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## CHAPTER 1

# MPLS LSP Ping, Traceroute, and AToM VCCV

As Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) deployments increase and the traffic types they carry increase, the ability of service providers to monitor label switched paths (LSPs) and quickly isolate MPLS forwarding problems is critical to their ability to offer services. The MPLS LSP Ping, Traceroute, and AToM VCCV feature helps them mitigate these challenges.

The MPLS LSP Ping, Traceroute, and AToM VCCV feature can detect when an LSP fails to deliver user traffic.

- You can use MPLS LSP Ping to test LSP connectivity for IPv4 Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) prefixes, traffic engineering (TE) Forwarding Equivalence Classes (FECs), and AToM FECs.
- You can use MPLS LSP Traceroute to trace the LSPs for IPv4 LDP prefixes and TE tunnel FECs.
- Any Transport over MPLS Virtual Circuit Connection Verification (AToM VCCV) allows you to use MPLS LSP Ping to test the pseudowire (PW) section of an AToM virtual circuit (VC).

Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) ping and trace are often used to help diagnose the root cause when a forwarding failure occurs. The MPLS LSP Ping, Traceroute, and AToM VCCV feature extends this diagnostic and troubleshooting ability to the MPLS network and aids in the identification of inconsistencies between the IP and MPLS forwarding tables, inconsistencies in the MPLS control and data plane, and problems with the reply path.

The MPLS LSP Ping, Traceroute, and AToM VCCV feature uses MPLS echo request and reply packets to test LSPs. The Cisco implementation of MPLS echo request and echo reply are based on the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Internet-Draft *Detecting MPLS Data Plane Failures*.

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## Prerequisites for MPLS LSP Ping, Traceroute, and AToM VCCV

Before you use the MPLS LSP Ping, Traceroute, and AToM VCCV feature, you should:

- Determine the baseline behavior of your Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) network. For example:
  - What is the expected MPLS experimental (EXP) treatment?
  - What is the expected maximum size packet or maximum transmission unit (MTU) of the label switched path?

- What is the topology? What are the expected label switched paths? How many links in the label switching path (LSP)? Trace the paths of the label switched packets including the paths for load balancing.
- Understand how to use MPLS and MPLS applications, including traffic engineering, Any Transport over MPLS (AToM), and Label Distribution Protocol (LDP). You need to
  - Know how LDP is configured
  - Understand AToM concepts
  - Be able to troubleshoot a TE tunnel
- Understand label switching, forwarding, and load balancing.

## Restrictions for MPLS LSP Ping, Traceroute, and AToM VCCV

- You cannot use MPLS LSP Traceroute to trace the path taken by Any Transport over Multiprotocol Label Switching (AToM) packets. MPLS LSP Traceroute is not supported for AToM. (MPLS LSP Ping is supported for AToM.) However, you can use MPLS LSP Traceroute to troubleshoot the Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP) LSP that is used by AToM.
- You cannot use MPLS LSP Ping or Traceroute to validate or trace MPLS Virtual Private Networks (VPNs).
- You cannot use MPLS LSP Traceroute to troubleshoot label switching paths (LSPs) that employ time-to-live (TTL) hiding.

## Information About MPLS LSP Ping, Traceroute, and AToM VCCV

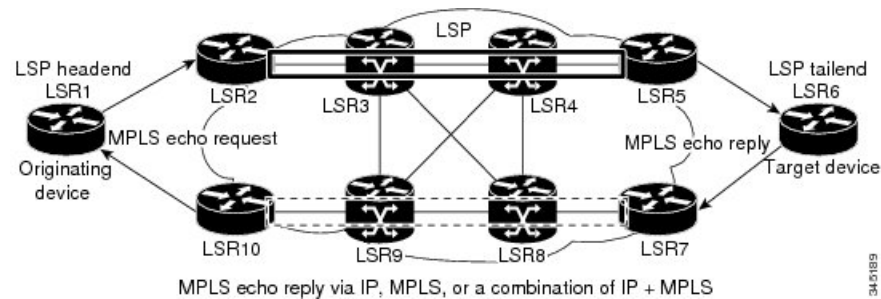
### MPLS LSP Ping Operation

MPLS LSP Ping uses Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) echo request and reply packets to validate a label switched path (LSP). Both an MPLS echo request and an MPLS echo reply are User Datagram Protocol (UDP) packets with source and destination ports set to 3503.

The MPLS echo request packet is sent to a target device through the use of the appropriate label stack associated with the LSP to be validated. Use of the label stack causes the packet to be switched inband of the LSP (that is, forwarded over the LSP itself). The destination IP address of the MPLS echo request packet is different from the address used to select the label stack. The destination address of the UDP packet is defined as a 127.x.y.z/8 address. This prevents the IP packet from being IP switched to its destination if the LSP is broken.

An MPLS echo reply is sent in response to an MPLS echo request. It is sent as an IP packet and forwarded using IP, MPLS, or a combination of both types of switching. The source address of the MPLS echo reply packet is an address from the device generating the echo reply. The destination address is the source address of the device in the MPLS echo request packet.

The figure below shows the echo request and echo reply paths for MPLS LSP Ping.

**Figure 1: MPLS LSP Ping Echo Request and Echo Reply Paths**

If you initiate an MPLS LSP Ping request at LSR1 to a Forwarding Equivalence Class (FEC), at LSR6, you get the results shown in the table below .

**Table 1: MPLS LSP Ping Example**

Step	Device	Action
1.	LSR1	Initiates an MPLS LSP Ping request for an FEC at the target device LSR6 and sends an MPLS echo request to LSR2.
1.	LSR2	Receives and forwards the MPLS echo request packet through transit devices LSR3 and LSR4 to the penultimate device LSR5.
1.	LSR5	Receives the MPLS echo request, pops the MPLS label, and forwards the packet to LSR6 as an IP packet.
1.	LSR6	Receives the IP packet, processes the MPLS echo request, and sends an MPLS echo reply to LSR1 through an alternate route.
1.	LSR7 to LSR10	Receive and forward the MPLS echo reply back toward LSR1, the originating device.
1.	LSR1	Receives the MPLS echo reply in response to the MPLS echo request.

You can use MPLS LSP Ping to validate IPv4 Label Distribution Protocol (LDP), Any Transport over MPLS (AToM), and IPv4 Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) FECs by using appropriate keywords and arguments with the command:

```
ping mpls
{ ipv4
  destination-address destination-mask
  | pseudowire
  ipv4-address
  vc-id
  | traffic-eng
  tunnel-interface tunnel-number
}
```

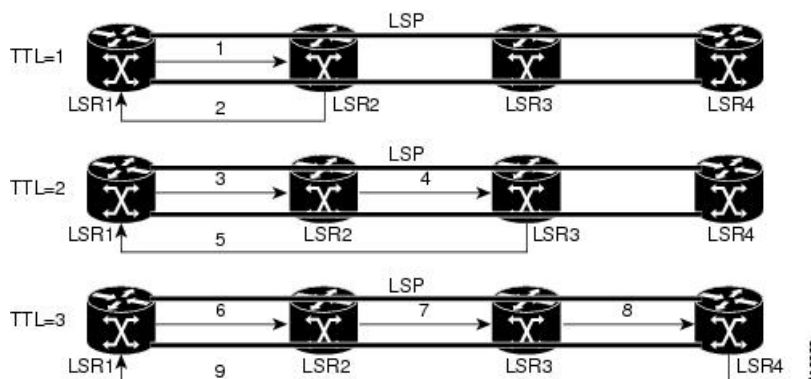
## MPLS LSP Traceroute Operation

MPLS LSP Traceroute also uses Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) echo request and reply packets to validate a label switched path (LSP). The echo request and echo reply are User Datagram Protocol (UDP) packets with source and destination ports set to 3503.

The MPLS LSP Traceroute feature uses time-to-live (TTL) settings to force expiration of the TTL along an LSP. MPLS LSP Traceroute incrementally increases the TTL value in its MPLS echo requests (TTL = 1, 2, 3, 4, ...) to discover the downstream mapping of each successive hop. The success of the LSP traceroute depends on the transit device processing the MPLS echo request when it receives a labeled packet with a TTL of 1. On Cisco devices, when the TTL expires, the packet is sent to the Route Processor (RP) for processing. The transit device returns an MPLS echo reply containing information about the transit hop in response to the TTL-expired MPLS packet.

The figure below shows an MPLS LSP Traceroute example with an LSP from LSR1 to LSR4.

**Figure 2: MPLS LSP Traceroute Example**



If you enter an LSP traceroute to a Forwarding Equivalence Class (FEC) at LSR4 from LSR1, you get the results shown in the table below.

**Table 2: MPLS LSP Traceroute Example**

Step	Device	MPLS Packet Type and Description	Device Action
1.	LSR1	MPLS echo request—With a target FEC pointing to LSR4 and to a downstream mapping.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets the TTL of the label stack to 1.</li> <li>Sends the request to LSR2.</li> </ul>
1.	LSR2	MPLS echo reply.	Receives packet with TTL = 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Processes the UDP packet as an MPLS echo request.</li> <li>Finds a downstream mapping, replies to LSR1 with its own downstream mapping based on the incoming label, and sends a reply.</li> </ul>
1.	LSR1	MPLS echo request—With the same target FEC and the downstream mapping received in the echo reply from LSR2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets the TTL of the label stack to 2.</li> <li>Sends the request to LSR2.</li> </ul>



Step	Device	MPLS Packet Type and Description	Device Action
1.	LSR2	MPLS echo request.	Receives packet with TTL = 2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrements the TTL.</li> <li>• Forwards the echo request to LSR3.</li> </ul>
1.	LSR3	MPLS reply packet.	Receives packet with TTL = 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Processes the UDP packet as an MPLS echo request.</li> <li>• Finds a downstream mapping and replies to LSR1 with its own downstream mapping based on the incoming label.</li> </ul>
1.	LSR1	MPLS echo request—With the same target FEC and the downstream mapping received in the echo reply from LSR3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sets the TTL of the packet to 3.</li> <li>• Sends the request to LSR2.</li> </ul>
1.	LSR2	MPLS echo request.	Receives packet with TTL = 3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrements the TTL.</li> <li>• Forwards the echo request to LSR3.</li> </ul>
1.	LSR3	MPLS echo request.	Receives packet with TTL = 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrements the TTL.</li> <li>• Forwards the echo request to LSR4.</li> </ul>
1.	LSR4	MPLS echo reply.	Receives packet with TTL = 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Processes the UDP packet as an MPLS echo request.</li> <li>• Finds a downstream mapping and also finds that the device is the egress device for the target FEC.</li> <li>• Replies to LSR1.</li> </ul>

You can use MPLS LSP Traceroute to validate IPv4 Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) and IPv4 RSVP FECs by using appropriate keywords and arguments with the **trace mpls** command:

```
trace mpls ipv4 {destination-address destination-mask | traffic-eng
tunnel-interface tunnel-number}
```

By default, the TTL is set to 30. Therefore, the traceroute output always contains 30 lines, even if an LSP problem exists. This might mean duplicate entries in the output, should an LSP problem occur. The device address of the last point that the trace reaches is repeated until the output is 30 lines. You can ignore the duplicate entries. The following example shows that the trace encountered an LSP problem at the device that has an IP address of 10.6.1.6:

```
Device# traceroute mpls ipv4 10.6.7.4/32
Tracing MPLS Label Switched Path to 10.6.7.4/32, timeout is 2 seconds
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
```

```

        '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
        'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
 0 10.6.1.14 MRU 4470 [Labels: 22 Exp: 0]
R 1 10.6.1.5 MRU 4470 [Labels: 21 Exp: 0] 2 ms
R 2 10.6.1.6 4 ms                <----- Router address repeated for 2nd to 30th TTL.
R 3 10.6.1.6 1 ms
R 4 10.6.1.6 1 ms
R 5 10.6.1.6 3 ms
R 6 10.6.1.6 4 ms
R 7 10.6.1.6 1 ms
R 8 10.6.1.6 2 ms
R 9 10.6.1.6 3 ms
R 10 10.6.1.6 4 ms
R 11 10.6.1.6 1 ms
R 12 10.6.1.6 2 ms
R 13 10.6.1.6 4 ms
R 14 10.6.1.6 5 ms
R 15 10.6.1.6 2 ms
R 16 10.6.1.6 3 ms
R 17 10.6.1.6 4 ms
R 18 10.6.1.6 2 ms
R 19 10.6.1.6 3 ms
R 20 10.6.1.6 4 ms
R 21 10.6.1.6 1 ms
R 22 10.6.1.6 2 ms
R 23 10.6.1.6 3 ms
R 24 10.6.1.6 4 ms
R 25 10.6.1.6 1 ms
R 26 10.6.1.6 3 ms
R 27 10.6.1.6 4 ms
R 28 10.6.1.6 1 ms
R 29 10.6.1.6 2 ms
R 30 10.6.1.6 3 ms                <----- TTL 30.

