



# Pseudowire Group Switchover

The Pseudowire Group Switchover feature allows all pseudowires in a group to be quickly switched over to backup pseudowires. This group switchover is triggered by a single “group down” status message received from a remote peer.

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## Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table.

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## Prerequisites for Pseudowire Group Switchover

- The remote provider edge (PE) router must be capable of sending group status messages.
- Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) must be implemented on the network.
- Each xconnect must have a backup pseudowire configured.



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**Note** Cisco RSP3 Module is not capable of sending group status messages.

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## Restrictions for Pseudowire Group Switchover

This feature is supported on the following attachment circuits:

- Ethernet VLAN
- Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)
- Circuit Emulation (CEM) over MPLS
- The pseudowire group switch over convergence number increments linearly with thousand virtual circuits taking 16 seconds of convergence time.



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**Note** Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) is not supported on Cisco RSP3 Module.

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## Information About Pseudowire Group Switchover

### Introduction to Pseudowire Group Switchover

The Pseudowire Group Switchover feature allows you to reduce the switchover time from main pseudowires to backup pseudowires when a fault is encountered. The reduced switchover time is achieved by grouping Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) status messages and internal interprocess communication (IPC) messages.

When the remote peer detects an attachment circuit failure, it sends an LDP status message. When this status message is received, the designated backup pseudowires take over. Packets are then routed through the backup pseudowires.

Pseudowires can be grouped together by assigning a group ID. When an LDP status message is received by a pseudowire group, the entire group switches over, thus reducing switchover time.

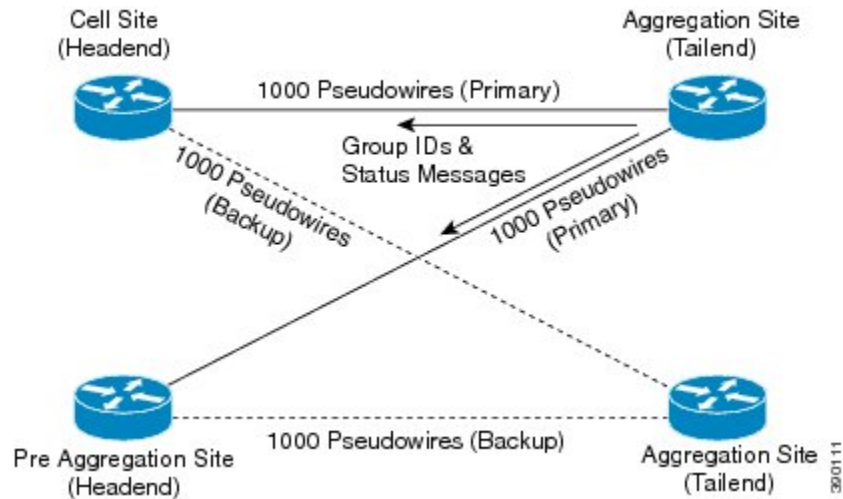


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**Note** The Pseudowire Group Switchover feature is enabled by default and cannot be disabled.

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Figure 1: Primary and Backup Pseudowire Groups



## How to Configure Predictive Switchover

Predictive switchover allows switchovers from a main pseudowire to a backup pseudowire with a remote "standby" status, without waiting for an "up" status from the remote peer.

Predictive switchover is configured by enabling redundancy predictive mode in global configuration mode or xconnect configuration mode.

### Configuring Predictive Switchover (Global Configuration Mode)

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **l2vpn**
4. **redundancy predictive enabled**
5. **end**

#### DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action  | Purpose   |
|--------|--|---|
| Step 1 | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable                         | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br>• Enter your password if prompted. |
| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal | Enters global configuration mode.                                   |

|               | Command or Action  | Purpose   |
|---------------|--|---|
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>l2vpn</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# l2vpn   | Enters l2vpn configuration mode.  |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>redundancy predictive enabled</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-l2vpn)# redundancy predictive enabled | Enables redundancy predictive mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By default, redundancy predictive mode is disabled.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-l2vpn)# end   | Exits l2vpn configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.   |

## Configuring Predictive Switchover (Xconnect Configuration Mode)

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. l2vpn xconnect context *context-name*
4. redundancy predictive enabled
5. end

### DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|---------------|---|--|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable  | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>l2vpn xconnect context <i>context-name</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# l2vpn xconnect context con1 | Creates an L2VPN cross-connect context and enters xconnect configuration mode.                                     |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>redundancy predictive enabled</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-xconnect)# redundancy predictive enabled   | Enables redundancy predictive mode.  |

|        | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|--------|---|--|
| Step 5 | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-xconnect)# end | Exits xconnect configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode. |

## Verifying a Pseudowire Group Switchover Configuration

You can use **show** commands to view information about a pseudowire group switchover configuration.

