



DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway

The DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway feature enables the configuration of static routes that point to an assigned DHCP next-hop router (provided by DHCP option 3). The static routes are active only when the DHCP server provides the next-hop IP address. The routes remain in the routing table until the DHCP lease expires at which time the routes are removed.

The benefit of this feature is that it eliminates the need to configure static routes to an outside interface and the configuration of a next-hop router.

Feature History for the DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway Feature

Release	Modification
12.3(8)T	This feature was introduced.
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Prerequisites for DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway

- DHCP should be enabled on an interface.
- IP routing should be enabled.
- Your DHCP server should be configured and working properly which includes the following:
 - Server properties
 - Policies
 - Associated options
 - Option 3 (valid default gateway router address)

Information About DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway

To configure the DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway feature, you should understand the following concepts:

- [Feature Design of DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway, page 2](#)
- [Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol, page 4](#)
- [Cisco IOS DHCP Server and Client, page 4](#)

Feature Design of DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway

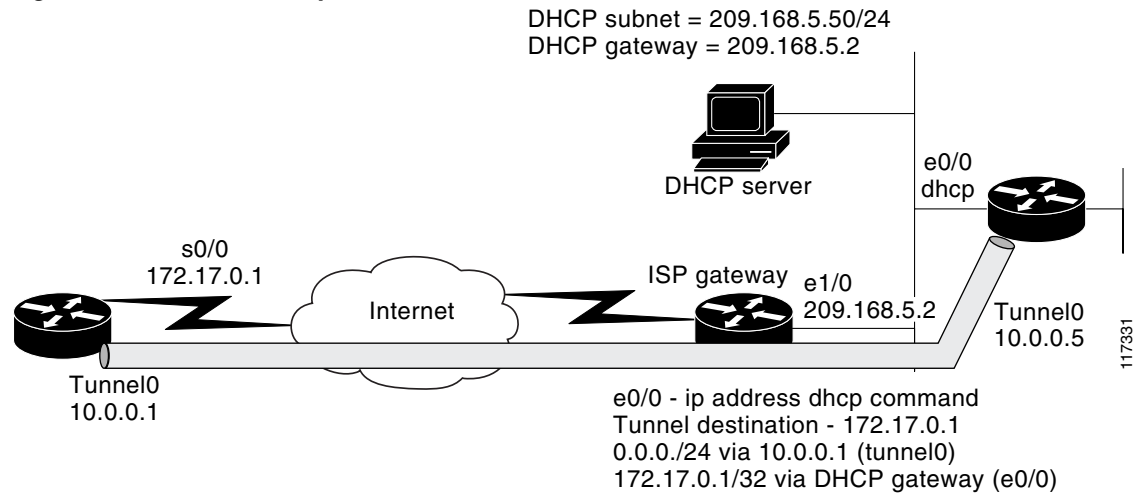
The DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway feature is designed to use a DHCP default gateway as the next-hop router for statically configured routes. This was not possible prior to the introduction of this feature, because the gateway IP address is not known until after the DHCP address assignment. A static route could not be configured with the command line interface (CLI) that used that DHCP-supplied address.

With the DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway feature, static routes are installed in a routing table with the destination next-hop IP address set to the IP address supplied by DHCP option 3, which is obtained from the DHCP server.

When a DHCP client releases an address, the corresponding static route (the route configured with the **dhcp** keyword) is automatically removed from the routing table. If the DHCP router option (option 3) changes during the client renewal, the routes change the next-hop to a new IP address supplied in the renewal.

Figure 1 shows a DHCP gateway and server.

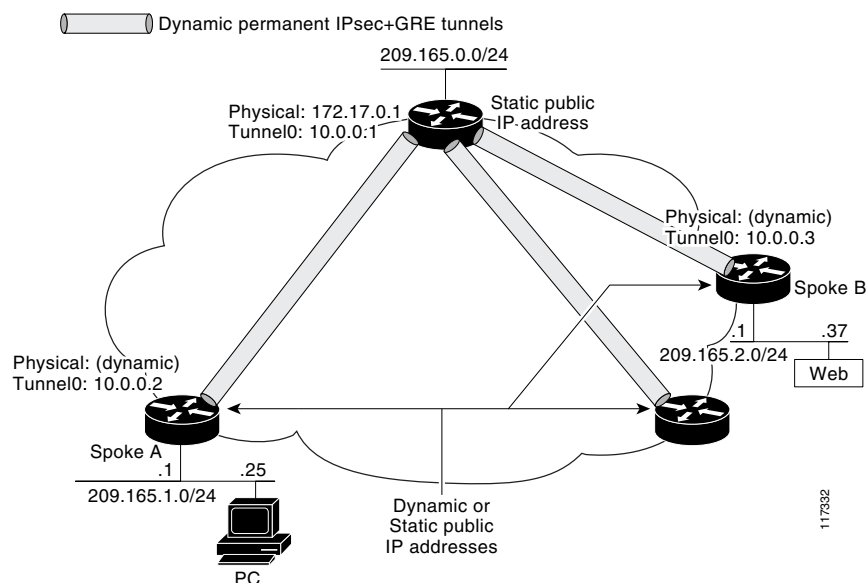
Figure 1 DHCP Gateway and Server



This feature is particularly useful for Virtual Private Network (VPN) deployments.

Figure 2 shows a Dynamic Multipoint VPN (DMVPN) network. In this case, Spoke A and Spoke B have obtained dynamic IP addresses from a virtual router (172.17.0.1) using dynamic, but permanent IPsec and GRE tunnels.

