

## MPLS AToM — Configuring

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## Documentation Specifics

This documentation set includes the following sections:

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- *MPLS AToM: Configuring* (this document)
- *MPLS AToM: Commands*



**Note**

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*Start Here: MPLS AToM: Transport, Platform, and Release Specifics* details the features that are supported in each release and on each platform. Not all MPLS AToM features are supported in each Cisco IOS software release for each platform. Read the entire chapter before reading the other chapters.

The other chapters provide overview, configuration, and command reference information for MPLS AToM features.

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## Prerequisites to Configuring

Before configuring AToM, configure the following:

- Provide label switched paths (LSPs) between provider edge (PE) routers by enabling dynamic MPLS labeling (through the **mpls ip** command) on all paths between the imposition and disposition PE routers.
- Enable and configure Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF) or distributed CEF before configuring ATM AAL5, ATM Cell Relay, or Ethernet over MPLS. Enable and configure CEF before configuring Frame Relay, HDLC, or PPP over MPLS.

## Configuration Tasks

Perform the following configuration tasks to enable AToM:

- [Step 1: Specify the Label Distribution Protocol](#) (required)
- [Step 2: Assign LDP Router IDs to the PE Routers](#) (required)
- [Step 3: Enable the PE Routers to Transport AToM Packets](#) (required)
- [Step 4: Configure the Customer CE Routers](#) (optional)

### Step 1: Specify the Label Distribution Protocol

To specify the label distribution protocol for this interface, issue the following command. If you do not specify LDP, tag distribution protocol (TDP) is used instead.

```
Router(config)# mpls label protocol ldp
```

### Step 2: Assign LDP Router IDs to the PE Routers

To assign LDP router IDs to the PE routers, perform the following steps. Both PE routers require a loopback address that you can use to create a virtual circuit (VC) between the routers.

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**Step 1** Enter interface configuration mode by using the following command:

```
Router(config)# interface loopback0
```

**Step 2** Assign an IP address to the loopback interface. The LDP router ID must be configured with a 32-bit mask to ensure proper operation of MPLS forwarding between PE routers.

```
Router(config-if)# ip address ip-address
```

**Step 3** Force the loopback IP address to be used as the router ID. You must assign an LDP router ID to each PE router. The **mpls ldp router-id** command allows you to specify which interface's IP address to use as the router ID. The **force** keyword guarantees that the PE routers are correctly targeting the appropriate router ID. If you do not use the **force** keyword, the router might assign a different router ID, which can prevent the establishment of VCs between PE routers.

```
Router(config)# mpls ldp router-id loopback0 force
```

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### Step 3: Enable the PE Routers to Transport AToM Packets

In general, the steps for configuring a PE router so that it can transport Layer 2 packets include:

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- Step 1** Choose which interface will transport the packets with the **interface** command.
- Step 2** Specify the type of encapsulation you want on the interface with the **encapsulation** command.
- Step 3** Enable the local and remote PE router to establish a virtual circuit with the **mpls l2transport route** command. On each PE router, specify the loopback address of the remote PE router at the other end of the VC. You also assign a number to the VC, called a VC ID. Specify the same VC ID on both ends of the VC. On a PE router, the destination and vc-id pair must be unique. See the **mpls l2transport route** command for more information.
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Each transport type might require some additional commands, which are detailed in the following sections:

- [Enable PE Routers to Transport ATM AAL5 SDUs and ATM Cell Relay Packets, page 29](#)
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- [Enable Other PE Devices to Transport Frame Relay Packets, page 31](#)

## Enable PE Routers to Transport ATM AAL5 SDUs and ATM Cell Relay Packets

In this release, the ATM Cell Relay features transports only a single cell. You must configure ATM Cell Relay on the permanent virtual circuits. ATM Cell Relay over MPLS supports only PVC mode, single cell relay.

	Command	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	Router(config)# <b>interface atm</b> <i>x/x</i>	Specifies an ATM interface.
<b>Step 2</b>	Router(config-atm-vc)# <b>pvc vpi/vci l2transport</b>	Assigns a virtual path identifier (VPI) and virtual circuit identifier (VCI). The <b>l2transport</b> keyword indicates that the PVC is a switched PVC instead of a terminated PVC.  You can configure ATM AAL5 and ATM Cell Relay over MPLS on permanent virtual circuits (PVCs) only. You cannot configure AAL5 over MPLS on main interfaces.
<b>Step 3</b>	For ATM AAL5: Router(config-atm-vc)# <b>encapsulation aal5</b>  For ATM Cell Relay: Router(config-atm-vc)# <b>encapsulation aa10</b>	For ATM AAL5, this command specifies ATM AAL5 encapsulation for the interface.  For ATM Cell Relay, this command specifies raw cell encapsulation for the interface.  Make sure you specify the same encapsulation type on the PE and CE routers.
<b>Step 4</b>	Router(config-atm-vc)# <b>mpls l2transport route destination vc-id</b>	Creates the VC to transport the Layer 2 packets.

