MPLS VPN Cable Enhancements

This feature module describes the Multiprotocol Label Switching Virtual Private Network (MPLS VPN) and cable interface bundling features. It explains how to create a VPN using MPLS protocol, cable interfaces, bundle interfaces and sub bundle interfaces. VPNs can be created in many ways using different protocols.

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Finding Feature Information

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features that are documented in this module. For the latest feature information and caveats, see the release notes for your platform and software release. The Feature Information Table at the end of this document provides information about the documented features and lists the releases in which each feature is supported.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about the platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to the link http://tools.cisco.com/ITDIT/CFN/. You do not require a cisco.com login account.

Hardware Compatibility Matrix for the Cisco cBR Series Routers

Note

The hardware components that are introduced in a given Cisco IOS-XE Release are supported in all subsequent releases unless otherwise specified.
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<sup>1</sup> Effective with Cisco IOS-XE Release 3.17.0S, CBR-CCAP-SUP-60G supports 8 cable line cards. The total traffic rate is limited to 60 Gbps. The total number of downstream service flows is limited to 72268, and downstream unicast low-latency flow does not count against the limits.
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Feature Overview

Using MPLS VPN technology, service providers can create scalable and efficient private networks using a shared hybrid fiber coaxial (HFC) network and Internet protocol (IP) infrastructure.

The cable MPLS VPN network consists of:

- The Multiple Service Operator (MSO) or cable company that owns the physical infrastructure and builds VPNs for the Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to move traffic over the cable and IP backbone.
- ISPs that use the HFC network and IP infrastructure to supply Internet service to cable customers.

Each ISP moves traffic to and from a subscriber’s PC, through the MSO’s physical network infrastructure, to the ISP’s network. MPLS VPNs, created in Layer 3, provide privacy and security by constraining the distribution of a VPN’s routes only to the routers that belong to its network. Thus, each ISP’s VPN is insulated from other ISPs that use the same MSO infrastructure.

An MPLS VPN assigns a unique VPN Routing/Forwarding (VRF) instance to each VPN. A VRF instance consists of an IP routing table, a derived forwarding table, a set of interfaces that use the forwarding table, and a set of rules and routing protocols that determine the contents of the forwarding table.
Each PE router maintains one or more VRF tables. It looks up a packet’s IP destination address in the appropriate VRF table, only if the packet arrived directly through an interface associated with that table.

MPLS VPNs use a combination of BGP and IP address resolution to ensure security. See Configuring Multiprotocol Label Switching.

The table shows a cable MPLS VPN network. The routers in the network are:

- Provider (P) router—Routers in the core of the provider network. P routers run MPLS switching, and do not attach VPN labels (MPLS label in each route assigned by the PE router) to routed packets. VPN labels are used to direct data packets to the correct egress router.
- Provider Edge (PE) router—Router that adds the VPN label to incoming packets based on the interface or subinterface on which they are received. A PE router attaches directly to a CE router. In the MPLS-VPN approach, each Cisco CMTS router acts as a PE router.
- Customer (C) router—Router in the ISP or enterprise network.
- Customer Edge (CE) router—Edge router on the ISP’s network that connects to the PE router on the MSO’s network. A CE router must interface with a PE router.

The MPLS network has a unique VPN that exclusively manages the MSOs devices called the management VPN. It contains servers and devices that other VPNs can access. The management VPN connects the Cisco CMTS router to a PE router, which connects to management servers such as Cisco Network Registrar (CNR) and Time of Day (ToD) servers. A PE router connects to management servers and is a part of the management VPN. Regardless of the ISP they belong to, the management servers serve the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), DNS (Domain Name System), and TOD requests coming from PCs or cable modems.