Figure 2 Statically Configured Routes in a DMVPN



Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

As explained in RFC 2131, *Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol*, DHCP provides configuration parameters to Internet hosts. DHCP consists of two components: a protocol for delivering host-specific configuration parameters from a DHCP server to a host and a mechanism for allocating network addresses to hosts. DHCP is built on a client and server model, in which designated DHCP server hosts allocate network addresses and deliver configuration parameters to dynamically configured hosts.

DHCP supports three mechanisms for IP address allocation:

- Automatic allocation—DHCP assigns a permanent IP address to a client.
- Dynamic allocation—DHCP assigns an IP address to a client for a limited period of time (or until the client explicitly relinquishes the address).
- Manual allocation—The network administrator assigns an IP address to a client and DHCP is used simply to convey the assigned address to the client.

Cisco IOS DHCP Server and Client

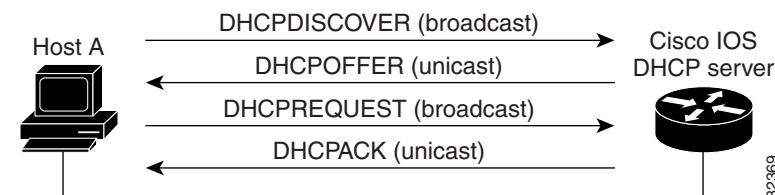
The Cisco IOS DHCP server assigns and manages IP addresses from specified address pools within the router to DHCP clients. If the Cisco IOS DHCP server cannot satisfy a DHCP request from its own database, it forwards the request to one or more secondary DHCP servers defined by the network administrator.

The Cisco IOS DHCP client enables you to obtain an IP address from a DHCP server dynamically using the DHCP protocol as specified in RFC 2131. A DHCP client may receive offers from multiple DHCP servers and can accept any one of the offers; however, the client usually accepts the first offer it receives. Additionally, the offer from the DHCP server is not a guarantee that the IP address will be allocated to the client; however, the server usually reserves the address until the client has had a chance to formally request the address.

The client returns a formal request for the offered IP address to the DHCP server in a DHCPREQUEST broadcast message. The DHCP server confirms that the IP address has been allocated to the client by returning a DHCPACK unicast message to the client.

Figure 3 shows the basic steps that occur when a DHCP client requests an IP address from a DHCP server. The client, Host A, sends a DHCPDISCOVER broadcast message to locate a Cisco IOS DHCP server. A DHCP server offers configuration parameters (such as an IP address, a MAC address, a domain name, and a lease for the IP address) to the client in a DHCPOFFER unicast message.

Figure 3 DHCP Request for an IP Address from a DHCP Server



How to Configure DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway

This section contains the following procedure:

- [Configuring Static Routes to Point to a Dynamically Learned Default Gateway, page 5](#) (required)
- [Verifying Assigned Static Routes, page 6](#) (optional)

Configuring Static Routes to Point to a Dynamically Learned Default Gateway

Perform this task to configure a static route to point to a dynamically learned default gateway.

Prerequisites

Verify all DHCP client and server configuration steps. Ensure that the DHCP client and server are properly defined to supply a DHCP router option 3.

Restrictions

- If the DHCP client is not able to obtain an IP address or default router IP address, the static route is not installed in the routing table.
- If the lease has expired and the DHCP client cannot renew the address, the DHCP IP address assigned to the client is released and any associated static routes are removed from the routing table.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip route** *prefix mask* {*ip-address* | *interface-type interface-number* [*ip-address*]} **dhcp** [*distance*]
4. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	<p>ip route <i>prefix mask {ip-address interface-type interface-number [ip-address]}</i> dhcp [<i>distance</i>]</p> <p>Example: Router(config)# ip route 209.165.200.225 255.255.255.255 ether1 dhcp</p> <p>Router(config)# ip route 209.165.200.226 255.255.255.255 ether2 dhcp 20</p>	<p>Assigns a static route for the default next-hop router when the DHCP server is accessed for an IP address. The <i>distance</i> argument is an administrative distance and the default value is 1. The range is from 1 to 255.</p> <p>Note If more than one interface on a router is configured to obtain an IP address from a DHCP server, use the ip route prefix mask {interface-type interface-number} command for each interface. Otherwise, the route is added to the routing table as soon as any of the interfaces obtain an IP address and default router.</p>
Step 4	<p>exit</p> <p>Example: Router(config)# exit</p>	Exits global configuration mode.

Verifying Assigned Static Routes

To verify the assigned routes, perform the following steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show ip route**
2. **debug dhcp detail**
3. **show ip route**
4. **show running-config | inc dhcp**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 show ip route

Use this command to display assigned static routes once the DHCP client obtains an address and a default router address from the DHCP server, for example:

```
Router# show ip route

209.165.200.224 is subnetted, 2 subnets
209.165.200.225 [1/0] via 10.10.10.1
209.165.200.226 [20/0] via 10.11.11.2
```

Step 2 debug dhcp detail

Use this command to verify the DHCP assignment of static routes, for example:

```
Router# debug dhcp detail

*Oct 2 06:22:24: Setting default_gateway to 10.8.8.1 ! This is the option 3 default gateway.
*Oct 2 06:22:24: Adding default route 10.8.8.1
*Oct 2 06:22:24: DHCP: Adding static route to 10.3.2.1 255.255.255.255 via 10.8.8.1
*Oct 2 06:22:24: DHCP: Adding static route to 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.255 via 10.8.8.1
*Oct 2 06:22:24: DHCP: Adding static route to 10.2.2.2 255.255.255.255 via 10.8.8.1
```

The output shows that the default gateway (option 3) was assigned a static IP address that is the default route and static routes were added from the DHCP server.

