



Configuring vPC Fabric Peering

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Information About vPC Fabric Peering

vPC Fabric Peering provides an enhanced dual-homing access solution without the overhead of wasting physical ports for vPC Peer Link.

The following lists the vPC Fabric Peering solution:

- vPC Fabric Peering port-channel with virtual members (tunnels).
- vPC Fabric Peering (tunnel) with removal of the physical peer link requirement.
- vPC Fabric Peering up/down events are triggered based on route updates and fabric up/down.
- Uplink tracking for extended failure coverage.
- vPC Fabric Peering reachability via the routed network, such as the spine.
- Increased resiliency of the vPC control plane over TCP-IP (CFSolP).
- Data plane traffic over the VXLAN tunnel.
- Communication between vPC member switches uses VXLAN encapsulation.
- Failure of all uplinks on a node result in vPC ports going down on that switch. In that scenario, vPC peer takes up the primary role and forwards the traffic.
- Uplink tracking with state dependency and up/down signaling for vPCs.
- Positive uplink state tracking drives vPC primary role election.
- For border leafs and spines, there is no need for per-VRF peering since network communication uses the fabric.
- Enhance forwarding to orphans hosts by extending the VIP/PIP feature to Type-2 routes.

- Infra-VLAN is not required for vPC fabric peering.



Note The vPC Fabric Peering counts as three VTEPs unlike a normal vPC which counts as one VTEP.

Guidelines and Limitations for vPC Fabric Peering

The following are the vPC Fabric Peering guidelines and limitations:

Configuration recommendations

- vPC Fabric Peering requires TCAM carving of the region **ing-flow-redirect**. TCAM carving requires saving the configuration and reloading the switch prior to using the feature.



Note This requirement only applies to Cisco Nexus 3600-R Series platform switches.

- When using vPC fabric peering, you cannot create routing over SVIs for such vPC pairs.
- Prior to reconfiguring the vPC Fabric Peering source and destination IP, the vPC domain must be shut down. Once the vPC Fabric Peering source and destination IP have been adjusted, the vPC domain can be enabled (**no shutdown**).
- The source and destination IP supported in **virtual peer-link destination** command are class A, B, and C. Class D and E are not supported for vPC Fabric Peering.
- Immediately after converting from fabric peering to a physical peer link, make the following changes on both peers:
 1. Globally configure a TCAM region using the **hardware access-list tcam region ing-flow-redirect 0** command.
 2. Optionally, allocate the free space to other classes. For more information, see [Understand How to Carve Nexus 9000 TCAM Space](#).
 3. Save the running configuration using the **copy running-config startup-config** command.
 4. Reload the switch.
- The vPC Fabric Peering peer-link is established over the transport network (the spine layer of the fabric). As communication between vPC peers occurs in this manner, control plane information CFS messages used to synchronize port state information, VLAN information, VLAN-to-VNI mapping, host MAC addresses are transmitted over the fabric. CFS messages are marked with the appropriate DSCP value, which should be protected in the transport network. The following example shows a sample QoS configuration on the spine layer of Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switches.

Classify traffic by matching the DSCP value (DSCP 56 is the default value):

```
class-map type qos match-all CFS
 match dscp 56
```

Set traffic to the qos-group that corresponds with the strict priority queue for the appropriate spine switch. In this example, the switch sends traffic to qos-group 7, which corresponds to the strict priority queue (Queue 7). Note that different Cisco Nexus platforms might have a different queuing structure.

```
policy-map type qos CFS
  class CFS
    Set qos-group 7
```

Assign a classification service policy to all interfaces toward the VTEP (the leaf layer of the network):

```
interface Ethernet 1/1
  service-policy type qos input CFS
```

- Layer 3 Tenant Routed Multicast (TRM) is supported. Layer 2/Layer 3 TRM (Mixed Mode) is not supported.
- If Type-5 routes are used with this feature, the **advertise-pip** command is a mandatory configuration.
- Enhance forwarding to orphan hosts by extending the VIP/PIP feature to Type-2 routes.
- An orphan Type-2 host is advertised using PIP. A vPC Type-2 host is advertised using VIP. This is the default behavior for a Type-2 host.

To advertise an orphan Type-5 route using PIP, you need to advertise PIP under BGP.

- For orphan ports, it is highly recommended to configure **vpc orphan-port suspend** command on both vPC nodes, to avoid traffic disruption during NVE failure scenarios.
- Traffic from remote VTEP to orphan hosts would land on the actual node which has the orphans. Bouncing of the traffic is avoided.



Note When the vPC leg is down, vPC hosts are still advertised with the VIP IP.

- Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 10.6(1)F, vPC auto-recovery requires at least one operational fabric uplink. No auto-recovery occurs if all are down.

