



# Implementing Multiprotocol BGP for IPv6

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This module describes how to configure multiprotocol Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) for IPv6. BGP is an Exterior Gateway Protocol (EGP) used mainly to connect separate routing domains that contain independent routing policies (autonomous systems). Connecting to a service provider for access to the Internet is a common use for BGP. BGP can also be used within an autonomous system and this variation is referred to as internal BGP (iBGP). Multiprotocol BGP is an enhanced BGP that carries routing information for multiple network layer protocol address families, for example, IPv6 address family and for IP multicast routes. All BGP commands and routing policy capabilities can be used with multiprotocol BGP.

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## Finding Feature Information

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## Multiprotocol BGP Extensions for IPv6

Multiprotocol BGP is the supported exterior gateway protocol (EGP) for IPv6. Multiprotocol BGP extensions for IPv6 supports many of the same features and functionality as IPv4 BGP. IPv6 enhancements to multiprotocol BGP include support for an IPv6 address family and network layer reachability information (NLRI) and next hop (the next router in the path to the destination) attributes that use IPv6 addresses.

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### IPv6 Multiprotocol BGP Peering Using a Link-Local Address

The IPv6 multiprotocol BGP can be configured between two IPv6 devices (peers) using link-local addresses. For this function to work, the interface for the neighbor must be identified by using the **neighbor update-source** command, and a route map must be configured to set an IPv6 global next hop.

## Multiprotocol BGP for the IPv6 Multicast Address Family

The multiprotocol BGP for the IPv6 multicast address family feature provides multicast BGP extensions for IPv6 and supports the same features and functionality as IPv4 BGP. IPv6 enhancements to multicast BGP include support for an IPv6 multicast address family and network layer reachability information (NLRI) and next hop (the next router in the path to the destination) attributes that use IPv6 addresses.

Multicast BGP is an enhanced BGP that allows the deployment of interdomain IPv6 multicast. Multiprotocol BGP carries routing information for multiple network layer protocol address families; for example, IPv6 address family and for IPv6 multicast routes. The IPv6 multicast address family contains routes used for RPF lookup by the IPv6 PIM protocol, and multicast BGP IPv6 provides for interdomain transport of the same. Users must use multiprotocol BGP for IPv6 multicast when using IPv6 multicast with BGP because the unicast BGP learned routes will not be used for IPv6 multicast.

Multicast BGP functionality is provided through a separate address family context. A subsequent address family identifier (SAFI) provides information about the type of the network layer reachability information that is carried in the attribute. Multiprotocol BGP unicast uses SAFI 1 messages, and multiprotocol BGP multicast uses SAFI 2 messages. SAFI 1 messages indicate that the routes are usable only for IP unicast, not IP multicast. Because of this functionality, BGP routes in the IPv6 unicast RIB must be ignored in the IPv6 multicast RPF lookup.

A separate BGP routing table is maintained to configure incongruent policies and topologies (for example, IPv6 unicast and multicast) by using IPv6 multicast RPF lookup. Multicast RPF lookup is very similar to the IP unicast route lookup.

No MRIB is associated with the IPv6 multicast BGP table. However, IPv6 multicast BGP operates on the unicast IPv6 RIB when needed. Multicast BGP does not insert or update routes into the IPv6 unicast RIB.

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### Nonstop Forwarding and Graceful Restart for MP-BGP IPv6 Address Family

The graceful restart capability is supported for IPv6 BGP unicast, multicast, and VPNv6 address families, enabling Cisco nonstop forwarding (NSF) functionality for BGP IPv6. The BGP graceful restart capability allows the BGP routing table to be recovered from peers without keeping the TCP state.

NSF continues forwarding packets while routing protocols converge, therefore avoiding a route flap on switchover. Forwarding is maintained by synchronizing the FIB between the active and standby RP. On

switchover, forwarding is maintained using the FIB. The RIB is not kept synchronized; therefore, the RIB is empty on switchover. The RIB is repopulated by the routing protocols and subsequently informs FIB about RIB convergence by using the NSF\_RIB\_CONVERGED registry call. The FIB tables are updated from the RIB, removing any stale entries. The RIB starts a failsafe timer during RP switchover, in case the routing protocols fail to notify the RIB of convergence.

The Cisco BGP address family identifier (AFI) model is designed to be modular and scalable, and to support multiple AFI and subsequent address family identifier (SAFI) configurations.

## How to Implement Multiprotocol BGP for IPv6

When configuring multiprotocol BGP extensions for IPv6, you must create the BGP routing process, configure peering relationships, and customize BGP for your particular network.



### Note

The following sections describe the configuration tasks for creating an IPv6 multiprotocol BGP routing process and associating peers, peer groups, and networks to the routing process. The following sections do not provide in-depth information on customizing multiprotocol BGP because the protocol functions the same in IPv6 as it does in IPv4. See the [How to Implement Multiprotocol BGP for IPv6, page 3](#) section for further information on BGP and multiprotocol BGP configuration and command reference information.

