



# Implementing the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

This module describes the concepts and tasks you will use to configure Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP).

## Feature History for Implementing the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

Release	Modification
Release 5.0.0	This feature was introduced .

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## Prerequisites for Configuring DHCP Relay Agent

The following prerequisites are required to configure a DHCP relay agent:

- You must be in a user group associated with a task group that includes the proper task IDs. The command reference guides include the task IDs required for each command. If you suspect user group assignment is preventing you from using a command, contact your AAA administrator for assistance.
- A configured and running DHCP client and DHCP server
- Connectivity between the relay agent and DHCP server

## Information About DHCP Relay Agent

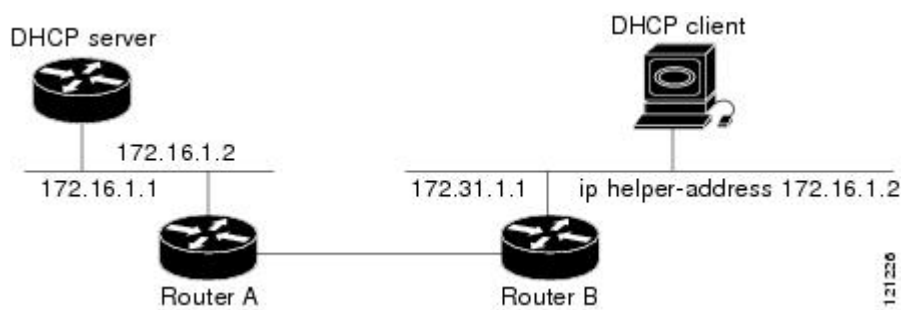
A DHCP relay agent is a host that forwards DHCP packets between clients and servers that do not reside on a shared physical subnet. Relay agent forwarding is distinct from the normal forwarding of an IP router where IP datagrams are switched between networks transparently.

DHCP clients use User Datagram Protocol (UDP) broadcasts to send DHCPDISCOVER messages when they lack information about the network to which they belong.

If a client is on a network segment that does not include a server, a relay agent is needed on that network segment to ensure that DHCP packets reach the servers on another network segment. UDP broadcast packets are not forwarded, because most routers are not configured to forward broadcast traffic. You can configure a DHCP relay profile and configure one or more helper addresses in it. You can assign the profile to an interface.

[Figure 1: Forwarding UDP Broadcasts to a DHCP Server Using a Helper Address](#), on page 2 demonstrates the process. The DHCP client broadcasts a request for an IP address and additional configuration parameters on its local LAN. Acting as a DHCP relay agent, Router B picks up the broadcast, changes the destination address to the DHCP server's address and sends the message out on another interface. The relay agent inserts the IP address of the interface, on which the into the gateway address (giaddr) field of the DHCP packet, which enables the DHCP server to determine which subnet should receive the offer and identify the appropriate IP address range. The relay agent unicasts the messages to the server address, in this case 172.16.1.2 (which is specified by the helper address in the relay profile).

**Figure 1: Forwarding UDP Broadcasts to a DHCP Server Using a Helper Address**



## How to Configure and Enable DHCP Relay Agent

This section contains the following tasks:

### Configuring and Enabling the DHCP Relay Agent

#### Configuring a DHCP Relay Profile

This task describes how to configure and enable the DHCP relay agent.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **dhcp ipv4**
3. **profile *profile-name* relay**
4. **helper-address *address***
5. **commit**

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure</b>	
Step 2	<b>dhcp ipv4</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# dhcp ipv4	Enters DHCP IPv4 configuration .
Step 3	<b>profile <i>profile-name</i> relay</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4)# profile client relay	Enters DHCP IPv4 profile relay submode.
Step 4	<b>helper-address <i>address</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4-relay-profile)# helper-address 10.10.1.1	Forwards UDP broadcasts, including BOOTP and DHCP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The value of the <i>address</i> argument can be a specific DHCP server address or a network address (if other DHCP servers are on the destination network segment). Using the network address enables other servers to respond to DHCP requests.</li> <li>• For multiple servers, configure one helper address for each server.</li> </ul>
Step 5	<b>commit</b>	

## Enabling DHCP Relay Agent on an Interface

This task describes how to enable the Cisco IOS XR DHCP relay agent on an interface.

**Note**

On Cisco IOS XR software, the DHCP relay agent is disabled by default.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `configure`
2. `dhcp ipv4`
3. `interface type interface-path-id relay profile profile-name`
4. `commit`

**DETAILED STEPS**

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<code>configure</code>	
<b>Step 2</b>	<code>dhcp ipv4</code>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# dhcp ipv4	Enters DHCP IPv4 configuration submode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<code>interface type interface-path-id relay profile profile-name</code>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4)# interface /0 relay profile client	Attaches a relay profile to an interface.
<b>Step 4</b>	<code>commit</code>	

## Disabling DHCP Relay on an Interface

This task describes how to disable the DHCP relay on an interface by assigning the none profile to the interface.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `configure`
2. `dhcp ipv4`
3. `interface type interface-path-id none`
4. `commit`

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<code>configure</code>	
Step 2	<code>dhcp ipv4</code>  <b>Example:</b> <code>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# dhcp ipv4</code>	Enters DHCP IPv4 configuration submode.
Step 3	<code>interface type interface-path-id none</code>  <b>Example:</b> <code>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4-relay-profile)# interface 0/1/4/1 none</code>	Disables the DHCP relay on the interface.
Step 4	<code>commit</code>	

## Configuring the Relay Agent Information Feature

This task describes how to configure the DHCP relay agent information option processing capabilities.

