group.
- Reduces the amount of SA traffic across the Internet--When MSDP mesh groups are used, SA messages are not flooded to other mesh group peers.
- Eliminates RPF checks on arriving SA messages--When an MSDP mesh group is configured, SA messages are always accepted from mesh group peers.

## SA Origination Filters

By default, an RP that is configured to run MSDP will originate SA messages for all local sources for which it is the RP. Local sources that register with an RP, therefore, will be advertised in SA messages, which in some cases is not desirable. For example, if sources inside a PIM-SM domain are using private addresses (for example, network 10.0.0.0/8), you should configure an SA origination filter to restrict those addresses from being advertised to other MSDP peers across the Internet.

To control what sources are advertised in SA messages, you can configure SA origination filters on an RP. By creating SA origination filters, you can control the sources advertised in SA messages as follows:

- You can configure an RP to prevent the device from advertising local sources in SA messages. The device will still forward SA messages from other MSDP peers in the normal fashion; it will just not originate any SA messages for local sources.
- You can configure the device to only originate SA messages for local sources sending to specific groups that match (S, G) pairs defined in the extended access list. All other local sources will not be advertised in SA messages.
- You can configure the device to only originate SA messages for local sources sending to specific groups that the match AS paths defined in an AS-path access list. All other local sources will not be advertised in SA messages.
- You can configure the device to only originate SA messages for local sources that match the criteria defined in the route map. All other local sources will not be advertised in SA messages.
- You configure an SA origination filter that includes an extended access list, an AS-path access list, and route map, or a combination thereof. In this case, all conditions must be true before any local sources are advertised in SA messages.

## Use of Outgoing Filter Lists in MSDP

By default, an MSDP-enabled device forwards all SA messages it receives to all of its MSDP peers. However, you can prevent SA messages from being forwarded to MSDP peers by creating outgoing filter lists. Outgoing filter lists apply to all SA messages, whether locally originated or received from another MSDP peer, whereas SA origination filters apply only to locally originated SA messages. For more information about enabling a filter for MSDP SA messages originated by the local device, see the [Controlling SA Messages Originated by an RP for Local Sources](#) section.

By creating an outgoing filter list, you can control the SA messages that a device forwards to a peer as follows:

- You can filter all outgoing SA messages forwarded to a specified MSDP peer by configuring the device to stop forwarding its SA messages to the MSDP peer.
- You can filter a subset of outgoing SA messages forwarded to a specified MSDP peer based on (S, G) pairs defined in an extended access list by configuring the device to only forward SA messages to the MSDP peer that match the (S, G) pairs permitted in an extended access list. The forwarding of all other SA messages to the MSDP peer will be stopped.
- You can filter a subset of outgoing SA messages forwarded to a specified MSDP peer based on match criteria defined in a route map by configuring the device to only forward SA messages that match the criteria defined in the route map. The forwarding of all other SA messages to the MSDP peer will be stopped.
- You can filter a subset of outgoing SA messages from a specified peer based on the announcing RP address contained in the SA message by configuring the device to filter outgoing SA messages based on their origin, even after an SA message has been transmitted across one or more MSDP peers. The forwarding of all other SA messages to the MSDP peer will be stopped.
- You can configure an outgoing filter list that includes an extended access list, a route map, and either an RP access list or an RP route map. In this case, all conditions must be true for the MSDP peer to forward the outgoing SA message.

**Caution**

Arbitrary filtering of SA messages can result in downstream MSDP peers being starved of SA messages for legitimate active sources. Care, therefore, should be taken when using these sorts of filters. Normally, outgoing filter lists are used only to reject undesirable sources, such as sources using private addresses.

## Use of Incoming Filter Lists in MSDP

By default, an MSDP-enabled device receives all SA messages sent to it from its MSDP peers. However, you can control the source information that a device receives from its MSDP peers by creating incoming filter lists.

By creating incoming filter lists, you can control the incoming SA messages that a device receives from its peers as follows:

- You can filter all incoming SA messages from a specified MSDP peer by configuring the device to ignore all SA messages sent to it from the specified MSDP peer.
- You can filter a subset of incoming SA messages from a specified peer based on (S, G) pairs defined in an extended access list by configuring the device to only receive SA messages from the MSDP peer that



match the (S, G) pairs defined in the extended access list. All other incoming SA messages from the MSDP peer will be ignored.

- You can filter a subset of incoming SA request messages from a specified peer based on match criteria defined in a route map by configuring the device to only receive SA messages that match the criteria defined in the route map. All other incoming SA messages from the MSDP peer will be ignored.
- You can filter a subset of incoming SA messages from a specified peer based on both (S, G) pairs defined in an extended access list and on match criteria defined in a route map by configuring the device to only receive incoming SA messages that both match the (S, G) pairs defined in the extended access list and match the criteria defined in the route map. All other incoming SA messages from the MSDP peer will be ignored.
- You can filter a subset of incoming SA messages from a specified peer based on the announcing RP address contained in the SA message by configuring the device to filter incoming SA messages based on their origin, even after the SA message may have already been transmitted across one or more MSDP peers.
- You can configure an incoming filter list that includes an extended access list, a route map, and either an RP access list or an RP route map. In this case, all conditions must be true for the MSDP peer to receive the incoming SA message.

**Caution**

Arbitrary filtering of SA messages can result in downstream MSDP peers being starved of SA messages for legitimate active sources. Care, therefore, should be taken when using these sorts of filters. Normally, incoming filter lists are used only to reject undesirable sources, such as sources using private addresses.