The following example shows how to display information about Any Transport over MPLS (AToM) virtual circuits (VCs):

```
Device# show l2vpn atom vc destination 2.1.1.2 group remote 6
```

| Interface | Dest Address | VC ID   | Service |              | Status |
|-----------|--------------|---------|---------|--------------|--------|
|           |              |         | Type    | Name         |        |
| pw100001  | 2.1.1.2      | 1234000 | p2p     | Et1/0.1-1001 | UP     |

The following example shows how to display the status of the pseudowire switching point:

```
Device# show l2vpn atom vc destination 2.1.1.2 group remote 6 detail
```

```
pseudowire100001 is up, VC status is up PW type: Ethernet
  Create time: 5d20h, last status change time: 5d20h
  Last label FSM state change time: 5d20h
  Destination address: 2.1.1.2 VC ID: 1234000
  Output interface: Et0/0, imposed label stack {2001}
  Preferred path: not configured
  Default path: active
  Next hop: 20.0.0.2
Member of xconnect service Et1/0.1-1001, group right
  Associated member Et1/0.1 is up, status is up
  Interworking type is Ethernet
  Service id: 0x6d000002
Signaling protocol: LDP, peer 2.1.1.2:0 up
  Targeted Hello: 1.1.1.1(LDP Id) -> 2.1.1.2, LDP is UP
  Graceful restart: not configured and not enabled
  Non stop routing: not configured and not enabled
  PWid FEC (128), VC ID: 1234000
  Status TLV support (local/remote) : enabled/supported
  LDP route watch : enabled
  Label/status state machine : established, LruRru
  Local dataplane status received : No fault
  BFD dataplane status received : Not sent
  BFD peer monitor status received : No fault
  Status received from access circuit : No fault
  Status sent to access circuit : No fault
  Status received from pseudowire i/f : No fault
  Status sent to network peer : No fault
  Status received from network peer : No fault
  Adjacency status of remote peer : No fault
Sequencing: receive disabled, send disabled
Bindings
Parameter      Local                               Remote
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Label           2007                                2001
Group ID        0                                    6
Interface
```

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MTU          1500                               1500
Control word on (configured: autosense)         on
PW type      Ethernet                           Ethernet
VCCV CV type 0x12                               0x12
              LSPV [2], BFD/Raw [5]             LSPV [2], BFD/Raw [5]
VCCV CC type 0x07                               0x07
              CW [1], RA [2], TTL [3]           CW [1], RA [2], TTL [3]
Status TLV   enabled                           supported
Dataplane:
  SSM segment/switch IDs: 12309/4115 (used), PWID: 1
Rx Counters
  106563 input transit packets, 9803650 bytes
  0 drops, 0 seq err
Tx Counters
  0 output transit packets, 0 bytes
  0 drops

```

The following example lists the active and standby segment pairs associated with each peer IP address and group identifier:

```
Device# show ssm group
```

| Active<br>IP Address | Standby<br>Group ID | Segment/Switch | Segment/Switch |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2.1.1.2              | 6                   | 8215/4115      | 4116/8210      |

The following example displays the number of active and standby segment pairs associated with each peer IP address and group identifier:

```
Device# show ssm group 2.1.1.2 6 summary
```

| IP Address | Group ID | Group Members |
|------------|----------|---------------|
| 2.1.1.2    | 6        | 1             |

The following example displays the number of pseudowires programmed in the hardware, with grouping information:

```
Device# show platform hardware pp active pw eompls group brief
```

```
Brief L2VPN EoMPLS Pseudo Wire Group Info
```

| IP address | Group ID  | Count |
|------------|-----------|-------|
| 0x47474747 | 100695488 | 90    |

## Troubleshooting a Pseudowire Group Switchover Configuration

Use the `debug platform software atom brief` command to view information about the following configurations:

- Add Group
- Delete From Group
- Group Switchovers



**Note** We recommend that you use the **debug platform software atom brief** command only under Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) supervision.

## Configuration Examples for Predictive Switchover

### Example: Configuring Predictive Switchover (Global Configuration Mode)

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# l2vpn
Device(config-l2vpn)# redundancy predictive enabled
Device(config-l2vpn)# end
```

### Example: Configuring Predictive Switchover (Xconnect Configuration Mode)

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# l2vpn xconnect context con1
Device(config-xconnect)# redundancy predictive enabled
Device(config-xconnect)# end
```

## Additional References

### Related Documents

| Related Topic      | Document Title  |
|--------------------|---|
| Cisco IOS commands | <a href="#">Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases</a>               |
| MPLS commands      | <a href="#">Cisco IOS Multiprotocol Label Switching Command Reference</a> |

### Standards and RFCs

| Standard/RFC | Title   |
|--------------|---|
| RFC 4447     | <i>Pseudowire Setup and Maintenance Using the Label Distribution Protocol (LDP)</i> |

**Technical Assistance**

| Description   | Link  |
|---|---|
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## Feature Information for Pseudowire Group Switchover

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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**Table 1: Feature Information for Pseudowire Group Switchover**

| Feature Name                | Releases                     | Feature Information  |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Pseudowire Group Switchover | Cisco IOS XE Release 3.13.0S | This feature was introduced on the Cisco ASR 920 Routers (ASR-920-12CZ-A, ASR-920-12CZ-D, ASR-920-4SZ-A, ASR-920-4SZ-D). |