MPLS VPN Per VRF Label

The MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature allows you to configure a single Virtual Private Network (VPN) label for all local routes in the entire VPN routing and forwarding (VRF) domain. This MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature incorporates a single (per VRF) VPN label that for all local routes in the VRF table.

You can enable (or disable) the MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature in global configuration mode.

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Finding Feature Information

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Prerequisites for MPLS VPN Per VRF Label

- If your virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) domain has the external/internal Border Gateway Protocol (EIBGP) multipath feature or the Carrier Supporting Carrier (CSC) feature enabled, disable those features before you configure the MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature.
Before configuring Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Layer 3 Virtual Private Networks (VPNs), you must install MPLS, Label Distribution Protocol (LDP), and Cisco Express Forwarding in your network. All devices in the core, including the provider edge (PE) devices, must be able to support Cisco Express Forwarding and MPLS forwarding.

Restrictions for MPLS VPN Per VRF Label

• Enabling the MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature causes Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) reconvergence, which can result in data loss for traffic coming from the Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Virtual Private Network (VPN) core.

Note
You can minimize network disruption by enabling this feature during a scheduled MPLS maintenance window. Also, if possible, avoid enabling this feature on a live device.

• There is no performance degradation when you configure up to 511 VRFs; however, when you add more than 511 VRFs, your network might experience some minor performance degradation (similar to the normal degradation experienced by any of the directly connected VRF prefixes present in the device).

• Per-prefix MPLS counters for VPN prefixes are lost when you enable the MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature.

• You cannot use this feature with Carrier Supporting Carrier (CSC) and external/internal Border Gateway Protocol (EIBGP) multipath features.

Information About MPLS VPN Per VRF Label

MPLS VPN Per VRF Label Functionality

The provider edge (PE) stores both local and remote routes and includes a label entry for each route. For distributed platforms, the per-prefix labels consume memory. When there are many virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) domains and routes, the amount of memory that the per-prefix labels consume can become an issue.

The MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature allows the advertisement of a single Virtual Private Network (VPN) label for local routes throughout the entire VRF. The device uses a new VPN label for the VRF decoding and IP-based lookup to learn where to forward packets for the PE or customer edge (CE) interfaces.

The following conditions apply when you configure the Per VRF Label feature:

• The VRF uses one label for all local routes.

• When you enable the MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature, any existing Per VRF Aggregate label is used. If no Per VRF Aggregate label is present, the software creates a new Per VRF label.

• When you enable the MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature, the CE device’s learned local routes will experience some data loss.
The CE does not lose data when you disable the MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature because when you disable the feature, the configuration reverts to the default labeling configuration, which uses the Per VRF Aggregate label from the local nonCE-sourced routes.

- When you disable the MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature, the configuration reverts to the default configuration.
- A Per VRF label forwarding entry is deleted only if the VRF or the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) configuration is removed.

### Summarization of Label Allocation Modes

The table below defines the label allocations used with various route types.

**Table 1: Label Allocation Modes**

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<th>Route Types</th>
<th>Label Mode Default</th>
<th>Label Mode: Per VRF Label Feature</th>
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<td>Local to the PE (connected, static route to NULL0, BGP aggregates), redistributed to BGP</td>
<td>Per VRF Aggregate label</td>
<td>Per VRF label</td>
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<td>Locally learned from CE (through EBGP or other PE or CE protocols)</td>
<td>Per Prefix label</td>
<td>Per VRF label</td>
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**How to Configure MPLS VPN Per VRF Label**

### Configuring the Per VRF Label Feature

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `mpls label mode {vrf vrf-name | all-vrfs} protocol bgp-vpnv4 {per-prefix | per-vrf}`
4. `end`
5. `show ip vrf detail`

**DETAILED STEPS**

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<td><code>enable</code></td>
<td>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 2</strong></td>
<td>Enters global configuration mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 3</strong></td>
<td>Configures the MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 4</strong></td>
<td>Returns to privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 5</strong></td>
<td>Displays the VRF label mode.</td>
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### Examples

The following command example shows how to verify the MPLS VPN Per VRF Label configuration:

In this example output, the **bold** text indicates the label modes:

```
Device# show ip vrf detail
VRF vpn1; default RD 1:1; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 1
  Interfaces:
    Ethernet0/0    Serial5/0    Loopback1
  Connected addresses are not in global routing table
  Export VPN route-target communities
    RT:1:1
  Import VPN route-target communities
    RT:1:1
  No import route-map
  No export route-map
  CSC is not configured.
  VRF label allocation mode: per-vrf (Label 19)
VRF vpn2; default RD 2:1; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 2
```
### Configuration Examples for MPLS VPN Per VRF Label

#### Example: No Label Mode Default Configuration

The following example shows the default label mode configuration (no label mode).