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## Configuring an IPv6 BGP Routing Process and BGP Router ID

Perform this task to configure an IPv6 BGP routing process and an optional BGP router ID for a BGP-speaking device.

BGP uses a router ID to identify BGP-speaking peers. The BGP router ID is 32-bit value that is often represented by an IPv4 address. By default, the router ID is set to the IPv4 address of a loopback interface on the device. If no loopback interface is configured on the device, then the software chooses the highest IPv4 address configured to a physical interface on the device to represent the BGP router ID.

When configuring BGP on a device that is enabled only for IPv6 (the device does not have an IPv4 address), you must manually configure the BGP router ID for the device. The BGP router ID, which is represented as a 32-bit value using an IPv4 address syntax, must be unique to the BGP peers of the device.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp *as-number***
4. **no bgp default ipv4-unicast**
5. **bgp router-id *ip-address***

**DETAILED STEPS**

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1 enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 2 configure terminal</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3 router bgp <i>as-number</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# router bgp 65000	Configures a BGP routing process, and enters router configuration mode for the specified routing process.
<b>Step 4 no bgp default ipv4-unicast</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-router)# no bgp default ipv4-unicast	Disables the IPv4 unicast address family for the BGP routing process specified in the previous step.  <b>Note</b> Routing information for the IPv4 unicast address family is advertised by default for each BGP routing session configured with the <b>neighbor remote-as</b> command unless you configure the <b>no bgp default ipv4-unicast</b> command before configuring the <b>neighbor remote-as</b> command.
<b>Step 5 bgp router-id <i>ip-address</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-router)# bgp router-id 192.168.99.70	(Optional) Configures a fixed 32-bit router ID as the identifier of the local device running BGP.  <b>Note</b> Configuring a router ID using the <b>bgp router-id</b> command resets all active BGP peering sessions.

**Configuring IPv6 Multiprotocol BGP Between Two Peers**

By default, neighbors that are defined using the **neighbor remote-as** command in router configuration mode exchange only IPv4 unicast address prefixes. To exchange other address prefix types, such as IPv6

prefixes, neighbors must also be activated using the **neighbor activate** command in address family configuration mode for the other prefix types, as shown for IPv6 prefixes.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp** *as-number*
4. **neighbor** {*ip-address* | *ipv6-address*[%] | *peer-group-name*} **remote-as** *autonomous-system-number* [*alternate-as* *autonomous-system-number* ...]
5. **address-family ipv6** [*unicast* | *multicast*]
6. **neighbor** {*ip-address* | *peer-group-name* | *ipv6-address* %} **activate**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device&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>Device# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>router bgp</b> <i>as-number</i>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config)# router bgp 65000</pre>	Enters router configuration mode for the specified routing process.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>neighbor</b> { <i>ip-address</i>   <i>ipv6-address</i> [%]   <i>peer-group-name</i> } <b>remote-as</b> <i>autonomous-system-number</i> [ <i>alternate-as</i> <i>autonomous-system-number</i> ...]  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-router)# neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 remote-as 64600</pre>	Adds the IPv6 address of the neighbor in the specified autonomous system to the IPv6 multiprotocol BGP neighbor table of the local device.

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 5</b> <b>address-family ipv6</b> [ <b>unicast</b>   <b>multicast</b> ]  <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-router)# address-family ipv6	Specifies the IPv6 address family and enters address family configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>unicast</b> keyword specifies the IPv6 unicast address family. By default, the device is placed in configuration mode for the IPv6 unicast address family if a keyword is not specified with the <b>address-family ipv6</b> command.</li> <li>The <b>multicast</b> keyword specifies IPv6 multicast address prefixes.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 6</b> <b>neighbor</b> { <i>ip-address</i>   <i>peer-group-name</i>   <i>ipv6-address</i> %} <b>activate</b>  <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 activate	Enables the neighbor to exchange prefixes for the IPv6 address family with the local device.

## Configuring IPv6 Multiprotocol BGP Between Two Peers Using Link-Local Addresses

By default, neighbors that are defined using the **neighbor remote-as** command in router configuration mode exchange only IPv4 unicast address prefixes. To exchange other address prefix types, such as IPv6 prefixes, neighbors must also be activated using the **neighbor activate** command in address family configuration mode for the other prefix types, as shown for IPv6 prefixes.