## TTL Thresholds in MSDP

The time-to-live (TTL) value provides a means to limit the number of hops a packet can take before being dropped. The **ip multicast ttl-threshold** command is used to specify a TTL for data-encapsulated SA messages sent to specified MSDP peers. By default, multicast data packets in SA messages are sent to an MSDP peer, provided the TTL value of the packet is greater than 0, which is standard TTL behavior.

In general, a TTL-threshold problem can be introduced by the encapsulation of a source's initial multicast packet in an SA message. Because the multicast packet is encapsulated inside of the unicast SA message (whose TTL is 255), its TTL is not decremented as the SA message travels to the MSDP peer. Furthermore, the total number of hops that the SA message traverses can be drastically different than a normal multicast packet because multicast and unicast traffic may follow completely different paths to the MSDP peer and hence the remote PIM-SM domain. As a result, encapsulated packets can end up violating TTL thresholds. The solution to this problem is to configure a TTL threshold that is associated with any multicast packet that is encapsulated in an SA message sent to a particular MSDP peer using the **ip multicast ttl-threshold** command. The **ip msdp ttl-threshold** command prevents any multicast packet whose TTL in the IP header is less than the TTL value specified for the *ttl-value* argument from being encapsulated in SA messages sent to that peer.

## SA Request Messages

You can configure a noncaching device to send SA request messages to one or more specified MSDP peers. If a noncaching RP has an MSDP peer that is caching SAs, you can reduce the join latency for a noncaching peer by enabling the noncaching peer to send SA request messages. When a host requests a join to a particular

group, the noncaching RP sends an SA request message to its caching peers. If a peer has cached source information for the group in question, it sends the information to the requesting RP with an SA response message. The requesting RP uses the information in the SA response but does not forward the message to any other peers. If a noncaching RP receives an SA request, it sends an error message back to the requestor.




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**Note** In all current and supported software releases, caching of MSDP SA messages is mandatory and cannot be manually enabled or disabled. By default, when an MSDP peer is configured, the configured commands are automatically added to the running configuration.

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## SA Request Filters

By default, a device honors all outgoing SA request messages from its MSDP peers; that is, it sends cached source information to requesting MSDP peers in SA response messages. You can control the outgoing SA request messages that a device will honor from specified peers by creating an SA request filter. An SA request filter controls the outgoing SA requests that the device will honor from MSDP peers as follows:

- You can filter all SA request messages from a specified peer by configuring the device to ignore all SA requests from the specified MSDP peer.
- You can filter a subset of SA request messages from a specified peer based on groups defined in a standard access list by configuring the device to honor only SA request messages from the MSDP peer that match the groups defined in a standard access list. SA request messages from the specified peer for other groups will be ignored.

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The first task is required; all other tasks are optional.

## Configuring an MSDP Peer




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**Note** By enabling an MSDP peer, you implicitly enable MSDP.

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### Before you begin

- IP multicast routing must be enabled and PIM-SM must be configured.
- With the exception of a single MSDP peer, default MSDP peer, and MSDP mesh group scenarios, all MSDP peers must be configured to run BGP prior to being configured for MSDP.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp peer** {peer-name| peer-address} [connect-source type number] [**remote-as** as-number]

4. **ip msdp description** *{peer-name|peer-address} text*
5. **end**

## DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                                              | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable                                                                                                                                             | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal                                                                                                                     | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp peer</b> <i>{peer-name peer-address} [connect-source type number] [remote-as as-number]</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip msdp peer 192.168.1.2 connect-source loopback0 | Enables MSDP and configures an MSDP peer as specified by the DNS name or IP address. <p><b>Note</b> The device that is selected to be configured as an MSDP peer is also usually a BGP neighbor. If it is not, see the <a href="#">Configuring a Default MSDP Peer, on page 111</a> section or the <a href="#">Configuring an MSDP Mesh Group, on page 112</a> section.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you specify the <b>connect-source</b> keyword, the primary address of the specified local interface <i>type</i> and <i>number</i> values are used as the source IP address for the TCP connection. The <b>connect-source</b> keyword is recommended, especially for MSDP peers on a border that peer with a device inside of a remote domain.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>ip msdp description</b> <i>{peer-name peer-address} text</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip msdp description 192.168.1.2 router at customer a                                     | (Optional) Configures a description for a specified peer to make it easier to identify in a configuration or in <b>show</b> command output.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# end                                                                                                                                           | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Shutting Down an MSDP Peer

Perform this optional task to shut down an MSDP peer.

If you are configuring several MSDP peers and you do not want any of the peers to go active until you have finished configuring all of them, you can shut down each peer, configure each peer, and later bring each peer up. You might also want to shut down an MSDP session without losing the configuration for that MSDP peer.



**Note** When an MSDP peer is shut down, the TCP connection is terminated and not restarted until the peer is brought back up using the **no ip msdp shutdown** command (for the specified peer).