Step 3 show ip route

Use this command to verify that the routes are static, for example:

```
Router# show ip route

Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route

Gateway of last resort is 10.0.19.14 to network 0.0.0.0

 10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C 10.8.8.0 is directly connected, Ethernet1
 10.0.0.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
S 10.1.1.1 [1/0] via 10.8.8.1
 10.0.0.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
S 10.3.2.1 [24/0] via 10.8.8.1
 10.0.0.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
S 10.2.2.2 [1/0] via 10.8.8.1
 10.0.0.0/28 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C 10.0.19.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
 10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C 10.15.15.0 is directly connected, Loopback0
S* 0.0.0.0/0 [1/0] via 10.0.19.14
```

The output shows that route 10.1.1.1 [1/0], 10.3.2.1 [24/0], and 10.2.2.2 [1/0] are static, and route 10.0.0.0/0 is a default route candidate. Route 10.8.8.0 is the default gateway.

Step 4 show running-config | inc dhcp

Use this command to display the DHCP static routes only (as shown above), for example:

```
Router# show running-config | inc dhcp

ip address dhcp
ip route 10.3.2.1 255.255.255.255 Ethernet1 dhcp 24
ip route 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.255 dhcp
ip route 10.2.2.2 255.255.255.255 dhcp
```

Configuration Examples for DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway

The section provides the following example:

- [Static IP Configuration: Example, page 8](#)

Static IP Configuration: Example

The following example shows how to configure two Ethernet interfaces to obtain the next-hop router IP address from the DHCP server:

```
ip route 209.165.200.225 255.255.255.255 ether1 dhcp
ip route 209.165.200.226 255.255.255.255 ether2 dhcp 20
```

To verify the configuration above, use the **show ip route** command. The output is as follows:

```
209.165.200.224 is subnetted, 2 subnets
209.165.200.225 [1/0] via 10.10.10.1
209.165.200.226 [20/0] via 10.11.11.2
```

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to the DHCP—Statically Configured Routes Using a DHCP Gateway feature.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
IP routing protocols overview and configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cisco IOS IP Configuration Guide Cisco IOS IP Command Reference, Volume 2 of 4: Routing Protocols, Release 12.3 T
IP addressing overview and configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cisco IOS IP Configuration Guide Cisco IOS IP Command Reference, Volume 1 of 4: Addressing and Services, Release 12.3 T
DHCP overview and configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Configuring DHCP” chapter in the Cisco IOS IP Configuration Guide “Configuring DHCP Servers” chapter in the Network Registrar User’s Guide RFC 2131, <i>Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol</i>
DMVPN overview and configuration	Dynamic Multipoint VPN , Release 12.2(13)T

Standards

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

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
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RFCs

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Technical Assistance

Description	Link
Technical Assistance Center (TAC) home page, containing 30,000 pages of searchable technical content, including links to products, technologies, solutions, technical tips, and tools. Registered Cisco.com users can log in from this page to access even more content.	http://www.cisco.com/public/support/tac/home.shtml

Command Reference

This section documents modified commands. All other commands used with this feature are documented in the Cisco IOS Release 12.3 T command reference publications.

- [debug dhcp](#)
- [ip route \(global\)](#)
- [show ip route](#)

debug dhcp

To display debugging information about the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) client activities and to monitor the status of DHCP packets, use the **debug dhcp** command in privileged EXEC mode. To disable debugging output, use the **no** form of this command.

debug dhcp [detail]

no debug dhcp [detail]

Syntax Description

detail (Optional) Displays additional debugging information.

Command Modes

Privileged EXEC

Command History

Release	Modification
12.0	This command was introduced.
12.3(8)T	The output of this command was enhanced to display default static routes.
12.2(27)SBA	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(27)SBA.

Usage Guidelines

You can also use the **debug dhcp** command to monitor the subnet allocation and releasing for on-demand address pools.

For debugging purposes, the **debug dhcp detail** command provides the most useful information such as the lease entry structure of the client and the state transitions of the lease entry. The debug output shows the scanned option values from received DHCP messages that are replies to a router request. The values of the op, htype, hlen, hops, server identifier option, xid, secs, flags, ciaddr, yiaddr, siaddr, and giaddr fields of the DHCP packet are shown in addition to the length of the options field.

Examples

The following examples show and explain some of the typical debugging messages you may see when using the **debug dhcp detail** command.

The following sample output shows when a DHCP client sends a DHCPDISCOVER broadcast message to find its local DHCP server:

```
Router# debug dhcp detail

00:07:16:DHCP:DHCP client process started:10
00:07:16:RAC:Starting DHCP discover on Ethernet2
00:07:16:DHCP:Try 1 to acquire address for Ethernet2
00:07:16:%SYS-5-CONFIG_I:Configured from console by console
00:07:19:DHCP:Shutting down from get_netinfo()
00:07:19:DHCP:Attempting to shutdown DHCP Client
00:07:21:DHCP:allocate request
00:07:21:DHCP:new entry. add to queue
00:07:21:DHCP:SDiscover attempt # 1 for entry:
```

The first seven lines of the following output show the current values stored in the lease entry structure for the client:

```
00:07:21:Temp IP addr:255.255.255.224 for peer on Interface:Ethernet2
00:07:21:Temp sub net mask:255.255.255.224
00:07:21: DHCP Lease server:255.255.255.224, state:1 Selecting
00:07:21: DHCP transaction id:582
00:07:21: Lease:0 secs, Renewal:0 secs, Rebind:0 secs
00:07:21: Next timer fires after:00:00:03
00:07:21: Retry count:1 Client-ID:cisco-0010.7b6e.afd8-Et2
00:07:21:DHCP:SDiscover:sending 308 byte length DHCP packet
00:07:21:DHCP:SDiscover 308 bytes
00:07:21: B'cast on Ethernet2 interface from 255.255.255.224
```