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**Note**

When configuring MPLS VPNs, you must configure the first subinterface created as a part of the management VPN.
Cable VPN configuration involves an:

- MSO domain that requires a direct peering link to each enterprise network (ISP), provisioning servers for residential and commercial subscribers, and dynamic DNS for commercial users. The MSO manages cable interface IP addressing, Data-over-Cable Service Interface Specifications (DOCSIS) provisioning, CM hostnames, routing modifications, privilege levels, and usernames and passwords.
- ISP or enterprise domain that includes the DHCP server for subscriber or telecommuter host devices, enterprise gateway within the MSO address space, and static routes back to the telecommuter subnets.

Cisco recommends that the MSO assign all addresses to the end user devices and gateway interfaces. The MSO can also use split management to let the ISP configure tunnels and security.

In an MPLS VPN configuration, the MSO must configure the following:

- CMTS
- P routers
- PE routers
- CE routers
- One VPN per ISP DOCSIS servers for all cable modem customers. The MSO must attach DOCSIS servers to the management VPN, and make them visible.

The MSO must configure the Cisco CMTS routers that serve the ISP, and remote PE routers connecting to the ISP, as PE routers in the VPN.
The MSO must determine the primary IP address range for all cable modems. The ISP must determine the secondary IP address range for subscriber PCs.

To reduce security breaches and differentiate DHCP requests from cable modems in VPNs or under specific ISP management, MSOs can use the `cable helper-address` command in Cisco IOS-XE software. The MSO can specify the host IP address to be accessible only in the ISP’s VPN. This lets the ISP use its DHCP server to allocate IP addresses. Cable modem IP address must be accessible from the management VPN.

The MPLS VPN approach of creating VPNs for individual ISPs or customers requires subinterfaces to be configured on the virtual bundle interface. Each ISP requires one subinterface. The subinterfaces are tied to the VPN Routing/Forwarding (VRF) tables for their respective ISPs. The first subinterface must be created on the cable interface bound to the management VPN.

To route a reply from the CNR back to the cable modem, the PE router that connects to the CNR must import the routes of the ISP VPN into the management VPN. Similarly, to forward management requests (such as DHCP renewal to CNR) to the cable modems, the ISP VPN must export and import the appropriate management VPN routes.

You can group all of the cable interfaces on a Cisco CMTS router into a single bundle so that only one subnet is required for each router. When you group cable interfaces, no separate IP subnet or each individual cable interface is required. This grouping avoids the performance, memory, and security problems in using a bridging solution to manage subnets, especially for a large number of subscribers.

Subinterfaces allow traffic to be differentiated on a single physical interface, and assigned to multiple VPNs. You can configure multiple subinterfaces, and associate an MPLS VPN with each subinterface. You can split a single physical interface (the cable plant) into multiple subinterfaces, where each subinterface is associated with a specific VPN. Each ISP requires access on a physical interface and is given its own subinterface. Create a management subinterface to support cable modem initialization from an ISP.

Using each subinterface associated with a specific VPN (and therefore, ISP) subscribers connect to a logical subinterface, which reflects the ISP that provides their subscribed services. When properly configured, subscriber traffic enters the appropriate subinterface and VPN.

**Benefits**

- MPLS VPNs give cable MSOs and ISPs a manageable way of supporting multiple access to a cable plant. Service providers can create scalable and efficient VPNs across the core of their networks. MPLS VPNs provide systems support scalability in cable transport infrastructure and management.
- Each ISP can support Internet access services from a subscriber’s PC through an MSO’s physical cable plant to their networks.
- MPLS VPNs allow MSOs to deliver value-added services through an ISP, and thus, deliver connectivity to a wider set of potential customers. MSOs can partner with ISPs to deliver multiple services from multiple ISPs and add value within the MSO’s own network using VPN technology.
- Subscribers can select combinations of services from various service providers.
- The MPLS VPN cable features set build on CMTS DOCSIS 1.0 and DOCSIS 1.0 extensions to ensure services are reliably and optimally delivered over the cable plant. MPLS VPN provides systems support domain selection, authentication per subscriber, selection of QoS, policy-based routing, and ability to reach behind the cable modem to subscriber end devices for QoS and billing while preventing session spoofing.
- MPLS VPN technology ensures both secure access across the shared cable infrastructure and service integrity.
• Cable interface bundling eliminates the need for an IP subnet on each cable interface. Instead, an IP subnet is only required for each cable interface bundle. All cable interfaces in a Cisco CMTS router can be added to a single bundle.