## Enable PE Routers to Transport Ethernet Packets

On the the Cisco 7200 and 7500 series routers, you must configure Ethernet over MPLS on the subinterfaces.

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config-if)# <b>interface</b> <b>GigabitEthernet</b> <i>x/x.x</i>	Specifies the GigabitEthernet subinterface. Make sure the subinterface on the adjoining CE router is on the same VLAN as this PE router.
Step 2	Router(config-subif)# <b>encapsulation dot1q</b> <i>vlan-id</i>	Enables the subinterface to accept 802.1Q VLAN packets.  The interfaces/subinterfaces between the CE and PE routers that are running Ethernet over MPLS must be in the same VLAN and subnet. All other interfaces/subinterfaces and backbone routers do not.
Step 3	Router(config-subif)# <b>mpls l2transport route</b> <i>destination vc-id</i>	Creates the VC to transport the VLAN packets.

## Enable PE Routers with DLCI-to-DLCI Connections to Transport Frame Relay Packets

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# <b>frame-relay switching</b>	Enable permanent virtual circuit (PVC) switching on a Frame Relay device.
Step 2	Router(config)# <b>interface Serial</b> <i>x/x</i>	Specifies a serial interface.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# <b>encapsulation frame-relay</b> <i>frame-relay-type</i>	Specifies Frame Relay encapsulation for the interface. You can specify different types of encapsulations. You can set one interface to Cisco encapsulation and the other interface to IETF encapsulation.
Step 4	Router(config-if)# <b>frame-relay intf-type dce</b>	Specifies that the interface is a DCE switch. You can also specify the interface to support NNI and DTE connections.
Step 5	Router(config)# <b>connect</b> <i>connection-name</i> <i>interface dlci l2transport</i>	Defines connections between Frame Relay PVCs. Using the <b>l2transport</b> keyword specifies that the PVC will not be a locally switched PVC, but will be tunneled over the backbone network.  The argument <i>connection-name</i> is a text string that you provide.  The argument <i>interface</i> is the interface on which a PVC connection will be defined.  The argument <i>dlci</i> is the data-link connection identifier (DLCI) number of the PVC that will be connected.
Step 6	Router(config-fr-pw-switching)# <b>mpls l2transport</b> <b>route</b> <i>destination vc-id</i>	Creates the VC to transport the Layer 2 packets. In a DLCI-to DLCI connection type, Frame Relay over MPLS uses the <b>mpls l2transport route</b> command in connect submenu.

## Enable PE Routers to Transport Frame Relay with Port-to-Port Connections, HDLC over MPLS, and PPP over MPLS Packets

Use the following steps to set up any of the following transport types:

- Frame Relay Port-to-Port: When you set up a port-to-port connection between PE routers, you use HDLC mode to transport the Frame Relay encapsulated packets.
- HDLC
- PPP

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# <b>interface</b> Serialx/x	Specifies a serial interface.  You must configure HDLC and PPP over MPLS on router interfaces only. You cannot configure HDLC over MPLS on subinterfaces.
Step 2	For Frame Relay Port-to-Port or HDLC encapsulation: Router(config-if)# <b>encapsulation hdlc</b>  For PPP encapsulation: Router(config-if)# <b>encapsulation ppp</b>	For Frame Relay port-to-port encapsulation, this command transports Frame Relay packets in an HDLC packet.  Otherwise, the packet is encapsulation as an HDLC or PPP packet.
Step 3	Router(config-fr-pw-switching)# <b>mpls l2transport route destination vc-id</b>	Creates the VC to transport the Layer 2 packets.

## Enable Other PE Devices to Transport Frame Relay Packets

You can configure an interface as a DTE device or a DCE switch, or as a switch connected to a switch with NNI connections. Use the following command in interface configuration mode:

**frame-relay intf-type [dce | dte | nni]**

The keywords are explained in the following table:

Keyword	Description
<b>dce</b>	Enables the router or access server to function as a switch connected to a router.
<b>dte</b>	Enables the router or access server to function as a DTE device. DTE is the default.
<b>nni</b>	Enables the router or access server to function as a switch connected to a switch.

