



PPPoE on ATM

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This feature module describes the PPP over Ethernet (PPPoE) on ATM feature. The PPPoE on ATM feature provides the ability to connect a network of hosts over a simple bridging-access device to a remote access concentrator.

Finding Feature Information

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 PPPoE on ATM” section on page 15](#)

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Prerequisites for PPPoE on ATM

Before you can configure PPPoE on ATM, you need to specify a virtual template for the PPPoE sessions using the **virtual-template** command.

Restrictions for PPPoE on ATM

The following restrictions apply when PPPoE on ATM is used:

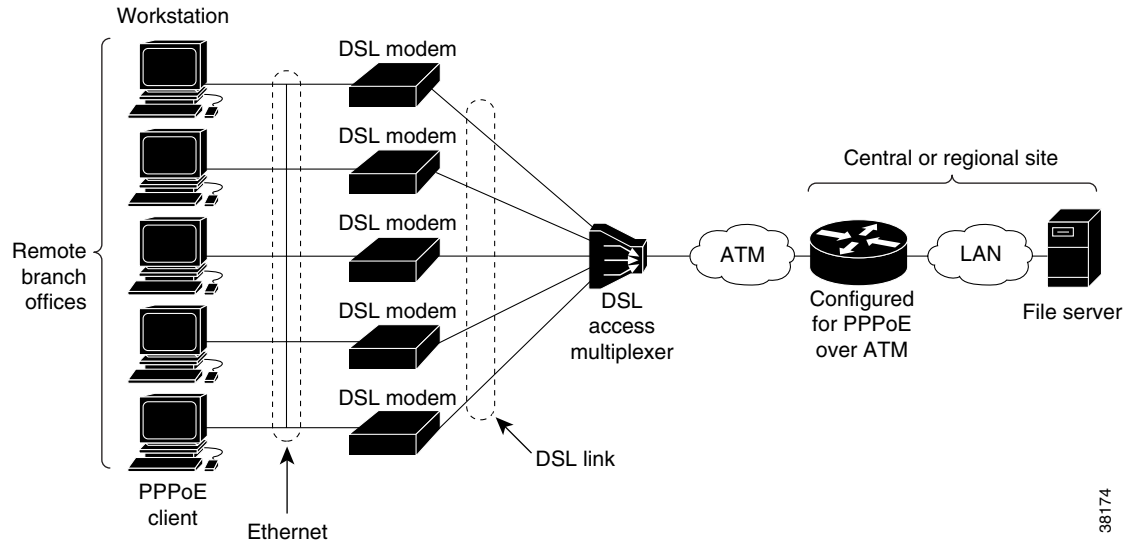
- PPPoE is not supported on Frame Relay.
- PPPoE over ATM AAL5Mux is not supported on ASR series 1000 routers. For more information, refer to the PPPoEoA over ATM AAL5Mux feature: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/bbds1/configuration/guide/bba_pppoeoa_aal5mux.html
- PPPoE is not supported on any other LAN interfaces such as FDDI and Token Ring.
- Fast switching is supported. PPPoE over RFC 1483 fibswitching is supported for IP. All other protocols are switched over process switching.
- Bridging is supported on the ATM permanent virtual connections (PVCs) running PPPoE.
- PPPoE is supported on ATM PVCs compliant with RFC 1483 only.
- Only dial-in mode is supported. Dial-out mode will not be supported.

Information About PPPoE on ATM

The PPPoE on ATM feature provides the ability to connect a network of hosts over a simple bridging-access device to a remote access concentrator. With this model, each host utilizes its own PPPoE stack and the user is presented with a familiar user interface. Access control, billing and type of service can be done on a per-user, rather than a per-site, basis. Before a point-to-point connection over Ethernet can be provided, each PPP session must learn the Ethernet address of the remote peer and establish a unique session identifier. A unique session identifier is provided by the PPPoE Discovery Stage protocol.

[Figure 1](#) shows a sample network topology using PPPoE on ATM.

Figure 1 PPPoE on ATM Sample Network Topology



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PPPoE Stage Protocols

PPPoE has two distinct stage protocols. The stage protocols are listed and summarized in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 PPPoE Stage Protocols

Stage Protocols	Description
Discovery Stage protocol	Remains stateless until a PPPoE session is established. Once the PPPoE session is established, both the host and the access concentrator <i>must</i> allocate the resources for a PPP virtual access interface.
PPP Session Stage protocol	Once the PPPoE session is established, sends PPPoE data as in any other PPP encapsulation.