```

If you know the maximum number of hops in your network, you can set the TTL to a smaller value with the **trace mpls ttl maximum-time-to-live** command. The following example shows the same **traceroute** command as the previous example, except that this time the TTL is set to 5.

```

Device# traceroute mpls ipv4 10.6.7.4/32 ttl 5
Tracing MPLS Label Switched Path to 10.6.7.4/32, timeout is 2 seconds
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
        '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
        'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
 0 10.6.1.14 MRU 4470 [Labels: 22 Exp: 0]
R 1 10.6.1.5 MRU 4474 [No Label] 3 ms
R 2 10.6.1.6 4 ms                <----- Router address repeated for 2nd to 5th TTL.
R 3 10.6.1.6 1 ms
R 4 10.6.1.6 3 ms
R 5 10.6.1.6 4 ms

```

## Any Transport over MPLS Virtual Circuit Connection Verification

AToM Virtual Circuit Connection Verification (AToM VCCV) allows the sending of control packets inband of an AToM pseudowire (PW) from the originating provider edge (PE) device. The transmission is intercepted at the destination PE device, instead of being forwarded to the customer edge (CE) device. This capability allows you to use MPLS LSP Ping to test the PW section of AToM virtual circuits (VCs).

AToM VCCV consists of the following:

- A signaled component in which the AToM VCCV capabilities are advertised during VC label signaling
- A switching component that causes the AToM VC payload to be treated as a control packet

## AToM VCCV Signaling

One of the steps involved in Any Transport over Multiprotocol Label Switching (AToM) virtual circuit (VC) setup is the signaling of VC labels and AToM Virtual Circuit Connection Verification (VCCV) capabilities between AToM VC endpoints. The device uses an optional parameter, defined in the Internet Draft *draft-ietf-pwe3-vcv-01.txt*, to communicate the AToM VCCV disposition capabilities of each endpoint.

The AToM VCCV disposition capabilities are categorized as follows:

- Applications—MPLS LSP Ping and Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) Ping are applications that AToM VCCV supports to send packets inband of an AToM PW for control purposes.
- Switching modes—Type 1 and Type 2 are switching modes that AToM VCCV uses for differentiating between control and data traffic.

The table below describes AToM VCCV Type 1 and Type 2 switching modes.

**Table 3: Type 1 and Type 2 AToM VCCV Switching Modes**

Switching Mode	Description
Type 1	Uses a Protocol ID (PID) field in the AToM control word to identify an AToM VCCV packet.
Type 2	Uses an MPLS Router Alert Label above the VC label to identify an AToM VCCV packet.

## Selection of AToM VCCV Switching Types

Cisco devices always use Type 1 switching, if available, when they send MPLS LSP Ping packets over an Any Transport over Multiprotocol Label Switching (AToM) virtual circuit (VC) control channel. Type 2 switching accommodates those VC types and implementations that do not support or interpret the AToM control word.

The table below shows the AToM Virtual Circuit Connection Verification (VCCV) switching mode advertised and the switching mode selected by the AToM VC.

**Table 4: AToM VCCV Switching Mode Advertised and Selected by AToM Virtual Circuit**

Type Advertised	Type Selected
AToM VCCV not supported	—
Type 1 AToM VCCV switching	Type 1 AToM VCCV switching
Type 2 AToM VCCV switching	Type 2 AToM VCCV switching
Type 1 and Type 2 AToM VCCV switching	Type 1 AToM VCCV switching

An AToM VC advertises its AToM VCCV disposition capabilities in both directions: that is, from the originating device (PE1) to the destination device (PE2), and from PE2 to PE1.

In some instances, AToM VCs might use different switching types if the two endpoints have different AToM VCCV capabilities. If PE1 supports Type 1 and Type 2 AToM VCCV switching and PE2 supports only Type 2 AToM VCCV switching, there are two consequences:

- LSP ping packets sent from PE1 to PE2 are encapsulated with Type 2 switching.
- LSP ping packets sent from PE2 to PE1 use Type 1 switching.

You can determine the AToM VCCV capabilities advertised to and received from the peer by entering the **show mpls l2transport binding** command at the PE device. For example:

```
Device# show mpls l2transport binding

Destination Address: 10.131.191.252, VC ID: 333
Local Label: 16
  Cbit: 1, VC Type: FastEthernet, GroupID: 0
  MTU: 1500, Interface Desc: n/a
  VCCV Capabilities: Type 1, Type 2
Remote Label: 19
  Cbit: 1, VC Type: FastEthernet, GroupID: 0
  MTU: 1500, Interface Desc: n/a
  VCCV Capabilities: Type 1
```

## Command Options for ping mpls and trace mpls

MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute command options are specified as keywords and arguments on the **ping mpls** and **trace mpls** commands.

The **ping mpls** command provides the options displayed in the command syntax below:

```
ping mpls ipv4 {destination-address/destination-mask [destination address-start
address-end increment] [ttl time-to-live] | pseudowire ipv4-address
vc-id vc-id [destination address-start address-end increment] |
traffic-eng tunnel-interface tunnel-number [ttl time-to-live]} [source
source-address] [repeat count] [timeout seconds] [{size
packet-size} | {sweep minimum maximum size-Increment}] [pad pattern]
[reply mode {ipv4|router-alert}] [interval msec]
[exp exp-bits] [verbose]
```

The **trace mpls** command provides the options displayed in the command syntax below:

```
trace mpls {ipv4 destination-address/destination-mask [destination
address-start [address-end [address-increment]]] | traffic-eng tunnel tunnel-interface-number}
[source source-address] [timeout seconds] [reply mode reply-mode]
[ttl maximum-time-to-live] [exp exp-bits]
```

## Selection of FECs for Validation

A label switched path (LSP) is formed by labels. Devices learn labels through the Label Distribution Protocol (LDP), traffic engineering (TE), Any Transport over Multiprotocol Label Switching (AToM), or other MPLS applications. You can use MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute to validate an LSP used for forwarding traffic for a given Forwarding Equivalence Class (FEC). The table below lists the keywords and arguments for the **ping mpls** and **traceroute mpls** commands that allow the selection of an LSP for validation.

Table 5: Selection of LSPs for Validation

FEC Type	ping mpls Keyword and Argument	traceroute mpls Keyword and Argument
LDP IPv4 prefix	<b>ipv4</b> <i>destination-address destination-mask</i>	<b>ipv4</b> <i>destination-address destination-mask</i>
MPLS TE tunnel	<b>traffic-eng</b> <i>tunnel-interface tunnel-number</i> <b>Note</b> MPLS TE Tunnel is not applicable on the ASR 900 RSP3 Module for the Cisco IOS XE Release 3.16.	<b>traffic-eng</b> <i>tunnel-interface tunnel-number</i> <b>Note</b> MPLS TE Tunnel is not applicable on the ASR 900 RSP3 Module for the Cisco IOS XE Release 3.16.
AToM VC	<b>pseudowire</b> <i>ipv4-address vc-id vc-id</i>	MPLS LSP Traceroute does not support the AToM tunnel LSP type for this release.

## Reply Mode Options for MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute

The reply mode is used to control how the responding device replies to a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) echo request sent by an MPLS LSP Ping or MPLS LSP Traceroute command. The table below describes the reply mode options.

Table 6: Reply Mode Options for a Responding Device

Option	Description
ipv4	<p>Reply with an IPv4 User Datagram Protocol (UDP) packet (default). This is the most common reply mode selected for use with an MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute command when you want to periodically poll the integrity of a label switched path (LSP).</p> <p>With this option, you do not have explicit control over whether the packet traverses IP or MPLS hops to reach the originator of the MPLS echo request.</p> <p>If the headend device fails to receive a reply, select the router-alert option, “Reply with an IPv4 UDP packet with a router alert.”</p> <p>The responding device sets the IP precedence of the reply packet to 6.</p> <p>You implement this option using the <b>reply mode ipv4</b> keywords.</p>
router-alert	<p>Reply with an IPv4 UDP packet with a device alert. This reply mode adds the router alert option to the IP header. This forces the packet to be special handled by the Cisco device at each intermediate hop as it moves back to the destination.</p> <p>This reply mode is more expensive, so use the router-alert option only if you are unable to get a reply with the ipv4 option, “Reply with an IPv4 UDP packet.”</p> <p>You implement this option using the <b>reply mode router-alert</b> keywords</p>

The reply with an IPv4 UDP packet implies that the device should send an IPv4 UDP packet in reply to an MPLS echo request. If you select the ipv4 reply mode, you do not have explicit control over whether the packet uses IP or MPLS hops to reach the originator of the MPLS echo request. This is the mode that you would normally use to test and verify LSPs.

The reply with an IPv4 UDP packet that contains a device alert forces the packet to go back to the destination and be processed by the Route Processor (RP) process switching at each intermediate hop. This bypasses

hardware/line card forwarding table inconsistencies. You should select this option when the originating (headend) devices fail to receive a reply to the MPLS echo request.

You can instruct the replying device to send an echo reply with the IP router alert option by using one of the following commands:

```
ping mpls
{ipv4 destination-address/destination-mask | pseudowire ipv4-address
vc-idvc-id | traffic-eng tunnel-interface tunnel-number}
reply mode router-alert
```

or

```
trace mpls
{ipv4 destination-address/destination-mask
| traffic-eng tunnel-interface tunnel-number
} reply mode router-alert
```

However, the reply with a router alert adds overhead to the process of getting a reply back to the originating device. This method is more expensive to process than a reply without a router alert and should be used only if there are reply failures. That is, the reply with a router alert label should only be used for MPLS LSP Ping or MPLS LSP Traceroute when the originating (headend) device fails to receive a reply to an MPLS echo request.

## Reply Mode Options for MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute

The reply mode is used to control how the responding device replies to a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) echo request sent by an MPLS LSP Ping or MPLS LSP Traceroute command. The table below describes the reply mode options.

**Table 7: Reply Mode Options for a Responding Device**

Option	Description
ipv4	<p>Reply with an IPv4 User Datagram Protocol (UDP) packet (default). This is the most common reply mode selected for use with an MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute command when you want to periodically poll the integrity of a label switched path (LSP).</p> <p>With this option, you do not have explicit control over whether the packet traverses IP or MPLS hops to reach the originator of the MPLS echo request.</p> <p>If the headend device fails to receive a reply, select the router-alert option, “Reply with an IPv4 UDP packet with a router alert.”</p> <p>The responding device sets the IP precedence of the reply packet to 6.</p> <p>You implement this option using the <b>reply mode ipv4</b> keywords.</p>
router-alert	<p>Reply with an IPv4 UDP packet with a device alert. This reply mode adds the router alert option to the IP header. This forces the packet to be special handled by the Cisco device at each intermediate hop as it moves back to the destination.</p> <p>This reply mode is more expensive, so use the router-alert option only if you are unable to get a reply with the ipv4 option, “Reply with an IPv4 UDP packet.”</p> <p>You implement this option using the <b>reply mode router-alert</b> keywords</p>

The reply with an IPv4 UDP packet implies that the device should send an IPv4 UDP packet in reply to an MPLS echo request. If you select the `ipv4` reply mode, you do not have explicit control over whether the packet uses IP or MPLS hops to reach the originator of the MPLS echo request. This is the mode that you would normally use to test and verify LSPs.

The reply with an IPv4 UDP packet that contains a device alert forces the packet to go back to the destination and be processed by the Route Processor (RP) process switching at each intermediate hop. This bypasses hardware/line card forwarding table inconsistencies. You should select this option when the originating (headend) devices fail to receive a reply to the MPLS echo request.

You can instruct the replying device to send an echo reply with the IP router alert option by using one of the following commands:

```
ping mpls
 {ipv4 destination-address/destination-mask | pseudowire ipv4-address
  vc-idvc-id | traffic-eng tunnel-interface tunnel-number}
reply mode router-alert
```

or

```
trace mpls
 {ipv4 destination-address/destination-mask
  | traffic-eng tunnel-interface tunnel-number
 } reply mode router-alert
```

However, the reply with a router alert adds overhead to the process of getting a reply back to the originating device. This method is more expensive to process than a reply without a router alert and should be used only if there are reply failures. That is, the reply with a router alert label should only be used for MPLS LSP Ping or MPLS LSP Traceroute when the originating (headend) device fails to receive a reply to an MPLS echo request.

