



DHCP Enhancements for Edge-Session Management

The DHCP Enhancements for Edge-Session Management feature provides the capability of simultaneous service by multiple Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to customers using one network infrastructure. The end-user customer may change ISPs at any time.

The DHCP enhancements evolved out of the Service Gateways (SGs) requirement to receive information from the DHCP server about when client DISCOVER packets (session initiation) are received, when an address has been allocated to a client, and when a client has released a DHCP lease or the lease has expired (session termination).

History for the DHCP Enhancements for Edge-Session Management Feature

Release	Modification
12.3(14)T	This feature was introduced.

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Information About DHCP Enhancements for Edge-Session Management

To configure the DHCP Enhancements for Edge-Session Management feature, you should understand the following concepts:

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DHCP Servers and Relay Agents

DHCP provides a framework for passing configuration information dynamically to hosts on a TCP/IP network. A DHCP client is an Internet host using DHCP to obtain configuration parameters such as an IP address.

A DHCP relay agent is any host that forwards DHCP packets between clients and servers. Relay agents are used to forward requests and replies between clients and servers when they are not on the same physical subnet. Relay agent forwarding is distinct from the normal forwarding of an IP router, where IP datagrams are switched between networks somewhat transparently. By contrast, relay agents receive DHCP messages and then generate a new DHCP message to send on another interface.

For more information, refer to the “Configuring DHCP” chapter in the *Cisco IOS IP Configuration Guide*, Release 12.3.

On-Demand Address Pool Management

An On-Demand Address Pool (ODAP) is used to centralize the management of large pools of addresses and simplifies the configuration of large networks. ODAP provides a central management point for the allocation and assignment of IP addresses.

When a Cisco router is configured as an ODAP manager, pools of IP addresses are dynamically increased or reduced in size depending on the address utilization level. The ODAP manager is supported by centralized Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) or DHCP servers and is configured to request an initial pool of addresses from either the RADIUS or DHCP server.

The ODAP manager controls IP address assignment and will allocate additional IP addresses as necessary. This method of address allocation and assignment optimizes the use of available address space and simplifies the configuration of medium and large-sized networks.

For more information, see the *DHCP ODAP Server Support* feature document, Cisco IOS Release 12.2(15)T.

Design of the DHCP Enhancements for Edge-Session Management Feature

With the DHCP Enhancements for Edge-Session Management feature, a DHCP server and relay agent are separate, but closely coupled. The basic design of the feature encompasses two types of configuration at the edge of an ISP network as follows:

- DHCP server and an SG that are co-resident (in the same device)
- DHCP relay agent and an SG that are co-resident

DHCP Server Co-Resident with the SG

With this configuration, the DHCP server is in the same device as the SG and allocates addresses from locally configured address pools or acquires a subnet of addresses to allocate from some other system in the network. There are no changes to the server address allocation function to support the configuration.

This configuration enables the DHCP server to notify the SG that it has received a broadcast sent by the end-user DHCP client. The SG passes the MAC address and other information to the DHCP server. The SG also passes a class name (for example, the name of the ISP), which is used by the DHCP server to match a pool-class definition.

Lease-state notifications are always made by the DHCP server to the SG, because the information is already present.



Note

The local configuration may also be performed by an ODAP that acquires subnets for the address pools from another DHCP server or a RADIUS server.

DHCP Relay Agent Co-Resident with the SG

With this configuration, the relay agent is in the same device as the SG and intercedes in DHCP sessions to appear as the DHCP server to the DHCP client. As the server, the relay agent may obtain enough information about the DHCP session to notify the SG of all events (for example, lease termination).

Appearing to be the DHCP server is performed by using the DHCP functionality that is currently in use on unnumbered interfaces. This functionality enables the relay agent to substitute its own IP address for the server.

The packet is passed by the relay agent to the DHCP server and the SG is notified of the receipt. Following the notification, an inquiry is made by the relay agent to the SG about which DHCP class name to use. Then, the packet is passed by the relay agent to the selected DHCP server.

The end-user DHCP client MAC address and other pertinent information is passed to the SG. The SG returns the DHCP class name to use when matching a DHCP pool if the SG is configured to do so. If the DHCP relay agent is not acting as a server, it relays the packet to the DHCP server.



Note

An address pool may have one DHCP class defined to specify one central DHCP server to which the relay agent passes the packet, or it may have multiple DHCP classes defined to specify a different DHCP server for each client.

