



Cable Monitor and Intercept Features for the Cisco CMTS Routers

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Note

Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCA integrates support for this feature on the Cisco CMTS routers. This feature is also supported in Cisco IOS Release 12.3BC, and this document contains information that references many legacy documents related to Cisco IOS 12.3BC. In general, any references to Cisco IOS Release 12.3BC also apply to Cisco IOS Release 12.2SC.

The Cable Monitor and Intercept features for Cisco Cable Modem Termination System (CMTS) routers provide a software solution for monitoring and intercepting traffic coming from a cable network. These features give service providers Lawful Intercept capabilities, such as those required by the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA).

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest feature information and caveats, see the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the Feature Information Table at the end of this document.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to <http://tools.cisco.com/ITDIT/CFN/>. An account on <http://www.cisco.com/> is not required.

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Prerequisites for the Cable Monitor and Intercept Features on the Cisco CMTS Routers

The Cable Monitor and Intercept Features for the Cisco CMTS Routers is supported on the Cisco CMTS routers in Cisco IOS Release 12.3BC and 12.2SC.



Note

The cable monitor and intercept features began support in Cisco IOS Releases prior to 12.2BC; however, several of these releases and hardware have since reached End-of-Life (EOL) and therefore we are showing only some of the latest Cisco IOS software release trains in this hardware compatibility table. For more information about the complete feature history, see the [Feature Information for Cable Monitor and Intercept Features for the Cisco CMTS Routers, on page 18](#).



Note

The hardware components introduced in a given Cisco IOS Release will be supported in all subsequent releases unless otherwise specified.

Table 1: Cable Monitor and Intercept for the Cisco CMTS Hardware Compatibility Matrix

CMTS Platform	Processor Engine	Cable Interface Cards
Cisco uBR10012 Universal Broadband Router	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCA and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRE2 	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCA and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco uBR10-MC5X20S/U/H
	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCB and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRE4 	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCC and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco UBR-MC20X20V
	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCH and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRE5 	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCE and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco uBR-MC3GX60V ¹

CMTS Platform	Processor Engine	Cable Interface Cards
Cisco uBR7246VXR Universal Broadband Router	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCA and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPE-G1 Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCB and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPE-G2 	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCA and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco uBR-MC28U/X Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCD and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco uBR-MC88V ²
Cisco uBR7225VXR Universal Broadband Router	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCA and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPE-G1 Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCB and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPE-G2 	Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCA and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco uBR-E-28U • Cisco uBR-E-16U • Cisco uBR-MC28U/X Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCD and later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco uBR-MC88V

¹ Cisco uBR3GX60V cable interface line card is not compatible with PRE2.

² Cisco uBR-MC88V cable interface line card is not compatible with NPE-G1. You must use NPE-G2 with the Cisco uBR-MC88V cable interface line card.

Restrictions for Cable Monitor and Intercept

- The **cable intercept** command by itself does not fulfill the PacketCable requirements for Lawful Intercept capability. To meet these requirements, PacketCable operations must also be enabled and configured on the Cisco CMTS router (see the documents in the [Additional References](#), on page 16 for instructions on enabling PacketCable).
- For Cisco uBR10012 routers, starting from Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCC, the **cable intercept** command is configured only under bundle interface and for Cisco uBR7200 series routers, **cable intercept** is allowed in Cable interface, however it is recommended to configure in Bundle interface.



Note Starting from Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCH, the **cable intercept** command is not allowed to configure in Cable Interface, both in Cisco uBR7200 series and Cisco uBR10012 routers.

- The WAN interface on which packets are forwarded when using the **cable monitor** command should be used exclusively by the LAN analyzer. This interface must be an Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, Gigabit Ethernet or Ten Gigabit Ethernet interface.

