



BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table

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Prerequisites for BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table

- Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) peering sessions are established.
- CEF or dCEF (for distributed platforms) is enabled on all participating routers.

Restrictions for BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table

- Only IPv4 unicast and multicast prefixes can be imported into a VRF with this feature.
- A maximum of five VRF instances per router can be created to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table.
- IPv4 prefixes imported into a VRF using this feature cannot be imported into a VPNv4 VRF.

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Importing IPv4 Prefixes into a VRF

The BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table feature introduces the capability to import IPv4 unicast prefixes from the global routing table into a Virtual Private Network (VPN) routing/forwarding instance (VRF) table using an import route map. This feature extends the functionality of VRF import-map configuration to allow IPv4 prefixes to be imported into a VRF based on a standard community. Both IPv4 unicast and multicast prefixes are supported. No Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) or route target (import/export) configuration is required.

IP prefixes are defined as match criteria for the import map through standard Cisco IOS filtering mechanisms. For example, an IP access-list, an IP prefix-list, or an IP as-path filter is created to define an IP prefix or IP prefix range, and then the prefix or prefixes are processed through a match clause in a route map. Prefixes that pass through the route map are imported into the specified VRF per the import map configuration.

Black Hole Routing

This feature can be configured to support Black Hole Routing (BHR). BHR is a method that allows the administrator to block undesirable traffic, such as traffic from illegal sources or traffic generated by a Denial of Service (DoS) attack, by dynamically routing the traffic to a dead interface or to a host designed to collect information for investigation, mitigating the impact of the attack on the network. Prefixes are looked up, and packets that come from unauthorized sources are blackholed by the ASIC at line rate.

Classifying Global Traffic

This feature can be used to classify global IP traffic based on physical location or class of service. Traffic is classified based on administration policy and then imported into different VRFs. On a college campus, for example, network traffic could be divided into an academic network and residence network traffic, a student network and faculty network, or a dedicated network for multicast traffic. After the traffic is divided along administration policy, routing decisions can be configured with the MPLS VPN—VRF Selection Using Policy Based Routing or the MPLS VPN—VRF Selection Based on Source IP Address features.

How to Import IP Prefixes from Global Table into a VRF Table

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Defining IPv4 IP Prefixes to Import

IPv4 unicast or multicast prefixes are defined as match criteria for the import route map using standard Cisco IOS filtering mechanisms. This task uses an IP access-list and an IP prefix-list.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **access-list** *access-list-number* { **deny** | **permit** } *source* [*source-wildcard*] [**log**]
4. **ip prefix-list** *prefix-list-name* [**seq** *seq-value*] { **deny** *network/length* | **permit** *network/length* } [**ge** *ge-value*] [**le** *le-value*]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<code>enable</code> Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	<code>configure terminal</code> Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	<code>access-list access-list-number {deny permit} source [source-wildcard] [log]</code> Example: Router(config)# access-list 50 permit 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255	Creates an access list and defines a range of IP prefixes to import into the VRF table. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The example creates a standard access list numbered 50. This filter will permit traffic from any host with an IP address in the 10.1.1.0/24 subnet.
Step 4	<code>ip prefix-list prefix-list-name [seq seq-value] {deny network/length permit network/length} [ge ge-value] [le le-value]</code> Example: Router(config)# ip prefix-list COLORADO permit 10.24.240.0/22	Creates a prefix list and defines a range of IP prefixes to import into the VRF table. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The example creates an IP prefix list named COLORADO. This filter will permit traffic from any host with an IP address in the 10.24.240.0/22 subnet.

Creating the VRF and the Import Route Map

The IP prefixes that are defined for import are then processed through a match clause in a route map. IP prefixes that pass through the route map are imported into the VRF. A maximum of 5 VRFs per router can be configured to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table. 1000 prefixes per VRF are imported by default. You can manually configure from 1 to 2,147,483,647 prefixes for each VRF. We recommend that you use caution if you manually configure the prefix import limit. Configuring the router to import too many prefixes can interrupt normal router operation.

No MPLS or route target (import/export) configuration is required.

