



Providing Protocol Support for Broadband Access Aggregation of PPP over ATM Sessions

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PPP over ATM enables a high-capacity central site router with an ATM interface to terminate multiple remote PPP connections. PPP over ATM provides security validation per user, IP address pooling, and service selection capability.

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest feature information and caveats, see the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the “[Feature Information for Providing Protocol Support for Broadband Access Aggregation of PPP over ATM Sessions](#)” section on page 17.

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Prerequisites for Providing Protocol Support for Broadband Access Aggregation of PPP over ATM Sessions

Perform the preparation tasks in the “[Preparing for Broadband Access Aggregation](#)” module.

Restrictions for Providing Protocol Support for Broadband Access Aggregation of PPP over ATM Sessions

PPP over ATM cannot be configured on IETF-compliant Logical Link Control (LLC) encapsulated PPP over ATM.

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Virtual Access Interface

When you configure PPP over ATM, a logical interface known as a *virtual access interface* associates each PPP connection with an ATM VC. You can create this logical interface by configuring an ATM permanent virtual circuit (PVC) or switched virtual circuit (SVC). This configuration encapsulates each PPP connection in a separate PVC or SVC, allowing each PPP connection to terminate at the router ATM interface as if received from a typical PPP serial interface.

The virtual access interface for each virtual circuit (VC) obtains its configuration from a virtual interface template (virtual template) when the VC is created. Before you create the ATM VC, we recommend that you create and configure a virtual template as described in the “[Preparing for Broadband Access Aggregation](#)” module.

After you have configured the router for PPP over ATM, the PPP subsystem starts and the router attempts to send a PPP configuration request to the remote peer. If the peer does not respond, the router periodically goes into a listen state and waits for a configuration request from the peer.

The virtual access interface is associated with the VC after the completion of the LCP negotiation. When the PPP session goes down, the virtual access interface is no longer associated with the VC and is returned to the pool of free virtual-access interfaces.

If you set a keepalive timer of the virtual template on the interface, the virtual access interface uses the PPP echo mechanism to verify the existence of the remote peer.

The following two types of PPP over ATM connections are supported:

- IETF-compliant MUX encapsulated PPP over ATM
- IETF-compliant LLC encapsulated PPP over ATM

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Configuring IETF-Compliant MUX Encapsulated PPP over ATM on Point-to-Point Subinterface

Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)-compliant multiplexer (MUX) encapsulated PPP over ATM, also known as *null encapsulation*, allows you to configure PPP over ATM using a VC multiplexed encapsulation mode. This feature complies with IETF RFC 2364 entitled PPP over AAL5.

You can configure ATM PVCs for IETF-compliant MUX encapsulated PPP over ATM on either point-to-point or multipoint subinterfaces.

Perform this task to configure IETF-compliant MUX Encapsulated PPP over ATM point-to-point subinterface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface atm number.subinterface-number point-to-point**
4. **pvc [name] vpi/vci**
or
range [range-name] pvc start-vpi/start-vci end-vpi/end-vci
5. **encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template number**
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1 <code>enable</code> Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2 <code>configure terminal</code> Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3 <code>interface atm number.subinterface-number point-to-point</code> Example: Router(config)# interface atm 1.0 point-to-point	Specifies the ATM point-to-point subinterface using the appropriate form of the interface atm command ¹ and enters subinterface configuration mode.
Step 4 <code>pvc [name] vpi/vci</code> or <code>range [range-name] pvc start-vpi/start-vci end-vpi/end-vci</code> Example: Router(config-subif)# pvc cisco 0/5 or	Configures the PVC or a range of PVCs and enters ATM virtual circuit subinterface mode or ATM range subinterface configuration mode.
Step 5 <code>encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template number</code> Example: Router(config-subif)# range rangel pvc 1/200 1/299	Configures VC multiplexed encapsulation on a PVC or PVC range.
Step 6 <code>end</code> Example: Router(config-subif-atm-vc)# end or	Exits ATM virtual circuit range subinterface configuration mode. or Exits ATM range subinterface configuration mode.
Example: Router(config-subif-atm-range)# end	

1. To determine the correct form of the **interface atm** command, consult your ATM shared port adapters documentation.

Configuring IETF-Compliant MUX Encapsulated PPP over ATM on a Multipoint Subinterface

Multiple PVCs on multipoint subinterfaces significantly increase the maximum number of PPP-over-ATM sessions running on a router. You can configure IETF-compliant MUX encapsulated PPP over ATM on a single ATM PVC or an ATM PVC range.

