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Introduction

This document describes the Intermediate-System to Intermediate-System (IS-IS) protocol adjacency and area types. It shows a sample network scenario and its configuration and some debugs, captures and outputs for better understanding.

Prerequisites

Requirements

There are no such requirements, however basic understanding of IS-IS and working knowledge of OSPF(Open Shortest Path First) protocol would certainly help.

Components Used

This document is not restricted to specific software and hardware versions.

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, make sure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Background Information

IS-IS protocol is extensively used as Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP) in Internet Service Provider (ISP) environment. The scope of this document is to provide information regarding IS-IS area types, configuration and troubleshooting. In Cisco world Integrated IS-IS is deployed, meaning IS-IS is routing Internet Protocol (IP). In this document term IS-IS means 'Integrated IS-IS'. The real power of IS-IS lies in its use of TLVs (Type-Length-Value) making IS-IS highly extensible protocol. As new features come in, they can be added to protocol using TLVs.

IS-IS Areas

In OSPF protocol any of the router's interfaces can be assigned to a particular area, however the concept of area in IS-IS is different. Here in general, every single router belongs to an Area. The idea of this comes from the fact that IS-IS was initially created to route Connectionless Network Protocol (CLNP) where the address belongs to a device (Router), whereas in Internet Protocol (IP) the address belongs to the particular interface.

IS-IS protocol has two levels or hierarchy, Level 1 and Level 2. Level 1 corresponds OSPF intra-area routing whereas Level 2 corresponds with the OSPF backbone Area 0 routing. Level 2 areas join all the areas with the backbone area. Every Cisco router comes by default as Level 1-2 (L1/L2) router to allow for easy configuration and deployment.

A Level 1 router can become adjacent with the Level 1 and Level 1-2 (L1/L2) router. A Level 2 router can become adjacent with Level 2 or Level 1-2 (L1/L2) router. There is no adjacency between L1 only and L2 only router.

IS-IS Level 1 (L1) Router

An IS-IS Level 1 router has the link state information of its own area for all the intra-area topology. In order to route packets to other areas it uses the closest Level 2 capable (L1/L2) router. Level 1 Area behaves pretty much as OSPF totally stubby area. L1 only router send L1 Hellos.

IS-IS Level 1-2 (L1/L2) Router

An IS-IS L1/L2 router maintains two link state database information. One is for Level 1 and the other for Level 2. Hence two distinct Shortest Path First (SPF) calculations are run, one on Level 1

link state database and other on the Level 2 link state database. IS-IS Level 1-2 router behaves very close to OSPF Area Border Router (ABR). L1/L2 router sends both L1 and L2 hellos.

As default behaviour L1/L2 router will only allow one way passage of prefixes from L1 Area to L2 Area, but not in reverse.

However if it is required to move prefixes from L2 Area to L1 Area then redistribute command under IS-IS configuration is required.

IS-IS Level 2 (L2) Router

An IS-IS Level 2 router has the link state information for the intra-area as well as inter-area routing. L2 router sends only L2 hellos. IS-IS Level 2 area can be compared with OSPF backbone area 0.

