

Troubleshoot Firepower Threat Defense and ASA Multicast PIM

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Introduction

This document describes how Firepower Threat Defense (FTD) and Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) implement Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM).

Prerequisites

Requirements

Basic IP routing knowledge.

Components Used

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.

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

- Cisco Firepower 4125 Threat Defense Version 7.1.0.
- Firepower Management Center (FMC) Version 7.1.0.
- Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance Software Version 9.17(1)9.

Background Information

Multicast Routing basics

- Unicast forwards packets towards the destination while **multicast forwards packets away from the source**.
- Multicast network devices (firewalls/routers, and so on) forward the packets via **Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF)**. Note that RPF is not the same as uRPF which is used in unicast to prevent specific types of attacks. RPF can be defined as a mechanism that forwards multicast packets away from the source out of interfaces that lead toward multicast receivers. Its primary role is to prevent traffic loops and ensure correct traffic paths.
- A multicast protocol like PIM has 3 main functions:
 1. Find the **upstream interface** (interface closest to the source).
 2. Find the **downstream interfaces** associated with a specific multicast stream (interfaces towards the receivers).
 3. Maintain the multicast tree (add or remove the tree branches).
- A multicast tree can be built and maintained by one of the 2 methods: **implicit joins (flood-and-prune)** or **explicit joins (pull model)**. PIM Dense Mode (PIM-DM) uses implicit joins while PIM Sparse Mode (PIM-SM) uses explicit joins.
- A multicast tree can be either **shared** or **source-based**:
 - Shared trees use the concept of **Rendezvous Point (RP)** and are noted as **(*, G)** where G = multicast group IP.
 - Source-based trees are rooted at the source, don't use an RP, and are noted as **(S, G)** where S = the IP of the multicast source/server.
- Multicast forwarding models:
 - **Any-Source Multicast (ASM)** delivery mode uses shared trees (*, G) where any source can send the multicast stream.
 - **Source-Specific Multicast (SSM)** uses source-based trees (S, G) and the IP range 232/8.
 - **Bidirectional (BiDir)** is a type of shared tree (*, G) where both control-plane and data-plane traffic go through the RP.
- A Rendezvous Point can be configured or elected with one of these methods:
 - Static RP
 - Auto-RP
 - Bootstrap Router (BSR)

PIM modes summary

PIM mode	RP	Shared tree	Notation	IGMP	ASA/FTD supported
PIM Sparse Mode	Yes	Yes	(*, G) and (S, G)	v1/v2/v3	Yes

PIM Dense Mode	No	No	(S, G)	v1/v2/v3	No*
PIM Bidirectional Mode	Yes	Yes	(* , G)	v1/v2/v3	Yes
PIM Source-Specific-Multicast (SSM) Mode	No	No	(S, G)	v3	No**

*Auto-RP = Auto-RP traffic can pass through

** ASA/FTD cannot be a last-hop device

RP configuration summary

Rendezvous Point configuration	ASA/FTD
Static RP	Yes
Auto-RP	No, but Auto-RP control-plane traffic can pass through
BSR	Yes, but not C-RP support

Note: Before you start to troubleshoot any multicast issue, it is very important to have a clear view of the multicast topology. Specifically, at minimum, you need to know:

- What is the role of the firewall in the multicast topology?
- Who is the RP?
- Who is the sender of the multicast stream (source IP and multicast group IP)?
- Who is the receiver of the multicast stream?
- Do you have issues with the Control Plane (IGMP/PIM) or the Data Plane (multicast stream) itself?

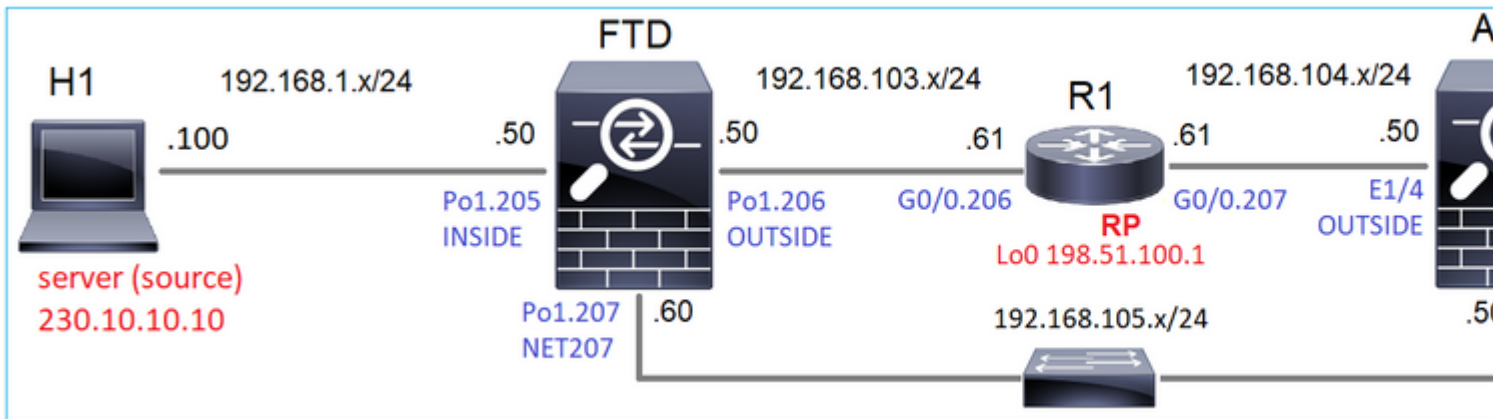
Abbreviations/Acronyms

Acronyms	Explanation
FHR	First-Hop Router " a hop directly connected to the source of the multicast traffic.
LHR	Last-Hop Router " a hop directly connected to the receivers of the

	multicast traffic.
RP	Rendezvous-Point
DR	Designated Router
SPT	Shortest-Path Tree
RPT	Rendezvous-Point (RP) Tree, share tree
RPF	Reverse Path Forwarding
OIL	Outgoing Interface List
MRIB	Multicast Routing Information Base
MFIB	Multicast Forwarding Information Base
ASM	Any-Source Multicast
BSR	Bootstrap Router
SSM	Source-Specific Multicast
FP	Fast Path
SP	Slow Path
CP	Control Point
PPS	Packet Per Second rate

Task 1 – PIM Sparse mode (Static RP)

Topology



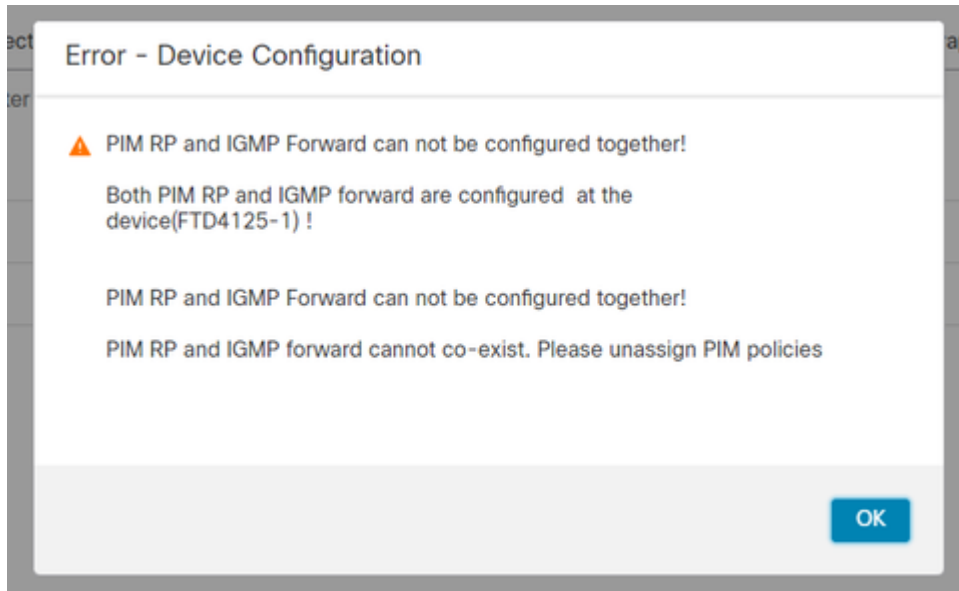
Configure multicast PIM sparse-mode in the topology with R1 (198.51.100.1) as RP.

Solution

FTD configuration:

The screenshot shows the Firewall Management Center (FMC) configuration interface for FTD4125-1. The 'Manage Virtual Routers' sidebar is open, showing 'PIM' selected under 'Multicast Routing'. The main configuration area shows 'Enable Multicast Routing (Enabling Multicast Routing checkbox will enable both IGMP and PIM on a...)' and 'Generate older IOS compatible register messages(enable if your Rendezvous Point is an IOS router...)' checked. The 'Add Rendezvous Point' dialog is open, showing 'Rendezvous Point IP address:*' set to 'RP_198.51.100.1' and 'Use this RP for all Multicast Groups' selected.

The ASA/FTD cannot be configured for IGMP Stub Routing and PIM at the same time:



The resulted configuration on FTD:

```
<#root>
firepower#
show running-config multicast-routing

multicast-routing

<-- Multicast routing is enabled globally on the device

firepower#
show running-config pim

pim rp-address 198.51.100.1          <-- Static RP is configured on the firewall

firepower#
ping 198.51.100.1

Type escape sequence to abort.
Sending 5, 100-byte ICMP Echos to 198.51.100.1, timeout is 2 seconds:
!!!!!                               <-- The RP is reachable

Success rate is 100 percent (5/5), round-trip min/avg/max = 1/1/1 ms
```

On ASA firewall there is a similar configuration:

```
<#root>
asa(config)#
multicast-routing

asa(config)#
pim rp-address 198.51.100.1
```

RP configuration (Cisco router):

```
<#root>
ip multicast-routing
ip pim rp-address 198.51.100.1          <-- The router is the RP
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0.206
 encapsulation dot1Q 206
 ip address 192.168.103.61 255.255.255.0
 ip pim sparse-dense-mode             <-- The interface participates in multicast routing
 ip ospf 1 area 0
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0.207
 encapsulation dot1Q 207
 ip address 192.168.104.61 255.255.255.0
 ip pim sparse-dense-mode             <-- The interface participates in multicast routing
 ip ospf 1 area 0
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 198.51.100.1 255.255.255.255
<-- The router is the RP
 ip pim sparse-dense-mode             <-- The interface participates in multicast routing
 ip ospf 1 area 0
```

Verification

Verify the multicast control plane on FTD when there is no multicast traffic (senders or receivers):

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim interface
```

Address	Interface	PIM	Nbr Count	Hello Intvl	DR Prior	DR
192.168.105.60	NET207	on	1	30	1	this system

```
<-- PIM enabled on the interface. There is 1 PIM neighbor
```

192.168.1.50	INSIDE	on	0	30	1	this system	<-- PIM enabled on t
0.0.0.0	diagnostic	off	0	30	1	not elected	
192.168.103.50	OUTSIDE	on	1	30	1	192.168.103.61	<-- PIM enabled on t

Verify the PIM neighbors:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim neighbor
```

Neighbor Address	Interface	Uptime	Expires	DR pri	Bidir
192.168.105.50	NET207	00:05:41	00:01:28	1	B
192.168.103.61	OUTSIDE	00:05:39	00:01:32	1 (DR)	

The RP advertises the whole multicast group range:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim group-map
```

Group Range	Proto	Client	Groups	RP address	Info
224.0.1.39/32*	DM	static	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.1.40/32*	DM	static	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.0.0/24*	L-Local	static	1	0.0.0.0	
232.0.0.0/8*	SSM	config	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.0.0/4*	SM	config	2	198.51.100.1	RPF: OUTSIDE,192.168.103.61 <-- The mult
224.0.0.0/4	SM	static	0	0.0.0.0	RPF: ,0.0.0.0

The firewall mroute table has some non-relevant entries (239.255.255.250 is Simple Service Discovery Protocol (SSDP) used by vendors like MAC OS and Microsoft Windows):

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show mroute
```


Multicast Routing Table

Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,
C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,
J - Join SPT

Timers: Uptime/Expires

Interface state: Interface, State

```
(*, 239.255.255.250), 00:17:35/never, RP 198.51.100.1, flags: SCJ
  Incoming interface: OUTSIDE
  RPF nbr: 192.168.103.61
  Immediate Outgoing interface list:
    INSIDE, Forward, 00:17:35/never
```

There is a PIM tunnel built between the firewalls and the RP:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim tunnel
```

Interface	RP Address	Source Address
Tunnel0	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50

```
<-- PIM tunnel between the FTD and the RP
```

The PIM tunnel can be also seen on the firewall connection table:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show conn all detail address 198.51.100.1
...
PIM OUTSIDE: 198.51.100.1/0 NP Identity Ifc: 192.168.103.50/0,
```

```
<-- PIM tunnel between the FTD and the RP
, flags , idle 16s, uptime 3m8s, timeout 2m0s, bytes 6350
Connection lookup keyid: 153426246
```

Verification on the ASA firewall:

```
<#root>
```

```
asa#
```

```
show pim neighbor
```

Neighbor Address	Interface	Uptime	Expires	DR	pri	Bidir
192.168.105.60	NET207	2d21h	00:01:29	1	(DR)	B
192.168.104.61	OUTSIDE	00:00:18	00:01:37	1	(DR)	

```
<#root>
```

```
asa#
```

```
show pim tunnel
```

Interface	RP Address	Source Address
Tunnel0	198.51.100.1	192.168.104.50

```
<-- PIM tunnel between the ASA and the RP
```

RP (Cisco router) RP verification. There are some multicast groups for SSDP and Auto-RP:

```
<#root>
```

```
Router1#
```

```
show ip pim rp
```

```
Group: 239.255.255.250, RP: 198.51.100.1, next RP-reachable in 00:01:04
```

```
Group: 224.0.1.40, RP: 198.51.100.1, next RP-reachable in 00:00:54
```

Verification once a receiver announces its presence

Note: The firewall commands shown in this section are fully applicable to ASA and FTD.

The ASA gets the IGMP Membership Report message and creates the IGMP and mroute (*, G) entries:

```
<#root>
```

```
asa#
```

```
show igmp group 230.10.10.10
```

```
IGMP Connected Group Membership
```

Group Address	Interface	Uptime	Expires	Last Reporter
230.10.10.10	INSIDE	00:01:15	00:03:22	192.168.2.100

```
<-- Host 192.168.2.100 report
```

The ASA firewall creates an mroute for the multicast group:

```
<#root>
```

```
asa#
```

```
show mroute 230.10.10.10
```

```
Multicast Routing Table
```

```
Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,  
       C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,  
       P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,  
       J - Join SPT
```

```
Timers: Uptime/Expires
```

```
Interface state: Interface, State
```

```
(* , 230.10.10.10)
```

```
, 00:00:17/never,
```

```
RP 198.51.100.1
```

```
, flags: SCJ
```

```
<-- The mroute for group 230.10.10.10
```

```
Incoming interface: OUTSIDE
```

```
<-- Expected interface for a multicast packet from the source. If the packet is not received on this int
```

```
RPF nbr: 192.168.104.61
```

```
Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
INSIDE, Forward, 00:01:17/never
```

```
<-- The OIL points towards the recei
```

Another firewall verification is the PIM topology output:

```
<#root>
```

```
asa#
```

```
show pim topology 230.10.10.10
```

```
...
```

```
(* ,230.10.10.10) SM Up: 00:07:15 RP: 198.51.100.1
```

```
<-- An entry for multicast group 23
```

```
JP: Join(00:00:33) RPF: OUTSIDE,192.168.104.61 Flags: LH
```

```
INSIDE 00:03:15 fwd LI LH
```

Note: If the firewall does not have a route towards the RP then the **debug pim** output shows an RPF lookup failure

The RPF lookup failure in the **debug pim** output:

```
<#root>
```

```
asa#
```

```
debug pim
```

```
IPv4 PIM: RPF lookup failed for root 198.51.100.1 <-- The RPF look fails because the  
IPv4 PIM: RPF lookup failed for root 198.51.100.1
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) Processing Periodic Join-Prune timer  
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) J/P processing  
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) Periodic J/P scheduled in 50 secs  
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) No RPF neighbor to send J/P
```

In case everything is OK the firewall sends a PIM Join-Prune message to the RP:

```
<#root>
```

```
asa#
```

```
debug pim group 230.10.10.10
```

```
IPv4 PIM group debugging is on  
for group 230.10.10.10
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) J/P scheduled in 0.0 secs  
IPv4 PIM: [0] (*,230.10.10.10/32) MRIB modify A NS  
IPv4 PIM: [0] (*,230.10.10.10/32) NULLIF-skip MRIB modify !A !NS  
IPv4 PIM: [0] (*,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify A NS  
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) Processing timers  
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) J/P processing  
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) Periodic J/P scheduled in 50 secs  
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) J/P adding Join on OUTSIDE
```

The capture shows that the PIM Join messages are sent every 1 min and PIM Hellos every 30 seconds. PIM uses the IP 224.0.0.13:

(ip.src==192.168.104.50 && ip.dst==224.0.0.13) && (pim.group == 230.10.10.10)