By default, route maps that are applied in router configuration mode using the **neighbor route-map** command are applied to only IPv4 unicast address prefixes. Route maps for other address families must be applied in address family configuration mode using the **neighbor route-map** command, as shown for the IPv6 address family. The route maps are applied either as the inbound or outbound routing policy for neighbors under the specified address family. Configuring separate route maps under each address family type simplifies managing complicated or different policies for each address family.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp** *autonomous-system-number*
4. **neighbor** { *ip-address* | *ipv6-address* | *peer-group-name* } **remote-as** *as-number*
5. **neighbor** { *ip-address* | *ipv6-address* | *peer-group-name* } **update-source** *interface-type interface-number*
6. **address-family ipv6** [*vrf vrf-name*] [**unicast** | **multicast** | **vpn** **v6**]
7. **neighbor** { *ip-address* | *peer-group-name* | *ipv6-address* } **activate**
8. **neighbor** { *ip-address* | *peer-group-name* | *ipv6-address* } **route-map** *map-name* { **in** | **out** }
9. **exit**
10. Repeat Step 9.
11. **route-map** *map-tag* [**permit** | **deny**] [*sequence-number*]
12. **match ipv6 address** { **prefix-list** *prefix-list-name* | *access-list-name* }
13. **set ipv6 next-hop** *ipv6-address* [*link-local-address*] [**peer-address**]

**DETAILED STEPS**

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	<b>Example:</b>  Router> enable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
	<b>Example:</b>  Router# configure terminal	
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>router bgp</b> <i>autonomous-system-number</i>	Enters router configuration mode for the specified routing process.
	<b>Example:</b>  Router(config)# router bgp 65000	
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>neighbor</b> { <i>ip-address</i>   <i>ipv6-address</i>   <i>peer-group-name</i> } <b>remote-as</b> <i>as-number</i>	Adds the link-local IPv6 address of the neighbor in the specified remote autonomous system to the IPv6 multiprotocol BGP neighbor table of the local router.
	<b>Example:</b>  Router(config-router)# neighbor FE80::XXXX:BFF:FE0E:A471 remote-as 64600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <i>ipv6-address</i> argument in the <b>neighbor remote-as</b> command must be a link-local IPv6 address in the form documented in RFC 2373 where the address is specified in hexadecimal using 16-bit values between colons.</li> </ul>

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 5</b>	<p><b>neighbor</b> {<i>ip-address</i>   <i>ipv6-address</i>   <i>peer-group-name</i>} <b>update-source</b> <i>interface-type interface-number</i></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Router(config-router)# neighbor FE80::XXXX:BFF:FE0E:A471 update-source gigabitethernet0/0/0</pre>	<p>Specifies the link-local address over which the peering is to occur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there are multiple connections to the neighbor and you do not specify the neighbor interface by using the <i>interface-type</i> and <i>interface-number</i> arguments in the <b>neighbor update-source</b> command, a TCP connection cannot be established with the neighbor using link-local addresses.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 6</b>	<p><b>address-family ipv6</b> [<i>vrf vrf-name</i>] [<b>unicast</b>   <b>multicast</b>   <b>vpn</b> <i>vpn6</i>]</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Router(config-router)# address-family ipv6</pre>	<p>Specifies the IPv6 address family, and enters address family configuration mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>unicast</b> keyword specifies the IPv6 unicast address family. By default, the router is placed in configuration mode for the IPv6 unicast address family if the <b>unicast</b> keyword is not specified with the <b>address-family ipv6</b> command.</li> <li>The <b>multicast</b> keyword specifies IPv6 multicast address prefixes.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 7</b>	<p><b>neighbor</b> {<i>ip-address</i>   <i>peer-group-name</i>   <i>ipv6-address</i>} <b>activate</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Router(config-router-af)# neighbor FE80::XXXX:BFF:FE0E:A471 activate</pre>	<p>Enables the neighbor to exchange prefixes for the IPv6 address family with the local router using the specified link-local addresses.</p>
<b>Step 8</b>	<p><b>neighbor</b> {<i>ip-address</i>   <i>peer-group-name</i>   <i>ipv6-address</i>} <b>route-map</b> <i>map-name</i> {<b>in</b>   <b>out</b>}</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Router(config-router-af)# neighbor FE80::XXXX:BFF:FE0E:A471 route-map nh6 out</pre>	<p>Applies a route map to incoming or outgoing routes.</p>
<b>Step 9</b>	<p><b>exit</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Router(config-router-af)# exit</pre>	<p>Exits address family configuration mode, and returns the router to router configuration mode.</p>
<b>Step 10</b>	<p>Repeat Step 9.</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Router(config-router)# exit</pre>	<p>Exits router configuration mode, and returns the router to global configuration mode.</p>



