



Configuring Cisco IOS IP SLAs DHCP Operations

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This module describes how to configure the Cisco IOS IP Service Level Agreements (SLAs) Dynamic Host Control Protocol (DHCP) operation to measure the response time between a Cisco device and a DHCP server to obtain an IP address.

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest feature information and caveats, see the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the “[Feature Information for Cisco IOS IP SLAs DHCP Operations](#)” section on page 11.

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DHCP Operation

DHCP provides a mechanism for allocating IP addresses dynamically so that addresses can be reused when hosts no longer need them. The DHCP operation measures the round-trip time (RTT) taken to discover a DHCP server and obtain a leased IP address from it. IP SLAs releases the leased IP address after the operation.

You can use the RTT information to determine DHCP performance levels.

There are two modes for the DHCP operation. By default, the DHCP operation sends discovery packets on every available IP interface on the router. If a specific server is configured on the router, discovery packets are sent only to the specified DHCP server.

IP SLAs DHCP Relay Agent Options

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 packets are switched between networks somewhat transparently. Relay agents receive DHCP messages and then generate a new DHCP message to send out on another interface.

The IP SLAs DHCP operation contains a relay agent information option—Option 82—which is inserted by the DHCP relay agent when forwarding client-originated DHCP packets to a DHCP server. Servers recognizing the relay agent information option may use the information to implement IP address or other parameter assignment policies. The DHCP server echoes the option back verbatim to the relay agent in server-to-client replies, and the relay agent strips the option before forwarding the reply to the client.

Option 82 includes three suboptions that convey information known by the relay agent:

- **circuit-id**—identifies the incoming circuit.
- **remote-id**—provides a trusted identifier for a remote high-speed modem.
- **subnet-mask**—identifies the mask of the logical IP subnet from which the relay agent received the client DHCP packet.

How to Configure Cisco IOS IP SLAs DHCP Operations



Note

There is no need to configure an IP SLAs responder on the destination device.

- [Configuring a DHCP Operation on the Source Device, page 2](#) (required)
- [Scheduling IP SLAs Operations, page 6](#) (required)

Configuring a DHCP Operation on the Source Device

Perform one of the following tasks:

- [Configuring a DHCP Operation on the Source Device, page 2](#)

- [Configuring a DHCP Operation with Optional Parameters, page 4](#)

Configuring a Basic DHCP Operation

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip sla operation-number**
4. **dhcp** {*destination-ip-address* | *destination-hostname*} [**source-ip** {*ip-address* | *hostname*}] [**option-82** [**circuit-id** *circuit-id*] [**remote-id** *remote-id*] [**subnet-mask** *subnet-mask*]]
5. **frequency** *seconds*
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 | ip sla operation-number Example: Router(config)# ip sla 10 | Begins configuration for an IP SLAs operation and enters IP SLA configuration mode. |
| Step 4 | dhcp { <i>destination-ip-address</i> <i>destination-hostname</i> } [source-ip { <i>ip-address</i> <i>hostname</i> }] [option-82 [circuit-id <i>circuit-id</i>] [remote-id <i>remote-id</i>] [subnet-mask <i>subnet-mask</i>]] Example: Router(config-ip-sla)# dhcp 10.10.10.3 | Defines a DHCP operation and enters IP SLA DHCP configuration mode. |
| Step 5 | frequency <i>seconds</i> Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# frequency 30 | (Optional) Sets the rate at which a specified IP SLAs operation repeats. |
| Step 6 | end Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# end | Exits to privileged EXEC mode. |

Configuring a DHCP Operation with Optional Parameters

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip sla operation-number**
4. **dhcp** {*destination-ip-address* | *destination-hostname*} [**source-ip** {*ip-address* | *hostname*}] [**option-82** [**circuit-id** *circuit-id*] [**remote-id** *remote-id*] [**subnet-mask** *subnet-mask*]]
5. **history buckets-kept** *size*
6. **history distributions-of-statistics-kept** *size*
7. **history enhanced** [**interval** *seconds*] [**buckets** *number-of-buckets*]
8. **history filter** {**none** | **all** | **overThreshold** | **failures**}
9. **frequency** *seconds*
10. **history hours-of-statistics-kept** *hours*
11. **history lives-kept** *lives*
12. **owner** *owner-id*
13. **history statistics-distribution-interval** *milliseconds*
14. **tag** *text*
15. **threshold** *milliseconds*
16. **timeout** *milliseconds*
17. **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 | ip sla operation-number Example: Router(config)# ip sla 10 | Begins configuration for an IP SLAs operation and enters IP SLA configuration mode. |