Benefits of the DHCP Enhancements for Edge-Session Management

The benefits of the DHCP Enhancements for Edge-Session Management feature are as follows:

- Allows the full DHCP server system to be located farther inside the network, while only running a relatively simple DHCP relay agent at the edge.
- Simplifies the DHCP configuration at the edge.
- Allows all DHCP server administration to occur closer to the middle of the network on one centralized DHCP server, or on separate DHCP servers (one for each ISP).
- Allows each ISP full control over all DHCP options and lease times.

- Allows both the DHCP server and client configurations to be used on the same edge system simultaneously.

How to Configure DHCP Enhancements for Edge-Session Management

This section contains the following procedures:

- [Configuring the DHCP Address Pool and a Class Name, page 4](#) (optional)
- [Configuring a Relay Pool with a Relay Source and Destination, page 6](#) (required)
- [Configuring a Relay Pool for a Remote DHCP Server, page 8](#) (required)
- [Configuring Other Types of Relay Pools, page 10](#) (optional)

Configuring the DHCP Address Pool and a Class Name

Perform this task to configure a DHCP server that assigns addresses from an address pool for a specific class name that has been assigned by an SG that is co-resident with the DHCP server at the edge.

If a DHCP server is resident in the same device as an SG and both are at the edge, a class name and address pool should be configured. In this case, the DHCP server notifies an SG of a DISCOVER broadcast received from a client and the SG returns a class name. The returned class name designates an address range of an address pool. The DHCP server sends the MAC address and IP address of the incoming interface or the specified relay-agent address to the SG.



Note

If the DHCP server has its address pools defined locally or retrieves the subnets from ISP DHCP servers or AAA servers using ODAP, additional DHCP server configuration on behalf of the SG is not required.

If dynamic allocation of the address pool is required using ODAP, the **origin** command is specified.

Prerequisites

The specification of the class name is required in the DHCP address-pool configuration and in the SG system itself to designate each DHCP client class name. A default class name should be configured if a user does not have one.

Each address pool should be associated with one or more DHCP classes (address-provider ISPs). When the DHCP client selects an ISP, the selection becomes the class name designated by the SG.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip dhcp pool *name***
4. **origin {dhcp | file *url*}**
5. **network *network-number* [*mask* | *prefix-length*]**
6. **class *class-name***

7. **address range** *start-ip end-ip*
8. Repeat Steps 3, 5, and 6.
9. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>enable</pre> <p>Example: Router> enable </p>	<p>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	<pre>configure terminal</pre> <p>Example: Router# configure terminal </p>	<p>Enters global configuration mode.</p>
Step 3	<pre>ip dhcp pool name</pre> <p>Example: Router(config)# ip dhcp pool abc-pool </p>	<p>Configures a DHCP address pool on a Cisco IOS DHCP server and enters DHCP pool configuration mode. The <i>name</i> argument is the name of the pool and may either be a symbolic string (such as engineering) or an integer (such as 0).</p>
Step 4	<pre>origin {dhcp file url}</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# origin dhcp </p>	<p>(Optional) Configures an address pool as an On-Demand Address Pool (ODAP) or static mapping pool. The argument and keywords are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dhcp—DHCP address pool. • file—External database file that contains the static bindings assigned by the DHCP server. • <i>url</i>—Location of the external database file.
Step 5	<pre>network network-number [mask prefix-length]</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# network 10.10.0.0 255.255.0.0 </p>	<p>Configures the subnet number and mask for a DHCP address pool on a Cisco IOS DHCP server. The arguments are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>network-number</i>—The IP address of the DHCP address pool. Use this argument if ODAP is not the IP address assignment method. • <i>mask</i>—(Optional) The bit combination that renders which portion of the address of the DHCP address pool refers to the network or subnet and which part refers to the host. • <i>prefix-length</i>—(Optional) The number of bits that comprise the address prefix. The prefix is an alternative way of specifying the network mask of the client. The prefix length must be preceded by a forward slash (/).

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	<pre>class class-name</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# class abc-pool</p>	<p>Associates a class with a DHCP address pool and enters DHCP pool-class configuration mode. The <i>class-name</i> argument is the name of the class. It should match the DHCP address pool name.</p> <p>Repeat this step to specify a default class name if required by the SG.</p>
Step 7	<pre>address range start-ip end-ip</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-dhcp-pool-class)# address range 10.10.5.0 10.99.99.99</p>	<p>(Optional) Configures an IP address range from which the DHCP server would allocate the IP addresses. If an SG returned an IP address that is not configured, no action is taken.</p> <p>This step enables the allocation of an address from a range for the class name specified in the previous step.</p> <p>Note The address range command cannot be used with a relay pool that is configured with the relay destination command. Further, if no address range is assigned to a class name, the address is specified with the network command.</p>
Step 8	Repeat Steps 3, 5, and 6.	If there is an interface configured with multiple subnets and different ISPs, repeat this step to match the number of subnets. See the “Multiple DHCP Pools and Different ISPs Configuration: Example” section on page 16.
Step 9	<pre>exit</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-dhcp-pool)# exit</p>	Exits to DHCP pool configuration mode.