No.	Time	Delta	Source	Destination	Protocol	Identification	Length	Group
7	35.404328	0.000000	192.168.104.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x1946 (6470)	68	230.10.10.10
19	95.411896	60.007568	192.168.104.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x4a00 (18944)	68	230.10.10.10
31	155.419479	60.007583	192.168.104.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x4860 (18528)	68	230.10.10.10

> Frame 7: 68 bytes on wire (544 bits), 68 bytes captured (544 bits)
 > Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_f6:1d:8e (00:be:75:f6:1d:8e), Dst: IPv4mcast_0d (01:00:5e:00:00:0d)
 > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.104.50, Dst: 224.0.0.13
 v Protocol Independent Multicast
 0010 = Version: 2
 0011 = Type: Join/Prune (3)
 Reserved byte(s): 00
 Checksum: 0x8ebb [correct]
 [Checksum Status: Good]
 v PIM Options
 > Upstream-neighbor: 192.168.104.61 **The upstream neighbor**
 Reserved byte(s): 00
 Num Groups: 1
 Holdtime: 210
 v Group 0
 > Group 0: 230.10.10.10/32 **A PIM Join for group 230.10.10.10**
 v Num Joins: 1
 v IP address: 198.51.100.1/32 (SWR) **The RP address**
 Address Family: IPv4 (1)
 Encoding Type: Native (0)
 > Flags: 0x07, Sparse, WildCard, Rendezvous Point Tree
 Masklen: 32
 Source: 198.51.100.1
 Num Prunes: 0

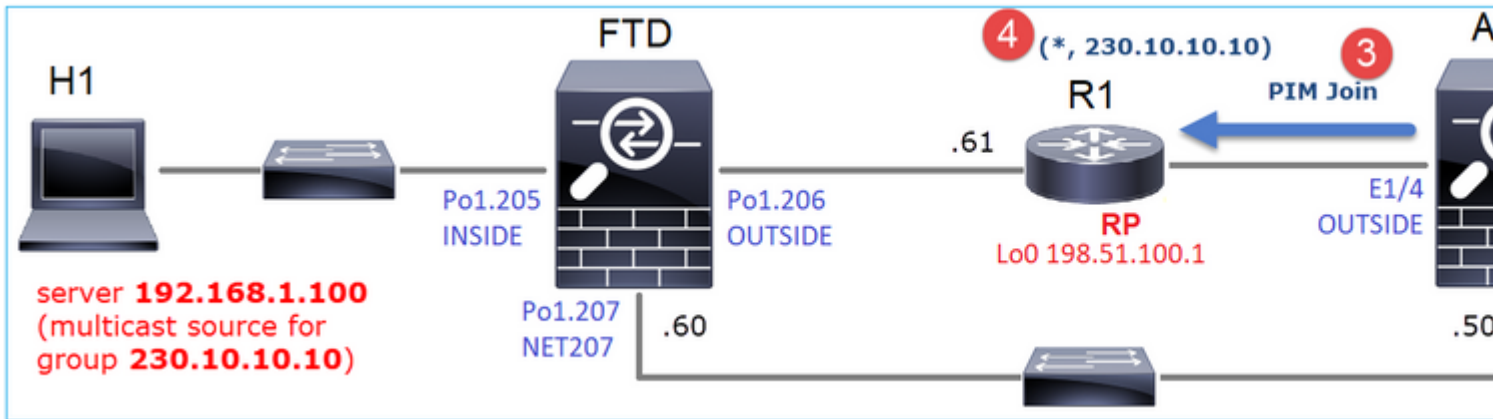
- Tip:** Wireshark display filter: (ip.src==192.168.104.50 && ip.dst==224.0.0.13) && (pim.group == 230.10.10.10)
- 192.168.104.50 is the firewall IP of the egress interface (towards the upstream PIM neighbor)
 - 224.0.0.13 is the PIM multicast group where the PIM Joins and Prunes are sent
 - 230.10.10.10 is the multicast group that we send the PIM Join/Prune for

The RP creates a (*, G) mroute. Note that since there are not yet any servers the Incoming Interface is Null:

```
<#root>
Router1#
show ip mroute 230.10.10.10 | b \(\
(*, 230.10.10.10), 00:00:27/00:03:02, RP 198.51.100.1, flags: S      <-- The mroute for the multicas
Incoming interface: Null
, RPF nbr 0.0.0.0      <-- No incoming multicast stream
Outgoing interface list:
```

```
GigabitEthernet0/0.207
, Forward/Sparse-Dense, 00:00:27/00:03:02
<-- There was a PIM Join on this interface
```

This can be visualized as:



1. IGMP Report is received on ASA.
2. A (*, G) mroute is added.
3. The ASA sends a PIM Join message to the RP (198.51.100.1).
4. The RP receives the Join message and adds a (*, G) mroute.

At the same time, on FTD there are no mroutes since there was no IGMP Report nor PIM Join received:

```
<#root>
firepower#
show mroute 230.10.10.10
No mroute entries found.
```

Verification when the server sends a multicast stream

The FTD gets the multicast stream from H1 and starts the **PIM Registration process** with the RP. The FTD sends a **unicast PIM Register** message to the RP. The RP sends a **PIM Join** message to the First-Hop-Router (FHR), which is the FTD in this case, to join the multicast tree. Then it sends a **Register-Stop** message.

```
<#root>
firepower#
debug pim group 230.10.10.10
```

```
IPv4 PIM group debugging is on
for group 230.10.10.10
```

firepower#

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) INSIDE MRIB update (f=20,c=20)

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Signal presenta on INSIDE

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Create entry

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) RPF changed from 0.0.0.0/- to 192.168.1.100/INSIDE

<-- The FTD receives a multicast stream on INSIDE interface for group 230.10.10.10

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Connected status changed from off to on

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify NS

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) MRIB modify DC

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify A NS

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Set alive timer to 210 sec

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify !NS

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) MRIB modify !DC

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Start registering to 198.51.100.1

<-- The FTD

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Tunnel0 J/P state changed from Null to Join

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Tunnel0 FWD state change from Prune to Forward

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Updating J/P status from Null to Join

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) J/P scheduled in 0.0 secs

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) INSIDE MRIB modify NS

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Set SPT bit

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) MRIB modify NS

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify !A

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) INSIDE MRIB modify A !NS

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) Tunnel0 MRIB modify F NS

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) INSIDE MRIB modify !SP

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) INSIDE MRIB update (f=2,c=20)

IPv4 PIM: J/P entry: Join root: 192.168.1.100 group: 230.10.10.10 flags: S

<-- The FTD

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) OUTSIDE J/P state changed from Null to Join

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) OUTSIDE FWD state change from Prune to Forward

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify F NS

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) OUTSIDE Raise J/P expiration timer to 210 seconds

IPv4 PIM: J/P entry: Join root: 192.168.1.100 group: 230.10.10.10 flags: S

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) OUTSIDE Raise J/P expiration timer to 210 seconds

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Processing timers

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) J/P processing

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Suppress J/P to connected source

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IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Tunnel0 Processing timers

IPv4 PIM: J/P entry: Join root: 192.168.1.100 group: 230.10.10.10 flags: S

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) NET207 J/P state changed from Null to Join

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) NET207 FWD state change from Prune to Forward

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB modify F NS

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) NET207 Raise J/P expiration timer to 210 seconds

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB update (f=29,c=20)

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Signal presenta on NET207

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Send [0/0] Assert on NET207

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB modify !SP

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB update (f=9,c=20)

IPv4 PIM: J/P entry: Prune root: 192.168.1.100 group: 230.10.10.10 flags: S

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) OUTSIDE J/P state changed from Join to Null

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) OUTSIDE FWD state change from Forward to Prune

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify !F !NS

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IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB update (f=29,c=20)
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Signal presenta on NET207
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Send [0/0] Assert on NET207
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB modify !SP
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB update (f=9,c=20)
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) OUTSIDE Processing timers

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Received Register-Stop <-- The RP s

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IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Stop registering

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IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Tunnel0 J/P state changed from Join to Null
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Tunnel0 FWD state change from Forward to Prune
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) Tunnel0 MRIB modify !F !NS
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Received Register-Stop
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Received Register-Stop
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Received Register-Stop
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Received Register-Stop
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Received Register-Stop
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Received Register-Stop
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Received Register-Stop
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Tunnel0 Processing timers
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) INSIDE MRIB update (f=22,c=20)
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Signal presenta on INSIDE
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Set alive timer to 210 sec
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) INSIDE MRIB modify !SP
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) INSIDE MRIB update (f=2,c=20)

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The PIM Register message is a PIM message that carries UDP data along with the PIM Register info:

No.	Time	Delta	Source	Destination	Protocol	Identification	Length	Group
23	15.829623	0.000015	192.168.1.100	230.10.10.10	PIMv2	0x9802 (38914)...	1402	
24	15.829623	0.000000	192.168.1.100	230.10.10.10	PIMv2	0x9902 (39170)...	1402	
25	15.829653	0.000030	192.168.1.100	230.10.10.10	PIMv2	0x9a02 (39426)...	1402	
26	15.829653	0.000000	192.168.1.100	230.10.10.10	PIMv2	0x9b02 (39682)...	1402	
27	15.833224	0.003571	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x107c (4220)	56	230.10.10.10
28	15.833468	0.000244	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x107d (4221)	56	230.10.10.10
29	15.833681	0.000213	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x107e (4222)	56	230.10.10.10
30	15.833910	0.000229	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x107f (4223)	56	230.10.10.10
31	15.834109	0.000199	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x1080 (4224)	56	230.10.10.10
32	15.836092	0.001983	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x108f (4239)	56	230.10.10.10
33	15.836306	0.000214	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x1090 (4240)	56	230.10.10.10
34	15.836535	0.000229	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x1091 (4241)	56	230.10.10.10

> Frame 26: 1402 bytes on wire (11216 bits), 1402 bytes captured (11216 bits)

> Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_33:44:5d (f4:db:e6:33:44:5d), Dst: Cisco_fc:fc:d8 (4c:4e:35:fc:fc:d8)

> 802.1Q Virtual LAN, PRI: 0, DEI: 0, ID: 206

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.103.50, Dst: 198.51.100.1

✓ Protocol Independent Multicast

0010 = Version: 2

.... 0001 = Type: Register (1)

Reserved byte(s): 00

> Checksum: 0x966a incorrect, should be 0xdeff
[Checksum Status: Bad]

> PIM Options

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.100, Dst: 230.10.10.10

> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 64742 (64742), Dst Port: avt-profile-1 (5004)

> Data (1328 bytes)

The PIM Register-Stop message:

Display filter: pim.type in {1 2}

No.	Time	Delta	Source	Destination	Protocol	Identification	Length	Group
23	15.829623	0.000015	192.168.1.100	230.10.10.10	PIMv2	0x9802 (38914)...	1402	
24	15.829623	0.000000	192.168.1.100	230.10.10.10	PIMv2	0x9902 (39170)...	1402	
25	15.829653	0.000030	192.168.1.100	230.10.10.10	PIMv2	0x9a02 (39426)...	1402	
26	15.829653	0.000000	192.168.1.100	230.10.10.10	PIMv2	0x9b02 (39682)...	1402	
27	15.833224	0.003571	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x107c (4220)	56	230.10.10.10
28	15.833468	0.000244	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x107d (4221)	56	230.10.10.10
29	15.833681	0.000213	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x107e (4222)	56	230.10.10.10
30	15.833910	0.000229	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x107f (4223)	56	230.10.10.10
31	15.834109	0.000199	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x1080 (4224)	56	230.10.10.10
32	15.836092	0.001983	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x108f (4239)	56	230.10.10.10
33	15.836306	0.000214	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x1090 (4240)	56	230.10.10.10
34	15.836535	0.000229	198.51.100.1	192.168.103.50	PIMv2	0x1091 (4241)	56	230.10.10.10

> Frame 27: 56 bytes on wire (448 bits), 56 bytes captured (448 bits)

> Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_fc:fc:d8 (4c:4e:35:fc:fc:d8), Dst: Cisco_33:44:5d (f4:db:e6:33:44:5d)

> 802.1Q Virtual LAN, PRI: 0, DEI: 0, ID: 206

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 198.51.100.1, Dst: 192.168.103.50

Protocol Independent Multicast

- 0010 = Version: 2
- ... 0010 = Type: Register-stop (2)
- Reserved byte(s): 00
- Checksum: 0x29be [correct]
- [Checksum Status: Good]

> PIM Options

Tip: To display only PIM Register and PIM Register-Stop messages on Wireshark, you can use the display filter: pim.type in {1 2}

The firewall (last-hop router) gets the multicast stream on interface OUTSIDE, and initiates the Shortest Path Tree (SPT) switchover to interface NET207:

<#root>

asa#

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debug pim group 230.10.10.10
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IPv4 PIM group debugging is on
for group 230.10.10.10
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IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) Processing Periodic Join-Prune timer
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) J/P processing
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) Periodic J/P scheduled in 50 secs
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.10.10.10) J/P adding Join on OUTSIDE
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<-- A PIM Join message is sent from the interface OUTSIDE
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IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB update (f=20,c=20)
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IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Signal presenta on OUTSIDE
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IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Create entry
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify NS
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IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) RPF changed from 0.0.0.0/- to 192.168.105.60/NET207

<-- The SPT switchover starts from the interface OUTSIDE to the interface NET207

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Source metric changed from [0/0] to [110/20]
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) MRIB modify DC
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify A NS
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) INSIDE MRIB modify F NS
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Set alive timer to 210 sec
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify !NS
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) MRIB modify !DC
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Updating J/P status from Null to Join
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) J/P scheduled in 0.0 secs
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB modify NS
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify !SP
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB update (f=2,c=20)
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB update (f=28,c=20)
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Signal presenta on NET207
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10)

Set SPT bit

<-- The SPT bit is set

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) MRIB modify !SP
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) OUTSIDE MRIB modify !A
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB modify A !NS
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10)RPT Updating J/P status from Null to Prune
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10)RPT Create entry
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10)RPT J/P scheduled in 0.0 secs
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Set alive timer to 210 sec
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB modify !SP
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB update (f=2,c=20)
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10)RPT Processing timers
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10)RPT J/P processing

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10)RPT J/P adding Prune on OUTSIDE

<-- A PIM Prune message is sent from the interface OUTSIDE

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10)RPT Delete entry
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Processing timers
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) J/P processing
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Periodic J/P scheduled in 50 secs

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) J/P adding Join on NET207

<-- A PIM Join message is sent from the interface NET207

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB update (f=22,c=20)
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Signal presenta on NET207
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Set alive timer to 210 sec
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB modify !SP
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB update (f=2,c=20)

The PIM debug on the FTD when the switchover occurs:

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<#root>
IPv4 PIM: J/P entry: Join root: 192.168.1.100 group: 230.10.10.10 flags: S
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) NET207 J/P state changed from Null to Join

<-- A PIM Join message is sent from the interface NET207

IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) NET207 FWD state change from Prune to Forward

<-- The packets are sent from the interface NET207

IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB modify F NS
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) NET207 Raise J/P expiration timer to 210 seconds
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) Tunnel0 Processing timers
...
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10/32) NET207 MRIB update (f=9,c=20)
IPv4 PIM: J/P entry: Prune root: 192.168.1.100 group: 230.10.10.10 flags: S
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) OUTSIDE J/P state changed from Join to Null
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.1.100,230.10.10.10) OUTSIDE FWD state change from Forward to Prune

<-- A PIM Prune message is sent from the interface OUTSIDE
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The FTD mroute once the SPT switchover starts:

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<#root>
firepower#
show mroute 230.10.10.10

Multicast Routing Table
Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,
       C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
       P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,
       J - Join SPT
Timers: Uptime/Expires
Interface state: Interface, State

(192.168.1.100, 230.10.10.10), 00:00:06/00:03:23, flags: SF
T          <-- SPT-bit is set when the switchover occurs

Incoming interface: INSIDE
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RPF nbr: 192.168.1.100, Registering
Immediate Outgoing interface list:

NET207, Forward, 00:00:06/00:03:23

<-- Both interfaces are shown in

OUTSIDE, Forward, 00:00:06/00:03:23

<-- Both interfaces are shown in

Tunnel0, Forward, 00:00:06/never

At the end of the SPT switchover, only the NET207 interface is shown in the OIL of FTD:

<#root>

firepower#

show mroute 230.10.10.10

Multicast Routing Table

Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,
C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,
J - Join SPT

Timers: Uptime/Expires

Interface state: Interface, State

(192.168.1.100, 230.10.10.10), 00:00:28/00:03:01, flags: SFT

Incoming interface: INSIDE

RPF nbr: 192.168.1.100

Immediate Outgoing interface list:

NET207, Forward

, 00:00:28/00:03:01

<-- The interface NET207 forwards the multicast stream after the SPT switchover

On the last-hop router (ASA), the SPT bit is also set:

<#root>

asa#

show mroute 230.10.10.10

Multicast Routing Table

Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,
C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,
J - Join SPT