## Step 4: Configure the Customer CE Routers

This section explains how to configure the customer CE router to transport Layer 2 packets. If the customer CE routers are configured to accept Layer 2 packets, these steps are not necessary.

In general, you use the following steps to configure the CE router. Each transport type might require some additional commands, which are detailed in the following sections.

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# <b>interface</b> <i>interface</i>	Specifies an interface.
Step 2	Router(config-atm-vc)# <b>encapsulation</b> <i>encapsulation type</i>	Specifies encapsulation for the interface.

### Configure CE Routers for ATM AAL5 over MPLS

To configure the CE routers for ATM AAL5 over MPLS, make sure you specify the same encapsulation type on the PE and CE routers.

```
Router(config)# interface atm/x
Router(config-if)# pvc vpi/vci
Router(config-atm-vc)# encapsulation aal5
```



**Note** CE devices can also be switches.

### Configure CE Routers for ATM Cell Relay over MPLS

To configure the CE routers for ATM Cell Relay over MPLS, make sure the CE routers have the same encapsulation type. However, the PE and CE routers can have different encapsulation types.

```
Router(config)# interface atm/x
Router(config-if)# pvc vpi/vci
Router(config-atm-vc)# encapsulation aal5
```



**Note** CE devices can also be switches.

### Configure CE Routers for Ethernet over MPLS

To configure the CE routers for Ethernet over MPLS, make sure the interfaces/subinterfaces on the CE routers connected to the PE routers share the same VLAN ID and are in the same subnet.

```
Router(config-if)# interface GigabitEthernet x/x.x
Router(config-subif)# encapsulation dot1Q vlan-id
Router(config-subif)# ip address ip-address
```

### Configure CE Routers for Frame Relay over MPLS

To configure the CE routers for Frame Relay over MPLS, make sure the following conditions are met:

- For DLCI-to-DLCI connections, the interfaces between the CE and PE routers must use the same LMI type. The CE routers must use the same encapsulation type.
- For port-to-port connections, all the routers (PE and CE) must have the same type of LMI, encapsulation, and interface. The CE routers must be configured as either DCE-DTE or NNI-NNI.

- In this procedure, the CE device is a router. The CE device can also be a Frame Relay switch.

The following example configures the CE routers for Frame Relay.

```
Router(config)# interface Serialx/x
Router(config-if)# encapsulation frame-relay [ietf]
```

## Configure CE Routers for HDLC over MPLS

To configure the CE routers for HDLC over MPLS, if you configure keep-alive functionality, make sure that both CE router interfaces have keep-alives enabled with similar settings.

```
Router(config)# interface Serialx/x
Router(config-if)# encapsulation hdlc
Router(config-if)# ip address ip-address
```



### Note

HDLC is the default encapsulation, so you do not have to enter the **encapsulation** command.

## Configure CE Routers for PPP over MPLS

To configure the CE routers for PPP over MPLS, make sure the connections between the CE and PE routers on both ends of the backbone have similar link layer characteristics. The connections between the CE and PE routers must both be asynchronous or synchronous.

```
Router(config)# interface Serialx/x
Router(config-if)# encapsulation ppp
Router(config-if)# ip address ip-address
```

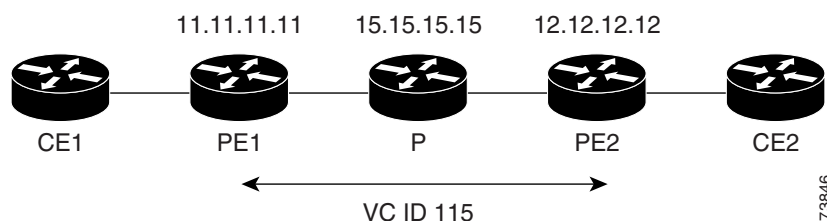
## Verification Tasks

Perform the following tasks to verify that AToM is properly configured on the network:

- [Verify Connectivity Between the PE Routers, page 34](#)
- [Verify Connectivity Between the P and PE Routers, page 35](#)
- [Verify Connectivity Between the PE and CE Routers, page 36](#)

The following sections show the commands that help to verify the configuration of AToM. The verification procedures are based on the topology used in [Figure 8](#).

