



Configuring IP Services

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This module describes how to configure optional IP services. For a complete description of the IP services commands in this chapter, refer to the Cisco IOS IP Application Services Command Reference. To locate documentation of other commands that appear in this module, use the command reference master index, or search online.

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Finding Feature Information

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IP Source Routing

The Cisco IOS XE software examines IP header options on every packet. It supports the IP header options Strict Source Route, Loose Source Route, Record Route, and Time Stamp, which are defined in RFC 791. If the software finds a packet with one of these options enabled, it performs the appropriate action. If it finds a packet with an invalid option, it sends an Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) parameter problem message to the source of the packet and discards the packet.

IP provides a provision known as source routing that allows the source IP host to specify a route through the IP network. Source routing is specified as an option in the IP header. If source routing is specified, the software forwards the packet according to the specified source route. IP source routing is employed when you want to force a packet to take a certain route through the network. The default is to perform source routing. IP source routing is rarely used for legitimate purposes in networks. Some older IP implementations do not process source-routed packets properly, and it may be possible to crash devices running these implementations by sending them datagrams with source routing options. Disable IP source routing whenever possible. Disabling IP source routing will cause a Cisco router to never forward an IP packet that carries a source routing option.

ICMP Overview

Originally created for the TCP/IP suite in RFC 792, the Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) was designed to report a small set of error conditions. ICMP also can report a wide variety of error conditions and provide feedback and testing capabilities. Each message uses a common format and is sent and received by using the same protocol rules.

ICMP enables IP to perform addressing, datagram packaging, and routing by allowing encapsulated messages to be sent and received between IP devices. These messages are encapsulated in IP datagrams just like any other IP message. When the message is generated, the original IP header is encapsulated in the ICMP message and these two pieces are encapsulated within a new IP header to be returned as an error report to the sending device.

ICMP messages are sent in several situations: when a datagram cannot reach its destination, when the gateway does not have the buffering capacity to forward a datagram, and when the gateway can direct the host to send traffic on a shorter route. To avoid the infinite regress of messages about messages, no ICMP messages are sent about ICMP messages.

ICMP does not make IP reliable or ensure the delivery of datagrams or the return of a control message. Some datagrams may be dropped without any report of their loss. The higher-level protocols that use IP must implement their own reliability procedures if reliable communication is required.

ICMP Unreachable Error Messages

Type 3 error messages are sent when a message cannot be delivered completely to the application at a destination host. Six codes contained in the ICMP header describe the unreachable condition as follows:

- 0--Network unreachable
- 1--Host unreachable
- 2--Protocol unreachable
- 3--Port unreachable
- 4--Fragmentation needed and the “don’t fragment” (DF) bit is set

- 5--Source route failed

Cisco IOS XE software can suppress the generation of ICMP unreachable destination error messages, which is called rate-limiting. The default is no unreachable messages more often than once every half second. Separate intervals can be configured for code 4 and all other unreachable destination error messages. However, there is no method of displaying how many ICMP messages have not been sent.

The ICMP Unreachable Destination Counters feature provides a method to count and display the unsent Type 3 messages. This feature also provides console logging with error messages when there are periods of excessive rate limiting that would indicate a Denial of Service (DoS) attack against the router.

If the Cisco IOS XE software receives a nonbroadcast packet destined for itself that uses an unknown protocol, it sends an ICMP protocol unreachable message back to the source. Similarly, if the software receives a packet that it is unable to deliver to the final destination because it knows of no route to the destination address, it sends an ICMP host unreachable message to the source. This functionality is enabled by default.

Disable Internet Message Control Protocol (ICMP) host unreachable messages whenever possible. ICMP supports IP traffic by relaying information about paths, routes, and network conditions. These messages can be used by an attacker to gain network mapping information.

Because the null interface is a packet sink, packets forwarded there will always be discarded and, unless disabled, will generate host unreachable messages. In that case, if the null interface is being used to block a Denial-of-Service attack, these messages flood the local network with these messages. Disabling these messages prevents this situation. In addition, because all blocked packets are forwarded to the null interface, an attacker receiving host unreachable messages could use those messages to determine Access Control List (ACL) configuration. If the “null 0” interface is configured on your router, disable ICMP host unreachable messages for discarded packets or packets routed to the null interface.

ICMP Mask Reply Messages

Occasionally, network devices must know the subnet mask for a particular subnetwork in the internetwork. To obtain this information, such devices can send ICMP mask request messages. ICMP mask reply messages are sent in reply from devices that have the requested information. The Cisco IOS XE software can respond to ICMP mask request messages if this function is enabled.

