



CHAPTER 15

Configuring the 8-Port Channelized T1/E1 SPA

This chapter provides information about configuring the 8-Port Clear Channel T1/E1 SPA on the Catalyst 6500 Series switch. It includes the following sections:

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For information about managing your system images and configuration files, refer to the *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Configuration Guide, Release 12.2* and *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference, Release 12.2* publications.

For more information about the commands used in this chapter, see the *Catalyst 6500 Series Cisco IOS Command Reference, 12.2SX* publication. Also refer to the related Cisco IOS Release 12.2 software command reference and master index publications. For more information about accessing these publications, see the [“Related Documentation” section on page xliv](#).

Configuration Tasks

This section describes how to configure the 8-Port Clear Channel T1/E1 SPA for the Catalyst 6500 Series switch and includes information about verifying the configuration.

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Required Configuration Tasks

This section lists the required configuration steps to configure the 8-Port Clear Channel T1/E1 SPA. Some of the required configuration commands implement default values that might be appropriate for your network. If the default value is correct for your network, then you do not need to configure the command.

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Note

To better understand the address format used to specify the physical location of the SIP, SPA, and interfaces, see the [“Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA” section on page 15-6](#).

Setting the Card Type

The SPA is not functional until the card type is set. Information about the SPA is not indicated in the output of any **show** commands until the card type has been set. There is no default card type.



Note

Mixing of interface types is not supported. All ports on a SPA must be of the same type.

To set the card type for the 8-Port Clear Channel T1/E1 SPA, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# card type {e1 t1} slot subslot	Sets the serial mode for the SPA: • t1—Specifies T1 connectivity of 1.536 Mbps. B8ZS is the default line code for T1. • e1—Specifies a wide-area digital transmission scheme used predominantly in Europe that carries data at a rate of 1.984 Mbps in framed mode and a 2.048 Mbps in unframed E1 mode. • <i>slot subslot</i>—Specifies the location of the SPA. See the “Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA” section on page 15-6.
Step 3	Router(config)# exit	Exits configuration mode and returns to the EXEC command interpreter prompt.

Enabling the Interfaces on the Controller

To create the interfaces for the 8-Port Clear Channel T1/E1 SPA, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# controller { t1 e1 } <i>slot/subslot/port</i>	Select the controller to configure and enter controller configuration mode. t1—Specifies the T1 controller. e1—Specifies the E1 controller. <i>slot/subslot/port</i>—Specifies the location of the interface. See the: “Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA” section on page 15-6
Step 2	Router(config-controller)# clock source { internal line }	Sets the clock source. Note The clock source is set to internal if the opposite end of the connection is set to line and the clock source is set to line if the opposite end of the connection is set to internal. internal—Specifies that the internal clock source is used. line—Specifies that the network clock source is used. This is the default for T1 and E1.
Step 3	Router(config-controller)# linecode { ami b8zs hdb3 }	Selects the linecode type. ami—Specifies Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI) as the linecode type. Valid for T1 and E1 controllers. b8zs—Specifies binary 8-zero substitution (B8ZS) as the linecode type. Valid for T1 controller only. This is the default for T1 lines. hdb3—Specifies high-density binary 3 (hdb3) as the linecode type. Valid for E1 controller only. This is the default for E1 lines.
Step 4	For T1 controllers Router(config-controller)# framing { sf esf } For E1 controllers Router(config-controller)# framing { crc4 no-crc4 }	Selects the framing type. sf—Specifies Super Frame as the T1 frame type. esf—Specifies Extended Super Frame as the T1 frame type. This is the default for E1. crc4—Specifies CRC4 as the E1 frame type. This is the default for E1. no-crc4—Specifies no CRC4 as the E1 frame type.

	Command	Purpose
Step 5	<pre>Router(config-controller)# channel-group t1 t1-number {timeslots range unframed} [speed {56 64}]</pre>	Define the time slots that belong to each T1 or E1 circuit. t1 t1-number— Channel-group number. When configuring a T1 data line, channel-group numbers can be values from 1 to 28. When configuring an E1 data line, channel-group numbers can be values from 0 to 30. timeslots range— One or more time slots or ranges of time slots belonging to the channel group. The first time slot is numbered 1. For a T1 controller, the time slot range is from 1 to 24. For an E1 controller, the time slot range is from 1 to 31. unframed—Unframed mode (G.703) uses all 32 time slots for data. None of the 32 time slots are used for framing signals. speed—(Optional) Speed of the underlying DS0s. 56—56 kbps 64—64 kbps Note The default is 64 is speed is not mentioned in the configuration. Note Each channel group is presented to the system as a serial interface that can be configured individually. Note Once a channel group has been created with the channel-group command, the channel group cannot be changed without removing the channel group. To remove a channel group, see the section: Changing a Channel Group Configuration, page 15-16.
Step 6	<pre>Router(config)# exit</pre>	Exits configuration mode and returns to the EXEC command interpreter prompt.