| | Command or Action | Purpose |
|---------|--|---|
| Step 4 | <p>dhcp {<i>destination-ip-address</i> <i>destination-hostname</i>} [source-ip {<i>ip-address</i> <i>hostname</i>}] [option-82 [circuit-id <i>circuit-id</i>] [remote-id <i>remote-id</i>] [subnet-mask <i>subnet-mask</i>]]</p> <p>Example: Router(config-ip-sla)# dhcp 10.10.10.3 option-82 circuit-id 10005A6F1234</p> | <p>Defines a DHCP operation and enters IP SLA DHCP configuration mode.</p> |
| Step 5 | <p>history buckets-kept <i>size</i></p> <p>Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# history buckets-kept 25</p> | <p>(Optional) Sets the number of history buckets that are kept during the lifetime of an IP SLAs operation.</p> |
| Step 6 | <p>history distributions-of-statistics-kept <i>size</i></p> <p>Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# history distributions-of-statistics-kept 5</p> | <p>(Optional) Sets the number of statistics distributions kept per hop during an IP SLAs operation.</p> |
| Step 7 | <p>history enhanced [interval <i>seconds</i>] [buckets <i>number-of-buckets</i>]</p> <p>Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# history enhanced interval 900 buckets 100</p> | <p>(Optional) Enables enhanced history gathering for an IP SLAs operation.</p> |
| Step 8 | <p>history filter {none all overThreshold failures}</p> <p>Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# history filter failures</p> | <p>(Optional) Defines the type of information kept in the history table for an IP SLAs operation.</p> |
| Step 9 | <p>frequency <i>seconds</i></p> <p>Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# frequency 30</p> | <p>(Optional) Sets the rate at which a specified IP SLAs operation repeats.</p> |
| Step 10 | <p>history hours-of-statistics-kept <i>hours</i></p> <p>Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# history hours-of-statistics-kept 4</p> | <p>(Optional) Sets the number of hours for which statistics are maintained for an IP SLAs operation.</p> |
| Step 11 | <p>history lives-kept <i>lives</i></p> <p>Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# history lives-kept 5</p> | <p>(Optional) Sets the number of lives maintained in the history table for an IP SLAs operation.</p> |

| | Command or Action | Purpose |
|---------|---|--|
| Step 12 | owner <i>owner-id</i> Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# owner admin | (Optional) Configures the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) owner of an IP SLAs operation. |
| Step 13 | history statistics-distribution-interval <i>milliseconds</i> Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# history statistics-distribution-interval 10 | (Optional) Sets the time interval for each statistics distribution kept for an IP SLAs operation. |
| Step 14 | tag <i>text</i> Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# tag TelnetPollServer1 | (Optional) Creates a user-specified identifier for an IP SLAs operation. |
| Step 15 | threshold <i>milliseconds</i> Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# threshold 10000 | (Optional) Sets the upper threshold value for calculating network monitoring statistics created by an IP SLAs operation. |
| Step 16 | timeout <i>milliseconds</i> Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# timeout 10000 | (Optional) Sets the amount of time an IP SLAs operation waits for a response from its request packet. |
| Step 17 | end Example: Router(config-ip-sla-dhcp)# end | Exits to privileged EXEC mode. |

Scheduling IP SLAs Operations

Restrictions

- The frequency of all operations scheduled in a multioperation group must be the same.
- Operation ID numbers are limited to a maximum of 125 characters. Do not give large integer values as operation ID numbers.

SUMMARY STEPS

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

For individual IP SLAs operations only:

3. **ip sla schedule** *operation-number* [**life** {**forever** | *seconds*}] [**start-time** {*hh:mm[:ss]* [*month day* | *day month*] | **pending** | **now** | **after** *hh:mm:ss*}] [**ageout** *seconds*] [**recurring**]

For multioperations scheduler only:

4. **ip sla group schedule** *group-operation-number operation-id-numbers*
schedule-period *schedule-period-range* [**ageout** *seconds*] [**frequency** *group-operation-frequency*]
[**life** {**forever** | *seconds*}] [**start-time** {*hh:mm[:ss]* [*month day* | *day month*] | **pending** | **now** |
after *hh:mm:ss*}]
5. **exit**
6. **show ip sla group schedule**
7. **show ip sla configuration**