### Packet Handling Along Return Path with an IP MPLS Router Alert

When an IP packet that contains an IP router alert option in its IP header or a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) packet with a router alert label as its outermost label arrives at a device, the device punts (redirects) the packet to the Route Processor (RP) process level for handling. This allows these packets to bypass the forwarding failures in hardware routing tables. The table below describes how IP and MPLS packets with an IP router alert option are handled by the device switching path processes.

**Table 8: Switching Path Process Handling of IP and MPLS Router Alert Packets**

Incoming Packet	Normal Switching Action	Process Switching Action	Outgoing Packet
IP packet—Router alert option in IP header	A router alert option in the IP header causes the packet to be punted to the process switching path.	Forwards the packet as is.	IP packet—Router alert option in IP header.
	A router alert option in the IP header causes the packet to be punted to the process switching path.	Adds a router alert as the outermost label and forwards as an MPLS packet.	MPLS packet—Outermost label contains a router alert.

Incoming Packet	Normal Switching Action	Process Switching Action	Outgoing Packet
MPLS packet—Outermost label contains a router alert	If the router alert label is the outermost label, the packet is punted to the process switching path.	Removes the outermost router alert label, adds an IP router alert option to the IP header, and forwards as an IP packet.	IP packet—Router alert option in IP header.
	If the router alert label is the outermost label, the packet is punted to the process switching path.	Preserves the outermost router alert label and forwards the MPLS packet.	MPLS packet—Outermost label contains a router alert.

## Other MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute Command Options

The table below describes other MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute command options that can be specified as keywords or arguments with the **ping mpls** command, or with both the **ping mpls** and **trace mpls** commands. Options available to use only on the **ping mpls** command are indicated as such.

**Table 9: Other MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute and AToM VCCV Options**

Option	Description
Datagram size	Size of the packet with the label stack imposed. Specified with the <b>size</b> <i>packet-size</i> keyword and argument. The default size is 100.  For use with the MPLS LSP Ping feature only.
Padding	Padding (the pad time-length-value [TLV]) is used as required to fill the datagram so that the MPLS echo request (User Datagram Protocol [UDP] packet with a label stack) is the size specified. Specify with the <b>pad</b> <i>pattern</i> keyword and argument.  For use with the MPLS LSP Ping feature only.
Sweep size range	Parameter that enables you to send a number of packets of different sizes, ranging from a start size to an end size. This parameter is similar to the Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) ping sweep parameter. The lower boundary on the sweep range varies depending on the label switched path (LSP) type. You can specify a sweep size range when you use the <b>ping mpls</b> command. Use the <b>sweep</b> <i>minimum maximum size-increment</i> keyword and arguments.  For use with the MPLS LSP Ping feature only.
Repeat count	Number of times to resend the same packet. The default is 5 times. You can specify a repeat count when you use the <b>ping mpls</b> command. Use the <b>repeat</b> <i>count</i> keyword and argument.  For use with the MPLS LSP Ping feature only.
MPLS echo request source address	Routable address of the sender. The default address is loopback0. This address is used as the destination address in the Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) echo response. Use the <b>source</b> <i>source-address</i> keyword and argument.  For use with the MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute features.



Option	Description
UDP destination address	<p>A valid 127/8 address. You have the option to specify a single <i>x.y.z</i> or a range of numbers between 0.0.0 and <i>x.y.z</i>, where <i>x.y.z</i> are numbers between 0 and 255 and correspond to 127.<i>x.y.z</i>. Use the <b>destination</b> <i>{address   address-start address-end increment}</i> keyword and arguments.</p> <p>The MPLS echo request destination address in the UDP packet is not used to forward the MPLS packet to the destination device. The label stack that is used to forward the echo request routes the MPLS packet to the destination device. The 127/8 address guarantees that the packets are routed to the localhost (the default loopback address of the device processing the address) if the UDP packet destination address is used for forwarding.</p> <p>In addition, the destination address is used to affect load balancing when the destination address of the IP payload is used for load balancing.</p> <p>For use with IPv4 and Any Transport over MPLS (AToM) Forwarding Equivalence Classes (FECs) with the MPLS LSP Ping feature and with IPv4 FECs with the MPLS LSP Traceroute feature.</p>
Time-to-live (TTL)	<p>A parameter you can set that indicates the maximum number of hops a packet should take to reach its destination. The time-to-live (TTL) field in a packet is decremented by 1 each time it travels through a device.</p> <p>For MPLS LSP Ping, the TTL is a value after which the packet is discarded and an MPLS echo reply is sent back to the originating device. Use the <b>tll</b> <i>time-to-live</i> keyword and argument.</p> <p>For MPLS LSP Traceroute, the TTL is a maximum time to live and is used to discover the number of downstream hops to the destination device. MPLS LSP Traceroute incrementally increases the TTL value in its MPLS echo requests (TTL = 1, 2, 3, 4, ...) to accomplish this. Use the <b>tll</b> <i>time-to-live</i> keyword and argument.</p>
Timeouts	<p>A parameter you can specify to control the timeout in seconds for an MPLS request packet. The range is from 0 to 3600 seconds. The default is 2.</p> <p>Set with the <b>timeout</b> <i>seconds</i> keyword and argument.</p> <p>For use with the MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute features.</p>
Intervals	<p>A parameter you can specify to set the time in milliseconds between successive MPLS echo requests. The default is 0.</p> <p>Set with the <b>interval</b> <i>msec</i> keyword and argument.</p>
Experimental bits	<p>Three experimental bits in an MPLS header used to specify precedence for the MPLS echo reply. (The bits are commonly called EXP bits.) The range is from 0 to 7, and the default is 0.</p> <p>Specify with the <b>exp</b> <i>exp-bits</i> keyword and argument.</p> <p>For use with the MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute features.</p>

Option	Description
Verbose	Option that provides additional information for the MPLS echo reply--source address and return codes. For the MPLS LSP Ping feature, this option is implemented with the <b>verbose</b> keyword.  For use with the MPLS LSP Ping feature only.

MPLS LSP Ping options described in the table above can be implemented by using the following syntax:

```
ping mpls
{ipv4 destination-address destination-mask [destination address-start address-end increment]

[ttl time-to-live] | pseudowire ipv4-address
vc-id vc-id
[destination address-start address-end increment] | traffic-eng tunnel-interface
tunnel-number
[ttl time-to-live]}
[source source-address] [repeat count]
[{size packet-size} | {sweep minimum maximum size-Increment}]
[pad pattern]
[timeout seconds] [intervalmsec]
[exp exp-bits] [verbose]
```

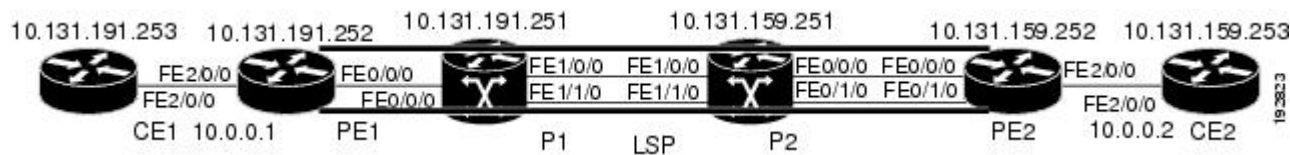
MPLS LSP Traceroute options described in the table below can be implemented by the use of the following syntax:

```
trace mpls
{ipv4 destination-address destination-mask
[destination address-start address-end address-increment] | traffic-eng tunnel-interface
tunnel-number}
[source source-address] [timeout seconds]
[ttl maximum-time-to-live]
[exp exp-bits]
```

## Option Interactions and Loops

Usage examples for the MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute and AToM VCCV feature in this and subsequent sections are based on the sample topology shown in the figure below.

**Figure 3: Sample Topology for Configuration Examples**



The interaction of some MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute and AToM VCCV options can cause loops. See the following topic for a description of the loops you might encounter with the **ping mpls** and **trace mpls** commands:

### Possible Loops with MPLS LSP Ping

With the MPLS LSP Ping feature, loops can occur if you use the repeat count option, the sweep size range option, or the User Datagram Protocol (UDP) destination address range option.

```

ping mpls
  {ipv4 destination-address/destination-mask
  [destination address-start address-end increment] | pseudowire ipv4-address
  vc-id vc-id
  [destination address-start address-end increment] |
  traffic-eng tunnel-interface tunnel-number}
[repeat count]
[sweep minimum maximum size-increment]

```

Following is an example of how a loop operates if you use the following keywords and arguments on the **ping mpls** command:

```

Device# ping mpls
  ipv4
    10.131.159.251/32 destination 127.0.0.1 127.0.0.1 0.0.0.1 repeat 2
  sweep 1450 1475 25
Sending 2, [1450..1500]-byte MPLS Echos to 10.131.159.251/32,
  timeout is 2 seconds, send interval is 0 msec:
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
        '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
        'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
Destination address 127.0.0.1
!
!
Destination address 127.0.0.1
!
!
Destination address 127.0.0.1
!
!
Destination address 127.0.0.1
!
!

```

An **mpls ping** command is sent for each packet size range for each destination address until the end address is reached. For this example, the loop continues in the same manner until the destination address, 127.0.0.1, is reached. The sequence continues until the number is reached that you specified with the **repeat count** keyword and argument. For this example, the repeat count is 2. The MPLS LSP Ping loop sequence is as follows:

```

repeat = 1
  destination address 1 (address-start
)
  for (size from sweep
  minimum
  to maximum
  , counting by size-increment
)
    send an lsp ping
    destination address 2 (address-start
  +
  address-
  increment
)
    for (size from sweep
  minimum
  to maximum
  , counting by size-increment
)
      send an lsp ping

```

## Possible Loop with MPLS LSP Traceroute

```

    destination address 3 (address-start
+
address-
increment
+
address-
increment
)
    for (size from sweep
minimum
to maximum
, counting by size-increment
)
    send an lsp ping
.
.
.
    until destination address = address-end
.
.
.
until repeat = count

```

## Possible Loop with MPLS LSP Traceroute

With the MPLS LSP Traceroute feature, loops can occur if you use the User Datagram Protocol (UDP) destination address range option and the time-to-live option.

```

trace mpls
{ipv4

destination-address destination-mask
[destination

address-start
address-end

address-increment
] | traffic-eng
  tunnel-interface

tunnel-number
[ttl
  maximum-
time-to-live
]

```

Here is an example of how a loop operates if you use the following keywords and arguments on the **trace mpls** command:

```

Device# trace mpls
ipv4
  10.131.159.251/32 destination 127.0.0.1 127.0.0.1 1 ttl 5
Tracing MPLS Label Switched Path to 10.131.159.251/32, timeout is 2 seconds
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
       '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
       'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
Destination address 127.0.0.1
  0 10.131.191.230 MRU 1500 [Labels: 19 Exp: 0]
R 1 10.131.159.226 MRU 1504 [implicit-null] 40 ms
! 2 10.131.159.225 40 ms

```

```

Destination address 127.0.0.2
  0 10.131.191.230 MRU 1500 [Labels: 19 Exp: 0]
R 1 10.131.159.226 MRU 1504 [implicit-null] 40 ms
! 2 10.131.159.225 40 ms
Destination address 127.0.0.3
  0 10.131.191.230 MRU 1500 [Labels: 19 Exp: 0]
R 1 10.131.159.226 MRU 1504 [implicit-null] 40 ms
! 2 10.131.159.225 48 ms

```

An **mpls trace** command is sent for each TTL from 1 to the maximum TTL (**ttl** *maximum-time-to-live* keyword and argument) for each destination address until the address specified with the destination *end-address* argument is reached. For this example, the maximum TTL is 5 and the end destination address is 127.0.0.1. The MPLS LSP Traceroute loop sequence is as follows:

```

destination address 1 (address-start
)
  for (ttl
    from 1 to maximum-time-to-live
  )
    send an lsp trace
destination address 2 (address-start
+ address-increment
)
  for (ttl
    from 1 to maximum-time-to-live
  )
    send an lsp trace
destination address 3 (address-start
+ address-increment
+ address-increment
)
  for (ttl
    from 1 to
maximum-time-to-live)
    send an lsp trace
.
.
.
until destination address = address-end

```

## MPLS Echo Request Packets Not Forwarded by IP

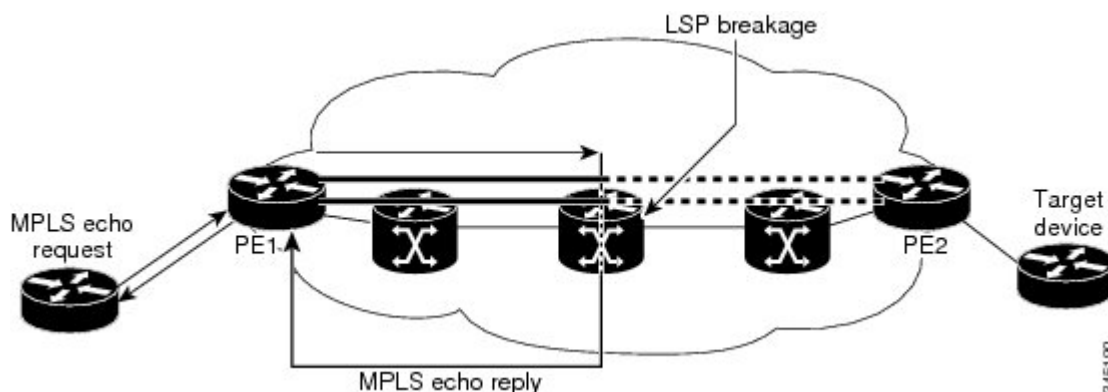
Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) echo request packets sent during a label switched path (LSP) ping are never forwarded by IP. The IP header destination address field in an MPLS echo request packet is a 127.x.y.z/8 address. Devices should not forward packets using a 127.x.y.z/8 address. The 127.x.y.z/8 address corresponds to an address for the local host.

