



# Configuring ISG Network Forwarding Policies

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Intelligent Services Gateway (ISG) is a Cisco IOS software feature set that provides a structured framework in which edge devices can deliver flexible and scalable services to subscribers. An ISG network forwarding policy is a type of traffic policy that allows packets to be routed or forwarded to and from an upstream network. This module provides information about how to configure network forwarding policies.

## 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 ISG Network Policies](#)” section on [page 49](#).

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# Prerequisites for Configuring ISG Network Forwarding Policies

For information about release and platform support, see the [“Feature Information for ISG Network Policies” section on page 49](#).

## Restrictions for Configuring ISG Network Forwarding Policies

A service can contain only one network forwarding policy.

For each subscriber session, only one instance of a network forwarding policy can be in effect at any one time.

## Information About ISG Network Policies

Before you configure network forwarding policies, you should understand the following concepts:

- [Network Policies, page 44](#)
- [Configuration Sources for Network Policies, page 44](#)

## Network Policies

For subscriber packets to reach a network, some form of forwarding must be specified for a subscriber session. A traffic policy that allows packets to be routed or forwarded to and from an upstream network is known as a *network forwarding policy*.

Where the network forwarding policy type is routing, forwarding decisions are made at Layer 3, and a VRF (Virtual Routing and Forwarding) identifier must be specified to indicate which routing table should be used to make the routing decision (each VRF represents an independent routing context within a single router). Where the network policy type is forwarding, forwarding decisions are made at Layer 2, which means that all subscriber packets are forwarded to and from a single virtual endpoint within the system. This virtual endpoint represents a Layer 2 tunnel, and a tunnel identifier determines which tunnel should be used. If a network forwarding policy is not specified, the global routing table will be used to route traffic.

An ISG service that includes a network forwarding policy is known as a *primary service*. Primary services are mutually exclusive and may not be active simultaneously. Upon activation of a new primary service, ISG will deactivate the existing primary service and any other services dependent on the existing primary service through association with a service group.

## Configuration Sources for Network Policies

Network policies can be configured in user profiles and service profiles on an external authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) server or in service policy maps on the ISG-enabled device. A network forwarding policy configured in a user profile takes precedence over a network forwarding policy specified in a service.

If a network forwarding policy is not specified in a user profile or service, the ISG session will inherit the network service from another source. ISG can inherit a network service from the following sources:

- Global
- Interface
- Subinterface
- Virtual template

These configuration sources are listed in order of precedence. For example, a network forwarding policy that is configured for a virtual template takes precedence over a network forwarding policy that is configured on an interface.

For each subscriber session, only one instance of a network forwarding policy can be in effect at any point in time.

## How to Configure ISG Network Policies

This section contains the following tasks:

- [Configuring Network Policies for PPP Sessions in Service Policy Maps, page 45](#)
- [Configuring Network Policies for IP Sessions in Service Policy Maps, page 47](#)

## Configuring Network Policies for PPP Sessions in Service Policy Maps

Network policies can be configured in user profiles or service profiles on an external AAA server or in a service policy map on the ISG device. Perform this task to configure a network forwarding policy for PPP sessions in a service policy map on the ISG device.



### Note

If a network forwarding policy is not specified in a user profile, service profile, or service policy map, a subscriber session will inherit the network forwarding policy from another source. See the [“Configuration Sources for Network Policies” section on page 44](#) for more information.

## Prerequisites

This task assumes that virtual private dial up network (VPDN) groups have been configured.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **policy-map type service *policy-map-name***
4. **service vpdn group *vpdn-group-name***  
or  
**service local**  
or  
**service relay pppoe vpdn group *vpdn-group-name***

5. **ip vrf forwarding** *name-of-vrf*

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
Step 2	<b>configure terminal</b>  <b>Example:</b> Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	<b>policy-map type service</b> <i>policy-map-name</i>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config)# policy-map type service service1	Creates or modifies a service policy map, which is used to define an ISG service.
Step 4	<b>service vpdn group</b> <i>vpdn-group-name</i>  or <b>service local</b>  or <b>service relay pppoe vpdn group</b> <i>vpdn-group-name</i>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config-service-policymap)# service vpdn group vpdn1  <b>Example:</b> Router(config-service-policymap)# service local  <b>Example:</b> Router(config-service-policymap)# service relay pppoe vpdn group vpdn1	Provides virtual private dialup network (VPDN) service.  or Provides local termination service.  or Provides VPDN service by relaying PPPoE over VPDN L2TP tunnels. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you terminate the service locally by configuring the <b>service local</b> command, you can also specify the routing domain in which to terminate the session by configuring the <b>ip vrf forwarding</b> command.</li> </ul>
Step 5	<b>ip vrf forwarding</b> <i>name-of-vrf</i>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config-service-policymap)# ip vrf forwarding blue	Associates the service with a VRF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform this step only if you configured the <b>service local</b> command in Step 4. If you configured the <b>service local</b> command, you can use the <b>ip vrf forwarding</b> command to specify the routing domain in which to terminate session. If you do not specify the routing domain, the global VRF will be used.</li> </ul>