- Intercepted data from the **cable intercept** command is sent to a user-specified User Datagram Port (UDP) at a user-specified IP address. The data collector at that IP address must have exclusive use of the specified UDP port.
- The interception of customer traffic is governed by local laws and the service level agreements (SLA) with those customers. Consult the proper legal authorities before intercepting and monitoring third-party traffic. Also see the documents on CALEA and Lawful Intercept in the [Additional References](#), on page 16.
- The Cable Monitor and Intercept feature does not support monitoring of upstream traffic if upstream channel bonding is configured on a cable interface line card.
- The Cable Monitor feature does not function correctly after a cable line card switchover. To recover from this change in functionality, re-apply the **cable monitor** command.
- The **cable monitor outbound downstream** command can be enabled:
 - only one mac-domain on a line card at a time
 - for one modular-cable or intergrated-cable interface per line card at one time
 - for one wideband-cable interface per line card at one time
- The Cable intercept feature is used to implement lawful intercept to monitor specific data or traffic streams. It is not a management tool. The information related to changes in modem states or CPE states, like DHCP information, cannot be intercepted by cable intercept feature.

Information About Cable Monitor and Intercept

Cisco CMTS routers support the following two complementary commands to intercept traffic being sent or received over a cable interface:

- **cable intercept**—Forwards copies of the traffic to and from a specific MAC address to a server at a specific IP address and UDP port. This command can be used to respond to CALEA requests from law enforcement for traffic concerning a specific user.
- **cable monitor**—Forwards copies of selected packets on the cable interface to an external LAN analyzer attached to another interface on the Cisco CMTS router. This command can help in troubleshooting network and application problems.

See the following sections for more information about these commands.



Note

These commands do not monitor or intercept traffic for the purpose of preventing denial-of-service attacks and other types of network attacks. With both of these commands, the traffic continues on to its original destination, and only copies of the selected packets are forwarded to the CALEA server or LAN analyzer.

- Service Independent Intercept (SII), a superset of the existing Packet Intercept (PI) feature, is one of several systems for law enforcement to monitor traffic on the Cisco CMTS. SII differs from other systems in its ability to monitor both non-voice as well as voice traffic. Whereas the current PI feature supports the interception of UDP packets only, SII supports the interception of any legal IP protocol. In addition, because SII uses SNMP (specifically SNMPv3), its use can be hidden from other users of the CMTS.

SII requires two devices: an interception device with which to intercept monitored traffic, and a mediation device (MD) that filters and reads the intercepted traffic. Here the interception device is the Cisco CMTS, and the MD is an SNMP management workstation.

Overview of the cable intercept Command

The **cable intercept** command forwards all traffic to and from a particular MAC address on a specific cable interface to a data collection server at a particular IP address and User Datagram Protocol (UDP) port. This command examines the source and destination MAC addresses of each Ethernet frame that is transmitted over the selected cable interface, and when a match is found, a copy of the frame is encapsulated within a UDP packet and forwarded to the specified server.

**Note**

The MAC address being intercepted is typically the MAC address of a user's CPE device (PC, Voice-over-IP phone, or so forth), not the MAC address of the cable modem.

This command can be used to comply with the United States Federal Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) and other Lawful Intercept requirements for voice communications. For specifics on CALEA Lawful Intercept, see the *PacketCable Electronic Surveillance Specification*, as listed in the [Additional References](#), on page 16.

This command requires that the law enforcement agency (LEA) provide a server at the specified IP address with an application that monitors the given UDP port and collects all of the data sent to that port. The choice of this application is up to the LEA. Although this application could be as simple as a packet sniffer, typically the LEA would desire a more complex application that could reconstruct the user's original data or voice traffic.

**Note**

Before Cisco IOS Release 12.1(11b)EC, the destination server had to be within two network hops of the Cisco CMTS router. This restriction was removed in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(11b)EC, 12.2(4)BC1, and all later releases.

**Note**

Starting from Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCC, the cable intercept command is configured under bundle interface.

Overview of the Cable Monitor Command

The **cable monitor** command sends copies of packets for specific types of traffic that is sent over a particular cable interface to a LAN analyzer, for use in troubleshooting network problems. This command can select packets to be forwarded using one or more of the following parameters:

- Either incoming or outbound packets
- Packets that match an IP access list
- Packets that match a specific MAC address (source and destination)
- Packets with a specific Service ID (SID)

Overview of CISCO-TAP-MIB

There is no user-accessible CLI to support the SII feature. All interaction is implemented by means of SNMPv3, and all configurations, both for taps (SII intercepts) as well as the mediation device, are implemented by means of the CISCO-TAP-MIB.