	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 11</b>	<b>route-map</b> <i>map-tag</i> [ <b>permit</b>   <b>deny</b> ] [ <i>sequence-number</i> ]  <b>Example:</b>  Router(config)# route-map nh6 permit 10	Defines a route map and enters route-map configuration mode.
<b>Step 12</b>	<b>match ipv6 address</b> { <b>prefix-list</b> <i>prefix-list-name</i>   <i>access-list-name</i> }  <b>Example:</b>  Router(config-route-map)# match ipv6 address prefix-list cisco	Distributes any routes that have a destination IPv6 network number address permitted by a prefix list, or performs policy routing on packets.
<b>Step 13</b>	<b>set ipv6 next-hop</b> <i>ipv6-address</i> [ <i>link-local-address</i> ] [ <i>peer-address</i> ]  <b>Example:</b>  Router(config-route-map)# set ipv6 next-hop 2001:DB8::1	<p>Overrides the next hop advertised to the peer for IPv6 packets that pass a match clause of a route map for policy routing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <i>ipv6-address</i> argument specifies the IPv6 global address of the next hop. It need not be an adjacent router.</li> <li>The <i>link-local-address</i> argument specifies the IPv6 link-local address of the next hop. It must be an adjacent router.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> The route map sets the IPv6 next-hop addresses (global and link-local) in BGP updates. If the route map is not configured, the next-hop address in the BGP updates defaults to the unspecified IPv6 address (::), which is rejected by the peer. If you specify only the global IPv6 next-hop address (the <i>ipv6-address</i> argument) with the <b>set ipv6 next-hop</b> command after specifying the neighbor interface (the <i>interface-type</i> argument) with the <b>neighbor update-source</b> command in <a href="#">Configuring IPv6 Multiprotocol BGP Between Two Peers Using Link-Local Addresses, page 6</a>, the link-local address of the interface specified with the <i>interface-type</i> argument is included as the next-hop in the BGP updates. Therefore, only one route map that sets the global IPv6 next-hop address in BGP updates is required for multiple BGP peers that use link-local addresses.</p>

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## Troubleshooting Tips

If peering is not established by this task, it may be because of a missing route map **set ipv6 next-hop** command. Use the **debug bgp ipv6 update** command to display debugging information on the updates to help determine the state of the peering.

## Configuring an IPv6 Multiprotocol BGP Peer Group

- By default, neighbors that are defined using the **neighbor remote-as** command in router configuration mode exchange only IPv4 unicast address prefixes. To exchange other address prefix types, such as IPv6 prefixes, neighbors must also be activated using the **neighbor activate** command in address family configuration mode for the other prefix types, as shown for IPv6 prefixes.
- By default, peer groups that are defined in router configuration mode using the **neighbor peer-group** command exchange only IPv4 unicast address prefixes. To exchange other address prefix types, such as IPv6 prefixes, you must activate peer groups using the **neighbor activate** command in address family configuration mode for the other prefix types, as shown for IPv6 prefixes.
- Members of a peer group automatically inherit the address prefix configuration of the peer group.
- IPv4 active neighbors cannot exist in the same peer group as active IPv6 neighbors. Create separate peer groups for IPv4 peers and IPv6 peers.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp as-number**
4. **neighbor peer-group-name peer-group**
5. **neighbor {ip-address | ipv6-address[%] | peer-group-name} remote-as autonomous-system-number [alternate-as autonomous-system-number ...]**
6. **address-family ipv6 [vrf vrf-name] [unicast | multicast | vpnv6]**
7. **neighbor {ip-address | peer-group-name | ipv6-address %} activate**
8. **neighbor ip-address | ipv6-address} send-label**
9. **neighbor {ip-address | ipv6-address} peer-group peer-group-name**
10. **exit**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	<b>Example:</b> Router> enable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
Step 2	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
	<b>Example:</b> Router# configure terminal	

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>router bgp <i>as-number</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config)# router bgp 65000	Enters router configuration mode for the specified BGP routing process.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>neighbor <i>peer-group-name</i> <i>peer-group</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config-router)# neighbor group1 peer-group	Creates a multiprotocol BGP peer group.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>neighbor {<i>ip-address</i>   <i>ipv6-address</i>[%]   <i>peer-group-name</i>} <i>remote-as</i> <i>autonomous-system-number</i> [<i>alternate-as</i> <i>autonomous-system-number</i> ...]</b>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config-router)# neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 remote-as 64600	Adds the IPv6 address of the neighbor in the specified autonomous system to the IPv6 multiprotocol BGP neighbor table of the local router.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>address-family ipv6 [<i>vrf</i> <i>vrf-name</i>] [<i>unicast</i>   <i>multicast</i>   <i>vpn</i> <i>vpn6</i>]</b>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config-router)# address-family ipv6 unicast	Specifies the IPv6 address family, and enters address family configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>unicast</b> keyword specifies the IPv6 unicast address family. By default, the router is placed in configuration mode for the IPv6 unicast address family if the <b>unicast</b> keyword is not specified with the <b>address-family ipv6</b> command.</li> <li>The <b>multicast</b> keyword specifies IPv6 multicast address prefixes.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>neighbor {<i>ip-address</i>   <i>peer-group-name</i>   <i>ipv6-address</i> %} <i>activate</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 activate	Enables the neighbor to exchange prefixes for the specified family type with the neighbor and the local router. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To avoid extra configuration steps for each neighbor, use the <b>neighbor activate</b> command with the <i>peer-group-name</i> argument as an alternative in this step.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>neighbor <i>ip-address</i>   <i>ipv6-address</i>} <i>send-label</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 192.168.99.70 send-label	Advertises the capability of the router to send MPLS labels with BGP routes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In IPv6 address family configuration mode, this command enables binding and advertisement of aggregate labels when advertising IPv6 prefixes in BGP.</li> </ul>

