

# Configure Host Entry for SD-WAN vBond Controller

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## Introduction

This document describes the procedure to configure host entry for Software Defined Wide Area Network (SD-WAN) vBond Controller.

## Prerequisites

### Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge of these topics:

- Cisco Software-defined Wide Area Network (SD-WAN)
- Cisco SD-WAN vBond controller

### Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- vManage software 20.6.3
- vBond software 20.6.3
- vSmart software 20.6.3
- Viptela Edge (vEdge) router software 20.6.3
- Cisco Edge (cEdge) Router software 17.6.3

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, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

## Scope

Configure vBond host entry when there are Domain Name server (DNS) issues such but not limited to these reasons:

- Unable to translate Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN)
- DNS connectivity

## Considerations

This document assumes:

- The network has vBond, vManage, and vSmart controllers that are up and in a healthy state
- WAN SD-WAN Edge routers are fully functional
- Basic Configuration is applied to the controllers
- Controllers and Edge Routers have connectivity between them

If you need information about Controller Deployment, navigate to [Cisco SD-WAN Overlay Network Bring-Up Process](#).

Please visit this link [SD-WAN Design](#) if you are interested in a design guide.

## Problem: DNS Scenarios with FQDN Entry

### Scenario 1. DNS Entry with FQDN, Resolution Works

Here is an example of a common configuration with FQDN.

```
vedge# show running-config system vbond
system
  vbond vbond.lab.sdwan
!
vedge# show running-config vpn 0 dns
vpn 0
  dns 192.168.1.11 primary
!
```

This is the expected result when DNS translation works.

```
vedge# nslookup vbond.lab.sdwan
nslookup in VPN 0:
Server:      192.168.1.11
Address 1: 192.168.1.11

Name:        vbond.lab.sdwan
Address 1: 192.168.2.1 vbond.lab.sdwan
Address 2: 192.168.2.2 vbond.lab.sdwan
```

```
vedge# ping vbond.lab.sdwan
Ping in VPN 0
PING vbond.lab (192.168.2.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from vbond.lab (192.168.2.1): icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=26.1 ms
```

## Scenario 2. DNS Entry with FQDN, Resolution Fails

This configuration is the same as the previous scenario.

```
vedge# show running-config system vbond
system
  vbond vbond.lab.sdwan
!
vedge# show running-config vpn 0 dns
vpn 0
  dns 192.168.1.11 primary
!
```

This time DNS resolution fails.

```
vedge#nslookup vbond.lab.sdwan
nslookup in VPN 0:
Server: 192.168.1.11
Address 1: 192.168.1.11
nslookup: can't resolve 'vbond.lab.sdwan'
vedge#
vedge# ping vpn 0 vbond.lab.sdwan
Ping in VPN 0
ping: vbond.lab.sdwan: Name or service not known
vedge#
```

## Solution: Configure DNS Entry with Static IP

### Configuration for vEdge

Configure host command with FQDN and vBond IPs.

```
vedge# show running-config vpn 0 host
vpn 0
  host vbond.lab.sdwan ip 192.168.2.1 192.168.2.2
!
vedge#
```

Run `nslookup` for validation purposes.

```
vedge# nslookup vbond.lab.sdwan
nslookup in VPN 0:
Server: 192.168.1.11
Address 1: 192.168.1.11

Name: vbond.lab.sdwan
Address 1: 192.168.2.1 vbond.lab.sdwan
Address 2: 192.168.2.2 vbond.lab.sdwan
```

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**Tip:** You can analyze logs of vDebug file from admin-tech if vBond resolution fails.

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## Configuration for Controllers

Configuration is the same as that for vEdge devices.

This is an example of vSmart.

```
vsmart# show running-config system vbond
system
 vbond vbond.lab.sdwan
!
vsmart# show running-config vpn 0 dns
vpn 0
 dns 192.168.1.11 primary
!
vsmart# show running-config vpn 0 host
vpn 0
 host vbond.lab.sdwan ip 192.168.2.1 192.168.2.2
!
vsmart#
```

## Configuration for cEdge

This is the configuration for cEdge router.

```
cedge#show sdwan run system | include vbond
vbond vbond-list
cedge#
cedge#show sdwan run | include host
ip host vbond-list 192.168.2.1 192.168.2.2
cedge#
```

Run ICMP for validation purposes.

```
cedge#ping vbond-list
Type escape sequence to abort.
Sending 5, 100-byte ICMP Echos to 192.168.50.149, timeout is 2 seconds:
```

!!!!!

Success rate is 100 percent (5/5), round-trip min/avg/max = 27/29/31 ms

cedge#

## Additional Configuration

Set the primary and secondary DNS server as a redundancy method. In case one server fails the other one makes a DNS resolution.

### Below example applies for vedge, vManage, vBond and vSmart

```
VM# show running-config vpn 0 dns
vpn 0
  dns 192.168.1.11 secondary
  dns 192.168.1.12 primary
!
```

### Below example applies for cedge

```
cedge#show run | i name
ip name-server 192.168.30.32 192.168.48.89
cedge#
```

## Common Configuration Issues

- Inconsistent name resolution among controllers and WAN Edge routers.
- Wrong vBond IP addresses.
- Use the same IP address in vBonds. Each vBond must have its own IP address configured as the vBond local.
- You can have control connections on both interfaces Gigabitethernet1 and Gigabitethernet2, but the DNS server is only reachable via Gigabitethernet1, therefore, the control connection fails.

## Related Information

- [vBond Orchestrator Redundancy](#)
- [Collect Admin-tech](#)
- [Technical Support & Documentation - Cisco Systems](#)