These messages can be used by an attacker to gain network mapping information.

ICMP Redirect Messages

Routes are sometimes less than optimal. For example, it is possible for the router to be forced to resend a packet through the same interface on which it was received. If the router resends a packet through the same interface on which it was received, the Cisco IOS XE software sends an ICMP redirect message to the originator of the packet telling the originator that the router is on a subnet directly connected to the receiving device, and that it must forward the packet to another system on the same subnet. The software sends an ICMP redirect message to the originator of the packet because the originating host presumably could have sent that packet to the next hop without involving this device at all. The redirect message instructs the sender to remove the receiving device from the route and substitute a specified device representing a more direct path. This functionality is enabled by default.

In a properly functioning IP network, a router will send redirects only to hosts on its own local subnets, no end node will ever send a redirect, and no redirect will ever be traversed more than one network hop. However, an attacker may violate these rules; some attacks are based on this. Disabling ICMP redirects will cause no operational impact to the network, and it eliminates this possible method of attack.

Denial of Service Attack

Denial of service has become a growing concern, especially when considering the associated costs of such an attack. DoS attacks can decrease the performance of networked devices, disconnect the devices from the network, and cause system crashes. When network services are unavailable, enterprises and service providers suffer the loss of productivity and sales.

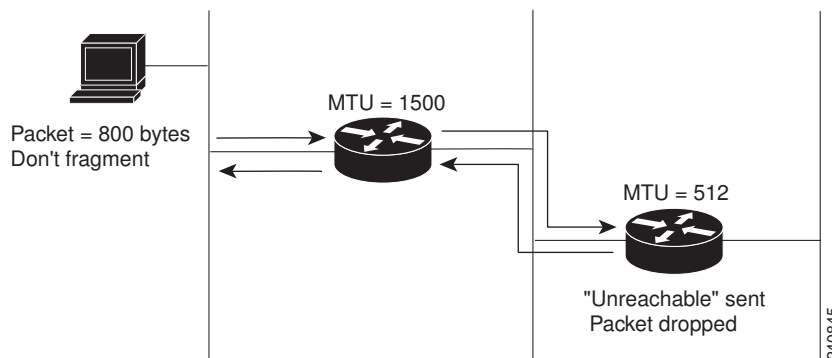
The objective of a DoS attack is to deprive a user or organization access to services or resources. If a Website is compromised by a DoS attack, millions of users could be denied access to the site. DoS attacks do not typically result in intrusion or the illegal theft of information. Instead of providing access to unauthorized users, DoS attacks can cause much aggravation and cost to the target customer by preventing authorized access. Distributed DoS (DDoS) attacks amplify DoS attacks in that a multitude of compromised systems coordinate to flood targets with attack packets, thereby causing denial of service for users of the targeted systems.

A DoS attack occurs when a stream of ICMP echo requests (pings) are broadcast to a destination subnet. The source addresses of these requests are falsified to be the source address of the target. For each request sent by the attacker, many hosts on the subnet will respond flooding the target and wasting bandwidth. The most common DoS attack is called a “smurf” attack, named after an executable program and is in the category of network-level attacks against hosts. DoS attacks can be easily detected when error-message logging of the ICMP Unreachable Destination Counters feature is enabled.

Path MTU Discovery

The Cisco IOS XE software supports the IP Path MTU Discovery mechanism, as defined in RFC 1191. IP Path MTU Discovery allows a host to dynamically discover and cope with differences in the maximum allowable maximum transmission unit (MTU) size of the various links along the path. Sometimes a router is unable to forward a datagram because it requires fragmentation (the packet is larger than the MTU you set for the interface with the `ip mtu` interface configuration command), but the “don’t fragment” (DF) bit is set. The Cisco IOS XE software sends a message to the sending host, alerting it to the problem. The host will need to fragment packets for the destination so that they fit the smallest packet size of all the links along the path. This technique is shown in the figure below.

Figure 1 IP Path MTU Discovery



IP Path MTU Discovery is useful when a link in a network goes down, forcing the use of another, different MTU-sized link (and different routers). As shown in the figure above, suppose a router is sending IP packets over a network where the MTU in the first router is set to 1500 bytes, but the second router is set to 512 bytes. If the “don’t fragment” bit of the datagram is set, the datagram would be dropped because the 512-byte router is unable to forward it. All packets larger than 512 bytes are dropped in this case. The

second router returns an ICMP destination unreachable message to the source of the datagram with its Code field indicating “Fragmentation needed and DF set.” To support IP Path MTU Discovery, it would also include the MTU of the next hop network link in the low-order bits of an unused header field.

