

Implementing RIP for IPv6

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This module describes how to configure Routing Information Protocol for IPv6. RIP is a distance-vector routing protocol that uses hop count as a routing metric. RIP is an Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP) most commonly used in smaller networks.

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Finding Feature Information

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RIP for IPv6

IPv6 RIP functions the same and offers the same benefits as RIP in IPv4. RIP enhancements for IPv6, detailed in RFC 2080, include support for IPv6 addresses and prefixes, and the use of the all-RIP-routers multicast group address FF02::9 as the destination address for RIP update messages.



In the Cisco IOS XE software implementation of IPv6 RIP each IPv6 RIP process maintains a local routing table, referred to as a Routing Information Database (RIB). The IPv6 RIP RIB contains a set of best-cost IPv6 RIP routes learned from all its neighboring networking devices. If IPv6 RIP learns the same route from two different neighbors, but with different costs, it will store only the lowest cost route in the local RIB. The RIB also stores any expired routes that the RIP process is advertising to its neighbors running RIP. IPv6 RIP will try to insert every non-expired route from its local RIB into the master IPv6 RIB. If the same route has been learned from a different routing protocol with a better administrative distance than IPv6 RIP, the RIP route will not be added to the IPv6 RIB but the RIP route will still exist in the IPv6 RIP RIB.

Nonstop Forwarding for IPv6 RIP

Cisco nonstop forwarding (NSF) continues forwarding packets while routing protocols converge, therefore avoiding a route flap on switchover. When an RP failover occurs, the Forwarding Information Base (FIB) marks installed paths as stale by setting a new epoch. Subsequently, the routing protocols reconverge and populate the RIB and FIB. Once all NSF routing protocols converge, any stale routes held in the FIB are removed. A failsafe timer is required to delete stale routes, in case of routing protocol failure to repopulate the RIB and FIB.

RIP registers as an IPv6 NSF client. Doing so has the benefit of using RIP routes installed in the Cisco Express Forwarding table until RIP has converged on the standby.

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Enabling IPv6 RIP

Before configuring the router to run IPv6 RIP, globally enable IPv6 using the **ipv6 unicast-routing** command in global configuration mode, and enable IPv6 on any interfaces on which IPv6 RIP is to be enabled. For details on basic IPv6 connectivity tasks, refer to Implementing IPv6 Addressing and Basic Connectivity.

If you want to set or change a global value, follow steps 1 and 2, and then use the optional **ipv6 router rip**command in global configuration mode (see Customizing IPv6 RIP, page 3 for an example).

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. ipv6 unicast-routing
- 4. interface type number
- 5. ipv6 rip name enable

	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	ipv6 unicast-routing	Enables the forwarding of IPv6 unicast datagrams.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# ipv6 unicast-routing	
Step 4	interface type number	Specifies the interface type and number, and enters interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet $0/0/0$	
Step 5	ipv6 rip name enable	Enables the specified IPv6 RIP routing process on an interface.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# ipv6 rip process1 enable	

Customizing IPv6 RIP

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3.** ipv6 router rip word
- **4.** maximum-paths number-paths
- 5. exit
- **6. interface** *type number*
- 7. ipv6 rip name default-information $\{only \mid originate\}$ [metric metric-value]

	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	ipv6 router rip word	Configures an IPv6 RIP routing process and enters router configuration mode for the IPv6 RIP routing process.
	Example:	• Use the <i>word</i> argument to identify a specific IPv6 RIP routing process.
	Router(config)# ipv6 router rip process1	
Step 4	maximum-paths number-paths	(Optional) Defines the maximum number of equal-cost routes that IPv6 RIP can support.
	Example:	• The <i>number-paths</i> argument is an integer from 1 to 64. The default for RIP is four paths.
	Router(config-router)# maximum-paths 1	
Step 5	exit	Exits interface configuration mode and enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# exit	
Step 6	interface type number	Specifies the interface type and number, and enters interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0	