Supported feature, release and platforms

- Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 10.2(3)F, vPC Fabric Peering is supported on Cisco Nexus C36180YC-R and N3K-C3636C-R platforms. You need to enable TCAM carving in these R-series modules for the vPC Fabric Peering to work.
- The following guidelines and limitations are applicable only to Cisco Nexus C36180YC-R and N3K-C3636C-R platforms:
 - With vPC Fabric Peering enabled, ingress PAACL MAC feature is not supported.
 - With vPC Fabric Peering enabled, Layer 2 SPAN based on Layer 2 filters using MAC and CoS values are not supported. Other filters for Layer 2 SPAN are supported.
 - With vPC Fabric Peering enabled, Uni-dimensional scale of Layer 3 host/adjacency will come down to half.
 - On the steady state with all vPC PO's up, BUM traffic from core are received on both the vPC peers. For all flows vPC primary will forward the traffic to vPC PO's.

- Layer 3 Tenant Routed Multicast (TRM) is not supported.
- BGP peering behind vPC PO is not supported.
- IGMP snooping is not supported with vPC Fabric peering
- DHCP relay agent is not supported.
- vPC Fabric Peering is not supported on hand off node.

Unsupported features

- The vPC Fabric Peering domain is not supported in the role of a Multi-Site vPC BGW.
- vMCT for IPv6 underlay does not support attaching FEX to it.
- VTEPs behind vPC ports are not supported. This means that virtual peer-link peers cannot act as a transit node for the VTEPs behind the vPC ports.
- SVI and sub-interface uplinks are not supported.

Configuring vPC Fabric Peering

Ensure the vPC Fabric Peering DSCP value is consistent on both vPC member switches. Ensure that the corresponding QoS policy matches the vPC Fabric Peering DSCP marking.

All VLANs that require communication traversing the vPC Fabric Peering must have a VXLAN enabled (vn-segment); this includes the native VLAN.



Note For MSTP, VLAN 1 must be extended across vPC Fabric Peering if the peer-link and vPC legs have the default native VLAN configuration. This behavior can be achieved by extending VLAN 1 over VXLAN (vn-segment). If the peer-link and vPC legs have non-default native VLANs, those VLANs must be extended across vPC Fabric Peering by associating the VLANs with VXLAN (vn-segment).

Use the **show vpc virtual-peerlink vlan consistency** command for verification of the existing VLAN-to-VXLAN mapping used for vPC Fabric Peering.

peer-keepalive command for vPC Fabric Peering is supported with one of the following configurations:

- Management interface
- Dedicated Layer 3 link in default or non-default VRF
- Loopback interface reachable using the spine.

Configuring Features

Example uses OSPF as the underlay routing protocol.

```
configure terminal
nv overlay evpn
feature ospf
feature bgp
```

```

feature pim
feature interface-vlan
feature vn-segment-vlan-based
feature vpc

feature nv overlay

```

vPC Configuration



Note To change the vPC Fabric Peering source or destination IP, the vPC domain must be shutdown prior to modification. The vPC domain can be returned to operation after the modifying by using the **no shutdown** command.

Configuring TCAM Carving

```

hardware access-list tcam region ing-racl 0
hardware access-list tcam region ing-sup 768
hardware access-list tcam region ing-flow-redirect 512

```



Note

- When configuring fabric vPC peering, the minimum size for Ingress-Flow-redirect TCAM region size is 512. Also ensure that the TCAM region size is always configured in multiples of 512.
- Switch reload is required for the TCAM carving to take effect.

Configuring the vPC Domain

For IPv4

```

vpc domain 100
peer-keepalive destination 192.0.2.1
virtual peer-link destination 192.0.2.100 source 192.0.2.20/32 [dscp <dscp-value>]
Warning: Appropriate TCAM carving must be configured for virtual peer-link vPC
peer-switch
peer-gateway
ip arp synchronize
ipv6 nd synchronize
exit

```

For IPv6

```

vpc domain 100
peer-keepalive destination 192:0:2::1
virtual peer-link destination 192:0:2::100 source 192:0:2::20/32 [dscp <dscp-value>]
Warning: Appropriate TCAM carving must be configured for virtual peer-link vPC
peer-switch
peer-gateway
ipv6 arp synchronize
ipv6 nd synchronize
exit

```



Note The **dscp** keyword is optional. Range is 1 to 63. The default value is 56.

Configuring vPC Fabric Peering Port Channel

No need to configure members for the following port channel.

```
interface port-channel 10
switchport
switchport mode trunk
vpc peer-link
```

```
interface loopback0
```



Note This loopback is not the NVE source-interface loopback (interface used for the VTEP IP address).

