

BGP Support for the L2VPN Address Family

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BGP support for the Layer 2 Virtual Private Network (L2VPN) address family introduces a BGP-based autodiscovery mechanism to distribute L2VPN endpoint provisioning information. BGP uses a separate L2VPN Routing Information Base (RIB) to store endpoint provisioning information, which is updated each time any Layer 2 virtual forwarding instance (VFI) is configured. When BGP distributes the endpoint provisioning information in an update message to all its BGP neighbors, the endpoint information is used to set up a pseudowire mesh to support L2VPN-based services.

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Finding Feature Information

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Prerequisites for BGP Support for the L2VPN Address Family

The BGP Support for L2VPN Address Family feature assumes prior knowledge of Virtual Private Network (VPN), Virtual Private LAN Service (VPLS), and Multiprotocol Layer Switching (MPLS) technologies.

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Restrictions for BGP Support for the L2VPN Address Family

- For route maps used within BGP, all commands related to prefix processing, tag processing, and automated tag processing are ignored when used under L2VPN address family configuration. All other route map commands are supported.
- BGP multipaths and confederations are not supported under the L2VPN address family.

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L2VPN Address Family

In Cisco IOS XE Release 2.6 and later releases, support for the L2VPN address family is introduced. L2VPN is defined as a secure network that operates inside an unsecured network by using an encryption technology such as IP security (IPsec) or Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE). The L2VPN address family is configured under BGP routing configuration mode, and within the L2VPN address family the VPLS subsequent address family identifier (SAFI) is supported.

BGP support for the L2VPN address family introduces a BGP-based autodiscovery mechanism to distribute L2VPN endpoint provisioning information. BGP uses a separate L2VPN Routing Information Base (RIB) to store endpoint provisioning information, which is updated each time any Layer 2 VFI is configured. Prefix and path information is stored in the L2VPN database, allowing BGP to make best-path decisions. When BGP distributes the endpoint provisioning information in an update message to all its BGP neighbors, the endpoint information is used to set up a pseudowire mesh to support L2VPN-based services.

The BGP autodiscovery mechanism facilitates the setting up of L2VPN services, which are an integral part of the Cisco IOS Virtual Private LAN Service (VPLS) feature. VPLS enables flexibility in deploying services by connecting geographically dispersed sites as a large LAN over high-speed Ethernet in a robust and scalable IP MPLS network. For more details about VPLS, see the "VPLS Autodiscovery: BGP Based" feature.

In L2VPN address family, the following BGP commands are supported:

- bgp nexthop
- bgp scan-time
- neighbor activate
- neighbor advertisement-interval
- neighbor allowas-in
- neighbor capability
- neighbor inherit
- neighbor maximum-prefix
- neighbor next-hop-self
- neighbor next-hop-unchanged
- neighbor peer-group
- neighbor remove-private-as
- neighbor route-map

- neighbor route-reflector-client
- neighbor send-community
- neighbor soft-reconfiguration
- neighbor soo
- neighbor weight

Note For route reflectors using L2VPNs, the **neighbor next-hop-self** and **neighbor next-hop-unchanged** commands are not supported.

For route maps used within BGP, all commands related to prefix processing, tag processing, and automated tag processing are ignored when used under L2VPN address family configuration. All other route map commands are supported.

BGP multipaths and confederations are not supported under the L2VPN address family.

VPLS ID

A VPLS ID is a BGP extended community value that identifies the VPLS domain. Manual configuration of this ID is optional because a default VPLS ID is generated using the BGP autonomous system number and the configured VPN ID. A VPLS ID can be composed in one of two ways: with an autonomous system number and an arbitrary number or with an IP address and an arbitrary number.