Verifying Controller Configuration

Use the **show controllers** command to verify the controller configuration:

```
Router(config)# show controllers t1
T1 6/0/1 is up.
  Applique type is Channelized T1
  Cablelength is long gain36 0db
  No alarms detected.
  alarm-trigger is not set
  Framing is ESF, Line Code is B8ZS, Clock Source is Line.
  Data in current interval (395 seconds elapsed):
    0 Line Code Violations, 0 Path Code Violations
    0 Slip Secs, 0 Fr Loss Secs, 0 Line Err Secs, 0 Degraded Mins
    0 Errored Secs, 0 Bursty Err Secs, 0 Severely Err Secs, 0 Unavail Secs
  Total Data (last 24 hours)
```

```

0 Line Code Violations, 0 Path Code Violations,
0 Slip Secs, 0 Fr Loss Secs, 0 Line Err Secs, 0 Degraded Mins,
0 Errored Secs, 0 Bursty Err Secs, 0 Severely Err Secs, 0 Unavail Secs

```

Setting the IP Address

To set the IP address for the 8-Port Clear Channel T1/E1 SPA, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# interface serial <i>slot/subslot/port:channel-group</i> <i>up</i>	Selects the interface to configure from global configuration mode. <i>slot/subslot/port:channel-group</i>—Specifies the location of the interface. See the “Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA” section on page 15-6.
Step 2	Router(config-if)# ip address <i>address mask</i>	Sets the IP address and subnet mask. <i>address</i>—IP address. <i>mask</i>—Subnet mask.
Step 3	Router(config)# exit	Exits configuration mode and returns to the EXEC command interpreter prompt.

Verifying Interface Configuration

Use the **show interfaces** command to verify the interface configuration:

```

Router(config)# show interfaces
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Serial6/0/1:0 is up, line protocol is up
  Hardware is SPA-T1E1
  MTU 1500 bytes, BW 1536 Kbit, DLY 20000 usec,
    reliability 255/255, txload 1/255, rxload 1/255
  Encapsulation PPP, crc 16, loopback not set
  Keepalive set (10 sec)
  LCP Open, multilink Open
  Last input 00:00:03, output 00:00:03, output hang never
  Last clearing of "show interface" counters 5d17h
  Input queue: 0/75/0/0 (size/max/drops/flushes); Total output drops: 3194905708
  Queueing strategy: fifo
  Output queue: 0/40 (size/max)
  30 second input rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
  30 second output rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
    74223 packets input, 1187584 bytes, 0 no buffer
    Received 0 broadcasts (0 IP multicast)
    0 runts, 0 giants, 0 throttles
    0 input errors, 0 CRC, 0 frame, 0 overrun, 0 ignored, 0 abort
    74227 packets output, 1187751 bytes, 0 underruns
    0 output errors, 0 collisions, 2 interface resets
    0 output buffer failures, 0 output buffers swapped out
    4 carrier transitions no alarm present
  Timeslot(s) Used:1-24, subrate: 64Kb/s, transmit delay is 0 flags
.
.

```

Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA

SPA interface ports begin numbering with “0” from left to right. Single-port SPAs use only the port number 0. To configure or monitor SPA interfaces, you need to specify the physical location of the SIP, SPA, and interface in the CLI. The interface address format is *slot/subslot/port*, where:

- *slot*—Specifies the chassis slot number in the Catalyst 6500 Series switch where the SIP is installed.
- *subslot*—Specifies the secondary slot of the SIP where the SPA is installed.
- *port*—Specifies the number of the individual interface port on a SPA.

The following example shows how to specify the first interface (0) on a SPA installed in the first subslot of a SIP (0) installed in chassis slot 3:

```
Router(config)# interface serial 3/0/0
```

This command shows a serial SPA as a representative example, however the same *slot/subslot/port* format is similarly used for other SPAs (such as ATM and POS) and other non-channelized SPAs.

For the 8-Port Channelized T1/E1 SPA, the interface address format is *slot/subslot/port:channel-group*, where:

- *channel-group*—Specifies the logical channel group assigned to the timeslots within the T1 link.

For more information about identifying slots and subslots, see the [“Identifying Slots and Subslots for SIPs, SSCs, and SPAs” section on page 4-2](#).

Optional Configurations

There are several standard, but optional, configurations that might be necessary to complete the configuration of your serial SPA.



Note

For additional command output details, see the *Catalyst 6500 Series Cisco IOS Command Reference, 12.2SX*.

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Configuring Framing

Framing is used to synchronize data transmission on the line. Framing allows the hardware to determine when each packet starts and ends. To configure framing, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# controller { t1 e1 } <i>slot/subslot/port</i>	Selects the controller to configure. • t1—Specifies the T1 controller. • e1—Specifies the E1 controller. • <i>slot/subslot/port</i>—Specifies the location of the controller. See “Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA” section on page 15-6.
Step 3	For T1 controllers: Router(config-controller)# framing { sf esf } For E1 controllers: Router(config-controller)# framing { crc4 no-crc4 unframed }	Set the framing on the interface. • sf—Specifies Super Frame as the T1 frame type. • esf—Specifies extended Super Frame as the T1 frame type. This is the default for T1. • crc4—Specifies CRC4 frame as the E1 frame type. This is the default for E1. • no-crc4—Specifies no CRC4 frame as the E1 frame type. • unframed—Unframed mode (G.703) uses all 32 time slots for data.