Timers: Uptime/Expires

Interface state: Interface, State

(* , 230.10.10.10), 01:43:09/never, RP 198.51.100.1, flags: SCJ

Incoming interface: OUTSIDE

RPF nbr: 192.168.104.61

Immediate Outgoing interface list:

INSIDE, Forward, 01:43:09/never

(192.168.1.100, 230.10.10.10)

, 00:00:03/00:03:27, flags: SJ

T <-- SPT switchover for group 230.10.10.10

Incoming interface:

NET207

<-- The multicast packets arrive on interface NET207

RPF nbr: 192.168.105.60

Inherited Outgoing interface list:

INSIDE, Forward, 01:43:09/never

The switchover from the ASA NET207 interface (the first-hop router that did the switchover). A PIM Join message is sent to the upstream device (FTD):

No.	Time	Delta	Source	Destination	Protocol	Identification	Length	Group
202	61.891684	0.000000	192.168.105.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x1c71 (7281)	68	230.10.10.10,230.10.10.10
1073	120.893225	59.001541	192.168.105.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x68ac (26796)	68	230.10.10.10,230.10.10.10
1174	180.894766	60.001541	192.168.105.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x0df8 (3576)	68	230.10.10.10,230.10.10.10
1276	240.896307	60.001541	192.168.105.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x6858 (26712)	68	230.10.10.10,230.10.10.10

> Frame 202: 68 bytes on wire (544 bits), 68 bytes captured (544 bits)
> Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_f6:1d:ae (00:be:75:f6:1d:ae), Dst: IPv4mcast_0d (01:00:5e:00:00:0d)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.105.50, Dst: 224.0.0.13
v Protocol Independent Multicast
 0010 = Version: 2
 0011 = Type: Join/Prune (3)
 Reserved byte(s): 00
 Checksum: 0xf8e4 [correct]
 [Checksum Status: Good]
 v PIM Options
 > Upstream-neighbor: 192.168.105.60
 Reserved byte(s): 00
 Num Groups: 1
 Holdtime: 210
 v Group 0
 > Group 0: 230.10.10.10/32
 v Num Joins: 1
 > IP address: 192.168.1.100/32 (S)
 Num Prunes: 0

On the OUTSIDE interface a PIM Prune message is sent to the RP to stop the multicast stream:

(ip.src == 192.168.104.50 && pim.type == 3) && (pim.group == 230.10.10.10) && (pim.numjoins == 0)

No.	Time	Delta	Source	Destination	Protocol	Identification	Length	Group
202	61.891668	0.000000	192.168.104.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x3a56 (14934)	68	230.10.10.10,230.10.10.10
2818	1137.915409	1076.023741	192.168.104.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x1acf (6863)	68	230.10.10.10,230.10.10.10
5124	1257.917103	120.001694	192.168.104.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x0b52 (2898)	68	230.10.10.10,230.10.10.10

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> Frame 202: 68 bytes on wire (544 bits), 68 bytes captured (544 bits)
 > Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_f6:1d:8e (00:be:75:f6:1d:8e), Dst: IPv4mcast_0d (01:00:5e:00:00:0d)
 > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.104.50, Dst: 224.0.0.13

▼ Protocol Independent Multicast

- 0010 = Version: 2
- 0011 = Type: Join/Prune (3)
- Reserved byte(s): 00
- Checksum: 0xf8e3 [correct]
- [Checksum Status: Good]

▼ PIM Options

- > Upstream-neighbor: 192.168.104.61
- Reserved byte(s): 00
- Num Groups: 1
- Holdtime: 210

▼ Group 0

- > Group 0: 230.10.10.10/32
- Num Joins: 0
- ▼ Num Prunes: 1
- > IP address: 192.168.1.100/32 (SR)

Verification of the PIM traffic:

<#root>

firepower#

show pim traffic

PIM Traffic Counters

Elapsed time since counters cleared: 1w2d

	Received	Sent	
Valid PIM Packets	53934	63983	
Hello	36905	77023	
Join-Prune	6495	494	<-- PIM Join/Prune messages
Register	0	2052	<-- PIM Register messages
Register Stop	1501	0	<-- PIM Register Stop messages
Assert	289	362	
Bidir DF Election	0	0	
Errors:			
Malformed Packets		0	
Bad Checksums		0	
Send Errors		0	

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Packet Sent on Loopback Errors          0
Packets Received on PIM-disabled Interface 0
Packets Received with Unknown PIM Version 0
Packets Received with Incorrect Addressing 0

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To verify the number of packets handled in the Slow Path vs Fast Path vs Control Point:

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<#root>
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firepower#
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show asp cluster counter
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Global dp-counters:

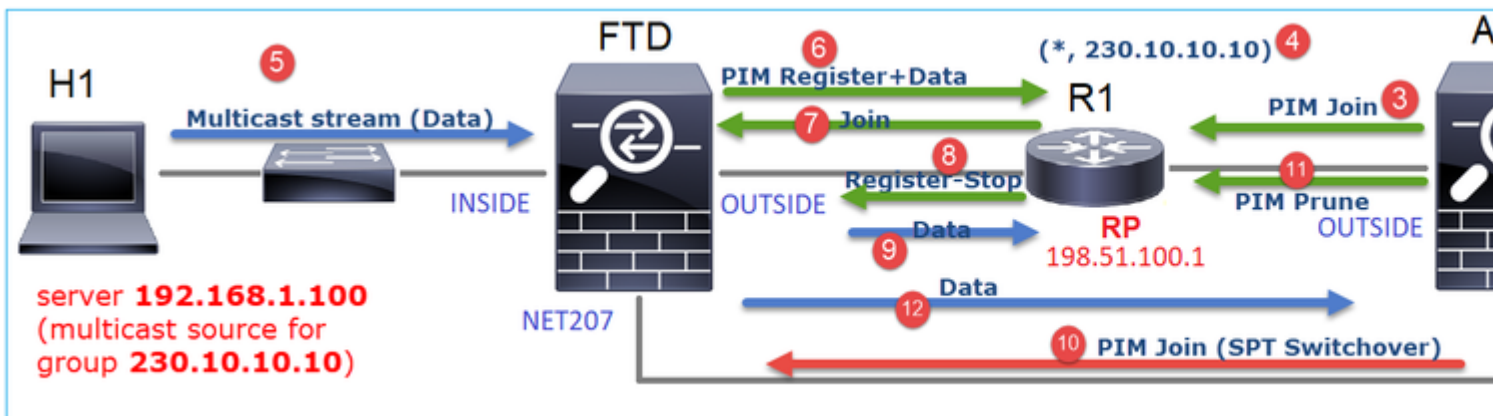
Context specific dp-counters:

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MCAST_FP_FROM_PUNT          2712  Number of multicast packets punted from CP to FP
MCAST_FP_FORWARDED          94901  Number of multicast packets forwarded in FP
MCAST_FP_TO_SP              1105138 Number of multicast packets punted from FP to SP
MCAST_SP_TOTAL              1107850 Number of total multicast packets processed in SP
MCAST_SP_FROM_PUNT          2712  Number of multicast packets punted from CP to SP
MCAST_SP_FROM_PUNT_FORWARD  2712  Number of multicast packets coming from CP that are forwarded
MCAST_SP_PKTS               537562 Number of multicast packets that require slow-path attention
MCAST_SP_PKTS_TO_FP_FWD     109  Number of multicast packets that skip over punt rule and are forwarded
MCAST_SP_PKTS_TO_CP         166981 Number of multicast packets punted to CP from SP
MCAST_FP_CHK_FAIL_NO_HANDLE  567576 Number of multicast packets failed with no flow mcst_handle
MCAST_FP_CHK_FAIL_NO_ACCEPT_IFC 223847 Number of multicast packets failed with no accept interface
MCAST_FP_CHK_FAIL_NO_SEQ_NO_MATCH 131  Number of multicast packets failed with no matched sequence
MCAST_FP_CHK_FAIL_NO_FP_FWD  313584 Number of multicast packets that cannot be fast-path forwarded
MCAST_FP_UPD_FOR_UNMATCH_IFC 91    Number of times that multicast flow's ifc_out cannot be updated

```

A diagram that shows what happens step-by-step:



1. The end-host (H2) sends an IGMP Report to join the multicast stream 230.10.10.10.
2. The last-hop router (ASA) which is the PIM DR creates a (*, 230.10.10.10) entry.
3. The ASA sends a PIM Join message towards RP for group 230.10.10.10.
4. The RP creates the (*, 230.10.10.10) entry.
5. The server sends the multicast stream data.
6. The FTD encapsulates the multicast packets in PIM Register messages and sends them (unicast) to

RP. At this point, the RP sees that he has an active receiver, decapsulates the multicast packets, and sends them to the receiver.

7. The RP sends a PIM Join message to the FTD to join the multicast tree.
8. The RP sends a PIM Register-Stop message to the FTD.
9. The FTD sends a native multicast stream (no PIM encapsulation) towards the RP.
10. The last-hop router (ASA) sees that the source (192.168.1.100) has a better path from the NET207 interface and starts a switchover. It sends a PIM Join message to the upstream device (FTD).
11. The last-hop router sends a PIM Prune message to the RP.
12. The FTD forwards the multicast stream towards the NET207 interface. The ASA moves from the shared tree (RP tree) to the source tree (SPT).

Task 2 – Configure PIM Bootstrap Router (BSR)

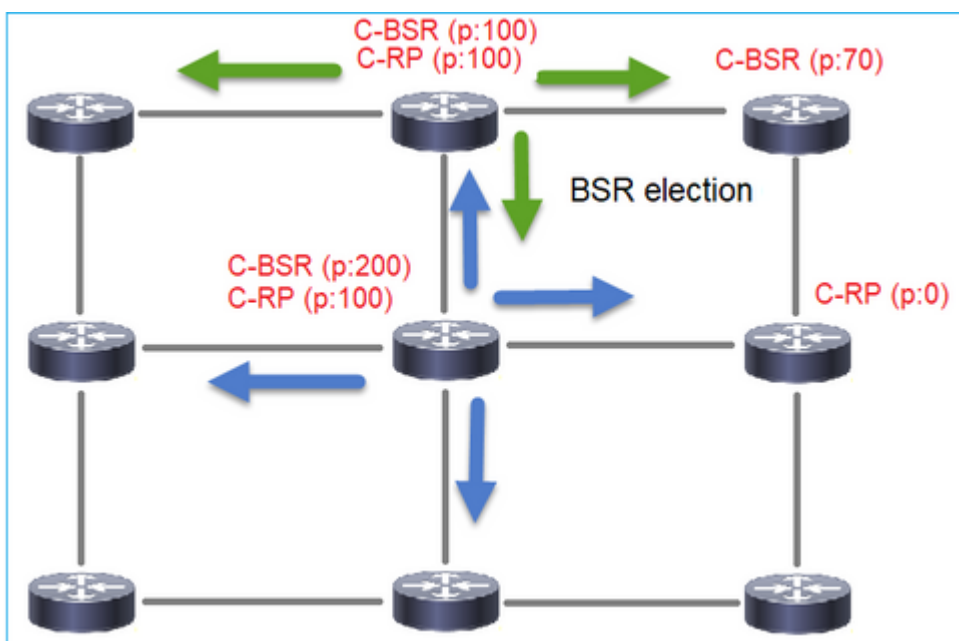
BSR basics

- BSR (RFC 5059) is a control-plane multicast mechanism that uses the PIM protocol and allows devices to learn the RP information dynamically.
- BSR definitions:
 - Candidate RP (C-RP): A device that wants to be an RP.
 - Candidate BSR (C-BSR): A device that wants to be a BSR and advertises RP-sets to other devices.
 - BSR: A device that is elected a BSR among many C-BSRs. The **highest BSR priority wins** the election.
 - RP-set: A list of all C-RPs and their priorities.
 - RP: The device with the **lowest RP priority wins** the election.
 - BSR PIM message (empty): A PIM message used in the BSR election.
 - BSR PIM message (normal): A PIM message sent to 224.0.0.13 IP and contains an RP-set and BSR info.

How BSR works

1. BSR election mechanism.

Each C-BSR sends PIM BSR empty messages that contain a priority. The device with the highest priority (fallback is the highest IP) wins the election and becomes the BSR. The rest of the devices do not send any more empty BSR messages.



A BSR message used in the election process contains only C-BSR priority info:

Filter: pim.type == 4

No.	Time	Delta	Source	Destination	Protocol	Identification	Length	Group	Info
2	6.437401	0.000000	192.168.103.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x2740 (10048)	52		Bootstrap
8	66.643725	60.206324	192.168.103.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x1559 (5465)	52		Bootstrap
13	126.850014	60.206289	192.168.103.50	224.0.0.13	PIMv2	0x0d32 (3378)	52		Bootstrap

<

> Frame 2: 52 bytes on wire (416 bits), 52 bytes captured (416 bits)

> Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_33:44:5d (f4:db:e6:33:44:5d), Dst: IPv4mcast_0d (01:00:5e:00:00:0d)

> 802.1Q Virtual LAN, PRI: 0, DEI: 0, ID: 206

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.103.50, Dst: 224.0.0.13

▼ Protocol Independent Multicast

0010 = Version: 2

.... 0100 = Type: Bootstrap (4)

Reserved byte(s): 00

Checksum: 0x4aa9 [correct]

[Checksum Status: Good]

▼ PIM Options

Fragment tag: 0x687b

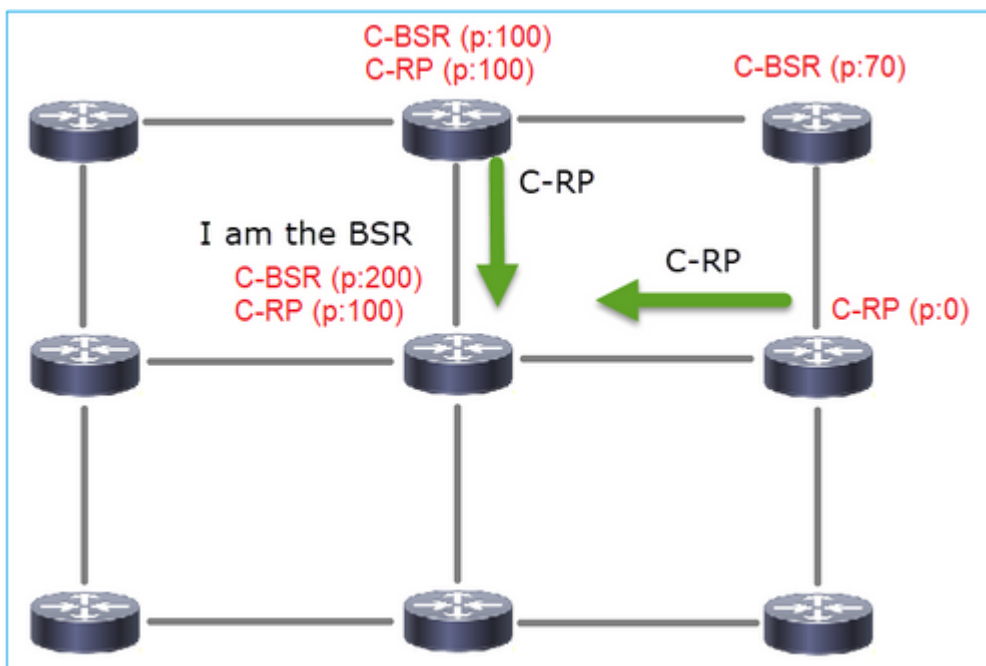
Hash mask len: 0

BSR priority: 0

> BSR: 192.168.103.50

To display BSR messages in Wireshark, use this display filter: pim.type == 4

2. The C-RPs send **unicast** BSR messages to the BSR that contain their C-RP priority:



A candidate RP message:

```

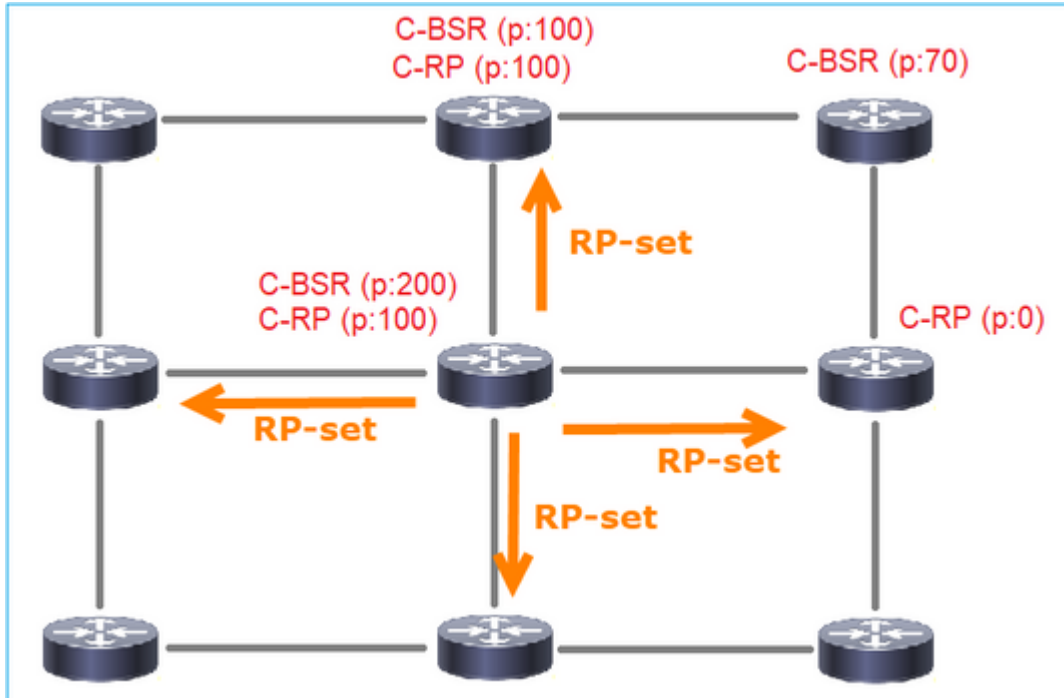
pim.type == 8
No.    Time      Delta      Source      Destination  Protocol  Identification  Length  Group  Info
---    -
35 383.703125  0.000000  192.0.2.1   192.168.103.50 PIMv2     0x4ca8 (19624)   60 224.0.0.0 Candidate-RP-Advertisement

