



OSPFv3 Graceful Restart

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and 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.

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Information About OSPFv3 Graceful Restart

OSPFv3 Graceful Restart

The graceful restart feature in OSPFv3 allows nonstop data forwarding along routes that are already known while the OSPFv3 routing protocol information is being restored. A device can participate in graceful restart either in restart mode (such as in a graceful-restart-capable device) or in helper mode (such as in a graceful-restart-aware device).

To perform the graceful restart function, a device must be in high availability (HA) stateful switchover (SSO) mode (that is, dual Route Processor (RP)). A device capable of graceful restart will perform the graceful restart function when the following failures occur:

- A RP failure that results in switchover to standby RP

- A planned RP switchover to standby RP

The graceful restart feature requires that neighboring devices be graceful-restart aware.

For further information about SSO and nonstop forwarding (NSF), see the Stateful Switchover and Cisco Nonstop Forwarding documents.

How to Enable OSPFv3 Graceful Restart

Enabling OSPFv3 Graceful Restart on a Graceful-Restart-Capable Router

The task can be performed in Cisco IOS XE 3.4S and later releases.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router ospfv3** [*process-id*]
4. **graceful-restart** [*restart-interval interval*]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	router ospfv3 [<i>process-id</i>] Example: <pre>Router(config)# router ospfv3 1</pre>	Enables OSPFv3 router configuration mode for the IPv4 or IPv6 address family.
Step 4	graceful-restart [<i>restart-interval interval</i>] Example: <pre>Router(config-rtr)# graceful-restart</pre>	Enables the OSPFv3 graceful restart feature on a graceful-restart-capable router.

Enabling OSPFv3 Graceful Restart on a Graceful-Restart-Capable Router

The task can be performed in releases prior to Cisco IOS XE Release 3.4S.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `ipv6 router ospf process-id`
4. `graceful-restart [restart-interval interval]`

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	ipv6 router ospf <i>process-id</i> Example: Router(config)# ipv6 router ospf 1	Enables OSPFv3 router configuration mode.
Step 4	graceful-restart [restart-interval <i>interval</i>] Example: Router(config-rtr)# graceful-restart	Enables the OSPFv3 graceful restart feature on a graceful-restart-capable router.

Enabling OSPFv3 Graceful Restart on a Graceful-Restart-Aware Router

The task can be performed in Cisco IOS XE Release 3.4S and later releases.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `router ospfv3 [process-id]`
4. `graceful-restart helper {disable | strict-lsa-checking}`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example:	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	router ospfv3 [process-id] Example: Router(config)# router ospfv3 1	Enables OSPFv3 router configuration mode for the IPv4 or IPv6 address family.
Step 4	graceful-restart helper {disable strict-lsa-checking} Example: Router(config-rtr)# graceful-restart helper strict-lsa-checking	Enables the OSPFv3 graceful restart feature on a graceful-restart-aware router.

Example:**What to do next****Enabling OSPFv3 Graceful Restart on a Graceful-Restart-Aware Router**

The task can be performed in releases prior to Cisco IOS XE Release 3.4S.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. ipv6 router ospf *process-id*
4. graceful-restart helper {disable | strict-lsa-checking}

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.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	ipv6 router ospf <i>process-id</i> Example: Router(config)# ipv6 router ospf 1	Enables OSPFv3 router configuration mode.
Step 4	graceful-restart helper { disable strict-lsa-checking } Example: Router(config-rtr)# graceful-restart helper strict-lsa-checking	Enables the OSPFv3 graceful restart feature on a graceful-restart-aware router.

Example:**What to do next**

Configuration Examples for OSPFv3 Graceful Restart

Example: Enabling OSPFv3 Graceful Restart

```
Router# show ipv6 ospf graceful-restart
Routing Process "ospf 1"
Graceful Restart enabled
  restart-interval limit: 120 sec, last restart 00:00:15 ago (took 36 secs)
Graceful Restart helper support enabled
Router status : Active
Router is running in SSO mode
OSPF restart state : NO_RESTART
Router ID 10.1.1.1, checkpoint Router ID 10.0.0.0
```

The following example shows OSPFv3 information with graceful-restart helper support enabled on a graceful-restart-aware router.

```
Router# show ospfv3
Routing Process "ospfv3 1" with ID 10.0.0.1
Supports IPv6 Address Family
Event-log enabled, Maximum number of events: 1000, Mode: cyclic
Initial SPF schedule delay 5000 msec
Minimum hold time between two consecutive SPF's 10000 msec
Maximum wait time between two consecutive SPF's 10000 msec
Minimum LSA interval 5 secs
Minimum LSA arrival 1000 msec
LSA group pacing timer 240 secs
Interface flood pacing timer 33 msec
Retransmission pacing timer 66 msec
Number of external LSA 0. Checksum Sum 0x000000
Number of areas in this router is 0. 0 normal 0 stub 0 nssa
Graceful restart helper support enabled
Reference bandwidth unit is 100 mbps
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Relay willingness value is 128
Pushback timer value is 2000 msec
Relay acknowledgement timer value is 1000 msec
LSA cache Disabled : current count 0, maximum 1000
ACK cache Disabled : current count 0, maximum 1000
Selective Peering is not enabled
Hello requests and responses will be sent multicast

```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
IPv6 addressing and connectivity	<i>IPv6 Configuration Guide</i>
Stateful switchover and Cisco nonstop forwarding	<i>High Availability Configuration Guide</i>
Cisco IOS commands	<i>Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases</i>
IPv6 commands	<i>Cisco IOS IPv6 Command Reference</i>
Cisco IOS IPv6 features	<i>Cisco IOS IPv6 Feature Mapping</i>
OSPFv3 Graceful Restart	“OSPF RFC 3623 Graceful Restart Helper Mode” module
OSPFv3 Graceful Restart	“Configuring OSPF” module
OSPFv3 Graceful Restart	“NSF-OSPF RFC 3623 OSPF Graceful Restart” module

Standards and RFCs

Standard/RFC	Title
RFCs for IPv6	IPv6 RFCs

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
	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

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
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Feature Information for OSPFv3 Graceful Restart

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 OSPFv3 Graceful Restart

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
OSPFv3 Graceful Restart	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	<p>The graceful restart feature in OSPFv3 allows nonstop data forwarding along routes that are already known while the OSPFv3 routing protocol information is being restored.</p> <p>The following commands were introduced or modified: graceful-restart, graceful-restart helper, ipv6 router ospf, router ospfv3, show ipv6 ospf graceful-restart, show ospfv3 graceful-restart.</p>