IS-IS Adjacency Table

Router Type	L1	L1/L2	L2
L1	L1 Adjacency if Area Id Matches, else no Adjacency	L1 Adjacency if Area Id Matches, else no Adjacency	No Adjacency
L1/L2	L1 Adjacency if Area Id Matches, else no Adjacency	L1 and L2 Adjacency if Area id Matches , else only L2 Adjacency	L2 Adjacency , Area Id doesn't matter
L2	No Adjacency	L2 Adjacency , Area Id doesn't matter	L2 Adjacency , Area Id doesn't matter
MTU	If one IS-IS router receives an ISIS hello packet with higher MTU than it can support (on interface) it discards the hello hence the adjacency doesn't come up. In best practice MTU must be same on both the ends.		
Circuit-Type	This attribute is configured on interface and defines what type of hellos i.e. L1 or L2 are sent on a particular interface. A L1/L2 router can selectively send L1 only hellos on one interface and L2 only hellos on its other interface. If L1/L2 router is trying to peer with an L1 only router and L1/L2 interface is configured with "isis circuit-type level-2" it will only send L2 hellos on the interface and the adjacency with L1 router will not come up. Hence routers must send compatible type hellos.		
Authentication	IS-IS can separately authenticate hellos and Link State Protocol Data Units (LSP). If hellos authenticated correctly and LSP authentication fails , the adjacency will come up but updates won't exchange. So authentication if configured for IS-IS hellos or PDUs (Protocol Data Units) must match on both the ends.		
Capability TLV	If an IS-IS Router does not support the Capability TLV from the other IS-IS Router it silently ignores the TLV. However, there might be events due to capability mismatch when one router reaches INIT state whereas the other one discards the packets and doesn't form adjacency. So as a general recommendation Capability TLV must match for successful adjacency formation. Discussing in depth details for Capability TLV is beyond the scope of this document.		
Network Type	There are only two network types in IS-IS. Broadcast and Point-to-Point. Broadcast is default network type. If one end is configured with "isis network point-to-point" and other end is configured as broadcast network type. The hellos will be discarded and adjacency will not come up. Hence network type must match on both the ends.		
Hellos	Hello timers need not match for the adjacency to come up.		

IS-IS Adjacency States

There are only three adjacency states in IS-IS.

Down: This is the initial state. It means that no hellos have been received from the neighbor.

Initializing: This state means that the local router has successfully received hellos from the neighboring router, however it's not sure that the neighboring router has also successfully received local router's hellos.

Up: Now it's confirmed that neighboring router is receiving local router's hellos.

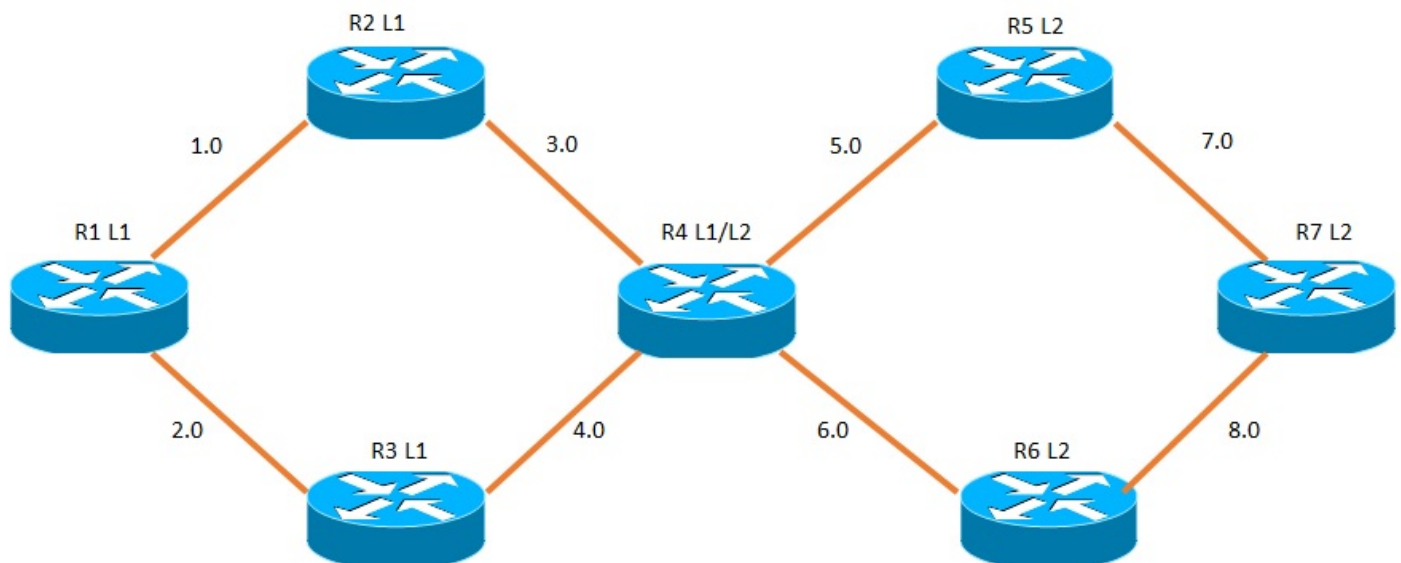
Configure

Network Diagram

The network diagram described below will be used. The addressing scheme is as follows.