### Before you begin

MSDP is running and the MSDP peers must be configured.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp shutdown** {*peer-name* | *peer-address*}
4. Repeat Step 3 to shut down additional MSDP peers.
5. **end**

### DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                   | Purpose                                                                 |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>> enable                                                                                    | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br><br>• Enter your password if prompted. |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br># configure terminal                                                            | Enters global configuration mode.                                       |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp shutdown</b> { <i>peer-name</i>   <i>peer-address</i> }<br><b>Example:</b><br><br>(config)# ip msdp shutdown 192.168.1.3 | Administratively shuts down the specified MSDP peer.                    |
| <b>Step 4</b> | Repeat Step 3 to shut down additional MSDP peers.                                                                                   | --                                                                      |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>(config)# end                                                                                  | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.    |

## Configuring MSDP MD5 Password Authentication Between MSDP Peers

Perform this optional task to configure MSDP MD5 password authentication between MSDP peers.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp password peer** {peer-name | peer-address} [encryption-type] string
4. **exit**
5. **show ip msdp peer** [peer-address | peer-name]

### DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Step 1 | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable                                                                                                               | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal                                                                                       | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Step 3 | <b>ip msdp password peer</b> {peer-name   peer-address} [encryption-type] string<br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip msdp password peer 10.32.43.144 0 test | Enables MD5 password encryption for a TCP connection between two MSDP peers. <p><b>Note</b> MD5 authentication must be configured with the same password on both MSDP peers; otherwise, the connection between them will not be made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you configure or change the password or key, which is used for MD5 authentication between two MSDP peers, the local device does not disconnect the existing session after you configure the password. You must manually disconnect the session to activate the new or changed password.</li> </ul> |
| Step 4 | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# exit                                                                                                           | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Step 5 | <b>show ip msdp peer</b> [peer-address   peer-name]<br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# show ip msdp peer                                                              | (Optional) Displays detailed information about MSDP peers. <p><b>Note</b> Use this command to verify whether MD5 password authentication is enabled on an MSDP peer.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Troubleshooting Tips

If a device has a password configured for an MSDP peer but the MSDP peer does not, a message such as the following will appear on the console while the devices attempt to establish an MSDP session between them:

```
%TCP-6-BADAUTH: No MD5 digest from [peer's IP address]:11003 to [local router's
IP address]:179
```

Similarly, if the two devices have different passwords configured, a message such as the following will appear on the console:

```
%TCP-6-BADAUTH: Invalid MD5 digest from [peer's IP address]:11004 to [local router's
IP address]:179
```

The **debug ip tcp transactions** command is used to display information on significant TCP transactions such as state changes, retransmissions, and duplicate packets. In the context of monitoring or troubleshooting MSDP MD5 password authentication, use the **debug ip tcp transactions** command to verify that the MD5 password is enabled and that the keepalive message is received by the MSDP peer.

## Preventing DoS Attacks by Limiting the Number of SA Messages Allowed in the SA Cache from Specified MSDP Peers

Perform this optional (but highly recommended) task to limit the overall number of SA messages that the device can accept from specified MSDP peers. Performing this task protects an MSDP-enabled device from distributed denial-of-service (DoS) attacks.



**Note** We recommend that you perform this task for all MSDP peerings on the device.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp sa-limit** *{peer-address | peer-name} sa-limit*
4. Repeat Step 3 to configure SA limits for additional MSDP peers.
5. **exit**
6. **show ip msdp count** *[as-number]*
7. **show ip msdp peer** *[peer-address | peer-name]*
8. **show ip msdp summary**

### DETAILED STEPS

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

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                       | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device# configure terminal                                                          | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp sa-limit</b> {peer-address   peer-name} sa-limit<br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config)# ip msdp sa-limit 192.168.10.1 100 | Limits the number of SA messages allowed in the SA cache from the specified MSDP.                                                                                                              |
| <b>Step 4</b> | Repeat Step 3 to configure SA limits for additional MSDP peers.                                                                         | --                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config)# exit                                                                              | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <b>show ip msdp count</b> [as-number]<br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device# show ip msdp count                                              | (Optional) Displays the number of sources and groups originated in MSDP SA messages and the number of SA messages from an MSDP peer in the SA cache.                                           |
| <b>Step 7</b> | <b>show ip msdp peer</b> [peer-address   peer-name]<br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device# show ip msdp peer                                 | (Optional) Displays detailed information about MSDP peers.<br><b>Note</b> The output of this command displays the number of SA messages received from MSDP peers that are stored in the cache. |
| <b>Step 8</b> | <b>show ip msdp summary</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device# show ip msdp summary                                                      | (Optional) Displays MSDP peer status.<br><b>Note</b> The output of this command displays a per-peer "SA Count" field that displays the number of SAs stored in the cache.                      |

## Adjusting the MSDP Keepalive and Hold-Time Intervals

Perform this optional task to adjust the interval at which an MSDP peer will send keepalive messages and the interval at which the MSDP peer will wait for keepalive messages from other peers before declaring them down. By default, it may take as long as 75 seconds for an MSDP peer to detect that a peering session with another MSDP peer has gone down. In network environments with redundant MSDP peers, decreasing the hold-time interval can expedite the reconvergence time of MSDP peers in the event that an MSDP peer fails.



**Note** We recommend that you do not change the command defaults for the **ip msdp keepalive** command, because the command defaults are in accordance with RFC 3618, *Multicast Source Discovery Protocol*. If your network environment requires that you modify the defaults, you must configure the same time values for the *keepalive-interval* and *hold-time-interval* arguments on both ends of the MSDP peering session.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp keepalive** {peer-address | peer-name} keepalive-interval hold-time-interval
4. Repeat Step 3 to adjust the keepalive message interval for additional MSDP peers.
5. **exit**

## DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                       | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device> enable                                                                                                                  | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br><br>• Enter your password if prompted.                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device# configure terminal                                                                                          | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp keepalive</b> {peer-address   peer-name}<br>keepalive-interval hold-time-interval<br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config)# ip msdp keepalive 10.1.1.3 40 55 | Configures the interval at which an MSDP peer will send keepalive messages and the interval at which the MSDP peer will wait for keepalive messages from other peers before declaring them down. |
| <b>Step 4</b> | Repeat Step 3 to adjust the keepalive message interval for additional MSDP peers.                                                                                       | --                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config)# exit                                                                                                              | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                                                             |

## Adjusting the MSDP Connection-Retry Interval

Perform this optional task to adjust the interval at which MSDP peers will wait after peering sessions are reset before attempting to reestablish the peering sessions. In network environments where fast recovery of SA messages is required, such as in trading floor network environments, you may want to decrease the connection-retry interval to a time value less than the default value of 30 seconds.