Verifying Framing Configuration

Use the **show controllers** command to verify the framing configuration:

```
Router# show controllers t1
T1 6/0/0 is down.
  Applique type is Channelized T1
  Cablelength is long gain36 0db
  Receiver has loss of frame.
  alarm-trigger is not set
Framing is ESF, Line Code is B8ZS, Clock Source is Line.
Data in current interval (717 seconds elapsed):
  0 Line Code Violations, 0 Path Code Violations
  0 Slip Secs, 0 Fr Loss Secs, 0 Line Err Secs, 0 Degraded Mins
  0 Errored Secs, 0 Bursty Err Secs, 0 Severely Err Secs, 717 Unavail Secs
Total Data (last 24 hours)
  0 Line Code Violations, 0 Path Code Violations,
  0 Slip Secs, 0 Fr Loss Secs, 0 Line Err Secs, 0 Degraded Mins,
  0 Errored Secs, 0 Bursty Err Secs, 0 Severely Err Secs, 86400 Unavail Secs
```

Configuring Encapsulation

When traffic crosses a WAN link, the connection needs a Layer 2 protocol to encapsulate traffic. To set the encapsulation method, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# interface serial <i>slot/subslot/port:channel-group</i> <i>up</i>	Selects the interface to configure. <i>slot/subslot/port:channel-group</i>—Specifies the location of the interface. See the “Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA” section on page 15-6.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# encapsulation {hdlc ppp frame-relay}	Set the encapsulation method on the interface. hdlc—High-Level Data Link Control (HDLC) protocol for serial interface. This encapsulation method provides the synchronous framing and error detection functions of HDLC without windowing or retransmission. This is the default for synchronous serial interfaces. ppp—PPP (for serial interface). frame-relay—Frame Relay (for serial interface).

Verifying Encapsulation

Use the **show interfaces serial** command to verify encapsulation on the interface:

```
Router# show interfaces serial 6/0/0:0
Serial6/0/0:0 is down, line protocol is down
  Hardware is SPA-T1E1
  MTU 1500 bytes, BW 1536 Kbit, DLY 20000 usec,
    reliability 255/255, txload 1/255, rxload 1/255
  Encapsulation PPP, crc 32, loopback not set
  Keepalive set (10 sec)
  LCP Closed, multilink Closed
  Last input 1w0d, output 1w0d, output hang never
  Last clearing of "show interface" counters 6d23h
  Input queue: 0/75/0/0 (size/max/drops/flushes); Total output drops: 0
  Queueing strategy: weighted fair
  Output queue: 0/1000/64/0 (size/max total/threshold/drops)
    Conversations 0/0/256 (active/max active/max total)
    Reserved Conversations 0/0 (allocated/max allocated)
    Available Bandwidth 1152 kilobits/sec
  30 second input rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
  30 second output rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
    0 packets input, 0 bytes, 0 no buffer
    Received 0 broadcasts (0 IP multicast)
    0 runs, 0 giants, 0 throttles
    0 input errors, 0 CRC, 0 frame, 0 overrun, 0 ignored, 0 abort
    0 packets output, 0 bytes, 0 underruns
    0 output errors, 0 collisions, 0 interface resets
    0 output buffer failures, 0 output buffers swapped out
    0 carrier transitions alarm present
  Timeslot(s) Used:1-24, subrate: 64Kb/s, transmit delay is 0 flags
```

Configuring the CRC Size for T1

All 8-Port Clear Channel T1/E1 SPA interfaces use a 16-bit cyclic redundancy check (CRC) by default, but also support a 32-bit CRC. CRC is an error-checking technique that uses a calculated numeric value to detect errors in transmitted data. The designators 16 and 32 indicate the length (in bits) of the frame check sequence (FCS). A CRC of 32 bits provides more powerful error detection, but adds overhead. Both the sender and receiver must use the same setting.

CRC-16, the most widely used CRC throughout the United States and Europe, is used extensively with WANs. CRC-32 is specified by IEEE 802 and as an option by some point-to-point transmission standards. It is often used on Switched Multimegabit Data Service (SMDS) networks and LANs.

To set the length of the CRC on a T1 interface, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# interface serial <i>slot/subslot/port:channel-group</i> <i>up</i>	Selects the interface to configure. <i>slot/subslot/port:channel-group</i>—Specifies the location of the interface. See the “Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA” section on page 15-6.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# crc {16 32}	Selects the CRC size in bits. 16—16-bit CRC. This is the default 32—32-bit CRC.