Subnets are of type 192.168.X.0 where X is shown between interfaces in the diagram. The loopbacks are of type 192.168.YY.YY, where Y is 1 when Router is R1. So for R1 loopback ip will be 192.168.11.11.

L1, L1/L2 and L2 are Level 1, Level 1-2 and Level 2 routers respectively.



Configurations

The configuration for the devices for the required diagram is provided below. IS-IS protocol requires configuration both at interface level and globally.

R1

R2

R3

R4

R5

R6

R7

Verify

Adjacency Between R1 And R2

Area id is same in R1 and R2. Both are Level 1 routers. So L1 adjacency will exist between them.

```
R1#show isis neighbors
```

```
Tag 1:
```

```
System Id      Type Interface  IP Address      State Holdtime Circuit Id
R2              L1   Fa0/0          192.168.1.2     UP       7           R2.01
```

Since R1 and R2 are both L1 Routers and belong to the same area only L1 type IS-IS hellos are sourced on the LAN segment between R1 and R2.

```
R1#debug isis adj-packets fastEthernet 0/0
```

```
*Nov 25 19:25:53.995: ISIS-Adj: Sending L1 LAN IIH on FastEthernet0/0, length 1497
```

```
*Nov 25 19:25:54.071: ISIS-Adj: Rec L1 IIH from ca02.1c80.0000 (FastEthernet0/0), cir type L1,
cir id 0000.0000.0002.01, length 1497
```

```
-- The highlighted portion shows the Mac Address and the circuit id of R2, it also shows that L1
IS-IS hello packet was received from R2 --
```

```
*Nov 25 19:25:54.075: ISIS-Adj: New adjacency, level 1 for ca02.1c80.0000
```

```
-- The above line shows that R1 has discovered a new neighbour capable of L1 adjacency, having
the mac address ca02.1c80.0000 i.e. R2 --
```

```
*Nov 25 19:25:54.991: ISIS-Adj: Sending L1 LAN IIH on FastEthernet0/0, length 1497
```

```
*Nov 25 19:25:55.047: ISIS-Adj: Rec L1 IIH from ca02.1c80.0000 (FastEthernet0/0), cir type L1,
cir id 0000.0000.0002.01, length 1497
```

```
*Nov 25 19:25:55.051: ISIS-Adj: L1 adj count 1
```

```
*Nov 25 19:25:55.055: ISIS-Adj: L1 adjacency state goes to Up
```

```
-- Once both the routers mutually agree on interface settings and other global parameters (e.g.
authentication, circuit-type, mtu etc.) the L1 adjacency finally comes up --
```

Packet Capture

Capture Of IS-IS Hello Packet Sent From R2 To R1

```
ISIS HELLO
```

```
.... .01 = Circuit type: Level 1 only (0x01) >>>          Circuit type is Level 1
0000 00.. = Reserved: 0x00
SystemID {Sender of PDU}: 0000.0000.0002 >>>             Identification of R2
Holding timer: 10 >>>                                    Hold timer for hellos
PDU length: 1497 >>>                                    Entire PDU in bytes
.100 0000 = Priority: 64 >>>                             Default Priority for DR election
0... .... = Reserved: 0
SystemID {Designated IS}: 0000.0000.0002.01 >>>         SystemID + Pseudonode ID
Protocols Supported (1)
  NLPID(s): IP (0xcc) >>>                               IS-IS is routing IP
Area address(es) (2)
```

```

Area address (1): 49 >>> Area id of R2
IP Interface address(es) (4)
  IPv4 interface address: 192.168.1.2 (192.168.1.2) >>> IP of R2's fa0/0
Restart Signaling (3)
  Restart Signaling Flags: 0x00
    .... .0.. = Suppress Adjacency: False
    .... ..0. = Restart Acknowledgment: False
    .... ...0 = Restart Request: False
IS Neighbor(s) (6)
  IS Neighbor: ca:01:1d:a4:00:00 (ca:01:1d:a4:00:00) >>> Mac of R2 ( fa0/0 )
Padding (255)
Padding (255)
Padding (255)
Padding (255)
Padding (255)
Padding (157)