Restrictions

• Each subinterface on the CMTS requires an address range from the ISP and from the MSO. These two ranges must not overlap and must be extensible to support an increased number of subscribers for scalability.

Note

This document does not address allocation and management of MSO and ISP IP addresses. See Configuring Multiprotocol Label Switching for this information.

• The cable source-verify dhcp command enables Dynamic Host Control Protocol (DHCP) Lease query protocol from the CMTS to DHCP server to verify IP addresses of upstream traffic, and prevent MSO customers from using unauthorized, spoofed, or stolen IP addresses.

• When using only MPLS VPNs, create subinterfaces on the virtual bundle, assign it an IP address, and provide VRF configuration for each ISP. When you create subinterfaces and configure only MPLS VPNs, the cable interface bundling feature is independent of the MPLS VPN.

• When using cable interface bundling:
  • Define a virtual bundle interface and associate any cable physical interface to the virtual bundle.
  • Specify all generic IP networking information (such as IP address, routing protocols, and switching modes) on the virtual bundle interface. Do not specify generic IP networking information on bundle slave interfaces.
  • An interface that has a subinterface(s) defined over it is not allowed to be a part of the bundle.
  • Specify generic (not downstream or upstream related) cable interface configurations, such as source-verify or ARP handling, on the virtual bundle interface. Do not specify generic configuration on bundle slave interfaces.

  • Interface bundles can only be configured using the command line interface (including the CLI-based HTML configuration).

Prerequisites

Before configuring IP-based VPNs, complete the following tasks:

• Ensure your network supports reliable broadband data transmission. Your plant must be swept, balanced, and certified based on National Television Standards Committee (NTSC) or appropriate international cable plant recommendations. Ensure your plant meets all DOCSIS or European Data-over-Cable Service Interface Specifications (EuroDOCSIS) downstream and upstream RF requirements.

• Ensure your Cisco router is installed following instructions in the Hardware Installation Guide and the Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information guide.

• Ensure your Cisco router is configured for basic operations.

• The chassis must contain at least one port adapter to provide backbone connectivity and one Cisco cable modem card to serve as the RF cable TV interface.
Other Important Information

- Ensure all other required headend or distribution hub routing and network interface equipment is installed, configured, and operational based on the services to support. This includes all routers, servers (DHCP, TFTP, and ToD), network management systems, other configuration or billing systems and backbone, and other equipment to support VPN.
- Ensure DHCP and DOCSIS configuration files have been created and pushed to appropriate servers such that each cable modem, when initialized, can transmit a DHCP request, receive an IP address, obtain TFTP and ToD server addresses, and download a DOCSIS configuration file. Configure each subinterface to connect to the ISP’s VPN.
- Ensure DOCSIS servers are visible on the management VPN.
- Be familiar with your channel plan to assign appropriate frequencies. Outline your strategies for setting up bundling or VPN solution sets if applicable to your headend or distribution hub. Obtain passwords, IP addresses, subnet masks, and device names as appropriate.
- Create subinterfaces off of a virtual bundle interface. Configure each subinterface to connect to the ISP network.

The MPLS VPN configuration steps assume the following:

- IP addressing has already been determined and there are assigned ranges in the MSO and ISP network for specific subinterfaces.
- The MSO is using CNR and has configured it (using the `cable helper-address` command) to serve appropriate IP addresses to cable modems based on the cable modem MAC address. The CMTS forwards DHCP requests to the CNR based on the `cable helper-address` settings. The CNR server determines the IP address to assign the cable modem using the client-classes feature, which let the CNR assign specific parameters to devices based on MAC addresses.
- ISP CE routers are configured (using the `cable helper-address` command) to appropriately route relevant IP address ranges into the VPN.
- P and PE routers are already running Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF).
- MPLS is configured on the outbound VPN using the `tag switching ip` command in interface configuration mode.