Import Actions

Import actions are triggered when a new routing update is received or when routes are withdrawn. During the initial BGP update period, the import action is postponed to allow BGP to converge more quickly. Once BGP converges, incremental BGP updates are evaluated immediately and qualified prefixes are imported as they are received.

New Syslog Message

The following syslog message is introduced by this feature. It will be displayed when more prefixes are available for import than the user-defined limit:

```
00:00:33: %BGP-3-AFIMPORT_EXCEED: IPv4 Multicast prefixes imported to multicast vrf exceed the limit 2
```

You can either increase the prefix limit or fine-tune the import route map filter to reduce the number of candidate routes.

Restrictions

- Only IPv4 unicast and multicast prefixes can be imported into a VRF with this feature.
- A maximum of five VRF instances per router can be created to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table.
- IPv4 prefixes imported into a VRF using this feature cannot be imported into a VPNv4 VRF.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip vrf vrf-name**
4. **rd route-distinguisher**
5. **import ipv4 {unicast | multicast} [prefix-limit] map route-map**
6. **exit**
7. **route-map map-tag [permit | deny] [sequence-number]**
8. **match ip address {acl-number [acl-number | acl-name] | acl-name [acl-name | acl-number] | prefix-list prefix-list-name [prefix-list-name]}**
9. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	<pre>ip vrf vrf-name</pre> <p>Example: Router(config)# ip vrf GREEN</p>	<p>Creates a VRF routing table and specifies the VRF name (or tag).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ip vrf vrf-name command creates a VRF routing table and a CEF table, and both are named using the <i>vrf-name</i> argument. Associated with these tables is the default route distinguisher value.
Step 4	<pre>rd route-distinguisher</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-vrf)# rd 100:10</p>	<p>Creates routing and forwarding tables for the VRF instance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are two formats for configuring the route distinguisher argument. It can be configured in the <i>as-number:network number (ASN:nn)</i> format, as shown in the example, or it can be configured in the <i>IP address:network number format (IP-address:nn)</i>.
Step 5	<pre>import ipv4 {unicast multicast} [prefix-limit] map route-map</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-vrf)# import ipv4 unicast 1000 map UNICAST</p>	<p>Creates an import map to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table to a VRF table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unicast or multicast prefixes are specified. Up to a 1000 prefixes will be imported by default. The <i>prefix-limit</i> argument is used to specify a limit from 1 to 2,147,483,647 prefixes. The route-map that defines the prefixes to import is specified after the map keyword is entered. The example creates an import map that will import up to 1000 unicast prefixes that pass through the route map named UNICAST.
Step 6	<pre>exit</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-vrf)# exit</p>	<p>Exits VRF configuration mode and enters global configuration mode.</p>
Step 7	<pre>route-map map-tag [permit deny] [sequence-number]</pre> <p>Example: Router(config)# route-map UNICAST permit 10</p>	<p>Defines the conditions for redistributing routes from one routing protocol into another, or enables policy routing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The route map name must match the route map specified in Step 5. The example creates a route map named UNICAST.
Step 8	<pre>match ip address {acl-number [acl-number acl-name] acl-name [acl-name acl-number] prefix-list prefix-list-name [prefix-list-name]}</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-route-map)# match ip address 50</p>	<p>Distributes any routes that have a destination network number address that is permitted by a standard or extended access list, and performs policy routing on matched packets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both IP access lists and IP prefix lists are supported. The example configures the route map to use standard access list 50 to define match criteria.
Step 9	<pre>end</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-route-map)# end</p>	<p>Exits route-map configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.</p>

Filtering on the Ingress Interface

This feature can be configured globally or on a per-interface basis. We recommend that you apply it to ingress interfaces to maximize performance.

Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding

Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (Unicast RPF) can be optionally configured. Unicast RPF is used to verify that the source address is in the Forwarding Information Base (FIB). The **ip verify unicast vrf** command is configured in interface configuration mode and is enabled for each VRF. This command has **permit** and **deny** keywords that are used to determine if the traffic is forwarded or dropped after Unicast RPF verification.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number* [*name-tag*]
4. **ip policy route-map** *map-tag*
5. **ip verify unicast vrf** *vrf-name* {**deny** | **permit**}
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> [<i>name-tag</i>] Example: Router(config)# interface Ethernet0/0	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip policy route-map <i>map-tag</i> Example: Router(config-if)# ip policy route-map UNICAST	Identifies a route map to use for policy routing on an interface. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The configuration example attaches the route map named UNICAST to the interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	<pre>ip verify unicast vrf vrf-name {deny permit}</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-if)# ip verify unicast vrf GREEN permit</p>	(Optional) Enables Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding verification for the specified VRF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The example enables verification for the VRF named GREEN. Traffic that passes verification will be forwarded.
Step 6	<pre>end</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-if)# end</p>	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Verifying Global IP Prefix Import

Perform the steps in this task to display information about the VRFs that are configured with this feature and to verify that global IP prefixes are imported into the specified VRF table.

SUMMARY STEPS

- enable**
- show ip bgp vpnv4 {all | rd route-distinguisher | vrf vrf-name} [rib-failure] [ip-prefix/length] [longer-prefixes] [output-modifiers] [network-address [mask] [longer-prefixes] [output-modifiers]] [cidr-only] [community] [community-list] [dampened-paths] [filter-list] [flap-statistics] [inconsistent-as] [neighbors] [paths [line]] [peer-group] [quote-regexp] [regex] [summary] [labels]**
- show ip vrf [brief | detail | interfaces | id] [vrf-name]**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1	<p>enable</p> <p>Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.</p> <pre>Router# enable</pre>
Step 2	<p>show ip bgp vpnv4 {all rd route-distinguisher vrf vrf-name} [rib-failure] [ip-prefix/length] [longer-prefixes] [output-modifiers] [network-address [mask] [longer-prefixes] [output-modifiers]] [cidr-only] [community] [community-list] [dampened-paths] [filter-list] [flap-statistics] [inconsistent-as] [neighbors] [paths [line]] [peer-group] [quote-regexp] [regex] [summary] [labels]</p> <p>Displays VPN address information from the BGP table. The output displays the import route map, the traffic type (unicast or multicast), the default or user-defined prefix import limit, the actual number of prefixes that are imported, and individual import prefix entries.</p> <pre>Router# show ip bgp vpnv4 all</pre> <pre>BGP table version is 15, local router ID is 10.1.1.1 Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, i - internal, S Stale Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete</pre> <pre> Network Next Hop Metric LocPrf Weight Path Route Distinguisher: 100:1 (default for vrf academic) Import Map: ACADEMIC, Address-Family: IPv4 Unicast, Pfx Count/Limit: 6/1000</pre>

```

*> 10.50.1.0/24      172.17.2.2          0 2 3 ?
*> 10.50.2.0/24      172.17.2.2          0 2 3 ?
*> 10.50.3.0/24      172.17.2.2          0 2 3 ?
*> 10.60.1.0/24      172.17.2.2          0 2 3 ?
*> 10.60.2.0/24      172.17.2.2          0 2 3 ?
*> 10.60.3.0/24      172.17.2.2          0 2 3 ?
Route Distinguisher: 200:1 (default for vrf residence)
Import Map: RESIDENCE, Address-Family: IPv4 Unicast, Pfx Count/Limit: 3/1000
*> 10.30.1.0/24      172.17.2.2          0          0 2 i
*> 10.30.2.0/24      172.17.2.2          0          0 2 i
*> 10.30.3.0/24      172.17.2.2          0          0 2 i
Route Distinguisher: 300:1 (default for vrf BLACKHOLE)
Import Map: BLACKHOLE, Address-Family: IPv4 Unicast, Pfx Count/Limit: 3/1000
*> 10.40.1.0/24      172.17.2.2          0          0 2 i
*> 10.40.2.0/24      172.17.2.2          0          0 2 i
*> 10.40.3.0/24      172.17.2.2          0          0 2 i
Route Distinguisher: 400:1 (default for vrf multicast)
Import Map: MCAST, Address-Family: IPv4 Multicast, Pfx Count/Limit: 2/2
*> 10.70.1.0/24      172.17.2.2          0          0 2 i
*> 10.70.2.0/24      172.17.2.2          0          0 2 i