```

Capture Of IS-IS Hello Sent From R1 To R2

```

ISIS HELLO
  .... ..01 = Circuit type: Level 1 only (0x01) >>> Circuit type is Level 1
0000 00.. = Reserved: 0x00
SystemID {Sender of PDU}: 0000.0000.0001 >>> Identification of R1
Holding timer: 30 >>> Hold time for hellos
PDU length: 1497 >>> Entire PDU in bytes
.100 0000 = Priority: 64 >>> Default Priority for DR election
0... .... = Reserved: 0
SystemID {Designated IS}: 0000.0000.0001.01 >>> SystemID + Pseudonode Id
Protocols Supported (1)
  NLPID(s): IP (0xcc) >>> IS-IS is routing IP
Area address(es) (2)
  Area address (1): 49 >>> Area id of R1
IP Interface address(es) (4)
  IPv4 interface address: 192.168.1.1 (192.168.1.1) >>> IP of R1 fa0/0 interface
Restart Signaling (3)
  Restart Signaling Flags: 0x00
    .... .0.. = Suppress Adjacency: False
    .... ..0. = Restart Acknowledgment: False
    .... ...0 = Restart Request: False
IS Neighbor(s) (6)
  IS Neighbor: ca:02:1c:80:00:00 (ca:02:1c:80:00:00)>>> Mac of R1 fa0/0 interface
Padding (255)
Padding (255)
Padding (255)
Padding (255)
Padding (157)

```

Padding

Regarding the padding, IOS implements a mechanism to detect the MTU on interface before adjacency is established. So that after the adjacency is established packet drops should not occur due the MTU issues and hence preventing the database from corruption. Padding a IS-IS hello increases its size till the MTU of the interface and it is observed whether the other end is able to accept hello packet with this MTU. If on the other end lower MTU exists then that end will drop the hellos and hence adjacency will not come up.

Hold Timer

There might be confusion regarding the hold timers. In IS-IS the DR in the broadcast LAN segment always sends the hellos one-third of the normal hello time i.e. 10 seconds. So from the

perspective of DR the hello time is 3.33 secs and hold time is 10 secs. In the above capture R2 is the DR. This can also be verified from the output below.

```
R2#sh clns interface fastEthernet 0/0
FastEthernet0/0 is up, line protocol is up
Checksums enabled, MTU 1497, Encapsulation SAP
ERPDUs enabled, min. interval 10 msec.
CLNS fast switching enabled
CLNS SSE switching disabled
DEC compatibility mode OFF for this interface
Next ESH/ISH in 31 seconds
Routing Protocol: IS-IS
Circuit Type: level-1-2
Interface number 0x1, local circuit ID 0x1
Level-1 Metric: 10, Priority: 64, Circuit ID: R2.01
DR ID: R2.01
Level-1 IPv6 Metric: 10
Number of active level-1 adjacencies: 1
Next IS-IS LAN Level-1 Hello in 1 seconds
```