The use of a 127.x.y.z address as a destination address of the User Datagram Protocol (UDP) packet is significant in that the MPLS echo request packet fails to make it to the target device if a transit device does not label switch the LSP. This allows for the detection of LSP breakages.

- If an LSP breakage occurs at a transit device, the MPLS echo packet is not forwarded, but consumed by the device.
- If the LSP is intact, the MPLS echo packet reaches the target device and is processed by the terminal point of the LSP.

The figure below shows the path of the MPLS echo request and reply when a transit device fails to label switch a packet in an LSP.

Figure 4: Path When Transit Device Fails to Label Switch a Packet

**Note**

An Any Transport over MPLS (AToM) payload does not contain usable forwarding information at a transit device because the payload might not be an IP packet. An MPLS virtual private network (VPN) packet, although an IP packet, does not contain usable forwarding information at a transit device because the destination IP address is only significant to the virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instances at the endpoints of the MPLS network.

## Information Provided by the Device Processing LSP Ping or LSP Traceroute

The table below describes the characters that the device processing an LSP ping or LSP traceroute packet returns to the sender about the failure or success of the request.

You can also view the return code for an MPLS LSP Ping operation if you enter the **ping mpls verbose** command.

Table 10: LSP Ping and Traceroute Reply Characters

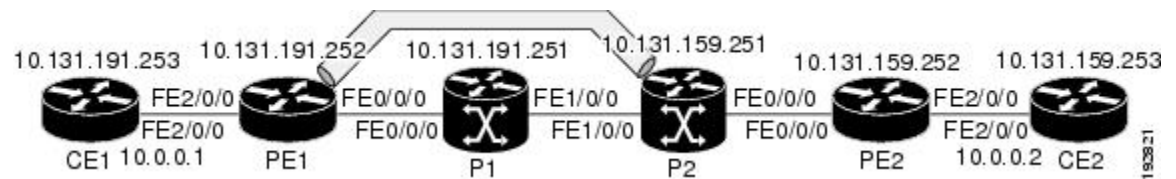
Character	Meaning
Period “.”	A timeout occurs before the target device can reply.
U	The target device is unreachable.
R	The device processing the Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) echo request is a downstream device but is not the destination.
Exclamation mark “!”	Replying device is an egress for the destination.
Q	Echo request was not successfully transmitted. This could be returned because of insufficient memory or more probably because no label switched path (LSP) exists that matches the Forwarding Equivalence Class (FEC) information.
C	Replying device rejected the echo request because it was malformed.

## MTU Discovery in an LSP

During an MPLS LSP Ping, Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) echo request packets are sent with the IP packet attribute set to do not fragment. That is, the DF bit is set in the IP header of the packet. This allows you to use the MPLS echo request to test for the MTU that can be supported for the packet through the label switched path (LSP) without fragmentation.

The figure below shows a sample network with a single LSP from PE1 to PE2 formed with labels advertised by means of LDP.

**Figure 5: Sample Network with LSP—Labels Advertised by LDP**



You can determine the maximum receive unit (MRU) at each hop by tracing the LSP using the MPLS Traceroute feature. The MRU is the maximum size of a labeled packet that can be forwarded through an LSP. The following example shows the results of a **trace mpls** command when the LSP is formed with labels created by the Label Distribution Protocol (LDP):

```
Device# trace mpls ipv4 10.131.159.252/32
Tracing MPLS Label Switched Path to 10.131.159.252/32, timeout is 2 seconds
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
       '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
       'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
 0 10.131.191.230 MRU 1496 [Labels: 22/19 Exp: 0/0]
R 1 10.131.159.226 MRU 1500 [Labels: 19 Exp: 0] 40 ms
R 2 10.131.159.229 MRU 1504 [implicit-null] 28 ms
! 3 10.131.159.230 40 ms
```

You can determine the MRU for the LSP at each hop through the use of the **show forwarding detail** command:

```
Device# show mpls forwarding 10.131.159.252 detail

Local  Outgoing  Prefix          Bytes tag  Outgoing   Next Hop
tag    tag or VC   or Tunnel Id    switched  interface
22     19         10.131.159.252/32 0          Tu1        point2point
      MAC/Encaps=14/22, MRU=1496, Tag Stack{22 19}, via Et0/0
      AABCC009700AABCC0098008847 0001600000013000
      No output feature configured
```

To determine the maximum sized echo request that will fit on the LSP, you can find the IP MTU by using the **show interface type number** command.

```
Device# show interface e0/0

FastEthernet0/0/0 is up, line protocol is up
  Hardware is Lance, address is aabb.cc00.9800 (bia aabb.cc00.9800)
  Internet address is 10.131.191.230/30
  MTU 1500 bytes, BW 10000 Kbit, DLY 1000 usec, rely 255/255, load 1/55
  Encapsulation ARPA, loopback not set
  Keepalive set (10 sec)
  ARP type: ARPA, ARP Timeout 04:00:00
  Last input 00:00:01, output 00:00:01, output hang never
```

```

Last clearing of "show interface" counters never
Input queue: 0/75/0/0 (size/max/drops/flushes); Total output drops: 0
Queueing strategy: fifo
Output queue: 0/40 (size/max)
5 minute input rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
5 minute output rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
 377795 packets input, 33969220 bytes, 0 no buffer
  Received 231137 broadcasts, 0 runts, 0 giants, 0 throttles
  0 input errors, 0 CRC, 0 frame, 0 overrun, 0 ignored
  0 input packets with dribble condition detected
441772 packets output, 40401350 bytes, 0 underruns
  0 output errors, 0 collisions, 10 interface resets
  0 babbles, 0 late collision, 0 deferred
  0 lost carrier, 0 no carrier
  0 output buffer failures, 0 output buffers swapped out

```

The IP MTU in the **show interface type number** example is 1500 bytes. Subtract the number of bytes corresponding to the label stack from the MTU number. From the output of the **show mpls forwarding** command, the Tag stack consists of one label (21). Therefore, the largest MPLS echo request packet that can be sent in the LSP, shown in the figure above, is  $1500 - (2 \times 4) = 1492$ .

You can validate this by using the following **ping mpls** command:

```

Device# ping mpls ipv4 10.131.159.252/32 sweep 1492 1500 1 repeat 1
Sending 1, [1492..1500]-byte MPLS Echos to 10.131.159.252/32,
    timeout is 2 seconds, send interval is 0 msec:
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
        '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
        'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
!QQQQQQQ
Success rate is 11 percent (1/9), round-trip min/avg/max = 40/40/40 ms

```

In this command, only packets of 1492 bytes are sent successfully, as indicated by the exclamation point (!). Packets of byte sizes 1493 to 1500 are source-quenched, as indicated by the Q.

You can pad an MPLS echo request so that a payload of a given size can be tested. The pad TLV is useful when you use the MPLS echo request to discover the MTU supportable by an LSP. MTU discovery is extremely important for applications like AToM that contain non-IP payloads that cannot be fragmented.

## LSP Network Management

To manage a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) network you must have the ability to monitor label switched paths (LSPs) and quickly isolate MPLS forwarding problems. You need ways to characterize the liveness of an LSP and reliably detect when a label switched path fails to deliver user traffic.

You can use MPLS LSP Ping to verify the LSP that is used to transport packets destined for IPv4 Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) prefixes, traffic engineering (TE) tunnels, and Any Transport over MPLS pseudowire Forwarding Equivalence Classes (AToM PW FECs). You can use MPLS LSP Traceroute to trace LSPs that are used to carry packets destined for IPv4 LDP prefixes and TE tunnel FECs.

An MPLS echo request is sent through an LSP to validate it. A TTL expiration or LSP breakage causes the transit device to process the echo request before it gets to the intended destination and returns an MPLS echo reply that contains an explanatory reply code to the originator of the echo request.

The successful echo request is processed at the egress of the LSP. The echo reply is sent via an IP path, an MPLS path, or a combination of both back to the originator of the echo request.

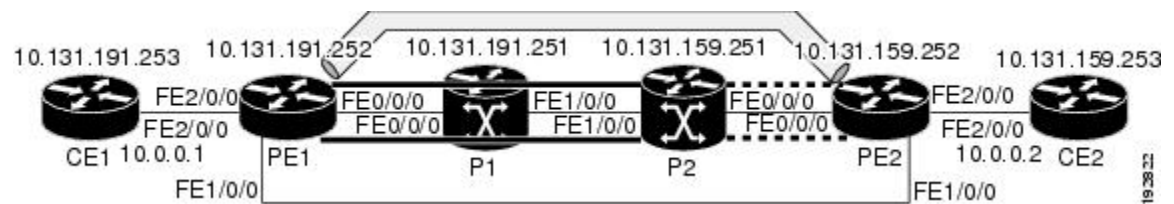


## ICMP ping and trace Commands and Troubleshooting

Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) **ping** and **trace** commands are often used to help diagnose the root cause of a failure. When a label switched path (LSP) is broken, the packet might make its way to the target device by way of IP forwarding, thus making ICMP ping and traceroute unreliable for detecting Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) forwarding problems. The MPLS LSP Ping, Traceroute and AToM VCCV feature extends this diagnostic and troubleshooting ability to the MPLS network and handles inconsistencies between the IP and MPLS forwarding tables, inconsistencies in the MPLS control and data plane, and problems with the reply path.

The figure below shows a sample topology with a Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) LSP and traffic engineering (TE) tunnel LSP.

**Figure 6: Sample Topology with LDP and TE Tunnel LSPs**



This section contains the following topics:

### MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute Discovers LSP Breakage

#### Configuration for Sample Topology

These are sample topology configurations for the troubleshooting examples in the following sections (see the figure above). There are the six sample device configurations.