```

Step 3 **show ip vrf [brief | detail | interfaces | id] [vrf-name]**

Displays defined VRFs and their associated interfaces. The output displays the import route map, the traffic type (unicast or multicast), and the default or user-defined prefix import limit. The following example output shows that the import route map named UNICAST is importing IPv4 unicast prefixes and that the prefix import limit is 1000.

```

Router# show ip vrf detail

VRF academic; default RD 100:10; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 1
  No interfaces
  Connected addresses are not in global routing table
  Export VPN route-target communities
    RT:100:10
  Import VPN route-target communities
    RT:100:10
  Import route-map for ipv4 unicast: UNICAST (prefix limit: 1000)

  No export route-map

```

Configuration Examples for BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table

This section contains the following configuration example:

- [Configuring Global IP Prefix Import: Example, page 9](#)

Configuring Global IP Prefix Import: Example

The following example, beginning in global configuration mode, imports all unicast prefixes from the 10.24.240.0/22 subnet into the VRF named GREEN. An IP prefix list is used to define the imported IPv4 prefixes. The route map is attached to Ethernet interface 0. Unicast RPF verification for VRF GREEN is enabled.

```

ip prefix-list COLORADO permit 10.24.240.0/22
!
ip vrf GREEN
 rd 100:10
  import ipv4 unicast 1000 map UNICAST
 exit
route-map UNICAST permit 10
 match ip address prefix-list COLORADO
 exit
interface Ethernet 0
 ip policy route-map UNICAST
 ip verify unicast vrf GREEN permit
end

```

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to the BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table feature.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
BGP commands: complete command syntax, defaults, command mode, command history, usage guidelines, and examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco IOS IP Routing Protocols Command Reference, Release 12.2SB • Cisco IOS IP Routing Protocols Command Reference, Release 12.2SR • Cisco IOS IP Routing Protocols Command Reference, Release 12.2SX • Cisco IOS IP Command Reference, Volume 2 of 4: Routing Protocols, Release 12.3T
BGP configuration tasks	Cisco IOS IP Configuration Guide, Release 12.3
MPLS VPN configuration tasks	MPLS Virtual Private Networks, Release 12.0(5)T
VRF selection using policy based routing	MPLS VPN—VRF Selection Using Policy Based Routing
VRF selection based on source IP address	MPLS VPN— VRF Selection Based on Source IP Address

Standards

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

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
No new or modified MIBs are supported by this feature, and support for existing MIBs has not been modified by this feature.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

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

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
<p>The Cisco Support website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies.</p> <p>To receive security and technical information about your products, you can subscribe to various services, such as the Product Alert Tool (accessed from Field Notices), the Cisco Technical Services Newsletter, and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds.</p> <p>Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.</p>	http://www.cisco.com/techsupport

Command Reference

This section documents only commands that are new or modified.

- [debug ip bgp import](#)
- [import ipv4](#)
- [ip verify unicast vrf](#)

debug ip bgp import

To display debugging information related to importing IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table into a VRF table, use the **debug ip bgp import** command in privileged EXEC mode. To disable the display of IPv4 prefix import debugging information, use the **no** form of this command.

```
debug ip bgp import { events | updates [access-list | expanded-access-list] }
```

```
no debug ip bgp import { events | updates [access-list | expanded-access-list] }
```

Syntax Description

events	Displays messages related to IPv4 prefix import events.
updates	Displays messages related to IPv4 prefix import updates.
<i>access-list</i>	(Optional) Number of access list used to filter debugging messages. The range that can be specified is from 1 to 199.
<i>expanded-access-list</i>	(Optional) Number of expanded access list used to filter debugging messages. The range that can be specified is from 1300 to 2699.

Command Modes

Privileged EXEC

Command History

Release	Modification
12.0(29)S	This command was introduced.
12.2(25)S	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(25)S.
12.3(14)T	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.3(14)T.
12.2(27)SBC	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(27)SBC.
12.2(33)SRA	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRA.
12.2(33)SXH	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SXH.