There are four steps to the Discovery Stage:

1. Host broadcasts a PPPoE Active Discovery Initiation (PADI) packet.
2. When the access concentrator receives a PADI that it can serve, it replies by sending a PPPoE Active Discovery Offer (PADO) packet to the host.
3. Because the PADI was broadcast, the host may receive more than one PADO packet. The host looks through the PADO packets it receives and chooses one. The choice can be based on the AC name or the services offered. The host then sends a single PPPoE Active Discovery Request (PADR) packet to the access concentrator that it has chosen.
4. When the access concentrator receives a PADR packet, it prepares to begin a PPP session. It generates a unique SESSION_ID for the PPPoE session and replies to the host with a PPPoE Active Discovery Session-confirmation (PADS) packet.

When a host wishes to initiate a PPPoE session, it must first perform discovery to identify the Ethernet MAC address of the peer and establish a PPPOE SESSION_ID. Although PPP defines a peer-to-peer relationship, discovery is inherently a client/server relationship. In the discovery process, a host (the client) discovers an access concentrator (the server). Based on the network topology, there may be more

than one access concentrator that the host can communicate with. The Discovery Stage allows the host to discover all access concentrators and then select one. When discovery is completed, both the host and the selected access concentrator have the information they will use to build their point-to-point connection over Ethernet.

Benefits of PPPoE on ATM

The PPPoE on ATM feature provides service-provider digital subscriber line (DSL) support. As service providers begin DSL deployments, two of their most significant goals are to ease and facilitate consumer end adoption and to preserve as much of the dialup model as possible. PPPoE serves to advance both of these goals by leveraging ethernet scale curves and embedded base (such as ATM NICs) and by preserving the point-to-point session used by internet service providers (ISPs) in today's dialup model.

Using a PPPoE client (available from RouterWare), a PPP session can be initiated on an Ethernet connected client through a standard ADSL modem. The session is transported over the ATM DSL link via RFC 1483 Ethernet bridged frames and can terminate either in the LAN emulation client (LEC) central office or the ISP point of presence (POP). The termination device can be an aggregation box such as the Cisco 6400 or a router such as the Cisco 7200 series platforms.

As customers deploy asymmetric DSL (ADSL), they will encounter the need to enable users to access remote-access concentrators via simple bridges connecting Ethernet and ATM networks.

How to Configure PPPoE on ATM

See the following sections for configuration tasks for the PPPoE on ATM feature. Each task in the list indicates if the task is optional or required.

- [Enabling PPP over ATM](#) (Required)
- [Creating and Configuring a Virtual Template](#) (Optional)
- [Specifying an ATM Subinterface](#) (Optional)
- [Creating an ATM PVC](#) (Required)
- [Enabling PPPoE on an ATM PVC](#) (Required)

Enabling PPP over ATM

After you configure the Cisco router or access server for Ethernet encapsulation, you must configure the physical interface with the PVC and apply a virtual template with PPP encapsulation to the PVC that it applies to. To configure the physical interface that will carry the PPPoE session and link it to the appropriate virtual template interface, use the following commands:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **bba-group pppoe** { *group-name* | **global** }
4. **virtual-template** *template-number*
5. **sessions per-vc limit** *per-vc-limit* [**threshold** *threshold-value*]

6. **sessions per-mac limit** *per-mac-limit*
7. **exit**
8. **interface atm** *slot/subslot/port[.subinterface]* [**multipoint** | **point-to-point**]
9. **ip address** *ip-address mask* [**secondary**]
10. **range** [*range-name*] **pvc** *start-vp/start-vci end-vp/end-vci*
11. **dbcs enable** [**aggregated** | **maximum**]
12. **protocol pppoe group** {*group-name* | **global**}
or
encapsulation aal5snap
13. **create-on-demand**
14. **end**



Note You can use the **virtual-template**, **sessions per-vc**, and **sessions per-mac** commands in any order.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	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	bba-group pppoe { <i>group-name</i> global } Example: Router(config)# bba-group pppoe pppoe-group	Defines a PPPoE profile, and enters BBA group configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The global keyword creates a profile that serves as the default profile for any PPPoE port that is not assigned a specific profile.
Step 4	virtual-template <i>template-number</i> Example: Router(config-bba-group)# virtual-template 1	Specifies which virtual template will be used to clone virtual access interfaces.
Step 5	sessions per-vc limit <i>per-vc-limit</i> [threshold <i>threshold-value</i>] Example: Router(config-bba-group)# sessions max limit 1	Configures the PPPoE global profile with the maximum number of PPPoE sessions permitted on a router and sets the PPPoE session-count threshold at which an Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) trap will be generated. Note This command applies only to the global profile.

