MPLS LDP Session Protection

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The MPLS LDP Session Protection feature provides faster label distribution protocol convergence when a link recovers following an outage. MPLS LDP Session Protection protects a label distribution protocol (LDP) session between directly connected neighbors or an LDP session established for a traffic engineering (TE) tunnel.

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Restrictions for MPLS LDP Session Protection

This feature is not supported under the following circumstances:

- With TDP sessions
- With extended access lists
- With LC-ATM routers

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Information About MPLS LDP Session Protection

MPLS LDP Session Protection maintains LDP bindings when a link fails. MPLS LDP sessions are protected through the use of LDP Hello messages. When you enable MPLS LDP, the label switched routers (LSRs) send messages to find other LSRs with which they can create LDP sessions.

- If the LSR is one hop from its neighbor, it is directly connected to its neighbor. The LSR sends out LDP Hello messages as User Datagram Protocol (UDP) packets to all the routers on the subnet. The hello message is called an LDP Link Hello. A neighboring LSR responds to the hello message and the two routers begin to establish an LDP session.
- If the LSR is more than one hop from its neighbor, it is not directly connected to its neighbor. The LSR sends out a directed hello message as a UDP packet, but as a unicast message specifically addressed to that LSR. The hello message is called an LDP Targeted Hello. The nondirectly connected LSR responds to the Hello message and the two routers establish an LDP session. (If the path between two LSRs has been traffic engineered and has LDP enabled, the LDP session between them is called a targeted session.)

MPLS LDP Session Protection uses LDP Targeted Hellos to protect LDP sessions. Take, for example, two directly connected routers that have LDP enabled and can reach each other through alternate IP routes in the network. An LDP session that exists between two routers is called an LDP Link Hello Adjacency. When MPLS LDP Session Protection is enabled, an LDP Targeted Hello Adjacency is also established for the LDP session. If the link between the two routers fails, the LDP Link Adjacency also fails. However, if the LDP peer is still reachable through IP, the LDP session stays up, because the LDP Targeted Hello Adjacency still exists between the routers. When the directly connected link recovers, the session does not need to be reestablished, and LDP bindings for prefixes do not need to be relearned.

MPLS LDP Session Protection Customizations

You can modify MPLS LDP Session Protection by using the keywords in the **mpls ldp session protection** command.

Specifying How Long an LDP Targeted Hello Adjacency Should Be Retained

The default behavior of the **mpls ldp session protection** command allows an LDP Targeted Hello Adjacency to exist indefinitely following the loss of an LDP Link Hello Adjacency. You can issue the **duration** keyword to specify the number of seconds (from 30 to 2,147,483) that the LDP Targeted Hello Adjacency is retained after the loss of the LDP Link Hello Adjacency. When the link is lost, a timer starts. If the timer expires, the LDP Targeted Hello Adjacency is removed.

Specifying Which Routers Should Have MPLS LDP Session Protection

The default behavior of the **mpls ldp session protection** command allows MPLS LDP Session Protection for all neighbor sessions. You can issue either the **vrf** or **for** keyword to limit the number of neighbor sessions that are protected.

Enabling MPLS LDP Session Protection on Specified VPN Routing and Forwarding Instances

If the router is configured with at least one VPN routing and forwarding (VRF) instance, you can use the **vrf** keyword to select which VRF is to be protected. You cannot specify more than one VRF with the **mpls ldp session protection** command. To specify multiple VRFs, issue the command multiple times.

Enabling MPLS LDP Session Protection on Specified Peer Routers

You can create an access list that includes several peer routers. You can specify that access list with the **for** keyword to enable LDP Session Protection for the peer routers in the access control list.

How to Configure MPLS LDP Session Protection

This section explains how to configure and verify MPLS LDP Session Protection:

- Enabling MPLS LDP Session Protection, page 3 (required)
- Verifying MPLS LDP Session Protection, page 5 (optional)

Enabling MPLS LDP Session Protection

You use the **mpls ldp session protection** command to enable MPLS LDP Session Protection. This command enables LDP sessions to be protected during a link failure. By default, the command protects all LDP sessions. The command has several options that enable you to specify which LDP sessions to protect. The **vrf** keyword lets you protect LDP sessions for a specified VRF. The **for** keyword lets you specify a standard IP access control list (ACL) of prefixes that should be protected. The **duration** keyword enables you to specify how long the router should retain the LDP Targeted Hello Adjacency following the loss of the LDP Link Hello Adjacency.