Configuring a Relay Pool with a Relay Source and Destination

Perform this task to configure a relay pool when the DHCP relay and SG are resident in the same device at the edge, and all end users will obtain addresses from one pool. This task replaces the IP helper-address interface configuration.

If the SG notifies the relay agent that DHCP session notifications are required for a particular DHCP client, the relay agent will retain enough information about the DHCP session to notify the SG of all events (for example, lease termination). The relay intercedes DHCP sessions and assumes the role of the DHCP server. The IP address configuration becomes a dynamically changing value depending on the DHCP client information and the SG device policy information.

Restrictions

If a relay agent is interceding in DHCP sessions and assuming the role of the DHCP server, the use of DHCP authentication is not possible.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**

3. **ip dhcp pool** *name*
4. **update arp**
5. **relay source** *ip-address subnet-mask*
6. **relay destination** [*vrf vrf-name* | **global**] *ip-address*
7. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>enable</pre> <p>Example: Router> enable</p>	<p>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	<pre>configure terminal</pre> <p>Example: Router# configure terminal</p>	<p>Enters global configuration mode.</p>
Step 3	<pre>ip dhcp pool name</pre> <p>Example: Router(config)# ip dhcp pool abc-pool</p>	<p>Configures a DHCP address pool on a Cisco IOS DHCP server and enters DHCP pool configuration mode. The <i>name</i> argument is the name of the pool and may either be a symbolic string (such as engineering) or an integer (such as 0). More than one name may be configured.</p>
Step 4	<pre>update arp</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# update arp</p>	<p>(Optional) Configures secure and dynamic Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) entries in the ARP table to their corresponding DHCP bindings.</p> <p>Note If the system is allocating an address from an address pool, it will add secure ARP. If the system is relaying a packet using an address pool, it will also add secure ARP.</p>
Step 5	<pre>relay source ip-address subnet-mask</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# relay source 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0</p>	<p>Configures the relay source. The <i>ip-address</i> and <i>subnet-mask</i> arguments are the IP address and subnet mask for the relay source.</p> <p>Note This command is similar to the network command in a normal DHCP network pool, because it restricts the use of the address pool to packets arriving on the interface whose configured IP address and mask matches the relay source configuration.</p>

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	<pre>relay destination [vrf vrf-name global] ip-address</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# relay destination 10.5.5.0</p>	<p>Configures the IPv4 address of a remote DHCP server to which DHCP client packets are sent. The arguments and keywords are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vrf—(Optional) Virtual routing and forwarding (VRF). The <i>vrf-name</i> argument is the name of the VRF associated with the relay destination IP address. global—(Optional) Global IP address. Use the this keyword when the relay agent is in the global address space and the relay source is in a VRF. <i>ip-address</i>—IP address of the relay destination. <p>Note If the vrf keyword is not specified, the destination address is assumed to be in the same address space as the DHCP pool. If the vrf keyword is specified, the same VRF is assumed to apply here. However, if the destination IP address is actually in the global address space, the global keyword should be specified.</p>
Step 7	<pre>exit</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# exit</p>	Exits to global configuration mode.

Configuring a Relay Pool for a Remote DHCP Server

Perform this task to use an SG-supplied class name when selecting the remote DHCP server in a configured relay pool which is used to specify how DHCP client packets should be relayed. Multiple configurations of relay targets may appear in a pool-class definition in which case all addresses are used for relay purposes.