Usage Guidelines

Use this command to display debugging information related to the BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table feature. This feature provides the capability to import IPv4 unicast prefixes from the global routing table into a Virtual Private Network (VPN) routing/forwarding (VRF) instance table using an import route map.

Examples

The following example configures IPv4 prefix import debugging messages for both import events and import updates to be displayed on the console of the router:

```
Router# debug ip bgp import events

BGP import events debugging is on

Router# debug ip bgp import updates

BGP import updates debugging is on for access list 3

00:00:50: %BGP-5-ADJCHANGE: neighbor 10.2.2.2 Up
00:01:06: BGP: reevaluate IPv4 Unicast routes in VRF academic
```

debug ip bgp import

```

00:01:06: BGP: 0 routes available (limit: 1000)
00:01:06: BGP: import IPv4 Unicast routes to VRF academic
00:01:06: BGP(2)-VRF(academic): import pfx 100:1:10.30.1.0/24 via 10.2.2.2
00:01:06: BGP: accepted 8 routes (limit: 1000)
00:01:06: BGP: reevaluate IPv4 Multicast routes in VRF multicast
00:01:06: BGP: 0 routes available (limit: 2)
00:01:06: BGP: import IPv4 Multicast routes to VRF multicast
00:01:06: %BGP-4-AFIMPORT: IPv4 Multicast prefixes imported to multicast vrf reached the
limit 2
00:01:06: BGP: accepted 2 routes (limit: 2)
00:01:06: BGP: reevaluate IPv4 Unicast routes in VRF BLUE
00:01:06: BGP: 0 routes available (limit: 1000)
00:01:06: BGP: import IPv4 Unicast routes to VRF BLUE
00:01:06: BGP: accepted 3 routes (limit: 1000)

```

Table 1 describes the significant fields shown in the display.

Table 1 *debug ip bgp import Field Descriptions*

Field	Description
BGP: accepted 2 routes (limit: 2)	Number of routes imported into the VRF, and the default or user-defined prefix import limit.
BGP: reevaluate IPv4 Unicast routes in VRF BLUE	Prefix was imported during BGP convergence and is being reevaluated for the next scan cycle.
BGP: 0 routes available (limit: 1000)	Number of routes available from import source, and the default or user-defined prefix import limit.
BGP: import IPv4 Unicast routes to VRF BLUE	Import map and prefix type (unicast or multicast) that is being imported into the specified VRF.

Related Commands

Command	Description
clear ip bgp	Resets a BGP connection.

import ipv4

To configure an import map to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table to a VRF table, use the **import ipv4** command in VRF configuration mode. To remove the import map, use the **no** form of this command.

```
import ipv4 {unicast | multicast} [prefix-limit] map route-map
```

```
no import ipv4 {unicast | multicast} [prefix-limit] map route-map
```

Syntax Description		
	unicast	Specifies IPv4 unicast prefixes to import.
	multicast	Specifies IPv4 multicast prefixes to import.
	<i>prefix-limit</i>	(Optional) Number of prefixes to import. The range is from 1 to 2147483647. Default is 1000.
	map <i>route-map</i>	Specifies the route map to be used as an import route map for the VRF.

Command Default No import map is configured.

Command Modes VRF configuration

Command History	Release	Modification
	12.0(29)S	This command was introduced.
	12.2(25)S	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(25)S.
	12.3(14)T	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.3(14)T.
	12.2(27)SBC	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(27)SBC.
	12.2(33)SRA	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRA.
	12.2(33)SXH	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SXH.

Usage Guidelines IP prefixes that are defined for import are processed through a match clause in a route map. The prefixes that pass through the route map are imported into the Virtual Private Network (VPN) routing/forwarding (VRF) instance. A maximum of five VRFs per router can be configured to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table. 1000 prefixes per VRF are imported by default. You can manually configure from 1 to 2,147,483,647 prefixes for each VRF. We recommend that you use caution if you manually configure the prefix import limit. Configuring the router to import too many prefixes can interrupt normal router operation. Only IPv4 unicast and multicast prefixes can be imported to a VRF with this feature. IPv4 prefixes imported into a VRF using this feature cannot be imported into a VPNv4 VRF.