IP Path MTU Discovery is also useful when a connection is being established and the sender has no information at all about the intervening links. It is always advisable to use the largest MTU that the links will bear; the larger the MTU, the fewer packets the host must send.

**Note**

IP Path MTU Discovery is a process initiated by end hosts. If an end host does not support IP Path MTU Discovery, the receiving device will have no mechanism available to avoid fragmenting datagrams generated by the end host.

If a router that is configured with a small MTU on an outbound interface receives packets from a host that is configured with a large MTU (for example, receiving packets from a Token Ring interface and forwarding them to an outbound Ethernet interface), the router fragments received packets that are larger than the MTU of the outbound interface. Fragmenting packets slows the performance of the router. To keep routers in your network from fragmenting received packets, run IP Path MTU Discovery on all hosts and routers in your network, and always configure the largest possible MTU for each router interface type.

Cisco IP Accounting

Cisco IP accounting support provides basic IP accounting functions. By enabling IP accounting, users can see the number of bytes and packets switched through the Cisco IOS XE software on a source and destination IP address basis. Only transit IP traffic is measured and only on an outbound basis; traffic generated by the software or terminating in the software is not included in the accounting statistics. To maintain accurate accounting totals, the software maintains two accounting databases: an active and a checkpointed database.

Cisco IP accounting support also provides information identifying IP traffic that fails IP access lists. Identifying IP source addresses that violate IP access lists alerts you to possible attempts to breach security. The data also indicates that you should verify IP access list configurations. To make this functionality available to users, you must enable IP accounting of access list violations using the **ip accounting access-violations** interface configuration command. Users can then display the number of bytes and packets from a single source that attempted to breach security against the access list for the source destination pair. By default, IP accounting displays the number of packets that have passed access lists and were routed.

IP MAC Accounting

The MAC address accounting functionality provides accounting information for IP traffic based on the source and destination MAC addresses on LAN interfaces. MAC accounting calculates the total packet and byte counts for a LAN interface that receives or sends IP packets to or from a unique MAC address. It also records a time stamp for the last packet received or sent. For example, with IP MAC accounting, you can determine how much traffic is being sent to or received from various peers at Network Access Profiles (NAPS)/peering points. IP MAC accounting is supported on Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, and FDDI interfaces and supports Cisco Express Forwarding, distributed Cisco Express Forwarding, flow, and optimum switching.

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Protecting Your Network from DOS Attacks

ICMP supports IP traffic by relaying information about paths, routes, and network conditions. ICMP messages can be used by an attacker to gain network mapping information. IP source routing allows the source IP host to specify a route through the IP network and is rarely used for legitimate purposes in networks. Some older IP implementations do not process source-routed packets properly, and it may be possible to crash devices running these implementations by sending them datagrams with source routing options.

Whenever possible, ICMP messages and IP source routing should be disabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **no ip source-route**
4. **interface *type/number***
5. **no ip unreachable**
6. **no ip redirects**
7. **no ip mask-reply**

DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1 enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2 configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3 no ip source-route Example: Router(config)# no ip source-route	Disables IP source routing.

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4 <code>interface <i>type/number</i></code> Example: <code>Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0</code>	Specifies the interface to configure and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 5 <code>no ip unreachable</code> Example: <code>Router(config-if)# no ip unreachable</code>	Disables the sending of ICMP protocol unreachable and host unreachable messages. This command is enabled by default. Note Disabling the unreachable messages also disables IP Path MTU Discovery because path discovery works by having the Cisco IOS XE software send unreachable messages.
Step 6 <code>no ip redirects</code> Example: <code>Router(config-if)# no ip redirects</code>	Disables the sending of ICMP redirect messages to learn routes. This command is enabled by default.
Step 7 <code>no ip mask-reply</code> Example: <code>Router(config-if)# no ip mask-reply</code>	Disables the sending of ICMP mask reply messages.

Setting the MTU Packet Size

All interfaces have a default MTU packet size. You can adjust the IP MTU size so that the Cisco IOS XE software will fragment any IP packet that exceeds the MTU set for an interface.