You can enter a VPLS ID in either of these formats:

• Enter a 16-bit autonomous system number, a colon, and a 32-bit number. For example:

45000:3

• Enter a 32-bit IP address, a colon, and a 16-bit number. For example:

192.168.10.15:1

How to Configure BGP Support for the L2VPN Address Family

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Configuring VPLS Autodiscovery Using BGP and the L2VPN Address Family

Perform this task to implement VPLS autodiscovery of each provider edge (PE) router that is a member of a specific VPLS. In Cisco IOS XE Release 2.6, the BGP L2VPN address family was introduced with a separate L2VPN RIB that contains endpoint provisioning information. BGP learns the endpoint provisioning information from the L2VPN database, which is updated each time any Layer 2 (L2) virtual forwarding instance (VFI) is configured. When BGP distributes the endpoint provisioning information in an update message to all its BGP neighbors, the endpoint information is used to set up a pseudowire mesh to support L2VPN-based services.

BGP-based VPLS autodiscovery eliminates the need to manually provision a VPLS neighbor. After a PE router configures itself to be a member of a particular VPLS, information needed to set up connections to remote routers in the same VPLS is distributed by a discovery process. When the discovery process is complete, each member of the VPLS will have the information needed to set up VPLS pseudowires to form the full mesh of pseudowires needed for the VPLS.

This task is configured at router N-PE3 in the figure below and must be repeated at routers N-PE1 and N-PE2 with the appropriate changes such as different IP addresses. For a full configuration of these routers, see the figure below.

Figure 1 Network Diagram for BGP Autodiscovery Using the L2VPN Address Family

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In this task, the PE router N-PE3 in the figure above is configured with a Layer 2 router ID, a VPN ID, a VPLS ID, and is enabled to automatically discover other PE routers that are part of the same VPLS domain. A BGP session is created to activate BGP neighbors under the L2VPN address family. Finally, two optional **show** commands are entered to verify the steps in the task.

This task assumes that MPLS is configured with VPLS options. For more details, see the "VPLS Autodiscovery: BGP Based" feature.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. 12 router-id ip-address
- 4. 12 vfi vfi-name autodiscovery
- 5. vpn id vpn-id
- 6. vpls-id vpls-id
- 7. exit
- 8. Repeat Step 4 through Step 6 to configure other L2 VFIs and associated VPN and VPLS IDs.
- 9. router bgp autonomous-system-number
- 10. no bgp default ipv4-unicast
- 11. bgp log-neighbor-changes
- 12. bgp update-delay seconds
- **13. neighbor** {*ip-address*| *peer-group-name*} **remote-as** *autonomous-system-number*
- **14. neighbor** {*ip-address*| *peer-group-name*} **update-source** *interface-type interface-number*

15. Repeat Step 13 and Step 14 to configure other BGP neighbors.

- 16. address-family l2vpn [vpls]
- 17. neighbor ip-address activate
- **18.** neighbor {*ip-address*| *peer-group-name*} send-community[both| standard| extended]

19. Repeat Step 17 and Step 18 to activate other BGP neighbors under L2VPN address family. **20. end**

21. show vfi

22. show ip bgp l2vpn vpls {all | rd *vpn-rd*}

DETAILED STEPS

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	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		• Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	12 router-id ip-address	Specifies a router ID (in IP address format) for the PE router to use with VPLS autodiscovery pseudowires.
	Example:	• In this example, the L2 router ID is defined as 10.1.1.3.
	Router(config)# 12 router-id 10.1.1.3	
Step 4	12 vfi vfi-name autodiscovery	Creates an L2 VFI, enables the VPLS PE router to automatically discover other PE routers that are part of the same VPLS domain, and enters L2 VFI autodiscovery configuration mode.
	Example:	 In this example, the L2 VFI named customerA is created.
	Router(config)# 12 vfi customerA autodiscovery	In this example, the L2 vi i hand customery is created.
Step 5	vpn id vpn-id	Specifies a VPN ID.
	Example:	• Use the same VPN ID for the PE routers that belong to the same VPN. Make sure that the VPN ID is unique for each VPN in the service provider network.
	Router(config-vfi)# vpn id 100	 Use the <i>vpn-id</i> argument to specify a number in the range from 1 to 4294967295. In this example, a VPN ID of 100 is specified.
Step 6	vpls-id vpls-id	(Optional) Specifies a VPLS ID.
	Example: Router(config-vfi)# vpls-id 65000:100	 The VPLS ID is an identifier that is used to identify the VPLS domain. This command is optional because a default VPLS ID is automatically generated using the BGP autonomous system number and the VPN ID configured for the VFI. Only one VPLS ID can be configured per VFI, and the same VPLS ID cannot be configured in multiple VFIs on the same router. In this example, a VPLS ID of 65000:100 is specified.