<
> Frame 35: 60 bytes on wire (480 bits), 60 bytes captured (480 bits)
> Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_fc:fc:d8 (4c:4e:35:fc:fc:d8), Dst: Cisco_33:44:5d (f4:db:e6:33:44:5d)
> 802.1Q Virtual LAN, PRI: 0, DEI: 0, ID: 206
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.0.2.1, Dst: 192.168.103.50
v Protocol Independent Multicast
  0010 .... = Version: 2
  ... 1000 = Type: Candidate-RP-Advertisement (8)
  Reserved byte(s): 00
  Checksum: 0x3263 [correct]
  [Checksum Status: Good]
  v PIM Options
    Prefix-count: 1
    Priority: 0
    Holdtime: 150
    v RP: 192.0.2.1
      Address Family: IPv4 (1)
      Encoding Type: Native (0)
      Unicast: 192.0.2.1
    v Group 0: 224.0.0.0/4
      Address Family: IPv4 (1)
      Encoding Type: Native (0)
    > Flags: 0x00
      Masklen: 4
      Group: 224.0.0.0

```

To display BSR messages in Wireshark, use this display filter: `pim.type == 8`

3. The BSR composes the RP-set and advertises it to all PIM neighbors:

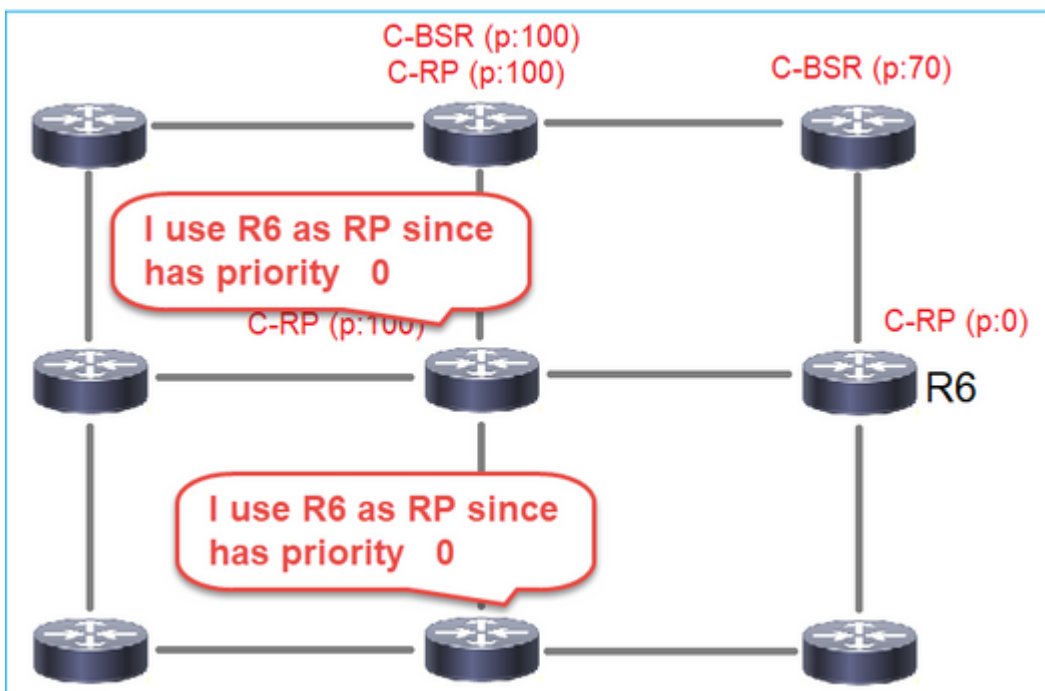


```

(ip.src == 192.168.105.60) && (pim.type == 4)
No.    Time          Delta           Source          Destination     Protocol  Identification  Length  Group
-----
152 747.108256    1.001297 192.168.105.60 224.0.0.13     PIMv2    0x0bec (3052)   84     224.0.0.0,224.0.0.0
<
> Frame 152: 84 bytes on wire (672 bits), 84 bytes captured (672 bits)
> Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_33:44:5d (f4:db:e6:33:44:5d), Dst: IPv4mcast_0d (01:00:5e:00:00:0d)
> 802.1Q Virtual LAN, PRI: 6, DEI: 0, ID: 207
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.105.60, Dst: 224.0.0.13
v Protocol Independent Multicast
  0010 .... = Version: 2
  .... 0100 = Type: Bootstrap (4)
  Reserved byte(s): 00
  Checksum: 0x264f [correct]
  [Checksum Status: Good]
  v PIM Options
    Fragment tag: 0x2412
    Hash mask len: 0
    BSR priority: 100
  > BSR: 192.0.2.2
  v Group 0: 224.0.0.0/4
    Address Family: IPv4 (1)
    Encoding Type: Native (0)
  > Flags: 0x00
    Masklen: 4
    Group: 224.0.0.0
    RP count: 2
    FRP count: 2
    Priority: 0
    Priority: 100
  > RP 0: 192.0.2.1
    Holdtime: 150
  > RP 1: 192.0.2.2
    Holdtime: 150
  Reserved byte(s): 00
  Reserved byte(s): 00

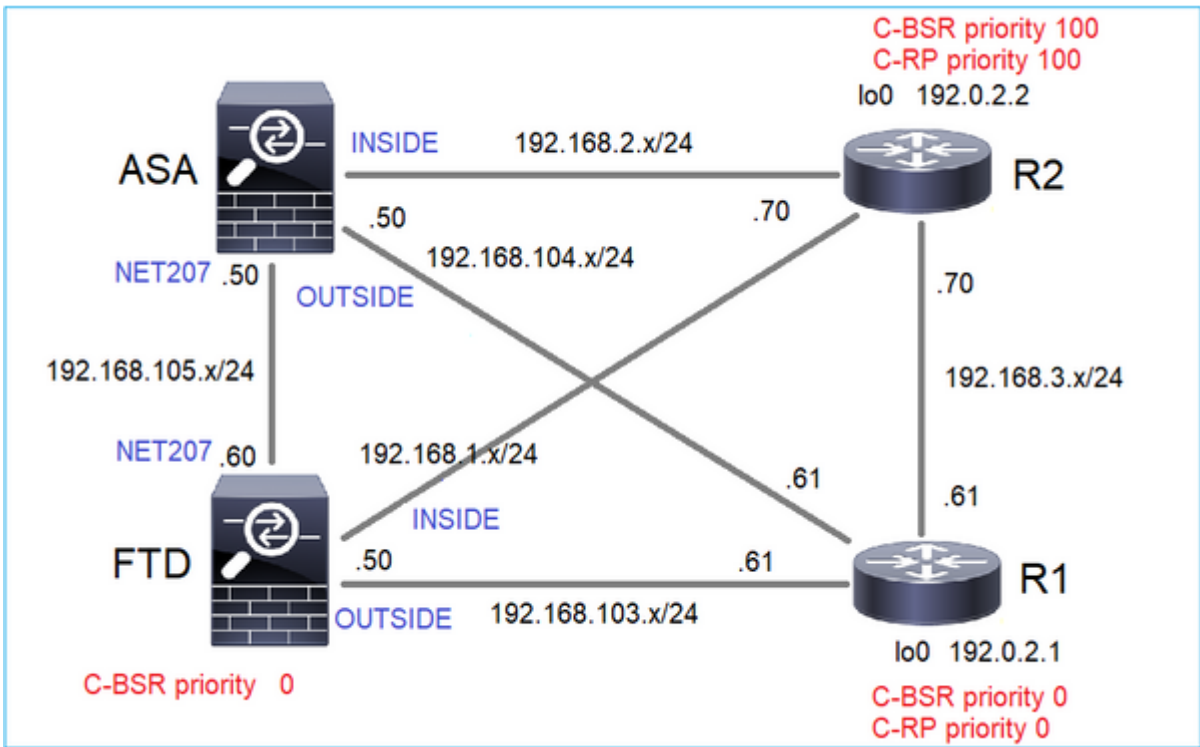
```

4. The routers/firewalls get the RP-set and elect the RP based on the lowest priority:



Task requirement

Configure the C-BSRs and C-RPs per this topology:



for this task, the FTD must announce itself as C-BSR on the OUTSIDE interface with BSR priority 0.

Solution

FMC configuration for FTD:

Firewall Management Center
Devices / NGFW Routing

Overview Analysis Policies **Devices** Objects Integration

FTD4125-1
Cisco Firepower 4125 Threat Defense

Device **Routing** Interfaces Inline Sets DHCP

Manage Virtual Routers
Global

Virtual Router Properties
ECMP
OSPF
OSPFv3
EIGRP
RIP
Policy Based Routing
BGP
IPv4
IPv6
Static Route
Multicast Routing
IGMP
PIM

Enable Multicast Routing (Enabling Multicast Routing checkbox will enable both IGMP and PIM on all Interfaces.)

Protocol Neighbor Filter Bidirectional Neighbor Filter Rendezvous Points Route Tree Request Filter **Bo**

Configure this FTD as a Candidate Bootstrap Router (C-BSR)

Interface:*
OUTSIDE

Hashmask Length:
0 (0-32)

Priority:
0 (0-255)

Configure this FTD as Border Bootstrap Router (BSR) (optional)

Interface	Enable BSR
No records to display	

The deployed configuration:

```
multicast-routing
!
pim bsr-candidate OUTSIDE 0 0
```

Configuration on the other devices:

R1

```
ip multicast-routing
ip pim bsr-candidate Loopback0 0
ip pim rp-candidate Loopback0
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 192.0.2.1 255.255.255.255
 ip pim sparse-mode
!
! PIM is also enabled on the transit interfaces (e.g. G0/0.203, G0/0.207, G0/0.205)
```

Same on R2, but with different C-BSR and C-RP priorities

```
ip pim bsr-candidate Loopback0 0 100
ip pim rp-candidate Loopback0 priority 100
```

On ASA there is just multicast globally enabled. This enables PIM on all interfaces:

```
multicast-routing
```

Verification

R2 is the elected BSR due to the highest priority:

```
<#root>
firepower#
show pim bsr-router

PIMv2 BSR information
BSR Election Information

BSR Address: 192.0.2.2          <-- This is the IP of the BSR (R1 lo0)
    Uptime: 00:03:35, BSR Priority: 100
,
Hash mask length: 0
    RPF: 192.168.1.70,INSIDE
<-- The interface to the BSR
    BS Timer: 00:01:34
    This system is candidate BSR
    Candidate BSR address: 192.168.103.50, priority: 0, hash mask length: 0
```

R1 is elected as RP due to the lowest priority:

```
<#root>
firepower#
show pim group-map

Group Range      Proto  Client  Groups RP address  Info
224.0.1.39/32*   DM     static  0        0.0.0.0
224.0.1.40/32*   DM     static  0        0.0.0.0
224.0.0.0/24*    L-Local static  1        0.0.0.0
232.0.0.0/8*     SSM    config  0        0.0.0.0
```

224.0.0.0/4

*

SM

BSR

0

192.0.2.1

RPF: OUTSIDE,192.168.103.61

<-- The elected BSR

224.0.0.0/4	SM	BSR	0	192.0.2.2	RPF: INSIDE,192.168.1.70
224.0.0.0/4	SM	static	0	0.0.0.0	RPF: ,0.0.0.0

The BSR messages **are subject to RPF check**. You can enable **debug pim bsr** to verify this:

<#root>

IPv4 BSR: Received BSR message from 192.168.105.50 for 192.0.2.2, BSR priority 100 hash mask length 0
IPv4 BSR:

BSR message

from 192.168.105.50/

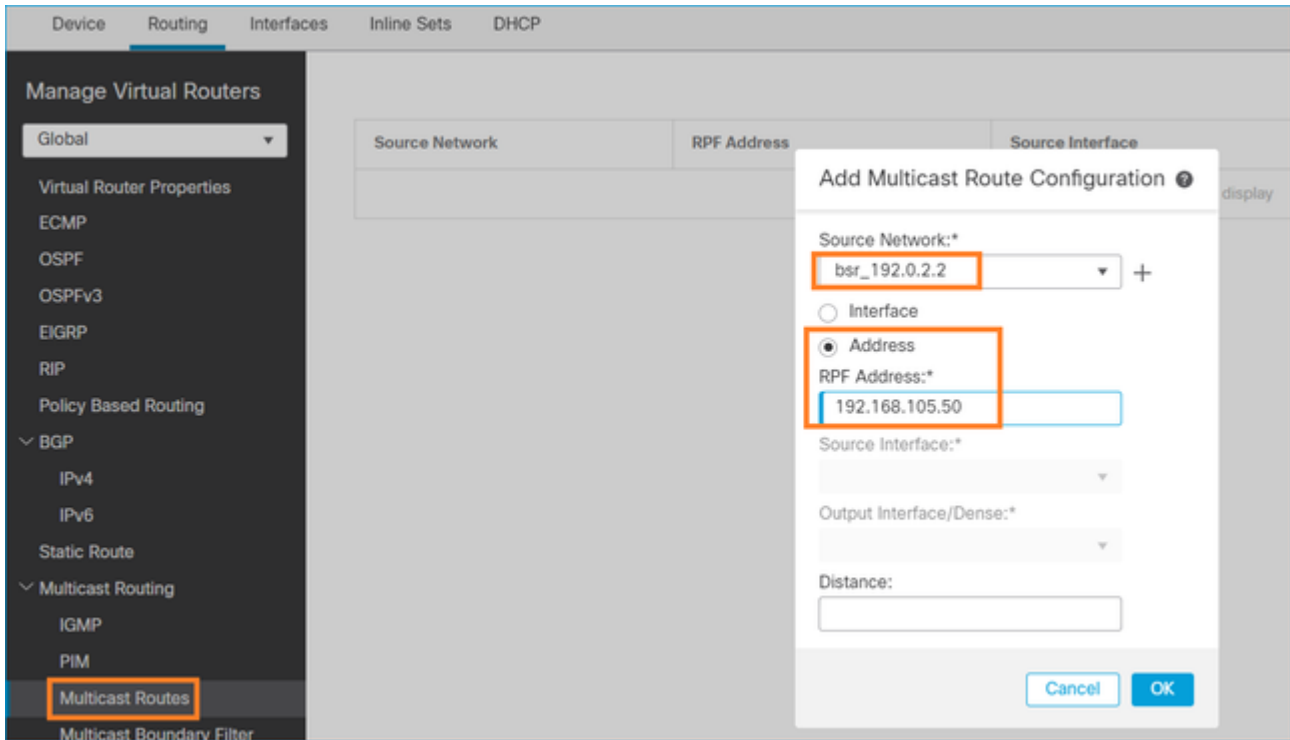
NET207

for 192.0.2.2

RPF failed, dropped

<-- The RPF check for the received BSR message failed

If you want to change the RPF interface you can configure a static mroute. In this example, the firewall accepts BSR messages from IP 192.168.105.50:



<#root>

firepower#

show run mroute

```
mroute 192.0.2.2 255.255.255.255 192.168.105.50
```

<#root>

firepower#

show pim bsr-router

PIMv2 BSR information

BSR Election Information

BSR Address: 192.0.2.2

Uptime: 01:21:38, BSR Priority: 100, Hash mask length: 0

RPF: 192.168.105.50,NET207

<-- The RPF check points to the static mroute

BS Timer: 00:01:37

This system is candidate BSR

Candidate BSR address: 192.168.103.50, priority: 0, hash mask length: 0

Now BSR messages on NET207 interface are accepted, but on INSIDE are dropped:

<#root>


```
IPv4 BSR: Received BSR message from 192.168.1.70 for 192.0.2.2, BSR priority 100 hash mask length 0
```

```
IPv4 BSR: BSR message from 192.168.1.70/INSIDE for 192.0.2.2 RPF failed, dropped
```

```
...
```

```
IPv4 BSR: Received BSR message from 192.168.105.50 for 192.0.2.2, BSR priority 100 hash mask length 0
```