Configuration Tasks

To configure MPLS VPNs, perform the following tasks:

Creating VRFs for each VPN

To create VRFs for each VPN, perform the following steps beginning in the router configuration mode.

**Note**

Since only the CMTS has logical subinterfaces, assignments of VRFs on the other PE devices will be to specific physical interfaces.
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<td><code>Router(config)# vrf definition mgmt-vpn</code></td>
<td>Enters VRF configuration mode (config-vrf)# and maps a VRF table to the VPN (specified by <code>mgmt-vpn</code>), The management VPN is the first VPN configured.</td>
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<td>Step 2</td>
<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# rd mgmt-rd</code></td>
<td>Creates a routing and forwarding table by assigning a route distinguisher to the management VPN.</td>
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<td>`Router(config-vrf)# route-target {export</td>
<td>import</td>
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<td>Step 4</td>
<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# route-target import isp1-vpn-rd</code></td>
<td>Imports all routes for the VPNs (<code>isp1-vpn</code>) route distinguisher.</td>
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<td>Step 5</td>
<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# route-target import isp2-vpn-rd</code></td>
<td>Imports all routes for the VPNs (<code>isp2-vpn</code>) route distinguisher.</td>
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<td>Step 6</td>
<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# vrf definition isp1-vpn</code></td>
<td>Creates a routing and forwarding table by assigning a route distinguisher to <code>isp1-vpn</code>.</td>
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<td>Step 7</td>
<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# rd mgmt-rd</code></td>
<td>Creates a routing and forwarding table by assigning a route distinguisher to <code>mgmt-rd</code> to the management VPN (<code>mgmt-vpn</code>).</td>
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<td>Step 8</td>
<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# route-target export isp1-vpn-rd</code></td>
<td>Exports all routes for the VPNs (<code>isp1-vpn</code>) route distinguisher.</td>
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<td>Step 9</td>
<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# route-target import isp1-vpn-rd</code></td>
<td>Imports all routes for the VPNs (<code>isp1-vpn</code>) route distinguisher.</td>
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<td>Step 10</td>
<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# route-target import mgmt-vpn-rd</code></td>
<td>Exports all routes for the VPNs (<code>mgmt-vpn</code>) route distinguisher.</td>
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<td>Step 11</td>
<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# vrf definition isp2-vpn</code></td>
<td>Creates a routing and forwarding table by assigning a route distinguisher to <code>isp2-vpn</code>.</td>
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<td>Step 12</td>
<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# route-target export isp2-vpn-rd</code></td>
<td>Exports all routes for the VPNs (<code>isp2-vpn</code>) route distinguisher.</td>
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<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# route-target import isp2-vpn-rd</code></td>
<td>Imports all routes for the VPNs (<code>isp2-vpn</code>) route distinguisher.</td>
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<td>Step 14</td>
<td><code>Router(config-vrf)# route-target import mgmt-vpn-rd</code></td>
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### Defining Subinterfaces on a Virtual Bundle Interface and Assigning VRFs

To create a logical cable subinterface, perform the following steps beginning in the global configuration mode. Create one subinterface for each VPN (one per ISP). The first subinterface created must be configured as part of the management VPN (with the lowest subinterface number).