##### Device CE1 Configuration

```
version 12.0
!
hostname cel
!
enable password lab
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 10.131.191.253 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no keepalive
 no cdp enable
!
end
```

##### Device PE1 Configuration

```
version 12.0
!
hostname pe1
```

```

!
ip cef
mpls label protocol ldp
mpls traffic-eng tunnels
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
mpls ldp discovery targeted-hello accept
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 10.131.191.252 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface Tunnel1
 ip unnumbered Loopback0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls label protocol ldp
 mpls ip
 tunnel destination 10.131.159.255
 tunnel mode mpls traffic-eng
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng autoroute announce
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng priority 2 2
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth 512
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng path-option 1 dynamic
!
interface Tunnel2
 ip unnumbered Loopback0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 shutdown
 mpls label protocol ldp
 mpls ip
 tunnel destination 10.131.159.255
 tunnel mode mpls traffic-eng
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng autoroute announce
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng priority 1 1
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth 100
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng path-option 1 dynamic
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
 ip address 10.131.191.230 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls traffic-eng tunnels
 mpls ip
 ip rsvp bandwidth 1500 1500
 ip rsvp signalling dscp 0
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
 ip address 10.131.159.246 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no shutdown
 mpls ip
 ip rsvp bandwidth 1500 1500
 ip rsvp signalling dscp 0
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/2
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no cdp enable
 xconnect 10.131.159.252 333 encapsulation mpls
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/3
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 shutdown
!
router ospf 1

```

```
log-adjacency-changes
passive-interface Loopback0
network 10.131.159.244 0.0.0.3 area 0
network 10.131.191.228 0.0.0.3 area 0
network 10.131.191.232 0.0.0.3 area 0
network 10.131.191.252 0.0.0.0 area 0
mpls traffic-eng router-id Loopback0
mpls traffic-eng area 0
!
ip classless

end
```

### Device P1 Configuration

```
version 12.0
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log datetime msec
no service password-encryption
!
hostname p1
!
enable password lab
!
ip cef
mpls label protocol ldp
mpls ldp logging neighbor-changes
mpls traffic-eng tunnels
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
mpls ldp discovery targeted-hello accept
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 10.131.191.251 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
 ip address 10.131.191.229 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls traffic-eng tunnels
 mpls ip
 ip rsvp bandwidth 1500 1500
 ip rsvp signalling dscp 0
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
 ip address 10.131.159.226 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls traffic-eng tunnels
 mpls ip
 ip rsvp bandwidth 1500 1500
 ip rsvp signalling dscp 0
!
router ospf 1
 log-adjacency-changes
 passive-interface Loopback0
 network 10.131.159.224 0.0.0.3 area 0
 network 10.131.191.228 0.0.0.3 area 0
 network 10.131.191.251 0.0.0.0 area 0
 mpls traffic-eng router-id Loopback0
 mpls traffic-eng area 0
!
end
```

**Device P2 Configuration**

```

version 12.0
hostname p2
!
ip cef
mpls label protocol ldp
mpls ldp logging neighbor-changes
mpls traffic-eng tunnels
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
mpls ldp discovery directed-hello accept
!
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 10.131.159.251 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
 ip address 10.131.159.229 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls traffic-eng tunnels
 mpls ip
 ip rsvp bandwidth 1500 1500
 ip rsvp signalling dscp 0
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
 ip address 10.131.159.225 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls traffic-eng tunnels
 mpls ip
 ip rsvp bandwidth 1500 1500
 ip rsvp signalling dscp 0
!
router ospf 1
 log-adjacency-changes
 passive-interface Loopback0
 network 10.131.159.224 0.0.0.3 area 0
 network 10.131.159.228 0.0.0.3 area 0
 network 10.131.159.251 0.0.0.0 area 0
 mpls traffic-eng router-id Loopback0
 mpls traffic-eng area 0
!
end

```

**Device PE2 Configuration**

```

version 12.0
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log datetime msec
no service password-encryption
!
hostname pe2
!
logging snmp-authfail
enable password lab
!
clock timezone EST -5
ip subnet-zero
ip cef
no ip domain-lookup
mpls label protocol ldp
mpls ldp logging neighbor-changes

```

```
mpls ldp explicit-null
mpls traffic-eng tunnels
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
tag-switching tdp discovery directed-hello accept
frame-relay switching
!
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 10.131.159.252 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface Tunnel0
 ip unnumbered Loopback0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 tunnel destination 10.131.191.252
 tunnel mode mpls traffic-eng
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng path-option 5 explicit name aslpe-long-path
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
 ip address 10.131.159.230 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls traffic-eng tunnels
 tag-switching ip
 ip rsvp bandwidth 1500 1500
 ip rsvp signalling dscp 0
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
 ip address 10.131.159.245 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls traffic-eng tunnels
 tag-switching ip
 ip rsvp bandwidth 1500 1500
 ip rsvp signalling dscp 0
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/2
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no cdp enable
 xconnect 10.131.191.252 333 encapsulation mpls
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/3
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface Serial0/0/0
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 shutdown
!
interface Serial0/0/1
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 shutdown
!
router ospf 1
 mpls traffic-eng router-id Loopback0
 mpls traffic-eng area 0
 log-adjacency-changes
 passive-interface Loopback0
 network 10.131.122.0 0.0.0.3 area 0
 network 10.131.159.228 0.0.0.3 area 0
 network 10.131.159.232 0.0.0.3 area 0
 network 10.131.159.244 0.0.0.3 area 0
 network 10.131.159.252 0.0.0.0 area 0
```

## Verifying That the LSP Is Set Up Correctly

```

!
ip classless
!
!
ip explicit-path name aslpe-long-path enable
  next-address 10.131.159.229
  next-address 10.131.159.226
  next-address 10.131.191.230
!
!
line con 0
  exec-timeout 0 0
line aux 0
line vty 0 4
  exec-timeout 0 0
  password lab
  login
!
end

```

## Device CE2 Configuration

```

version 12.0
!
hostname ce2
!
enable password lab
!
interface Loopback0
  ip address 10.131.159.253 255.255.255.255
  no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/2
  ip address 10.0.0.2 255.255.255.255
  no ip directed-broadcast
  no keepalive
  no cdp enable
!
end

```

## Verifying That the LSP Is Set Up Correctly

A **show mpls forwarding-table** command shows that tunnel 1 is in the Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) forwarding table.

```
Device# show mpls forwarding-table 10.131.159.252
```

Local tag	Outgoing tag or VC	Prefix or Tunnel Id	Bytes tag switched	Outgoing interface	Next Hop
22	19	[T] 10.131.159.252/32 0	Tu1		
		point2point			
		[T] Forwarding through a TSP tunnel.			
		View additional tagging info with the 'detail' option			

A **show mpls traffic-eng tunnels tunnel 1** command entered at PE1 displays information about tunnel 1 and verifies that it is forwarding packets with an out label of 22.

```
Device# show mpls traffic-eng tunnels tunnel 1
```

```
Name: PE1_t1 (Tunnell) Destination: 10.131.159.251
```

```

Status:
  Admin: up          Oper: up          Path: valid          Signalling: connected
  path option 1, type dynamic (Basis for Setup, path weight 20)
Config Parameters:
  Bandwidth: 512      kbps (Global)  Priority: 2 2  Affinity: 0x0/0xFFFF
  Metric Type: TE (default)
  AutoRoute: enabled  LockDown: disabled  Loadshare: 512      bw-based
  auto-bw: disabled
Active Path Option Parameters:
  State: dynamic path option 1 is active
  BandwidthOverride: disabled  LockDown: disabled  Verbatim: disabled
InLabel : -
OutLabel : FastEthernet0/0/0, 22
RSVP Signalling Info:
  Src 10.131.191.252, Dst 10.131.159.251, Tun_Id 1, Tun_Instance 28
RSVP Path Info:
  My Address: 10.131.191.230
  Explicit Route: 10.131.191.229 10.131.159.226 10.131.159.225 10.131.159.251
  Record Route: NONE
  Tspec: ave rate=512 kbits, burst=1000 bytes, peak rate=512 kbits
RSVP Resv Info:
  Record Route: NONE
  Fspec: ave rate=512 kbits, burst=1000 bytes, peak rate=512 kbits
Shortest Unconstrained Path Info:
  Path Weight: 20 (TE)
  Explicit Route: 10.131.191.230 10.131.191.229 10.131.159.226 10.131.159.225
                  10.131.159.251
History:
  Tunnel:
    Time since created: 9 days, 14 hours, 12 minutes
    Time since path change: 2 minutes, 18 seconds
  Current LSP:
    Uptime: 2 minutes, 18 seconds
  Prior LSP:
    ID: path option 1 [3]
    Removal Trigger: tunnel shutdown

```

A **trace mpls** command issued at PE1 verifies that packets with 22 as the outermost label and 19 as the end of stack label are forwarded from PE1 to PE2.

```

Device# trace mpls ipv4 10.131.159.252/32
Tracing MPLS Label Switched Path to 10.131.159.252/32, timeout is 2 seconds
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
        '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
        'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
 0 10.131.191.230 MRU 1496 [Labels: 22/19
Exp: 0/0]
R 1 10.131.159.226 MRU 1504 [Labels: 19 Exp: 0] 40 ms
R 2 10.131.159.229 MRU 1504 [implicit-null] 28 ms
! 3 10.131.159.230 40 ms

```

The MPLS LSP Traceroute to PE2 is successful, as indicated by the exclamation point (!).

## Discovering LSP Breakage

A Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) target-session is established between devices PE1 and P2, as shown in the output of the following **show mpls ldp discovery** command:

```

Device# show mpls ldp discovery

Local LDP Identifier:

```

```

10.131.191.252:0
Discovery Sources:
Interfaces:
  GigabitEthernet0/0/0 (ldp): xmit/recv
    LDP Id: 10.131.191.251:0
  Tunnel1 (ldp): Targeted -> 10.131.159.251
Targeted Hellos:
  10.131.191.252 -> 10.131.159.252 (ldp): active/passive, xmit/recv
    LDP Id: 10.131.159.252:0
  10.131.191.252 -> 10.131.159.251 (ldp): active, xmit/recv
    LDP Id: 10.131.159.251:0

```

Enter the following command on the P2 device in global configuration mode:

```
Device# no mpls ldp discovery targeted-hello accept
```

The LDP configuration change causes the targeted LDP session between the headend and tailend of the traffic engineering (TE) tunnel to go down. Labels for IPv4 prefixes learned by P2 are not advertised to PE1. Thus, all IP prefixes reachable by P2 are reachable by PE1 only through IP (not MPLS). In other words, packets destined for those prefixes through Tunnel 1 at PE1 will be IP switched at P2 (which is undesirable).

The following **show mpls ldp discovery** command shows that the LDP targeted-session is down:

```

Device# show mpls ldp discovery

Local LDP Identifier:
10.131.191.252:0
Discovery Sources:
Interfaces:
  GigabitEthernet0/0/0 (ldp): xmit/recv
    LDP Id: 10.131.191.251:0
  Tunnel1 (ldp): Targeted -> 10.131.159.251
Targeted Hellos:
  10.131.191.252 -> 10.131.159.252 (ldp): active/passive, xmit/recv
    LDP Id: 10.131.159.252:0
  10.131.191.252 -> 10.131.159.251 (ldp): active, xmit

```

Enter the **show mpls forwarding-table** command at the PE1 device. The display shows that the outgoing packets are untagged as a result of the LDP configuration changes.

```

Device# show mpls forwarding-table 10.131.159.252

Local  Outgoing  Prefix          Bytes tag  Outgoing     Next Hop
tag    tag or VC   or Tunnel Id    switched  interface
22     Untagged[T]
10.131.159.252/32 0          Tu1           point2point
[T]    Forwarding through a TSP tunnel.
      View additional tagging info with the 'detail' option

```

A **ping mpls** command entered at the PE1 device displays the following:

```

Device# ping mpls ipv4 10.131.159.252/32 repeat 1
Sending 1, 100-byte MPLS Echos to 10.131.159.252/32,
      timeout is 2 seconds, send interval is 0 msec:
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
      '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
      'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
R
Success rate is 0 percent (0/1)

```



The **ping mpls** command fails. The R indicates that the sender of the Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) echo reply had a routing entry but no MPLS Forwarding Equivalence Class (FEC). Entering the **ping mpls verbose** command displays the MPLS label switched path (LSP) echo reply sender address and the return code. You should be able to solve the problem by Telneting to the replying device and inspecting its forwarding and label tables. You might need to look at the neighboring upstream device as well, because the breakage might be on the upstream device.

```
Device# ping mpls ipv4 10.131.159.252/32 repeat 1 verbose
Sending 1, 100-byte MPLS Echos to 10.131.159.252/32,
        timeout is 2 seconds, send interval is 0 msec:
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
        '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
        'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
R 10.131.159.225, return code 6
Success rate is 0 percent (0/1)
```

Alternatively, use the **LSP traceroute** command to figure out which device caused the breakage. In the following example, for subsequent values of TTL greater than 2, the same device keeps responding (10.131.159.225). This suggests that the MPLS echo request keeps getting processed by the device regardless of the TTL. Inspection of the label stack shows that P1 pops the last label and forwards the packet to P2 as an IP packet. This explains why the packet keeps getting processed by P2. MPLS echo request packets cannot be forwarded by use of the destination address in the IP header because the address is set to a 127/8 address.

```
Device# trace mpls ipv4 10.131.159.252/32 ttl 5
Tracing MPLS Label Switched Path to 10.131.159.252/32, timeout is 2 seconds
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
        '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
        'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
 0 10.131.191.230 MRU 1500 [Labels: 22 Exp: 0]
R 1 10.131.159.226 MRU 1504 [implicit-null] 40 ms
R 2 10.131.159.225 40 ms
R 3 10.131.159.225 40 ms
R 4 10.131.159.225 40 ms
R 5 10.131.159.225 40 ms
```

## MPLS LSP Traceroute Tracks Untagged Cases

This troubleshooting section contains examples of how to use MPLS LSP Traceroute to determine potential issues with packets that are tagged as implicit null and packets that are untagged.

