Performance Routing - Protocol Independent Route Optimization (PIRO)

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Protocol Independent Route Optimization (PIRO) introduced the ability of Performance Routing (PfR) to search for a parent route—an exact matching route, or a less specific route—in the IP Routing Information Base (RIB), allowing PfR to be deployed in any IP-routed environment including Interior Gateway Protocols (IGPs) such as OSPF and IS-IS.

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 Performance Routing PIRO” section on page 7.

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Protocol Independent Route Optimization (PIRO)

The PfR - Protocol Independent Route Optimization (PIRO) feature was introduced to extend the ability of PfR to identify and control traffic classes. Prior to PIRO, PfR optimizes paths for traffic classes that have a parent route—an exact matching route, or a less specific route—in BGP or static route databases. PIRO enables PfR to search the IP Routing Information Base (RIB) for a parent route allowing PfR to be deployed in any IP-routed environment including Interior Gateway Protocols (IGPs) such as OSPF and IS-IS.

The search for a parent route starts in the BGP routing database and, if no parent route is found, the static route database is searched. If a parent route is still not located, the RIB is searched. When a match is found after a parent route search of the RIB, route control is applied to the traffic class using policy-based routing (PBR) where a dynamic route map is created.

After PfR route control mode is enabled, no new customer configuration is required to enable PIRO. On the master controller the show pfr master prefix command will display PIRO routes as “RIB-PBR” in the output. For more details about debugging PIRO parent route identification and control, see the “Verifying and Debugging Protocol Independent Route Optimization Route Control Changes” section on page 2.

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Verifying and Debugging Protocol Independent Route Optimization Route Control Changes

After PfR route control mode is enabled, no new customer configuration is required to enable PIRO. Perform the steps in this optional task if you want to debug PIRO routes where the parent route exists in the RIB and is controlled using policy-based routing. All the steps are optional and are not in any order. The information from these steps can verify that a specific prefix associated with a traffic class has been identified using PIRO and that it is being controlled by PfR. The first two CLI commands are entered at the master controller, and the other commands are entered at a border router.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. Start at the master controller.
2. enable
3. show pfr master traffic-class
4. Move to a border router to enter the next step.
5. enable
6. show ip route
7. `show route-map dynamic`
8. `show ip access-list dynamic`
9. `debug pfr border routes {bgp | static | piro [detail]}`

**DETAILED STEPS**

**Step 1**
Start at the master controller.

**Step 2**
`enable`
Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.

```
Router> enable
```

**Step 3**
`show pfr master traffic-class`
This command is used to display information about traffic classes that are monitored and controlled by a PfR master controller. The output from this command includes information about the destination IP address and prefix length for the traffic class, the IP address and the interface of the border router through which the prefix associated with this traffic class is being currently routed, the state of the traffic class, and the protocol. In this example, the protocol displayed for the prefix 10.1.1.0 is RIB-PBR and this means that the parent route for the traffic class exists in the RIB and policy-based routing is being used to control the prefix. Only syntax relevant to this task is shown in this step. You can also use the `show pfr master prefix` command to display similar information.

```
Router# show pfr master traffic-class
```

**OER Prefix Statistics:**
- Pas - Passive, Act - Active, S - Short term, L - Long term, Dly - Delay (ms),
- P - Percentage below threshold, Jit - Jitter (ms),
- MOS - Mean Opinion Score
- Los - Packet Loss (packets-per-million), Un - Unreachable (flows-per-million),
- E - Egress, I - Ingress, Bw - Bandwidth (kbps), N - Not applicable
- U - unknown, * - uncontrolled, + - control more specific, @ - active probe all
- # - Prefix monitor mode is Special, & - Blackholed Prefix
- % - Force Next-Hop, ^ - Prefix is denied

```
DstPrefix          Appl_ID Dscp Prot SrcPort   DstPort SrcPrefix Flags State Time         CurrBR CurrI/F Protocol
PasSDly PasLDly   PasSUn PasLUn PasSLos PasLLos EBw IBw ActSDly ActLDly ActSUn ActLUn ActSJit ActMPRS ActSLos ActLLos
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
10.1.1.0/24       N defa N         N         N         N         N         N         N         N
```

**Step 4**
Move to a border router to enter the next step.
The next command is entered on a border router, not the master controller.

**Step 5**
`enable`
Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.

```
Router> enable
```

**Step 6**
`show ip route`
Displays the current state of the routing table. Use this command to verify that a parent route exists in the RIB.
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### Step 7

**show route-map dynamic**

Viewing a dynamic route map is another method of verifying how the route control is being applied for PIRO routes. In the output of this dynamic route map, note the access list named pfr#6. Only syntax relevant to this task is shown in this step.

```
Router# show route-map dynamic
route-map OER-04/21/09-21:42:55.543-6-OER, permit, sequence 0, identifier 1755354068
  Match clauses:
    ip address (access-lists): pfr#6
  Set clauses:
    ip next-hop 10.40.40.2
    interface Ethernet4/2
  Policy routing matches: 2314 packets, 138840 bytes
  Current active dynamic routemaps = 1
```

### Step 8

**show ip access-list dynamic**

This command displays dynamic IP access lists created on this border router. In the output, a dynamic access list named pfr#6, that permits traffic for the prefix 10.1.1.0 to be routed through this border router, is displayed. The access list, pfr#6, was identified in the `show route-map dynamic` command in the previous step. Only syntax relevant to this task is shown in this step.

```
Router# show ip access-list dynamic
Extended IP access list pfr#6
  1073741823 permit ip any 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 (2243 matches)
```

### Step 9

**debug pfr border routes {bgp | static | piro [detail]})**

This command is entered on a border router. This command is used to debug parent route lookup and route changes to existing parent routes when the parent route is identified from the RIB. In this example, the detailed debugging information shows that the parent route for the prefix 10.1.1.0—shown in the output for Step 2—is found in the RIB and a route map is created to control the application. Note that static and BGP route control, and detailed border PBR debugging is also active.

```
Router# debug pfr border routes piro detail
```
Where to Go Next

For information about other Performance Routing features or general conceptual material, see the documents in the “Related Documents” section on page 5.

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Table 1 lists the release history for this feature.

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**Note**

Table 1 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.

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