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<td>Enters configuration mode.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Router(config)# interface bundle n.x</td>
<td>Enters virtual bundle interface configuration mode and defines the first (management) subinterface with the lowest subinterface number.</td>
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<td>Router(config-subif)# description string</td>
<td>Identifies the subinterface as the management subinterface.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Router(config-subif)# vrf forwarding mgmt-vpn</td>
<td>Assigns the subinterface to the management VPN (the MPLS VPN used by the MSO to supply service to customers).</td>
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<td>Router(config-subif)# ip address ipaddress mask</td>
<td>Assigns the subinterface an IP address and a subnet mask.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Router(config-subif)# cable helper-address ip-address cable-modem</td>
<td>Forwards DHCP requests from cable modems to the IP address listed.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Router(config-subif)# cable helper-address ip-address host</td>
<td>Forwards DHCP requests from hosts to the IP address listed.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Router(config-if)# interface bundle n.x</td>
<td>Defines an additional subinterface for the ISP (such as isp1).</td>
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<td>Router(config-subif)# description string</td>
<td>Identifies the subinterface (such as subinterface for isp1-vpn).</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Router(config-subif)# vrf forwarding isp1-vpn</td>
<td>Assigns the subinterface to isp1-vpn VPN.</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Router(config-subif)# ip address ipaddress mask</td>
<td>Assigns the subinterface an IP address and a subnet mask.</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>Router(config-subif)# cable helper-address ip-address cable-modem</td>
<td>Forwards DHCP requests from cable modems to the IP address listed.</td>
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<td>Router(config-subif)# cable helper-address ip-address host</td>
<td>Forwards DHCP requests from hosts to the IP address listed.</td>
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<td>Router(config-if)# interface bundle n.x</td>
<td>Defines an additional subinterface for the ISP (such as isp2).</td>
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<td>Identifies the subinterface (such as subinterface for isp2-vpn).</td>
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<td>Step 16 Router(config-subif)# vrf forwarding isp2-vpn</td>
<td>Assigns the subinterface to isp2-vpn VPN.</td>
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<td>Step 17 Router(config-subif)# ip address ipaddress mask</td>
<td>Assigns the subinterface an IP address and a subnet mask.</td>
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<td>Step 18 Router(config-subif)# cable helper-address ip-address cable-modem</td>
<td>Forwards DHCP requests from cable modems to the IP address listed.</td>
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<td>Step 19 Router(config-subif)# cable helper-address ip-address host</td>
<td>Forwards DHCP requests from hosts to the IP address listed.</td>
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<td>Step 20 Router(config)# exit</td>
<td>Returns to configuration mode.</td>
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### Configuring Cable Interface Bundles

To assign a cable interface to a bundle, perform the following steps beginning in the interface configuration mode.

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<td>Enters the cable interface configuration mode. IP addresses are not assigned to this interface. They are assigned to the logical subinterfaces created within this interface.</td>
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<td>Step 2 Router(config-if)# cable bundle bundle-number</td>
<td>Defines the interface as the bundle interface.</td>
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<td>Step 3 Router(config)# interface cable slot/subslot/port</td>
<td>Enters the cable interface configuration mode for another cable interface. IP addresses are not assigned to this interface. They are assigned to the logical subinterfaces created within this interface.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Step 4 Router(config-if)# cable bundle bundle-number</td>
<td>Adds the interface to the bundle specified by bundle-number.</td>
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### Configuring Subinterfaces and MPLS VPNs on a Virtual Bundle Interface

To configure subinterfaces on a virtual bundle interface and assign each subinterface a Layer 3 configuration:

1. Configure cable interface bundles.
2. Define subinterfaces on the virtual bundle interface and assign a Layer 3 configuration to each subinterface.
Create one subinterface for each customer VPN (one per ISP).

## Configuring MPLS in the P Routers in the Provider Core

To configure MPLS in the P routers in the provider core, perform the following steps.