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 9</b>	<b>neighbor {ip-address   ipv6-address} peer-group peer-group-name</b>  <b>Example:</b>  <pre>Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 peer-group group1</pre>	Assigns the IPv6 address of a BGP neighbor to a peer group.
<b>Step 10</b>	<b>exit</b>  <b>Example:</b>  <pre>Router(config-router-af)# exit</pre>	Exits address family configuration mode, and returns the router to router configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repeat this step to exit router configuration mode and return the router to global configuration mode.</li> </ul>

## Advertising IPv4 Routes Between IPv6 BGP Peers

If an IPv6 network is connecting two separate IPv4 networks, it is possible to use IPv6 to advertise the IPv4 routes. Configure the peering using the IPv6 addresses within the IPv4 address family. Set the next hop with a static route or with an inbound route map because the advertised next hop will usually be unreachable. Advertising IPv6 routes between two IPv4 peers is also possible using the same model.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. router bgp as-number
4. neighbor peer-group-name peer-group
5. neighbor {ip-address | ipv6-address[%] | peer-group-name} remote-as autonomous-system-number [alternate-as autonomous-system-number ...]
6. address-family ipv4 [mdt | multicast | tunnel | unicast [vrf vrf-name] | vrf vrf-name]
7. neighbor ipv6-address peer-group peer-group-name
8. neighbor {ip-address | peer-group-name | ipv6-address [%]} route-map map-name {in | out}
9. exit
10. exit
11. route-map map-tag [permit | deny] [sequence-number]
12. set ip next-hop ip-address [... ip-address] [peer-address]

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device> enable	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> Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>router bgp <i>as-number</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# router bgp 65000	Enters router configuration mode for the specified routing process.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>neighbor <i>peer-group-name</i> peer-group</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-router)# neighbor 6peers peer-group	Creates a multiprotocol BGP peer group.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>neighbor {<i>ip-address</i>   <i>ipv6-address</i>[%]   <i>peer-group-name</i>} remote-as <i>autonomous-system-number</i> [<i>alternate-as autonomous-system-number</i> ...]</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-router)# neighbor 6peers remote-as 65002	Adds the IPv6 address of the neighbor in the specified autonomous system to the IPv6 multiprotocol BGP neighbor table of the local router.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>address-family ipv4 [<i>mdt</i>   <i>multicast</i>   <i>tunnel</i>   <i>unicast</i> [<i>vrf vrf-name</i>]   <i>vrf vrf-name</i>]</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-router)# address-family ipv4	Enters address family configuration mode to configure a routing session using standard IPv4 address prefixes.

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>neighbor <i>ipv6-address</i> peer-group <i>peer-group-name</i></b>  <b>Example:</b>  <pre>Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 2001:DB8:1234::2 peer-group 6peers</pre>	Assigns the IPv6 address of a BGP neighbor to a peer group.
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>neighbor {<i>ip-address</i>   <i>peer-group-name</i>   <i>ipv6-address</i> [%]} route-map <i>map-name</i> {in   out}</b>  <b>Example:</b>  <pre>Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 6peers route-map rmap out</pre>	Applies a route map to incoming or outgoing routes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes to the route map will not take effect for existing peers until the peering is reset or a soft reset is performed. Using the <b>clear bgp ipv6</b> command with the <b>soft</b> and <b>in</b> keywords will perform a soft reset.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 9</b>	<b>exit</b>  <b>Example:</b>  <pre>Device(config-router-af)# exit</pre>	Exits address family configuration mode, and returns the device to router configuration mode.
<b>Step 10</b>	<b>exit</b>  <b>Example:</b>  <pre>Device(config-router)# exit</pre>	Exits router configuration mode, and returns the device to global configuration mode.
<b>Step 11</b>	<b>route-map <i>map-tag</i> [permit   deny] [<i>sequence-number</i>]</b>  <b>Example:</b>  <pre>Device(config)# route-map rmap permit 10</pre>	Defines a route map and enters route-map configuration mode.
<b>Step 12</b>	<b>set ip next-hop <i>ip-address</i> [... <i>ip-address</i>] [<i>peer-address</i>]</b>  <b>Example:</b>  <pre>Device(config-route-map)# set ip next-hop 10.21.8.10</pre>	Overrides the next hop advertised to the peer for IPv4 packets.

## Assigning BGP Administrative Distance for Multicast BGP Routes

Perform this task to specify an administrative distance for multicast BGP routes to be used in RPF lookups for comparison with unicast routes.