The following output shows the offered addresses and parameters sent to the DHCP client by the DHCP server via a DHCPOFFER message. The messages containing the Scan field indicate the options that were scanned from the received BOOTP packet and the corresponding values:

```
00:07:23:DHCP:Received a BOOTREP pkt
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Message type:DHCP Offer
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Server ID Option:10.1.1.1 = A010101
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Lease Time:180
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Renewal time:90
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Rebind time:157
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Subnet Address Option:255.255.255.0
```

The following output shows selected fields in the received BOOTP packet:

```
00:07:23:DHCP:rcvd pkt source:10.1.1.1, destination: 255.255.255.255
00:07:23: UDP sport:43, dport:44, length:308
00:07:23: DHCP op:2, htype:1, hlen:6, hops:0
00:07:23: DHCP server identifier:10.1.1.1
00:07:23: xid:582, secs:0, flags:8000
00:07:23: client:255.255.255.224, your:10.1.1.2
00:07:23: srvr: 255.255.255.224, gw:255.255.255.224
00:07:23: options block length:60

00:07:23:DHCP Offer Message Offered Address:10.1.1.2
00:07:23:DHCP:Lease Seconds:180 Renewal secs: 90 Rebind secs:157
00:07:23:DHCP:Server ID Option:10.1.1.1
00:07:23:DHCP:offer received from 10.1.1.1
```

The following output shows when the DHCP client sends a DHCPREQUEST broadcast message to the DHCP server to accept the offered parameters:

```
00:07:23:DHCP:SRequest attempt # 1 for entry:
00:07:23:Temp IP addr:10.1.1.2 for peer on Interface:Ethernet2
00:07:23:Temp sub net mask:255.255.255.0
00:07:23: DHCP Lease server:10.1.1.1, state:2 Requesting
00:07:23: DHCP transaction id:582
00:07:23: Lease:180 secs, Renewal:0 secs, Rebind:0 secs
00:07:23: Next timer fires after:00:00:02
00:07:23: Retry count:1 Client-ID:cisco-0010.7b6e.afd8-Et2
00:07:23:DHCP:SRequest- Server ID option:10.1.1.1
00:07:23:DHCP:SRequest- Requested IP addr option:10.1.1.2
00:07:23:DHCP:SRequest placed lease len option:180
00:07:23:DHCP:SRequest:326 bytes
00:07:23:DHCP:SRequest:326 bytes
00:07:23: B'cast on Ethernet2 interface from 255.255.255.224
```

The following output shows when the DHCP server sends a DHCPACK message to the client with the full set of configuration parameters:

```
00:07:23:DHCP:Received a BOOTREp pkt
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Message type:DHCP Ack
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Server ID Option:10.1.1.1 = A010101
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Lease Time:180
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Renewal time:90
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Rebind time:157
00:07:23:DHCP:Scan:Subnet Address Option:255.255.255.0
00:07:23:DHCP:rcvd pkt source:10.1.1.1, destination: 255.255.255.255
00:07:23: UDP sport:43, dport:44, length:308
00:07:23: DHCP op:2, htype:1, hlen:6, hops:0
00:07:23: DHCP server identifier:10.1.1.1
00:07:23:  xid:582, secs:0, flags:8000
00:07:23:  client:255.255.255.224, your:10.1.1.2
00:07:23:  srvr: 255.255.255.224, gw:255.255.255.224
00:07:23:  options block length:60

00:07:23:DHCP Ack Message
00:07:23:DHCP:Lease Seconds:180 Renewal secs: 90 Rebind secs:157
00:07:23:DHCP:Server ID Option:10.1.1.1Interface Ethernet2 assigned DHCP address 10.1.1.2,
mask 255.255.255.0

00:07:26:DHCP Client Pooling:***Allocated IP address:10.1.1.2
00:07:26:Allocated IP address = 10.1.1.2 255.255.255.0
```

The following output shows when the default gateway (option 3) is assigned a static IP address that is the default route and then static routes are added from the DHCP server:

```
*Oct 2 06:22:24: Setting default_gateway to 10.20.19.18 ! This is the option 3 default
gateway.
*Oct 2 06:22:24: Adding default route 10.20.19.18
*Oct 2 06:22:24: DHCP: Adding static route to 10.3.2.1 255.255.255.255 via 10.20.19.18
*Oct 2 06:22:24: DHCP: Adding static route to 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.255 via 10.20.19.18
*Oct 2 06:22:24: DHCP: Adding static route to 10.2.2.2 255.255.255.255 via 10.20.19.18
```

Most fields are self-explanatory; however, fields that may need further explanation are described in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 *debug dhcp Field Descriptions*

Fields	Description
DHCP:Scan:Subnet Address Option:255.255.255.0	Subnet mask option (option 1).
DHCP server identifier:10.1.1.1	Value of the DHCP server ID option (option 54). Note that this is not the same as the siaddr field, which is the server IP address.
srvr:255.255.255.224, gw:255.255.255.224	srvr is the value of the siaddr field. gw is the value of the giaddr field.