A DHCP relay agent may receive a message from another DHCP relay agent that already contains relay information. By default, the relay information from the previous relay agent is replaced (using the replace option).

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. `configure`
2. `dhcp ipv4`
3. `profile profile-name relay`
4. `relay information option`
5. `relay information check`
6. `relay information policy {drop | keep}`
7. `relay information option allow-untrusted`
8. `commit`

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<code>configure</code>	

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>dhcp ipv4</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# dhcp ipv4	Enters DHCP IPv4 configuration .
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>profile <i>profile-name</i> relay</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4)# profile client relay	Enters DHCP IPv4 profile relay .
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>relay information option</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4-relay-profile)# relay information option	<p>Enables the system to insert the DHCP relay agent information option (option-82 field) in forwarded BOOTREQUEST messages to a DHCP server.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This option is injected by the relay agent while forwarding client-originated DHCP packets to the server. Servers recognizing this option can use the information to implement IP address or other parameter assignment policies. When replying, the DHCP server echoes the option back to the relay agent. The relay agent removes the option before forwarding the reply to the client.</li> <li>• The relay agent information is organized as a single DHCP option that contains one or more suboptions. These options contain the information known by the relay agent.</li> </ul> <p>The supported suboptions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Remote ID</li> <li>◦ Circuit ID</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> This function is disabled by default.</p>
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>relay information check</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4-relay-profile)# relay information check	<p>(Optional) Configures DHCP to check the relay agent information option in forwarded BOOTREPLY is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By default, DHCP the field in DHCP reply packets, received from the DHCP server.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> Use the <b>relay information check</b> command to reenble this functionality if the functionality has been disabled.</p>

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	<b>relay information policy {drop   keep}</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# dhcp relay information policy drop	(Optional) Configures the reforwarding policy for a DHCP relay agent; that is, whether the relay agent will drop or keep the relay information.
Step 7	<b>relay information option allow-untrusted</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4-relay)# relay information	(Optional) Configures the DHCP IPv4 Relay not to discard packets that have an existing relay information option and the giaddr set to zero.
Step 8	<b>commit</b>	

## Configuring Relay Agent Giaddr Policy

This task describes how to configure for that already contain a nonzero giaddr attribute.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **dhcp ipv4**
3. **profile relay**
4. **giaddr policy {replace | drop}**
5. **commit**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure</b>	
Step 2	<b>dhcp ipv4</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# dhcp ipv4	Enables the DHCP IPv4 configuration submode.
Step 3	<b>profile relay</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4)# profile client relay	Enables profile relay submode.
Step 4	<b>giaddr policy {replace   drop}</b>	Specifies the giaddr policy.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4-relay-profile)# giaddr policy drop</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>replace</b>—Replaces the existing giaddr value with a value that it generates.</li> <li>• <b>drop</b>—Drops the packet that has an existing nonzero giaddr value.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>commit</b>	

## Configuring the Broadcast Flag Policy

This task describes how to configure DHCP IPv4 Relay to broadcast BOOTPREPLY packets only if the DHCP IPv4 broadcast flag is set in the DHCP IPv4 header.



**Note** By default, the DHCP IPv4 Relay always broadcasts BOOTPREPLY packets.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **dhcp ipv4**
3. **profile *profile-name* relay**
4. **broadcast-flag policy check**
5. **commit**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>configure</b>	
<b>Step 2</b>	<p><b>dhcp ipv4</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# dhcp ipv4</pre>	Configures DHCP IPv4 mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<p><b>profile <i>profile-name</i> relay</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4)# profile client relay</pre>	Enables profile relay mode.



	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	<b>broadcast-flag policy check</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4-relay-profile)# broadcast-flag policy check	Enables checking of the broadcast flag in packets.
Step 5	<b>commit</b>	

## Configuring a DHCP Proxy Profile

The DHCP proxy performs all the functions of a relay and also provides some additional functions. The DHCP proxy conceals DHCP server details from DHCP clients. The DHCP proxy modifies the DHCP replies such that the client considers the proxy to be the server. In this state, the client interacts with the proxy as if it is the DHCP server.