**Figure 8** Configuration Used for Verification



## Verify Connectivity Between the PE Routers

Use the following commands on each PE router to ensure that the PE routers are working properly:

- Step 1** To make sure the PE router endpoints have discovered each other, use the **show mpls ldp discovery** command. The command output shows that PE1 established a targeted LDP session with PE2.

```
PE1# show mpls ldp discovery
```

```
Local LDP Identifier:
 11.11.11.11:0
Discovery Sources:
 Interfaces:
   POS6/0 (ldp): xmit/recv
     LDP Id: 15.15.15.15:0
 Targeted Hellos:
   11.11.11.11 -> 12.12.12.12 (ldp): active, xmit/recv
     LDP Id: 12.12.12.12:0
```

- Step 2** Use the **show mpls l2transport vc** command to check that a VC (with VC ID 115) has been established between the PE routers and that the VC is operational.

```
PE1# show mpls l2transport vc
```

Local intf	Local circuit	Dest address	VC ID	Status
AT1/0	ATM AAL5 0/115	12.12.12.12	115	UP

**Step 3** To make sure the label distribution session has been established, use the **show mpls ldp neighbors** command. The output shows that:

- PE1 and PE2 have established a targeted LDP session.
- The LDP session is operational.
- Messages are being sent and received.

```
PE1# show mpls ldp neighbor
```

```
Peer LDP Ident: 15.15.15.15:0; Local LDP Ident 11.11.11.11:0
  TCP connection: 15.15.15.15.11072 - 11.11.11.11.646
  State: Oper; Msgs sent/rcvd: 65/73; Downstream
  Up time: 00:43:02
  LDP discovery sources:
    POS6/0, Src IP addr: 30.5.0.2
  Addresses bound to peer LDP Ident:
    8.0.5.4          180.3.0.3          15.15.15.15          30.5.0.2
    30.5.0.3
Peer LDP Ident: 12.12.12.12:0; Local LDP Ident 11.11.11.11:0
  TCP connection: 12.12.12.12.11000 - 11.11.11.11.646
  State: Oper; Msgs sent/rcvd: 26/25; Downstream
  Up time: 00:10:35
  LDP discovery sources:
    Targeted Hello 11.11.11.11 -> 12.12.12.12, active
  Addresses bound to peer LDP Ident:
    8.0.6.3          12.12.12.12          30.5.0.4
```

**Step 4** To make sure the label forwarding table is built correctly, use the **show mpls forwarding-table** command. The output shows the following data:

- Local tag—Label assigned by this router.
- Outgoing tag or VC—Label assigned by next hop, or VPI/VCI used to get to next hop.
- Prefix or Tunnel Id—Address or tunnel to which AAL5 PDUs with this label are going.
- Bytes tag switched— Number of bytes switched with this incoming label.
- Outgoing interface—Interface through which AAL5 PDUs with this label are sent.
- Next Hop—IP address of neighbor that assigned the outgoing label.

```
PE1# show mpls forwarding-table
```

Local tag	Outgoing tag or VC	Prefix or Tunnel Id	Bytes tag switched	Outgoing interface	Next Hop
16	16	12.12.12.12/32	0	PO6/0	point2point
17	Pop tag	15.15.15.15/32	0	PO6/0	point2point
28	Untagged	12ckt(115)	1120	AT1/0	point2point

## Verify Connectivity Between the P and PE Routers

Use the following commands to ensure that the P router is correctly configured:

**Step 1** Use the **show mpls ldp discovery** command to ensure that an LDP session exists. The command output shows that the P router has regular LDP sessions with the PE routers, not targeted LDP sessions.

```
P# show mpls ldp discovery
```

```

Local LDP Identifier:
 15.15.15.15:0
Discovery Sources:
Interfaces:
  POS3/0 (ldp): xmit/rcv
    LDP Id: 11.11.11.11:0
  POS6/0 (ldp): xmit/rcv
    LDP Id: 12.12.12.12:0
Targeted Hellos:
 15.15.15.15 -> 11.11.11.11 (ldp): active, xmit

```

**Step 2** To make sure the label distribution session has been established, use the **show mpls ldp neighbors** command. The output shows that:

- The P router has LDP sessions with PE1 and PE2.
- The LDP session is operational.
- Messages are being sent and received.

```
P# show mpls ldp neighbors
```

```

Peer LDP Ident: 11.11.11.11:0; Local LDP Ident 15.15.15.15:0
TCP connection: 11.11.11.11.646 - 15.15.15.15.11072
State: Oper; Msgs sent/rcvd: 80/71; Downstream
Up time: 00:48:50
LDP discovery sources:
  POS3/0, Src IP addr: 30.5.0.1
Addresses bound to peer LDP Ident:
  8.0.5.20      11.11.11.11      180.3.0.2      20.20.20.3
 200.200.200.5  30.5.0.1
Peer LDP Ident: 12.12.12.12:0; Local LDP Ident 15.15.15.15:0
TCP connection: 12.12.12.12.646 - 15.15.15.15.11169
State: Oper; Msgs sent/rcvd: 29/27; Downstream
Up time: 00:16:28
LDP discovery sources:
  POS6/0, Src IP addr: 30.5.0.4
Addresses bound to peer LDP Ident:
  8.0.6.3      12.12.12.12      30.5.0.4

```

**Step 3** To make sure the label forwarding table is built correctly, use the **show mpls forwarding-table** command.

```
P# show mpls forwarding-table
```

Local tag	Outgoing tag or VC	Prefix or Tunnel Id	Bytes tag switched	Outgoing interface	Next Hop
16	Pop tag	12.12.12.12/32	18030	PO6/0	point2point
19	Pop tag	11.11.11.11/32	18609	PO3/0	point2point

## Verify Connectivity Between the PE and CE Routers

### ATM AAL5 and ATM Cell Relay

Use the **show atm vc** command on CE1 and CE2 to ensure that the ATM AAL5 VC is active.

```
CE# show atm vc
```

Interface	VCD / Name	VPI	VCI	Type	Encaps	SC	Peak Kbps	Avg/Min Kbps	Burst Cells	Sts
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```
2/0/0.3    11          0    115 PVC    AAL5    UBR  149760          UP
```

### Ethernet over MPLS

Issue the **show ip interface brief** command on the CE routers. If the interface can provide two-way communication, the Protocol field is marked “up.” If the interface hardware is usable, the Status field is marked “up.”

```
Router# show ip interface brief
```

Interface	IP-Address	OK?	Method	Status	Protocol
Vlan2	10.1.2.58	YES	NVRAM	up	up
Vlan4	unassigned	YES	NVRAM	up	up
Vlan101	unassigned	YES	NVRAM	up	up
GigabitEthernet6/0	172.31.255.255	YES	NVRAM	administratively down	down
GigabitEthernet1/0	unassigned	YES	NVRAM	administratively down	down
GigabitEthernet3/0	172.31.255.255	YES	NVRAM	up	up
GigabitEthernet4/0	unassigned	YES	NVRAM	administratively down	down
Loopback0	172.16.0.0	YES	NVRAM	up	up

### Frame Relay over MPLS

Use the **show frame-relay pvc** command on CE1 and CE2 to ensure that the DLCI is active. The line in the middle of the command output shows that DLCI 1002 is active.

```
CE1# show frame-relay pvc
```

```
PVC Statistics for interface POS2/1/0 (Frame Relay DTE)
```

	Active	Inactive	Deleted	Static
Local	1	0	0	0
Switched	0	0	0	0
Unused	0	0	0	0

```
DLCI = 1002, DLCI USAGE = LOCAL, PVC STATUS = ACTIVE, INTERFACE = POS2/1/0.2
```

```
input pkts 31          output pkts 29          in bytes 6555
out bytes 6194        dropped pkts 0          in FECN pkts 0
in BECN pkts 0        out FECN pkts 0        out BECN pkts 0
in DE pkts 0          out DE pkts 0
out bcast pkts 14     out bcast bytes 4634
pvc create time 00:16:43, last time pvc status changed 00:13:54
```

### HDLC and PPP over MPLS

Use the **show ip interface brief** command on CE1 and CE2 to make sure the router interfaces are operating.

```
CE1# show ip interface brief
```

Interface	IP-Address	OK?	Method	Status	Protocol
Serial1/1	11.11.11.11	YES	unset	up	up
Serial2/1	12.12.12.12	YES	unset	up	up
Hssi1/1	10.10.10.10	YES	unset	up	up

## Enabling OAM Cell Emulation for ATM AAL5 over MPLS

To enable OAM cell emulation on the PE routers, issue the **oam-ac emulation-enable** command in AToM VC configuration mode. The following example shows how to enable OAM cell emulation on an ATM PVC.