For IPv4

```
interface loopback 0
ip address 192.0.2.20/32
ip router ospf 1 area 0.0.0.0
```

For IPv6

```
interface loopback 0
ipv6 address 192:0:2::20/32
ipv6 router ospfv3 1 area 0.0.0.0
```



Note You can use the loopback for BGP peering or a dedicated loopback. This loopback must be different than the loopback for peer keep alive.

Configuring the Underlay Interfaces

Both L3 physical and L3 port channels are supported. SVI and sub-interfaces are not supported.

For IPv4

```
router ospf 1
interface Ethernet1/16
port-type fabric
ip address 192.0.2.2/24
ip router ospf 1 area 0.0.0.0
no shutdown
interface Ethernet1/17
port-type fabric
ip address 192.0.2.3/24
ip router ospf 1 area 0.0.0.0
no shutdown
interface Ethernet1/40
port-type fabric
ip address 192.0.2.4/24
ip router ospf 1 area 0.0.0.0
no shutdown
interface Ethernet1/41
port-type fabric
ip address 192.0.2.5/24
ip router ospf 1 area 0.0.0.0
no shutdown
```

For IPv6

```
router ospfv3 1
interface Ethernet1/16
port-type fabric
```

```

ipv6 address 192:0:2::2/24
ipv6 router ospfv3 1 area 0.0.0.0
no shutdown
interface Ethernet1/17
port-type fabric
ipv6 address 192:0:2::3/24
ipv6 router ospfv3 1 area 0.0.0.0
no shutdown
interface Ethernet1/40
port-type fabric
ipv6 address 192:0:2::4/24
ipv6 router ospfv3 1 area 0.0.0.0
no shutdown
interface Ethernet1/41
port-type fabric
ipv6 address 192:0:2::5/24
ipv6 router ospfv3 1 area 0.0.0.0
no shutdown

```



Note All ports connected to spines must be port-type fabric.

VXLAN Configuration



Note Configuring **advertise virtual-rmac** (NVE) and **advertise-pip** (BGP) are required steps.

Configuring VLANs and SVI

```

vlan 10
vn-segment 10010
vlan 101
vn-segment 10101

interface Vlan101
no shutdown
mtu 9216
vrf member vxlan-10101
no ip redirects
ip forward
ipv6 address use-link-local-only
no ipv6 redirects
interface vlan10
no shutdown
mtu 9216
vrf member vxlan-10101
no ip redirects
ip address 192.0.2.102/24
ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:1::1/64
no ipv6 redirects
fabric forwarding mode anycast-gateway

```

Configuring Virtual Port Channel

```

interface Ethernet1/3
switchport
switchport mode trunk
channel-group 100
no shutdown

```

```

exit
interface Ethernet1/39
switchport
switchport mode trunk
channel-group 101
no shutdown
interface Ethernet1/46
switchport
switchport mode trunk
channel-group 102
no shutdown
interface port-channel100
vpc 100
interface port-channel101
vpc 101
interface port-channel102
vpc 102
exit

```

Migrating from vPC to vPC Fabric Peering

This procedure contains the steps to migration from a regular vPC to vPC Fabric Peering.

Any direct Layer 3 link between vPC peers should be used only for peer-keep alive. This link should not be used to advertise paths for vPC Fabric Peering loopbacks.



Note This migration is disruptive.

Before you begin

We recommend that you shut all physical Layer 2 links between the vPC peers before migration. We also recommend that you map VLANs with vn-segment before or after migration.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **show vpc**
3. **show port-channel summary**
4. **interface ethernet *slot/port***
5. **no channel-group**
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 for each interface.
7. **show running-config vpc**
8. **vpc domain *domain-id***
9. **virtual peer-link destination *dest-ip* source *source-ip***
10. **interface {ethernet | port-channel} *value***
11. **port-type fabric**
12. (Optional) **show vpc fabric-ports**
13. **virtual peer-link destination *dest-ip* | *dest_ipv6* source *source-ip* | *source_ipv6* dhcp *dhcp_val***
14. **hardware access-list tcam region ing-flow-redirect *tcam-size***
15. **copy running-config startup-config**