Adjacency between R2 and R4

The area id same between R2 and R4. R2 is Level 1 and R4 is Level 1-2. Since R4 is L1/L2 router it will send both L1 and L2 hellos, as mentioned earlier R2 is L1 only router and area id is same so L1 adjacency will form.

```
R2#show isis neighbors
```

```
Tag 1:
```

```
System Id Type Interface IP Address State Holdtime Circuit Id
R4 L1 Fa1/0 192.168.3.4 UP 8 R4.01
```

```
*Nov 26 03:56:25.299: ISIS-Adj: Sending L1 LAN IIH on FastEthernet1/0, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:25.355: ISIS-Adj: Rec L1 IIH from ca04.0cf4.0000 (FastEthernet1/0), cir type L1L2,
cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:25.355: ISIS-Adj: New adjacency, level 1 for ca04.0cf4.0000
*Nov 26 03:56:26.299: ISIS-Adj: Sending L1 LAN IIH on FastEthernet1/0, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:26.339: ISIS-Adj: Rec L1 IIH from ca04.0cf4.0000 (FastEthernet1/0), cir type L1L2,
cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:26.343: ISIS-Adj: L1 adj count 1
*Nov 26 03:56:26.343: ISIS-Adj: L1 adjacency state goes to Up
*Nov 26 03:56:26.347: ISIS-Adj: Run level-1 DR election for FastEthernet1/0
*Nov 26 03:56:26.351: ISIS-Adj: New level-1 DR 0000.0000.0004 on FastEthernet1/0
*Nov 26 03:56:26.467: ISIS-Adj: Rec L2 IIH from ca04.0cf4.0000 (FastEthernet1/0), cir type L1L2,
cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:26.471: ISIS-Adj: is-type mismatch
-- The above line in output is due to the fact that R2 is L1 only and hence does not understand
the L2 hellos from the L1/L2 Router R2 --
```

Packet Captures

Packet Capture Of L2 Hello From R4 To R2

```
R2#show isis neighbors
```

```
Tag 1:
```

```
System Id Type Interface IP Address State Holdtime Circuit Id
R4 L1 Fa1/0 192.168.3.4 UP 8 R4.01
```

```
*Nov 26 03:56:25.299: ISIS-Adj: Sending L1 LAN IIH on FastEthernet1/0, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:25.355: ISIS-Adj: Rec L1 IIH from ca04.0cf4.0000 (FastEthernet1/0), cir type L1L2,
cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:25.355: ISIS-Adj: New adjacency, level 1 for ca04.0cf4.0000
```

```
*Nov 26 03:56:26.299: ISIS-Adj: Sending L1 LAN IIH on FastEthernet1/0, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:26.339: ISIS-Adj: Rec L1 IIH from ca04.0cf4.0000 (FastEthernet1/0), cir type L1L2,
cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:26.343: ISIS-Adj: L1 adj count 1
*Nov 26 03:56:26.343: ISIS-Adj: L1 adjacency state goes to Up
*Nov 26 03:56:26.347: ISIS-Adj: Run level-1 DR election for FastEthernet1/0
*Nov 26 03:56:26.351: ISIS-Adj: New level-1 DR 0000.0000.0004 on FastEthernet1/0
*Nov 26 03:56:26.467: ISIS-Adj: Rec L2 IIH from ca04.0cf4.0000 (FastEthernet1/0), cir type L1L2,
cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:26.471: ISIS-Adj: is-type mismatch
-- The above line in output is due to the fact that R2 is L1 only and hence does not understand
the L2 hellos from the L1/L2 Router R2 --
```

Packet Capture Of L1 Hello From R4 To R2

```
R2#show isis neighbors
```

```
Tag 1:
```

```
System Id Type Interface IP Address State Holdtime Circuit Id
```

```
R4 L1 Fa1/0 192.168.3.4 UP 8 R4.01
```

```
*Nov 26 03:56:25.299: ISIS-Adj: Sending L1 LAN IIH on FastEthernet1/0, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:25.355: ISIS-Adj: Rec L1 IIH from ca04.0cf4.0000 (FastEthernet1/0), cir type L1L2,
cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:25.355: ISIS-Adj: New adjacency, level 1 for ca04.0cf4.0000
*Nov 26 03:56:26.299: ISIS-Adj: Sending L1 LAN IIH on FastEthernet1/0, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:26.339: ISIS-Adj: Rec L1 IIH from ca04.0cf4.0000 (FastEthernet1/0), cir type L1L2,
cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:26.343: ISIS-Adj: L1 adj count 1
*Nov 26 03:56:26.343: ISIS-Adj: L1 adjacency state goes to Up
*Nov 26 03:56:26.347: ISIS-Adj: Run level-1 DR election for FastEthernet1/0
*Nov 26 03:56:26.351: ISIS-Adj: New level-1 DR 0000.0000.0004 on FastEthernet1/0
*Nov 26 03:56:26.467: ISIS-Adj: Rec L2 IIH from ca04.0cf4.0000 (FastEthernet1/0), cir type L1L2,
cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:26.471: ISIS-Adj: is-type mismatch
-- The above line in output is due to the fact that R2 is L1 only and hence does not understand
the L2 hellos from the L1/L2 Router R2 --
```