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 7	ipv6 rip name default-information {only originate} [metric metric-value]	(Optional) Originates the IPv6 default route (::/0) into the specified RIP routing process updates sent out of the specified interface.	
	Example:	Note To avoid routing loops after the IPv6 default route (::/0) is originated out of any interface, the routing process ignores all default routes received on any interface.	
	Router(config-if)# ipv6 rip process1 default-information originate	 Specifying the only keyword originates the default route (::/0) but suppresses all other routes in the updates sent on this interface. Specifying the originate keyword originates the default route (::/0) in addition to all other routes in the updates sent on this interface. 	

Redistributing Routes into an IPv6 RIP Routing Process

The maximum metric that RIP can advertise is 16, and a metric of 16 denotes a route that is unreachable. Therefore, if you are redistributing routes with metrics greater than or equal to 16, then by default RIP will advertise them as unreachable. These routes will not be used by neighboring routers. The user must configure a redistribution metric of less than 15 for these routes.



You must to advertise a route with metric of 15 or less. A RIP router always adds an interface cost--the default is 1--onto the metric of a received route. If you advertise a route with metric 15, your neighbor will add 1 to it, making a metric of 16. Because a metric of 16 is unreachable, your neighbor will not install the route in the routing table.

If no metric is specified, then the current metric of the route is used. To find the current metric of the route, enter the **show ipv6 route** command.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3**. **interface** *type number*
- 4. ipv6 rip word enable
- **5.** redistribute protocol [process-id] {level-1 | level-2 | [metric metric-value] [metric-type{internal | external}] [route-map map-name]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		• Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	interface type number	Specifies the interface type and number, and enters interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet $0/0/0$	
Step 4	ipv6 rip word enable	Enables an IPv6 Routing Information Protocol (RIP) routing process on an interface.
	Example:	
	Router(config-if)# ipv6 router one enable	
Step 5	redistribute protocol [process-id] {level-1 level-1-2 level-2} [metric metric-value] [metric-type{internal external}] [route-map map-name]	Redistributes the specified routes into the IPv6 RIP routing process. • The <i>protocol</i> argument can be one of the following keywords: bgp, connected, isis, rip, or static.
	Example:	 The rip keyword and process-id argument specify an IPv6 RIP routing process.
	<pre>Router(config-router)# redistribute bgp 65001 route-map bgp-to-rip</pre>	Note The connected keyword refers to routes that are established automatically by assigning IPv6 addresses to an interface.

Configuring Route Tags for IPv6 RIP Routes

When performing route redistribution, you can associate a numeric tag with a route. The tag is advertised with the route by RIP and will be installed along with the route in neighboring router's routing table.

If you redistribute a tagged route (for example, a route in the IPv6 routing table that already has a tag) into RIP, then RIP will automatically advertise the tag with the route. If you use a redistribution route map to specify a tag, then RIP will use the route map tag in preference to the routing table tag.

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3.** route-map map-tag [permit | deny] [sequence-number]
- **4.** match ipv6 address {prefix-list-name | access-list-name
- 5. set tag tag-value

	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	route-map map-tag [permit deny] [sequence-number]	Defines a route map, and enters route-map configuration mode.
	Example:	Follow this step with a match command.
	Router(config)# route-map bgp-to-rip permit 10	
Step 4	$\textbf{match ipv6 address} \ \{\textbf{prefix-list} \ \textit{prefix-list-name} \ \ \textit{access-list-name} \ \ \textit{acces-list-name} \ \ acces-list$	Specifies a list of IPv6 prefixes to be matched.
	Example:	
	<pre>Router(config-route-map)# match ipv6 address prefix-list bgp-to-rip-flt</pre>	
Step 5	set tag tag-value	Sets the tag value to associate with the redistributed routes.
	Example:	
	Router(config-route-map)# set tag 4	

Filtering IPv6 RIP Routing Updates

Route filtering using distribute lists provides control over the routes RIP receives and advertises. This control may be exercised globally or per interface.

