



Configuring Ethernet Dataplane Loopback

Ethernet data plane loopback provides a means for remotely testing the throughput of an Ethernet port.

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Prerequisites for Ethernet Data Plane Loopback

- Ethernet loopback sessions are supported only of EFPs (service instances, Ethernet flow points, EVCs).
- Dot1q tags must be configured while configuring Ethernet loopback sessions on EFPs. However, loopback sessions can be configured using dot1q/QinQ, even if the underlying EFP has the dot1q/QinQ range configured.
- Internal loopback sessions configured must be within the 1 GB reserved bandwidth.
- Internal loopback can be launched even when the physical interface port state is down.

Restrictions for Ethernet Data Plane Loopback

- Data plane loopback on routed port infrastructure is *not* supported.
- Etype, src-mac, and llc-oui based loopback traffic filtering is *not* supported.
- Port-level QoS is *not* bypassed.
- Port shaper cannot be bypassed in facility loopback.
- Facility and terminal Ethernet data plane loopback (ELB) are *not* supported on dot1ad nmi interface.
- Internal loopback sessions configured must be within the 1 GB reserved bandwidth for Cisco ASR 900 Series RSP2 Module.

- A maximum number of 20 facility loopback sessions can be created per system, provided 16 sessions are with Dot1Q and 4 sessions are with Dot1Q and destination MAC address. This scale reduces if SPAN or RSPAN is configured. This scale is supported on the Cisco ASR 900 Series RSP2 module.
- A maximum number of 12 terminal loopback sessions can be created per system, provided 8 sessions are with Dot1Q and 4 sessions are with Dot1Q and destination MAC address. This scale reduces if RSPAN or SADT is configured. This scale is supported on the Cisco ASR 900 Series RSP2 module.
- Only one Ethernet loopback (terminal or facility) session can be active on an EFP at any instance.
- Local SPAN and ELB cannot be enabled on a physical interface at the same time.
- Loopback sessions cannot be initiated on a port configured with SPAN or RSPAN.
- Ethernet loopback is not supported on a range of dot1q tags.
- Ethernet Data Plane Loopback is affected on STP enabled interface.
- Dynamic addition of rewrite ingress tags with default EFP is not supported.
- Dynamic changes at EFP and interface level are not supported when Ethernet Data Plane Loopback is active.
- Egress EFP is not updated for external Ethernet data plane loopback statistics.
- For internal Ethernet data plane loopback ingress and egress interface statistics are not updated on interface, where internal ELB is enabled.

RSP3 Module

- Starting from Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.1.x release, the template `sr_5_label_push_enable` is not supported with Ethernet loopback.
- Etype, VLAN, COS, src-mac, and llc-oui based loopback traffic filtering is *not* supported.
- Port-based ELB is *not* supported.
- Internal ELB is *not* supported when the physical interface port state is down.
- Data filtering of loopback is *not* enforced for the traffic coming in the opposite direction.
- Filtering based on specific VLAN is *not* supported.
- Dot1Q filter is *not* supported.
- Internal loopback sessions configured must be within the 100 GB reserved recycle bandwidth.
- MAC-ACL *cannot* be bypassed in with facility loopback.
- A maximum number of 20 facility loopback and 12 terminal loopback sessions are supported.

Information on Ethernet Data Plane Loopback

The Ethernet data plane loopback feature provides a means for remotely testing the throughput of an Ethernet port. You can verify the maximum rate of frame transmission with no frame loss. This feature allows for

bidirectional or unidirectional throughput measurement, and on-demand/out-of-service (intrusive) operation during service turn-up. This feature supports two types of Ethernet loopback.

- Facility loopback (external)—Traffic loopback occurs at the Ingress interface. Traffic does not flow into the router for loopback.
- Terminal loopback (internal)—Traffic loopback occurs at the Egress interface. Traffic loopback occurs after the traffic flows into the router to the other interface.

QoS Support for Ethernet Data Plane Loopback

- Ingress QoS is bypassed in external loopback on service instances.
- Internal loopback sequence is as follows:
 - Ingress QoS
 - Egress QoS (egress port) (both, shaper and policer are supported).
- All port-level and EFP-level QoS is applicable for internal Ethernet data plane loopback.
- For external Ethernet data plane loopback:
 - All port-level and EFP-level QoS is bypassed except for shaper.
 - Port-level shaper cannot be bypassed.

How to Configure Ethernet Data Plane Loopback

Enabling Ethernet Data Plane Loopback

```
enable
configure terminal
interface gigabitethernet 0/2/1
service instance 1 ethernet
encapsulation dot1q 100
bridge-domain 120
ethernet loopback permit external
end
```



Note ELB is supported using a MAC filter for UP-MEP session. If you are starting ELB without the MAC filter, the UP-MEP session will go DOWN.

Starting an Ethernet Data Plane Loopback Session



Note To start a loopback for untagged and default EFPs, dot1q and second-dot1q are not needed.