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	Command or Action Purpose	
Step 7	exit	Exits L2 VFI autodiscovery configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-vfi)# exit	
Step 8	Repeat Step 4 through Step 6 to configure other L2 VFIs and associated VPN and VPLS IDs.	
Step 9	router bgp autonomous-system-number	Enters router configuration mode for the specified routing process.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# router bgp 65000	
Step 10	no bgp default ipv4-unicast	Disables the IPv4 unicast address family for the BGP routing process.
	Example: Router(config-router)# no bgp default ipv4-unicast	Note Routing information for the IPv4 unicast address family is advertised by default for each BGP routing session configured with the neighbor remote-as router configuration command unless you configure the no bgp default ipv4-unicast router configuration command before configuring the neighbor remote-as command. Existing neighbor configurations are not affected.
Step 11	bgp log-neighbor-changes	Enables logging of BGP neighbor resets.
	Example: Router(config-router)# bgp log- neighbor-changes	
Step 12	bgp update-delay seconds	Sets the maximum initial delay period before a BGP-speaking networking device sends its first updates.
	Example:	• Use the <i>seconds</i> argument to set the delay period.
	Router(config-router)# bgp update- delay 1	

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	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 13	neighbor { <i>ip-address</i> <i>peer-group-name</i> } remote-as <i>autonomous-system-number</i>	Adds the IP address or peer group name of the neighbor in the specified autonomous system to the IPv4 multiprotocol BGP neighbor table of the local router.	
	Example: Router(config-router)# neighbor 10.10.10.1 remote-as 65000	 If the <i>autonomous-system-number</i> argument matches the autonomous system number specified in the router bgp command, the neighbor is an internal neighbor. If the <i>autonomous-system-number</i> argument does not match the autonomous system number specified in the router bgp command, the neighbor is an external neighbor. In this example, the neighbor at 10.10.10.1 is an internal BGP neighbor. 	
Step 14	neighbor {ip-address peer-group-name} update-source interface-type interface- number Example:	 (Optional) Configures a router to select a specific source or interface to receive routing table updates. This example uses a loopback interface. The advantage to this configuration is that the loopback interface is not as susceptible to the effects of a flapping interface. 	
	Router(config-router)# neighbor 10.10.10.1 update-source loopback 1		
Step 15	Repeat Step 13 and Step 14 to configure other BGP neighbors.		
Step 16	address-family l2vpn [vpls]	Specifies the L2VPN address family and enters address family configuration mode.	
	Example: Router(config-router)# address-family l2vpn vpls	 The optional vpls keyword specifies that VPLS endpoint provisioning information is to be distributed to BGP peers. In this example, an L2VPN VPLS address family session is created. 	
Step 17	neighbor ip-address activate	Enables the neighbor to exchange information for the L2VPN VPLS address family with the local router.	
	<pre>Example: Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 10.10.10.1 activate</pre>	Note If you have configured a BGP peer group as a neighbor, you do not use this step. BGP peer groups are activated when a BGP parameter is configured. For example, the neighbor send-community command in the next step will automatically activate a peer group.	
Step 18	neighbor {ip-address peer-group-name} send-community[both standard extended]	 Specifies that a communities attribute should be sent to a BGP neighbor. In this example, an extended communities attribute is sent to the neighbor at 10.10.10.1. 	
	Example:		
	Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 10.10.10.1 send-community extended		