Restrictions

The **relay source** command cannot be used with the **network** command or **origin** command since those commands implicitly designate the incoming interface and are used to define a different type of pool. It associates the relay only with an interface in the same way that the **ip helper-address** command does by its presence as an interface configuration command.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip dhcp pool name**
4. **relay source ip-address subnet-mask**
5. **relay destination [vrf vrf-name | global] ip-address**

6. **class** *class-name*
7. **relay target** [**vrf** *vrf-name* | **global**] *ip-address*
8. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>enable</pre> <p>Example: Router> enable </p>	<p>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	<pre>configure terminal</pre> <p>Example: Router# configure terminal </p>	<p>Enters global configuration mode.</p>
Step 3	<pre>ip dhcp pool name</pre> <p>Example: Router(config)# ip dhcp pool abc-pool </p>	<p>Configures a DHCP address pool on a Cisco IOS DHCP server and enters DHCP pool configuration mode. The <i>name</i> argument is the name of the pool and may either be a symbolic string (such as engineering) or an integer (such as 0). You may specify more than one DHCP address pool.</p>
Step 4	<pre>relay source ip-address subnet-mask</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# relay source 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 </p>	<p>Configures the relay source. The <i>ip-address</i> and <i>subnet-mask</i> arguments are the IP address and subnet mask for the relay source.</p> <p>Note This command is similar to the network command in a normal DHCP network pool, because it restricts the use of the address pool to packets arriving on the interface whose configured IP address and mask matches the relay source configuration.</p>
Step 5	<pre>relay destination [vrf vrf-name global] ip-address</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# relay destination 10.5.5.0 </p>	<p>Configures the IPv4 address of a remote DHCP server to which DHCP client packets are sent. The arguments and keywords are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vrf—(Optional) Virtual routing and forwarding (VRF). The <i>vrf-name</i> argument is the name of the VRF associated with the relay destination IP address. global—(Optional) Global IP address. Use the this keyword when the relay agent is in the global address space and the relay source is in a VRF. <i>ip-address</i>—IP address of the relay destination. <p>Note If the vrf keyword is not specified, the destination address is assumed to be in the same address space as the DHCP pool. If the vrf keyword is specified, the same VRF is assumed to apply here. However, if the destination IP address is actually in the global address space, the global keyword should be specified.</p>

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	<pre>class class-name</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# class abc-pool</p>	Associates a class with a DHCP address pool and enters DHCP pool-class configuration mode. The <i>class-name</i> argument is the name of the class. You may configure more than one class name.
Step 7	<pre>relay target [vrf vrf-name global] ip-address</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-dhcp-pool-class)# relay target 10.0.0.0</p>	<p>Configures the relay target IP address. The arguments and keywords are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vrf—(Optional) Virtual routing and forwarding (VRF). The <i>vrf-name</i> argument is the name of VRF associated with the relay target IP address and more than one target may be specified. global—(Optional) Global IP address space. ip-address—IP address of the relay target. More than one target IP address may be specified. <p>Note This command specifies the destination for the relay function in the same way as the ip helper-address command does.</p>
Step 8	<pre>exit</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-dhcp-pool-class)# exit</p>	Exits to DHCP pool configuration mode.

Configuring Other Types of Relay Pools

This section contains the following procedures:

- [Configuring Relay Information for an Address Pool, page 10](#) (required)
- [Configuring Multiple Relay Sources for a Relay Pool, page 12](#) (required)
- [Configuring Multiple Relay Sources for a Relay Pool, page 12](#) (required)

Configuring Relay Information for an Address Pool

Perform this task to configure relay information for an address pool. In this configuration, the SG sends one class name that results in the DISCOVER packet being relayed to a server at the IP address configured using the **relay target** command. If the SG sends a class name that is not configured as being associated with the address pool, then no action is taken.

Restrictions

Specifying the **address range** command and **relay target** command in a pool-class definition is not possible, because this would allocate an address and relay for the same packet.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**

3. **ip dhcp pool** *name*
4. **network** *network-number* [*mask* | *prefix-length*]
5. **class** *class-name*
6. **relay target** [**vrf** *vrf-name* | **global**] *ip-address*
7. **exit**
8. Repeat Steps 5 through 7 for each DHCP class you need to configure.