Packet Capture Of L1 Hello From R2 To R4

```
R2#show isis neighbors
```

```
Tag 1:
```

```
System Id Type Interface IP Address State Holdtime Circuit Id
```

```
R4 L1 Fa1/0 192.168.3.4 UP 8 R4.01
```

```
*Nov 26 03:56:25.299: ISIS-Adj: Sending L1 LAN IIH on FastEthernet1/0, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:25.355: ISIS-Adj: Rec L1 IIH from ca04.0cf4.0000 (FastEthernet1/0), cir type L1L2,
cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
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cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:26.343: ISIS-Adj: L1 adj count 1
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*Nov 26 03:56:26.351: ISIS-Adj: New level-1 DR 0000.0000.0004 on FastEthernet1/0
*Nov 26 03:56:26.467: ISIS-Adj: Rec L2 IIH from ca04.0cf4.0000 (FastEthernet1/0), cir type L1L2,
cir id 0000.0000.0004.01, length 1497
*Nov 26 03:56:26.471: ISIS-Adj: is-type mismatch
-- The above line in output is due to the fact that R2 is L1 only and hence does not understand
the L2 hellos from the L1/L2 Router R2 --
```

Adjacency between R4 and R5

The area id is different between R4 and R5. R4 is Level 1-2 and R5 is Level 2. So L2 adjacency will form.

```
R4#show isis neighbors
```

```
Tag 1:
System Id      Type Interface  IP Address      State Holdtime Circuit Id
R2              L1  Fa0/0          192.168.3.2     UP      19          R4.01
R5              L2  Fa1/1          192.168.5.5     UP      4           R5.01
```

Adjacency between R5 and R7

The area id is same between R5 and R7. R5 is Level 2 and R7 is Level 2. So L2 adjacency will form.

```
R5#show isis neighbors
```

```
Tag 1:
System Id      Type Interface  IP Address      State Holdtime Circuit Id
R4              L2  Fa0/0          192.168.5.4     UP      29          R5.01
R7              L2  Fa1/0          192.168.7.7     UP      4           R7.01
```

Prefixes in L1 routers.

As mentioned earlier L1 router has only intra area LSA and uses the nearest L1/L2 router to reach other parts of network. L1 Area behaves pretty much as OSPF totally stubby area. A default route generated by the L1/L2 router R4 is seen in the routing table, using this default route outside destinations can be reached.

```
R1#sh ip route
```

```
Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP, l - LISP
       + - replicated route, % - next hop override
```

```
Gateway of last resort is 192.168.2.3 to network 0.0.0.0
i*L1  0.0.0.0/0 [115/20] via 192.168.2.3, 00:25:31, FastEthernet1/0
      [115/20] via 192.168.1.2, 00:25:31, FastEthernet0/0
      192.168.1.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C      192.168.1.0/24 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0
L      192.168.1.1/32 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0
      192.168.2.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C      192.168.2.0/24 is directly connected, FastEthernet1/0
L      192.168.2.1/32 is directly connected, FastEthernet1/0
i L1  192.168.3.0/24 [115/20] via 192.168.1.2, 00:25:31, FastEthernet0/0
i L1  192.168.4.0/24 [115/20] via 192.168.2.3, 03:17:05, FastEthernet1/0
i L1  192.168.5.0/24 [115/30] via 192.168.2.3, 00:25:31, FastEthernet1/0
-----Output Omitted -----
```