Filtering is controlled by distribute lists. Input distribute lists control route reception, and input filtering is applied to advertisements received from neighbors. Only those routes that pass input filtering will be inserted in the RIP local routing table and become candidates for insertion into the IPv6 routing table.

Output distribute lists control route advertisement; Output filtering is applied to route advertisements sent to neighbors. Only those routes passing output filtering will be advertised.

Global distribute lists (which are distribute lists that do not apply to a specified interface) apply to all interfaces. If a distribute list specifies an interface, then that distribute list applies only to that interface.

An interface distribute list always takes precedence. For example, for a route received at an interface, with the interface filter set to deny, and the global filter set to permit, the route is blocked, the interface filter is passed, the global filter is blocked, and the route is passed.

IPv6 prefix lists are used to specify certain prefixes or a range of prefixes that must be matched before a permit or deny statement can be applied. Two operand keywords can be used to designate a range of prefix lengths to be matched. A prefix length of less than, or equal to, a value is configured with the **le**keyword. A prefix length greater than, or equal to, a value is specified using the **ge** keyword. The **ge** and **le** keywords can be used to specify the range of the prefix length to be matched in more detail than the usual *ipv6*-*prefix | prefix-length* argument. For a candidate prefix to match against a prefix list entry three conditions can exist:

- The candidate prefix must match the specified prefix list and prefix length entry.
- The value of the optional **le** keyword specifies the range of allowed prefix lengths from the *prefix-length* argument up to, and including, the value of the **le** keyword.
- The value of the optional **ge** keyword specifies the range of allowed prefix lengths from the value of the **ge** keyword up to, and including, 128.



Note that the first condition must match before the other conditions take effect.

An exact match is assumed when the **ge** or **le** keywords are not specified. If only one keyword operand is specified then the condition for that keyword is applied, and the other condition is not applied. The *prefix-length* value must be less than the **ge** value. The **ge** value must be less than, or equal to, the **le** value. The **le** value must be less than or equal to 128.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3. ipv6 prefix list** *prefix-list-name* **seq** *seq-number*] {**deny** *ipv6-prefix/prefix-length* | **description** *text*} [**ge** *ge-value*] [**le** *le-value*
- **4. ipv6 prefix list** *prefix-list-name* **seq** *seq-number*] {**deny** *ipv6-prefix/prefix-length* | **description** *text*} [**ge** *ge-value*] [**le** *le-value*
- **5.** Repeat Steps 3 and 4 as many times as necessary to build the prefix list.
- **6. ipv6 router rip** *name*
- 7. **distribute-list prefix-list** prefix-list-name in | out | [interface-type interface-number

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	ipv6 prefix list prefix-list-name seq seq-number] { deny ipv6-prefix/prefix-length description text} [ge ge-value] [le le-value	Creates an entry in the IPv6 prefix list.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# ipv6 prefix-list abc permit 2001:DB8::/16	
Step 4	ipv6 prefix list prefix-list-name seq seq-number] {deny ipv6-prefix/prefix-length description text} [ge ge-value] [le le-value	Creates an entry in the IPv6 prefix list.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# ipv6 prefix-list abc deny ::/0	
Step 5	Repeat Steps 3 and 4 as many times as necessary to build the prefix list.	
Step 6	ipv6 router rip name	Configures an IPv6 RIP routing process.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# ipv6 router rip process1	
Step 7	distribute-list prefix-list prefix-list-name in out } [interface-type interface-number	Applies a prefix list to IPv6 RIP routing updates that are received or sent on an interface.
	Example:	
	Router(config-rtr-rip) $\#$ distribute-list prefix-list process1 in gigabitethernet $0/0/0$	