Perform this task to configure IETF-compliant MUX Encapsulated PPP over ATM on a multipoint subinterface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface atm *number.subinterface-number multipoint***
4. **pvc [*name*] vpi/vci**
or
range [*range-name*] pvc *start-vpi/start-vci end-vpi/end-vci*
5. **encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template *number***
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface atm <i>number.subinterface-number multipoint</i> Example: Router(config)# interface atm 1/0/0.4 multipoint	Specifies the ATM multipoint subinterface using the appropriate form of the interface atm command ¹ and enters subinterface configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	<p>pvc [<i>name</i>] <i>vpi/vci</i> or range [<i>range-name</i>] pvc <i>start-vpi/start-vci</i> <i>end-vpi/end-vci</i></p> <p>Example: Router(config-subif)# pvc cisco 0/5 or</p> <p>Example: Router(config-subif)# range rangel pvc 1/200 1/299</p>	Configures the PVC or a range of PVCs and enters ATM virtual circuit subinterface mode or ATM range subinterface configuration mode.
Step 5	<p>encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template <i>number</i></p> <p>Example: Router(config-subif-atm-vc)# encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 3 or</p> <p>Example: Router(config-subif-atm-range)# encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 3</p>	Configures VC multiplexed encapsulation on a PVC or PVC range.
Step 6	<p>end</p> <p>Example: Router(config-subif-atm-vc)# end or</p> <p>Example: Router(config-subif-atm-range)# end</p>	Exits ATM virtual circuit subinterface configuration mode. or Exits ATM range subinterface configuration mode.

1. To determine the correct form of the **interface atm** command, consult your ATM shared port adapters documentation.

Configuring IETF-Compliant LLC Encapsulated PPP over ATM on a Point-to-point Subinterface

IETF-compliant LLC encapsulated PPP over ATM allows you to configure PPP over ATM with LLC encapsulation. It accommodates Frame Relay-to-ATM service interworking (Frame Relay Forum standard FRF.8). There is no equivalent VC multiplexed encapsulation mode for Frame Relay; therefore, LLC encapsulation is required for Frame Relay-to-ATM networking. This version of PPP over ATM also enables you to carry multiprotocol traffic. For example, a VC will carry both PPP and IPX traffic.

Figure 2 shows Frame Relay-to-ATM interworking.

Figure 2**Frame Relay-to-ATM Interworking**

You can configure ATM PVCs for IETF-compliant LLC encapsulated PPP over ATM on either point-to-point or multipoint subinterfaces. Multiple PVCs on multipoint subinterfaces significantly increase the maximum number of PPP-over-ATM sessions running on a router.

Perform this task to configure IETF-compliant LLC encapsulated PPP over ATM PVC or range of PVCs on a point-to-point interface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface atm *number.subinterface-number* point-to-point**
4. **pvc [*name*] vpi/vci**
or
range [*range-name*] pvc *start-vpi/end-vpi* *start-vci/end-vci*
5. **encapsulation aal1snap**
6. **protocol ppp virtual-template *number***
7. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1 <code>enable</code> Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2 <code>configure terminal</code> Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3 <code>interface atm number.subinterface-number point-to-point</code> Example: Router(config)# interface atm 6.200 point-to-point	Specifies the ATM point-to-point or multipoint subinterface using the appropriate form of the interface atm command ¹ and enters subinterface configuration mode.
Step 4 <code>pvc [name] vpi/vci</code> or <code>range [range-name] pvc start-vpi/start-vci end-vpi/end-vci</code> Example: Router(config-subif)# pvc cisco 0/5 or Example: Router(config-subif)# range rangel pvc 1/200 1/299	Configures the PVC or a range of PVCs and enters ATM virtual circuit subinterface mode or ATM range subinterface configuration mode.
Step 5 <code>encapsulation aal1snap</code> Example: Router(config-subif-atm-vc)# encapsulation aal1snap or Example: Router(config-subif-atm-range)# encapsulation aal1snap	Configures LLC SNAP encapsulation on the PVC or a range of PVCs. ²