Related Commands

Command	Description
debug ip dhcp server	Enables DHCP server debugging.
show dhcp lease	Displays DHCP addresses leased from a server.

ip route (global)

To establish static routes, use the **ip route** command in global configuration mode. To remove static routes, use the **no** form of this command.

ip route *prefix mask* { *ip-address* | *interface-type interface-number* [*ip-address*] } [**dhcp**] [*distance*] [*name*] [**permanent**] [**tag** *tag*]

no ip route *prefix mask*

Syntax Description

<i>prefix</i>	IP route prefix for the destination.
<i>mask</i>	Prefix mask for the destination.
<i>ip-address</i>	IP address of the next hop that can be used to reach that network.
<i>interface-type</i> <i>interface-number</i>	Network interface type and interface number.
dhcp	(Optional) Enables a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server to assign a static route to a default gateway (option 3). Note Specify the dhcp keyword for each routing protocol.
<i>distance</i>	(Optional) An administrative distance.
<i>name</i>	(Optional) Applies a name to the specified route.
permanent	(Optional) Specifies that the route will not be removed, even if the interface shuts down.
tag <i>tag</i>	(Optional) Tag value that can be used as a “match” value for controlling redistribution via route maps.

Defaults

No static routes are established.

Command Modes

Global configuration

Command History

Release	Modification
10.0	This command was introduced.
12.3(8)T	The dhcp keyword was added.
12.3(9)	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.3(9) mainline.
12.2(27)SBA	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(27)SBA.

Usage Guidelines

When you specify a DHCP server to assign a static route, the interface type and number and administrative distance may be configured also.

Routing Protocols

If you specify an administrative distance, you are flagging a static route that can be overridden by dynamic information. For example, IGRP-derived routes have a default administrative distance of 100. To have a static route that would be overridden by an IGRP dynamic route, specify an administrative distance greater than 100. Static routes have a default administrative distance of 1.

Static routes that point to an interface on a connected router will be advertised by way of Routing Information Protocol (RIP), Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (IGRP), and Exterior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP) regardless of whether **redistribute static** commands were specified for those routing protocols. This situation occurs because static routes that point to an interface are considered in the routing table to be connected and hence lose their static nature.

Also, the target of the static route should be included in the network command. If this condition is not met, no dynamic routing protocol will advertise the route unless a **redistribute static** command is specified for these protocols. With the following configuration:

```
rtr1 (serial 10.16..188.1/30)-----> rtr2(Fast Ethernet 10.31.1.1/30) ----->

router [rip | eigrp | igrp]
net 10.16..188.0
net 10.31.0.0
```

- RIP and IGRP redistribute the route if the route is pointing to the Fast Ethernet interface:

```
ip route 172.16..188.252 255.255.255.252 FastEthernet0/0
```

RIP and IGRP do not redistribute the route with the following **ip route** command because of the split horizon algorithm:

```
ip route 10.16..188.252 255.255.255.252 s2/1
```

- EIGRP redistributes the route with both of the following commands:

```
ip route 10.16..188.252 255.255.255.252 FastEthernet0/0
```

```
ip route 10.16..188.252 255.255.255.252 s2/1
```

With Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), static routes that point to an interface are not advertised unless a **redistribute static** command is specified.

Adding a static route to an Ethernet or other broadcast interface (for example, **ip route 255.255.255.224 255.255.255.224 Ethernet 1/2**) will cause the route to be inserted into the routing table only when the interface is up. This configuration is not generally recommended. When the next hop of a static route points to an interface, the router considers each of the hosts within the range of the route to be directly connected through that interface, and therefore it will send ARP requests to any destination addresses that route through the static route.

The practical implication of configuring “**ip route 255.255.255.224 255.255.255.224 Ethernet 1/2**” is that the router will consider all of the destinations that the router does not know how to reach through some other route as directly connected to Ethernet 1/2. So the router will send an ARP request for each host for which it receives packets on this network segment. This configuration can cause high processor utilization and a very large ARP cache (along with attendant memory allocation failures). Configuring a default route or other static route that directs the router to forward packets for a large range of destinations to a connected broadcast network segment can cause your router to reload.

Specifying a numerical next hop that is on a directly connected interface will prevent the router from using Proxy ARP. However, if the interface with the next hop goes down and the numerical next hop can be reached through a recursive route, you may specify both the next hop and interface (for example “**ip route 255.255.255.224 255.255.255.224 Ethernet1/2 10.1.2.3**”) with a static route to prevent routes from passing through an unintended interface.

Static Routes Using a Default DHCP Gateway

With Cisco IOS Release 12.3(8)T, static routes using a default DHCP gateway can be configured. The **dhcp** keyword enables this functionality.

Examples

The following example chooses an administrative distance of 110. In this case, packets for network 10.0.0.0 will be routed through to a router at 10.31.3.4 if dynamic information with administrative distance less than 110 is not available.

```
ip route 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 10.31.3.4 110
```



Note

Specifying the next hop without specifying an interface when configuring a static route can cause traffic to pass through an unintended interface if the default interface goes down.

The following example routes packets for network 10.31.0.0 to a router at 10.31.6.6:

```
ip route 10.31.0.0 255.255.0.0 10.31.6.6
```

The following example routes packets for network 10.168.1.0 directly to the next hop at 10.1.2.3. If the interface goes down, this route is removed from the routing table and will not be restored unless the interface comes back up.

```
ip route 10.168.1.0 255.255.0.0 Ethernet0 10.1.2.3
```

The following example shows that using the **dhcp** keyword in a configuration of Ethernet interfaces 1 and 2 enables the interfaces to obtain the next-hop router IP addresses dynamically from a DHCP server:

```
ip route 209.165.200.225 255.255.255.255 ether1 dhcp
ip route 209.165.200.226 255.255.255.255 ether2 dhcp 20
```

Related Commands

Command	Description
show ip route	Displays the state of the routing table

show ip route

To display the current state of the routing table, use the **show ip route** command in user EXEC or privileged EXEC mode.

show ip route *[[ip-address [mask] [longer-prefixes]] | [protocol [process-id]] | [list access-list-number | access-list-name] | [static download]]*