	Command	Purpose
Step 6	<pre>sessions per-mac limit per-mac-limit</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-bba-group)# sessions per-mac limit 4000</p>	Sets the maximum number of PPPoE sessions permitted per MAC address in a PPPoE profile.
Step 7	<pre>exit</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-bba-group)# exit</p>	Exits BBA group configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 8	<pre>interface atm slot/subslot/port[.subinterface] [point-to-point multipoint]</pre> <p>Example: Router(config)# interface atm 1/0.1 multipoint</p>	Specifies the ATM interface and enters subinterface configuration mode.
Step 9	<pre>ip address ip-address mask [secondary]</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-subif)# ip address 192.0.10.2 255.255.255.0 secondary</p>	Sets a primary or secondary IP address for an interface.
Step 10	<pre>range [range-name] pvc start-vpi/start-vci end-vpi/end-vci</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-if)# range pvc 101/304 200/400</p>	Defines a range of ATM permanent virtual circuits (PVCs) and enters ATM range configuration mode.
Step 11	<pre>dbns enable [aggregated maximum]</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-if-atm-range)# dbns enable</p>	Applies the Dynamic Subscriber Bandwidth Selection (DBS) QoS parameters.
Step 12	<pre>protocol pppoe group {group-name global} or encapsulation aal5snap</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-if-atm-range-pvc)# protocol pppoe group two</p> <p>or</p> <pre>Router(config-if-atm-range-pvc)# encapsulation aal5snap</pre>	<p>Enables PPPoE sessions to be established on a PVC within a range.</p> <p>or</p> <p>Configures PPPoE autosense.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a PPPoE profile is not assigned to the PVC by using the group <i>group-name</i> option, the PVC will use the global PPPoE profile.

	Command	Purpose
Step 13	<code>create on-demand</code> Example: Router(config-if-atm-range)# <code>create on-demand</code>	Configures ATM PVC autoprovisioning, which enables a range of PVCs to be created automatically on demand.
Step 14	<code>end</code> Example: Router(config-if-atm-range)# <code>end</code>	(Optional) Exits the ATM range configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Creating and Configuring a Virtual Template

Prior to configuring the ATM PVC for PPPoE on ATM, you typically create and configure a virtual template.

Other optional configuration commands can be added to the virtual template configuration. All PPP parameters are managed within the virtual template configuration. Configuration changes made to the virtual template are automatically propagated to the individual virtual access interfaces. Multiple virtual access interfaces can spawn from a single virtual template; hence, multiple PVCs can use a single virtual template.

Cisco IOS software supports up to 25 virtual template configurations. If greater numbers of tailored configurations are required, an authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) server may be employed.

If the parameters of the virtual template are not explicitly defined before the ATM PVC is configured, the PPP interface is brought up using default values from the virtual template identified. Some parameters (such as an IP address) take effect only if specified before the PPP interface comes up. Therefore, Cisco recommends that you explicitly create and configure the virtual template before configuring the ATM PVC to ensure such parameters take effect. Alternatively, if parameters are specified after the ATM PVC has already been configured, you should issue a **shutdown** command followed by a **no shutdown** command on the ATM subinterface to restart the interface; this restart will cause the newly configured parameters (such as an IP address) to take effect.

Network addresses for the PPP-over-ATM connections are not configured on the main ATM interface or subinterface. Instead, these connections are configured on the appropriate virtual template or obtained via AAA.

The virtual templates support all standard PPP configuration commands; however, not all configurations are supported by the PPP-over-ATM virtual access interfaces. These restrictions are enforced at the time the virtual template configuration is applied (cloned) to the virtual access interface. These restrictions are described in the following paragraphs.

Only standard first-in, first-out (FIFO) queueing is supported when applied to PPP-over-ATM virtual access interfaces. Other types of queueing that are typically configured on the main interface are not (for example, fair queueing). If configured, these configuration lines are ignored when applied to a PPP-over-ATM interface.

Although Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF) switching is supported, fast switching, flow, and optimum switching are not; these configurations are ignored on the PPP-over-ATM virtual access interface. CEF is enabled by default for IP. All other protocol traffic will be processed switched.