No MPLS or Route Target Configuration Is Required

No MPLS or route target (import/export) configuration is required.

Import Behavior

Import actions are triggered when a new routing update is received or when routes are withdrawn. During the initial BGP update period, the import action is postponed to allow BGP to converge more quickly. Once BGP converges, incremental BGP updates are evaluated immediately and qualified prefixes are imported as they are received.

Examples

The following example, beginning in global configuration mode, imports all unicast prefixes from the 10.24.240.0/22 subnet into the VRF named GREEN. An IP prefix list is used to define the imported IPv4 prefixes. The route map is attached to the Ethernet interface 0, and unicast RPF verification for VRF GREEN is enabled.

```
ip prefix-list COLORADO permit 10.24.240.0/22
!
ip vrf GREEN
 rd 100:10
  import ipv4 unicast 1000 map UNICAST
 exit
route-map UNICAST permit 10
 match ip address prefix-list ACCOUNTING
 exit
interface Ethernet 0
 ip policy route-map UNICAST
 ip verify unicast vrf GREEN permit
 end
```

Related Commands

Command	Description
ip verify unicast vrf	Enables Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding verification for the specified VRF.
ip vrf	Configures a VRF routing table.
rd	Creates routing and forwarding tables for a VRF.
show ip bgp	Displays entries in the BGP routing table.
show ip bgp vpnv4	Displays VPN address information from the BGP table.
show ip vrf	Displays the set of defined VRFs and associated interfaces.

ip verify unicast vrf

To enable Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (Unicast RPF) verification for a specified VRF, use the **ip verify unicast vrf** command in interface configuration mode. To disable the Unicast RPF check for a VRF, use the **no** form of this command.

```
ip verify unicast vrf vrf-name {deny | permit}
```

```
no ip verify unicast vrf vrf-name {deny | permit}
```

Syntax Description	<i>vrf-name</i>	Virtual Private Network (VPN) routing/forwarding (VRF) instance name.
	deny	Specifies that traffic associated with the specified VRF is dropped after it passes the Unicast RPF verification.
	permit	Specifies that traffic associated with the specified VRF is forwarded after it passes the Unicast RPF verification.

Command Default Unicast RPF verification is disabled.

Command Modes Interface configuration

Command History	Release	Modification
	12.0(29)S	This command was introduced.
	12.2(25)S	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(25)S.
	12.3(14)T	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.3(14)T.
	12.2(28)SB	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(27)SBC.
	12.2(33)SRA	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRA.
	12.2(33)SXH	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SXH.

Usage Guidelines Unicast RPF is configured to verify that the source address is in the Forwarding Information Base (FIB). The **ip verify unicast vrf** command is configured in interface configuration mode and is enabled for each VRF. This command has **permit** and **deny** keywords that are used to determine if traffic is forwarded or dropped after Unicast RPF verification.

Examples The following example configures Unicast RPF verification for VRF GREEN and RED. VRF GREEN traffic is forwarded. VRF RED traffic is dropped.

```
Router(config)# interface Ethernet 0
Router(config-if)# ip verify unicast vrf GREEN permit
Router(config-if)# ip verify unicast vrf RED deny
Router(config-if)# end
```

Related Commands	Command	Description
	import ipv4	Configures an import map to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table to a VRF table.
	ip vrf	Configures a VRF routing table.
	rd	Creates routing and forwarding tables for a VRF.
	show ip bgp	Displays entries in the BGP routing table.
	show ip bgp vpnv4	Displays VPN address information from the BGP table.
	show ip vrf	Displays the set of defined VRFs and associated interfaces.

Feature Information for BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table

Table 2 lists the release history for this feature.

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Note

Table 2 lists only the Cisco IOS 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 software release train also support that feature.

Table 2 Feature Information for BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table	12.0(29)S 12.2(25)S 12.2(27)SBC 12.2(33)SRA 12.2(33)SXH 12.3(14)T	The BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table feature introduces the capability to import IPv4 unicast prefixes from the global routing table into a Virtual Private Network (VPN) routing/forwarding (VRF) instance table using an import route map. The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: debug ip bgp import , import ipv4 , ip verify unicast vrf .

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