Untagged output interfaces at a penultimate hop do not impact the forwarding of IP packets through a label switched path (LSP) because the forwarding decision is made at the penultimate hop through use of the incoming label. The untagged case causes Any Transport over Multiprotocol Label Switching (AToM) and MPLS virtual private network (VPN) traffic to be dropped at the penultimate hop.

### Troubleshooting Implicit Null Cases

In the following example, Tunnel 1 is shut down, and only a label switched path (LSP) formed with Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) labels is established. An implicit null is advertised between the P2 and PE2 devices. Entering an MPLS LSP Traceroute at the PE1 device results in the following display:

```
Device# trace mpls ipv4 10.131.159.252/32
Tracing MPLS Label Switched Path to 10.131.159.252/32, timeout is 2 seconds
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
        '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
```

```

'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
 0 10.131.191.230 MRU 1500 [Labels: 20 Exp: 0]
R 1 10.131.159.226 MRU 1500 [Labels: 19 Exp: 0] 80 ms
R 2 10.131.159.229 MRU 1504 [implicit-null] 28 ms
! 3 10.131.159.230 40 ms

```

This output shows that packets are forwarded from P2 to PE2 with an implicit-null label. Address 10.131.159.229 is configured for the P2 Fast Ethernet 0/0/0 out interface for the PE2 device.

## Troubleshooting Untagged Cases

Untagged cases are valid configurations for Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP) label switched paths (LSPs) that could cause problems for Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) virtual private networks (VPNs).

A **show mpls forwarding-table** command and a **show mpls ldp discovery** command issued at the P2 device show that the Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) is properly set up:

```

Device# show mpls forwarding-table 10.131.159.252

Local  Outgoing    Prefix          Bytes tag  Outgoing     Next Hop
tag    tag or VC      or Tunnel Id    switched   interface
19     Pop tag        10.131.159.252/32 0           Et0/0        10.131.159.230
Device# show mpls ldp discovery
Local LDP Identifier:
10.131.159.251:0
Discovery Sources:
Interfaces:
  GigabitEthernet0/0/0 (ldp): xmit/recv
    LDP Id: 10.131.159.252:0
  FastEthernet1/0/0 (ldp): xmit/recv
    LDP Id: 10.131.191.251:0

```

The **show mpls ldp discovery** command output shows that GigabitEthernet0/0/0, which connects PE2 to P2, is sending and receiving packets.

If a **no mpls ip** command is entered on GigabitEthernet0/0/0, this could prevent an LDP session between the P2 and PE2 devices from being established. A **show mpls ldp discovery** command entered on the PE device shows that the MPLS LDP session with the PE2 device is down:

```

Device# show mpls ldp discovery

Local LDP Identifier:
10.131.159.251:0
Discovery Sources:
Interfaces:
  GigabitEthernet0/0/0 (ldp): xmit
  FastEthernet1/0/0 (ldp): xmit/recv
    LDP Id: 10.131.191.251:0

```

If the MPLS LDP session to PE2 goes down, the LSP to 10.131.159.252 becomes untagged, as shown by the **show mpls forwarding-table** command:

```

Device# show mpls forwarding-table 10.131.159.252

Local  Outgoing    Prefix          Bytes tag  Outgoing     Next Hop
tag    tag or VC      or Tunnel Id    switched   interface
19     Untagged      10.131.159.252/32 864        Et0/0        10.131.159.230

```

Untagged cases would provide an MPLS LSP Traceroute reply with packets tagged with No Label, as shown in the following display:

```
Device# trace mpls ipv4 10.131.159.252/32
Tracing MPLS Label Switched Path to 10.131.159.252/32, timeout is 2 seconds
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
        '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
        'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
 0 10.131.191.230 MRU 1500 [Labels: 20 Exp: 0]
R 1 10.131.159.226 MRU 1500 [Labels: 19 Exp: 0] 80 ms
R 2 10.131.159.229 MRU 1504 [No Label] 28 ms
! 3 10.131.159.230 40 ms
```

## MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute Returns a Q

The Q return code always means that the packet could not be transmitted. The problem can be caused by insufficient memory, but it probably results because a label switched path (LSP) could not be found that matches the Forwarding Equivalence Class (FEC), information that was entered on the command line.

The reason that the packet was not forwarded needs to be determined. To do so, look at the Routing Information Base (RIB), the Forwarding Information Base (FIB), the Label Information Base (LIB), and the MPLS Label Forwarding Information Base (LFIB). Lack of an entry for the FEC in any one of these routing/forwarding bases would return a Q.

The table below lists commands that you can use for troubleshooting when the MPLS echo reply returns a Q.

**Table 11: Troubleshooting a Q**

Database	Command to View Contents
Routing Information Base	<b>show ip route</b>
Label Information Base and MPLS Forwarding Information Base	<b>show mpls forwarding-table detail</b>

The following example shows a **ping mpls** command where the MPLS echo request is not transmitted, as shown by the returned Qs:

```
Device# ping mpls ipv4 10.0.0.1/32
Sending 5, 100-byte MPLS Echos to 10.0.0.1/32,
        timeout is 2 seconds, send interval is 0 msec:
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
        '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
        'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
QQQQQ
Success rate is 0 percent (0/5)
```

A **show mpls forwarding-table** command and a **show ip route** command demonstrate that the address is not in either routing table:

```
Device# show mpls forwarding-table 10.0.0.1

Local  Outgoing  Prefix          Bytes tag  Outgoing   Next Hop
tag    tag or VC   or Tunnel Id    switched  interface
Device# show ip route 10.0.0.1

% Subnet not in table
```

The MPLS echo request is not transmitted because the IPv4 address (10.0.0.1) is not found in either the LFIB or the RIB routing table.

## Load Balancing for IPv4 LDP LSPs

An Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) ping or trace follows one path from the originating device to the target device. Round robin load balancing of IP packets from a source device is used to discover the various output paths to the target IP address.

For MPLS LSP Ping and Traceroute, Cisco devices use the source and destination addresses in the IP header for load balancing when multiple paths exist through the network to a target device. The Cisco implementation of MPLS might check the destination address of an IP payload to accomplish load balancing (this checking depends on the platform).

To check for load balancing paths, you use the 127.z.y.x/8 destination address in the **ping mpls ipv4 ip-address address-mask destination address-start address-end address-increment** command. The following examples show that different paths are followed to the same destination. This demonstrates that load balancing occurs between the originating device and the target device.

To ensure that the Fast Ethernet interface 1/0/0 on the PE1 device is operational, you enter the following commands on the PE1 device:

```
Device# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Device(config)# interface fastethernet 1/0/0
Device(config-if)# no shutdown
Device(config-if)# end
*Dec 31 19:14:10.034: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface FastEthernet1/0/0, changed state to up
*Dec 31 19:14:11.054: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet1/0/0,
changed state to upend
PE1#
*Dec 31 19:14:12.574: %SYS-5-CONFIG I: Configured from console by console
*Dec 31 19:14:19.334: %OSPF-5-ADJCHG: Process 1, Nbr 10.131.159.252 on FastEthernet1/0/0
from LOADING to FULL, Loading Done
PE1#
```

The following **show mpls forwarding-table** command displays the possible outgoing interfaces and next hops for the prefix 10.131.159.251/32:

```
Device# show mpls forwarding-table 10.131.159.251
```

Local tag	Outgoing tag or VC	Prefix or Tunnel Id	Bytes tag switched	Outgoing interface	Next Hop
21	19	10.131.159.251/32	0	FE0/0/0	10.131.191.229
	20	10.131.159.251/32	0	FE1/0/0	10.131.159.245

The following **ping mpls** command to 10.131.159.251/32 with a destination UDP address of 127.0.0.1 shows that the path selected has a path index of 0:

```
Device# ping mpls ipv4
10.131.159.251/32 destination
127.0.0.1 repeat 1
Sending 1, 100-byte MPLS Echos to 10.131.159.251/32,
timeout is 2 seconds, send interval is 0 msec:
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
'.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
```

```

!
Success rate is 100 percent (1/1), round-trip min/avg/max = 40/40/40 ms
PE1#
*Dec 29 20:42:40.638: LSPV: Echo Request sent on IPV4 LSP, load_index 2,
pathindex 0
, size 100
*Dec 29 20:42:40.638: 46 00 00 64 00 00 40 00 FF 11 9D 03 0A 83 BF FC
*Dec 29 20:42:40.638: 7F 00 00 01 94 04 00 00 0D AF 0D AF 00 4C 14 70
*Dec 29 20:42:40.638: 00 01 00 00 01 02 00 00 1A 00 00 1C 00 00 00 01
*Dec 29 20:42:40.638: C3 9B 10 40 A3 6C 08 D4 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
*Dec 29 20:42:40.638: 00 01 00 09 00 01 00 05 0A 83 9F FB 20 00 03 00
*Dec 29 20:42:40.638: 13 01 AB CD AB CD AB CD AB CD AB CD AB CD AB CD
*Dec 29 20:42:40.638: AB CD AB CD
*Dec 29 20:42:40.678: LSPV: Echo packet received: src 10.131.159.225,
dst 10.131.191.252, size 74
*Dec 29 20:42:40.678: AA BB CC 00 98 01 AA BB CC 00 FC 01 08 00 45 C0
*Dec 29 20:42:40.678: 00 3C 32 D6 00 00 FD 11 15 37 0A 83 9F E1 0A 83
*Dec 29 20:42:40.678: BF FC 0D AF 0D AF 00 28 D1 85 00 01 00 00 02 02
*Dec 29 20:42:40.678: 03 00 1A 00 00 1C 00 00 00 01 C3 9B 10 40 A3 6C
*Dec 29 20:42:40.678: 08 D4 C3 9B 10 40 66 F5 C3 C8

```

The following **ping mpls** command to 10.131.159.251/32 with a destination UDP address of 127.0.0.1 shows that the path selected has a path index of 1:

```

Device# ping mpls ipv4 10.131.159.251/32 dest 127.0.0.1 repeat 1
Sending 1, 100-byte MPLS Echos to 10.131.159.251/32,
        timeout is 2 seconds, send interval is 0 msec:
Codes: '!' - success, 'Q' - request not transmitted,
        '.' - timeout, 'U' - unreachable,
        'R' - downstream router but not target
Type escape sequence to abort.
!
Success rate is 100 percent (1/1), round-trip min/avg/max = 40/40/40 ms
*Dec 29 20:43:09.518: LSPV: Echo Request sent on IPV4 LSP, load_index 13,
pathindex 1
, size 100
*Dec 29 20:43:09.518: 46 00 00 64 00 00 40 00 FF 11 9D 01 0A 83 BF FC
*Dec 29 20:43:09.518: 7F 00 00 03 94 04 00 00 0D AF 0D AF 00 4C 88 58
*Dec 29 20:43:09.518: 00 01 00 00 01 02 00 00 38 00 00 1D 00 00 00 01
*Dec 29 20:43:09.518: C3 9B 10 5D 84 B3 95 84 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
*Dec 29 20:43:09.518: 00 01 00 09 00 01 00 05 0A 83 9F FB 20 00 03 00
*Dec 29 20:43:09.518: 13 01 AB CD AB CD AB CD AB CD AB CD AB CD AB CD
*Dec 29 20:43:09.518: AB CD AB CD
*Dec 29 20:43:09.558: LSPV: Echo packet received: src 10.131.159.229,
dst 10.131.191.252, size 74
*Dec 29 20:43:09.558: AA BB CC 00 98 01 AA BB CC 00 FC 01 08 00 45 C0
*Dec 29 20:43:09.558: 00 3C 32 E9 00 00 FD 11 15 20 0A 83 9F E5 0A 83
*Dec 29 20:43:09.558: BF FC 0D AF 0D AF 00 28 D7 57 00 01 00 00 02 02
*Dec 29 20:43:09.558: 03 00 38 00 00 1D 00 00 00 01 C3 9B 10 5D 84 B3
*Dec 29 20:43:09.558: 95 84 C3 9B 10 5D 48 3D 50 78

```

To see the actual path chosen, you use the **debug mpls lspv packet data** command.