Note

At the time of publication, the Cisco IOS 12.3 BC release train does not support virtual private networks with the SII feature. The CISCO-TAP-MIB does not specify any particular VPN, so this MIB is not assigned to a particular instance of VPN routing/forwarding (VRF).

[Table 2: CISCO-TAP-MIB Objects and Restrictions](#), on page 7 lists the objects in the MIB, as well as restrictions for the Cisco uBR10012 CMTS other than those listed in the MIB itself.

Table 2: CISCO-TAP-MIB Objects and Restrictions

Object	Restrictions for Cisco uBR10012
cTapMediationDestAddressType	Only IPv4 is supported (ITD restriction)
cTapMediationDestAddress	
cTapMediationDestPort	
cTapMediationSrcInterface	
cTapMediationRtcpPort	Not supported (ITD restriction ³)
cTapMediationDscp	
cTapMediationDataType	
cTapMediationRetransmitType	Not supported (ITD restriction)
cTapMediationTimeout	
cTapMediationTransport	UDP only (ITD restriction)
cTapMediationNotificationEnable	
cTapMediationStatus	
cTapMediationCapabilities	
cTapStreamCapabilities	
cTapStreamIpInterface	Only if interface is cable
cTapStreamIpAddrType	IPv4 only

Object	Restrictions for Cisco uBR10012
cTapStreamIpDestinationAddress	
cTapStreamIpDestinationLength	Must be 32 (no subnets)
cTapStreamIpSourceAddress	
cTapStreamIpSourceLength	
cTapStreamIpTosByte	
cTapStreamIpTosByteMask	
cTapStreamIpFlowId	Not supported (IPv6 only)
cTapStreamIpProtocol	
cTapStreamIpDestL4PortMin	Must match ...DestL4PortMax, or zero
cTapStreamIpDestL4PortMax	Must match ...DestL4PortMin, or 65535
cTapStreamIpSourceL4PortMin	Must match ...SourceL4PortMin, or zero
cTapStreamIpSourceL4PortMax	Must match ...SourceL4PortMax, or 65535
cTapStreamIpInterceptEnable	
cTapStreamIpInterceptedPackets	
cTapStreamIpInterceptDrops	
cTapStreamIpStatus	

³ This means the restriction is across all Cisco platforms, not just Cisco CMTS platforms.

Benefits

The **cable intercept** command helps the CMTS or network administrator to:

- Comply with CALEA requirements for Lawful Intercept.
- Comply with PacketCable requirements for electronic surveillance.

Monitoring upstream and downstream data packets with the **cable monitor** command helps the CMTS or network administrator to:

- Manage network variables and understand network issues that affect application performance and functionality.

- Resolve interoperability problems.

SII, with SNMPv3, helps the CMTS or network administrator, in conjunction with law enforcement, to:

- Monitor both voice and non-voice traffic, unlike with PI.
- Hide the use of SII from other users of the Cisco CMTS.

How to Configure Cable Intercept and Monitoring Features

Configuring the Cable Intercept Feature

To enable the cable intercept feature on a particular cable interface, use the following procedure, starting in privileged EXEC mode.



Note

For Cisco uBR10012 router, a maximum of 4095 MAC intercepts can be configured. This includes the MAC intercepts configured using the cable intercept command, and other lawful intercept features (such as SII). The bandwidth used by each MAC intercept is also a deciding factor for the number of MAC intercepts that can be configured. High bandwidth usage by a MAC intercept might reduce the number of MAC intercepts that can be configured.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Router> enable Router#</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal Router(config)#</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	Do one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interface cable <i>x /y</i> <pre>Router(config)# interface cable 4/0</pre> • interface bundle <i>x</i> <pre>Router(config)# interface bundle 1</pre> 	Enters cable or bundle interface configuration mode for the specified cable or bundle interface. Note Starting from Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCC, the cable intercept command is configured under bundle interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	<p>cable intercept <i>mac-address</i> <i>i p-address</i> <i>udp-port</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config-if)# cable intercept 000C.0102.0304 10.10.10.45 8132</pre>	<p>Enables cable interception on this cable or bundle interface with the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>mac-address</i>—Specifies the MAC address for traffic that is to be intercepted. Packets with a source or destination MAC address that matches this address are forwarded. Typically, this is the MAC address of the user's CPE device (such as a PC or VoIP phone), not the MAC address of the user's cable modem. • <i>ip-address</i>— Specifies the IP address for the data collection server that is to receive copies of the forwarded traffic. • <i>udp-port</i>—Specifies the destination UDP port number at the data collection server. The valid range is 0 to 65535 with no default. This port must be unused except by the data collection server at this IP address.
Step 5	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config)# end</pre>	Exits global configuration mode.