Verifying the CRC Size

Use the **show interfaces serial** command to verify the CRC size set on the interface:

```
Router# show interfaces serial 6/0/0:0
Serial6/0/0:0 is up, line protocol is up
  Hardware is SPA-T1E1
  MTU 1500 bytes, BW 1536 Kbit, DLY 20000 usec,
    reliability 255/255, txload 1/255, rxload 1/255
  Encapsulation PPP, crc 32, loopback not set
  Keepalive set (10 sec)
  LCP Open, multilink Open
  Last input 00:00:38, output 00:00:00, output hang never
  Last clearing of "show interface" counters 01:46:16
  Input queue: 0/75/0/0 (size/max/drops/flushes); Total output drops: 0
  Queueing strategy: fifo
  Output queue: 0/40 (size/max)
  30 second input rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
  30 second output rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
    1272 packets input, 20396 bytes, 0 no buffer
    Received 0 broadcasts (0 IP multicast)
    0 runs, 0 giants, 0 throttles
    6 input errors, 3 CRC, 0 frame, 0 overrun, 0 ignored, 3 abort
    1276 packets output, 20460 bytes, 0 underruns
    0 output errors, 0 collisions, 0 interface resets
    0 output buffer failures, 0 output buffers swapped out
    0 carrier transitions no alarm present
  Timeslot(s) Used:1-24, subrate: 64Kb/s, transmit delay is 0 flags
```

Configuring FDL

Facility Data Link (FDL) is a 4-kbps channel provided by the Extended Super Frame (ESF) T1 framing format. The FDL performs outside the payload capacity and allows you to check error statistics on terminating equipment without intrusion.

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# controller t1 <i>slot/subslot/port</i>	Selects the controller to configure. <i>slot/subslot/port</i>—Specifies the location of the controller. See the “Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA” section on page 15-6.
Step 3	Router(config-controller)# fdl [ansi att]	If the framing format was configured for esf , configures the format used for Facility Data Link (FDL). ansi—Use the ANSI T1.403 standard. att—Use the AT&T TR54016 standard.

Verifying FDL

Use the **show controllers t1** command to verify the FDL setting:

```
Router# show controllers t1

T1 6/0/1 is up.
  Applique type is Channelized T1
  Cablelength is long gain36 0db
  No alarms detected.
  alarm-trigger is not set
  Framing is ESF, FDL is ansi, Line Code is B8ZS, Clock Source is Line.
  Data in current interval (742 seconds elapsed):
    0 Line Code Violations, 0 Path Code Violations
    0 Slip Secs, 0 Fr Loss Secs, 0 Line Err Secs, 0 Degraded Mins
    0 Errored Secs, 0 Bursty Err Secs, 0 Severely Err Secs, 0 Unavail Secs
  Total Data (last 73 15 minute intervals):
    1278491 Line Code Violations, 3 Path Code Violations,
    0 Slip Secs, 1 Fr Loss Secs, 177 Line Err Secs, 0 Degraded Mins,
    3 Errored Secs, 0 Bursty Err Secs, 1 Severely Err Secs, 227 Unavail Secs
.
.
.
```

Configuring Multilink Point-to-Point Protocol (Hardware-based)

Multilink Point-to-Point Protocol (MLPPP) allows you to combine T1 or E1 lines into a bundle that has the combined bandwidth of multiple T1/E1 lines. You choose the number of bundles and the number of T1 or E1 lines in each bundle.

MLPPP for T1/E1 Configuration Guidelines

The required conditions are as follows:

- Only T1 or E1 links in a bundle.
- All links on the same SPA.
- Maximum of 12 links in a bundle.

Consider these guidelines about hardware-based MLPPP:

- Only three fragmentation sizes are supported: 128, 256, and 512 bytes.
- Fragmentation is enabled by default, with a default size of 512 bytes.
- Fragmentation size is configured using the **ppp multilink fragment-delay** command after using the **interface multilink** command. Among the three possible fragmentation sizes, the least size satisfying the delay criteria is configured. For example, a 192 byte packet causes a delay of 1 millisecond on a T1 link, so the nearest fragmentation size is 128 bytes.

Use the **show ppp multilink** command to indicate the MLPPP type and the fragmentation size:

```
Router# show ppp multilink
Multilink1, bundle name is Patriot2
Bundle up for 00:00:13
Bundle is Distributed
0 lost fragments, 0 reordered, 0 unassigned
0 discarded, 0 lost received, 206/255 load
0x0 received sequence, 0x0 sent sequence
Member links: 2 active, 0 inactive (max not set, min not set)
Se4/2/0/1:0, since 00:00:13, no frags rcvd
Se4/2/0/2:0, since 00:00:10, no frags rcvd
Distributed fragmentation on. Fragment size 512. Multilink in Hardware.
```

- Fragmentation is disabled explicitly by using the **no ppp multilink fragmentation** command after using the **interface multilink** command.

Creating a Multilink Bundle

To create a multilink bundle, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# interface multilink group-number	Creates a multilink interface and enter multilink interface mode. • <i>group-number</i>—The group number for the multilink bundle.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# ip address address mask	Sets the IP address for the multilink group. • <i>address</i>—The IP address. • <i>mask</i>—The IP netmask.

Assigning an Interface to a Multilink Bundle

To assign an interface to a multilink bundle, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# interface serial <i>slot/subslot/port/t1-number:channel-group</i>	Selects the interface to configure and enters interface configuration mode. See the “Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA” section on page 15-6. <i>slot/subslot/port/t1-number:channel-group</i>—Select the interface to configure.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# encapsulation ppp	Enables PPP encapsulation.
Step 4	Router(config-if)# multilink-group <i>group-number</i>	Assigns the interface to a multilink bundle. <i>group-number</i>—The multilink group number for the T1 or E1 bundle.
Step 5	Router(config-if)# ppp multilink	Enables multilink PPP on the interface.
Repeat these commands for each interface you want to assign to the multilink bundle.		