Prerequisites

LSRs must be able to respond to LDP targeted hellos. Otherwise, the LSRs cannot establish a targeted adjacency. All routers that participate in MPLS LDP Session Protection must be enabled to respond to targeted hellos. Both neighbor routers must be configured for session protection or one router must be configured for session protection and the other router must be configured to respond to targeted hellos.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip cef [distributed]**
4. **interface loopback***number*
5. **ip address** {*prefix mask*}
6. **interface interface**
7. **mpls ip**
8. **mpls label protocol** {**ldp** | **tdp** | **both**}
9. **exit**
10. **mpls ldp session protection** [**vrf** *vpn-name*] [**for** *acl*] [**duration** *seconds*]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip cef** [**distributed**] **Example:** `Router(config)# ip cef`	Configures Cisco Express Forwarding.
Step 4	**interface loopback***number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface Loopback0`	Configures a loopback interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 5	**ip address** {*prefix mask*} **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip address 10.25.0.11 255.255.255.255`	Assigns an IP address to the loopback interface.
Step 6	**interface** *interface* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# interface POS3/0`	Specifies the interface to configure.
Step 7	**mpls ip** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# mpls ip`	Configures MPLS hop-by-hop forwarding for a specified interface.
Step 8	**mpls label protocol** {**ldp** | **tdp** | **both**} **Example:** `Router(config-if)# mpls label protocol ldp`	Configures the use of LDP on a specific interface or on all interfaces. In interface configuration mode, the command sets the default label distribution protocol for the interface to be LDP, overriding any default set by the global **mpls label protocol** command. In global configuration mode, the command sets all the interfaces to LDP.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# exit`	Exits from interface configuration mode.
Step 10	**mpls ldp session protection** [**vrf** *vpn-name*] [**for** *acl*] [**duration** *seconds*] **Example:** `Router(config)# mpls ldp session protection`	Enables MPLS LDP Session Protection.

Verifying MPLS LDP Session Protection

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show mpls ldp discovery**
2. **show mpls ldp neighbor**
3. **show mpls ldp neighbor detail**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 show mpls ldp discovery

Issue this command and check that the output contains xmit/recv to the peer router.

```
Router# show mpls ldp discovery

 Local LDP Identifier:
    10.0.0.5:0
    Discovery Sources:
    Interfaces:
        ATM5/1/0.5 (ldp): xmit/recv
            LDP Id: 10.0.0.1:0
    Targeted Hellos:
        10.0.0.5 -> 10.0.0.3 (ldp): active, xmit/recv
            LDP Id: 10.0.0.3:0
```

Step 2 show mpls ldp neighbor

Issue this command to check that the targeted hellos are active.

```
Router# show mpls ldp neighbor

Peer LDP Ident: 10.0.0.3:0; Local LDP Ident 10.0.0.5:0
TCP connection: 10.0.0.3.646 - 10.0.0.5.11005
State: Oper; Msgs sent/rcvd: 1453/1464; Downstream
Up time: 21:09:56
LDP discovery sources:
 Targeted Hello 10.0.0.5 -> 10.0.0.3, active
Addresses bound to peer LDP Ident:
 10.3.104.3       10.0.0.2        10.0.0.3
```

Step 3 show mpls ldp neighbor detail

Issue this command to check that the MPLS LDP Session Protection state is Ready or Protecting. If the second last line of the output shows Incomplete, the Targeted Hello Adjacency is not up yet.

```
Router# show mpls ldp neighbor detail

    Peer LDP Ident: 10.16.16.16:0; Local LDP Ident 10.15.15.15:0
        TCP connection: 10.16.16.16.11013 - 10.15.15.15.646
        State: Oper; Msgs sent/rcvd: 53/51; Downstream; Last TIB rev sent 74
        Up time: 00:11:32; UID: 1; Peer Id 0;
        LDP discovery sources:
          Targeted Hello 10.15.15.15 -> 10.16.16.16, active, passive;
            holdtime: infinite, hello interval: 10000 ms
        Addresses bound to peer LDP Ident:
          10.0.0.2        10.16.16.16     10.101.101.101 11.0.0.1
        Peer holdtime: 180000 ms; KA interval: 60000 ms; Peer state: estab
        Clients: Dir Adj Client
        LDP Session Protection enabled, state: Protecting
            duration: infinite
```

Troubleshooting Tips

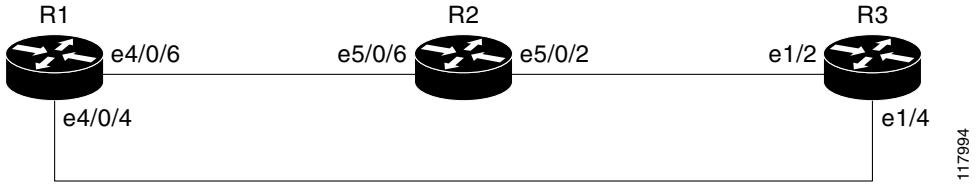
Use the **clear mpls ldp neighbor** command if you need to terminate an LDP session after a link goes down. This is useful for situations where the link needs to be taken out of service or needs to be connected to a different neighbor.