Syntax Description

<i>ip-address</i>	(Optional) Address about which routing information should be displayed.
<i>mask</i>	(Optional) Argument for a subnet mask.
longer-prefixes	(Optional) Specifies that only routes matching the <i>ip-address</i> and <i>mask</i> pair should be displayed.
<i>protocol</i>	(Optional) The name of a routing protocol, or the keyword connected , static , or summary . If you specify a routing protocol, use one of the following keywords: bgp , hello , igrp , isis , ospf , and rip .
<i>process-id</i>	(Optional) The number used to identify a process of the specified protocol.
list	(Optional) The list keyword is required to filter output by an access list name or number.
<i>access-list-number</i>	(Optional) Filters the displayed output from the routing table based on the specified access list name.
<i>access-list-name</i>	(Optional) Filters the displayed output from the routing table based on the specified access list number.
static	(Optional) All static routes.
download	(Optional) The route installed using the AAA route download function.

Command Modes

User EXEC
Privileged EXEC

Command History

Release	Modification
9.2	This command was introduced.
10.0	The “D—EIGRP, EX—EIGRP, N1—OSPF NSSA external type 1 route” and “N2—OSPF NSSA external type 2 route” codes were added to the command output.
10.3	The <i>process-id</i> argument was added.
11.0	The longer-prefixes keyword was added.
11.1	The “U—per-user static route” code was added to the command output.
11.2	The “o—on-demand routing” code was added to the command output.
11.3	The output from the show ip route ip-address command was enhanced to display the origination of an IP route in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System (IS-IS) networks.

Release	Modification
12.0(1)T	The “M—mobile” code was added to the command output.
12.0(3)T	The “P—periodic downloaded static route” code was added to the command output.
12.0(4)T	The “ia—IS-IS” code was added to the command output.
12.2(2)T	The output from the show ip route <i>ip-address</i> command was enhanced to display information on the multipaths to the specified network.
12.2(13)T	The egp and igrp arguments were removed because the exterior gateway protocol (EGP) and the Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (IGRP) are no longer available in Cisco IOS software.
12.3(2)T	The output from the show ip route command was enhanced to display route tag information.
12.3(8)T	The output from the show ip route command was enhanced to display static routes using DHCP.
12.2(27)SBA	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(27)SBA.

Usage Guidelines

The **show ip route static download** command provides a way to display all dynamic static routes with name and distance information, including active and inactive ones. You can display all active dynamic static routes with both the **show ip route** and **show ip route static** commands after these active routes are added in the main routing table.

Examples

Routing Table Examples

The following examples show the standard routing tables displayed by the **show ip route** command. Use the codes displayed at the beginning of each report and the information in [Table 2](#) to understand the type of route.

The following is sample output from the **show ip route** command when entered without an address:

```
Router# show ip route
```

```
Codes: I - IGRP derived, R - RIP derived, O - OSPF derived,
       C - connected, S - static, E - EGP derived, B - BGP derived,
       * - candidate default route, IA - OSPF inter area route,
       i - IS-IS derived, ia - IS-IS, U - per-user static route,
       o - on-demand routing, M - mobile, P - periodic downloaded static route,
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, E1 - OSPF external type 1 route,
       E2 - OSPF external type 2 route, N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1 route,
       N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2 route
```

```
Gateway of last resort is 10.119.254.240 to network 10.140.0.0
```

```
O E2 10.110.0.0 [160/5] via 10.119.254.6, 0:01:00, Ethernet2
E    10.67.10.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
O E2 10.68.132.0 [160/5] via 10.119.254.6, 0:00:59, Ethernet2
O E2 10.130.0.0 [160/5] via 10.119.254.6, 0:00:59, Ethernet2
E    10.128.0.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E    10.129.0.0 [200/129] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E    10.65.129.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E    10.10.0.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E    10.75.139.0 [200/129] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:23, Ethernet2
E    10.16.208.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E    10.84.148.0 [200/129] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:23, Ethernet2
```

■ show ip route

```

E    10.31.223.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E    10.44.236.0 [200/129] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:23, Ethernet2
E    10.141.0.0 [200/129] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E    10.140.0.0 [200/129] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:23, Ethernet2

```

The following is sample output that includes IS-IS Level 2 routes learned:

Router# **show ip route**

```

Codes: I - IGRP derived, R - RIP derived, O - OSPF derived,
       C - connected, S - static, E - EGP derived, B - BGP derived,
       * - candidate default route, IA - OSPF inter area route,
       i - IS-IS derived, ia - IS-IS, U - per-user static route,
       o - on-demand routing, M - mobile, P - periodic downloaded static route,
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, E1 - OSPF external type 1 route,
       E2 - OSPF external type 2 route, N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1 route,
       N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2 route

```

Gateway of last resort is not set

```

      10.89.0.0 is subnetted (mask is 255.255.255.0), 3 subnets
C      10.89.64.0 255.255.255.0 is possibly down,
      routing via 255.255.255.224, Ethernet0
i L2    10.89.67.0 [115/20] via 10.89.64.240, 0:00:12, Ethernet0
i L2    10.89.66.0 [115/20] via 10.89.64.240, 0:00:12, Ethernet0

```

The following is sample output using the **longer-prefixes** keyword. When the **longer-prefixes** keyword is included, the address and mask pair becomes the prefix, and any address that matches that prefix is displayed. Therefore, multiple addresses are displayed.

In the following example, the logical AND operation is performed on the source address 10.0.0.0 and the mask 10.0.0.0, resulting in 10.0.0.0. Each destination in the routing table is also logically ANDed with the mask and compared to that result of 10.0.0.0. Any destinations that fall into that range are displayed in the output.

