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# VPN Load Balancing on the CSM in Dispatched Mode Configuration Example

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## Introduction

This document provides a sample configuration for configuring VPN load balancing on the Content Switching Module (CSM) in dispatched mode. VPN load balancing is a mechanism that intelligently distributes VPN sessions along a set of VPN concentrators or VPN head-end devices. VPN load balancing is implemented to:

- overcome performance/scalability limitations on VPN devices, for example, packets per second, connections per second, and throughput.
- provide redundancy (remove single point of failure).

## Before You Begin

### Requirements

Before attempting this configuration, ensure that you meet these requirements:

- Both hub routers are configured with the same loopback IP address (VIP).
- Reverse Route Injection (RRI) is implemented at the head-end routers.
- Use Authentication Headers (AH).

## Components Used

The information in this document is based on these hardware and software versions:

- Cisco 7140 and 7206
- Cisco 7206VXR and 7204VXR
- Cisco Catalyst 6500 CSM

## Conventions

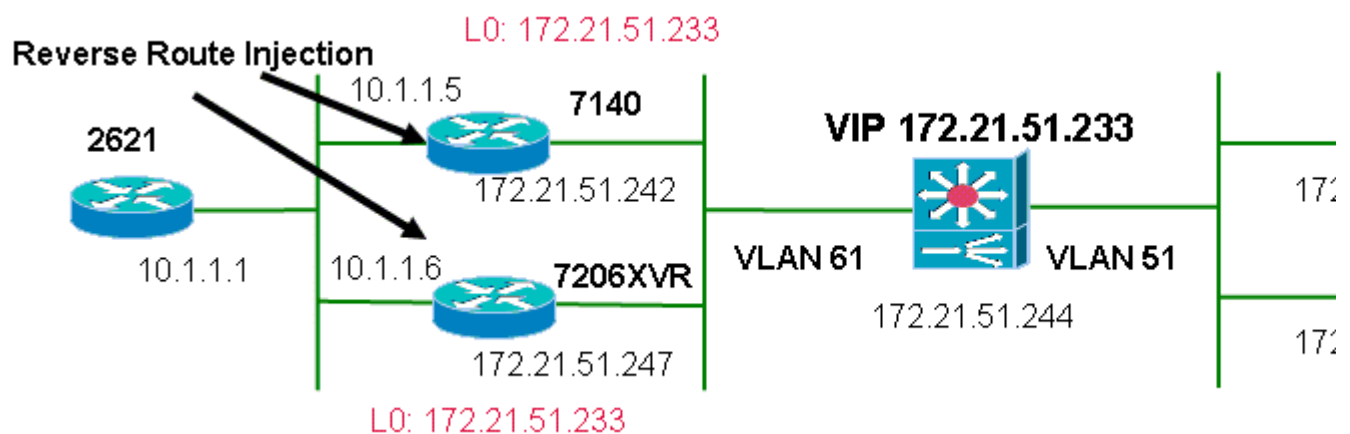
For more information on document conventions, refer to [Cisco Technical Tips Conventions](#).

## Configurations Tasks

In this section, you are presented with the information to configure the features described in this document.

## Network Diagram

This document uses this network setup:



## CSM Configuration - Dispatched Mode

Complete these steps.

1. Define the VLAN client and the VLAN server.

2. Define the probe used to check the health of the IPsec servers. Use the **module csm** or **module contentSwitchingModule** command; both generate the same information.

```
module ContentSwitchingModule 4
  vlan 51 client
    ip address 172.21.51.244 255.255.255.240
  !
  vlan 61 server
    ip address 172.21.51.244 255.255.255.240
  !
  probe ICMP_PROBE icmp
    interval 5
    retries 2
  !
```

3. Define the severfarm with the real IPsec servers
4. Issue the **no nat server** command to indicate dispatch mode.
5. Indicate **failaction purge** to flush the connections belonging to dead servers.
6. Define the sticky policy.

```
serverfarm VPN_IOS
  no nat server
  no nat client
  failaction purge
  real 172.21.51.242
  inservice
  real 172.21.51.247
  inservice
  probe ICMP_PROBE
  !
  sticky 5 netmask 255.255.255.255 timeout 60
  !
  policy VPNIOS
    sticky-group 5
    serverfarm VPN_IOS
  !
```

7. Define VServers, one per traffic flow.

```
vserver VPN_IOS_AH_2
  virtual 172.21.51.233 51
  persistent rebalance
  slb-policy VPNIOS
  inservice
  !
vserver VPN_IOS_ESP_2
  virtual 172.21.51.233 50
  persistent rebalance
  slb-policy VPNIOS
  inservice
  !
vserver VPN_IOS_IKE_2
  virtual 172.21.51.233 udp 500
```

```
    persistent rebalance
    slb-policy VPNIOS
    inservice
!
```