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	ip dhcp pool <i>name</i> Example: Router(config)# ip dhcp pool abc-pool	Configures a DHCP address pool on a Cisco IOS DHCP server and enters DHCP pool configuration mode. The <i>name</i> argument is the name of the pool and may either be a symbolic string (such as engineering) or an integer (such as 0).
Step 4	network <i>network-number</i> [<i>mask</i> <i>prefix-length</i>] Example: Router(dhcp-config)# network 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0	Configures the subnet number and mask for a DHCP address pool on a Cisco IOS DHCP server. The arguments are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>network-number</i>—The IP address of the DHCP address pool. • <i>mask</i>—(Optional) The bit combination that renders which portion of the address of the DHCP address pool refers to the network or subnet and which part refers to the host. • <i>prefix-length</i>—(Optional) The number of bits that comprise the address prefix. The prefix is an alternative way of specifying the network mask of the client. The prefix length must be preceded by a forward slash (/).
Step 5	class <i>class-name</i> Example: Router(dhcp-config)# class abc-pool	Associates a class with a DHCP address pool and enters DHCP pool-class configuration mode. The <i>class-name</i> argument is the name of the class. More than one class name may be configured. Note If no relay target or address range is configured for a DHCP pool class name, the DHCP pool configuration is used as the class by default.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	<pre>relay target [vrf vrf-name global] ip-address</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-dhcp-pool-class)# relay target 10.0.0.0</p>	<p>Configures the relay target IP address. The arguments and keywords for the relay target command are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vrf—(Optional) Virtual routing and forwarding (VRF). The <i>vrf-name</i> argument is the name of VRF associated with the relay target IP address and more than one target may be specified. • global—(Optional) Global IP address space. • <i>ip-address</i>—IP address of the relay target. More than one target IP address may be specified. <p>Note If the vrf keyword is not specified, the target address is assumed to be in the same address space as the DHCP pool. If the vrf keyword is specified, the same VRF is assumed to apply here. However, if the target IP address is actually in the global address space, the global keyword should be specified.</p>
Step 7	<pre>exit</pre> <p>Example: Router(DHCP-pool-class)# exit</p>	Exits to DHCP pool configuration mode.
Step 8	Repeat Steps 5 through 7 for each DHCP class you need to configure.	—

Configuring Multiple Relay Sources for a Relay Pool

Perform this task to configure multiple relay sources for a relay pool. The configuration is similar to configuring a IP helper address on multiple interfaces. Pools are matched to the IP addresses on an incoming interface in the order in which the interfaces display when the **show running-config** command is used. Once a relay is found or an address allocation is found, the search stops.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip address** *ip-address mask* [**secondary**]
5. **exit**
6. **ip dhcp pool** *name*
7. **relay source** *ip-address subnet-mask*
8. **relay destination** [**vrf** *vrf-name* | **global**] *ip-address*
9. Repeat Steps 6 and 7 for each configured DHCP pool.
10. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>enable</pre> <p>Example: Router> enable </p>	<p>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	<pre>configure terminal</pre> <p>Example: Router# configure terminal </p>	<p>Enters global configuration mode.</p>
Step 3	<pre>interface type number</pre> <p>Example: Router(config)# interface ethernet1 </p>	<p>Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode. The arguments are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>type</i>—Type of interface. <i>number</i>—Port, connector, or interface card number. On Cisco 4700 series routers, specifies the network interface module (NIM) or network processor module (NPM) number. The numbers are assigned at the factory at the time of installation or when added to a system, and may be displayed with the show interfaces command. <p>Note Refer to the <i>Cisco IOS Interface and Component Command Reference</i>, Release 12.3T, for more information.</p>
Step 4	<pre>ip address ip-address mask [secondary]</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-if)# ip address 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 </p>	<p>Sets a primary or secondary IP address for an interface.</p>
Step 5	<pre>exit</pre> <p>Example: Router(config-if)# exit </p>	<p>Exits to global configuration mode.</p>
Step 6	<pre>ip dhcp pool name</pre> <p>Example: Router(config)# ip dhcp pool abc-pool1 </p>	<p>Configures a DHCP address pool on a DHCP server and enters DHCP pool configuration mode. The <i>name</i> argument is the name of the pool and may either be a symbolic string (such as engineering) or an integer (such as 0). More than one pool may be assigned.</p>
Step 7	<pre>relay source ip-address subnet-mask</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# relay source 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 </p>	<p>Configures the relay source. The <i>ip-address</i> and <i>subnet-mask</i> arguments are the IP address and subnet mask for the relay source.</p> <p>Note This command is similar to the network command in a normal DHCP network pool, because it restricts the use of the address pool to packets arriving on the interface whose configured IP address and mask matches the relay source configuration.</p>

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	<pre>relay destination [vrf vrf-name global] ip-address</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# relay destination 10.5.5.0</p>	<p>Configures the IPv4 address of a remote DHCP server to which DHCP client packets are sent. The arguments and keywords are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vrf—(Optional) Virtual routing and forwarding (VRF). The <i>vrf-name</i> argument is the name of the VRF associated with the relay destination IP address. global—(Optional) Global IP address. Use the this keyword when the relay agent is in the global address space and the relay source is in a VRF. <i>ip-address</i>—IP address of the relay destination. <p>Note If the vrf keyword is not specified, the destination address is assumed to be in the same address space as the DHCP pool. If the vrf keyword is specified, the same VRF is assumed to apply here. However, if the destination IP address is actually in the global address space, the global keyword should be specified.</p>
Step 9	Repeat Steps 6 and 7 for each configured DHCP pool.	—
Step 10	<pre>exit</pre> <p>Example: Router(dhcp-config)# exit</p>	Exits to global configuration mode.