```
<-- RPF check is OK
```

Enable capture with trace on the firewall and check how the BSR messages are processed:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show capture
```

```
capture CAPI type raw-data trace interface INSIDE [Capturing - 276 bytes]
```

```
  match pim any any
```

```
capture CAPO type raw-data trace interface OUTSIDE [Capturing - 176 bytes]
```

```
  match pim any any
```

The PIM connections are terminated on the firewall so in order for the trace to show useful information there is a need to clear the connections to the box:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show conn all | i PIM
```

```
firepower# show conn all | include PIM
```

```
PIM OUTSIDE 192.168.103.61 NP Identity Ifc 224.0.0.13, idle 0:00:23, bytes 116802, flags
```

```
PIM NET207 192.168.104.50 NP Identity Ifc 224.0.0.13, idle 0:00:17, bytes 307296, flags
```

```
PIM NET207 192.168.104.61 NP Identity Ifc 224.0.0.13, idle 0:00:01, bytes 184544, flags
```

```
PIM NET207 192.168.105.50 NP Identity Ifc 224.0.0.13, idle 0:00:18, bytes 120248, flags
```

```
PIM INSIDE 192.168.1.70 NP Identity Ifc 224.0.0.13, idle 0:00:27, bytes 15334, flags
```

```
PIM OUTSIDE 224.0.0.13 NP Identity Ifc 192.168.103.50, idle 0:00:21, bytes 460834, flags
```

```
PIM INSIDE 224.0.0.13 NP Identity Ifc 192.168.1.50, idle 0:00:00, bytes 441106, flags
```

```
PIM NET207 224.0.0.13 NP Identity Ifc 192.168.105.60, idle 0:00:09, bytes 458462, flags
```

```
firepower#
```

```
clear conn all addr 224.0.0.13
```

```
8 connection(s) deleted.
```

```
firepower#
```

```
clear cap /all
```

```
<#root>
```

firepower#

show capture CAPI packet-number 2 trace

6 packets captured

2: 11:31:44.390421 802.1Q vlan#205 P6

192.168.1.70 > 224.0.0.13

ip-proto-103, length 38

<-- Ingress PIM packet

Phase: 1

Type: CAPTURE

Subtype:

Result: ALLOW

Elapsed time: 4880 ns

Config:

Additional Information:

MAC Access list

Phase: 2

Type: ACCESS-LIST

Subtype:

Result: ALLOW

Elapsed time: 4880 ns

Config:

Implicit Rule

Additional Information:

MAC Access list

Phase: 3

Type: ROUTE-LOOKUP

Subtype: No ECMP load balancing

Result: ALLOW

Elapsed time: 9760 ns

Config:

Additional Information:

Destination is locally connected. No ECMP load balancing.

Found next-hop 192.168.1.70 using egress ifc INSIDE(vrfid:0)

Phase: 4

Type: CLUSTER-DROP-ON-SLAVE

Subtype: cluster-drop-on-slave

Result: ALLOW

Elapsed time: 4392 ns

Config:

Additional Information:

Phase: 5

Type: ACCESS-LIST

Subtype:

Result: ALLOW

Elapsed time: 4392 ns

Config:

Implicit Rule

Additional Information:

Phase: 6

Type: NAT

Subtype: per-session
Result: ALLOW
Elapsed time: 4392 ns
Config:
Additional Information:

Phase: 7
Type: IP-OPTIONS
Subtype:
Result: ALLOW
Elapsed time: 4392 ns
Config:
Additional Information:

Phase: 8
Type: CLUSTER-REDIRECT
Subtype: cluster-redirect
Result: ALLOW
Elapsed time: 18056 ns
Config:
Additional Information:

Phase: 9

Type: MULTICAST <-- The multicast process

Subtype: pim

Result: ALLOW
Elapsed time: 976 ns
Config:
Additional Information:

Phase: 10
Type: MULTICAST
Subtype:
Result: ALLOW
Elapsed time: 488 ns
Config:
Additional Information:

Phase: 11
Type: FLOW-CREATION
Subtype:
Result: ALLOW
Elapsed time: 20008 ns
Config:
Additional Information:
New flow created with id 25630, packet dispatched to next module

Result:
input-interface: INSIDE(vrfid:0)
input-status: up
input-line-status: up
output-interface: INSIDE(vrfid:0)
output-status: up
output-line-status: up

Action: allow

Time Taken: 76616 ns

If the PIM packet is dropped due to RPF failure, the trace shows:

<#root>

firepower#

show capture NET207 packet-number 4 trace

85 packets captured

4: 11:31:42.385951 802.1Q vlan#207 P6

192.168.104.61 > 224.0.0.13 ip-proto-103

, length 38

<-- Ingress PIM packet

Phase: 1

Type: CAPTURE

Subtype:

Result: ALLOW

Elapsed time: 5368 ns

Config:

Additional Information:

MAC Access list

Phase: 2

Type: ACCESS-LIST

Subtype:

Result: ALLOW

Elapsed time: 5368 ns

Config:

Implicit Rule

Additional Information:

MAC Access list

Phase: 3

Type: INPUT-ROUTE-LOOKUP

Subtype: Resolve Egress Interface

Result: ALLOW

Elapsed time: 11224 ns

Config:

Additional Information:

Found next-hop 192.168.103.61 using egress ifc OUTSIDE(vrfid:0)

Phase: 4

Type: INPUT-ROUTE-LOOKUP

Subtype: Resolve Egress Interface

Result: ALLOW

Elapsed time: 3416 ns

Config:

Additional Information:

Found next-hop 192.168.103.61 using egress ifc OUTSIDE(vrfid:0)

Result:

input-interface: NET207(vrfid:0)

```
input-status: up
input-line-status: up
output-interface: OUTSIDE(vrfid:0)
output-status: up
output-line-status: up
Action: drop
Time Taken: 25376 ns
```

Drop-reason: (rpf-violated) Reverse-path verify failed, Drop-location: frame 0x0000558f240d6e15 flow (NA

<-- the packet is dropped due to RPF check failure

The ASP table drops and captures show RPF-failed packets:

<#root>

firepower#

show asp drop

Frame drop:

Reverse-path verify failed (rpf-violated)	122
<-- Multicast RPF drops	
Flow is denied by configured rule (acl-drop)	256
FP L2 rule drop (l2_acl)	768

To capture packets that are dropped due to RPF failure:

<#root>

firepower#

capture ASP type asp-drop rpf-violated

<#root>

firepower#

show capture ASP | include 224.0.0.13

```
2: 11:36:20.445960 802.1Q vlan#207 P6 192.168.104.50 > 224.0.0.13 ip-proto-103, length 38
10: 11:36:38.787846 802.1Q vlan#207 P6 192.168.104.61 > 224.0.0.13 ip-proto-103, length 38
15: 11:36:48.299743 802.1Q vlan#207 P6 192.168.104.50 > 224.0.0.13 ip-proto-103, length 46
16: 11:36:48.300063 802.1Q vlan#207 P6 192.168.104.61 > 224.0.0.13 ip-proto-103, length 46
```

Troubleshooting Methodology

The troubleshooting methodology for the firewall mainly depends on the on the role of the firewall in the multicast topology. This is the list of recommended steps for troubleshooting:

1. Clarify the details of problem description and symptoms. Try to narrow down the scope to the **Control Plane (IGMP/PIM)** or the **Data Plane (multicast stream)** issues.
2. The mandatory prerequisite for troubleshooting multicast issues on the firewall is to clarify the multicast topology. At minimum, you need to identify:
 - role of the firewall in the multicast topology - FHR, LHR, RP, or another intermediary role.
 - expected multicast ingress and egress interfaces on the firewall.
 - RP.
 - sender source IP addresses.
 - multicast groups IP addresses and destination ports.
 - receivers of the multicast stream.
3. Identify the type of multicast routing - **Stub** or **PIM multicast routing**:
 - **Stub multicast routing** - it provides dynamic host registration and facilitates multicast routing. When configured for stub multicast routing, the ASA acts as an IGMP proxy agent. Instead of fully participating in multicast routing, the ASA forwards IGMP messages to an upstream multicast router, which sets up delivery of the multicast data. To identify the stub mode routing, use the **show igmp interface** command and check IGMP forward configuration:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show igmp interface
```

```
inside is up, line protocol is up
  Internet address is 192.168.2.2/24
  IGMP is disabled on interface
outside is up, line protocol is up
  Internet address is 192.168.3.1/24
  IGMP is enabled on interface
  Current IGMP version is 2
  IGMP query interval is 125 seconds
  IGMP querier timeout is 255 seconds
  IGMP max query response time is 10 seconds
  Last member query response interval is 1 seconds
  Inbound IGMP access group is:
  IGMP limit is 500, currently active joins: 0
  Cumulative IGMP activity: 0 joins, 0 leaves
```

```
IGMP forwarding on interface inside
```

```
IGMP querying router is 192.168.3.1 (this system)
```

PIM is enabled on the interfaces; however, neighborhood is not established:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim interface
```

Address	Interface	PIM	Nbr Count	Hello Intvl	DR Prior	DR
192.168.2.2	inside	on	0	30	1	this system
192.168.3.1	outside	on	0	30	1	this system

```
firepower# show pim neighbor
```

```
No neighbors found.
```

PIM-SM/Bidir and IGMP forwarding are **not** supported concurrently.

You cannot configure options such as the RP address:

```
<#root>
```

```
%Error: PIM-SM/Bidir and IGMP forwarding are not supported concurrently
```

- **PIM multicast routing - The PIM multicast routing is the most common deployment.** The firewall supports both PIM-SM and bidirectional PIM. PIM-SM is a multicast routing protocol that uses the underlying unicast routing information base or a separate multicast-capable routing information base. It builds unidirectional shared tree rooted at a single Rendezvous Point (RP) per multicast group and optionally creates shortest-path trees per multicast source. In this deployment mode, unlike the stub mode, the users usually configure the RP address configuration, and the firewall establishes PIM adjacencies with the peers:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show run pim
```

```
pim rp-address 10.10.10.1
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim group-map
```

Group Range	Proto	Client	Groups	RP address	Info
224.0.1.39/32*	DM	static	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.1.40/32*	DM	static	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.0.0/24*	L-Local	static	1	0.0.0.0	
232.0.0.0/8*	SSM	config	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.0.0/4*	SM	config	1	10.10.10.1	RPF: inside,192.168.2.1 <--- RP address is 10.10.10.1
224.0.0.0/4	SM	static	0	0.0.0.0	RPF: ,0.0.0.0

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim neighbor
```

Neighbor Address	Interface	Uptime	Expires	DR	pri	Bidir
192.168.2.1	inside	00:02:52	00:01:19	1		
192.168.3.100	outside	00:03:03	00:01:39	1	(DR)	

4. Check RP IP address is configured and reachability:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show run pim
```

```
pim rp-address 10.10.10.1
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim group-map
```

Group Range	Proto	Client	Groups	RP address	Info
224.0.1.39/32*	DM	static	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.1.40/32*	DM	static	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.0.0/24*	L-Local	static	1	0.0.0.0	
232.0.0.0/8*	SSM	config	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.0.0/4*	SM	config	1	10.10.10.1	RPF: inside,192.168.2.1 <--- RP is 10.10.10.1
224.0.0.0/4	SM	static	0	0.0.0.0	RPF: ,0.0.0.0

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim group-map
```

Group Range	Proto	Client	Groups	RP address	Info
224.0.1.39/32*	DM	static	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.1.40/32*	DM	static	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.0.0/24*	L-Local	static	1	0.0.0.0	
232.0.0.0/8*	SSM	config	0	0.0.0.0	
224.0.0.0/4*	SM	config	1	192.168.2.2	RPF: Tunnel0,192.168.2.2 (us) <--- â€œusâ€œ
224.0.0.0/4	SM	static	0	0.0.0.0	RPF: ,0.0.0.0

Warning: The firewall cannot be simultaneously an **RP** and a **FHR**.

5. Check additional outputs depending on the role of the firewall in the multicast topology and the problem symptoms.

FHR

- Check interface **Tunnel0** status. This interface is used to encapsulate raw multicast traffic inside PIM payload and send unicast packet to RP for with PIM-register bit set:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show interface detail | b Interface Tunnel0
```

```
Interface Tunnel0 "", is up, line protocol is up
```

```
Hardware is Available but not configured via nameif
MAC address 0000.0000.0000, MTU not set
IP address unassigned
Control Point Interface States:
Interface number is un-assigned
Interface config status is active
Interface state is active
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim tunnel
```

Interface	RP Address	Source Address
Tunnel0	10.10.10.1	192.168.2.2

- Check mroutes:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show mroute
```

```
Multicast Routing Table
```

```
Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,
C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,
J - Join SPT
```

```
Timers: Uptime/Expires
```

```
Interface state: Interface, State
```

```
(192.168.2.1, 230.1.1.1), 00:00:07/00:03:22, flags: SFT
```

```
Incoming interface: inside
```

```
RPF nbr: 192.168.2.1, Registering <--- Registering state
```

```
Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
outside, Forward, 00:00:07/00:03:26
```

```
Tunnel0, Forward, 00:00:07/never <--- Tunnel0 is in OIL, that indicates raw traffic is encapsulated.
```

When the firewall receives PIM packet with Register-Stop bit, Tunnel0 is removed from the OIL. The firewall then stops encapsulation and sends raw multicast traffic via the egress interface:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show mroute
```

```
Multicast Routing Table
```

```
Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,  
C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,  
P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,  
J - Join SPT
```

```
Timers: Uptime/Expires
```

```
Interface state: Interface, State
```

```
(192.168.2.1, 230.1.1.1), 00:07:26/00:02:59, flags: SFT
```

```
Incoming interface: inside
```

```
RPF nbr: 192.168.2.1
```

```
Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
outside, Forward, 00:07:26/00:02:59
```

- Check PIM register counters:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim traffic
```

```
PIM Traffic Counters
```

```
Elapsed time since counters cleared: 00:13:13
```

	Received	Sent	
Valid PIM Packets	42	58	
Hello	27	53	
Join-Prune	9	0	
Register	0	8	<--- Sent to the RP
Register Stop	6	0	<--- Received from the RP
Assert	0	0	
Bidir DF Election	0	0	
Errors:			
Malformed Packets		0	
Bad Checksums		0	
Send Errors		0	
Packet Sent on Loopback Errors		0	
Packets Received on PIM-disabled Interface		0	

Packets Received with Unknown PIM Version 0
Packets Received with Incorrect Addressing 0

- Check unicast PIM packet captures between the firewall and the RP:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
capture capo interface outside match pim any host 10.10.10.1 <--- RP IP
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show capture capi
```

```
4 packets captured
```

```
1: 09:53:28.097559      192.168.3.1 > 10.10.10.1  ip-proto-103, length 50      <--- Unicast to RP
2: 09:53:32.089167      192.168.3.1 > 10.10.10.1  ip-proto-103, length 50
3: 09:53:37.092890      192.168.3.1 > 10.10.10.1  ip-proto-103, length 50
4: 09:53:37.095850      10.10.10.1 > 192.168.3.1  ip-proto-103, length 18      <--- Unicast from RP
```

- Collect additional outputs (x.x.x.x is the multicast group, y.y.y.y is the RP IP). It is recommended to collect the outputs **few times**:

```
<#root>
```

```
show conn all protocol udp address x.x.x.x
```

```
show local-host x.x.x.x
```

```
show asp event dp-cp
```

```
show asp drop
```

```
show asp cluster counter
```

```
show asp table routing y.y.y.y
```

```
show route y.y.y.y
```

```
show mroute
```

```
show pim interface
```

```
show pim neighbor  
show pim traffic
```

```
show igmp interface
```

```
show mfib count
```

- Collect raw multicast interface packet and ASP drop captures.

```
<#root>
```

```
capture capi interface <ingress intf> buffer 32000000 match udp host X host Z <--- (ingress capture for
```

```
capture capo interface <egress intf> buffer 32000000 match udp host X host Z <--- (egress capture for mu  
capture asp type asp-drop buffer 32000000 match udp host X host Z <--- (ASP drop capture for multicast U
```

- Syslog messages - common IDs are 302015, 302016 and 710005.