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6 <code>protocol ppp virtual-template number</code> Example: Router(config-subif-atm-vc)# protocol ppp virtual-template 2 or	Configures IETF PPP over ATM LLC encapsulation on the PVC or a range of PVCs.
Example: Router(config-subif-atm-range)# protocol ppp virtual-template 2 Step 7 <code>end</code> Example: Router(config-subif-atm-vc)# end or	Exits ATM virtual circuit subinterface configuration mode. or Exits ATM range subinterface configuration mode.

1. To determine the correct form of the **interface atm** command, consult your ATM shared port adapters documentation.
2. “SNAP encapsulation” is a misnomer here, since this encapsulation configures both LLC and SNAP encapsulation on the VC. If SNAP encapsulation is not configured at a lower inheritance level, or another type of encapsulation is configured at a lower inheritance level, you will have to configure both SNAP and the **protocol ppp** command to ensure that PPP over ATM with LLC encapsulation is configured on your VC.

Configuring IETF-Compliant LLC Encapsulated PPP over ATM on a Multipoint Subinterface

Multiple PVCs on multipoint subinterfaces significantly increase the maximum number of PPP-over-ATM sessions running on a router.

Perform this task to configure IETF-compliant LLC encapsulated PPP over ATM PVC or a range of PVCs on a multipoint subinterface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface atm *number.subinterface-number multipoint***
4. **pvc [*name*] vpi/vci**
 or
range [*range-name*] pvc *start-vpi/end-vpi start-vci/end-vci*
5. **encapsulation aal15snap**
6. **protocol ppp virtual-template *number***
7. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1 <code>enable</code> Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2 <code>configure terminal</code> Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3 <code>interface atm number.subinterface-number multipoint</code> Example: Router(config)# interface atm 1/0/0.4 multipoint	Specifies the ATM multipoint subinterface using the appropriate form of the interface atm command ¹ and enters subinterface configuration mode.
Step 4 <code>pvc [name] vpi/vci</code> or <code>range [range-name] pvc start-vpi/start-vci end-vpi/end-vci</code> Example: Router(config-subif)# pvc cisco 0/5	Configures the PVC or a range of PVCs and enters ATM virtual circuit subinterface mode or ATM range subinterface configuration mode.
 Example: Router(config-subif)# range rangel pvc 1/200 1/299	
Step 5 <code>encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template number</code> Example: Router(config-subif-atm-vc)# encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 3	Configures VC multiplexed encapsulation on a PVC or PVC range.
 Example: Router(config-subif-atm-range)# encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 3	

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6 <code>protocol ppp virtual-template number</code> Example: Router(config-subif-atm-vc)# protocol ppp virtual-template 2 or	Configures IETF PPP over ATM LLC encapsulation on the PVC or a range of PVCs.
Example: Router(config-subif-atm-range)# protocol ppp virtual-template 2 Step 7 <code>end</code> Example: Router(config-subif-atm-vc)# end or	Exits ATM virtual circuit subinterface configuration mode. or Exits ATM range subinterface configuration mode.

1. To determine the correct form of the **interface atm** command, consult your ATM shared port adapters documentation.

You can also configure IETF-compliant LLC encapsulated PPP over ATM in a VC class and apply this VC class to an ATM VC, subinterface, or interface. For information about configuring a VC class, see the “Configuring VC Classes” section in the [Configuring ATM](#) module.