Router# **show ip route 10.0.0.0 10.0.0.0 longer-prefixes**

```

Codes: I - IGRP derived, R - RIP derived, O - OSPF derived,
       C - connected, S - static, E - EGP derived, B - BGP derived,
       * - candidate default route, IA - OSPF inter area route,
       i - IS-IS derived, ia - IS-IS, U - per-user static route,
       o - on-demand routing, M - mobile, P - periodic downloaded static route,
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, E1 - OSPF external type 1 route,
       E2 - OSPF external type 2 route, N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1 route,
       N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2 route

```

Gateway of last resort is not set

```

S      10.134.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.10.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.129.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.128.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.49.246.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.160.97.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.153.88.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.76.141.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.75.138.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.44.237.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.31.222.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.16.209.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.145.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.141.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.138.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.128.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0

```

```

    10.19.0.0 255.255.255.0 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C       10.19.64.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
    10.69.0.0 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C       10.69.232.32 255.255.255.240 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S       10.69.0.0 255.255.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0

```

The following examples display all downloaded static routes. A P designates which route was installed using AAA route download.

Router# **show ip route**

```

Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2, * - candidate default
       U - per-user static route, o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route
       T - traffic engineered route

```

Gateway of last resort is 172.21.17.1 to network 255.255.255.224

```

    172.31.0.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
P       172.31.229.41 is directly connected, Dialer1
P       10.1.1.0 [200/0] via 172.31.229.41, Dialer1
P       10.1.3.0 [200/0] via 172.31.229.41, Dialer1
P       10.1.2.0 [200/0] via 172.31.229.41, Dialer1

```

Router# **show ip route static**

```

    172.27.4.0/8 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
P       172.1.1.1/32 is directly connected, BRI0
P       172.27.4.0/8 [1/0] via 103.1.1.1, BRI0
S       172.31.0.0/16 [1/0] via 172.21.114.65, Ethernet0
S       10.0.0.0/8 is directly connected, BRI0
P       10.0.0.0/8 is directly connected, BRI0
    172.21.0.0/16 is variably subnetted, 5 subnets, 2 masks
S       172.21.114.201/32 is directly connected, BRI0
S       172.21.114.205/32 is directly connected, BRI0
S       172.21.114.174/32 is directly connected, BRI0
S       172.21.114.12/32 is directly connected, BRI0
P       10.0.0.0/8 is directly connected, BRI0
P       10.1.0.0/8 is directly connected, BRI0
P       10.2.2.0/8 is directly connected, BRI0
S*      255.255.255.224/0 [1/0] via 172.21.114.65, Ethernet0
S       172.29.0.0/16 [1/0] via 172.21.114.65, Ethernet0

```

The following example shows how to use the **show ip route static download** command to display all active and inactive routes installed using AAA route download:

Router# **show ip route static download**

Connectivity: A - Active, I - Inactive

```

A       10.10.0.0 255.0.0.0 BRI0
A       10.11.0.0 255.0.0.0 BRI0
A       10.12.0.0 255.0.0.0 BRI0
A       10.13.0.0 255.0.0.0 BRI0
I       10.20.0.0 255.0.0.0 172.21.1.1
I       10.22.0.0 255.0.0.0 Serial0
I       10.30.0.0 255.0.0.0 Serial0
I       10.31.0.0 255.0.0.0 Serial1
I       10.32.0.0 255.0.0.0 Serial1
A       10.34.0.0 255.0.0.0 103.1.1.1
A       10.36.1.1 255.255.255.255 BRI0 200 name remotel

```

```
I      10.38.1.9 255.255.255.0 104.21.69.1
```

Table 2 *show ip route Field Descriptions*

Field	Description
O	<p>Indicates the protocol that derived the route. It can be one of the following values:</p> <p>I—Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (IGRP) derived</p> <p>R—Routing Information Protocol (RIP) derived</p> <p>O—Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) derived</p> <p>C—connected</p> <p>S—static</p> <p>E—Exterior Gateway Protocol (EGP) derived</p> <p>B—Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) derived</p> <p>D—Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP)</p> <p>EX—EIGRP external</p> <p>i—IS-IS derived</p> <p>ia—IS-IS</p> <p>M—mobile</p> <p>P—periodic downloaded static route</p> <p>U—per-user static route</p> <p>o—on-demand routing</p>
E2	<p>Type of route. It can be one of the following values:</p> <p>*—Indicates the last path used when a packet was forwarded. It pertains only to the nonfast-switched packets. However, it does not indicate which path will be used next when forwarding a nonfast-switched packet, except when the paths are equal cost.</p> <p>IA—OSPF interarea route</p> <p>E1—OSPF external type 1 route</p> <p>E2—OSPF external type 2 route</p> <p>L1—IS-IS Level 1 route</p> <p>L2—IS-IS Level 2 route</p> <p>N1—OSPF not-so-stubby area (NSSA) external type 1 route</p> <p>N2—OSPF NSSA external type 2 route</p>
10.110.0.0	Indicates the address of the remote network.
[160/5]	The first number in the brackets is the administrative distance of the information source; the second number is the metric for the route.
via 10.119.254.6	Specifies the address of the next router to the remote network.
0:01:00	Specifies the last time the route was updated (in hours:minutes:seconds).
Ethernet2	Specifies the interface through which the specified network can be reached.