In this example output, the **bold** text indicates the label modes:

```bash
Device# show ip vrf detail
```
VRF vpn1; default RD 1:1; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 1
Interfaces:
Ethernet0/0 Serial5/0 Loopback1
Connected addresses are not in global routing table
Export VPN route-target communities
RT:1:1
Import VPN route-target communities
RT:1:1
No import route-map
No export route-map
CSC is not configured.

VRF label allocation mode: per-prefix
per-vrf-aggr for connected and BGP aggregates (Label 19)

VRF vpn2; default RD 2:1; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 2
Interfaces:
Ethernet2/0 Loopback2
Connected addresses are not in global routing table
Export VPN route-target communities
RT:2:1
Import VPN route-target communities
RT:2:1
No import route-map
No export route-map
CSC is not configured.

VRF label allocation mode: per-prefix
per-vrf-aggr for connected and BGP aggregates (Label 20)

VRF vpn3; default RD 3:1; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 3
Interfaces:
Ethernet3/0 Loopback3
Connected addresses are not in global routing table
Export VPN route-target communities
RT:3:1
Import VPN route-target communities
RT:3:1
No import route-map
No export route-map
CSC is not configured.

VRF label allocation mode: per-prefix
per-vrf-aggr for connected and BGP aggregates (Label 23)

Device# show ip bgp vpnv4 all labels
Network  Next Hop  In label/Out label
Route Distinguisher: 1:1 (vpn1)
127.0.0.1/32  192.168.1.1  27/nolabel
127.0.0.5/32  127.0.0.4  nolabel/19
192.168.1.0/24  192.168.1.1  IPv4 VRF Aggr:19/nolabel
   0.0.0.0  IPv4 VRF Aggr:19/aggregate(vpn1)
192.168.4.0/24  127.0.0.4  nolabel/20
172.16.0.0/16  0.0.0.0  IPv4 VRF Aggr:19/aggregate(vpn1)
172.16.128.0/19  192.168.1.1  28/nolabel
Route Distinguisher: 2:1 (vpn2)
127.0.2.2/32  0.0.0.0  IPv4 VRF Aggr:20/aggregate(vpn2)
127.0.0.6/32  192.168.5.1  21/nolabel
192.168.5.0/24  0.0.0.0  IPv4 VRF Aggr:20/aggregate(vpn2)
172.17.128.0/22  192.168.5.1  22/nolabel
Route Distinguisher: 3:1 (vpn3)
127.0.3.2/32  0.0.0.0  IPv4 VRF Aggr:23/aggregate(vpn3)
127.0.0.8/32  192.168.7.1  24/nolabel
192.168.7.0/24  0.0.0.0  IPv4 VRF Aggr:23/aggregate(vpn3)
172.16.128.0/32  192.168.7.1  25/nolabel

Device# show mpls forwarding-table
Local  Outgoing  Prefix  Bytes tag  Outgoing  Next Hop
tag  tag or VC  or Tunnel Id  switched  interface
16  Pop tag  192.168.3.0/24  0  Et1/0  192.168.2.3
17  Pop tag  127.0.0.3/32  0  Et1/0  192.168.2.3
18  17  127.0.0.4/32  0  Et1/0  192.168.2.3
19  Pop Label  IPv4 VRF[V]  0  aggregate/vpn1
20  Pop Label  IPv4 VRF[V]  0  aggregate/vpn2

MPLS: Layer 3 VPNs Configuration Guide, Cisco IOS Release 15M&T
Example: Mixed Mode with Global Per-Prefix

For this example, the following commands set VPN 1 for per-vrf label mode, VPN 2 for per-prefix label mode, and all remaining VPNs for per-prefix (globally).

In this example output, the **bold** text indicates the label modes:

Device# `mpls label mode vrf vpn1 protocol bgp-vpnv4 per-vrf`
Device# `mpls label mode vrf vpn2 protocol bgp-vpnv4 per-prefix`