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<td>Enters configuration mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 2</strong> Router(config)#ip cef</td>
<td>Enables Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF) operation.</td>
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<td>For information about CEF configuration and command syntax, see Cisco Express Forwarding Overview and Configuring Cisco Express Forwarding.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 3</strong> Router(config)#interface Tengigabitethernet slot/subslot/port</td>
<td>Enters GigabitEthernet interface configuration mode.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 4</strong> Router(config-if)#ip address ip-address mask</td>
<td>Defines the primary IP address range for the interface.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 5</strong> Router(config-if)#mpls ip</td>
<td>Enables the interface to be forwarded to an MPLS packet.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 6</strong> Router(config-if)#exit</td>
<td>Returns to global configuration mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 7</strong> Router(config)#mpls label-protocol ldp</td>
<td>Enables Label Distribution Protocol (LDP).</td>
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<td>For information about LDP and MPLS, see Configuring Multiprotocol Label Switching.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 8</strong> Router(config)# exit</td>
<td>Returns to the configuration mode.</td>
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## Verifying the MPLS VPN Configuration

Use the following commands to verify MPLS VPN operations on PE routers. For more MPLS VPN verification commands, see Configuring Multiprotocol Label Switching.

### Procedure

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<td><strong>Step 1</strong> Router# show ip vrf</td>
<td>Displays the set of VRFs and interfaces.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 2</strong> Router# show ip route vrf [vrf-name]</td>
<td>Displays the IP routing table for a VRF.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 3</strong> Router# show ip protocols vrf [vrf-name]</td>
<td>Displays the routing protocol information for a VRF.</td>
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</table>
### Purpose

**Step 4**

Router# show ip route vrf vrf-name

Displays the Local and Remote CE devices that are in the PE routing table.

**Step 5**

Router# show mpls forwarding-table

Displays entries for a VPN Routing/Forwarding instance.

### What to do next

For more verification instructions, see the MPLS: Layer 3 VPNs Configuration Guide.

## Configuration Examples

This section provides the following configuration examples:

### VRF Definition Configuration

```
vrf definition Basketball
   rd 100:2
   route-target export 100:2
   route-target import 100:0
   route-target import 100:2

   !
   address-family ipv4
   exit-address-family
   !
   address-family ipv6
   exit-address-family
vrf definition Football
   rd 100:1
   route-target export 100:1
   route-target import 100:0
   route-target import 100:1

   !
   address-family ipv4
   exit-address-family
   !
   address-family ipv6
   exit-address-family
vrf definition MGMT
   rd 100:0
   route-target export 100:0
   route-target import 100:0

   !
   address-family ipv4
   exit-address-family
   !
   address-family ipv6
   exit-address-family
vrf definition Mgmt-intf
   !
   address-family ipv4
   exit-address-family
   !
   address-family ipv6
```
exit-address-family
vrf definition Tennis
description Bundle Master Interface
rd 100:4
route-target export 100:4
route-target import 100:0
route-target import 100:4
vrf definition Volleyball
description Management Interface
rd 100:3
route-target export 100:3
route-target import 100:0
route-target import 100:3
vrf forwarding Basketball
ip address 112.54.0.1 255.255.0.0 secondary
ip address 112.53.0.1 255.255.0.0
cable helper-address 20.11.0.62
cable helper-address 20.11.0.162
ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B003::1/64
ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B004::1/64
vrf forwarding Football
ip address 112.56.0.1 255.255.0.0 secondary
ip address 112.55.0.1 255.255.0.0
cable helper-address 20.11.0.62
cable helper-address 20.11.0.162
ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B005::1/64
ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B006::1/64
vrf forwarding Volleyball
ip address 112.58.0.1 255.255.0.0 secondary
ip address 112.57.0.1 255.255.0.0
cable helper-address 20.11.0.62

Cable Bundle SubInterface Configuration

interface Bundle255
  description Bundle Master Interface
  no ip address
  cable arp filter request-send 3 2
  cable arp filter reply-accept 3 2

interface Bundle255.1
  description Management Interface
  vrf forwarding MGMT
  ip address 112.51.0.1 255.255.0.0
cable helper-address 20.11.0.162
  ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B001::1/64

interface Bundle255.2
  vrf forwarding Basketball
  ip address 112.54.0.1 255.255.0.0 secondary
  ip address 112.53.0.1 255.255.0.0
cable helper-address 20.11.0.62
cable helper-address 20.11.0.162
  ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B003::1/64
  ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B004::1/64