Specific Route Information

When you specify that you want information about a specific network displayed, more detailed statistics are shown. The following is sample output from the **show ip route** command when entered with the address 10.0.0.1:

```
Router# show ip route 10.0.0.1
Routing entry for 10.0.0.1/32
  Known via "isis", distance 115, metric 20, type level-1
  Redistributing via isis
  Last update from 10.191.255.251 on Fddi1/0, 00:00:13 ago
  Routing Descriptor Blocks:
    * 10.22.22.2, from 10.191.255.247, via Serial2/3
      Route metric is 20, traffic share count is 1
    10.191.255.251, from 10.191.255.247, via Fddi1/0
      Route metric is 20, traffic share count is 1
```

When an IS-IS router advertises its link-state information, it includes one of its own IP addresses to be used as the originator IP address. When other routers calculate IP routes, they can store the originator IP address with each route in the routing table.

The example above shows the output from the **show ip route** command when looking at an IP route generated by IS-IS. Each path that is shown under the Routing Descriptor Blocks report displays two IP addresses. The first address (10.22.22.2) is the next hop address. The second is the originator IP address from the advertising IS-IS router. This address helps you determine where a particular IP route has originated in your network. In the example the route to 10.0.0.1/32 was originated by a router with IP address 10.191.255.247.

[Table 81](#) describes the significant fields shown when using the **show ip route** command with an IP address (previous displays).

Table 3 *show ip route with Address Field Descriptions*

Field	Description
Routing entry for 10.0.0.1/32	Network number and mask.
Known via...	Indicates how the route was derived.
Tag	Integer that is used to implement the route.
type	Indicates the IS-IS route type (Level 1 or Level 2).
Redistributing via...	Indicates the redistribution protocol.
Last update from 10.191.255.251	Indicates the IP address of a router that is the next hop to the remote network and the router interface on which the last update arrived.
Routing Descriptor Blocks:	Displays the next hop IP address followed by the information source.
Route metric	This value is the best metric for this routing descriptor block.
traffic share count	Number of uses for this routing descriptor block.

The following is sample output using the **longer-prefixes** keyword. When the **longer-prefixes** keyword is included, the address and mask pair becomes the prefix, and any address that matches that prefix is displayed. Therefore, multiple addresses are displayed.

In the following example, the logical AND operation is performed on the source address 10.0.0.0 and the mask 10.0.0.0, resulting in 10.0.0.0. Each destination in the routing table is also logically ANDed with the mask and compared to that result of 10.0.0.0. Any destinations that fall into that range are displayed in the output.

Router# **show ip route 10.0.0.0 10.0.0.0 longer-prefixes**

Codes: I - IGRP derived, R - RIP derived, O - OSPF derived,
 C - connected, S - static, E - EGP derived, B - BGP derived,
 * - candidate default route, IA - OSPF inter area route,
 i - IS-IS derived, ia - IS-IS, U - per-user static route,
 o - on-demand routing, M - mobile, P - periodic downloaded static route,
 D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, E1 - OSPF external type 1 route,
 E2 - OSPF external type 2 route, N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1 route,
 N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2 route

Gateway of last resort is not set

```
S    10.134.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.10.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.129.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.128.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.49.246.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.160.97.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.153.88.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.76.141.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.75.138.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.44.237.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.31.222.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.16.209.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.145.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.141.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.138.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S    10.128.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
    10.19.0.0 255.255.255.0 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C      10.19.64.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
    10.69.0.0 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C      10.69.232.32 255.255.255.240 is directly connected, Ethernet0
S      10.69.0.0 255.255.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
```

The following output includes the tag 120 applied to the route 10.22.0.0/16. You must specify an IP prefix in order to see the tag value.

Router# **show ip route 10.22.0.0**

```
Routing entry for 10.22.0.0/16
  Known via "isis", distance 115, metric 12
  Tag 120, type level-1
  Redistributing via isis
  Last update from 172.19.170.12 on Ethernet2, 01:29:13 ago
  Routing Descriptor Blocks:
    * 172.19.170.12, from 3.3.3.3, via Ethernet2
      Route metric is 12, traffic share count is 1
      Route tag 120
```

Static Routes Using a DHCP Gateway Examples

The following example shows that IP route 10.8.8.0 is directly connected to the Internet and is the next-hop (option 3) default gateway. Routes 10.1.1.1 [1/0], 10.3.2.1 [24/0], and 10.2.2.2 [1/0] are static, and route 255.255.255.224/0 is a default route candidate.:

Router# **show ip route**

```
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route
```

Gateway of last resort is 10.0.19.14 to network 255.255.255.224

```
68.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C 10.8.8.0 is directly connected, Ethernet1
  10.0.0.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
S 10.1.1.1 [1/0] via 10.8.8.1
  10.3.3.3/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
S 10.3.2.1 [24/0] via 10.8.8.1
  10.10.10.10/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets
S 10.2.2.2 [1/0] via 10.8.8.1
  10.0.0.0/28 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C 10.0.19.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0
  10.2.2.2/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C 15.15.15.0 is directly connected, Loopback0

S* 255.255.255.224/0 [1/0] via 10.0.19.14
```

Related Commands

Command	Description
show dialer	Displays general diagnostic information for interfaces configured for DDR.
show interfaces tunnel	Displays a list of tunnel interface information.
show ip route summary	Displays the current state of the routing table in summary format.

Glossary

DHCP server—A server that manages IP addresses from specified address pools within the router to DHCP clients. The Cisco IOS DHCP server is a full DHCP server implementation that assigns and manages IP addresses from specified address pools within the router to DHCP clients. If the Cisco IOS DHCP server cannot satisfy a DHCP request from its own database, it can forward the request to one or more secondary DHCP servers defined by the network administrator.

DHCP client—The Cisco IOS DHCP client can obtain an IP address from a DHCP server dynamically using the DHCP protocol as specified in RFC 2131.

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)—A protocol that provides a mechanism for dynamically allocating IP addresses, so that addresses can be reused when hosts no longer need them.



Note

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