Note

The PPP reliable link that uses Link Access Procedure, Balanced (LAPB) is not supported.

Because an ATM PVC is configured for this feature, the following standard PPP features are not applicable and should not be configured:

- Asynchronous interfaces
- Dialup connections
- Callback on PPP

To create and configure a virtual template, use the following commands:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface virtual-template** *number*
4. **encapsulation ppp**
5. **ip unnumbered gigabitethernet** *slot/subslot/port[.subinterface]*
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	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 1	interface virtual-template <i>number</i> Example: Router(config)# interface virtual-template 2	Creates a virtual template, and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 2	encapsulation ppp Example: Router(config-if)# encapsulation ppp	Enables PPP encapsulation on the virtual template.
Step 3	ip unnumbered gigabitethernet <i>slot/subslot/port[.subinterface]</i> Example: Router(config-if)# ip unnumbered gigabitethernet0/0/0	Optionally, enables IP without assigning a specific IP address on the LAN.
Step 4	end Example: Router(config-if)# end	(Optional) Exits the interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Specifying an ATM Subinterface

After you create a virtual template for PPPoE on ATM, specify a multipoint or point-to-point subinterface per PVC connection. To specify an ATM multipoint subinterface, use the following commands:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `interface atm slot/subslot/port[.subinterface] [multipoint | point-to-point]`
4. `end`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	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 slot/subslot/port[.subinterface] [multipoint point-to-point]</code> Example: Router# interface atm 6/0.110 multipoint	Configures the ATM interface and enters subinterface configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A multipoint subinterface is recommended for interface conservation. A point-to-point subinterface will greatly restrict the total number of PPPoE sessions you can have.
Step 4	<code>end</code> Example: Router(config-subif)# end	(Optional) Exits the subinterface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Creating an ATM PVC

After you create a virtual template and specify an ATM subinterface, you must create an ATM PVC.

The peak rate value is typically identical to the average rate or some suitable multiple thereof.

The average rate value should be set to the line rate available at the remote site, because the remote line rate will typically have the lowest speed of the connection.

For example, if the remote site has a T1 link, set the line rate to 1.536 Mbps. Because the average rate calculation on the ATM PVC includes the cell headers, a line rate value plus 10 or 15 percent may result in better remote line utilization.

The burst size depends on the number of cells that can be buffered by receiving ATM switches and is coordinated with the ATM network connection provider. If this value is not specified, the default, which is the equivalent to one maximum length frame on the interface, is used.

Operations, Administration and Maintenance (OAM) F5 cell loopback is provided by the remote AXIS shelf so OAM may be enabled. However, PPPoE on ATM is not typically an end-to-end ATM connection, and therefore enabling OAM is not recommended.

Once you configure the router for PPPoE on ATM, the PPP subsystem starts and the router attempts to send a PPP configure 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. After a timeout (typically 45 seconds), the router again attempts to reach the remote router by sending configuration requests.

To create an ATM PVC, use the following commands:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface atm slot/subslot/port[.subinterface] multipoint | point-to-point**
4. **pvc [name] vpi/vci**
5. **encapsulation aal5snap**
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	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 slot/subslot/port[.subinterface] [multipoint point-to-point] Example: Router(config)# interface atm 6/0.110 multipoint	Configures the ATM interface and enters subinterface configuration mode.
Step 1	pvc [name] vpi/vci Example: Router(config-subif)# pvc 5/120	Creates an ATM PVC and enters ATM VC configuration mode.

	Command	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 slot/subslot/port[.subinterface] [multipoint point-to-point] Example: Router(config)# interface atm 6/0.110 multipoint	Configures the ATM interface and enters subinterface configuration mode.
Step 2	encapsulation aal5snap Example: Router(config-if-atm-vc)# encapsulation aal5snap	Specifies AAL5 SNAP for ATM encapsulation.
Step 3	end Example: Router(config-if-atm-vc)# end	(Optional) Exits the ATM VC configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Enabling PPPoE on an ATM PVC