Configuring Fragmentation Size on an MLPPP Bundle (optional)

To configure the fragmentation size on a multilink ppp bundle, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# interface multilink <i>slot/subslot/port/t1-number:channel-group</i>	Creates a multilink interface and enters multilink interface mode. <i>group-number</i>—The group number for the multilink bundle. The range is 1 to 2147483647.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# ppp multilink fragment-delay <i>delay</i>	Sets the fragmentation size satisfying the configured delay on the multilink bundle. <i>delay</i>—Delay in milliseconds.

Disabling the Fragmentation on an MLPPP Bundle (optional)

To assign an interface to a multilink bundle, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# interface multilink <i>group-number</i>	Creates a multilink interface and enters multilink interface mode. <i>group-number</i>—The group number for the multilink bundle. The range is 1 to 2147483647.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# no ppp multilink fragmentation	Disables the fragmentation on the multilink bundle.

Verifying Multilink PPP

Use the **show ppp multilink** command to verify the PPP multilinks:

```
Router# show ppp multilink
Multilink1, bundle name is mybundle
  Bundle up for 01:40:50
  Bundle is Distributed
  0 lost fragments, 0 reordered, 0 unassigned
  0 discarded, 0 lost received, 1/255 load
  0x0 received sequence, 0x0 sent sequence
Member links: 5 active, 0 inactive (max not set, min not set)
  Se6/0/0/1:0, since 01:40:50, no frags rcvd
  Se6/0/1/1:0, since 01:40:09, no frags rcvd
  Se6/0/3/1:0, since 01:15:44, no frags rcvd
  Se6/0/4/1:0, since 01:03:17, no frags rcvd
  Se6/0/6/1:0, since 01:01:06, no frags rcvd
  Se6/0/6:0, since 01:01:06, no frags rcvd
```

Configuring MLFR for T1/E1

Multilink Frame Relay (MLFR) allows you to combine T1/E1 lines into a bundle that has the combined bandwidth of multiple T1/E1 lines. You choose the number of bundles and the number of T1/E1 lines in each bundle. This feature allows you to increase the bandwidth of your network links beyond that of a single T1/E1 line.

MLFR for T1/E1 Configuration Guidelines

MLFR will function in hardware if all of the following conditions are met:

- Only T1 or E1 member links.
- All links are on the same SPA.
- Maximum of 12 links in a bundle.

Create a Multilink Bundle

To create a multilink bundle, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# interface mfr <i>number</i>	Configures a multilink Frame Relay bundle interface. • <i>number</i>—The number for the Frame Relay bundle.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# frame-relay multilink bid <i>name</i>	(Optional) Assigns a bundle identification name to a multilink Frame Relay bundle. • <i>name</i>—The name for the Frame Relay bundle. Note The bundle identification (BID) will not go into effect until the interface has gone from the down state to the up state. One way to bring the interface down and back up again is by using the shut and no shut commands in interface configuration mode.

Assign an Interface to a Multilink Bundle

To assign an interface to a multilink bundle, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# interface serial <i>slot/subslot/port:channel-group</i> <i>up</i>	Selects the interface to assign. <i>slot/subslot/port:channel-group</i>—Specifies the location of the interface. See the “Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA” section on page 15-6.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# encapsulation frame-relay mfr <i>number</i> <i>[name]</i>	Creates a multilink Frame Relay bundle link and associates the link with a bundle. <i>number</i>—The number for the Frame Relay bundle. <i>name</i>—The name for the Frame Relay bundle.
Step 4	Router(config-if)# frame-relay multilink lid <i>name</i>	(Optional) Assigns a bundle link identification name with a multilink Frame Relay bundle link. <i>name</i>—The name for the Frame Relay bundle. Note The bundle link identification (LID) will not go into effect until the interface has gone from the down state to the up state. One way to bring the interface down and back up again is by using the shut and no shut commands in interface configuration mode.
Step 5	Router(config-if)# frame-relay multilink hello <i>seconds</i>	(Optional) Configures the interval at which a bundle link will send out hello messages. The default value is 10 seconds. <i>seconds</i>—Number of seconds between hello messages sent out over the multilink bundle.
Step 6	Router(config-if)# frame-relay multilink ack <i>seconds</i>	(Optional) Configures the number of seconds that a bundle link will wait for a hello message acknowledgment before resending the hello message. The default value is 4 seconds. <i>seconds</i>—Number of seconds a bundle link will wait for a hello message acknowledgment before resending the hello message.
Step 7	Router(config-if)# frame-relay multilink retry <i>number</i>	(Optional) Configures the maximum number of times a bundle link will resend a hello message while waiting for an acknowledgment. The default value is 2 tries. <i>number</i>—Maximum number of times a bundle link will resend a hello message while waiting for an acknowledgment.