**Caution**

Changing the administrative distance of BGP internal routes is not recommended. One problem that can occur is the accumulation of routing table inconsistencies, which can break routing.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp** *as-number*
4. **address-family ipv6** [*vrf vrf-name*] [**unicast** | **multicast** | **vpn6**]
5. **distance bgp** *external-distance internal-distance local-distance*

**DETAILED STEPS**

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1 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 configure terminal</b>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3 router bgp</b> <i>as-number</i>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config)# router bgp 65000</pre>	Enters router configuration mode for the specified routing process.
<b>Step 4 address-family ipv6</b> [ <i>vrf vrf-name</i> ] [ <b>unicast</b>   <b>multicast</b>   <b>vpn6</b> ]  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-router)# address-family ipv6</pre>	Specifies the IPv6 address family, and enters address family configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>unicast</b> keyword specifies the IPv6 unicast address family. By default, the router is placed in configuration mode for the IPv6 unicast address family if the <b>unicast</b> keyword is not specified with the <b>address-family ipv6</b> command.</li> <li>The <b>multicast</b> keyword specifies IPv6 multicast address prefixes.</li> </ul>

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 5</b> <b>distance bgp</b> <i>external-distance internal-distance local-distance</i>  <b>Example:</b>  Router(config-router-af)# distance bgp 10 50 100	Configures the administrative distance for BGP routes.

## Generating IPv6 Multicast BGP Updates

Perform this task to generate IPv6 multicast BGP updates that correspond to unicast IPv6 updates received from a peer.

The MBGP translate-update feature generally is used in an MBGP-capable router that peers with a customer site that has only a BGP-capable router; the customer site has not or cannot upgrade its router to an MBGP-capable image. Because the customer site cannot originate MBGP advertisements, the router with which it peers will translate the BGP prefixes into MBGP prefixes, which are used for multicast-source Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF) lookup.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp** *as-number*
4. **address-family ipv6** [*vrf vrf-name*] [**unicast** | **multicast** | **vpnv6**]
5. **neighbor** *ipv6-address* **translate-update ipv6 multicast** [**unicast** | **multicast**]

### DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b> <b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b>  Router> enable	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>  Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.



	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>router bgp <i>as-number</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config)# router bgp 65000</pre>	Enters router configuration mode for the specified routing process.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>address-family ipv6 [<i>vrf vrf-name</i>] [unicast   multicast   vpnv6]</b>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-router)# address-family ipv6</pre>	Specifies the IPv6 address family, and enters address family configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>unicast</b> keyword specifies the IPv6 unicast address family. By default, the router is placed in configuration mode for the IPv6 unicast address family if the <b>unicast</b> keyword is not specified with the <b>address-family ipv6</b> command.</li> <li>The <b>multicast</b> keyword specifies IPv6 multicast address prefixes.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>neighbor <i>ipv6-address</i> translate-update ipv6 multicast [unicast]</b>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-router-af)# neighbor 7000::2 translate-update ipv6 multicast</pre>	Generates multiprotocol IPv6 BGP updates that correspond to unicast IPv6 updates received from a peer.

## Configuring the IPv6 BGP Graceful Restart Capability

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. router bgp *as-number*
4. address-family ipv6 [ *vrf vrf-name* ] [unicast | multicast | vpnv6]
5. bgp graceful-restart [*restart-time seconds* | *stalepath-time seconds*] [all]

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device&gt; enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 2</b> <code>configure terminal</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b> <code>router bgp as-number</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config)# router bgp 65000</pre>	Enters router configuration mode for the specified routing process.
<b>Step 4</b> <code>address-family ipv6 [ vrf vrf-name ] [ unicast   multicast   vpnv6 ]</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-router)# address-family ipv6</pre>	Specifies the IPv6 address family.
<b>Step 5</b> <code>bgp graceful-restart [restart-time seconds   stalepath-time seconds] [all]</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-router-af)# bgp graceful-restart</pre>	Enables the BGP graceful restart capability.

## Resetting IPv6 BGP Sessions

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `clear bgp ipv6 { unicast | multicast } { * | autonomous-system-number | ip-address | ipv6-address | peer-group peer-group-name } [soft] [in | out]`

### DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b> <code>enable</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device&gt; enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 2</b> <code>clear bgp ipv6 {unicast   multicast} { *   autonomous-system-number   ip-address   ipv6-address   peer-group peer-group-name } [soft] [in   out]</code>  <b>Example:</b>  Device# <code>clear bgp ipv6 unicast peer-group marketing soft out</code>	Resets IPv6 BGP sessions.

## Clearing External BGP Peers

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `clear bgp ipv6 {unicast | multicast} external [soft] [in | out]`
3. `clear bgp ipv6 {unicast | multicast} peer-group name`

### DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b> <code>enable</code>  <b>Example:</b>  Device> <code>enable</code>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 2</b> <code>clear bgp ipv6 {unicast   multicast} external [soft] [in   out]</code>  <b>Example:</b>  Device# <code>clear bgp ipv6 unicast external soft in</code>	Clears external IPv6 BGP peers.
<b>Step 3</b> <code>clear bgp ipv6 {unicast   multicast} peer-group name</code>  <b>Example:</b>  Device# <code>clear bgp ipv6 unicast peer-group marketing</code>	Clears all members of an IPv6 BGP peer group.