16. reload

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: switch# <code>configure terminal</code>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	show vpc Example: switch(config)# <code>show vpc</code>	Determine the number of members in the port channel.
Step 3	show port-channel summary Example: switch(config)# <code>show port-channel summary</code>	Determine the number of members.
Step 4	interface ethernet <i>slot/port</i> Example: switch(config)# <code>interface ethernet 1/4</code>	Specifies the interface you are configuring. Note This is the peer link port channel.
Step 5	no channel-group Example: switch(config-if)# <code>no channel-group</code>	Remove vPC peer-link port-channel members. Note Disruption occurs following this step.
Step 6	Repeat steps 4 and 5 for each interface. Example:	
Step 7	show running-config vpc Example: switch(config-if)# <code>show running-config vpc</code>	Determine the vPC domain.
Step 8	vpc domain <i>domain-id</i> Example: switch(config-if)# <code>vpc domain 100</code>	Enter vPC domain configuration mode.
Step 9	virtual peer-link destination <i>dest-ip</i> source <i>source-ip</i> Example: switch(config-vpc-domain)# <code>virtual peer-link destination 192.0.2.1 source 192.0.2.100</code>	Specify the destination and source IP addresses for vPC fabric peering.
Step 10	interface {ethernet port-channel} <i>value</i> Example:	Specifies the L3 underlay interface you are configuring.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<code>switch(config-if)# interface Ethernet1/17</code>	
Step 11	port-type fabric Example: <code>switch(config-if)# port-type fabric</code>	Configures port-type fabric for underlay interface. Note All ports connected to spines must be port-type fabric.
Step 12	(Optional) show vpc fabric-ports Example: <code>switch# show vpc fabric-ports</code>	Displays the fabric ports connected to spine.
Step 13	virtual peer-link destination <i>dest-ip / dest_ipv6</i> source <i>source-ip / source_ipv6</i> dhcp <i>dhcp_val</i> Example: For IPv4 <code>switch(config-vpc-domain)# virtual peer-link destination 192.0.2.1 source 192.0.2.100 dhcp 56</code> Example: For IPv6 <code>switch(config-vpc-domain)# virtual peer-link destination 6001:aaa::11 source 6001:aaa::22 dhcp 56</code>	Specify the destination and source IPv4/IPv6 addresses for vPC fabric peering. Note The IPv4 vPC Fabric peering config works only with the IPv4 VXLAN underlay and the IPv6 vPC Fabric peering config will work only with the IPv6 VXLAN underlay.
Step 14	hardware access-list tcam region ing-flow-redirect <i>tcam-size</i> Example: <code>switch(config-vpc-domain)# hardware access-list tcam region ing-flow-redirect 512</code>	Perform TCAM carving. The minimum size for Ingress-Flow-redirect TCAM region size is 512. Also ensure it is configured in multiples of 512.
Step 15	copy running-config startup-config Example: <code>switch(config-vpc-domain)# copy running-config startup-config</code>	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.
Step 16	reload Example: <code>switch(config-vpc-domain)# reload</code>	Reboots the switch.

Verifying vPC Fabric Peering Configuration

To display the status for the vPC Fabric Peering configuration, enter one of the following commands:

Table 1: vPC Fabric Peering Verification Commands

Command	Purpose
show vpc fabric-ports	Displays the fabric ports state.
show vpc	Displays information about vPC Fabric Peering mode.
show vpc virtual-peerlink vlan consistency	Displays the VLANs which are not associated with vn-segment.

Example of the show vpc fabric-ports Command

```
switch# show vpc fabric-ports
Number of Fabric port : 9
Number of Fabric port active : 9

Fabric Ports State
-----
Ethernet1/9 UP
Ethernet1/19/1 ( port-channel151 ) UP
Ethernet1/19/2 ( port-channel151 ) UP
Ethernet1/19/3 UP
Ethernet1/19/4 UP
Ethernet1/20/1 UP
Ethernet1/20/2 ( port-channel152 ) UP
Ethernet1/20/3 ( port-channel152 ) UP
Ethernet1/20/4 ( port-channel152 ) UP
```

Example of the show vpc Command

```
switch# show vpc
Legend:
          (*) - local vPC is down, forwarding via vPC peer-link

vPC domain id           : 3
Peer status             : peer adjacency formed ok
vPC keep-alive status   : peer is alive
Configuration consistency status : success
Per-vlan consistency status : success
Type-2 consistency status : success
vPC role                : primary
Number of vPCs configured : 1
Peer Gateway            : Enabled
Dual-active excluded VLANs : -
Graceful Consistency Check : Enabled
Auto-recovery status    : Enabled, timer is off.(timeout = 240s)
Delay-restore status    : Timer is off.(timeout = 30s)
Delay-restore SVI status : Timer is off.(timeout = 10s)
Operational Layer3 Peer-router : Disabled
Virtual-peerlink mode : Enabled

vPC Peer-link status
-----
id   Port   Status Active vlans
--   -
1    Po100  up     1,56,98-600,1001-3401,3500-3525

vPC status
-----
```

Id	Port	Status	Consistency	Reason	Active vlans
101	Po101	up	success	success	98-99,1001-280 0

Please check "show vpc consistency-parameters vpc <vpc-num>" for the consistency reason of down vpc and for type-2 consistency reasons for any vpc.

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Example of the show vpc virtual-peerlink vlan consistency Command

```
switch# show vpc virtual-peerlink vlan consistency
Following vlans are inconsistent
23
switch#
```