Configuration Examples for PPP over ATM

This section provides the following configuration examples:

- [IETF-Compliant MUX Encapsulated PPP over ATM Configuration, page 11](#)
- [IETF-Compliant LLC Encapsulated PPP over ATM Configuration, page 13](#)

IETF-Compliant MUX Encapsulated PPP over ATM Configuration

This section provides the following examples for configuring IETF-compliant PPP over ATM:

- [Example: ETF-Compliant PPP over ATM with Different Traffic-Shaping Parameters, page 11](#)
- [Example: Two Routers with Back-to-Back PVCs, page 12](#)
- [Example: Two Routers with Back-to-Back PVCs, page 12](#)
- [Example: Multiplexed Encapsulation Using VC Class, page 13](#)

Example: ETF-Compliant PPP over ATM with Different Traffic-Shaping Parameters

PVCs with different PPP-over-ATM traffic-shaping parameters can be configured on the same subinterface. In the following example, three PVCs are configured for PPP over ATM on subinterface ATM 2/0.1. PVC 0/60 is configured with IETF-compliant PPP over ATM encapsulation. Its

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traffic-shaping parameter is an unspecified bit rate with peak cell rate at 500 kb/s. PVC 0/70 is also configured with IETF-compliant PPP over ATM encapsulation, but its traffic-shaping parameter is nonreal-time variable bit rate, with peak cell rate at 1 Mb/s, sustainable cell rate at 500 kb/s, and burst cell size of 64 cells. For further information, see the “[Configuring IETF-Compliant MUX Encapsulated PPP over ATM on Point-to-Point Subinterface](#)” section on page 3.

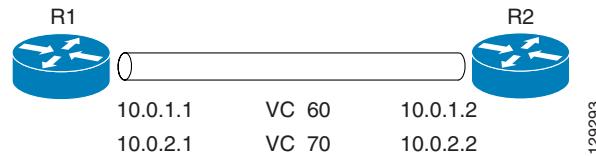
```
interface atm 2/0.1 multipoint
pvc 0/60
  encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 3
    ubr 500
  exit

pvc 0/70
  encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 3
  vbr-nrt 1000 500 64
  exit
```

Example: Two Routers with Back-to-Back PVCs

Figure 3 illustrates an ATM interface with two PPP sessions over two PVC session connections. The sample commands following **Figure 3** establish the back-to-back router configuration. For further information, see the “[Configuring IETF-Compliant MUX Encapsulated PPP over ATM on Point-to-Point Subinterface](#)” section on page 3.

Figure 3 **Two Routers with Back-to-Back PVCs**



R1 Configuration

```
interface atm 2/0
atm clock internal
pvc 0/60
  encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 1
  ubr 90
  exit

pvc 0/70
  encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 2
  vbr-nrt 90 50 1024
  exit

interface virtual-template 1
ip address 10.0.1.1 255.255.255.0

interface virtual-template 2
ip address 10.0.2.1 255.255.255.0
exit
```

R2 Configuration

```
interface atm 2/0.1 multipoint
pvc 0/60
  encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 1
```

```

ubr 90
exit

pvc 0/70
encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 2
vbr-nrt 90 50 1024
exit
exit

interface virtual-template 1
ip address 10.0.1.2 255.255.255.0
exit

interface virtual-template 2
ip address 10.0.2.2 255.255.255.0

```

Example: Multiplexed Encapsulation Using VC Class

In the following example, PVC 0/60 is configured on subinterface ATM 2/0.1 with a VC class attached to it. By rule of inheritance, PVC 0/60 runs with IETF-compliant PPP over ATM encapsulation using the configuration from interface virtual-template 1. Its parameter is an unspecified bit rate with peak cell at 90 kb/s.

```

interface atm 2/0/0.1
pvc 0/60
class-vc pvc-ppp
exit
exit

vc-class atm pvc-ppp
encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 1
ubr 90
exit

```

IETF-Compliant LLC Encapsulated PPP over ATM Configuration

This section provides the following examples for configuring IETF-compliant LLC encapsulated PPP over ATM:

- [Example: Configuring IETF-Compliant PPP over ATM LLC Encapsulation, page 13](#)
- [Example: Overriding a Virtual Template for IETF-Compliant PPP over ATM, page 14](#)
- [Example: Disabling IETF-Compliant PPP over ATM LLC Encapsulation on a Specific VC, page 14](#)