## Clearing IPv6 BGP Route Dampening Information

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `clear bgp ipv6 {unicast | multicast} dampening [ipv6-prefix prefix-length]`

## DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b> <code>enable</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device&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> <code>clear bgp ipv6 {unicast   multicast} dampening [ipv6-prefix prefix-length]</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device# clear bgp ipv6 unicast dampening 2001:DB8::/64</pre>	Clears IPv6 BGP route dampening information and unsuppresses the suppressed routes.

## Clearing IPv6 BGP Flap Statistics

## SUMMARY STEPS

- `enable`
- `clear bgp ipv6 {unicast | multicast} flap-statistics [ipv6-prefix/prefix-length | regexp regexp | filter-list list]`

## DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b> <code>enable</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device&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> <code>clear bgp ipv6 {unicast   multicast} flap-statistics [ipv6-prefix/prefix-length   regexp regexp   filter-list list]</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device# clear bgp ipv6 unicast flap-statistics filter-list 3</pre>	Clears IPv6 BGP flap statistics.

## Verifying IPv6 Multiprotocol BGP Configuration and Operation

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `show bgp ipv6 unicast | multicast` [*ipv6-prefix/prefix-length*] [**longer-prefixes**] [**labels**]
2. `show bgp ipv6 {unicast | multicast} summary`
3. `show bgp ipv6 {unicast | multicast} dampening dampened-paths`
4. `enable`
5. `debug bgp ipv6 {unicast | multicast} dampening[prefix-list prefix-list-name]`
6. `debug bgp ipv6 unicast | multicast updates[ipv6-address] [prefix-list prefix-list-name] [in| out]`

### DETAILED STEPS

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b> <code>show bgp ipv6 unicast   multicast</code> [ <i>ipv6-prefix/prefix-length</i> ] [ <b>longer-prefixes</b> ] [ <b>labels</b> ]  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router&gt; show bgp ipv6 unicast</pre>	(Optional) Displays entries in the IPv6 BGP routing table.
<b>Step 2</b> <code>show bgp ipv6 {unicast   multicast} summary</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router&gt; show bgp ipv6 unicast summary</pre>	(Optional) Displays the status of all IPv6 BGP connections.
<b>Step 3</b> <code>show bgp ipv6 {unicast   multicast} dampening dampened-paths</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router&gt; show bgp ipv6 unicast dampening dampened-paths</pre>	(Optional) Displays IPv6 BGP dampened routes.
<b>Step 4</b> <code>enable</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router&gt; enable</pre>	Enables higher privilege levels, such as privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 5</b> <code>debug bgp ipv6 {unicast   multicast} dampening[<i>prefix-list prefix-list-name</i>]</code>  <b>Example:</b>  Router# <code>debug bgp ipv6 unicast dampening</code>	(Optional) Displays debugging messages for IPv6 BGP dampening packets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If no prefix list is specified, debugging messages for all IPv6 BGP dampening packets are displayed.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 6</b> <code>debug bgp ipv6 unicast   multicast} updates[<i>ipv6-address</i>] [<i>prefix-list prefix-list-name</i>] [<i>in</i>  <i>out</i>]</code>  <b>Example:</b>  Router# <code>debug bgp ipv6 unicast updates</code>	(Optional) Displays debugging messages for IPv6 BGP update packets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If an <i>ipv6-address</i> argument is specified, debugging messages for IPv6 BGP updates to the specified neighbor are displayed.</li> <li>Use the <b>in</b> keyword to display debugging messages for inbound updates only.</li> <li>Use the <b>out</b> keyword to display debugging messages for outbound updates only.</li> </ul>

## Configuration Examples for Multiprotocol BGP for IPv6

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### Example: Configuring a BGP Process, BGP Router ID, and IPv6 Multiprotocol BGP Peer

The following example enables IPv6 globally, configures a BGP process, and establishes a BGP router ID. Also, the IPv6 multiprotocol BGP peer 2001:DB8:0:CC00:: is configured and activated.

```

ipv6 unicast-routing
!
router bgp 65000
no bgp default ipv4-unicast
bgp router-id 192.168.99.70
neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 remote-as 64600
address-family ipv6 unicast
    neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 activate