Verifying IPv6 RIP Configuration and Operation

- 1. show ipv6 rip [name][database| next-hops]
- **2. show ipv6 route** [*ipv6-address*| *ipv6-prefix/prefix-length*| *protocol* | *interface-type interface-number*]
- 3. enable
- **4. debug ipv6 rip** [interface-type interface-number]

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	show ipv6 rip [name][database next-hops]	(Optional) Displays information about current IPv6 RIP processes.
	Example:	In this example, IPv6 RIP process database information is displayed for the specified IPv6 RIP process.
	Router> show ipv6 rip process1 database	
Step 2	show ipv6 route [ipv6-address ipv6-prefix/prefix-	(Optional) Displays the current contents of the IPv6 routing table.
	length protocol interface-type interface-number]	In this example, only IPv6 RIP routes are displayed.
	Example:	
	Router> show ipv6 route rip	
Step 3	enable	Enables higher privilege levels, such as privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
	Example:	
	Router> enable	
Step 4	debug ipv6 rip [interface-type interface-number]	(Optional) Displays debugging messages for IPv6 RIP routing transactions.
	Example:	
	Router# debug ipv6 rip	

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Sample Output for the show ipv6 rip Command

In the following example, output information about all current IPv6 RIP processes is displayed using the **show ipv6 rip**command:

```
Router> show ipv6 rip
RIP process "process1", port 521, multicast-group FF02::9, pid 62
Administrative distance is 120. Maximum paths is 1
Updates every 5 seconds, expire after 15
Holddown lasts 10 seconds, garbage collect after 30
Split horizon is on; poison reverse is off
Default routes are generated
Periodic updates 223, trigger updates 1
Interfaces:
```

```
Gigabitethernet0/0/0
Redistribution:
Redistributing protocol bgp 65001 route-map bgp-to-rip
```

In the following example, output information about a specified IPv6 RIP process database is displayed using the **show ipv6 rip**command with the *name* argument and the **database** keyword. In the following output for the IPv6 RIP process named process1, timer information is displayed, and route 2001:DB8::16/64 has a route tag set:

```
Router> show ipv6 rip process1 database
RIP process "process1", local RIB
2001:DB8::/64, metric 2
    Gigabitethernet0/0/0/FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:B00, expires in 13 secs
2001:DB8::/16, metric 2 tag 4, installed
    Gigabitethernet0/0/0/FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:B00, expires in 13 secs
2001:DB8:1::/16, metric 2 tag 4, installed
    Gigabitethernet0/0/0/FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:B00, expires in 13 secs
2001:DB8:2::/16, metric 2 tag 4, installed
    Gigabitethernet0/0/0/FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:B00, expires in 13 secs
::/0, metric 2, installed
    Gigabitethernet0/0/0/FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:B00, expires in 13 secs
```

In the following example, output information for a specified IPv6 RIP process is displayed using the **show ipv6 rip**user EXEC command with the *name* argument and the **next-hops** keyword:

```
Router> show ipv6 rip process1 next-hops
RIP process "process1", Next Hops
   FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:A00/Gigabitethernet0/0/0 [4 paths]
```

Sample Output for the show ipv6 route Command

The current metric of the route can be found by entering the **show ipv6 route** command. In the following example, output information for all IPv6 RIP routes is displayed using the **show ipv6 route**command with the **rip** protocol keyword:

Sample Output for the debug ipv6 rip Command

In the following example, debugging messages for IPv6 RIP routing transactions are displayed using the **debug ipv6 rip**command:

```
Router# debug ipv6 rip
RIPng: Sending multicast update on gigabitethernet0/0/0 for process1
    src=FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:B00
    dst=FF02::9 (gigabitethernet0/0/0)
    sport=521, dport=521, length=112
    command=2, version=1, mbz=0, #rte=5
    tag=0, metric=1, prefix=2001:DB8::/64
    tag=4, metric=1, prefix=2001:DB8:1::/16
    tag=4, metric=1, prefix=2001:DB8:2;:/16
    tag=4, metric=1, prefix=2001:DB8:3::/16
    tag=4, metric=1, prefix=::/0
RIPng: Next RIB walk in 10032
```

```
RIPng: response received from FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:A00 on gigabitethernet0/0/0 for process1

src=FE80::A8BB:CCFF:FE00:A00 (gigabitethernet0/0/0)
dst=FF02::9
sport=521, dport=521, length=92
command=2, version=1, mbz=0, #rte=4
tag=0, metric=1, prefix=2001:DB8::/64
tag=0, metric=1, prefix=2001:DB8:1::/32
tag=0, metric=1, prefix=2001:DB8:2::/32
tag=0, metric=1, prefix=2001:DB8:3::/32
```

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Example IPv6 RIP Configuration

In the following example, the IPv6 RIP process named process1 is enabled on the router and on Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/0/0. The IPv6 default route (::/0) is advertised in addition to all other routes in router updates sent on Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/0/0. Additionally, BGP routes are redistributed into the RIP process named process1 according to a route map where routes that match a prefix list are also tagged. The number of parallel paths is set to one to allow the route tagging, and the IPv6 RIP timers are adjusted. A prefix list named eth0/0-in-flt filters inbound routing updates on Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/0/0.

```
ipv6 router rip process1
maximum-paths 1
redistribute bgp 65001 route-map bgp-to-rip
distribute-list prefix-list eth0/0-in-flt in Gigabitethernet0/0/0
!
interface Gigabitethernet0/0/0
ipv6 address 2001:DB8::/64 eui-64
ipv6 rip process1 enable
ipv6 rip process1 default-information originate
!
ipv6 prefix-list bgp-to-rip-flt seq 10 deny 2001:DB8:3::/16 le 128
ipv6 prefix-list bgp-to-rip-flt seq 20 permit 2001:DB8:1::/8 le 128
!
ipv6 prefix-list eth0/0-in-flt seq 10 deny ::/0
ipv6 prefix-list eth0/0-in-flt seq 15 permit ::/0 le 128
!
route-map bgp-to-rip permit 10
match ipv6 address prefix-list bgp-to-rip-flt
set tag 4
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
IPv4 RIP configuration tasks	" Configuring Routing Information Protocol ," Cisco IOS XE IP Routing Protocols Configuration Guide

Related Topic	Document Title
RIP commands: complete command syntax, command mode, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	" RIP Commands ," Cisco IOS IP Routing Protocols Command Reference
IPv6 supported feature list	"Start Here: Cisco IOS XE Software Release Specifics for IPv6 Features ," Cisco IOS XE IPv6 Configuration Guide
IPv6 commands: complete command syntax, command mode, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	Cisco IOS IPv6 Command Reference
Cisco IOS master command list, all releases	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL:
	http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFCs	Title
RFC 2080	RIPng for IPv6

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for Implementing RIP for IPv6

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Table 1 Feature Information for Implementing RIP for IPv6

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
IPv6RIPng Nonstop Forwarding	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	IPv6 RIP supports NSF.
IPv6 RoutingRIP for IPv6 (RIPng)	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	RIP enhancements for IPv6 include support for IPv6 addresses and prefixes, and the use of the all-RIP-routers multicast group address FF02::9 as the destination address for RIP update messages.
		The following commands were modified by this feature: debug ipv6 rip, ipv6 rip default-information, ipv6 rip enable, ipv6 router rip, ipv6 unicast-routing, maximum paths, distribute-list prefix-list (IPv6 RIP), ipv6 prefix-list, show ipv6 rip, timers (IPv6 RIP)

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
IPv6 RoutingRoute Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1 Redistribution	Routes may be specified by prefix, using a route-map prefix list, or by tag, using the route-map "match tag" function.	
		The following commands were modified by this feature: ipv6 rip enable , match ipv6 address , redistribute ,route-map, set tag, show ipv6 route

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