**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp timer** *connection-retry-interval*
4. **exit**

**DETAILED STEPS**

|               | <b>Command or Action</b>                                                                             | <b>Purpose</b>                                                                                                                                |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable                                                   | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>                            |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal                           | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                                             |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp timer</b> <i>connection-retry-interval</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# ip msdp timer 45 | Configures the interval at which MSDP peers will wait after peering sessions are reset before attempting to reestablish the peering sessions. |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# exit                                               | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                          |

**Configuring a Default MSDP Peer**

Perform this optional task to configure a default MSDP peer.

**Before you begin**

An MSDP default peer must be a previously configured MSDP peer. Before configuring a default MSDP peer, you must first configure an MSDP peer.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp default-peer** *{peer-address | peer-name}* [**prefix-list** *list*]
4. **exit**

## DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                       | Purpose                                                                                                             |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device> enable                                                                                                                  | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li></ul> |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device# configure terminal                                                                                          | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp default-peer</b> <i>{peer-address   peer-name}</i><br>[ <i>prefix-list list</i> ]<br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config)# ip msdp default-peer 192.168.1.3 | Configures a default peer from which to accept all MSDP SA messages                                                 |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config)# exit                                                                                                              | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                |

## Configuring an MSDP Mesh Group

Perform this optional task to configure an MSDP mesh group.



**Note** You can configure multiple mesh groups per device.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp mesh-group** *mesh-name* *{peer-address | peer-name}*
4. Repeat Step 3 to add MSDP peers as members of the mesh group.
5. **exit**

## DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                | Purpose                                                                                                             |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>> enable | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li></ul> |

|        | Command or Action                                                                                                                                            | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre># configure terminal</pre>                                                                              | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Step 3 | <b>ip msdp mesh-group</b> <i>mesh-name</i> { <i>peer-address</i>   <i>peer-name</i> }<br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>(config)# ip msdp mesh-group peermesh</pre> | Configures an MSDP mesh group and indicates that an MSDP peer belongs to that mesh group.<br><br><b>Note</b> All MSDP peers on a device that participate in a mesh group must be fully meshed with all other MSDP peers in the group. Each MSDP peer on each device must be configured as a peer using the <b>ip msdp peer</b> command and also as a member of the mesh group using the <b>ip msdp mesh-group</b> command. |
| Step 4 | Repeat Step 3 to add MSDP peers as members of the mesh group.                                                                                                | --                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Step 5 | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>(config)# exit</pre>                                                                                                  | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Controlling SA Messages Originated by an RP for Local Sources

Perform this task to control SA messages originated by an RP by enabling a filter to restrict which registered sources are advertised in SA messages.



**Note** For best practice information related to configuring MSDP SA message filters, see the [Multicast Source Discovery Protocol SA Filter Recommendations](#) tech note.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp redistribute** [*list access-list*] [*asn as-access-list*] [*route-map map-name*]
4. **exit**

### DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action                | Purpose                                                                                                            |
|--------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Step 1 | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b> | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul> |

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                                                               | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|               | Device> enable                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal                                                                                                                                      | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp redistribute</b> [ <i>list access-list</i> ] [ <i>asn as-access-list</i> ]<br>[ <i>route-map map-name</i> ]<br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip msdp redistribute route-map<br>customer-sources | Enables a filter for MSDP SA messages originated by the local device.<br><br><b>Note</b> The <b>ip msdp redistribute</b> command can also be used to advertise sources that are known to the RP but not registered. However, it is strongly recommended that you not originate advertisements for sources that have not registered with the RP. |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# exit                                                                                                                                                          | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Controlling the Forwarding of SA Messages to MSDP Peers Using Outgoing Filter Lists

Perform this optional task to control the forwarding of SA messages to MSDP peers by configuring outgoing filter lists.



**Note** For best practice information related to configuring MSDP SA message filters, see the [Multicast Source Discovery Protocol SA Filter Recommendations](#) tech note.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp sa-filter out** {*peer-address* | *peer-name*} [*list access-list*] [**route-map** *map-name*] [**rp-list** *access-list* | **rp-route-map** *map-name*]
4. Repeat Step 3 to configure outgoing filter lists for additional MSDP peers.
5. **exit**

### DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action | Purpose                       |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b>     | Enables privileged EXEC mode. |

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Purpose                                                                            |
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|               | <b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Enters global configuration mode.                                                  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp sa-filter out</b> { <i>peer-address</i>   <i>peer-name</i> } [ <b>list</b> <i>access-list</i> ] [ <b>route-map</b> <i>map-name</i> ] [ <b>rp-list</b> <i>access-list</i>   <b>rp-route-map</b> <i>map-name</i> ]<br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip msdp sa-filter out 192.168.1.5<br>peerone | Enables a filter for outgoing MSDP messages.                                       |
| <b>Step 4</b> | Repeat Step 3 to configure outgoing filter lists for additional MSDP peers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | --                                                                                 |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# exit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.               |

## Controlling the Receipt of SA Messages from MSDP Peers Using Incoming Filter Lists

Perform this optional task to control the receipt of incoming SA messages from MSDP peers.