Use the following show commands to display the label mode settings:

```
Device# show ip vrf detail
VRF vpn1; default RD 1:1; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 1
  Interfaces: Ethernet0/0 Serial5/0 Loopback1
  Connected addresses are not in global routing table
  Export VPN route-target communities
  RT:1:1
  Import VPN route-target communities
  RT:1:1
  No import route-map
  No export route-map
  CSC is not configured.
  VRF label allocation mode: **per-vrf** (Label 26)
VRF vpn2; default RD 2:1; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 2
  Interfaces: Ethernet2/0 Loopback2
  Connected addresses are not in global routing table
  Export VPN route-target communities
  RT:2:1
  Import VPN route-target communities
  RT:2:1
  No import route-map
  No export route-map
  CSC is not configured.
  VRF label allocation mode: **per-prefix**
per-vrf-aggr for connected and BGP aggregates (Label 27)
VRF vpn3; default RD 3:1; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 3
  Interfaces: Ethernet3/0 Loopback3
  Connected addresses are not in global routing table
  Export VPN route-target communities
  RT:3:1
  Import VPN route-target communities
  RT:3:1
  No import route-map
  No export route-map
  CSC is not configured.
  VRF label allocation mode: **per-prefix**
per-vrf-aggr for connected and BGP aggregates (Label 28)
```

```
Device# show ip bgp vpnv4 all label
Network Next Hop In label/Out label
Route Distinguisher: 1:1 (vpn1)
  127.0.0.1/32 192.168.1.1 IPv4 VRF Aggr:26/nolabel
  127.0.0.5/32 127.0.0.4 nolabel/19
```
Example: Mixed Mode with Global Per-VRF

For this example, the following commands set VPN 1 for per-vrf label mode, VPN 2 for per-prefix label mode, and all remaining VPNs for per-vrf (globally).

In this example output, the **bold** text indicates the label modes:

```
Device# mpls label mode vrf vpn1 protocol bgp-vpnv4 per-vrf
Device# mpls label mode vrf vpn2 protocol bgp-vpnv4 per-prefix
Device# mpls label mode all-vrfs protocol bgp-vpnv4 per-vrf
Device# show ip vrf detail
VRF vpn1; default RD 1:1; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 1
Interfaces:
  Ethernet0/0  Serial5/0  Loopback1
Connected addresses are not in global routing table
Export VPN route-target communities
  RT:1:1
Import VPN route-target communities
  RT:1:1
No import route-map
No export route-map
CSC is not configured.
VRF label allocation mode: per-vrf (Label 26)
VRF vpn2; default RD 2:1; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 2
Interfaces:
  Ethernet2/0  Loopback2
Connected addresses are not in global routing table
Export VPN route-target communities
  RT:2:1
Import VPN route-target communities
  RT:2:1
No import route-map
No export route-map
CSC is not configured.
VRF label allocation mode: per-prefix
  per-vrf-aggr for connected and BGP aggregates (Label 27)
```
VRF vpn3; default RD 3:1; default VPNID <not set>
VRF Table ID = 3
 Interfaces:
 Ethernet3/0  Loopback3
 Connected addresses are not in global routing table
 Export VPN route-target communities
 RT:3:1
 Import VPN route-target communities
 RT:3:1
 No import route-map
 No export route-map
 CSC is not configured.
 VRF label allocation mode: per-vrf (Label 28)
 Device# show ip bgp vpnv4 all label

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<td>192.168.1.1</td>
<td>IPv4 VRF Aggr:26/nolabel</td>
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<td>127.0.0.5/32</td>
<td>127.0.0.4</td>
<td>nolabel/19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>192.168.1.0/24</td>
<td>0.0.0.0</td>
<td>IPv4 VRF Aggr:26/aggregate(vpn1)</td>
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<td>192.168.4.0/24</td>
<td>127.0.0.4</td>
<td>nolabel/20</td>
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<tr>
<td>172.16.0.0/16</td>
<td>IPv4 VRF Aggr:26/aggregate(vpn1)</td>
<td></td>
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<td>172.16.128.0/32</td>
<td>192.168.11.1</td>
<td>IPv4 VRF Aggr:26/nolabel</td>
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Route Distinguisher: 1:1 (vpn1)

Device# show mpls forwarding-table

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<th>Local Outgoing Prefix</th>
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<td>(V) 127.0.0.1/24</td>
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<td>Et1/0 192.168.2.3</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>(V) 127.0.0.3/24</td>
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<td>Et1/0 192.168.5.1</td>
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<td>(V) 127.0.0.4/24</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Et1/0 192.168.7.0/24</td>
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<td>(V) 127.0.0.6/32</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>aggregate/vpn1</td>
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<td>26 Pop Label</td>
<td>IPv4 VRF[V]</td>
<td>aggregate/vpn2</td>
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Feature Information for MPLS VPN Per VRF Label

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<td>MPLS VPN Per VRF Label</td>
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<td>The MPLS VPN Per VRF Label feature allows a user to configure a single VPN label for all local routes in the entire VPN routing and forwarding (VRF) domain. The feature incorporates a single (per VRF) VPN label for all local routes in the VRF table.</td>
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