Verifying Multilink Frame Relay

Use the **show frame-relay multilink detailed** command to verify the Frame Relay multilinks:

```
router# show frame-relay multilink detailed
```

```
Bundle: MFR49, State = down, class = A, fragmentation disabled
  BID = MFR49
  No. of bundle links = 1, Peer's bundle-id =
```

Bundle links:

```
Serial6/0/0:0, HW state = up, link state = Add_sent, LID = test
Cause code = none, Ack timer = 4, Hello timer = 10,
Max retry count = 2, Current count = 0,
Peer LID = , RTT = 0 ms
Statistics:
Add_link sent = 21, Add_link rcv'd = 0,
Add_link ack sent = 0, Add_link ack rcv'd = 0,
Add_link rej sent = 0, Add_link rej rcv'd = 0,
Remove_link sent = 0, Remove_link rcv'd = 0,
Remove_link_ack sent = 0, Remove_link_ack rcv'd = 0,
Hello sent = 0, Hello rcv'd = 0,
Hello_ack sent = 0, Hello_ack rcv'd = 0,
outgoing pak dropped = 0, incoming pak dropped = 0
```

Invert Data on the T1/E1 Interface

If the interface on the 8-Port Clear Channel T1/E1 SPA is used to drive a dedicated T1 line that does not have B8ZS encoding, you must invert the data stream on the connecting CSU/DSU or on the interface. Be careful not to invert data on both the CSU/DSU and the interface, as two data inversions will cancel each other out. To invert data on a T1/E1 interface, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# interface serial <i>slot/subslot/port:channel-group</i> up	Selects the serial interface.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# invert data	Inverts the data stream.

Use the **show running configuration** command to verify that invert data has been set:

```
Router# show running configuration
.
.
.
interface Serial6/0/0:0
no ip address
encapsulation ppp
logging event link-status
load-interval 30
invert data
no cdp enable
ppp chap hostname group1
ppp multilink
multilink-group 1
!
.
.
.
```

Changing a Channel Group Configuration

To alter the configuration of an existing channel group, the channel group needs to be removed first. To remove an existing channel group, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config)# controller { t1 e1 } <i>slot/subslot/port</i>	Select the controller to configure and enter controller configuration mode. <i>slot/subslot/port</i>—Specifies the location of the interface. See the “Specifying the Interface Address on a SPA” section on page 15-6.
Step 3	Router(config-controller)# no channel-group <i>t1 t1-number</i>	Select the channel group you want to remove. <i>t1 t1-number</i>— Channel-group number.

Follow the steps in the [“Enabling the Interfaces on the Controller”](#) section on page 15-3 to create a new channel group with the new configuration.

Configuring Multipoint Bridging

Multipoint bridging (MPB) enables the connection of multiple ATM PVCs, Frame Relay PVCs, BCP ports, and WAN Gigabit Ethernet subinterfaces into a single broadcast domain (virtual LAN), together with the LAN ports on that VLAN. This enables service providers to add support for Ethernet-based Layer 2 services to the proven technology of their existing ATM and Frame Relay legacy networks. You can use your current VLAN-based networks over the ATM or Frame Relay cloud. This feature also allows service providers to gradually update their core networks to the latest Gigabit Ethernet optical technologies, while still supporting their existing customer base.

For MPB configuration guidelines and restrictions and feature compatibility tables, see the [“Configuring Multipoint Bridging”](#) section on page 4-17 of Chapter 4, [“Configuring the SIPs and SSC.”](#)

Configuring Bridging Control Protocol Support

The Bridging Control Protocol (BCP) enables forwarding of Ethernet frames over SONET networks and provides a high-speed extension of enterprise LAN backbone traffic through a metropolitan area. The implementation of BCP on the SPAs includes support for IEEE 802.1D, IEEE 802.1Q Virtual LAN (VLAN), and high-speed switched LANs.

For BCP configuration guidelines and restrictions and feature compatibility tables, see the [“Configuring PPP Bridging Control Protocol Support”](#) section on page 4-18 of Chapter 4, [“Configuring the SIPs and SSC.”](#)

Configuring BCP on MLPPP

Consider the following guidelines when configuring BCP on MLPPP:

- Only Distributed MLPPP is supported.
- Only channelized interfaces are allowed, and member links must be from the same controller card.
- Only trunk port BCP is supported on MLPPP.
- Bridging can be configured only on the bundle interface.

**Note**

BCP on MLPPP operates only in trunk mode. For more information on trunk mode, see the “Configuring BCP in Trunk Mode” section on page 4-19 of Chapter 4, “Configuring the SIPs and SSC.”