Configuring the Cable Monitor Feature

To enable the cable traffic monitoring feature on a particular cable interface, use the following procedure, starting in privileged EXEC mode.



Note

When using ACLs with cable monitor and the Cisco uBR10012 router, combine multiple ACLs into one ACL, and then configure cable monitor with the consolidated ACL.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<p>enable</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router> enable</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router#</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	<p>configure terminal</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config)#</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	<p>interface cable x/y</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config)# interface cable 4/0</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config-if)#</pre>	Enters cable interface configuration mode for the specified cable interface.
Step 4	<p>cable monitor incoming outbound [timestamp] interface interface access-list <i>name number</i> mac-address address sid sid-number [packet-type {data docsis data ethernet mac [type type]}]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config-if)# cable monitor interface e1/2 mac-address 0123.4567.89ab packet-type data docsis</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config-if)#</pre>	<p>Enables cable monitoring on the cable interface with the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • incoming—(Optional) Forwards only packets being received on the upstream. • outbound—(Optional) Forwards only packets being transmitted on the downstream. • timestamp—(Optional) Appends a four-byte timestamp, in hundredths of a second, to the packets when they are forwarded to the LAN analyzer. • interface interface—Specifies the WAN interface on the router to which the LAN analyzer is connected. This interface should be used only by the LAN analyzer. Interface types are Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, Gigabit Ethernet, or Ten Gigabit Ethernet interface. <p>Identify the packets to be monitored with one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access-list—Selects packets that match the specified access list. You can specify the access list by name or by number (1 to 2699). • mac-address—Specifies the MAC address for packets that should be forwarded. • sid—Selects packets with the specified service ID (SID). The valid range is 1 to 16384. <p>You can configure the types of packets to be forwarded with the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • packet-type—(Optional) Selects the type of packet to be forwarded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ data docsis—Forward only data packets as full complete DOCSIS frames.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ data ethernet—Forward only data packets by stripping off the DOCSIS header and forwarding only the Ethernet frame. ◦ mac—Forwards only the MAC-layer packets. When monitoring a specific SID, you can also optionally specify the type option with one of the following MAC-layer message types: dsa, dsc, dsd, map-grant, map-req. <p>Note Repeat Step 4 for each type of packet or MAC address to be monitored.</p>
Step 5	end Example: <pre>Router(config)# end</pre> Example: <pre>Router#</pre>	Exits global configuration mode.

Monitoring the Cable Intercept and Monitor Features

To display information about the operation of the cable intercept and **cable monitor** commands, use the following procedures:

Displaying Information About Intercepted Traffic

To display information about what traffic is being forwarded by the **cable intercept** command, use the **show interface cable intercept** command:

```
Router# show interface c6/0 intercept

MAC Address      Destination      Destination
IP Address       IP Address       UDP Port
00C0.0102.0DEF  10.10.10.131    7512
```

Effective with Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCC, to display information about what traffic is being forwarded by the **cable intercept** command, use the **show interface bundle intercept** command:

```
Router# show interfaces bundle 1 intercept

MAC-based intercepts:
Source          Server          Server
MAC Address     IP Address      UDP Port
000c.0102.0304  10.10.10.45    8132
```

Displaying Information About Monitored Traffic



Note

Effective with Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCA the **show interface cable monitor** command is replaced by the **show interface cable cable-monitor** command.