```
Router# interface ATM 1/0/0
Router(config-if)# pvc 1/200 l2transport
Router(config-atm-vc)# oam-ac emulation-enable
```

## Specify the Rate at Which AIS Cells Are Sent

The **oam-ac emulation-enable** command lets you specify the rate at which AIS cells are sent. The default is one cell every second. The range is 0 to 60 seconds. The following example sets the rate at which an AIS cell is sent to every 30 seconds:

```
Router(config-atm-vc)# oam-ac emulation-enable 30
```

See the **oam-ac emulation-enable** command for more information.

## Troubleshooting Tasks

If packets are being dropped when traveling from the CE routers, through the core, and to their destination, you might need to set the maximum transmission unit (MTU) size on the core (P and PE) routers to accommodate all packets. The following sections help you determine the MTU size.

### Estimating the Size of Packets Traveling Through the Core Network

The following calculation helps you determine the size of the packets traveling through the core network. You set the MTU on the core-facing interfaces of the P and PE routers to accommodate packets of this size. The MTU should be greater than or equal to the total bytes of the items in the following equation:

```
Core MTU >= (Edge MTU + Transport header + AToM header + (MPLS label stack * MPLS label size))
```

The following sections describe the variables used in the equation.

#### Edge MTU

The edge MTU is the MTU for the customer-facing interfaces.

#### Transport header

The Transport header depends on the transport type. [Table 5](#) lists the specific sizes of the headers.

**Table 5** Header Size of Packets

Transport Type	Packet Size
AAL5	0 - 32 bytes
Ethernet VLAN	18 bytes
Frame Relay DLCI	2 bytes for Cisco encapsulation, 8 bytes for IETF encapsulation.
HDLC	4 bytes
PPP	4 bytes

**AToM Header**

The AToM header is 4 bytes (control word). The control word is optional for Ethernet, PPP, HDLC, and cell relay transport types. However, the control word is required for Frame Relay, and ATM AAL5 transport types.

**MPLS Label Stack**

The MPLS label stack size depends on the configuration of the core MPLS network.

- AToM uses one MPLS label to identify the ATOM VCs (VC label). Therefore, the minimum MPLS label stack is 1 for directly connected ATOM PEs, which are PE routers that do not have a P router between them.
- If LDP is used in the MPLS network, the label stack size is 2 (the LDP label and the VC label).
- If a TE tunnel instead of LDP is used between PE routers in the MPLS network, the label stack size is 2 (the TE label and the VC label).
- If a TE tunnel and LDP are used in the MPLS network (for example, a TE tunnel between P routers or between P and PE routers, with LDP on the tunnel), the label stack is 3 (TE label, LDP label, VC label).
- If you use MPLS Fast Reroute in the MPLS network, you add a label to the stack. The maximum MPLS label stack in this case is 4 (FRR label, TE label, LDP label, VC label).
- If AToM is used by the customer carrier in MPLS-VPN Carrier Supporting Carrier environment, you add a label to the stack. The maximum MPLS label stack in the provider carrier network is 5 (FRR label, TE label, LDP label, VPN label, VC label).
- If an AToM tunnel spans different service providers that exchange MPLS labels using IPv4 BGP (RFC 3107), you add a label to the stack. The maximum MPLS label stack is 5 (FRR label, TE label, BGP label, LDP label, VC label).

Other circumstances can increase the MPLS label stack size. Therefore, analyze the complete data path between the AToM tunnel endpoints and determine the maximum MPLS label stack size for your network. Then multiply the label stack size by the size of the MPLS label.

**Example of Estimating Packet Size**

**Example 1** estimates the size of packets. The example uses the following assumptions:

- The edge MTU is 1500 bytes.
- The transport type is Ethernet, which designates 18 bytes for the transport header.
- The AToM header is 0, because the control word is not used.
- The MPLS label stack is 2, because LDP is used. The MPLS label is 4 bytes.

**Example 1 Estimating the MTU for Packets**

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Edge MTU} + \text{Transport header} + \text{AToM header} + (\text{MPLS label stack} * \text{MPLS Label}) = \text{Core MTU} \\ 1500 \quad + 18 \quad + 0 \quad + (2 \quad * 4 \quad ) = 1526 \end{array}$$

You must configure the P and PE routers in the core to accept packets of 1526 bytes. See the following section for setting the MTU size on the P and PE routers.

## Changing the MTU Size on the P and PE Routers

Once you determine the MTU size to set on your P and PE routers, you can issue the **mtu** command on the routers to set the MTU size. The following example specifies an MTU of 1526 bytes.