Example: Configuring IETF-Compliant PPP over ATM LLC Encapsulation

This example shows how to configure IETF PPP over ATM LLC encapsulation in the VC class called ppp-default. The VC class specifies virtual template 1 from which to spawn PPP interfaces, SNAP encapsulation (the default), and a UBR class traffic type at 256 kb/s. When the VC class ppp-default is configured on interface 0.1, PVC 0/70 inherits these properties. PVC 0/80 overrides virtual template 1 in the VC class and uses virtual template 2 instead. PVC 0/90 also overrides virtual template 1 and uses virtual template 3 instead. In addition, PVC 0/90 uses a VC multiplexed encapsulation and a UBR class traffic type at 500 kb/s. For further information, see the “[IETF-Compliant LLC Encapsulated PPP over ATM Configuration](#)” section on page 13.

```
interface atm 2/0/0.1 multipoint
```

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```

class-int ppp-default
!
pvc 0/70
exit
!
pvc 0/80
protocol ppp virtual-template 2
exit
!
pvc 0/90
encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 3
ubr 500
exit
exit
!
vc-class atm ppp-default
protocol ppp virtual-template 1
ubr 256
exit

```

Example: Overriding a Virtual Template for IETF-Compliant PPP over ATM

This example illustrates how to use inheritance to override a virtual template configuration for muxppp encapsulation options. For PVC 5/505, since the encapsulation option at that level is ciscopp virtual template 1, as specified in the VC class called muxppp, the **protocol ppp virtual-template 2** command overrides only the virtual-template configuration. For further information, see the “[IETF-Compliant LLC Encapsulated PPP over ATM Configuration](#)” section on page 13.

```

interface atm 2/0/0.1
class-int muxppp
!
pvc 5/505
protocol ppp virtual-template 2
exit
!
muxppp
encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template 1
exit

```

Example: Disabling IETF-Compliant PPP over ATM LLC Encapsulation on a Specific VC

This example shows how to limit the configuration of a particular LLC encapsulated protocol to a particular VC. First, we see that the VC class called ppp is configured with IETF PPP over ATM with LLC encapsulation and virtual template 1. This VC class is then applied to ATM interface 1/0/0. By configuring SNAP encapsulation by itself on PVC 0/32, you disable IETF PPP over ATM with LLC encapsulation on this particular PVC; PVC 0/32 will only carry IP. For further information, see the “[IETF-Compliant LLC Encapsulated PPP over ATM Configuration](#)” section on page 13.

```

interface atm 1/0/0
class-int ppp
exit
!
interface atm 1/0/0.100 point-to-point
description IP only VC
ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
pvc 0/32
encapsulation aal5snap
exit
exit

```

```
!
vc-class atm ppp
encapsulation aal5snap
protocol ppp virtual-template 1
exit
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	<i>Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases</i>
Broadband and DSL commands	<i>Cisco IOS Broadband and DSL Command Reference</i>
Broadband access aggregation preparation tasks	<i>Preparing for Broadband Access Aggregation</i>
Configuring ATM	<i>Configuring ATM</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
Frame Relay Forum standard FRF.8	<i>Frame Relay to ATM Internetworking</i>

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS XE software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFCs	Title
RFC 2364	<i>PPP over AAL5</i>

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

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Table 5 lists the release history for this feature.

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Note

Table 5 lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

Table 5 **Feature Information for Providing Protocol Support for Broadband Access Aggregation of PPP over ATM Sessions**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
PPP over ATM	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.3S	<p>PPP over ATM provides support for the termination of multiple PPP connections on an ATM interface of a router.</p> <p>In Cisco IOS XE Release 3.3S, this feature was introduced on the Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers.</p> <p>The following sections provide information about this feature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Feature Information for Providing Protocol Support for Broadband Access Aggregation of PPP over ATM Sessions” section on page 17 • “Virtual Access Interface” section on page 2 • “How to Provide Protocol Support for Broadband Access Aggregation of PPP over ATM Sessions” section on page 3 <p>The following commands were introduced or modified:</p> <p>encapsulation aal5mux ppp virtual-template, interface atm, protocol ppp virtual-template, pvc, range.</p>

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