To display information about what traffic is being sent to the external LAN analyzer by the **cable monitor** command, use the **show interface cable monitor** command:

```
Router# show interface cable 1/0 monitor
US/ Time Outbound Flow      Flow Type      Flow Packet MAC   MAC   Encap
DS  Stmp Interface Type      Identifier     Extn. Type Extn. Type Type
all yes  Et1/0  mac-addr 0050.5462.008c yes  data  no    -    Ethernet
us   yes  Et1/0  acc-list 300          no   -    no    -    -
us   no   Et1/0  sid      2            yes  mac  yes   map-grant -
all  no   Et1/0  acc-list rrr          no   -    no    -    -
all  no   Et1/0  mac-addr 0042.b013.008c yes  data  no    -    Ethernet
all  no   Et1/0  upstream 0            yes  data  no    -    docsis
The following is sample output from the show interface cable cable-monitor command:
```

Starting with Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCA and later, use the **show interface cable cable-monitor** command to display information about what traffic is being sent to the external LAN analyzer:

```
Router# show interface cable 5/0 cable-monitor
US/ Time Outbound Flow      Flow Type      Flow Packet MAC   MAC   Encap
DS  Stmp Interface Type      Identifier     Extn. Type Extn. Type Type
us  no   Et1/2  us-port  0            yes  data  no    -    docsis
all no   Et1/2  acc-list 103          yes  data  no    -    docsis
all yes  Et1/2  mac-addr 0050.0000.0000 yes  mac  no    -    -
```

Configuration Examples

The following examples illustrate sample configurations of the **cableintercept** and **cablemonitor** commands and features on the Cisco CMTS:

Example: Cable Intercept Configuration

The following sample configuration shows traffic to and from MAC address 0003.e3fa.5e11 being forwarded to a data collection server at the IP address 172.18.73.189 and UDP port 9999:

```
!
interface cable 1/0
  cable monitor timestamp int fe0/0 mac-address 0002.b9ff.8c00 packet-type data ethernet
...
```

Effective from Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCC, the following is the sample configuration showing traffic to and from MAC address 0003.e3fa.5e11 being forwarded to a data collection server at the IP address 172.18.73.189 and UDP port 9999:

```
!
interface bundle 1
```

```
cable intercept 0003.e3fa.5e11 172.18.73.189 9999
...
```

Cable Monitor Examples

This section contains the following examples that illustrate the Cable Monitor feature on the Cisco CMTS:

Cable Monitor Configuration Example (MAC Address)

The following example of the **cable monitor** command on a Cisco uBR7114 router monitors packets with the MAC address of 0002.b9ff.8c00. Both upstream and downstream packets are forwarded to a LAN analyzer on the router's Fast Ethernet interface (FE0/0).

```
!
interface cable 1/0
 cable monitor timestamp int fe0/0 mac-address 0002.b9ff.8c00 packet-type data ethernet
...
```

Configuration Example for Ethernet, MAC-Layer, and DOCSIS-Data Packets

The following example of the **cable monitor** command monitors Ethernet, MAC-layer, and DOCSIS-data packets with the MAC address of 0003.e3fa.5e8f, adding a timestamp to the packets before forwarding them to the LAN analyzer.

```
!
interface Cable 3/0
 ip address 10.100.100.1 255.255.255.0
 cable monitor timestamp int e2/0 mac-address 0003.e3fa.5e8f packet-type data ethernet
 cable monitor timestamp int e2/0 mac-address 0003.e3fa.5e8f packet-type mac
 cable monitor timestamp int e2/0 mac-address 0003.e3fa.5e8f packet-type data docsis
...
```

Cable Monitor DOCSIS Data Packets Example

This example shows sample DOCSIS packets that have been captured by the **cable monitor** command and forwarded to a LAN analyzer. The hexadecimal dump for the first packet is the following:

```
LLC: ----- LLC Header -----
      LLC:
      LLC: DSAP Address = E2, DSAP IG Bit = 01 (Group Address)
      LLC: SSAP Address = FA, SSAP CR Bit = 00 (Command)
      LLC: I frame, N(R) = 71, N(S) = 47, POLL
      LLC:
DLC: Frame padding= 43 bytes
ADDR  HEX                               ASCII
0000:c0 00 00 1c ea 1d 00 03 fe e1 a0 54 00 03 e3 fa | .....T....
0010:5e 8f 00 0a 00 00 03 01 04
      00 00 03 00 00 00 8a | ^.....
0020:4d 6e 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | Mn.....
0030:00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....
```

The relevant DOCSIS bytes are the following:

- Byte 0x16—Control Field. A value of 03 indicates an unnumbered information frame.