## Head-End Router Configuration - Dispatch Mode

```
crypto isakmp policy 10
  authentication pre-share
crypto isakmp key cisco123 address 0.0.0.0
crypto isakmp keepalive 10
!
!
crypto ipsec transform-set myset ah-sha-hmac esp-3des esp-sha-hmac
crypto mib ipsec flowmib history tunnel size 200
crypto mib ipsec flowmib history failure size 200
!
crypto dynamic-map mydyn 10
  set transform-set myset
  reverse-route
!
!
crypto map mymap local-address Loopback0
crypto map mymap 10 ipsec-isakmp dynamic mydyn
interface Loopback0
  ip address 172.21.51.233 255.255.255.255
!
interface FastEthernet0/0
  ip address 10.1.1.5 255.255.255.0
!
interface FastEthernet0/1
  ip address 172.21.51.242 255.255.255.240
  crypto map mymap
!
router eigrp 1
  redistribute static
  network 10.0.0.0
  no auto-summary
  no eigrp log-neighbor-changes
!
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 172.21.51.241
```

## Spoke Router Configuration - Dispatch Mode

```
crypto isakmp policy 10
  authentication pre-share
crypto isakmp key cisco123 address 172.21.51.233
crypto isakmp keepalive 10
!
!
crypto ipsec transform-set myset ah-sha-hmac esp-3des esp-sha-hmac
crypto mib ipsec flowmib history tunnel size 200
crypto mib ipsec flowmib history failure size 200
!
crypto map mymap 10 ipsec-isakmp
  set peer 172.21.51.233
  set transform-set myset
  match address 101
```

```

interface Loopback0
 ip address 10.3.3.3 255.255.255.0
!
interface Ethernet0/0
 ip address 172.21.51.250 255.255.255.240
 duplex auto
 crypto map mymap
!
 ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 172.21.51.241
 no ip http server
!
 access-list 101 permit ip 10.3.3.0 0.0.0.255 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255
!

```

## Verify

This section provides information you can use to confirm your configuration is working properly.

Issue the **show module csm all** or **show module contentSwitchingModule all** command; both commands generate the same information.

```
Cat6506-1-Native#sh module c 4 vser
```

slb vserver	prot	virtual	vlan	state	conns
VPN_IOS_ESP	50	172.21.51.253/32:0	ALL	OPERATIONAL	0
VPN_IOS_IKE	UDP	172.21.51.253/32:500	ALL	OPERATIONAL	0
VPN_IOS_ESP_2	50	172.21.51.233/32:0	ALL	OPERATIONAL	0
VPN_IOS_IKE_2	UDP	172.21.51.233/32:500	ALL	OPERATIONAL	2
VPN_IOS_AH_2	51	172.21.51.233/32:0	ALL	OPERATIONAL	2

```
Cat6506-1-Native#sh module c 4 sticky
```

```

client IP:      172.21.51.250
real server:    172.21.51.247
connections:    0
group id:       5
timeout:        39
sticky type:    netmask 255.255.255.255

```

```

client IP:      172.21.51.251
real server:    172.21.51.242
connections:    0
group id:       5
timeout:        39
sticky type:    netmask 255.255.255.255

```

```
2621VPN#sh ip ro
```

```
^A..
```

```

10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 3 subnets
D EX 10.3.3.0 [170/30720] via 10.1.1.6, 00:00:05, FastEthernet0/0
D EX 10.2.2.0 [170/30720] via 10.1.1.5, 00:00:30, FastEthernet0/0
C 10.1.1.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0
D*EX 0.0.0.0/0 [170/30720] via 10.1.1.6, 00:18:15, FastEthernet0/0
      [170/30720] via 10.1.1.5, 00:18:15, FastEthernet0/0

```

```
2621VPN#
```

```
7140-2FE#sh ip route
```

```

&&..
 172.21.0.0/16 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C    172.21.51.233/32 is directly connected, Loopback0
C    172.21.51.240/28 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/1
 10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 3 subnets
D EX  10.3.3.0 [170/30720] via 10.1.1.6, 00:01:01, FastEthernet0/0
S    10.2.2.0 [1/0] via 0.0.0.0, FastEthernet0/1
C    10.1.1.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0
S*   0.0.0.0/0 [1/0] via 172.21.51.241

7140-2FE#sh cry ip sa

interface: FastEthernet0/1
  Crypto map tag: mymap, local addr. 172.21.51.233

local ident (addr/mask/prot/port): (10.1.1.0/255.255.255.0/0/0)
remote ident (addr/mask/prot/port): (10.2.2.0/255.255.255.0/0/0)
current_peer: 172.21.51.251
  PERMIT, flags={}
  #pkts encaps: 4, #pkts encrypt: 4, #pkts digest 4
  #pkts decaps: 4, #pkts decrypt: 4, #pkts verify 4
  #pkts compressed: 0, #pkts decompressed: 0
  #pkts not compressed: 0, #pkts compr. failed: 0, #pkts decompress failed: 0
  #send errors 0, #recv errors 0

local crypto endpt.: 172.21.51.233, remote crypto endpt.: 172.21.51.251
path mtu 1500, media mtu 1500
current outbound spi: 3280D368

...
inbound ah sas:
  spi: 0xB259E0C1(2992234689)
  transform: ah-sha-hmac ,
  in use settings = {Tunnel, }
  slot: 0, conn id: 5141, flow_id: 19, crypto map: mymap
  sa timing: remaining key lifetime (k/sec): (4607999/3474)
  replay detection support: Y
```

## Troubleshoot

There is currently no specific troubleshooting information available for this configuration.

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## Related Information

- [VPN Load Balancing on the CSM in Directed Mode Configuration Example](#)
- [Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Content Switching Module Command Reference, 4.1\(2\)](#)
- [Technical Support - Cisco Systems](#)

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