To enable the display of events related to MPLS LDP Session Protection, use the **debug mpls ldp session protection** command.

Configuration Examples for MPLS LDP Session Protection

Figure 1 shows a sample configuration for MPLS LDP Session Protection.

Figure 1 MPLS LDP Session Protection Example



R1

```
redundancy
 no keepalive-enable
 mode hsa
!
ip cef distributed
no ip domain-lookup
multilink bundle-name both
mpls label protocol ldp
mpls ldp session protection
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
tag-switching tdp router-id Loopback0 force
```

```
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no ip mroute-cache
!
interface Multilink4
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no ip mroute-cache
 load-interval 30
 ppp multilink
 multilink-group 4
!
interface Ethernet1/0/0
 ip address 10.3.123.1 255.255.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface Ethernet4/0/0
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 shutdown
!
interface Ethernet4/0/1
 description --  ip address 10.0.0.2 255.255.255.0
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 shutdown
!
interface Ethernet4/0/4
 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls label protocol ldp
 tag-switching ip
!
interface Ethernet4/0/6
 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls label protocol ldp
 tag-switching ip
!
interface Ethernet4/0/7
 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls label protocol ldp
 tag-switching ip
!
router ospf 100
 log-adjacency-changes
 redistribute connected
 network 10.0.0.1 0.0.0.0 area 100
 network 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
 network 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
 network 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
 network 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
!
ip classless
```

R2

```
redundancy
 no keepalive-enable
 mode hsa
!
```

```
ip subnet-zero
ip cef distributed
mpls label protocol ldp
mpls ldp session protection
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
tag-switching tdp router-id Loopback0 force
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 10.0.0.3 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface Ethernet5/0/0
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 shutdown
 full-duplex
!
interface Ethernet5/0/2
 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 full-duplex
 mpls label protocol ldp
 tag-switching ip
!
interface Ethernet5/0/6
 ip address 10.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 ip load-sharing per-packet
 full-duplex
 mpls label protocol ldp
 tag-switching ip
!
interface FastEthernet5/1/0
 ip address 10.3.123.112 255.255.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
router ospf 100
 log-adjacency-changes
 redistribute connected
 network 10.0.0.3 0.0.0.0 area 100
 network 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
 network 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
!
ip classless
```

R3

```
ip cef
no ip domain-lookup
mpls label range 200 100000 static 16 199
mpls label protocol ldp
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
tag-switching tdp router-id Loopback0 force
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 10.0.0.5 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface Ethernet1/0
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 shutdown
 half-duplex
!
```

```
interface Ethernet1/2
 ip address 10.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 full-duplex
 mpls label protocol ldp
 tag-switching ip
!
interface Ethernet1/4
 ip address 10.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 full-duplex
 mpls label protocol ldp
 tag-switching ip
!
router ospf 100
 log-adjacency-changes
 redistribute connected
 network 10.0.0.5 0.0.0.0 area 100
 network 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
 network 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
!
ip classless
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
MPLS LDP	*MPLS Label Distribution Protocol*
MPLS LDP-IGP synchronization	*MPLS LDP-IGP Synchronization*
LDP autoconfiguration	*LDP Autoconfiguration*

Standards

Standards	Title
None	—

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
MPLS LDP MIB	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFCs	Title
RFC 3036	*LDP Specification*
RFC 3037	*LDP Applicability*

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
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Command Reference

The following commands are introduced or modified in the feature or features documented in this module. For information about these commands, see the *Cisco IOS Multiprotocol Label Switching Command Reference* at http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/mpls/command/reference/mp_book.html. For information about all Cisco IOS commands, go to the Command Lookup Tool at http://tools.cisco.com/Support/CLILookup or to the *Cisco IOS Master Commands List*.

- **debug mpls ldp session protection**
- **mpls ldp session protection**
- **show mpls ldp neighbor**