**Note** For best practice information related to configuring MSDP SA message filters, see the [Multicast Source Discovery Protocol SA Filter Recommendations](#) tech note.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp sa-filter in** {*peer-address* | *peer-name*} [**list** *access-list*] [**route-map** *map-name*] [**rp-list** *access-list* | **rp-route-map** *map-name*]
4. Repeat Step 3 to configure incoming filter lists for additional MSDP peers.
5. **exit**

## DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Purpose                                                                 |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device> enable                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br><br>• Enter your password if prompted. |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device# configure terminal                                                                                                                                                                            | Enters global configuration mode.                                       |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp sa-filter in</b> <i>{peer-address   peer-name}</i> [ <b>list access-list</b> ] [ <b>route-map map-name</b> ] [ <b>rp-list access-list   rp-route-map map-name</b> ]<br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config)# ip msdp sa-filter in 192.168.1.3 | Enables a filter for incoming MSDP SA messages.                         |
| <b>Step 4</b> | Repeat Step 3 to configure incoming filter lists for additional MSDP peers.                                                                                                                                                                               | --                                                                      |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config)# exit                                                                                                                                                                                                | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.    |

## Using TTL Thresholds to Limit the Multicast Data Sent in SA Messages

Perform this optional task to establish a time to live (TTL) threshold to limit the multicast data sent in SA messages.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp ttl-threshold** *{peer-address | peer-name}* *ttl-value*
4. **exit**

## DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                      | Purpose                                                                 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device> enable | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br><br>• Enter your password if prompted. |

|        | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                    | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal                                                                                           | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Step 3 | <b>ip msdp ttl-threshold</b> <i>{peer-address   peer-name} ttl-value</i><br><b>Example:</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip msdp ttl-threshold 192.168.1.58 | Sets a TTL value for MSDP messages originated by the local device. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By default, multicast data packets in SA messages are sent to an MSDP peer, provided the TTL value of the packet is greater than 0, which is standard TTL behavior.</li> </ul> |
| Step 4 | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# exit                                                                                                               | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Requesting Source Information from MSDP Peers

Perform this optional task to enable a device to request source information from MSDP peers.



**Note** Because SA caching is enabled by default and cannot be explicitly enabled or disabled in earlier Cisco software releases, performing this task is seldom needed.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp sa-request** *{peer-address | peer-name}*
4. Repeat Step 3 to specify that the device send SA request messages to additional MSDP caching peers.
5. **exit**

### DETAILED STEPS

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

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                              | Purpose                                                                        |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|               | Device# configure terminal                                                                                                     |                                                                                |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp sa-request</b> {peer-address   peer-name}<br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config)# ip msdp sa-request 192.168.10.1 | Specifies that the device send SA request messages to the specified MSDP peer. |
| <b>Step 4</b> | Repeat Step 3 to specify that the device send SA request messages to additional MSDP caching peers.                            | --                                                                             |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config)# exit                                                                     | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.           |

## Controlling the Response to Outgoing SA Request Messages from MSDP Peers Using SA Request Filters

Perform this optional task to control the outgoing SA request messages that the device will honor from MSDP peers.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp filter-sa-request** {peer-address | peer-name} [**list** access-list]
4. Repeat Step 3 to configure SA request filters for additional MSDP peers.
5. **exit**

### DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                                                         | Purpose                                                                                                                       |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device> enable                                                    | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>            |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device# configure terminal                            | Enters global configuration mode.                                                                                             |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp filter-sa-request</b> {peer-address   peer-name} [ <b>list</b> access-list]<br><b>Example:</b> | Enables a filter for outgoing SA request messages.<br><b>Note</b> Only one SA request filter can be configured per MSDP peer. |



|               | Command or Action                                                        | Purpose                                                              |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|               | Device(config)# ip msdp filter sa-request<br>172.31.2.2 list 1           |                                                                      |
| <b>Step 4</b> | Repeat Step 3 to configure SA request filters for additional MSDP peers. | --                                                                   |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device(config)# exit               | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode. |

## Including a Bordering PIM Dense Mode Region in MSDP

Perform this optional task to configure a border device to send SA messages for sources active in a PIM dense mode (PIM-DM) region.

You can have a device that borders a PIM-SM region and a PIM-DM region. By default, sources in the PIM-DM domain are not included in MSDP. You can configure this border device to send SA messages for sources active in the PIM-DM domain. If you do so, it is very important to also configure the **ip msdp redistribute** command to control what local sources from the PIM-DM domain are advertised. Not configuring this command can result in the (S, G) state remaining long after a source in the PIM-DM domain has stopped sending. For configuration information, see the [Controlling SA Messages Originated by an RP for Local Sources, on page 113](#) section.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp border sa-address** *type number*
4. **exit**

### DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                              | Purpose                                                                 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device> enable                         | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br><br>• Enter your password if prompted. |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><br>Device# configure terminal | Enters global configuration mode.                                       |

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                                   | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp border sa-address</b> <i>type number</i><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device(config)# ip msdp border sa-address gigabitethernet0/0/0</pre> | Configures the device on the border between a PIM-SM and PIM-DM domain to originate SA messages for active sources in the PIM-DM domain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IP address of the interface is used as the originator ID, which is the RP field in the SA message.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br><pre>Device(config)# exit</pre>                                                                                   | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Configuring an Originating Address Other Than the RP Address

Perform this optional task to allow an MSDP speaker that originates an SA message to use the IP address of its interface as the RP address in the SA message.