Note By default the session would be running for 300 seconds unless you explicitly specify and automatically stops after the session time expiry.

```
enable
configure terminal
ethernet loopback start local interface gigabitEthernet 0/4/1 service instance 10 external
  dot1q 10 cos 1 destination mac-address 0000.0000.0001 timeout none
end
This is an intrusive loopback and the packets matched with the service will not be able
to pass through.
Continue? (yes/[no]): yes
```

Stopping an Active Session

Use the **ethernet loopback stop** command to stop an active session on an interface or to stop all sessions based on the session id.

```
Router# ethernet loopback stop local interface gigabitEthernet 0/4/1 id 1
```

Configuration Examples

Example: Configuring External Loopback

This example shows how to configure external (facility) loopback.

```
Router(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/4/1
Router(config-if)# service instance 1 ethernet
Router(config-if-srv)# encapsulation dot1q 120
Router(config-if-srv)# bridge-domain 120
Router(config-if-srv)# ethernet loopback permit external
```

This example shows external (facility) loopback on the Gigabit Ethernet 0/4/1 interface:

```
interface GigabitEthernet0/4/1
no ip address
negotiation auto
service instance 10 ethernet
  encapsulation dot1q 10
  rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric
  bridge-domain 10
  ethernet loopback permit external ==? For facility loopback
!
end
```

This example below shows how to start external (facility) loopback on the router. A warning message is displayed. Type **yes** to continue.

```
Router# ethernet loopback start local interface gigabitEthernet 0/4/1 service instance 10
external dot1q 10 cos 1
  destination mac-address 0000.0000.0001 timeout none
```

This is an intrusive loopback and the packets matched with the service will not be able

```
to pass through.
Continue? (yes/[no]): yes
```

Example: Configuring Terminal Loopback

This example shows how to configure internal (terminal) loopback.

```
Router(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Router(config-if)# service instance 1 ethernet
Router(config-if-srv)# encapsulation dot1q 120
Router(config-if-srv)# bridge-domain 120
Router(config-if-srv)# ethernet loopback permit internal
```

This example shows internal (terminal) loopback on Gigabit Ethernet 0/0/0 interface:

```
interface TenGigabitEthernet0/0/0
  no ip address
  service instance 10 ethernet
  encapsulation dot1q 10
  rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric
  bridge-domain 10
  ethernet loopback permit internal
!
```

Verifying Ethernet Data Plane Loopback

Example: Verifying Ethernet Dataplane Loopback

Use the `show ethernet loopback {active | permitted} [interface interface number]` command.

- The following example displays the loopback capabilities per interface. The output shows internal (terminal) loopback has been permitted on Ten Gigabit Ethernet 0/0/0 interface and external (facility) loopback has been permitted on Gigabit Ethernet 0/4/1 interface.

```
Router# show ethernet loopback permitted
```

```
-----
Interface                               SrvcInst Direction
Dot1q/Dot1ad(s)                         Second-Dot1q(s)
-----
Te0/0/0                                  10              Internal
10
Gi0/4/1                                  10              External
10
```

- This example shows all active sessions on the router.

```
Router# show ethernet loopback active
```

```
=====
Loopback Session ID      : 1
Interface                 : GigabitEthernet0/4/1
Service Instance         : 10
Direction                 : External
Time out(sec)            : none
Status                    : on
Start time                : 10:31:09.539 IST Mon Aug 26 2013
Time left                 : N/A
```

```

Dot1q/Dot1ad(s)      : 10
Second-dot1q(s)     :
Source Mac Address   : Any
Destination Mac Address : 0000.0000.0001
Ether Type           : Any
Class of service     : 1
Llc-oui              : Any

```

```

Total Active Session(s) : 1
Total Internal Session(s) : 0
Total External Session(s) : 1

```

- This example shows how to stop the sessions on the router.

```

Router# ethernet loopback stop local interface GigabitEthernet
0/4/1 id 1

```

Use Cases or Deployment Scenarios

ELB is Supported with MAC Filter for UP-MEP Session

In the following scenario, ELB is supported using a MAC filter for UP-MEP session. If you starting ELB with out MAC filter, the UP-MEP session will go DOWN.

```

enable
configure terminal
service instance 800 ethernet 800
encapsulation dot1q 800
service-policy input <NAME>
xconnect 2.2.2.2 880 encapsulation mpls
cfm mep domain <NAME> mpid 200
cos 7
ethernet loopback permit external
ethernet loopback permit internal

```

```

Router#ethernet loopback start local interface gi0/0/0 service instance 800 internal dot1q
800 destination mac-address f078.1685.313f timeout none

```

This is an intrusive loopback and the packets matched with the service will not be able to pass through. Continue? (yes/[no]): yes

```

Router#show ethernet cfm maintenance-points remote

```

```

-----
MPID  Domain Name          MacAddress          IfSt PtSt
  Lvl  Domain ID           Ingress
  RDI  MA Name             Type Id            SrvcInst
      EVC Name              Age
      Local MEP Info
-----
220   CCI                  f078.1685.313f     Up    Up
  0    CCI                  Gi0/0/0:(2.2.2.2, 880)
  -    800                   XCON N/A           800
      800                   0s
      MPID: 200 Domain: CCI MA: 800

```

```

Total Remote MEPs: 1

```