```

### Example Configuring an IPv6 Multiprotocol BGP Peer Using a Link-Local Address

The following example configures the IPv6 multiprotocol BGP peer FE80::XXXX:BFF:FE0E:A471 over Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/0/0 and sets the route map named nh6 to include the IPv6 next-hop global address of Gigabit Ethernet interface 0/0/0 in BGP updates. The IPv6 next-hop link-local address can be set

by the nh6 route map (not shown in the following example) or from the interface specified by the **neighbor update-source** command (as shown in the following example).

```
router bgp 65000
 neighbor FE80::XXXX:BFF:FE0E:A471 remote-as 64600
 neighbor FE80::XXXX:BFF:FE0E:A471 update-source gigabitethernet0/0/0
 address-family ipv6
  neighbor FE80::XXXX:BFF:FE0E:A471 activate
  neighbor FE80::XXXX:BFF:FE0E:A471 route-map nh6 out
 route-map nh6 permit 10
  match ipv6 address prefix-list cisco
  set ipv6 next-hop 2001:DB8:5y6::1
 ipv6 prefix-list cisco permit 2001:DB8:2Fy2::/48 le 128
 ipv6 prefix-list cisco deny ::/0
```

**Note**

If you specify only the global IPv6 next-hop address (the *ipv6-address* argument) with the **set ipv6 next-hop** command after specifying the neighbor interface (the *interface-type* argument) with the **neighbor update-source** command, the link-local address of the interface specified with the *interface-type* argument is included as the next hop in the BGP updates. Therefore, only one route map that sets the global IPv6 next-hop address in BGP updates is required for multiple BGP peers that use link-local addresses.

## Example: Configuring an IPv6 Multiprotocol BGP Peer Group

The following example configures the IPv6 multiprotocol BGP peer group named group1:

```
router bgp 65000
 no bgp default ipv4-unicast
 neighbor group1 peer-group
 neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 remote-as 64600
 address-family ipv6 unicast
  neighbor group1 activate
 neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 peer-group group1
```

## Example: Advertising IPv4 Routes Between IPv6 Peers

The following example advertises IPv4 routes between IPv6 peers when the IPv6 network is connecting two separate IPv4 networks. Peering is configured using IPv6 addresses in the IPv4 address family configuration mode. The inbound route map named rmap sets the next hop because the advertised next hop is likely to be unreachable.

```
router bgp 65000
 !
 neighbor 6peers peer-group
 neighbor 2001:DB8:1234::2 remote-as 65002
 address-family ipv4
  neighbor 6peers activate
  neighbor 6peers soft-reconfiguration inbound
  neighbor 2001:DB8:1234::2 peer-group 6peers
  neighbor 2001:DB8:1234::2 route-map rmap in
 !
 route-map rmap permit 10
  set ip next-hop 10.21.8.10
```

## Where to Go Next

If you want to implement more IPv6 routing protocols, refer to the Implementing RIP for IPv6 or the Implementing IS-IS for IPv6 module.

- [Additional References, page 24](#)

## Additional References

### Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
BGP and multiprotocol BGP commands: complete command syntax, command mode, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	" BGP Commands ," <i>Cisco IOS IP Routing Protocols Command Reference</i>
Cisco Nonstop Forwarding	" Cisco Nonstop Forwarding ," <i>Cisco IOS XE High Availability Configuration Guide</i>
IPv6 supported feature list	"Start Here: Cisco IOS XE Software Release Specifics for IPv6 Features ," <i>Cisco IOS XE IPv6 Configuration Guide</i>
IPv6 commands: complete command syntax, command mode, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	<i>Cisco IOS IPv6 Command Reference</i>
Cisco IOS master command list, all releases	<a href="#">Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases</a>

### 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:  <a href="http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs">http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs</a>



**RFCs**

<b>RFCs</b>	<b>Title</b>
RFC 2545	<i>Use of BGP-4 Multiprotocol Extensions for IPv6 Inter-Domain Routing</i>
RFC 2858	<i>Multiprotocol Extensions for BGP-4</i>
RFC 4007	<i>IPv6 Scoped Address Architecture</i>
RFC 4364	BGP MPLS/IP Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)
RFC 4382	MPLS/BGP Layer 3 Virtual Private Network (VPN) Management Information Base
RFC 4659	BGP-MPLS IP Virtual Private Network (VPN) Extension for IPv6 VPN
RFC 4724	<i>Graceful Restart Mechanism for BGP</i>

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## Feature Information for Implementing Multiprotocol BGPfor IPv6

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 Implementing Multiprotocol BGP for IPv6**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
IPv6--NSF and Graceful Restart for MP-BGP IPv6 Address Family	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.1S	IPv6 BGP supports Cisco Nonstop Forwarding and graceful restart.
IPv6 Multicast Address Family Support for Multiprotocol BGP	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	The multiprotocol BGP for the IPv6 multicast address family feature provides multicast BGP extensions for IPv6 and supports the same features and functionality as IPv4 BGP.
IPv6 Routing--Multiprotocol BGP Extensions for IPv6	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	Multiprotocol BGP extensions for IPv6 supports the same features and functionality as IPv4 BGP.
IPv6 Routing--Multiprotocol BGP Link-Local Address Peering	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	IPv6 supports multiprotocol BGP link-local address peering.

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