**Note** The hashing algorithm is nondeterministic. Therefore, the selection of the *address-start*, *address-end*, and *address-increment* arguments for the **destination** keyword might not provide the expected results.





## CHAPTER 2

# MPLS-TP MIB



**Note** This chapter is not applicable on the ASR 900 RSP3 Module for the Cisco IOS XE Release 3.16.

The Multiprotocol Label Switching Transport Profile (MPLS-TP) allows you to meet your transport requirements as those requirements evolve from Synchronous Optical Networking (SONET) and Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) time-division multiplexing (TDM) technologies to MPLS and Ethernet technologies. Currently, a strong momentum for MPLS-TP in terms of both rapid standards development and increasing market demand exists. MPLS-TP technologies have been recently requested by multiple service providers for packet transport primarily in the aggregation networks and access networks while the core network remains MPLS (MPLS-TP is being considered for core transport as well by one or two providers). Service providers aim at using MPLS-TP to support the following deployment scenarios: Ethernet services, mobile backhaul, Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) aggregation replacement, video transport, and long haul transport.

MPLS TP MIB allows you to poll MPLS-TP configured nodes via Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) and monitor and manage the MPLS-TP network.

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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.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to <https://cfnng.cisco.com/>. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

## Prerequisites for MPLS-TP MIB

- General knowledge of SNMP
- Software used to query Cisco devices via SNMP

## Restrictions for MPLS-TP MIB

- MPLS-TP MIB doesn't specify any traps for TP and thus no trap support is provided.
- The MPLS-TP MIB module supports point-to-point, co-routed bi-directional tunnels.

## Information about MPLS-TP MIB

### Overview of MPLS-TP MIB

MPLS-TP MIB is part of the SNMP process. The MIB interacts with MPLS-TP functions to get the data required for objects and indices.

The following MIBs are implemented:

- CISCO-MPLS-TC-EXT-STD-MIB
- CISCO-MPLS-ID-STD-MIB
- CISCO-MPLS-LSR-EXT-STD-MIB
- CISCO-MPLS-TE-EXT-STD-MIB

### CISCO-MPLS-TC-EXT-STD-MIB

This MIB module contains textual conventions for MPLS-based transport networks.

Textual Convention	Description (from IETF draft)
MplsGlobalId	This object contains the textual convention of the operator unique identifier (Global_ID). The Global_ID can contain the 2-octet or 4-octet value of the operator's Autonomous System Number (ASN). When the Global_ID is derived from a 2-octet AS number, the two high-order octets of this 4-octet identifier MUST be set to zero. ASN 0 is reserved. A Global_ID of zero means that no Global_ID is present.



MplsNodeId	The Node_ID is assigned within the scope of the Global_ID. The value 0 (or 0.0.0.0 in dotted decimal notation) is reserved and MUST NOT be used. When IPv4 addresses are in use, the value of this object can be derived from the LSR's /32 IPv4 loop back address.
MplsLocalId	<p>This textual convention is used in accommodating the bigger size Global_Node_ID and/or ICC with lower size LSR identifier in order to index mplsTunnelTable. The Local Identifier is configured between 1 and 16777215, as the valid IP address range starts from 16777216 (01.00.00.00). This range is chosen to identify the mplsTunnelTable's Ingress/Egress.</p> <p>LSR-id is the IP address or local identifier. If the configured range is not an IP address, the administrator is expected to retrieve the complete information (Global_Node_ID) from mplsNodeConfigTable. This way, the existing mplsTunnelTable is reused for bidirectional tunnel extensions for MPLS-based transport networks.</p>

## CISCO-MPLS-ID-EXT-STD-MIB

This MIB module contains generic object definitions for MPLS Traffic Engineering in transport networks.

Object	Description (from IETF draft)
mplsGlobalId	This object allows the administrator to assign a unique operator identifier also called MPLS-TP Global_ID.
mplsNodeId	This object allows the operator or service provider to assign a unique MPLS-TP Node_ID. The Node_ID is assigned within the scope of the Global_ID.

## MPLS LSR STD MIB

Existing Label Switch Router (LSR) MIB functions are used to fetch values for the tables below. For TP, an FPI type of FPI\_IF4 is used for IPv4. Only IPv4 is supported in this release.

- **At the endpoints.** For each tunnel, there is one entry for mplsOutSegmentTable [RFC 3813] showing the outsegment label and one entry for mplsInSegmentTable [RFC 3813] for the working LSP. Similarly, an entry is shown to the protected LSP. The assumption is that both working and protected LSPs are configured. If only one working LSP and one protected LSP is configured, the entries are displayed accordingly. There are 2 entries per tunnel for mplsXCTable [RFC 3813] for a working LSP and similarly to a protected LSP.
- **At the midpoints.** For a co-routed bidirectional tunnel, a midpoint has forward and reverse LSPs configured. Thus, there are a pair of mplsInSegmentTable and mplsOutSegmentTable entries for the forward LSP and a pair of mplsInSegmentTable and mplsOutSegmentTable entries for the reverse LSP. If the working and protected LSPs are configured then the above listed entries are shown for both protected

and working LSPs. For `mplsXCTable`, there are two entries—one for the forward LSP and one for the reverse LSP. If the config has working and protected LSPs configured, then the above listed `mplsXCTable` entries are shown for both protected and working LSPs.

- **Indexing for `mplsOutSegmentTable`, `mplsInSegmentTable` and `mplsXCTable`.** `mplsXCTable` is indexed by `mplsXCIndex` [RFC3813], `mplsXCInSegmentIndex` [RFC3813], and `mplsXCOutSegmentIndex` [RFC3813]. The `mplsXCInSegmentIndex`, which is the same as `mplsInSegmentIndex`, is a 4-byte octet string containing the local label. The `mplsXCIndex` for TP is represented in the octet string format. The FPI value of `FPI_IF4` is taken from file `lsd_common_issu_sensitive.enum`. The FPI value of 3 is used for TP.

- At the endpoint, `mplsXCIndex` is represented as an octet string that contains `fpi_type`, tunnel index, and the LSP identifier. The LSP identifier specifies if the LSP is working or protected. The LSP identifier can be of either two types: `CFC_MPLS_CP_LSP_TYPE_WORKING` - working LSP (integer value 2) or `CFC_MPLS_CP_LSP_TYPE_PROTECT` - protected LSP (integer value 3).

```
|----|          |----||----||----||----|          |----|
FPI = 3          Tunnel-id                          LSP_ident
```



**Note** Internally, Tunnel-id is used to get `if_number` (outgoing interface) and `if_number` is used to poll MFI where

```
|----|
```

equals 1 byte.

- At the midpoint, `mplsXCIndex` is represented by an octet string that contains `fpi_type` and in-label. The `Fpi_type` value is 0 for label.

```
|----|          |----||----||----||----|
FPI = 0          Label
```

`mplsXCOutSegmentIndex` is the same as `mplsOutSegmentIndex`, which is the same as `mplsXCIndex` plus `moi_index`. The last two bytes in `mplsOutSegmentIndex` contain the MOI list index.

A new `cfc_mpls_cp_lsrmb_rfc_get_tp_label_id` MIB function will be created for the MIB team to fetch TP-related data.

Object	Value and function used to get the value
<b>mplsOutSegmentTable</b>	
<code>mplsOutSegmentIndex</code>	This object contains the outsegment index as explained above. The <code>cfc_mpls_cp_lsrmb_rfc_get_outseg_entry</code> function is used to get this value.
<code>mplsOutSegmentInterface</code>	This object contains the outsegment interface that comes from the IDB. The <code>cfc_mpls_cp_lsrmb_rfc_get_outseg_entry</code> function is used to get this value.

mplsOutSegmentPushTopLabel	This object is set to D_mplsOutSegmentPushTopLabel_true.
mplsOutSegmentTopLabel	The lsrMib_get_top_label function is used to get this value.
mplsOutSegmentTopLabelPtr	Set to 0.0.
mplsOutSegmentNextHopAddrType	The value of mfi_out_info.nh.type provides the value of this object.
mplsOutSegmentNextHopAddr	The value of mfi_out_info.nh.ip_addr provides the value of this object.
mplsOutSegmentXCIndex	This object contains mplsXCIndex from mplsXCTable. The cfc_mpls_cp_lsrMib_rfc_get_xc_search_indices function is used to get this value.
mplsOutSegmentOwner	Will add a new a macro: LSRMIB_MPLS_FPI_IF4 and this will map to D_mplsOutSegmentOwner_tp.
mplsOutSegmentTrafficParamPtr	Always set to 0.0.
mplsOutSegmentRowStatus	D_mplsOutSegmentRowStatus_active
mplsOutSegmentStorageType	D_mplsInSegmentStorageType_volatile
<b>mplsOutSegmentPerfTable</b>	
mplsOutSegmentPerfOctets	mfi_out_info.bytes
mplsOutSegmentPerfPackets	mfi_out_info.packets
mplsOutSegmentPerfErrors	mfi_out_info.errors
mplsOutSegmentPerfDiscards	mfi_out_info.discards
mplsOutSegmentPerfHCOctets	Get from MFI.
mplsOutSegmentPerfDiscontinuityTime	lsrMib_get_discontinuity_time()
<b>mplsInSegmentTable</b>	
mplsInSegmentIndex	This object contains the insegment index as explained above. The lsrMib_get_in_label_id function is used to get the value.
mplsInSegmentInterface	This is set to 0.
mplsInSegmentLabel	lsrMib_get_in_label_id function is used.
mplsInSegmentLabelPtr	Always set to 0.0.
mplsInSegmentNPop	Set to default value 1.

mplsInSegmentAddrFamily	Set to D_mplsInSegmentAddrFamily_ipV4.
mplsInSegmentXCIndex	This object contains mplsXCIndex. The cfc_mpls_cp_lsrmb_rfc_mfi_info_to_xc function is used to get this value.
mplsInSegmentOwner	D_mplsInSegmentOwner_other
mplsInSegmentTrafficParamPtr	0.0
mplsInSegmentRowStatus	D_mplsInSegmentRowStatus_active
mplsInSegmentStorageType	D_mplsInSegmentStorageType_volatile
<b>mplsInSegmentPerfTable</b>	
mplsInSegmentPerfOctets	mfi_out_info.bytes
mplsInSegmentPerfPackets	mfi_out_info.packets
mplsInSegmentPerfErrors	mfi_out_info.errors
mplsInSegmentPerfDiscards	mfi_out_info.discards
mplsInSegmentPerfHCOctets	Get from MFI.
mplsInSegmentPerfDiscontinuityTime	lsrmib_get_discontinuity_time()
<b>mplsXCTable</b>	
mplsXCIndex	cfc_mpls_cp_lsrmb_rfc_get_xc_search_indices function is used to get this value.
mplsXCInSegmentIndex	cfc_mpls_cp_lsrmb_rfc_get_xc_search_indices function is used to get this value.
mplsXCOutSegmentIndex	cfc_mpls_cp_lsrmb_rfc_get_xc_search_indices function is used to get this value.
mplsXCLSPId	cfc_mpls_cp_lsrmb_rfc_get_xc_search_indices is used to get this value.
mplsXCLabelStackIndex	This object contains the octet string 0.0. which indicates that no labels are to be stacked beneath the top label.
mplsXCOwner	RFC LSR MIB doesn't provide a specific value for TP. Thus, D_mplsXCOwner_other is used to fetch this value.
mplsXCRowStatus	Set to D_mplsXCRowStatus_active.
mplsXCStorageType	Set to D_mplsXCStorageType_volatile.
mplsXCAdminStatus	Set to D_mplsXCAdminStatus_up.

mplsXCOperStatus	Set to D_mplsXCOperStatus_up.
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## CISCO-MPLS-LSR-EXT-STD-MIB

**mplsXCExtEntry:** An entry in this table extends the cross connect information represented by an entry in the mplsXCTable through a sparse augmentation. The indices for this table are mplsXCIndex, mplsXCInSegmentIndex, and mplsXCOutSegmentIndex.

- **Midpoint.** At the midpoint there are 2 entries, one for the forward LSP and one for the reverse LSP. If both working and protected LSPs are configured, then there will be 2 entries for each of the LSPs.
- **Endpoint.** At the endpoint there are two entries in mplsXCExtTunnelPointer. If both working and protected LSPs are configured, then there will be 2 entries for each LSP.