You can also change the originator ID for any one of the following reasons:

- If you configure multiple devices in an MSDP mesh group for Anycast RP.
- If you have a device that borders a PIM-SM domain and a PIM-DM domain. If a device borders a PIM-SM domain and a PIM-DM domain and you want to advertise active sources within the PIM-DM domain, configure the RP address in SA messages to be the address of the originating device's interface.

### Before you begin

MSDP is enabled and the MSDP peers are configured. For more information about configuring MSDP peers, see the [Configuring an MSDP Peer, on page 104](#) section.

### SUMMARY STEPS

- enable**
- configure terminal**
- ip msdp originator-id** *type number*
- exit**

### DETAILED STEPS

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

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                      | Purpose                                                                                           |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|               | Device# configure terminal                                                                                             |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip msdp originator-id</b> <i>type number</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# ip msdp originator-id ethernet 1 | Configures the RP address in SA messages to be the address of the originating device's interface. |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# exit                                                                 | Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.                              |

## Monitoring MSDP

Perform this optional task to monitor MSDP SA messages, peers, state, and peer status.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **debug ip msdp** [*peer-address* | *peer-name*] [**detail**] [**routes**]
3. **debug ip msdp resets**
4. **show ip msdp count** [*as-number*]
5. **show ip msdp peer** [*peer-address* | *peer-name*]
6. **show ip msdp sa-cache** [*group-address* | *source-address* | *group-name* | *source-name*] [*as-number*]
7. **show ip msdp summary**

### DETAILED STEPS

#### Step 1 enable

##### Example:

```
Device# enable
```

Enables privileged EXEC mode.

- Enter your password if prompted.

#### Step 2 debug ip msdp [*peer-address* | *peer-name*] [**detail**] [**routes**]

Use this command to debug MSDP activity.

Use the optional *peer-address* or *peer-name* argument to specify for which peer debug events are logged.

The following is sample output from the **debug ip msdp** command:

##### Example:

```
Device# debug ip msdp
```

```

MSDP debugging is on
Device#
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: Received 1388-byte message from peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: SA TLV, len: 1388, ec: 115, RP: 172.31.3.92
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: Peer RPF check passed for 172.31.3.92, used EMBGP peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.250: Forward 1388-byte SA to peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: Received 1028-byte message from peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: SA TLV, len: 1028, ec: 85, RP: 172.31.3.92
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: Peer RPF check passed for 172.31.3.92, used EMBGP peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.250: Forward 1028-byte SA to peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: Received 1388-byte message from peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: SA TLV, len: 1388, ec: 115, RP: 172.31.3.111
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: Peer RPF check passed for 172.31.3.111, used EMBGP peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.250: Forward 1388-byte SA to peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.250: Received 56-byte message from peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.250: SA TLV, len: 56, ec: 4, RP: 192.168.76.241
MSDP: 224.150.44.250: Peer RPF check passed for 192.168.76.241, used EMBGP peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: Forward 56-byte SA to peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: Received 116-byte message from peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: SA TLV, len: 116, ec: 9, RP: 172.31.3.111
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: Peer RPF check passed for 172.31.3.111, used EMBGP peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.250: Forward 116-byte SA to peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: Received 32-byte message from peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: SA TLV, len: 32, ec: 2, RP: 172.31.3.78
MSDP: 224.150.44.254: Peer RPF check passed for 172.31.3.78, used EMBGP peer
MSDP: 224.150.44.250: Forward 32-byte SA to peer

```

### Step 3 debug ip msdp resets

Use this command to debug MSDP peer reset reasons.

#### Example:

```
Device# debug ip msdp resets
```

### Step 4 show ip msdp count [as-number]

Use this command to display the number of sources and groups originated in MSDP SA messages and the number of SA messages from an MSDP peer in the SA cache. The **ip msdp cache-sa-state** command must be configured for this command to produce any output.

The following is sample output from the **show ip msdp count** command:

#### Example:

```

Device# show ip msdp count
SA State per Peer Counters, <Peer>: <# SA learned>
 192.168.4.4: 8
SA State per ASN Counters, <asn>: <# sources>/<# groups>
  Total entries: 8
  ?: 8/8

```

### Step 5 show ip msdp peer [peer-address | peer-name]

Use this command to display detailed information about MSDP peers.

Use the optional *peer-address* or *peer-name* argument to display information about a particular peer.

The following is sample output from the **show ip msdp peer** command:

#### Example:

```
Device# show ip msdp peer 192.168.4.4
```

```

MSDP Peer 192.168.4.4 (?), AS 64512 (configured AS)
Connection status:
  State: Up, Resets: 0, Connection source: Loopback0 (2.2.2.2)
  Uptime(Downtime): 00:07:55, Messages sent/received: 8/18
  Output messages discarded: 0
  Connection and counters cleared 00:08:55 ago
SA Filtering:
  Input (S,G) filter: none, route-map: none
  Input RP filter: none, route-map: none
  Output (S,G) filter: none, route-map: none
  Output RP filter: none, route-map: none
SA-Requests:
  Input filter: none
Peer ttl threshold: 0
SAs learned from this peer: 8
Input queue size: 0, Output queue size: 0
MD5 signature protection on MSDP TCP connection: not enabled

```

**Step 6** `show ip msdp sa-cache [group-address | source-address | group-name | source-name] [as-number]`

Use this command to display the (S, G) state learned from MSDP peers.