Changing the MTU value (with the **mtu** interface configuration command) can affect the IP MTU value. If the current IP MTU value is the same as the MTU value and you change the MTU value, the IP MTU value will be modified automatically to match the new MTU. However, the reverse is not true; changing the IP MTU value has no effect on the value for the **mtu** interface configuration command.

All devices on a physical medium must have the same protocol MTU in order to operate.

Perform this task to set the MTU packet size for a specified interface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface *type/number***
4. **ip mtu *bytes***
5. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1 <code>enable</code> Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2 <code>configure terminal</code> Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3 <code>interface type/number</code> Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0</pre>	Specifies the interface to configure and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4 <code>ip mtu bytes</code> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# ip mtu 300</pre>	Sets the IP MTU packet size for an interface.
Step 5 <code>exit</code> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# exit</pre>	Exits to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring IP Accounting

To configure IP accounting, perform this task for each interface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip accounting-threshold** *threshold*
4. **ip accounting-list** *ip-address wildcard*
5. **ip accounting-transits** *count*
6. **interface** *type number*
7. **ip accounting** [*access-violations*] [*output-packets*]
8. **ip accounting mac-address** {*input* | *output*}

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	ip accounting-threshold <i>threshold</i> Example: Router(config)# ip accounting-threshold 500	(Optional) Sets the maximum number of accounting entries to be created.
Step 4	ip accounting-list <i>ip-address wildcard</i> Example: Router(config)# ip accounting-list 192.31.0.0 0.0.255.255	(Optional) Filters accounting information for hosts.
Step 5	ip accounting-transits <i>count</i> Example: Router(config)# ip accounting-transits 100	(Optional) Controls the number of transit records that will be stored in the IP accounting database.

Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6 <code>interface type number</code> Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/0</pre>	Specifies the interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 7 <code>ip accounting [access-violations] [output-packets]</code> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# ip accounting access-violations</pre>	Configures basic IP accounting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the optional access-violations keyword to enable IP accounting with the ability to identify IP traffic that fails IP access lists. Use the optional output-packets keyword to enable IP accounting based on the IP packets output on the interface.
Step 8 <code>ip accounting mac-address {input output}</code> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# ip accounting mac-address output</pre>	(Optional) Configures IP accounting based on the MAC address of received (input) or transmitted (output) packets.

Monitoring and Maintaining the IP Network

You can display specific statistics such as the contents of IP routing tables, caches, databases and socket information. The resulting information can be used to determine resource utilization and to solve network problems.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `clear ip traffic`
2. `clear ip accounting checkpoint`
3. `show ip accounting checkpoint [output-packets |access-violations]`
4. `show interface [type number] mac`
5. `show ip redirects`
6. (Optional) `show ip sockets`
7. `show ip traffic`

DETAILED STEPS

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- Step 1** `clear ip traffic`
 To clear all IP traffic statistical counters on all interfaces, use the following command:

Example:

```
Router# clear ip traffic
```

Step 2**clear ip accounting checkpoint**

You can remove all contents of a particular cache, table, or database. Clearing a cache, table, or database can become necessary when the contents of the particular structure have become or are suspected to be invalid. To clear the active IP accounting database when IP accounting is enabled, use the following command:

Example:

```
Router# clear ip accounting
```

Step 3**show ip accounting checkpoint [output-packets |access-violations]**

To display access list violations, use the **show ip accounting** command. To use this command, you must first enable IP accounting on a per-interface basis.

Use the **checkpoint** keyword to display the checkpointed database. Use the **output-packets** keyword to indicate that information pertaining to packets that passed access control and were routed should be displayed. Use the **access-violations** keyword to display the number of the access list failed by the last packet for the source and destination pair. The number of packets reveals how aggressive the attack is upon a specific destination. If you do not specify the **access-violations** keyword, the command defaults to displaying the number of packets that have passed access lists and were routed.

If neither the **output-packets** nor **access-violations** keyword is specified, **output-packets** is the default.