Configuring BCP on MLPPP Trunk Mode

To configure BCP on MLPPP trunk mode, perform this task:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# interface multilink	Selects the multilink interface.
Step 2	Router(config-if)# switchport	Puts an interface that is in Layer 3 mode into Layer 2 mode for Layer 2 configuration.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# switchport trunk allowed vlan <i>vlan-list</i>	By default, no VLANs are allowed. Use this command to explicitly allow VLANs; valid values for <i>vlan-list</i> are from 1 to 4094.
Step 4	Router(config-if)# switchport mode trunk	Configures the router port connected to the switch as a VLAN trunk port.
Step 5	Router(config-if)# switchport nonegotiate	Puts the LAN port into permanent trunking mode but prevents the port from generating DTP frames.
Step 6	Router(config-if)# no ip address	Unassigns the IP address.
Step 7	Router(config-if)# ppp multilink	Enables this interface to support MLP.
Step 8	Router(config-if)# multilink-group 1	Assigns this interface to the multilink group.
Step 9	Router(config-if)# interface Serial1/0/0.1/1/1:0	Designates a serial interface as a multilink bundle.
Step 10	Router(config-if)# no ip address	Unassigns the IP address.
Step 11	Router(config-if)# encapsulation ppp	Enables PPP encapsulation.
Step 12	Router(config-if)# ppp multilink	Enables this interface to support MLP.
Step 13	Router(config-if)# multilink-group 1	Assigns this interface to the multilink group 1.
Step 14	Router(config-if)# interface Serial1/0/0.1/1/1:2:0	Designates a serial interface as a multilink bundle.
Step 15	Router(config-if)# no ip address	Unassigns the IP address.
Step 16	Router(config-if)# encapsulation ppp	Enables PPP encapsulation.
Step 17	Router(config-if)# ppp multilink	Enables this interface to support MLP.
Step 18	Router(config-if)# multilink-group 2	Assigns this interface to the multilink group 2.
Step 19	Router(config-if)# shutdown	Shuts down an interface.
Step 20	Router(config-if)# no shutdown	Reopens an interface.
Step 21	Router(config-if)# switchport trunk allowed vlan <i>vlan-list</i>	By default, no VLANs are allowed. Use this command to explicitly allow VLANs; valid values for <i>vlan-list</i> are from 1 to 4094.

Verifying BCP on MLPPP Trunk Mode

To display information about Multilink PPP, perform this task in EXEC mode.

Command	Purpose
Router(config-if)# show ppp multilink	Displays information on a multilink group.

The following shows an example of **show ppp multilink**:

```
Router# show ppp multilink

Multilink1, bundle name is group 1
Bundle is Distributed
0 lost fragments, 0 reordered, 0 unassigned, sequence 0x0/0x0 rcvd/sent
0 discarded, 0 lost received, 1/255 load
Member links: 4 active, 0 inactive (max no set, min not set)
Serial1/0/0/:1
Serial1/0/0/:2
Serial1/0/0/:3
Serial1/0/0/:4
```

FRF.12 Guidelines

FRF.12 functions in hardware. Note the following guidelines:

- The fragmentation is configured at the main interface.
- Only three fragmentation sizes are supported: 128, 256, and 512 bytes.

LFI Guidelines

LFI can function by using either FRF.12 or MLPPP. MLPPP LFI operates in both hardware and software while FRF.12 LFI operates only in hardware.

Hardware MLPPP LFI Guidelines

LFI using MLPPP will function only in hardware if there is just one member link in the MLPPP bundle. The link can be a fractional T1 or full T1. Note the following guidelines:

- The **ppp multilink interleave** command must be configured to enable interleaving.
- Only three fragmentation sizes are supported: 128 bytes, 256 bytes, and 512 bytes.
- Fragmentation is enabled by default, and the default size is 512 bytes.
- A policy map having a priority class must be applied to the main interface.
- When hardware-based LFI is enabled, fragmentation counters are not displayed.

FRF.12 LFI Guidelines

LFI using FRF.12 is always performed in hardware. Note the following guidelines:

- The fragmentation is configured at the main interface.
- Only three fragmentation sizes are supported: 128 bytes, 256 bytes, and 512 bytes.
- A policy map having a priority class must be applied to the main interface.

Configuring QoS Features on Serial SPAs

For information about the QoS features supported by the serial SPAs, see the “[Configuring QoS Features on a SIP](#)” section on page 4-33 of Chapter 4, “[Configuring the SIPs and SSC](#).”

Saving the Configuration

To save your running configuration to nonvolatile random-access memory (NVRAM), perform this task in privileged EXEC configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router# copy running-config startup-config	Writes the new configuration to NVRAM.

For more information about managing configuration files, refer to the *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Configuration Guide, Release 12.2* and *Cisco IOS Configuration Fundamentals Command Reference, Release 12.2* publications.

Verifying the Interface Configuration

In addition to using the **show running-configuration** command to display your Catalyst 6500 Series switch configuration settings, you can use the **show interfaces serial** and the **show controllers serial** commands to get detailed information on a per-port basis for your 8-Port Clear Channel T1/E1 SPA.

Verifying Per-Port Interface Status

To find detailed interface information on a per-port basis for the 8-Port Clear Channel T1/E1 SPA, use the **show interfaces serial** command. For a description of the command output, see the *Catalyst 6500 Series Cisco IOS Command Reference, 12.2SX*.

The following example provides sample output for interface port 0 on the SPA located in the first subslot of the SIP installed in slot 6 of a Catalyst 6509 switch:

```
Router# show interface serial 6/0/0:0
Serial6/0/0:0 is up, line protocol is up
  Hardware is SPA-T1E1
  MTU 1500 bytes, BW 1536 Kbit, DLY 20000 usec,
    reliability 255/255, txload 1/255, rxload 1/255
  Encapsulation PPP, crc 32, loopback not set
  Keepalive set (10 sec)
  LCP Open, multilink Open
  Last input 00:00:38, output 00:00:00, output hang never
```

```

Last clearing of "show interface" counters 01:46:16
Input queue: 0/75/0/0 (size/max/drops/flushes); Total output drops: 0
Queueing strategy: fifo
Output queue: 0/40 (size/max)
30 second input rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
30 second output rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
 1272 packets input, 20396 bytes, 0 no buffer
   Received 0 broadcasts (0 IP multicast)
     0 runts, 0 giants, 0 throttles
    6 input errors, 3 CRC, 0 frame, 0 overrun, 0 ignored, 3 abort
 1276 packets output, 20460 bytes, 0 underruns
    0 output errors, 0 collisions, 0 interface resets
    0 output buffer failures, 0 output buffers swapped out
    0 carrier transitions no alarm present
Timeslot(s) Used:1-24, subrate: 64Kb/s, transmit delay is 0 flags