```
Router(config-if)# mtu 1526
```

**Note**

Some interfaces (such as FastEthernet interfaces) require the **mpls mtu** command to change the MTU size.

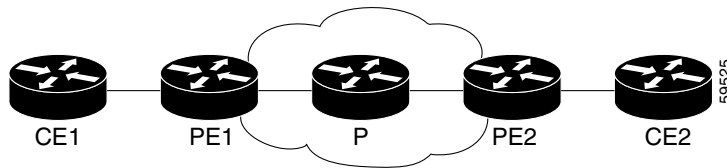
## Configuration Examples

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These configuration examples use the network configuration in [Figure 9](#).

**Figure 9** Sample Network Configuration



## ATM AAL5 over MPLS Configuration Example

[Table 6](#) shows an AAL5 over MPLS configuration example.

**Table 6** AAL5 over MPLS Configuration Example

PE1	PE2
<pre> mpls label protocol ldp  mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force ! interface Loopback0  ip address 11.11.11.11 255.255.255.255  interface ATM4/0  pvc 0/100 l2transport  encapsulation aal5  mpls l2transport route 12.12.12.12 100 ! interface ATM4/0.300 point-to-point  pvc 0/300 l2transport  encapsulation aal5  mpls l2transport route 12.12.12.12 300 </pre>	<pre> mpls label protocol ldp  mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force ! interface Loopback0  ip address 12.12.12.12 255.255.255.255  interface ATM4/0  pvc 0/100 l2transport  encapsulation aal5  mpls l2transport route 11.11.11.11 100 ! interface ATM4/0.300 point-to-point  pvc 0/300 l2transport  encapsulation aal5  mpls l2transport route 11.11.11.11 300 </pre>

## ATM Cell Relay over MPLS Configuration Example

Table 7 shows an ATM Cell Relay over MPLS configuration example. In this release, ATM Cell Relay over MPLS supports only single cell relay over PVC circuits.

**Table 7** ATM Cell Relay over MPLS Configuration Example

PE1	P 2
<pre> mpls label protocol ldp  mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force !  interface Loopback0   ip address 12.12.12.12 255.255.255.255  interface ATM4/0  pvc 0/100 l2transport  encapsulation aal0  mpls l2transport route 13.13.13.13 100 ! interface ATM4/0.300 point-to-point  no ip directed-broadcast  no atm enable-ilmi-trap  pvc 0/300 l2transport  encapsulation aal0  mpls l2transport route 13.13.13.13 300 </pre>	<pre> mpls label protocol ldp  mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force !  interface Loopback0   ip address 13.13.13.13 255.255.255.255  interface ATM4/0  pvc 0/100 l2transport  encapsulation aal0  mpls l2transport route 12.12.12.12 100 ! interface ATM4/0.300 point-to-point  no ip directed-broadcast  no atm enable-ilmi-trap  pvc 0/300 l2transport  encapsulation aal0  mpls l2transport route 12.12.12.12 300 </pre>

## Ethernet over MPLS Configuration Example

Table 8 shows an Ethernet over MPLS example

**Table 8** Ethernet over MPLS Configuration Example

PE1	PE2
<pre> mpls label protocol ldp  mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force !  interface Loopback0   ip address 11.11.11.11 255.255.255.255 !  interface ATM2/0.1 tag-switching  ip unnumbered Loopback0  no ip directed-broadcast  no atm enable-ilmi-trap  mpls label protocol ldp  mpls atm vpi 2-5  mpls ip !  interface GigabitEthernet4/0.1  encapsulation dot1Q 1000  no ip directed-broadcast  mpls l2transport route 12.12.12.12 100 </pre>	<pre> mpls label protocol ldp  mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force !  interface Loopback0   ip address 12.12.12.12 255.255.255.255 !  interface ATM1/0.1 tag-switching  ip unnumbered Loopback0  no ip directed-broadcast  no atm enable-ilmi-trap  mpls label protocol ldp  mpls atm vpi 2-5  mpls ip !  interface GigabitEthernet5/0.1  encapsulation dot1Q 1000  no ip directed-broadcast  mpls l2transport route 11.11.11.11 100 </pre>

## Frame Relay over MPLS Configuration Example

Table 9 shows a Frame Relay over MPLS configuration example.

**Table 9** Frame Relay over MPLS Configuration Example

PE1	PE2