RP

- Check interface Tunnel0 status. This interface is used to encapsulate raw multicast traffic inside PIM payload and send unicast packet to FHR for with PIM-stop bit set:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show interface detail | b Interface Tunnel0
```

```
Interface Tunnel0 "", is up, line protocol is up
```

```
Hardware is Available but not configured via nameif  
MAC address 0000.0000.0000, MTU not set  
IP address unassigned  
Control Point Interface States:  
Interface number is un-assigned  
Interface config status is active  
Interface state is active
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim tunnel
```

Interface	RP Address	Source Address
Tunnel0	192.168.2.2	192.168.2.2
Tunnel0	192.168.2.2	-

- Check mroutes:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show mroute
```

```
Multicast Routing Table
```

```
Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,
       C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
       P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,
       J - Join SPT
```

```
Timers: Uptime/Expires
```

```
Interface state: Interface, State
```

```
(* , 230.1.1.1), 01:04:30/00:02:50, RP 192.168.2.2, flags: S <--- *,G entry
```

```
Incoming interface: Tunnel0
```

```
RPF nbr: 192.168.2.2
```

```
Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
outside
```

```
, Forward, 01:04:30/00:02:50
```

```
(192.168.1.100, 230.1.1.1), 00:00:04/00:03:28, flags: ST S <--- S,G entry
```

```
Incoming interface:
```

```
inside
```

```
RPF nbr: 192.168.2.1
```

```
Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
outside, Forward, 00:00:03/00:03:25
```

- Check PIM counters:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower #
```

```
show pim traffic
```

```
PIM Traffic Counters
```

```
Elapsed time since counters cleared: 02:24:37
```

	Received	Sent
Valid PIM Packets	948	755
Hello	467	584
Join-Prune	125	32
Register	344	16
Register Stop	12	129
Assert	0	0
Bidir DF Election	0	0
Errors:		
Malformed Packets		0
Bad Checksums		0
Send Errors		0
Packet Sent on Loopback Errors		0
Packets Received on PIM-disabled Interface		0
Packets Received with Unknown PIM Version		0
Packets Received with Incorrect Addressing		0

- Collect additional outputs (x.x.x.x is the multicast group, y.y.y.y is the RP IP). It is recommended to collect the outputs **few times**:

```
<#root>
```

```
show conn all protocol udp address x.x.x.x
```

```
show conn all | i PIM
```

```
show local-host x.x.x.x
```

```
show asp event dp-cp
```

```
show asp drop
```

```
show asp cluster counter
```

```
show asp table routing y.y.y.y
```

```
show route y.y.y.y
```

```
show mroute
```

```
show pim interface
```

```
show pim neighbor
```

```
show igmp interface
```

```
show mfib count
```

- Collect raw multicast interface packet and ASP drop captures:

```
<#root>
```

```
capture capi interface <ingress intf> buffer 32000000 match udp host X host Z <--- (ingress capture for
```

```
capture capo interface <egress intf> buffer 32000000 match udp host X host Z <--- (egress capture for m
```

```
capture asp type asp-drop buffer 32000000 match udp host X host Z <--- (ASP drop capture for multicast U
```

- Syslog - common IDs are 302015, 302016 and 710005.

LHR

Consider the steps mentioned in the section for the RP and these additional checks:

- Mroutes:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show mroute
```

Multicast Routing Table

Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,
C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,
J - Join SPT

Timers: Uptime/Expires

Interface state: Interface, State

(* , 230.1.1.1), 00:23:30/never, RP 10.10.10.1, flags: SCJ <--- C flag means connected receiver

Incoming interface:

inside

RPF nbr: 192.168.2.1

Immediate Outgoing interface list:

outside

, Forward, 00:23:30/never

(192.168.1.100, 230.1.1.1), 00:00:36/00:03:04, flags: SJT <--- J flag indicates switchover to SPT, T fla

Incoming interface:

inside

RPF nbr: 192.168.2.1

Inherited Outgoing interface list:

outside

, Forward, 00:23:30/never

(* , 230.1.1.2), 00:01:50/never, RP 10.10.10.1, flags: SCJ <--- C flag means connected receiver

Incoming interface:

inside

RPF nbr: 192.168.2.1

Immediate Outgoing interface list:

outside

, Forward, 00:01:50/never

(192.168.1.100, 230.1.1.2), 00:00:10/00:03:29, flags: SJT <--- <--- J flag indicates switchover to SPT,

Incoming interface:

inside

RPF nbr: 192.168.2.1
Inherited Outgoing interface list:

outside

, Forward, 00:01:50/never

- IGMP groups:

<#root>

firepower#

show igmp groups detail <--- The list of IGMP groups

Interface: outside

Group: 230.1.1.1

Uptime: 00:21:42

Router mode: EXCLUDE (Expires: 00:03:17)

Host mode: INCLUDE

Last reporter: 192.168.3.100 <--- Host joined group 230.1.1.1

Source list is empty

Interface: outside

Group: 230.1.1.2

Uptime: 00:00:02

Router mode: EXCLUDE (Expires: 00:04:17)

Host mode: INCLUDE

Last reporter: 192.168.3.101 <--- Host joined group 230.1.1.2

Source list is empty

- IGMP traffic statistics:

<#root>

firepower#

show igmp traffic

IGMP Traffic Counters

Elapsed time since counters cleared: 1d04h

	Received	Sent
Valid IGMP Packets	2468	856
Queries	2448	856
Reports	20	0
Leaves	0	0
Mtrace packets	0	0
DVMRP packets	0	0
PIM packets	0	0
Errors:		
Malformed Packets	0	
Martian source	0	
Bad Checksums	0	

PIM Troubleshooting Commands (Cheat Sheet)

Command	Description
show running-config multicast-routing	To see if multicast routing is enabled on the firewall
show run mroute	To see the static mroutes configured on the firewall
show running-config pim	To see the PIM configuration on the firewall
show pim interface	To see which firewall interfaces have PIM enabled and the PIM neighbors.
show pim neighbor	To see the PIM neighbors
show pim group-map	To see the multicast groups mapped to the RP
show mroute	To see the full multicast routing table
show mroute 230.10.10.10	To see the multicast table for a specific multicast group
show pim tunnel	To see if there is a PIM tunnel built between the firewall and the RP
show conn all detail address RP_IP_ADDRESS	To see if there is a connection (PIM tunnel) established between the firewall and the RP

show pim topology	To see the firewall PIM topology output
debug pim	This debug shows all PIM messages from and to the firewall
debug pim group 230.10.10.10	This debug shows all PIM messages from and to the firewall for the specific multicast group
show pim traffic	To see statistics about received and sent PIM messages
show asp cluster counter	To verify the number of packets handled in the Slow Path vs Fast Path vs Control Point
show asp drop	To see all software-level drops on the firewall
capture CAP interface INSIDE trace match pim any any	To capture and trace ingress PIM multicast packets on the firewall
capture CAP interface INSIDE trace match udp host 224.1.2.3 any	To capture and trace the ingress multicast stream
show pim bsr-router	To verify who is the elected BSR router
show conn all address 224.1.2.3	To show the parent multicast connection
show local-host 224.1.2.3	To show the child/stub multicast connections

For more info about firewall captures check: [Work with Firepower Threat Defense Captures and Packet Tracer](#)

Known Issues

Firepower multicast limitations:

- Does not support IPv6.
- PIM/IGMP multicast is not supported on interfaces in a traffic zone (EMCP).
- The firewall cannot be simultaneously an RP and a FHR.
- The **show conn all** command shows only the identity multicast connections. To show the stub/secondary multicast connection use the **show local-host <group IP>** command.

PIM is not Supported on a vPC Nexus

If you try to deploy a PIM adjacency between a Nexus vPC and the Firewall there is a Nexus limitation as described here:

[Supported Topologies for Routing over Virtual Port Channel on Nexus Platforms](#)

From the NGFW point of view, you see in capture with trace this drop:

```
<#root>
```

```
Result:
```

```
input-interface: NET102
```

```
input-status: up
```

```
input-line-status: up
```

```
output-interface: NET102
```

```
output-status: up
```

```
output-line-status: up
```

```
Action: drop
```

```
Drop-reason: (no-mcast-intrf) FP no mcast output intrf      <-- The ingress multicast packet is dropped
```

The firewall cannot complete the RP Registration:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show mroute 224.1.1.2.3
```

```
Multicast Routing Table
```

```
Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,  
       C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,  
       P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,  
       J - Join SPT
```

```
Timers: Uptime/Expires
```

```
Interface state: Interface, State
```

```
(* , 224.1.1.2.3), 01:05:21/never, RP 10.1.0.209, flags: SCJ
```

```
  Incoming interface: OUTSIDE
```

```
  RPF nbr: 10.1.104.10
```

```
  Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
    Server_102, Forward, 01:05:21/never
```

```
(10.1.1.48, 224.1.1.2.3), 00:39:15/00:00:04, flags: SFJT
```

```
  Incoming interface: NET102
```

```
  RPF nbr: 10.1.1.48, Registering      <-- The RP Registration is stuck
```

```
  Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
    Tunnel0, Forward, 00:39:15/never
```

Destination Zones are not Supported

You cannot specify a destination security zone for the Access Control Policy rule that matches multicast traffic:

The screenshot shows the FMC Policy Editor for 'FTD_Access_Control_Policy'. The 'Rules' tab is active, and a table lists the rules. The 'Dest Zones' column for rule '1 allow_multicast' is highlighted with an orange box, and an orange text overlay reads 'Misconfiguration! The Dest Zones must be empty!'.

#	Name	Source Zones	Dest Zones	Source Networks	Dest Networks	VLAN Tags	Users	Applicati...	Source Ports	Dest Ports	URLs	Source Dynamic Attributes
1	allow_multicast	INSIDE_ZONE	OUTSIDE_ZONE	Any	224.1.2.3	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any

This is also documented in the FMC user guide:

The screenshot shows the FMC user guide 'Book Contents' page. The 'Multicast' section is highlighted in the left sidebar, and the main content area shows a warning message about multicast routing from address range 224.0.0/24.

Internet multicast routing from address range 224.0.0/24 is not supported; IGMP for multicast routing for the reserved addressess.

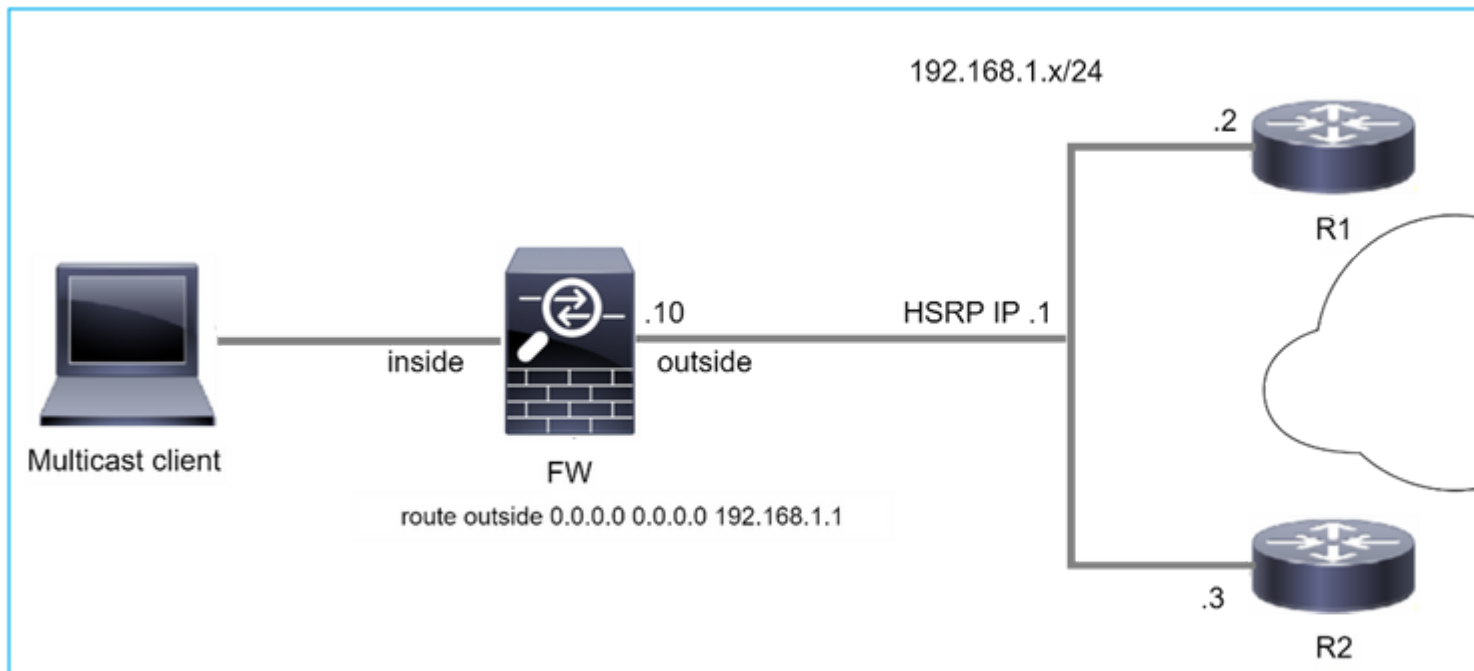
Clustering
In clustering, for IGMP and PIM, this feature is only supported on the primary unit.

Additional Guidelines

- You must configure an access control or prefilter rule on the inbound security zone such as 224.1.2.3. However, you cannot specify a destination security zone for multicast connections during initial connection validation.
- You cannot disable an interface with PIM configured on it. If you have configured PIM Protocol), disabling the multicast routing and PIM does not remove the PIM the PIM configuration to disable the interface.
- PIM/IGMP Multicast routing is not supported on interfaces in a traffic zone.
- Do not configure FTD to simultaneously be a Rendezvous Point (RP) and a First

Configure IGMP Features
IP hosts use IGMP to report their group memberships to directly-connected multic register individual hosts in a multicast group on a particular LAN. Hosts identify gro

Firewall does not PIM Messages Toward Upstream Routers Due To HSRP



In this case, the firewall has a default route via the Hot Standby Redundancy Protocol (HSRP) IP 192.168.1.1 and PIM neighborship with routers R1 and R2:

```
<#root>
firepower#
show run route
route outside 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 192.168.1.1 1
```

The firewall has PIM adjacency between the outside and the physical interface IP on R1 and R2:

```
<#root>
firepower#
show pim neighbor
```

Neighbor Address	Interface	Uptime	Expires	DR	pri	Bidir
192.168.1.1	outside	01:18:27	00:01:25	1		
192.168.1.2	outside	01:18:03	00:01:29	1	(DR)	

The firewall does not send PIM Join message to upstream network. The PIM debug command **debug pim** shows this output:

```
<#root>
firepower#
debug pim
```

...

IPv4 PIM: Sending J/P to an invalid neighbor: outside 192.168.1.1

[RFC 2362](#) states that *"a router sends a periodic Join/Prune message to each distinct RPF neighbor associated with each (S,G), (*,G) and (*,*,RP) entry. Join/Prune messages are sent only if the RPF neighbor is a PIM neighbor."*

To mitigate the problem, the user can add a static mroute entry on the firewall. The router must point to one of the two router interface IP addresses, 192.168.1.2 or 192.168.1.3, typically the HSRP active router IP.

Example:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show run mroute
```

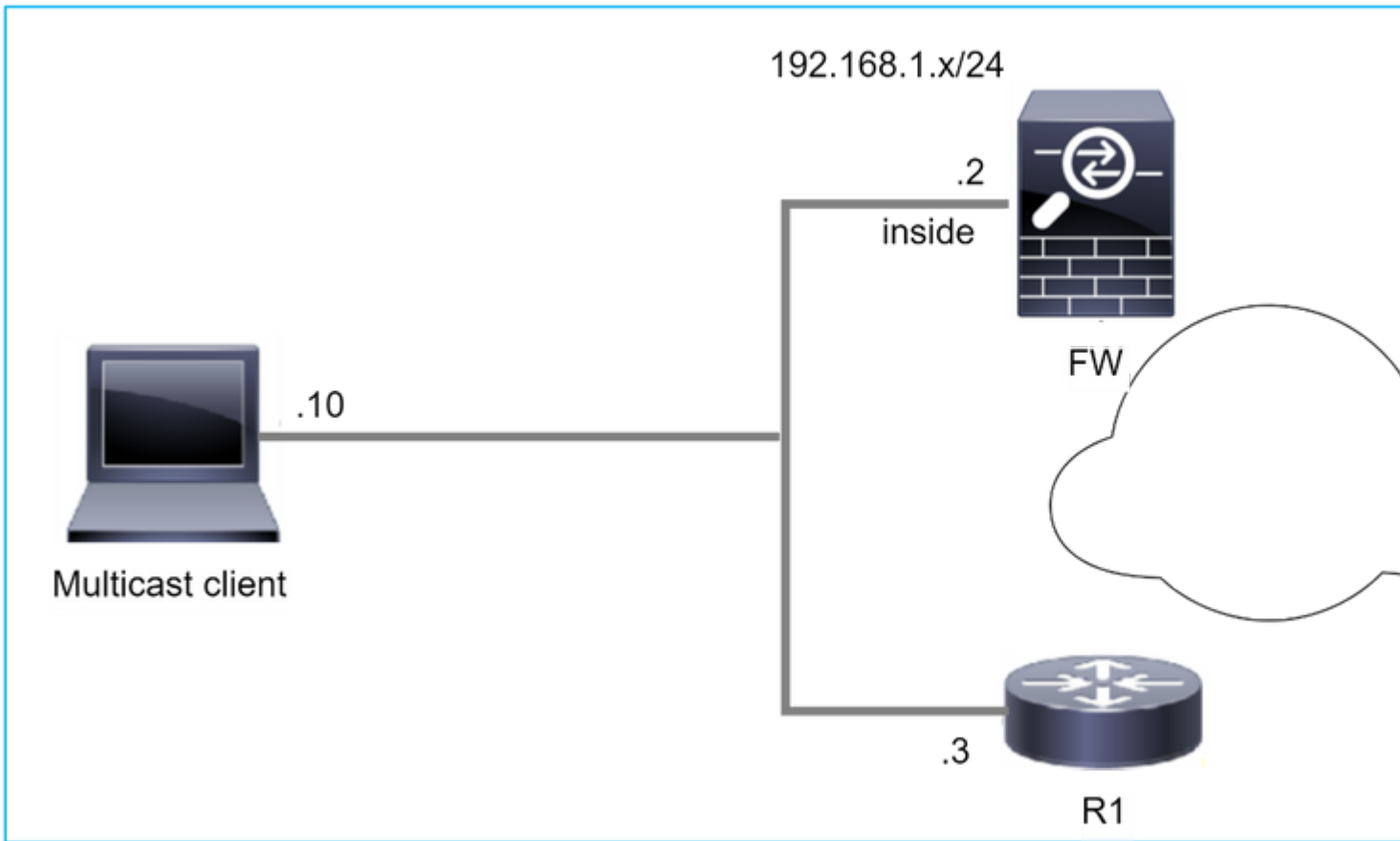
```
firepower#
```

```
mroute 172.16.1.1 255.255.255.255 192.168.1.2
```

Once the static mroute configuration is in place, for the RPF lookup, the firewall gives preference to the multicast routing table instead of unicast routing table of the ASA and send the PIM messages directly to neighbor 192.168.1.2.