The following is sample output from the **show ip accounting** command:

Example:

```
Router# show ip accounting
```

Source	Destination	Packets	Bytes
172.16.19.40	192.168.67.20	7	306
172.16.13.55	192.168.67.20	67	2749
172.16.2.50	192.168.33.51	17	1111
172.16.2.50	172.31.2.1	5	319
172.16.2.50	172.31.1.2	463	30991
172.16.19.40	172.16.2.1	4	262
172.16.19.40	172.16.1.2	28	2552
172.16.20.2	172.16.6.100	39	2184
172.16.13.55	172.16.1.2	35	3020
172.16.19.40	192.168.33.51	1986	95091
172.16.2.50	192.168.67.20	233	14908
172.16.13.28	192.168.67.53	390	24817
172.16.13.55	192.168.33.51	214669	9806659
172.16.13.111	172.16.6.23	27739	1126607
172.16.13.44	192.168.33.51	35412	1523980
192.168.7.21	172.163.1.2	11	824
172.16.13.28	192.168.33.2	21	1762
172.16.2.166	192.168.7.130	797	141054
172.16.3.11	192.168.67.53	4	246
192.168.7.21	192.168.33.51	15696	695635
192.168.7.24	192.168.67.20	21	916
172.16.13.111	172.16.10.1	16	1137

accounting threshold exceeded for 7 packets and 433 bytes

The following is sample output from the **show ip accounting access-violations** command. The output pertains to packets that failed access lists and were not routed:

Example:

```
Router# show ip accounting access-violations
```

Source	Destination	Packets	Bytes	ACL
172.16.19.40	192.168.67.20	7	306	77
172.16.13.55	192.168.67.20	67	2749	185
172.16.2.50	192.168.33.51	17	1111	140
172.16.2.50	172.16.2.1	5	319	140
172.16.19.40	172.16.2.1	4	262	77

Accounting data age is 41

Step 4 **show interface [type number] mac**

To display information for interfaces configured for MAC accounting, use the **show interface mac** command. The following is sample output from the **show interface mac** command:

Example:

```
Router# show interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0 mac

GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Input (511 free)
0007.f618.4449(228): 4 packets, 456 bytes, last: 2684ms ago
Total: 4 packets, 456 bytes
Output (511 free)
0007.f618.4449(228): 4 packets, 456 bytes, last: 2692ms ago
Total: 4 packets, 456 bytes
```

Step 5 **show ip redirects**

To display the address of the default router and the address of hosts for which an ICMP redirect message has been received, use the **show ip redirects** command.

The following is sample output from the **show ip redirects** command:

Example:

```
Router# show ip redirects

Default gateway is 172.16.80.29

Host          Gateway          Last Use      Total Uses  Interface
172.16.1.111   172.16.80.240    0:00         9   Ethernet0
172.16.1.4     172.16.80.240    0:00         4   Ethernet0
```

Step 6 (Optional) **show ip sockets**

To display IP socket information, and to verify that the socket being used is opening correctly, use the **show ip sockets** command. If there is a local and remote endpoint, a connection is established with the ports indicated.

The following is sample output from the **show ip sockets** command:

Example:

```
Router# show ip sockets

Proto Remote      Port      Local          Port In Out Stat TTY OutputIF
17    10.0.0.0      0         172.16.186.193 67  0  0  1  0
17    172.16.191.135 514       172.16.191.129 1811 0  0  0  0
17    172.16.135.20 514       172.16.191.1   4125 0  0  0  0
17    172.16.207.163 49        172.16.186.193 49  0  0  9  0
17    10.0.0.0      123       172.16.186.193 123  0  0  1  0
88    10.0.0.0      0         172.16.186.193 202  0  0  0  0
17    172.16.96.59  32856     172.16.191.1   161  0  0  1  0
17    --listen--    --any--    496  0  0  1  0
```

Step 7 **show ip traffic**

To display IP protocol statistics, use the **show ip traffic** command. The following example shows that the IP traffic statistics have been cleared by the **clear ip traffic** command:

Example:

```
Router# clear ip traffic
Router# show ip traffic
```

IP statistics:

```
Rcvd: 0 total, 0 local destination
      0 format errors, 0 checksum errors, 0 bad hop count
      0 unknown protocol, 0 not a gateway
      0 security failures, 0 bad options, 0 with options
Opts: 0 end, 0 nop, 0 basic security, 0 loose source route
      0 timestamp, 0 extended security, 0 record route
      0 stream ID, 0 strict source route, 0 alert, 0 cipso
      0 other
Frgs: 0 reassembled, 0 timeouts, 0 couldn't reassemble
      0 fragmented, 0 couldn't fragment
Bcast: 0 received, 0 sent
Mcast: 0 received, 0 sent
Sent: 0 generated, 0 forwarded
Drop: 0 encapsulation failed, 0 unresolved, 0 no adjacency
      0 no route, 0 unicast RPF, 0 forced drop
```