This task describes how to configure and enable the DHCP proxy profile.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **dhcp ipv4**
3. **profile *profile-name* proxy**
4. **helper-address *address* [ *giaddr gateway-address* ]**
5. **commit**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure</b>	
Step 2	<b>dhcp ipv4</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# dhcp ipv4	Enters DHCP IPv4 configuration .
Step 3	<b>profile <i>profile-name</i> proxy</b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4)# profile client proxy	Enters DHCP IPv4 profile proxy submode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	<p><b>helper-address</b> <i>address</i> [ <b>giaddr</b> <i>gateway-address</i> ]</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-dhcpv4-proxy-profile)# helper-address 10.10.1.1</pre>	<p>Forwards UDP broadcasts, including BOOTP and DHCP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The value of the <i>address</i> argument can be a specific DHCP server address or a network address (if other DHCP servers are on the destination network segment). Using the network address enables other servers to respond to DHCP requests.</li> <li>• For multiple servers, configure one helper address for each server.</li> </ul>
Step 5	<b>commit</b>	

## DHCPv4 Client

The Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) client functionality enables the router interfaces to dynamically acquire the IPv4 address using DHCP.

The DHCP provides configuration parameters to Internet hosts. DHCP consists of two components:

- a protocol to deliver host-specific configuration parameters from a DHCP server to a host.
- a mechanism to allocate network addresses to hosts.

DHCP is built on a client-server model, where designated DHCP server hosts allocate network addresses, and deliver configuration parameters to dynamically configured hosts.

A relay agent is required if the client and server are not on the same Layer 2 network. The relay agent usually runs on the router, and is required because the client device does not know its own IP address initially. The agent sends out a Layer 2 broadcast to find a server that has this information. The router relays these broadcasts to the DHCP server, and forwards the responses back to the correct Layer 2 address so that the correct device gets the correct configuration information.

DHCP has the ability to allocate IP addresses only for a configurable period of time, called the lease period. If the client is required to retain this IP address for a longer period beyond the lease period, the lease period must be renewed before the IP address expires. The client renews the lease based on configuration that was sent from the server. The client unicasts a REQUEST message using the IP address of the server. When a server receives the REQUEST message and responds with an ACK message. The lease period of the client is extended by the lease time configured in the ACK message.

### Restrictions and Limitations

- DHCP client can be enabled only on management interfaces.
- Either DHCP or static IP can be configured on an interface.

## Enabling DHCP Client on an Interface

The DHCP client can be enabled at an interface level. The DHCP component receives a notification when DHCP is enabled or disabled on an interface.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **interface MgmtEth *rack/slot/CPU0/port***
3. **interface <interface\_name> ipv4 address dhcp**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure</b>	
Step 2	<b>interface MgmtEth <i>rack/slot/CPU0/port</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#interface mgmtEth 0/0/CPU0/0	Enters interface configuration mode.
Step 3	<b>interface &lt;interface_name&gt; ipv4 address dhcp</b>  <b>Example:</b>  RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface mgmtEth 0/0/CPU0/0 ipv4 address dhcp  <b>Example:</b> dhcp Enable IPv4 DHCP client	Configure DHCP on the interface.

The following example shows a sample of using IPv4 address command:

```
RP/0/0/CPU0:ios(config)#interface mgmtEth 0/0/CPU0/0 ipv4 address ?
A.B.C.D/prefix IPv4 address/prefix or IPv4 address and Mask
dhcp Enable IPv4 DHCP client
```

## Configuration Examples for the DHCP Relay Agent

This section provides the following configuration examples:

### DHCP Relay Profile: Example

The following example shows how to configure the Cisco IOS XR relay profile:

```
dhcp ipv4
```

```

profile client relay
  helper-address foo 10.10.1.1
!
! ...

```

## DHCP Relay on an Interface: Example

The following example shows how to enable the DHCP relay agent on an interface:

```

dhcp ipv4
  interface HundredGigE 0/1/1/0 relay profile client
!

```

## Relay Agent Information Option Support: Example

The following example shows how to enable the relay agent and the insertion and removal of the DHCP relay information option:

```

dhcp ipv4
  profile client relay
  relay information
!
!

```

## Relay Agent Giaddr Policy: Example

The following example shows how to configure relay agent giaddr policy:

```

dhcp ipv4
  profile client relay
  giaddr policy drop
!
!

```

## Cisco IOS XR Broadcast Flag Policy: Example

The following example shows how to configure Cisco IOS XR broadcast flag policy:

```

dhcp ipv4
  profile client relay
  broadcast-flag policy check
!

```

## Additional References

The following sections provide references related to implementing the Cisco IOS XR DHCP relay agent.

**Related Documents**

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS XR DHCP commands	<i>DHCP Commands</i> module in the <i>IP Addresses and Services Command Reference for Cisco NCS 6000 Series Routers</i>
Information about user groups and task IDs	<i>Configuring AAA Services</i> module in the <i>System Security Configuration Guide for Cisco NCS 6000 Series Routers</i>

**Standards**

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

**MIBs**

MIBs	MIBs Link
—	To locate and download MIBs, use the Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL and choose a platform under the Cisco Access Products menu: <a href="http://cisco.com/public/sw-center/netmgmt/cmtk/mibs.shtml">http://cisco.com/public/sw-center/netmgmt/cmtk/mibs.shtml</a>

**RFCs**

RFC	Title
RFC 2131	<i>Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol</i>

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Description	Link
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