interface Bundle255.3
  vrf forwarding Football
  ip address 112.56.0.1 255.255.0.0 secondary
  ip address 112.55.0.1 255.255.0.0
cable helper-address 20.11.0.62
cable helper-address 20.11.0.162
  ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B005::1/64
  ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B006::1/64

interface Bundle255.4
  vrf forwarding Volleyball
  ip address 112.58.0.1 255.255.0.0 secondary
  ip address 112.57.0.1 255.255.0.0
cable helper-address 20.11.0.62
cable helper-address 20.11.0.162
ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B007::1/64
ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B008::1/64

interface Bundle255.5
vrf forwarding Tennis
ip address 112.61.0.1 255.255.255.0 secondary
ip address 112.60.0.1 255.255.255.0 secondary
ip address 112.59.0.1 255.255.255.0
ip helper-address 20.11.0.162
ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B009::1/64
ipv6 address 2001:100:112:B00A::1/64

PE WAN Interface Configuration

mpls label protocol ldp
mpls ldp nsr
mpls ldp graceful-restart

interface TenGigabitEthernet4/1/1
description WAN connection to cBR8
mtu 4470
ip address 100.6.120.5 255.255.255.252
ip router isis hub
ipv6 address 2001:100:6:120::5:1/112
ipv6 enable
mpls ip
mpls traffic-eng tunnels
cdp enable
isis circuit-type level-1
isis network point-to-point
isis csnp-interval 10
hold-queue 400 in
ip rsvp bandwidth 1000000
end

PE BGP Configuration

router bgp 100
bgp router-id 100.120.120.120
bgp log-neighbor-changes
bgp graceful-restart restart-time 120
bgp graceful-restart stalepath-time 360
bgp graceful-restart
timers bgp 5 60
neighbor 100.100.4.4 remote-as 100
neighbor 100.100.4.4 ha-mode sso
neighbor 100.100.4.4 update-source Loopback0
neighbor 100.100.4.4 ha-mode graceful-restart
! address-family ipv4
  redistribute connected
  redistribute static route-map static-route
  redistribute rip
neighbor 100.100.4.4 activate
neighbor 100.100.4.4 send-community extended
neighbor 100.100.4.4 next-hop-self
neighbor 100.100.4.4 soft-reconfiguration inbound
maximum-paths ibgp 2
exit-address-family
!
address-family vpnv4
  neighbor 100.100.4.4 activate
  neighbor 100.100.4.4 send-community extended
exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv6
  redistribute connected
  redistribute rip CST include-connected
  redistribute static metric 100 route-map static-route-v6
  neighbor 100.100.4.4 activate
  neighbor 100.100.4.4 send-community extended
  neighbor 100.100.4.4 send-label
exit-address-family
!
address-family vpnv6
  neighbor 100.100.4.4 activate
  neighbor 100.100.4.4 send-community extended
exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv4 vrf Basketball
  redistribute connected
exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv6 vrf Basketball
  redistribute connected
  redistribute static metric 100
exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv4 vrf Football
  redistribute connected
exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv6 vrf Football
  redistribute connected
  redistribute static metric 100
exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv4 vrf MGMT
  redistribute connected
exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv6 vrf MGMT
  redistribute connected
exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv4 vrf Tennis
  redistribute connected
  redistribute static route-map static-route
  redistribute rip
exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv6 vrf Tennis
  redistribute connected
  redistribute rip CST include-connected
  redistribute static metric 100 route-map static-route-v6
exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv4 vrf Volleyball
  redistribute connected
  redistribute static route-map static-route
  redistribute rip

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<td>download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install</td>
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Feature Information for MPLS VPN Cable Enhancements

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about the platform support and software image support. Cisco Feature Navigator enables you to determine which software images support a specific software release, feature set, or platform. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to the www.cisco.com/go/cfn link. An account on the Cisco.com page is not required.

Note

The following table lists the software release in which a given feature is introduced. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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