Note: The static mroute is to some extent defeats the usefulness of HSRP redundancy, since the mroute accepts only 1 next-hop per address/netmask combination. If the next hop specified in the mroute command fails or becomes unreachable, the firewall does not fall back to the other router.

Firewall is not Considered as LHR when it is not the DR in the LAN Segment



The firewall has R1 as the PIM neighbors in the LAN segment. R1 is the PIM DR:

```
<#root>
firepower#
show pim neighbor
```

Neighbor Address	Interface	Uptime	Expires	DR	pri	Bidir
192.168.1.3	inside	00:12:50	00:01:38	1	(DR)	

If IGMP join request from the client is received, the firewall does not become the LHR.

The mroute shows additional **Null** as the OIL and has the **Pruned** flag:

```
<#root>
firepower#
show mroute
```

Multicast Routing Table
 Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,
 C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
 P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,


```
J - Join SPT
Timers: Uptime/Expires
Interface state: Interface, State
```

```
(* , 230.1.1.1), 00:06:30/never, RP 0.0.0.0,
```

```
flags
```

```
: S
```

```
P
```

```
C
```

```
Incoming interface: Null
```

```
RPF nbr: 0.0.0.0
```

```
Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
inside, Null, 00:06:30/never <--- OIL has inside and Null
```

To make the firewall the LHR, the interface DR priority can be increased.

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
interface GigabitEthernet0/0
```

```
firepower#
```

```
pim dr-priority 2
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim neighbor
```

Neighbor Address	Interface	Uptime	Expires	DR pri	Bidir
192.168.1.3	inside	17:05:28	00:01:41	1	

The PIM debug command **debug pim** shows this output:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
debug pim
```

```
firepower#
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) inside Start being last hop <--- Firewall considers itself as the lasp hop
```

IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) Start being last hop

IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) Start signaling sources
IPv4 PIM: [0] (*,230.1.1.1/32) NULLIF-skip MRIB modify NS
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) inside FWD state change from Prune to Forward
IPv4 PIM: [0] (*,230.1.1.1/32) inside MRIB modify F NS
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) Updating J/P status from Null to Join
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) J/P scheduled in 0.0 secs
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) Processing timers
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) J/P processing
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) Periodic J/P scheduled in 50 secs
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) No RPF interface to send J/P

The Pruned flag and the Null are removed from the mroute:

<#root>

firepower#

show mroute

Multicast Routing Table

Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,
C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,
J - Join SPT

Timers: Uptime/Expires

Interface state: Interface, State

(*, 230.1.1.1), 16:48:23/never, RP 0.0.0.0, flags:

SCJ

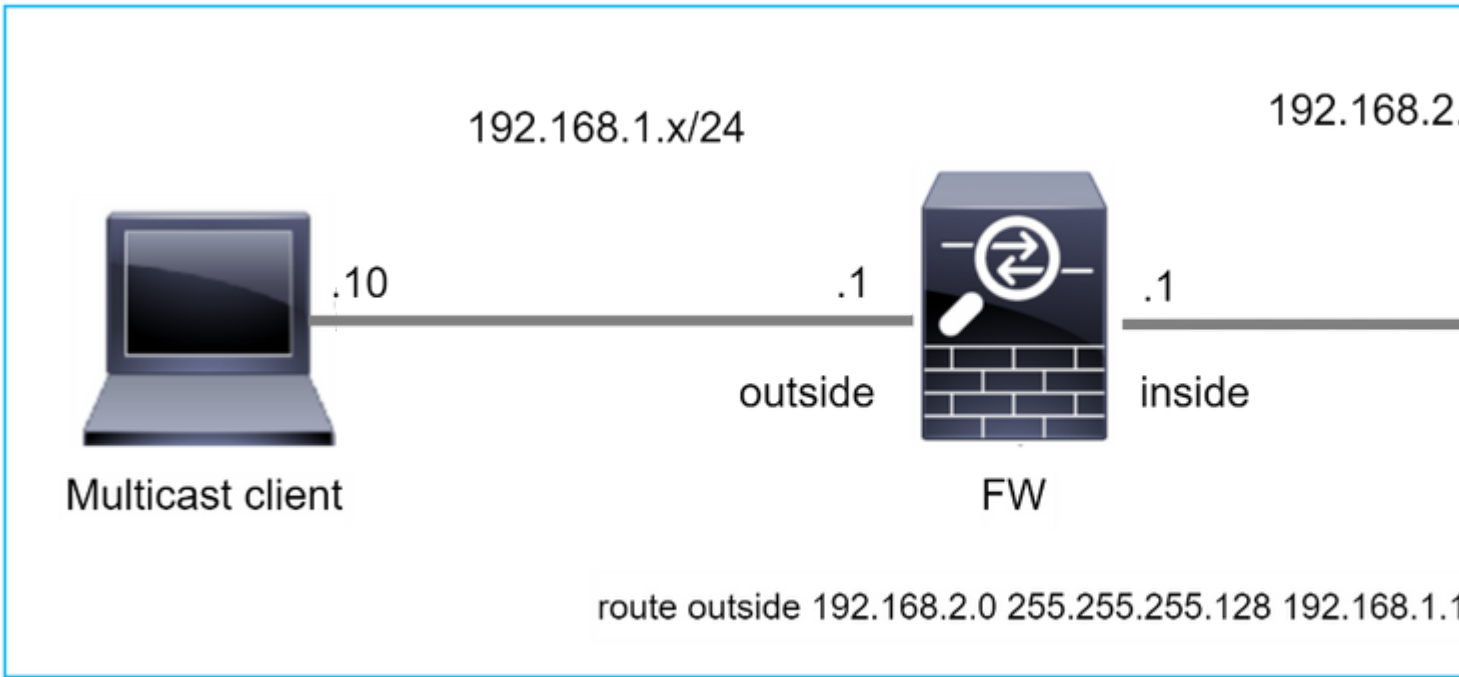
Incoming interface: Null

RPF nbr: 0.0.0.0

Immediate Outgoing interface list:

inside, Forward, 16:48:23/never

Firewall Drops Multicast Packets due to Reverse path Forwarding Check Failure



In this case, the multicast UDP packets are dropped due to RPF failure, as the firewall has more specific route with the mask 255.255.255.128 via the outside interface.

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
capture capi type raw-data trace interface inside match udp any any
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show capture capi packet-number 1 trace
```

```
106 packets captured
```

```
1: 08:57:18.867234 192.168.2.2.12345 > 230.1.1.1.12354: udp 500
```

```
Phase: 1
```

```
Type: CAPTURE
```

```
Subtype:
```

```
Result: ALLOW
```

```
Elapsed time: 2684 ns
```

```
Config:
```

```
Additional Information:
```

```
MAC Access list
```

```
Phase: 2
```

```
Type: ACCESS-LIST
```

```
Subtype:
```

```
Result: ALLOW
```

```
Elapsed time: 2684 ns
```

```
Config:
```

```
Implicit Rule
```

```
Additional Information:
```

```
MAC Access list
```

Phase: 3
Type: INPUT-ROUTE-LOOKUP
Subtype: Resolve Egress Interface
Result: ALLOW
Elapsed time: 13664 ns
Config:
Additional Information:
Found next-hop 192.168.1.100 using egress ifc outside

Phase: 4
Type: INPUT-ROUTE-LOOKUP
Subtype: Resolve Egress Interface
Result: ALLOW
Elapsed time: 8296 ns
Config:
Additional Information:
Found next-hop 192.168.1.100 using egress ifc outside

Result:
input-interface: inside
input-status: up
input-line-status: up
output-interface: outside
output-status: up
output-line-status: up
Action: drop
Time Taken: 27328 ns

Drop-reason: (rpf-violated) Reverse-path verify failed, Drop-location: frame 0x0000556bcb1069dd flow

(NA)/NA

firepower#

show route static

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, V - VPN
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, + - replicated route
SI - Static InterVRF, BI - BGP InterVRF

Gateway of last resort is not set

s 192.168.2.0 255.255.255.128 [1/0] via 192.168.1.100, outside

ASP drop captures show the **rpf-violated** drop reason:

<#root>

firepower#

show capture asp

Target: OTHER

Hardware: ASAv
Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance Software Version 9.19(1)
ASLR enabled, text region 556bc9390000-556bcd0603dd

21 packets captured

```
1: 09:00:53.608290      192.168.2.2.12345 > 230.1.1.1.12354:  udp 500 Drop-reason: (rpf-violated) Reverse
2: 09:00:53.708032      192.168.2.2.12345 > 230.1.1.1.12354:  udp 500 Drop-reason: (rpf-violated) Reverse
3: 09:00:53.812152      192.168.2.2.12345 > 230.1.1.1.12354:  udp 500 Drop-reason: (rpf-violated) Reverse
4: 09:00:53.908613      192.168.2.2.12345 > 230.1.1.1.12354:  udp 500 Drop-reason: (rpf-violated) Reverse
```

The RPF failed counters in the MFIB output increases:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show mfib 230.1.1.1 count
```

```
IP Multicast Statistics
```

```
7 routes, 4 groups, 0.00 average sources per group
```

```
Forwarding Counts: Pkt Count/Pkts per second/Avg Pkt Size/Kilobits per second
```

```
Other counts: Total/RPF failed/Other drops(OIF-null, rate-limit etc)
```

```
Group: 230.1.1.1
```

```
RP-tree:
```

```
Forwarding: 0/0/0/0, Other: 6788/6788/0
```

```
...
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show mfib 230.1.1.1 count
```

```
IP Multicast Statistics
```

```
7 routes, 4 groups, 0.00 average sources per group
```

```
Forwarding Counts: Pkt Count/Pkts per second/Avg Pkt Size/Kilobits per second
```

```
Other counts: Total/RPF failed/Other drops(OIF-null, rate-limit etc)
```

```
Group: 230.1.1.1
```

```
RP-tree:
```

```
Forwarding: 0/0/0/0, Other: 6812/6812/0 <--- RPF failed counter increased
```

The solution is to fix the RPF check failure. One option is to remove the static route.

If there is no more RPF check failure, the packets are forwarded and the **Forwarding** counter in the MFIB output increases:

<#root>

firepower#

show mfib 230.1.1.1 count

IP Multicast Statistics

8 routes, 4 groups, 0.25 average sources per group

Forwarding Counts: Pkt Count/Pkts per second/Avg Pkt Size/Kilobits per second

Other counts: Total/RPF failed/Other drops(OIF-null, rate-limit etc)

Group: 230.1.1.1

RP-tree:

Forwarding: 0/0/0/0, Other: 9342/9342/0

Source: 192.168.2.2,

Forwarding: 1033/9/528/39

, Other: 0/0/0

Tot. shown: Source count: 1, pkt count: 0

...

firepower#

show mfib 230.1.1.1 count

IP Multicast Statistics

8 routes, 4 groups, 0.25 average sources per group

Forwarding Counts: Pkt Count/Pkts per second/Avg Pkt Size/Kilobits per second

Other counts: Total/RPF failed/Other drops(OIF-null, rate-limit etc)

Group: 230.1.1.1

RP-tree:

Forwarding: 0/0/0/0, Other: 9342/9342/0

Source: 192.168.2.2,

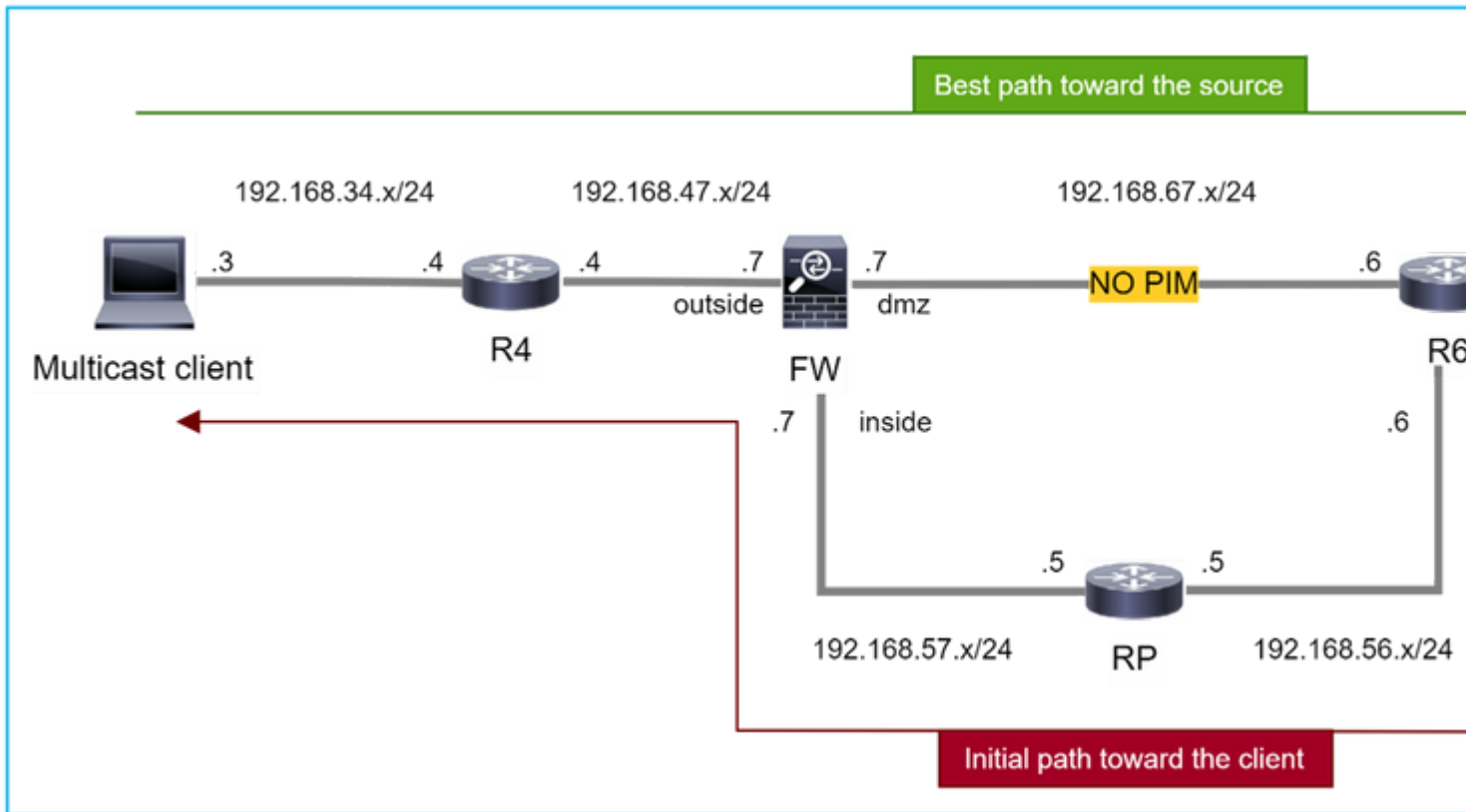
Forwarding: 1044/10/528/41

, Other: 0/0/0

<--- Forward counter increased

Tot. shown: Source count: 1, pkt count: 0

Firewall does not Generate PIM join upon PIM Switchover to Source-tree



In this case, the firewall learns the path toward the multicast source via the **dmz** interface **R4 > FW > R6**, whereas the initial traffic path from the source to the client is **R6 > RP > DW > R4**:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show route 192.168.6.100
```