Configuration Examples for DHCP Enhancements for Edge Session Management

This section provides the following configuration examples:

- [DHCP Address Range and Class Name Configuration: Example, page 14](#)
- [DHCP Server Co-Resident with SG Configuration: Example, page 15](#)
- [DHCP Relay Agent Co-Resident with SG Configuration: Example, page 15](#)
- [Multiple DHCP Pools and Different ISPs Configuration: Example, page 16](#)
- [SG-Supplied Class Name Configuration: Example, page 17](#)

DHCP Address Range and Class Name Configuration: Example

The following example shows how to configure an address range for a particular network and class name for a DHCP pool.

```
ip dhcp pool abc-pool
network 10.10.0.0 255.255.0.0
class abc-pool
address range 10.10.5.0 10.10.5.99
```

DHCP Server Co-Resident with SG Configuration: Example

In the following example, the ISPs are ABC and DEF companies. The ABC company has its addresses assigned from an address pool that is dynamically allocated using ODAP. The DEF company has its customer addresses assigned from the address pool 10.100.0.0/16. Customers not associated with any ISP will have an address allocated from the address pool 10.1.0.0/16 and the lease time is set to 10 minutes.

```
!Interface configuration

interface ethernet1
 ip address 10.20.0.1 255.255.0.0
 ip address 10.1.0.1 255.255.0.0 secondary
 ip address 10.100.0.1 255.255.0.0 secondary

!Address pool for ABC customers

ip dhcp pool abc-pool
 network 20.1.0.0 255.255.0.0
 class abc
!
!Address pool for DEF customers

ip dhcp pool def-pool
 network 10.100.0.0 255.255.0.0
 class def

!Address pool for customers without an ISP

ip dhcp pool temp
 network 10.1.0.0 255.255.0.0
 lease 0 0 10
 class default
```

DHCP Relay Agent Co-Resident with SG Configuration: Example

In the following example, there are two ISPs: abcpool and defpool. The abcpool ISP and its customers are allowed to have addresses in the ranges 10.1.0.0/16 and 30.1.0.0/16 and are relayed to the DHCP server at 10.55.10.1. The defpool ISP and its customers are allowed to have addresses in the ranges 20.1.0.0/16 and 40.4.0.0/16 and are relayed to the DHCP server at 12.10.2.1.

```
!Address ranges:

interface ethernet1
 ip address 10.1.0.0 255.255.0.0
 ip address 10.2.0.0 255.255.0.0 secondary

interface ethernet2
 ip address 10.3.0.0 255.255.0.0
 ip address 10.4.0.0 255.255.0.0 secondary

!Address pools for abcpool1 and abcpool2:

ip dhcp pool abcpool1
 relay source 10.1.0.0 255.255.0.0
 class abcpool
 relay target 10.5.10.1

!Address pool for abcpool2:
```

```

ip dhcp pool abcpool2
  relay source 10.1.0.0 255.255.0.0
  class abcpool
    relay target 10.55.10.1

!Address pools for defpool1 and defpool2:

ip dhcp pool defpool1
  relay source 10.1.0.0 255.255.0.0
  class defpool
    relay target 10.10.2.1

ip dhcp pool defpool2
  relay source 10.4.0.0 255.255.0.0
  class defpool
    relay target 10.10.2.1

```

Multiple DHCP Pools and Different ISPs Configuration: Example

The following example shows how to configure one interface and multiple DHCP pools that have different ISPs by using the **network** command.

```

interface ethernet1
  ip address 10.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
  ip address 10.1.0.1 255.0.0.0
  !
ip dhcp pool x
  network 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0
  class ISP1
  !
ip dhcp pool y
  network 10.1.0.0 255.0.0.0
  class ISP2

```

Multiple Relay Sources and Destinations Configuration: Example

In the following example, multiple relay sources and destinations may be configured for a relay pool. This is similar the ip helper-address configuration on multiple interfaces. Pools are matched to the (possibly multiple) IP addresses on an incoming interface in the order in which they appear when using the **show running-config** command to display information about that interface. Once either a relay is found or an address allocation is found, the search stops. For example, given the following configuration:

```

interface ethernet1
  ip address 10.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
  ip address 10.0.0.5 255.0.0.0 secondary

ip dhcp pool x
  relay source 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0
  relay destination 10.0.0.1

ip dhcp pool y
  relay source 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0
  relay destination 10.0.0.1