To enable PPPoE on an ATM PVC, use the following commands:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface atm slot/subslot/port[.subinterface] [multipoint | point-to-point]**
4. **pvc [name] vpi/vci**
5. **pppoe max-sessions number-of-sessions [threshold-sessions number of sessions]**
6. **protocol pppoe**
7. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	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 slot/subslot/port[.subinterface] [multipoint point-to-point] Example: Router(config)# interface atm 0/0/0.3 multipoint	Configures the ATM interface and enters the subinterface configuration mode.
Step 4	pvc [name] vpi/vci Example: Router(config-subif)# pvc 5/120	Creates an ATM PVC and enters ATM VC configuration mode.
Step 5	pppoe max-sessions number-of-sessions [threshold-sessions number-of-sessions] Example: Router(config-if-atm-vc)# pppoe max-sessions 5 threshold-sessions 3	Sets the maximum number of PPPoE sessions that will be permitted on an ATM PVC, PVC range, VC class, or VLAN, and sets the PPPoE session-count threshold at which an SNMP trap will be generated.
Step 6	protocol pppoe Example: Router(config-if-atm-vc)# protocol pppoe	Enables PPPoE sessions to be established on ATM PVCs.
Step 7	end Example: Router(config-if-atm-vc)# end	(Optional) Exits the ATM VC configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuration Examples for PPPoE on ATM

This section provides the following configuration example:

- [PPPoE on ATM : Example, page 12](#)

PPPoE on ATM : Example

The following example configures PPPoE on ATM to accept dial-in PPPoE sessions. The virtual access interface for the PPP session is cloned from virtual template interface 1. On subinterface ATM 2/0.1, ATM PVC with VPI 0 and VCI 60 is configured with Logical Link Control (LLC)/Subnetwork Access Protocol (SNAP) encapsulation and is configured to run PPPoE.

```
bba-group pppoe pppoe-group
virtual-template 1
sessions per-vc limit 1
sessions per-mac limit 4000

interface atm 2/0.1 multipoint
ip address 192.0.10.2 255.255.255.0 secondary
```

```

range pvc 1/100 1/202
pvc 0/60
  dba enable
  encapsulation aal5snap
  protocol pppoe group two
  create on-demand

interface virtual-template 1
  ip addr 10.0.1.2 255.255.255.0
  mtu 1492
    
```

Where to Go Next

- If you want to enable PPP authentication on the virtual template using the **ppp authentication chap** command, refer to the [“Configuring Virtual Template Interfaces”](#) chapter in the *Cisco IOS Dial Solutions Configuration Guide*.
- If you want to configure an authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) server, refer to the [“Configuring per-User Configuration”](#) chapter in the *Cisco IOS Dial Solutions Configuration Guide*.

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to the PPPoE on ATM feature.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases
Broadband and DSL commands	Cisco IOS Broadband Access Aggregation and DSL Command Reference
Enabling PPP authentication on the virtual template	Configuring Virtual Template Interfaces
Configuring an AAA server	Configuring per-User Configuration
Configuring Broadband and DSL	Cisco IOS XE Broadband Access Aggregation and DSL Configuration Guide

Standards

Standard	Title
None	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
	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

RFC	Title
RFC 1483	<i>Multiprotocol Encapsulation over ATM Adaptation Layer 5</i>
RFC 2364	<i>PPP over AAL5</i>
RFC 2516	<i>A Method for Transmitting PPP over Ethernet (PPPoE)</i>

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Description	Link
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Feature Information for PPPoE on ATM

Table 2 lists the features in this module and provides links to specific configuration information.

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Note

Table 2 lists only the Cisco IOS XE software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given Cisco IOS XE software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that Cisco IOS XE software release train also support that feature.

Table 2 Feature Information for PPPoE on ATM

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
PPPoE on ATM	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.5	<p>This feature was introduced on Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers.</p> <p>This feature module describes the PPP over Ethernet (PPPoE) on ATM feature. The PPPoE on ATM feature provides the ability to connect a network of hosts over a simple bridging-access device to a remote access concentrator.</p> <p>The following commands were introduced or modified: bba-group, protocol (VPDN), virtual-template.</p>

Glossary

- AAL5**—ATM Adaptation Layer 5
- ADSL**—Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line
- ATM**—Asynchronous Transfer Mode
- CPCS**—Common Part of Convergence Sublayer
- CPI**—Common Part Indicator
- CRC**—Cyclic Redundancy Check
- DSLAM**—Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer
- FCS**—Frame Check Sequence
- IETF**—Internet Engineering Task Force
- ID**—Identifier
- IP**—Internet Protocol
- L2TP**—Layer two Tunneling Protocol
- LAN**—Local Area Network
- LLC**—Logical Link Control
- MAC**—Media Access Control

PDU—Protocol Data Unit

PPP—Point to Point Protocol

PPPoE—Point to Point Protocol over Ethernet

PVC—Permanent Virtual Connection

VPDN—Virtual Private Dialup Network

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