<pre> frame-relay switching mpls label protocol ldp mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls ip ! interface Loopback0  ip address 13.13.13.13 255.255.255.255 ! interface Serial5/0  encapsulation frame-relay IETF  load-interval 30  clockrate 124061  frame-relay lmi-type cisco  frame-relay intf-type dce ! interface ATM6/0.1 point-to-point  ip address 2.0.0.2 255.0.0.0  pvc 1/34 ! router ospf 10  log-adjacency-changes  auto-cost reference-bandwidth 100000  network 2.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100  network 13.13.13.13 0.0.0.0 area 100 ! connect fr1 Serial5/0 1000 l2transport  mpls l2transport route 11.11.11.11 303 </pre>	<pre> frame-relay switching mpls label protocol ldp mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls ip ! interface Loopback0  ip address 11.11.11.11 255.255.255.255 ! interface Serial2/0/3  encapsulation frame-relay IETF  clockrate 124061  cdp enable  frame-relay lmi-type cisco  frame-relay intf-type dce ! interface ATM1/0/0.1 point-to-point  ip address 1.0.0.1 255.0.0.0  pvc 1/33 ! router ospf 10  log-adjacency-changes  auto-cost reference-bandwidth 100000  network 1.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100  network 11.11.11.11 0.0.0.0 area 100 ! connect fr2 Serial2/0/3 102 l2transport  mpls l2transport route 13.13.13.13 303 </pre>

## HDLC over MPLS Configuration Example

Table 10 shows an HDLC over MPLS configuration example.

**Table 10** HDLC over MPLS Configuration Example

PE1	PE2
<pre> ip routing ! hostname pe1 ! ip cef accounting per-prefix ip cef load-sharing algorithm original ! mpls label protocol ldp mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force ! interface Loopback0  ip address 8.8.8.8 255.255.255.255  no ip directed-broadcast ! interface POS0/0  no ip address  no ip directed-broadcast  no keepalive  encapsulation hdlc  mpls l2transport route 9.9.9.9 50  crc 32  clock source internal ! router ospf 10  log-adjacency-changes  auto-cost reference-bandwidth 1000  network 8.8.8.8 0.0.0.0 area 0  network 24.1.1.8 0.0.0.0 area 0 </pre>	<pre> ip routing ! hostname pe2 ! ip cef accounting per-prefix ip cef load-sharing algorithm original ! mpls label protocol ldp mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force ! interface Loopback0  ip address 9.9.9.9 255.255.255.255  no ip directed-broadcast ! interface POS0/0  no ip address  no ip directed-broadcast  no keepalive  encapsulation hdlc  mpls l2transport route 8.8.8.8 50  crc 32  clock source internal ! router ospf 10  log-adjacency-changes  auto-cost reference-bandwidth 1000  network 9.9.9.9 0.0.0.0 area 0  network 46.1.1.6 0.0.0.0 area 0 </pre>

## PPP over MPLS Configuration Example

Table 11 shows a PPP over MPLS configuration example.

**Table 11** PPP over MPLS Configuration Example

PE1	PE2
<pre> ip routing ! hostname pe1 ! ip subnet-zero ip cef accounting per-prefix ! mpls label protocol ldp mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force ! interface Loopback0  ip address 8.8.8.8 255.255.255.255  no ip directed-broadcast ! interface POS0/0  no ip address  no ip directed-broadcast  no keepalive  encapsulation ppp  mpls l2transport route 9.9.9.9 50  crc 32  clock source internal ! interface POS0/1  ip address 24.1.1.8 255.255.255.0  no ip directed-broadcast  no keepalive  mpls label protocol ldp  mpls ip  crc 32 ! router ospf 10  log-adjacency-changes  auto-cost reference-bandwidth 1000  network 8.8.8.8 0.0.0.0 area 0  network 24.1.1.8 0.0.0.0 area 0 </pre>	<pre> ip routing ! hostname pe2 ! ip cef accounting per-prefix ip cef load-sharing algorithm original ! mpls label protocol ldp mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force ! interface Loopback0  ip address 9.9.9.9 255.255.255.255  no ip directed-broadcast ! interface POS0/0  no ip address  no ip directed-broadcast  no keepalive  encapsulation ppp  mpls l2transport route 8.8.8.8 50  crc 32  clock source internal ! interface POS0/1  ip address 46.1.1.6 255.255.255.0  no ip directed-broadcast  no keepalive  mpls label protocol ldp  mpls ip  crc 32 ! router ospf 10  log-adjacency-changes  auto-cost reference-bandwidth 1000  network 9.9.9.9 0.0.0.0 area 0  network 46.1.1.6 0.0.0.0 area 0 </pre>

## What To Do Next

See the following MPLS AToM documentation for more information:

- *Start Here: MPLS AToM: Transport, Platform, and Release Specifics*
- *MPLS AToM: Overview*
- *MPLS AToM: Commands*