The following is sample output from the `show ip msdp sa-cache` command:

**Example:**

```

Device# show ip msdp sa-cache
MSDP Source-Active Cache - 8 entries
(10.44.44.5, 239.232.1.0), RP 192.168.4.4, BGP/AS 64512, 00:01:20/00:05:32, Peer 192.168.4.4
(10.44.44.5, 239.232.1.1), RP 192.168.4.4, BGP/AS 64512, 00:01:20/00:05:32, Peer 192.168.4.4
(10.44.44.5, 239.232.1.2), RP 192.168.4.4, BGP/AS 64512, 00:01:19/00:05:32, Peer 192.168.4.4
(10.44.44.5, 239.232.1.3), RP 192.168.4.4, BGP/AS 64512, 00:01:19/00:05:32, Peer 192.168.4.4
(10.44.44.5, 239.232.1.4), RP 192.168.4.4, BGP/AS 64512, 00:01:19/00:05:32, Peer 192.168.4.4
(10.44.44.5, 239.232.1.5), RP 192.168.4.4, BGP/AS 64512, 00:01:19/00:05:32, Peer 192.168.4.4
(10.44.44.5, 239.232.1.6), RP 192.168.4.4, BGP/AS 64512, 00:01:19/00:05:32, Peer 192.168.4.4
(10.44.44.5, 239.232.1.7), RP 192.168.4.4, BGP/AS 64512, 00:01:19/00:05:32, Peer 192.168.4.4

```

**Step 7** `show ip msdp summary`

Use this command to display MSDP peer status.

The following is sample output from the `show ip msdp summary` command:

**Example:**

```

Device# show ip msdp summary
MSDP Peer Status Summary
Peer Address      AS      State   Uptime/  Reset SA   Peer Name
                  AS      State   Downtime Count Count
192.168.4.4      4       Up      00:08:05 0       8       ?

```

## Clearing MSDP Connections Statistics and SA Cache Entries

Perform this optional task to clear MSDP connections, statistics, and SA cache entries.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`

2. **clear ip msdp peer** [*peer-address* | *peer-name*]
3. **clear ip msdp statistics** [*peer-address* | *peer-name*]
4. **clear ip msdp sa-cache** [*group-address*]

## DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action                                                                                                                 | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable                                                                                | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>clear ip msdp peer</b> [ <i>peer-address</i>   <i>peer-name</i> ]<br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# <b>clear ip msdp peer</b>      | Clears the TCP connection to the specified MSDP peer and resets all MSDP message counters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>clear ip msdp statistics</b> [ <i>peer-address</i>   <i>peer-name</i> ]<br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# clear ip msdp statistics | Clears the statistics counters for the specified MSDP peer and resets all MSDP message counters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>clear ip msdp sa-cache</b> [ <i>group-address</i> ]<br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# clear ip msdp sa-cache                       | Clears SA cache entries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the <b>clear ip msdp sa-cache</b> is specified with the optional <i>group-address</i> argument or <i>source-address</i> argument, all SA cache entries are cleared.</li> <li>• Use the optional <i>group-address</i> argument to clear all SA cache entries associated with a specific group.</li> </ul> |

## Enabling SNMP Monitoring of MSDP

Perform this optional task to enable Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) monitoring of MSDP.

### Before you begin

- SNMP and MSDP is configured on your devices.
- In each PIM-SM domain there should be a device that is configured as the MSDP speaker. This device must have SNMP and the MSDP MIB enabled.



### Note

- All MSDP-MIB objects are implemented as read-only.
- The Requests table is not supported in Cisco's implementation of the MSDP MIB.
- The msdpEstablished notification is not supported in Cisco's implementation of the MSDP MIB.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `snmp-server enable traps msdp`
3. `snmp-server host host [traps | informs] [version {1 | 2c | 3 [auth | priv | noauth]}] community-string [udp-port port-number] msdp`
4. `exit`

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Step 1 | <p><code>enable</code></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device&gt; enable</pre>                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>                                                     |
| Step 2 | <p><code>snmp-server enable traps msdp</code></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device# snmp-server enable traps msdp</pre>                                                                                                          | <p>Enables the sending of MSDP notifications for use with SNMP.</p> <p><b>Note</b> The <code>snmp-server enable traps msdp</code> command enables both traps and informs.</p> |
| Step 3 | <p><code>snmp-server host host [traps   informs] [version {1   2c   3 [auth   priv   noauth]}] community-string [udp-port port-number] msdp</code></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device# snmp-server host examplehost msdp</pre> | <p>Specifies the recipient (host) for MSDP traps or informs.</p>                                                                                                              |
| Step 4 | <p><code>exit</code></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config)# exit</pre>                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.</p>                                                                                                   |

## Troubleshooting Tips

You can compare the results of MSDP MIB notifications to the output from the software by using the `show ip msdp summary` and `show ip msdp peer` commands on the appropriate device. You can also compare the results of these commands to the results from SNMP Get operations. You can verify SA cache table entries using the `show ip msdp sa-cache` command. Additional troubleshooting information, such as the local address of the connection, the local port, and the remote port, can be obtained using the output from the `debug ip msdp` command.