Object	Description	Value and function used to get the value
<b>mplsXCExtTunnelPointer</b>	This object indicates the back pointer to the tunnel entry segment. This object cannot be modified if mplsXCRowStatus for the corresponding entry in the mplsXCTable is active(1).	Both the entries (per tunnel) point to the same tunnel entry. A new function to fetch this information from TP will be created.  At the endpoint, the MIB code provides the tunnel number and the LSP identifier (working/protected) and expects in return from the TP the other two tunnel indices—the local ID for the source and the local ID for the destination of this tunnel.  At midpoint, the MIB code provides the incoming label and expects the TP to return the unique tunnel entry that provides the tunnel index, LSP instance, source-local-id, and destination-local-id.

<b>mplsXCOppositeDirXCPtr</b>	This object indicates the pointer to the opposite direction XC entry. This object cannot be modified if mplsXCRowStatus for the corresponding entry in the mplsXCTable is active(1).	For the endpoint, there are two entries for this object. At the endpoint, the entry that represents the outgoing segment contains the mplsXCLspId entry that corresponds to the reverse direction in-label. The entry that corresponds to the in-label contains the mplsXCLspId representing the outgoing segment (so, in essence, contains the indices with FPI type 3 for the TP tunnel).  For the midpoint, there are two entries for this object. Each entry contains the mplsXCLspId representing the reverse direction in-label.
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## MPLS-TE-STD-MIB and MPLS Draft TE MIB

mplsTunnelTable from MPLS-TE-STD-MIB shows TP tunnel entries. For details on object description, refer to RFC 3812. Protected LSP is assumed to be configured for every working LSP.

TP configuration allows partial configuration. If an LSP is partially configured where destination node-id/global ID is not specified, then the local-id is set to 0.

- **Endpoint.** mplsTunnelTable has one entry per LSP.
- **Midpoint.** For the working LSP, mplsTunnelTable has one entry for the forward LSP and one entry for the reverse LSP. Similarly, if the protected LSP is configured, entries for the protected LSP are shown.

Object	Value and function used to get the value
mplsTunnelIndex	At an endpoint, mplsTunnelIndex contains the source tunnel number.  At a midpoint, the mplsTunnelIndex contains the source tunnel number for the forward LSP and the destination tunnel number for the reverse LSP.
mplsTunnelInstance	This contains the LSP number. The tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.
mplsTunnelIngressLSRId	At an endpoint, this contains the value of mplsNodeConfigLocalId for the source of the tunnel.  At a midpoint, it stores the mplsNodeConfigLocalId for the source of the tunnel for the forward LSP and mplsNodeConfigLocalId for the destination of the reverse LSP.  This value ranges between 1 and 16777215. The tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.

mplsTunnelEgressLSRId	<p>At an endpoint, this contains the value of mplsNodeConfigLocalId for the destination node of the tunnel.</p> <p>At a midpoint, it stores the mplsNodeConfigLocalId for the destination of the tunnel for the forward LSP and mplsNodeConfigLocalId for the source of the tunnel for the reverse LSP.</p> <p>This value ranges between 1 and 16777215. The tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.</p>
mplsTunnelName	This contains the tunnel name, applicable at both endpoint and midpoint. The tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.
mplsTunnelDescr	This contains the tunnel description. The tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.
mplsTunnelIsIf	This is always true because the TP tunnel is always an interface.
mplsTunnelIfIndex	This contains the tunnel ifindex. The tp_get_tunnel_detail function provides the IF number. The interface number can be used to get the interface index.
mplsTunnelOwner	This is set to D_mplsTunnelOwner_other.
mplsTunnelRole	The tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.
mplsTunnelXCPointer	The cfc_mpls_cp_lsrmib_rfc_make_XC_pointer function is used.
mplsTunnelSignallingProto	None(1). The MPLS TP implementation on Cisco IOS does not have a control plane and there is no signaling protocol.
mplsTunnelSetupPrio	0. By default, MPLS TP LSPs have 0 priority.
mplsTunnelHoldingPrio	0. By default, MPLS TP LSPs have 0 priority.
mplsTunnelSessionAttributes	N/A. 0.
mplsTunnelLocalProtectInUse	This object indicates whether a protected LSP is being used. The tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.
mplsTunnelResourcePointer	0.0. Not supported.
mplsTunnelPrimaryInstance	This is used to indicate the LSP number of the working LSP. If the working LSP is not configured, then this shows a default value of 0.

mplsTunnelInstancePriority	N/A. 0.
mplsTunnelHopTableIndex	N/A. 0.
mplsTunnelPathInUse	N/A. 0.
mplsTunnelARHopTableIndex	N/A. 0.
mplsTunnelCHopTableIndex	N/A. 0.
mplsTunnelIncludeAnyAffinity	N/A. 0.
mplsTunnelIncludeAllAffinity	N/A. 0.
mplsTunnelTotalUpTime	The tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.
mplsTunnelInstanceUpTime	The tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.
mplsTunnelPrimaryUpTime	The tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.
mplsTunnelPathChanges	N/A. 0.
mplsTunnelLastPathChange	N/A.
mplsTunnelCreationTime	The tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.
mplsTunnelStateTransitions	N/A. 0.
mplsTunnelAdminStatus	At endpoint, the tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.  At midpoint, this is set to "testing(3)" as the TP does not maintain admin status at the midpoint.
mplsTunnelOperStatus	At endpoint, the tp_get_tunnel_detail function is used to get this value.  At midpoint, this is set to "testing(3)" as the TP does not maintain oper status at the midpoint.
mplsTunnelRowStatus	D_mplsTunnelRowStatus_active
mplsTunnelStorageType	D_mplsTunnelStorageType_readOnly
<b>mplsTunnelPerfTable: This counter is not supported.</b>	

## CISCO-MPLS-TE-EXT-STD-MIB

This MIB module contains generic object definitions for MPLS Traffic Engineering in transport networks.



Object	Description (as IETF draft defines it)	Value and function used to get the value
<b>mplsNodeConfigTable</b>		
mplsNodeConfigLocalId	This object allows the administrator to assign a unique local identifier to map Global_Node_ID.	This table is used to represent a node in a TP network. This object provides a unique local value for the node. The value of this object lies between 1 and 16777215.  The TP provides a new tp_get_node_detail function. This is used to get this object's value.
mplsNodeConfigGlobalId	This object indicates the Global Operator Identifier.	This maps to the mpls_tp_global_id_t global_id field of the TP data structure.  tp_get_node_detail is used to get this object's value.
mplsNodeConfigNodeId	This object indicates the Node_ID within the operator. This object value should be zero when mplsNodeConfigIccId is configured with non-null value.	This object maps to mpls_tp_node_id_t node_id field of TP data structure.  The tp_get_node_detail function is used to get this object's value.
mplsNodeConfigIccId	This object allows the operator or service provider to configure a unique MPLS-TP ITU-T Carrier Code (ICC) either for Ingress ID or Egress ID. This object value should be zero when mplsNodeConfigGlobalId and mplsNodeConfigNodeId are assigned with a non-zero value.	This object is set to 0. Cisco IOS implementation only supports IP-compatible implementation.
mplsNodeConfigRowStatus	This object allows the administrator to create, modify, and/or delete a row in this table.	This is set to 'active'.
mplsNodeConfigStorageType	This variable indicates the storage type for this object. Conceptual rows having the value 'permanent' need not allow write-access to any columnar objects in the row.	This is set to 'readonly' because write access to any object is not allowed.
<b>mplsNodeIpMapTable: This table is indexed by mplsNodeIpMapNodeId and mplsNodeIpMapLocalId</b>		
mplsNodeIpMapGlobalId	This object indicates the Global_ID.	The tp_get_node_detail function is used to get this object's value.

mplsNodeIpMapNodeId	This object indicates the Node_ID within the operator.	The tp_get_node_detail function is used to get this object's value.
mplsNodeIpMapLocalId	This object contains an IP compatible local identifier that is defined in mplsNodeConfigTable.	The tp_get_node_detail function is used to get this object's value.
<b>mplsTunnelExtTable : The indices of this table are the same as mplsTunnelTable (RFC 3812)</b>		
mplsTunnelOppositeDirPtr	<p>This object is applicable only for the bidirectional tunnel that has the forward and reverse LSPs in the same tunnel or in different tunnels. This object holds the opposite direction tunnel entry if the bidirectional tunnel is set up by configuring two tunnel entries in mplsTunnelTable.</p> <p>The value of zeroDotZero indicates single tunnel entry is used for bidirectional tunnel setup.</p>	Because only one entry per tunnel per LSP for mplsTunnelTable is shown, this object will contain the value 0.0.
<b>mplsTunnelReversePerfTable: This counter is not supported.</b>		
<b>mplsNodeIccMapTable:</b> Because only IP-compatible implementation of the TP is supported, this table is not supported.		

## How to Configure MPLS-TP MIB

### Configuring MPLS-TP MIB

A generic SNMP configuration automatically enables MPLS-TP MIB. However, the MPLS TP feature must be configured. See the [MPLS Transport Profile](#) document for more information.

You should perform the following generic SNMP configuration tasks:

- Enabling the SNMP agent (required)
- Verifying the status of the SNMP agent (optional)

### Enabling the SNMP Agent

#### Procedure

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Router> enable	
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>show running-config</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router# show running-config</pre>	<p>Displays the running configuration of the router so that you can determine if an SNMP agent is already running on the device.</p> <p>If no SNMP information is displayed, continue with the next step.</p> <p>If any SNMP information is displayed, you can modify the information or change it as desired.</p>
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>snmp-server community <i>string</i> [view <i>view-name</i>] [ro   rw][ <i>number</i>]</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config)# snmp-server community public ro</pre>	<p>Configures read-only (ro) community strings for the MPLS-TP MIB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <i>string</i> argument functions like a password, permitting access to SNMP functionality on label switch routers (LSRs) in an MPLS network.</li> <li>The optional <b>ro</b> keyword configures read-only (ro) access to the objects in the MPLS-TP MIB.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config)# end</pre>	Exits to privileged EXEC mode.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>write memory</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router# write memory</pre>	Writes the modified SNMP configuration into NVRAM of the router, permanently saving the SNMP settings.
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>show running-config</b> <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router# show running-config</pre>	<p>Displays the running configuration of the router so that you can determine if an SNMP agent is already running on the device.</p> <p>If you see any snmp-server statements, SNMP has been enabled on the router.</p> <p>If any SNMP information is displayed, you can modify the information or change it as desired.</p>

## Verifying the Status of the SNMP Agent

To verify that the SNMP agent has been enabled on a host network device, perform the steps shown in the following table:

### Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b>  Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.  • Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>show running-config</b>  <b>Example:</b>  Device# show running-config	Displays the running configuration on the target device.

## Configuration Examples for MPLS-TP MIB

### Example Enabling the SNMP Agent

The following example shows how to enable an SNMP agent on a host network device.

```
Device# config terminal
Device(config)# snmp-server community
```

The following example shows how to enable SNMPv1 and SNMPv2C. The configuration permits any SNMP agent to access all MPLS TP MIB objects with read-only permissions using the community string *public*.

```
Device(config)# snmp-server community public
```

The following example shows how to allow read-only access to all MPLS TP MIB objects relating to members of access list 4 that specify the *comaccess* community string. No other SNMP agents will have access to any MPLS TP MIB objects.

```
Device(config)# snmp-server community comaccess ro 4
```

### Example Verifying the Status of the SNMP Agent

The following example shows how to verify the status of the SNMP agent.

```
Device# show running-config
```

...

...

```
snmp-server community public RO
```

```
snmp-server community private RO
```

Any snmp-server statement that appears in the output and which takes the form shown above verifies that SNMP has been enabled on that device.

## Additional References

### Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	<a href="#">Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases</a>
MPLS commands	<a href="#">Cisco IOS Multiprotocol Label Switching Command Reference</a>
MPLS Transport Profile configuration document	<a href="#">MPLS Transport Profile</a>

### Standards and RFCs

Standard/RFC	Title
draft-ietf-mpls-tp-te-mib-02.txt	MPLS-TP Traffic Engineering (TE) Management Information Base (MIB)

### 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.	<a href="http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html">http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html</a>

## Feature Information for MPLS-TP MIB

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.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to [www.cisco.com/go/cfn](http://www.cisco.com/go/cfn). An account on Cisco.com is not required.

**Table 12: Feature Information for MPLS-TP MIB**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
MPLS-TP MIB	15.3(1)S XE 3S	Allows you to meet your transport requirements as those requirements evolve from Synchronous Optical Networking (SONET) and Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) time-division multiplexing (TDM) technologies to MPLS and Ethernet technologies.