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 19	Repeat Step 17 and Step 18 to activate other BGP neighbors under L2VPN address family.	
Step 20	end	Exits address family configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-router-af)# end	
Step 21	show vfi	(Optional) Displays information about the configured VFI instances.
	Example:	
	Router# show vfi	
Step 22	<pre>show ip bgp l2vpn vpls {all rd vpn-rd}</pre>	(Optional) Displays information about the L2 VPN VPLS address family.
	Example:	
	Router# show ip bgp l2vpn vpls all	

Examples

The following is sample output from the **show vfi** command that shows two VFIs, CustomerA and CustomerB, with their associated VPN and VPLS IDs:

```
Router# show vfi
Legend: RT=Route-target, S=Split-horizon, Y=Yes, N=No
VFI name: customerA, state: down, type: multipoint
  VPN ID: 100, VPLS-ID: 65000:100
  RD: 65000:100, RT: 65000:100
  Local attachment circuits:
  Neighbors connected via pseudowires:
Peer Address VC ID Discov
                                  Discovered Router ID
                                                            S
  10.10.10.1
                     100
                                  10.10.10.99
                                                            Υ
VFI name: customerB, state: down, type: multipoint
  VPN ID: 200, VPLS-ID: 65000:200
  RD: 65000:200, RT: 65000:200
  Local attachment circuits:
  Neighbors connected via pseudowires:
  Peer Address
                    VC ID
                                  Discovered Router ID
                                                            S
  10.10.10.3
                      200
                                            10.10.10.98
                                                            Y
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The following is sample output from the **show ip bgp l2vpn vpls all** command that shows two VFIs identified by their VPN route distinguisher:

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*>i65000:100:192.168.1.1/96 10.10.10.2	0	100	0	2
Route Distinguisher: 65000:200	0	100	0	•
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<pre>*> 65000:200:10.10.10.3/96</pre>				
0.0.0			32768	?
*>i65000:200:192.168.2.2/96				
10.10.2	0	100	0	?
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What to Do Next

To configure more VPLS features, see the main VPLS documentation in the "VPLS Autodiscovery: BGP Based" feature.

Configuration Examples for BGP Support for the L2VPN Address Family

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Configuring VPLS Autodiscovery Using BGP and the L2VPN Address Family Example

In this configuration example, all the routers in autonomous system 65000 in the figure below are configured to provide BGP support for the L2VPN address family. VPLS autodiscovery is enabled and L2 VFI and VPN IDs are configured. BGP neighbors are configured and activated under L2VPN address family to ensure that the VPLS endpoint provisioning information is saved to a separate L2VPN RIB and then distributed to the other BGP peers in BGP update messages. When the endpoint information is received by the BGP peers, a pseudowire mesh is set up to support L2VPN-based services.

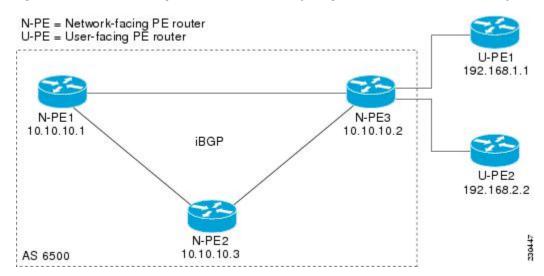


Figure 2 Network Diagram for VPLS Autodiscovery Using BGP and the L2VPN Address Family

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Router N-PE1

```
ip subnet-zero
ip cef
no ip dhcp use vrf connected
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
mpls label range 1000 2000
mpls label protocol ldp
12 router-id 10.1.1.1
12 vfi auto autodiscovery
vpn id 100
1
pseudowire-class mpls
 encapsulation mpls
interface Loopback1
ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.255
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interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
description Backbone interface
 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.0
mpls ip
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router ospf 1
log-adjacency-changes
network 10.10.1.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
network 192.168.0.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
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router bgp 65000
no bgp default ipv4-unicast
bgp log-neighbor-changes
bgp update-delay 1
 neighbor 10.10.10.2 remote-as 65000
 neighbor 10.10.10.2 update-source Loopback 1
neighbor 10.10.10.3 remote-as 65000
neighbor 10.10.10.3 update-source Loopback 1
!
 address-family l2vpn vpls
neighbor 10.10.10.2 activate
neighbor 10.10.10.2 send-community extended
neighbor 10.10.10.3 activate
neighbor 10.10.10.3 send-community extended
 exit-address-family
ip classless
```

Router N-PE2