# Configuration Examples for Using MSDP to Interconnect Multiple PIM-SM Domains

## Example: Configuring an MSDP Peer

The following example shows how to establish MSDP peering connections between three MSDP peers:

### Device A

```
!
interface Loopback 0
 ip address 10.220.8.1 255.255.255.255
!
ip msdp peer 10.220.16.1 connect-source Loopback0
ip msdp peer 10.220.32.1 connect-source Loopback0
!
```

### Device B

```
!
interface Loopback 0
 ip address 10.220.16.1 255.255.255.255
!
ip msdp peer 10.220.8.1 connect connect-source Loopback0
ip msdp peer 10.220.32.1 connect connect-source Loopback0
!
```

### Device C

```
!
interface Loopback 0
 ip address 10.220.32.1 255.255.255.255
!
ip msdp peer 10.220.8.1 connect 10.220.8.1 connect-source Loopback0
ip msdp peer 10.220.16.1 connect 10.220.16.1 connect-source Loopback0
!
```

## Example: Configuring MSDP MD5 Password Authentication

The following example shows how to enable MD5 password authentication for TCP connections between two MSDP peers:

### Device A

```
!
ip msdp peer 10.3.32.154
ip msdp password peer 10.3.32.154 0 test
!
```



**Device B**

```

!
ip msdp peer 10.3.32.153
ip msdp password peer 10.3.32.153 0 test
!

```

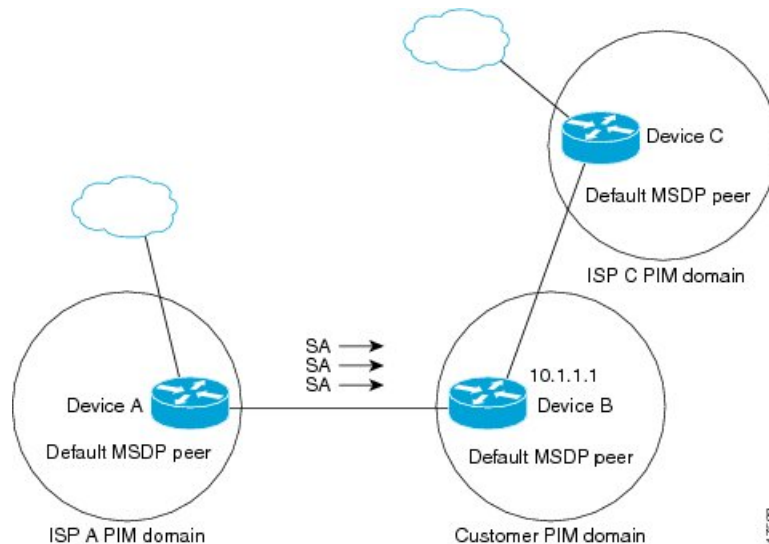
**Example: Configuring a Default MSDP Peer**

The figure illustrates a scenario where default MSDP peers might be used. In the figure, a customer that owns Device B is connected to the internet through two ISPs, one that owns Device A and the other that owns Device C. They are not running (M)BGP between them. In order for the customer to learn about sources in the ISP domain or in other domains, Device B identifies Device A as its default MSDP peer. Device B advertises SA messages to both Device A and Device C, but accepts SA messages either from Device A only or Device C only. If Device A is the first default peer in the configuration, it will be used if it is up and running. Only if Device A is not running will Device B accept SA messages from Device C.

The ISP will also likely use a prefix list to define which prefixes it will accept from the customer device. The customer will define multiple default peers, each having one or more prefixes associated with it.

The customer has two ISPs to use. The customer defines both ISPs as default peers. As long as the first default peer identified in the configuration is up and running, it will be the default peer and the customer will accept all SA messages it receives from that peer.

**Figure 11: Default MSDP Peer Scenario**



Device B advertises SAs to Device A and Device C, but uses only Device A or Device C to accept SA messages. If Device A is first in the configuration file, it will be used if it is up and running. Only when Device A is not running will Device B accept SAs from Device C. This is the behavior without a prefix list.

If you specify a prefix list, the peer will be a default peer only for the prefixes in the list. You can have multiple active default peers when you have a prefix list associated with each. When you do not have any prefix lists, you can configure multiple default peers, but only the first one is the active default peer as long as the device has connectivity to this peer and the peer is alive. If the first configured peer goes down or the connectivity to this peer goes down, the second configured peer becomes the active default, and so on.

The following example shows a partial configuration of Device A and Device C in the figure. Each of these ISPs may have more than one customer using default peering, like the customer in the figure. In that case, they may have similar configurations. That is, they will only accept SAs from a default peer if the SA is permitted by the corresponding prefix list.

#### Device A Configuration

```
ip msdp default-peer 10.1.1.1
ip msdp default-peer 10.1.1.1 prefix-list site-b ge 32
ip prefix-list site-b permit 10.0.0.0/8
```

#### Device C Configuration

```
ip msdp default-peer 10.1.1.1 prefix-list site-b ge 32
ip prefix-list site-b permit 10.0.0.0/8
```

## Example: Configuring MSDP Mesh Groups

The following example shows how to configure three devices to be fully meshed members of an MSDP mesh group:

#### Device A Configuration

```
ip msdp peer 10.2.2.2
ip msdp peer 10.3.3.3
ip msdp mesh-group test-mesh-group 10.2.2.2
ip msdp mesh-group test-mesh-group 10.3.3.3
```

#### Device B Configuration

```
ip msdp peer 10.1.1.1
ip msdp peer 10.3.3.3
ip msdp mesh-group test-mesh-group 10.1.1.1
ip msdp mesh-group test-mesh-group 10.3.3.3
```

#### Device C Configuration

```
ip msdp peer 10.1.1.1
ip msdp peer 10.2.2.2
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ip msdp mesh-group test-mesh-group 10.2.2.2
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