```
Routing entry for 192.168.6.0 255.255.255.0
```

```
Known via "ospf 1", distance 110, metric 11, type intra area
```

```
Last update from 192.168.67.6 on dmz, 0:36:22 ago
```

```
Routing Descriptor Blocks:
```

```
* 192.168.67.6, from 192.168.67.6, 0:36:22 ago, via dmz
```

```
Route metric is 11, traffic share count is 1
```

R4 initiates SPT switchover and sends source specific PIM join message once the SPT switchover threshold is reached. In the firewall the SPT switchover does not take place, the (S,G) mroute does not have the **T** flag:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show mroute
```

```
Multicast Routing Table
```

```
Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,  
       C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,  
       P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,  
       J - Join SPT
```

```
Timers: Uptime/Expires
```

```
Interface state: Interface, State
```

```
(* , 230.1.1.1), 00:00:05/00:03:24, RP 10.5.5.5, flags: S
```

```
  Incoming interface: inside
```

```
  RPF nbr: 192.168.57.5
```

```
  Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
    outside, Forward, 00:00:05/00:03:24
```

```
(192.168.6.100 , 230.1.1.1), 00:00:05/00:03:24, flags: S
```

```
  Incoming interface: dmz
```

```
  RPF nbr: 192.168.67.6
```

```
  Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
    outside, Forward, 00:00:05/00:03:2
```

The PIM debug command **debug pim** shows 2 received PIM Join request from the peer R4 “for(*,G) and (S,G). The firewall sent PIM Join request for (*,G) upstream, and failed to send source-specific request due to invalid neighbor 192.168.67.6:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
debug pim
```

```
IPv4 PIM: Received J/P on outside from 192.168.47.4 target: 192.168.47.7 (to us) <--- 1st PIM join to th
```

```
IPv4 PIM: J/P entry: Join root: 10.5.5.5 group: 230.1.1.1 flags: RPT WC S <--- 1st PIM join with root a
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) Create entry
```

```
IPv4 PIM: [0] (*,230.1.1.1/32) MRIB modify DC
```

```
IPv4 PIM: [0] (*,230.1.1.1/32) inside MRIB modify A
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) outside J/P state changed from Null to Join
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) outside Raise J/P expiration timer to 210 seconds
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) outside FWD state change from Prune to Forward
```

```
IPv4 PIM: [0] (*,230.1.1.1/32) outside MRIB modify F NS
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) Updating J/P status from Null to Join
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) J/P scheduled in 0.0 secs
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) Processing timers
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) J/P processing
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) Periodic J/P scheduled in 50 secs
```

```
IPv4 PIM: (*,230.1.1.1) J/P adding Join on inside
```



```

IPv4 PIM: Sending J/P message for neighbor 192.168.57.5 on inside for 1 groups <--- PIM Join sent from
IPv4 PIM: Received J/P on outside from 192.168.47.4 target: 192.168.47.7 (to us) <--- 1st PIM join to th
IPv4 PIM: J/P entry: Join root: 192.168.6.100 group: 230.1.1.1 flags: S <--- 1st PIM join with
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) Create entry
IPv4 PIM: Adding monitor for 192.168.6.100
IPv4 PIM: RPF lookup for root 192.168.6.100: nbr 192.168.67.6, dmz via the rib
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) RPF changed from 0.0.0.0/- to 192.168.67.6/dmz
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) Source metric changed from [0/0] to [110/11]
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1/32) MRIB modify DC
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1/32) inside MRIB modify A
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1/32) outside MRIB modify F NS
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) outside J/P state changed from Null to Join
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) outside Imm FWD state change from Prune to Forward
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) Updating J/P status from Null to Join
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) J/P scheduled in 0.0 secs
IPv4 PIM: [0] (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1/32) dmz MRIB modify NS
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) outside Raise J/P expiration timer to 210 seconds
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) Processing timers
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) J/P processing
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) Periodic J/P scheduled in 50 secs
IPv4 PIM: (192.168.6.100,230.1.1.1) J/P adding Join on dmz
IPv4 PIM: Sending J/P to an invalid neighbor: dmz 192.168.67.6

```

```
<--- Invalid neighbor
```

The **show pim neighbour** commands output lacks R6:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim neighbor
```

Neighbor Address	Interface	Uptime	Expires	DR	pri	Bidir
192.168.47.4	outside	00:21:12	00:01:44		1	
192.168.57.5	inside	02:43:43	00:01:15		1	

PIM is enabled on the firewall interface dmz:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show pim interface
```

Address	Interface	PIM	Nbr Count	Hello Intvl	DR Prior	DR
192.168.47.7	outside	on	1	30	1	this system
192.168.67.7	dmz	on	0	30	1	this system
192.168.57.7	inside	on	1	30	1	this system

PIM is disabled on the R6 interface:

```
<#root>
```

```
R6#
```

```
show ip interface brief
```

Interface	IP-Address	OK?	Method	Status	Protocol
GigabitEthernet0/0	192.168.6.1	YES	manual	up	up
GigabitEthernet0/1	192.168.56.6	YES	manual	up	up
GigabitEthernet0/2	unassigned	YES	unset	administratively down	down
GigabitEthernet0/3	192.168.67.6	YES	manual	up	up
Tunnel0	192.168.56.6	YES	unset	up	up

```
R6#
```

```
show ip pim interface GigabitEthernet0/3 detail
```

```
GigabitEthernet0/3 is up, line protocol is up
Internet address is 192.168.67.6/24
Multicast switching: fast
Multicast packets in/out: 0/123628
Multicast TTL threshold: 0
```

```
PIM: disabled <--- PIM is disabled
```

```
Multicast Tagswitching: disabled
```

The solution is to enable PIM on interface GigabitEthernet0/3 on R6:

```
<#root>
```

```
R6(config-if)#
```

```
interface GigabitEthernet0/3
```

```
R6(config-if)#
```

```
ip pim sparse-mode
```

```
R6(config-if)#
*Apr 21 13:17:14.575: %PIM-5-NBRCHG: neighbor 192.168.67.7 UP on interface GigabitEthernet0/3
*Apr 21 13:17:14.577: %PIM-5-DRCHG: DR change from neighbor 0.0.0.0 to 192.168.67.7 on interface GigabitEthernet0/3
```

The firewall installs the T flag, that indicates SPT switchover:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show mroute
```

```
Multicast Routing Table
```

```
Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,
       C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
       P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,
       J - Join SPT
```

```
Timers: Uptime/Expires
```

```
Interface state: Interface, State
```

```
(* , 230.1.1.1), 00:26:30/00:02:50, RP 10.5.5.5, flags: S
```

```
  Incoming interface: inside
```

```
  RPF nbr: 192.168.57.5
```

```
  Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
    outside, Forward, 00:26:30/00:02:50
```

```
(192.168.6.100, 230.1.1.1), 00:26:30/00:03:29, flags: ST
```

```
  Incoming interface: dmz
```

```
  RPF nbr: 192.168.67.6
```

```
  Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
    outside, Forward, 00:26:30/00:02:39
```

Firewall Drops First few Packets due punt rate Limit

When the firewall receives the first packets of a **new** multicast stream in FP, additional processing by the CP can be required. In this case, the FP punts the packets to the CP via SP (FP > SP > CP) for additional operations:

- Creation of a **parent** connection in FP between the ingress interfaces and the identity interfaces.
- Additional multicast-specific checks, such as the RPF validation, PIM encapsulation (in the case if the firewall is the FHR), OIL check, and so on.
- Creation of a (S,G) entry with the incoming and outgoing interfaces in the mroute table.
- Creation of a **child/stub** connection in FP between the incoming and outgoing interfaces.

As part of the control plane protection, the firewall internally limits the rate of packet punted to the CP.

The packets that exceed the rate are dropped in the with the **punt-rate-limit** drop reason:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show asp drop
```

Frame drop:

```
Punt rate limit exceeded (punt-rate-limit) 2062
```

Use the **show asp cluster counter** command to verify the number of multicast packets punted to CP from SP:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show asp cluster counter
```

Global dp-counters:

Context specific dp-counters:

MCAST_FP_FROM_PUNT	30	Number of multicast packets punted from CP to FP
MCAST_FP_TO_SP	2680	Number of multicast packets punted from FP to SP
MCAST_SP_TOTAL	2710	Number of total multicast packets processed in SP
MCAST_SP_FROM_PUNT	30	Number of multicast packets punted from CP to SP <--- Number of
MCAST_SP_FROM_PUNT_FORWARD	30	Number of multicast packets coming from CP that are forwarded
MCAST_SP_PKTS	30	Number of multicast packets that require slow-path attention
MCAST_SP_PKTS_TO_CP	30	Number of multicast packets punted to CP from SP
MCAST_FP_CHK_FAIL_NO_HANDLE	2650	Number of multicast packets failed with no flow mcast_handle
MCAST_FP_CHK_FAIL_NO_FP_FWD	30	Number of multicast packets that cannot be fast-path forwarded

Use **show asp event dp-cp punt** command to verify the number of packets in the FP > CP queue, and the 15-second rate:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show asp event dp-cp punt | begin EVENT-TYPE
```

EVENT-TYPE	ALLOC	ALLOC-FAIL	ENQUEUED	ENQ-FAIL	RETIRED	15SEC-RATE
punt	24452	0	24452	0	10852	1402

```
multicast
```

```
23800 0
```

```
23800
```

```
0 10200
```

1402

pim	652	0	652	0	652	0
-----	-----	---	-----	---	-----	---

When the mroute is populated and the parent/child connections are established in the FP, the packets are forwarded in the FP as part of the existing connections. In this case, FP does not punt the packets to the CP.

How the firewall processes the first packets of a new multicast stream?

When the firewall receives the first packets of a **new** multicast stream in datapath, the firewall takes these actions:

1. Checks if the security policy allows packets.
2. Punts the packets to the CP via path FP.
3. Creates a **parent** connection between the ingress interfaces and the identity interfaces:

<#root>

firepower#

show capture capi packet-number 1 trace

10 packets captured

1: 08:54:15.007003 192.168.1.100.12345 > 230.1.1.1.12345: udp 400

Phase: 1

Type: CAPTURE

Subtype:

Result: ALLOW

Config:

Additional Information:

MAC Access list

Phase: 2

Type: ACCESS-LIST

Subtype:

Result: ALLOW

Config:

Implicit Rule

Additional Information:

MAC Access list

Phase: 3

Type: INPUT-ROUTE-LOOKUP

Subtype: Resolve Egress Interface

Result: ALLOW

Config:

Additional Information:

Found next-hop 192.168.2.1 using egress ifc inside

Phase: 4

Type: ACCESS-LIST

Subtype:

Result: ALLOW

Config:
Implicit Rule
Additional Information:

Phase: 5
Type: NAT
Subtype: per-session
Result: ALLOW
Config:
Additional Information:

Phase: 6
Type: IP-OPTIONS
Subtype:
Result: ALLOW
Config:
Additional Information:

Phase: 7
Type: CLUSTER-REDIRECT
Subtype: cluster-redirect
Result: ALLOW
Config:
Additional Information:

Phase: 8
Type: QOS
Subtype:
Result: ALLOW
Config:
Additional Information:

Phase: 9

Type: MULTICAST

Subtype:
Result: ALLOW
Config:
Additional Information:

Phase: 10

Type: FLOW-CREATION

Subtype:
Result: ALLOW
Config:
Additional Information:

New flow created with id 19, packet dispatched to next module <--- New flow

Result:
input-interface: inside
input-status: up
input-line-status: up
output-interface: inside
output-status: up
output-line-status: up

Action: allow

Syslogs:

<#root>

```
firepower# Apr 24 2023 08:54:15: %ASA-7-609001: Built local-host inside:192.168.1.100
```

```
Apr 24 2023 08:54:15: %FTD-7-609001: Built local-host identity:230.1.1.1
```

```
Apr 24 2023 08:54:15: %FTD-6-302015: Built inbound UDP connection 19 for inside:192.168.1.100/12345 (192.168.1.100)
```

This connection is visible in the output of the **show conn all** command:

<#root>

```
firepower#
```

```
show conn all protocol udp
```

```
13 in use, 17 most used
```

```
UDP inside 192.168.1.100:12345 NP Identity Ifc 230.1.1.1:12345, idle 0:00:02, bytes 0, flags 0x00000000
```

4. The CP engages the multicast process for additional multicast-specific checks, such as the RPF validation, PIM encapsulation (in the case if the firewall is the FHR), OIL check, and so on.
5. The CP creates an (S,G) entry with the incoming and outgoing interfaces in the mroute:

<#root>

```
firepower#
```

```
show mroute
```

Multicast Routing Table

Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group,
C - Connected, L - Local, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
P - Pruned, R - RP-bit set, F - Register flag, T - SPT-bit set,
J - Join SPT

Timers: Uptime/Expires

Interface state: Interface, State

```
(*, 230.1.1.1), 00:19:28/00:03:13, RP 192.168.192.168, flags: S
```

```
Incoming interface: inside
```

```
RPF nbr: 192.168.2.1
```

```
Immediate Outgoing interface list:
```

```
outside, Forward, 00:19:28/00:03:13
```

```
(192.168.1.100, 230.1.1.1), 00:08:50/00:03:09, flags: ST
```

Incoming interface: inside

RPF nbr: 192.168.2.1

Immediate Outgoing interface list:

outside, Forward, 00:00:32/00:02:57

6. The CP instructs the FP via CP > SP > FP path to create a **child/stub** connection between the incoming and outgoing interfaces:

This connection is visible only in the output of the **show local-host** command:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show local-host
```

```
Interface outside: 5 active, 5 maximum active
```

```
local host: <224.0.0.13>,
```

```
local host: <192.168.3.100>,
```

```
local host: <230.1.1.1>,
```

```
Conn:
```

```
UDP outside 230.1.1.1:12345 inside 192.168.1.100:12345, idle
```

```
0:00:04, bytes 4000, flags -
```

```
local host: <224.0.0.5>,
```

```
local host: <224.0.0.1>,
```

```
Interface inside: 4 active, 5 maximum active
```

```
local host: <192.168.1.100>,
```

```
Conn:
```

```
UDP outside 230.1.1.1:12345 inside 192.168.1.100:12345, idle
```

```
0:00:04, bytes 4000, flags -
```

```
local host: <224.0.0.13>,
```

```
local host: <192.168.2.1>,
```

```
local host: <224.0.0.5>,
```

```
Interface nlp_int_tap: 0 active, 2 maximum active
```

```
Interface any: 0 active, 0 maximum active
```

In the software versions with the fix of the Cisco bug ID [CSCwe21280](#), the syslog message 302015 for the child/stub connection is also generated:

```
<#root>
```

```
Apr 24 2023 08:54:15: %FTD-6-302015:
```


Built outbound UDP connection 20 for outside:230.1.1.1/12345 (230.1.1.1/12345) to inside:192.168.1.100/1

When both parent and child/stub connections are established, the ingress packets match the existing connection and forwarded in FP:

```
<#root>
```

```
firepower#
```

```
show capture capi trace packet-number 2
```

```
10 packets captured
```

```
2: 08:54:15.020567      192.168.1.100.12345 > 230.1.1.1.12345:  udp 400
```

```
Phase: 1
```

```
Type: CAPTURE
```

```
Subtype:
```

```
Result: ALLOW
```

```
Config:
```

```
Additional Information:
```

```
MAC Access list
```

```
Phase: 2
```

```
Type: ACCESS-LIST
```

```
Subtype:
```

```
Result: ALLOW
```

```
Config:
```

```
Implicit Rule
```

```
Additional Information:
```

```
MAC Access list
```

```
Phase: 3
```

```
Type: FLOW-LOOKUP
```

```
Subtype:
```

```
Result: ALLOW
```

```
Config:
```

```
Additional Information:
```

```
Found flow with id 19, using existing flow <--- Existing flow
```

```
Result:
```

```
input-interface: inside
```

```
input-status: up
```

```
input-line-status: up
```

```
Action: allow
```

Filter ICMP Multicast Traffic

You cannot filter ICMP Multicast traffic with an ACL. You have to use Control Plane policy (ICMP):

Cisco bug ID [CSCs126860](#) ASA does not filter multicast ICMP packets

Known PIM Multicast Defects

You can use the Bug Search Tool for known defects: <https://bst.cloudapps.cisco.com/bugsearch>

Most ASA and FTD defects are listed under the 'Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) Software' Product:

The screenshot displays the Cisco Bug Search Tool interface. At the top left is the Cisco logo. Navigation links include 'Products', 'Support & Learn', 'Partners', and 'Events & Videos'. The main heading is 'Bug Search Tool'. Below this, there are search filters: 'Search For' with 'PIM' selected (marked with a red circle '1'), 'Product' with 'Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) Software' selected (marked with a red circle '2'), and 'Release' with 'Affecting or Fixed in Releases' selected. There are buttons for 'Save Search', 'Email Search', and 'Clear'. A red callout bubble labeled 'The results' points to the search results section. The results section shows '94 Results | Sorted by Severity' and 'Sort By: Show'. Two results are visible: 'CSCsy08778 no pim on one subif disables eigrp on same physical of 4' and 'CSCtg52478 PIM nbr jp_buffer can be corrupted under stress'. The first result includes a symptom, conditions, severity (2), status (Fixed), update date (Nov 09, 2016), and number of cases (3). The second result includes a symptom and conditions.

Related Information

- [ASA Multicast Troubleshooting and Common Problems](#)
- [Firepower Management Center Multicast](#)
- [Summary of the Firepower Multicast Flags](#)