- Byte 0x17—Version of the MAC management protocol. A value of 1 indicates a DOCSIS 1.0 message and a value of 2 indicates DOCSIS 1.1 message.
- Byte 0x18—MAC message type. In this example, a value of 04 indicates a Ranging Request (RNG-REQ) message.

The hexadecimal dump of the next packet is the following:

```

LLC: ----- LLC Header -----
      LLC:
      LLC: DSAP Address = FE, DSAP IG Bit = 00 (Individual Address
)
      LLC: SSAP Address = E0, SSAP CR Bit = 01 (Response
)
      LLC: I frame, N(R) = 42, N(S) = 80
      LLC:
DLC: Frame padding= 43 bytes
ADDR  HEX                                     ASCII
0000:c2 00 00 2b 00 00 00 03 e3 fa 5e 8f 00 03 fe e1 | ...+.....^.....
0010:a0 54 00 19 00 00 03 01 05
                                     |
00 00 03 01 01 04 00 | .T.....
0020:00 00 00 02 01 00 03 02 00 00 05 01 03 00 8a 4d | .....M
0030:6e 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | | n.....

```

This packet has a MAC message type of 05, indicating a Ranging Response (RNG-RSP) message.



Note

For complete information on the DOCSIS MAC packet format, see Chapter 6 in the DOCSIS 1.1 specification (see the [Additional References](#), on page 16).

Cable Monitor Timestamped Packets Example

The following example shows how to interpret the four-byte timestamp that is appended to packets that are forwarded by the **cable monitor** command when using the **timestamp** option. The following hexadecimal dump shows the 64-byte contents of the first MAP message packet being examined:

```

0000(0000): C3
02003A 00000000 01E02F00 0001
0008...../.....
0010(0016): 0D6F4670 00260000 03010300 01380400 .oFp.&.....8..
0020(0032): 0061A1C1 0061A07C 00030004 FFFC4000 .a...a.|.....@.
0030(0048): 0189401F FFFC4042 0001C043 007EF4EA
..@...@B...C.~..

```

The relevant portions of this packet are the following:

- Byte 0—C3 indicates a MAP management message.
- Bytes 08 to 0D—Multicast address that is used to address cable modem when transmitting allocation MAP protocol data units (PDUs).
- Bytes 3C to 3F—Timestamp from the **cable monitor** command in hexadecimal (0x007EF4EA). This value is a 32-bit counter that is incremented every 10 milliseconds.

The following hexadecimal dump shows the second MAP message being forwarded:

```

0000(0000): C302003A 00000000 01E02F00 00010008 ...../.....
0010(0016): 0D6F4670 00260000 03010300 01380400 .oFp.&.....8..

```

```

0020(0032): 0061A5AE 0061A469 00030004 FFFC4000 .a...a.i.....@.
0030(0048): 0189401A FFFC403D 0001C03E 007EF4EF
..@...@=...>~..

```

In this example, the timestamp is 0x007EF4EF. Subtracting the two timestamps (0x007EF4EF-0x007EF4EA) produces the time difference between the two MAP messages in hundredths of a second (which in this case is a difference of 5, for a total time difference of 50 milliseconds).