Prefixes in L1/L2 routers

L1/L2 Router maintain two link state databases, one for L1 area and one for L2 area. Hence two distinct SPF calculations are required. L1/L2 router sends the default route in L1 Area, so that the L1 routers can reach the other parts of the network. As explained above here both L1 and L2 routes are observed.

```
R4#sh ip route
```

```
Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
```

D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
 N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
 E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
 i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
 ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
 o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP, l - LISP
 + - replicated route, % - next hop override

Gateway of last resort is not set

```
i L1 192.168.1.0/24 [115/20] via 192.168.3.2, 00:30:18, FastEthernet0/0
i L1 192.168.2.0/24 [115/20] via 192.168.4.3, 03:21:58, FastEthernet1/0
192.168.3.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C    192.168.3.0/24 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0
L    192.168.3.4/32 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0
192.168.4.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C    192.168.4.0/24 is directly connected, FastEthernet1/0
L    192.168.4.4/32 is directly connected, FastEthernet1/0
192.168.5.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C    192.168.5.0/24 is directly connected, FastEthernet1/1
L    192.168.5.4/32 is directly connected, FastEthernet1/1
192.168.6.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C    192.168.6.0/24 is directly connected, FastEthernet2/0
L    192.168.6.4/32 is directly connected, FastEthernet2/0
i L2 192.168.7.0/24 [115/20] via 192.168.5.5, 00:00:57, FastEthernet1/1
i L2 192.168.8.0/24 [115/20] via 192.168.6.6, 00:00:32, FastEthernet2/0
-----Output Omitted -----
```

Prefixes in L2 routers

L2 routers are like OSPF backbone routers. All the information is present in L2 routers. It is observed that even the loopbacks from L1 Area are present as L2 routes in routing table of the L2 Router.

R7#sh ip route

Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
 D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
 N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
 E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
 i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
 ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
 o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP, l - LISP
 + - replicated route, % - next hop override

Gateway of last resort is not set

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i L2 192.168.1.0/24 [115/40] via 192.168.8.6, 00:31:54, FastEthernet1/0
      [115/40] via 192.168.7.5, 00:31:54, FastEthernet0/0
i L2 192.168.2.0/24 [115/40] via 192.168.8.6, 03:23:23, FastEthernet1/0
      [115/40] via 192.168.7.5, 03:23:23, FastEthernet0/0
i L2 192.168.3.0/24 [115/30] via 192.168.8.6, 03:23:23, FastEthernet1/0
      [115/30] via 192.168.7.5, 03:23:23, FastEthernet0/0
i L2 192.168.4.0/24 [115/30] via 192.168.8.6, 03:23:23, FastEthernet1/0
      [115/30] via 192.168.7.5, 03:23:23, FastEthernet0/0
i L2 192.168.5.0/24 [115/20] via 192.168.7.5, 00:02:35, FastEthernet0/0
i L2 192.168.6.0/24 [115/20] via 192.168.8.6, 00:02:10, FastEthernet1/0
192.168.7.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C    192.168.7.0/24 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0
L    192.168.7.7/32 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0
192.168.8.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C    192.168.8.0/24 is directly connected, FastEthernet1/0
L    192.168.8.7/32 is directly connected, FastEthernet1/0
192.168.11.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
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i L2      192.168.11.11 [115/50] via 192.168.8.6, 03:23:23, FastEthernet1/0
          [115/50] via 192.168.7.5, 03:23:23, FastEthernet0/0
          192.168.22.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
i L2      192.168.22.22 [115/40] via 192.168.8.6, 00:31:54, FastEthernet1/0
          [115/40] via 192.168.7.5, 00:31:54, FastEthernet0/0
-----Output Omitted -----
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Troubleshoot

There is currently no specific troubleshooting information available for this configuration.