ICMP statistics:

```
Rcvd: 0 format errors, 0 checksum errors, 0 redirects, 0 unreachable
      0 echo, 0 echo reply, 0 mask requests, 0 mask replies, 0 quench
      0 parameter, 0 timestamp, 0 info request, 0 other
      0 irdp solicitations, 0 irdp advertisements
Sent: 0 redirects, 0 unreachable, 0 echo, 0 echo reply
      0 mask requests, 0 mask replies, 0 quench, 0 timestamp
      0 info reply, 0 time exceeded, 0 parameter problem
      0 irdp solicitations, 0 irdp advertisements
```

UDP statistics:

```
Rcvd: 0 total, 0 checksum errors, 0 no port
Sent: 0 total, 0 forwarded broadcasts
```

TCP statistics:

```
Rcvd: 0 total, 0 checksum errors, 0 no port
Sent: 0 total
```

Probe statistics:

```
Rcvd: 0 address requests, 0 address replies
      0 proxy name requests, 0 where-is requests, 0 other
Sent: 0 address requests, 0 address replies (0 proxy)
      0 proxy name replies, 0 where-is replies
```

EGP statistics:

```
Rcvd: 0 total, 0 format errors, 0 checksum errors, 0 no listener
Sent: 0 total
```

IGRP statistics:

```
Rcvd: 0 total, 0 checksum errors
Sent: 0 total
```

OSPF statistics:

```
Rcvd: 0 total, 0 checksum errors
      0 hello, 0 database desc, 0 link state req
      0 link state updates, 0 link state acks
```

```
Sent: 0 total
```

IP-IGRP2 statistics:

```
Rcvd: 0 total
Sent: 0 total
```

PIMv2 statistics: Sent/Received

```
Total: 0/0, 0 checksum errors, 0 format errors
Registers: 0/0, Register Stops: 0/0, Hellos: 0/0
Join/Prunes: 0/0, Asserts: 0/0, grafts: 0/0
Bootstraps: 0/0, Candidate_RP_Advertisements: 0/0
```

IGMP statistics: Sent/Received

```
Total: 0/0, Format errors: 0/0, Checksum errors: 0/0
Host Queries: 0/0, Host Reports: 0/0, Host Leaves: 0/0
DVMRP: 0/0, PIM: 0/0
```

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Example: Protecting Your Network from DOS Attacks

The following example shows how to change some of the ICMP defaults for GigabitEthernet interface 0/0/0 to prevent ICMP from relaying information about paths, routes, and network conditions, which can be used by an attacker to gain network mapping information.

Disabling the unreachable messages will have a secondary effect: it also will disable IP Path MTU Discovery, because path discovery works by having the Cisco IOS XE software send Unreachable messages. If you have a network segment with a small number of devices and an absolutely reliable traffic pattern--which could easily happen on a segment with a small number of rarely used user devices--you would be disabling options that your device would be unlikely to use anyway.

```
Router(config)# no ip source-route
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Router(config-if)# no ip unreachable
Router(config-if)# no ip redirects
Router(config-if)# no ip mask-reply
```

Example: Setting the MTU Packet Size

The following example shows how to change the default MTU packet size for GigabitEthernet interface 0/0/0:

```
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip mtu 300
```

Example: Configuring IP Accounting

The following example shows how to enable IP accounting based on the source and destination MAC address:

```
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Router(config-if)# ip accounting mac-address input
Router(config-if)# ip accounting mac-address output
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases
IP addressing services configuration tasks	<i>Cisco IOS XE IP Addressing Services Configuration Guide</i>
IP application services configuration tasks	<i>Cisco IOS XE IP Application Services Configuration Guide</i>
IP application services commands: complete command syntax, command mode, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	<i>Cisco IOS XE IP Application Services Command Reference</i>

Standards

Standard	Title
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MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
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RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 791	<i>Internet Protocol</i>
RFC 792	<i>Internet Control Message Protocol</i>
RFC 1191	<i>Path MTU discovery</i>

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Description	Link
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Feature Information for IP Services

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This 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.

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Table 1 *Feature Information for IP Services*

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Clear IP Traffic CLI	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	<p>The Clear IP Traffic CLI feature introduced the clear ip traffic command to clear all IP traffic statistics on a router instead of reloading the router. For added safety, the user will see a confirmation prompt when entering this command.</p> <p>The following command was introduced by this feature: clear ip traffic.</p>

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