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to the Cisco CMTS routers.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
CMTS commands	<i>Cisco IOS CMTS Cable Command Reference</i> http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/cable/command/reference/cbl_book.html
Common Open Policy Service (COPS)	<i>COPS Engine Operation on the Cisco CMTS Routers</i> http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/cable/configuration/guide/cmts_cops_eng_op_ps2209_TSD_Products_Configuration_Guide_Chapter.html
PacketCable configuration	<i>PacketCable and PacketCable Multimedia for the Cisco CMTS Routers</i> http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/cable/configuration/guide/cmts_pktcable_mm_ps2209_TSD_Products_Configuration_Guide_Chapter.html
Using the LAN analyzer	See the documentation for the LAN analyzer or other network interception software you are using for instructions on decoding DOCSIS MAC frames. Note One possible software utility you can use for this purpose is the Ethereal software, which is available for Windows and Unix systems.
CALEA Information	See the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), which was passed by the United States Congress in 1994 and is now sections 1001 to 1010 of the United States Code Title 47 (Telegraphs, Telephones, and Radiotelegraphs). Also see the information on Cisco's web site at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/www/regaffairs/lawful_intercept/index.html
Lawful Intercept technology information	http://www.cisco.com/en/US/tech/tk583/tk799/tsd_technology_support_protocol_home.html http://www.cisco.com/en/US/tech/tk583/tk799/tsd_technology_support_protocol_home.html

Standards

Standards⁴	Title
SP-RFIV1.1-I09-020830	Data-Over-Cable Service Interface Specifications Radio Frequency Interface Specification, version 1.1
PKT-SP-ESP-I01-991229	PacketCable™ Electronic Surveillance Specification

⁴ Not all standards supported by this release are listed.

MIBs

MIBs⁵	MIBs Link
CISCO-TAP-MIB	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

⁵ Not all MIBs supported by this release are listed.

RFCs

Description	Link
No new or modified RFCs are supported by this feature.	http://www.ietf.org/rfc.html

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
Technical Assistance Center (TAC) home page, containing 30,000 pages of searchable technical content, including links to products, technologies, solutions, technical tips, and tools. Registered Cisco.com users can log in from this page to access even more content.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for Cable Monitor and Intercept Features for the Cisco CMTS Routers

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about 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 <http://tools.cisco.com/ITDIT/CFN/>. An account on <http://www.cisco.com/> is not required.



Note

The below table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

Table 3: Feature Information for Cable Monitor and Intercept Features for the Cisco CMTS Routers

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Cable Intercept Feature	12.0(6)SC, 12.1(2)EC	This feature was introduced for Cisco uBR7200 series routers. The following new command was introduced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cable intercept
Cable Monitor Feature	12.1(3a)EC	The cable monitor command was introduced for Cisco uBR7200 series routers.
Cable Monitor and Intercept Features	12.1(5)EC	Support for the cable intercept and cable monitor commands was added for the Cisco uBR7100 series routers.
Cable Intercept Feature	12.1(11b)EC	The cable intercept command was enhanced to allow the data collector to be more than two hops from the Cisco CMTS router.
Cable Monitor and Intercept Features	12.1(4)CX	This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.1(4)CX. The sid option was added to the cable monitor command for DOCSIS 1.1 support.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Cable Monitor and Intercept Features	12.2(4)BC1	<p>This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(4)BC1 for the Cisco uBR7100 series, Cisco uBR7200 series, and the Cisco uBR10012 routers.</p> <p>However, this release does not support JIB-based cable interface line cards (such as the Cisco uBR-MC28X/U, Cisco uBR-MC16X/U, and Cisco uBR10-MC520S/U).</p>
Service Independent Intercept	12.3(13a)BC	<p>Support for Service Independent Intercept (SII) was introduced using the CISCO-TAP-MIB for SNMPv3.</p> <p>Feature support for the Cisco uBR-MC28X/U, Cisco uBR-MC16X/U, and Cisco uBR10-MC5X20S/U cable interface line cards was added to Cisco uBR7200 series and Cisco uBR10012 routers.</p>
Cable Monitor and Intercept Features	12.3(17a)BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access Control Lists are supported on the Cisco uBR10-MC5X20U/D and Cisco uBR-MC28U cable interface line cards. • Unconditional downstream sniffing enables downstream packets to be monitored, either for MAC or data packets. This enhancement supports both DOCSIS and Ethernet packet encapsulation.
Cable Monitor and Intercept Features	12.2(33)SCA	<p>This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SCA. Support for the Cisco uBR7225VXR Universal Broadband Router was added.</p>