```
ip subnet-zero
ip cef
no ip dhcp use vrf connected
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
mpls label range 2000 3000
mpls label protocol ldp
12 router-id 10.1.1.2
12 vfi auto autodiscovery
vpn id 100
!
pseudowire-class mpls
encapsulation mpls
interface Loopback1
ip address 10.1.1.2 255.255.255.255
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
description Backbone interface
 ip address 10.0.0.2 255.255.255.0
mpls ip
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```
router ospf 1
 log-adjacency-changes
network 10.10.1.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
network 192.168.0.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
1
router bgp 65000
no bgp default ipv4-unicast
bgp log-neighbor-changes
bgp update-delay 1
 neighbor 10.10.10.1 remote-as 65000
 neighbor 10.10.10.1 update-source Loopback1
neighbor 10.10.10.3 remote-as 65000
neighbor 10.10.10.3 update-source Loopback1
1
 address-family l2vpn vpls
 neighbor 10.10.10.1 activate
neighbor 10.10.10.1 send-community extended
neighbor 10.10.10.3 activate
neighbor 10.10.10.3 send-community extended
 exit-address-family
ip classless
```

Router N-PE3

```
ip subnet-zero
ip cef
no ip dhcp use vrf connected
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency O
mpls label range 2000 3000
mpls label protocol ldp
12 router-id 10.1.1.3
12 vfi auto autodiscovery
 vpn id 100
!
pseudowire-class mpls
 encapsulation mpls
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interface Loopback1
 ip address 10.1.1.3 255.255.255.255
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
 description Backbone interface
 ip address 10.0.0.3 255.255.255.0
mpls ip
1
router ospf 1
 log-adjacency-changes
 network 10.10.1.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
network 192.168.0.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
!
router bgp 65000
no bgp default ipv4-unicast
 bgp log-neighbor-changes
bgp update-delay 1
neighbor 10.10.10.1 remote-as 65000
 neighbor 10.10.10.1 update-source Loopback1
 neighbor 10.10.10.2 remote-as 65000
neighbor 10.10.10.2 update-source Loopback1
!
 address-family l2vpn vpls
 neighbor 10.10.10.1 activate
 neighbor 10.10.10.1 send-community extended
neighbor 10.10.10.2 activate
neighbor 10.10.10.2 send-community extended
 exit-address-family
ip classless
```

Where to Go Next

For more details about configuring VPLS autodiscovery, see the "VPLS Autodiscovery: BGP Based" feature.

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title	
BGP commands: complete command syntax, command mode, defaults, command history, usage guidelines, and examples	Cisco IOS IP Routing: BGP Command Reference	
BGP overview	Cisco BGP Overview" module	
Configuring basic BGP tasks	Configuring a Basic BGP Network" module	
Standards		
Standard	Title	
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.		
MIBs		
MIB	MIBs Link	
None.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS XE releases, and feature set use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL:	
	http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs	
RFCs	http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs	
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Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	

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Feature Information for BGP Support for the L2VPN Address Family

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BGP Support for the L2VPN Address Family	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.6	BGP support for the L2VPN address family introduces a BGF based autodiscovery mechanism to distribute L2VPN endpoint provisioning information. BGP uses a separate L2VPN Routing Information Base (RIB) to store endpoint provisioning information, which is updated each time any Layer 2 VFI is configured. When BGP distributes the endpoint provisioning information in an update message to all its BGP neighbors, the endpoint information is used to set up a pseudowire mesh to support L2VPN-based services.
		The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: address-family l2vpn , clear ip bgp l2vpn , and show ip bgp l2vpn .

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