## What to Do Next

You may want to configure a method of activating the service policy map; for example, control policies can be used to activate services. For more information about methods of service activation, see the module [“Configuring ISG Subscriber Services.”](#)

## Configuring Network Policies for IP Sessions in Service Policy Maps

Network policies can be configured in user profiles or service profiles on an external AAA server or in a service policy map on the ISG device. Perform this task to configure a network forwarding policy for IP sessions in a service policy map on the device.



### Note

If a network forwarding policy is not specified in a user profile, service profile, or service policy map, a subscriber session will inherit the network forwarding policy from another source. See the [“Configuration Sources for Network Policies”](#) section on page 44 for more information.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **policy-map type service** *policy-map-name*
4. **ip vrf forwarding** *name-of-vrf*
5. **sg-service-type** **primary**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li></ul>
Step 2	<b>configure terminal</b>  <b>Example:</b> Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	<b>policy-map type service</b> <i>policy-map-name</i>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config)# policy-map type service service1	Creates or modifies a service policy map, which is used to define an ISG service.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	<b>ip vrf forwarding</b> <i>name-of-vrf</i>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config-service-policymap)# ip vrf forwarding blue	Associates the service with a VRF.
Step 5	<b>sg-service-type primary</b>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config-service-policymap)# sg-service-type primary	Defines the service as a primary service. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A primary service is a service that contains a network forwarding policy. A primary service must be defined as a primary service by using the <b>sg-service-type primary</b> command. Any service that is not a primary service is defined as a secondary service by default.</li> </ul>

## What to Do Next

You may want to configure a method of activating the service policy map; for example, control policies can be used to activate services. For more information about methods of service activation, see the module [“Configuring ISG Subscriber Services.”](#)

# Configuration Examples for ISG Network Policies

This section contains the following examples:

- [Network Forwarding Policy for PPP Sessions: Example, page 48](#)
- [Network Forwarding Policy for IP Sessions: Example, page 48](#)

## Network Forwarding Policy for PPP Sessions: Example

The following example shows a service policy map configured with a network forwarding policy for PPP sessions:

```
policy-map type service my_service
  service vpdn group vpdn1
```

## Network Forwarding Policy for IP Sessions: Example

The following example shows a service policy map configured with a network forwarding policy for IP sessions:

```
policy-map type service my_service
  ip vrf forwarding vrf1
```

# Additional References

The following sections provide references related to ISG network forwarding policies.

## Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
ISG commands	<a href="#">Cisco IOS Intelligent Services Gateway Command Reference</a>
VPDN configuration tasks	<a href="#">Cisco IOS XE VPDN Technologies Configuration Guide</a>
PPP and VPDN commands	<a href="#">Cisco IOS VPDN Technologies Command Reference</a>

## Technical Assistance

Description	Link
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## Feature Information for ISG Network Policies

Table 1 lists the features in this module and provides links to specific configuration information. For information about a feature in this technology that is not documented here, see the “[Intelligent Services Gateway Features Roadmap](#).”

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### Note

Table 1 list only the Cisco IOS XE software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given Cisco IOS software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that Cisco IOS XE software release train also support that feature.

**Table 1**      **Feature Information for ISG Network Forwarding Policies**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
ISG: Network Interface: IP Routed, VRF-Aware MPLS	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.2	<p>ISG supports multiple forwarding types to connect sessions to networks. These connections can be to the Internet, corporate intranets, ISPs, or walled gardens for content delivery. ISG supports both routed and MPLS-enabled interfaces for network access.</p> <p>The following sections provide information about this feature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Information About ISG Network Policies, page 44</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How to Configure ISG Network Policies, page 45</a></li> </ul>
ISG: Network Interface: Tunneled (L2TP)	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.2	<p>ISG is flexible to support multiple interface types to connect sessions to networks. These connections can be to the Internet, corporate intranets, ISPs or walled gardens for content delivery. ISG supports tunneled interfaces to networks.</p> <p>The following sections provide information about this feature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Information About ISG Network Policies, page 44</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How to Configure ISG Network Policies, page 45</a></li> </ul>

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