```

In the following example, the DHCP client packet would be relayed to 10.0.0.1, if the SG specified ISP1 as the class name, and would be relayed to 10.0.0.5, if the SG specified ISP2 as the class name.

```

interface ethernet1
  ip address 10.0.0.1 255.0.0.0

```

```

ip address 10.0.0.5 255.0.0.0 secondary

ip dhcp pool x
  relay source 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0
  relay destination 10.2.0.0 255.0.0.0
  class ISP1
    relay target 10.0.0.1
  class ISP2
    relay target 10.0.0.5

```

SG-Supplied Class Name Configuration: Example

In the following example, an SG-supplied class name is to be used in selecting the remote DHCP server to which packets should be relayed.

```

ip dhcp pool abc-pool-1
  relay source 10.1.0.0 255.255.0.0
  relay destination 10.1.0.0
  class classname1
    relay target 10.20.10.1
  class classname2
    relay target 10.0.10.1
  class classname3

```

In the example above, an SG-supplied class name, called `classname1`, would relay the DHCP DISCOVER packet to the server at the relay target IP address 10.20.10.1, while SG `classname2` would relay the DHCP DISCOVER packet to the server at the relay target IP address 10.0.10.1. This configuration relays the packet to destination IP address 10.0.0.1, because the pool matches the first configured address on the interface. If the SG returns a `classname3`, then the default pool is the default address specified as the relay destination. If the SG returns any class name other than `classname1`, `classname2`, or `classname3`, then no relay action is taken.

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to DHCP Enhancements for Edge-Session Management.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
IP addressing and services configuration tasks	<i>Cisco IOS IP Configuration Guide</i> , Release 12.3
IP addressing and services commands: complete command syntax, command mode, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	<i>Cisco IOS IP Command Reference, Volume 1 of 4: Addressing and Services</i> , Release 12.3T
DHCP configuration tasks	“Configuring DHCP” chapter in the <i>Cisco IOS IP Configuration Guide</i> , Release 12.3
DHCP Option 82 overview	<i>DHCP Option 82 Support for Routed Bridge Encapsulation</i> , Release 12.2(2)T

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Command Reference

This section documents new commands only.

- [relay destination](#)
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- [relay target](#)

relay destination

To configure an IP address for a relay destination to which packets are forwarded by a DHCP relay agent functioning as a DHCP server, use the **relay destination** command in DHCP-pool configuration mode. To disable the IP address, use the **no** form of this command.

```
relay destination [vrf vrf-name | global] ip-address
```

```
no relay destination [vrf vrf-name | global] ip-address
```

Syntax Description	
vrf	(Optional) Configured virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) that is associated with the relay destination address. The <i>vrf-name</i> argument specifies the name of the VRF table. Note If the vrf keyword is not specified, the destination address is assumed to be in the same address space as the DHCP pool. If the vrf keyword is specified, the same VRF is assumed to apply here. However, if the destination IP address is actually in the global address space, the global keyword should be specified.
global	(Optional) IP address selected from the global address space. If the pool does not have any VRF configuration, then the relay destination address defaults to the global address space.
<i>ip-address</i>	IPv4 address of the remote DHCP server to which the DHCP client packets are relayed.

Defaults No destination IP address to which packets are forwarded is configured.

Command Modes DHCP-pool configuration

Command History	Release	Modification
	12.3(14)T	This command was introduced.

Usage Guidelines The **relay destination** command serves the same function as the **relay target** command, except that the **relay target** command specifies the DHCP server to which packets should be forwarded only for the class under which it is configured, and the **relay destination** command specifies the DHCP server to which packets should be forwarded for the pool itself. The **relay target** command overrides the **relay destination** command in cases in which the configured class name has been specified by the SG.