```

Configuration Examples

This section includes the following configuration examples:

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- [MFR Configuration Example, page 15-22](#)

Framing and Encapsulation Configuration Example

The following example sets the framing and encapsulation for the controller and interface:

```

! Specify the controller and enter controller configuration mode
!
Router(config)# controller t1 6/0/0
!
! Specify the framing method
!
Router(config-controller)# framing esf
!
! Exit controller configuration mode and return to global configuration mode
!
Router(config-controller)# exit
!
! Specify the interface and enter interface configuration mode
!
Router(config)# interface serial 6/0/0:0
!
! Specify the encapsulation protocol
!
Router(config-if)# encapsulation ppp
!
! Exit interface configuratin mode
!
Router(config-if)# exit
!
! Exit global configuration mode

```

```
!  
Router(config)# exit
```

CRC Configuration Example

The following example sets the CRC size for the interface:

```
! Specify the interface and enter interface configuration mode  
!  
Router(config)# interface serial 6/0/0:0  
!  
! Specify the CRC size  
!  
Router(config-if)# crc 32  
!  
! Exit interface configuration mode and return to global configuration mode  
!  
Router(config-if)# exit  
!  
! Exit global configuration mode  
!  
Router(config)# exit
```

Facility Data Link Configuration Example

The following example configures Facility Data Link:

```
! Specify the controller and enter controller configuration mode  
!  
Router(config)# controller t1 6/0/0  
!  
! Specify the FDL specification  
!  
Router(config-controller)# fdl ansi  
!  
! Exit controller configuration mode and return to global configuration mode  
!  
Router(config-controller)# exit  
!  
! Exit global configuration mode  
!  
Router(config)# exit
```

MLPPP Configuration Example

The following example creates a PPP Multilink bundle:

```
! Enter global configuration mode  
!  
Router# configure terminal  
!  
! Create a multilink bundle and assign a group number to the bundle  
!  
Router(config)# interface multilink 1  
!  
! Specify an IP address for the multilink group  
!  
Router(config-if)# ip address 123.456.789.111 255.255.255.0
```

```

!
! Enable Multilink PPP
!
Router(config-if)# ppp multilink
!
! Leave interface multilink configuration mode
!
Router(config-if)# exit
!
! Specify the interface to assign to the multilink bundle
!
Router(config)# interface serial 3/1//0:1
!
! Enable PPP encapsulation on the interface
!
Router(config-if)# encapsulation PPP
!
! Assign the interface to a multilink bundle
!
Router(config-if)# multilink-group 1
!
! Enable Multilink PPP
!
Router(config-if)# ppp multilink
!
! Exit interface configuration mode
!
Router(config-if)# exit
!
! Exit global configuration mode
!
Router(config)# exit

```

MFR Configuration Example

The following example configures Multilink Frame Relay (MFR):

```

! Create a MFR interface and enter interface configuration mode
!
Router(config)# interface mfr 49
!
! Assign the bundle identification (BID) name 'test' to a multilink bundle.
!
Router(config-if)# frame-relay multilink bid test
!
! Exit interface configuration mode and return to global configuration mode
!
Router(config-if)# exit
!
! Specify the serial interface to assign to a multilink bundle
!
Router(config)# interface serial 5/1/3:0
!
! Creates a multilink Frame Relay bundle link and associates the link with a multilink
bundle
!
Router(config-if)# encapsulation frame-relay mfr 49
!
! Assigns a bundle link identification (LID) name with a multilink bundle link
!
Router(config-if)# frame-relay multilink lid test
!

```

```
! Configures the interval at which the interface will send out hello messages
!
Router(config-if)# frame-relay multilink hello 15
!
! Configures the number of seconds the interface will wait for a hello message
! acknowledgement before resending the hello message
!
Router(config-if)# frame-relay multilink ack 6
!
! Configures the maximum number of times the interface will resend a hello message while
! waiting for an acknowledgement
!
Router(config-if)# frame-relay multilink retry 5
!
! Exit interface configuration mode and return to global configuration mode
!
Router(config-if)# exit
!
! Exit global configuration mode
!
Router(config)# exit
```

Invert Data on the T1/E1 Interface Example

The following example inverts the data on the serial interface:

```
! Enter global configuration mode
!
Router# configure terminal
!
! Specify the serial interface and enter interface configuration mode
!
Router(config)# interface serial 5/1/3:0
!
! Configure invert data
!
Router(config-if)# invert data
!
! Exit interface configuration mode and return to global configuration mode
!
Router(config-if)# exit
!
! Exit global configuration mode
!
Router(config)# exit
```

