



# Policy-Based Routing

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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 Policy-Based Routing

### Policy-Based Routing

Policy-based routing is a process whereby the device puts packets through a route map before routing them. The route map determines which packets are routed next to which device. You might enable policy-based routing if you want certain packets to be routed in a certain way other than the obvious shortest path. Possible applications for policy-based routing are to provide equal access, protocol-sensitive routing, source-sensitive routing, routing based on interactive versus batch traffic, and routing based on dedicated links. Policy-based routing is a more flexible mechanism for routing packets than destination routing.

To enable policy-based routing, you must identify which route map to use for policy-based routing and create the route map. The route map itself specifies the match criteria and the resulting action if all of the match clauses are met.

To enable policy-based routing on an interface, indicate which route map the device should use by using the **ip policy route-map** *map-tag* command in interface configuration mode. A packet arriving on the specified interface is subject to policy-based routing except when its destination IP address is the same as the IP address of the device's interface. This **ip policy route-map** command disables fast switching of all packets arriving on this interface.

To define the route map to be used for policy-based routing, use the **route-map** *map-tag* [**permit**] [*sequence-number*] global configuration command.

To display the cache entries in the policy route cache, use the **show ip cache policy** command.




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**Note** PBR is supported only in a video template.

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## Restrictions for Policy-Based Routing

- The following command is not supported:

```
ip local policy route-map <route-map_name>
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**Note** Local Policy based routing is not supported.

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# How to Configure Policy-Based Routing

## Configuring Policy-Based Routing

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **sdm prefer video**
4. **ip access-list extended <name>**
5. **permit protocol source [source-wildcard] destination [destination-wildcard]**
6. **exit**
7. **Route-map <route\_map\_name> permit <sequence\_number>**
8. **match ip address <match\_criteria\_name>**
9. **set ip next-hop <ip\_address> set ip vrf <vrf\_name> next-hop <ip\_address> set vrf <vrf\_name>**
10. **exit**
11. **interface type number**
12. **ip policy route-map <route\_map\_name>**
13. **exit**

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router&gt; enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>sdm prefer video</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config)#sdm prefer video</pre>	Configures the video mode. <b>Note</b> This requires a reload of the system. The configuration of the following steps will only be effective after the SDM template is changed to video template.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>ip access-list extended &lt;name&gt;</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config)#ip access-list extended pbr-acl1</pre>	Configures an Extended ACL named "pbr-acl1" and enters extended-acl configuration mode.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>permit protocol source [source-wildcard] destination [destination-wildcard]</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-ext-nacl)#permit ip 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 200.0.0.0 0.255.255.255</pre>	Creates a match statement to match the specified source & destination IP address.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>exit</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-ext-nacl)#exit</pre>	Returns to global configuration mode.
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>Route-map &lt;route_map_name&gt; permit &lt;sequence_number&gt;</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config)#route-map pbr permit 10</pre>	Creates a Route-map statement named "pbr" for redistributing routes from one routing protocol into another routing protocol or enables policy-based routing and enters route-map configuration mode.
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>match ip address &lt;match_criteria_name&gt;</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-route-map)#match ip address pbr-acl1</pre>	Defines the match criteria by which packets are examined to learn if they will be policy-based routed.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	<b>set ip next-hop &lt;ip_address&gt; set ip vrf &lt;vrf_name&gt;</b> <b>next-hop &lt;ip_address&gt; set vrf &lt;vrf_name&gt;</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-route-map)#set ip next-hop 30.0.0.2 Router(config-route-map)#set ip vrf vrfl next-hop 30.0.0.1 Router(config-route-map)#set vrf vrfl</pre>	Specifies where to output packets that pass a match clause of a route map for policy routing.
Step 10	<b>exit</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-route-map)#exit</pre>	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 11	<b>interface type number</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config)#interface Gi0/0/10</pre>	Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 12	<b>ip policy route-map &lt;route_map_name&gt;</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-if)#ip policy route-map pbr</pre>	Identifies a route map to use for policy routing on an interface.
Step 13	<b>exit</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-if)#exit</pre>	Returns to global configuration mode.

## Verifying Policy-Based Routing

Use this command to verify that the SDM template is changed to video template.

### show sdm prefer current

```
PE1#show sdm prefer current
The current template is "video" template
```

Use this command to display the cache entries in the policy route cache.

### show ip cache policy

```
CE1#show ip policy
Interface      Route map
Gi0/0/10      equal-access
CE1#
```

## Configuration Examples for Policy-Based Routing

This section shows sample configuration for Policy-Based Routing.

## Example: Policy-Based Routing

The following is a sample configuration for Policy-Based Routing.

```
Device# conf t
Device(config)# access-list 1 permit host 10.1.1.1
Device(config)# access-list 2 permit host 172.17.2.2
Device(config)# exit

Device# conf t
Device(config)# route-map equal-access permit 10
Device(config-route-map)# match ip address 1
Device(config-route-map)# set ip next-hop 172.16.6.6
Device(config-route-map)# exit
Device(config)# route-map equal-access permit 20
Device(config-route-map)# match ip address 2
Device(config-route-map)# set ip next-hop 192.168.7.7
Device(config-route-map)# exit
Device(config)#exit

Device# conf t
Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0/2
Device(config-if)# ip policy route-map equal-access
Device(config-if)# exit
```

## Additional References

### Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
IP routing protocol-independent commands	<a href="#">Cisco IOS IP Routing: Protocol-Independent Command Reference</a>

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Description	Link
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## Feature Information for Policy-Based Routing

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 Policy-Based Routing**