Examples In the following example, multiple relay sources and destinations may be configured for a relay pool. This is similar the ip helper-address configuration on multiple interfaces. Pools are matched to the (possibly multiple) IP addresses on an incoming interface in the order in which they appear when using the **show running-config** command to display information about that interface. Once either a relay is found or an address allocation is found, the search stops. For example, given the following configuration:

■ relay destination

```

interface ethernet1
 ip address 21.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
 ip address 22.0.0.5 255.0.0.0 secondary

ip dhcp pool x
 relay source 21.0.0.0 255.0.0.0
 relay destination 10.0.0.1

ip dhcp pool y
 relay source 22.0.0.0 255.0.0.0
 relay destination 20.0.0.1

```

In the following example, the DHCP client packet would be relayed to 10.0.0.1, if the SG specified ISP1 as the class name, and would be relayed to 20.0.0.1, if the SG specified ISP2 as the class name.

```

interface ethernet1
 ip address 21.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
 ip address 22.0.0.5 255.0.0.0 secondary

ip dhcp pool x
 relay source 21.0.0.0 255.0.0.0
 relay source 22.0.0.0 255.0.0.0
 case ISP1
 relay target 10.0.0.1
 case ISP2
 relay target 20.0.0.1

```

Related Commands

Command	Description
relay source	Configures an IP address for a relay source from which packets are forwarded by a DHCP server.
relay target	Configures an IP address for a relay target to which packets are forward by a DHCP server.

relay source

To configure an IP address for a relay source from which packets are forwarded by a DHCP server, use the **relay source** command in DHCP-pool configuration mode. To disable the IP address, use the **no** form of this command.

relay source *ip-address subnet-mask*

no relay source *ip-address subnet-mask*

Syntax Description		
<i>ip-address</i>		IPv4 address of DHCP server from which the DHCP client packets are relayed.
<i>subnet-mask</i>		Subnet mask that matches the subnet of the incoming interface of the DHCP client packet.

Defaults No IP address from which IP packets are forwarded is configured.

Command Modes DHCP-pool configuration

Command History	Release	Modification
	12.3(14)T	This command was introduced.

Examples The following example shows how to configure a source IP address from which DHCP client packets are relayed:

```
ip dhcp pool abc1
 relay source 10.0.0.0 255.255.0.0
 relay destination 10.5.1.1
```

Related Commands	Command	Description
	relay destination	Configures an IP address for a relay destination to which packets are forwarded by a DHCP server.
	relay target	Configures an IP address for a relay target to which packets are forward by a DHCP server.

relay target

To configure an IP address for a relay target to which packets are forwarded by a DHCP server, use the **relay target** command in DHCP pool-class configuration mode. To disable the IP address, use the **no** form of this command.

```
relay target [vrf vrf-name | global] ip-address
```

```
no relay target [vrf vrf-name | global] ip-address
```

Syntax Description		
vrf	(Optional) Configured virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) that is associated with the relay destination address. The <i>vrf-name</i> argument specifies the name of the VRF table.	Note If the vrf keyword is not specified, the target address is assumed to be in the same address space as the DHCP pool. If the vrf keyword is specified, the same VRF is assumed to apply here. However, if the target IP address is actually in the global address space, the global keyword should be specified.
global	(Optional) IP address selected from the global address space. If the pool does not have any VRF configuration, then the relay destination address defaults to the global address space.	
<i>ip-address</i>	IPv4 address of the remote DHCP server to which the DHCP client packets are relayed.	

Defaults No target IP address is configured.

Command Modes DHCP pool-class configuration

Command History	Release	Modification
	12.3(14)T	This command was introduced.

Usage Guidelines The **relay target** command serves the same function as the **relay destination** command, except that the **relay target** command specifies the DHCP server to which packets should be forwarded only for the class under which it is configured, and the **relay destination** command specifies the DHCP server to which packets should be forwarded for the pool itself. The **relay target** command overrides the **relay destination** command in cases in which the configured class name has been specified by the SG.

Examples The following example shows how to configure a relay target if a service gateway (SG)-supplied class name is used to select a DHCP server to which packets are relayed:

```
ip dhcp pool abc1
  relay source 10.0.0. 255.255.0.0.
  relay destination 10.5.1.1
```

```
class classname1
  relay target 10.1.1.1
class classname2
  relay target 10.2.2.2
class classname3
```

In the above example, `classname1` relays the DHCP DISCOVER packet to the server at 10.1.1.1, while `classname2` relays the DHCP DISCOVER packet to the server at 10.2.2.2.

If the SG returned `classname3`, then the default pool at 10.5.1.1 is used. If the SG returns any other class name other than `classname1`, `classname2`, or `classname3`, then no relay action is taken.

The relay target configuration with respect to any configured DHCP pool works in the exact same way as a relay destination configuration works.

Related Commands

Command	Description
relay destination	Configures an IP address for a relay destination to which packets are forwarded by a DHCP server.
relay source	Configures an IP address for a relay source from which packets are forwarded by a DHCP server.

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