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 sla schedule <i>operation-number</i> [life { forever <i>seconds</i> }] [start-time { <i>hh:mm[:ss]</i> [<i>month day</i> <i>day month</i>] pending now after <i>hh:mm:ss</i> }] [ageout <i>seconds</i>] [recurring] Example: Router(config)# ip sla schedule 1 start-time now life forever | For individual IP SLAs operations only: Configures the scheduling parameters for an individual IP SLAs operation. |
| Step 4 | ip sla group schedule <i>group-operation-number operation-id-numbers</i> schedule-period <i>schedule-period-range</i> [ageout <i>seconds</i>] [frequency <i>group-operation-frequency</i>] [life { forever <i>seconds</i> }] [start-time { <i>hh:mm[:ss]</i> [<i>month day</i> <i>day month</i>] pending now after <i>hh:mm:ss</i> }] | For multioperation scheduler only: Specifies an IP SLAs operation group number and the range of operation numbers to be scheduled in global configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The frequency of all operations scheduled in the operation group should be the same.• The operation ID numbers are limited to a maximum of 125 characters. Do not use large integer values as operation ID numbers. |
| Step 5 | exit Example: Router(config)# exit | Exits to privileged EXEC mode. |

| | Command or Action | Purpose |
|--------|--|---|
| Step 6 | show ip sla group schedule Example: Router# show ip sla group schedule | (Optional) Displays the IP SLAs group schedule details. |
| Step 7 | show ip sla configuration Example: Router# show ip sla configuration | (Optional) Displays the IP SLAs configuration details. |

Examples

The following sample output shows the configuration of all the IP SLAs parameters (including defaults) for the DHCP operation number 12.

```
Router# show ip sla configuration 12

Complete Configuration Table (includes defaults)
Entry number: 12
Owner: DHCP-Test
Tag: DHCP-Test
Type of operation to perform: dhcp
Target address: 10.10.10.3
Source address: 0.0.0.0
Operation timeout (milliseconds): 5000
Dhcp option:
Operation frequency (seconds): 30
Next Scheduled Start Time: Start Time already passed
Group Scheduled: FALSE
Life (seconds): Forever
Entry Ageout (seconds): never
Recurring (Starting Everyday): FALSE
Status of entry (SNMP RowStatus): Active
Threshold (milliseconds): 5000
Number of statistic hours kept: 2
Number of statistic distribution buckets kept: 1
Statistic distribution interval (milliseconds): 20
Number of history Lives kept: 0
Number of history Buckets kept: 15
History Filter Type: None
```

Troubleshooting Tips

Use the **debug ip sla trace** and **debug ip sla error** commands to help troubleshoot issues with an IP SLAs operation.

What to Do Next

To add proactive threshold conditions and reactive triggering for generating traps, or for starting another operation, to an IP SLAs operation, see [Configuring Proactive Threshold Monitoring](#).

To view and interpret the results of an IP SLAs operation use the **show ip sla statistics** command. Checking the output for fields that correspond to criteria in your service level agreement will help you determine whether the service metrics are acceptable.

Configuration Examples for Cisco IOS IP SLAs DHCP Operations

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Example: Configuration for an IP SLAs DHCP Operation

In the following example, IP SLAs operation number 12 is configured as a DHCP operation enabled for DHCP server 172.16.20.3. Note that DHCP option 82 is used to specify the circuit ID.

Router B Configuration

```
ip dhcp-server 172.16.20.3
!
ip sla 12
  dhcp 10.10.10.3 option-82 circuit-id 10005A6F1234
  frequency 30
  timeout 5000
  tag DHCP_Test
!
ip sla schedule 12 start-time now
```

Additional References

Related Documents

| Related Topic | Document Title |
|--|--|
| Cisco IOS commands | Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases |
| Cisco IOS IP SLAs commands | Cisco IOS IP SLAs Command Reference |
| Cisco IOS IP SLAs: general information | “Cisco IOS IP SLAs Overview” chapter of the <i>Cisco IP SLAs Configuration Guide</i> . |

Standards

| Standards | Title |
|---|-------|
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| MIBs | MIBs Link |
|------------------|--|
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Feature Information for Cisco IOS IP SLAs DHCP Operations

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Note

Table 1 lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

Table 1 Feature Information for Cisco IOS IP SLAs DHCP Operations

| Feature Name | Releases | Feature Information |
|------------------------|--|---|
| IP SLAs DHCP Operation | 12.2(31)SB2 12.2(33)SRB1 12.2(33)SXH 12.3(14)T 15.0(1)S Cisco IOS XE 3.1.0SG | The Cisco IOS IP SLAs Dynamic Host Control Protocol (DHCP) operation allows you to schedule and measure the network response time between a Cisco device and a DHCP server to obtain an IP address. |

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