



About This Guide

Objective

This guide describes how to use the Cisco MPLS Diagnostics Expert (MDE) application for the Cisco IP Solution Center (ISC) Release 5.1.

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Audience

This guide is designed for network managers and operators who are responsible for deploying, managing, and troubleshooting MPLS VPNs within your network. The network manager and operators should be familiar with the following topics:

- Basic concepts and terminology used in internetworking
- MPLS terms and technology
- Network topologies and protocols

Organization

This guide contains the following chapters and appendices:

- [Chapter 1, “Introduction”](#)
- [Chapter 2, “Getting Started”](#)
- [Chapter 3, “Using Cisco MPLS Diagnostics Expert”](#)
- [Chapter 4, “How Does Cisco MPLS Diagnostics Expert Work?”](#)
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Related Documentation

The entire documentation set for Cisco IP Solution Center, 5.1 can be accessed at:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/sw/netmgmtsw/ps4748/tsd_products_support_series_home.html



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The following documents comprise the ISC 5.1 documentation set.

General documentation (in suggested reading order)

- *Cisco IP Solution Center Getting Started and Documentation Guide, 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/roadmap/docguide.html
- *Release Notes for Cisco IP Solution Center, 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/release/notes/relnotes.html
- *Cisco IP Solution Center Installation Guide, 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/installation/guide/installation.html
- *Cisco IP Solution Center Infrastructure Reference, 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/infrastructure/reference/guide/infrastructure.html
- *Cisco IP Solution Center System Error Messages, 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/system/messages/messages.html

Application and technology documentation (listed alphabetically)

- *Cisco IP Solution Center Carrier Ethernet and L2VPN User Guide, 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/carrier_ethernet/user/guide/l2vpn51book.html
- *Cisco IP Solution Center MPLS VPN User Guide, 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/mpls_vpn/user/guide/mpls51book.html
- *Cisco IP Solution Center Traffic Engineering Management User Guide, 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/traffic_management/user/guide/tem.html
- *Cisco MPLS Diagnostics Expert 2.1.3 Failure Scenarios Guide on ISC 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/mpls_failure_scenarios/user/guide/mdefs.html

- *Cisco MPLS Diagnostics Expert 2.1.3 User Guide on ISC 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/mppls_diagnostics/user/guide/mdeuser.html

API Documentation

- *Cisco IP Solution Center API Programmer Guide, 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/developer/guide/api-gd.html
- *Cisco IP Solution Center API Programmer Reference, 5.1.*
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/ip_solution_center/5.1/developer/reference/xmlapi.zip



Note

All documentation *might* be upgraded over time. All upgraded documentation will be available at the same URLs specified in this document.

Technology-Related Documentation

- Cisco MPLS Diagnostics Expert web page
<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6755/index.html>
- Cisco MPLS Embedded Management web page
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/partner/tech/tk436/tk892/tech_brief09186a00801f4a8d.html
- Cisco Multiprotocol Label Switching Management Strategy
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/tech/tk436/tk892/tech_brief0900aecd800f6e31.html
- Cisco MPLS Embedded Management Q&A
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/partner/tech/tk436/tk892/technologies_q_and_a_item09186a00801f4a62.shtml

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<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/general/whatsnew/whatsnew.html>

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