Configure Multipoint Layer 2 Services

This module provides the conceptual and configuration information for Multipoint Layer 2 Bridging Services, also called Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS).

Note VPLS supports Layer 2 VPN technology and provides transparent multipoint Layer 2 connectivity for customers. This approach enables service providers to host a multitude of new services such as broadcast TV and Layer 2 VPNs.

Prerequisites for Implementing Multipoint Layer 2 Services

Before configuring Multipoint Layer 2 Services, ensure that these tasks and conditions are met:

- You must be in a user group associated with a task group that includes the proper task IDs. The command reference guides include the task IDs required for each command.

  If you suspect user group assignment is preventing you from using a command, contact your AAA administrator for assistance.

- Configure IP routing in the core so that the provider edge (PE) routers can reach each other through IP.

- Configure a loopback interface to originate and terminate Layer 2 traffic. Make sure that the PE routers can access the other router's loopback interface.

Information About Implementing Multipoint Layer 2 Services

To implement Multipoint Layer 2 Services, you must understand these concepts:

Multipoint Layer 2 Services Overview

Multipoint Layer 2 Services enable geographically separated local-area network (LAN) segments to be interconnected as a single bridged domain over an MPLS network. The full functions of the traditional LAN such as MAC address learning, aging, and switching are emulated across all the remotely connected LAN segments that are part of a single bridged domain. A service provider can offer VPLS service to multiple customers over the MPLS network by defining different bridged domains for different customers. Packets from one bridged domain are never carried over or delivered to another bridged domain, thus ensuring the privacy of the LAN service.

Some of the components present in a Multipoint Layer 2 Services network are described in these sections.

Note Multipoint Layer 2 services are also called as Virtual Private LAN Services.

Bridge Domain

The native bridge domain refers to a Layer 2 broadcast domain consisting of a set of physical or virtual ports (including VFI). Data frames are switched within a bridge domain based on the destination MAC address. Multicast, broadcast, and unknown destination unicast frames are flooded within the bridge domain. In addition, the source MAC address learning is performed on all incoming frames on a bridge domain. A learned address is aged out. Incoming frames are mapped to a bridge domain, based on either the ingress port or a combination of both an ingress port and a MAC header field.

When the number of bridge domains exceeds 200, to enable clean up and reprogramming, it takes about 120 seconds for unconfiguring L2VPN and rollback.

The following table details the minimum interval required between unconfiguring L2VPN and rollback:

Number of BDs	Minimum interval in seconds
250	180
500	300
750 or greater	600

Pseudowires

A pseudowire is a point-to-point connection between pairs of PE routers. Its primary function is to emulate services like Ethernet over an underlying core MPLS network through encapsulation into a common MPLS format. By encapsulating services into a common MPLS format, a pseudowire allows carriers to converge their services to an MPLS network.

Access Pseudowire is not supported over VPLS Bridge Domain

Access PW is not supported over VPLS bridge domain. Only core PW which is configured under VFI is supported.

Configuration Example

```
l2vpn
 bridge group bg1
```

```
  bridge-domain l2vpn
   interface TenGigE0/0/0/13.100
   !
  vfi 1
   neighbor 192.0.2.1 pw-id 12345
    pw-class mpls_csr
  !
 !
!
```

Virtual Forwarding Instance

VPLS is based on the characteristic of virtual forwarding instance (VFI). A VFI is a virtual bridge port that is capable of performing native bridging functions, such as forwarding, based on the destination MAC address, source MAC address learning and aging, and so forth.

A VFI is created on the PE router for each VPLS instance. The PE routers make packet-forwarding decisions by looking up the VFI of a particular VPLS instance. The VFI acts like a virtual bridge for a given VPLS instance. More than one attachment circuit belonging to a given VPLS are connected to the VFI. The PE router establishes emulated VCs to all the other PE routers in that VPLS instance and attaches these emulated VCs to the VFI. Packet forwarding decisions are based on the data structures maintained in the VFI.

VPLS for an MPLS-based Provider Core

VPLS is a multipoint Layer 2 VPN technology that connects two or more customer devices using bridging techniques. A bridge domain, which is the building block for multipoint bridging, is present on each of the PE routers. The access connections to the bridge domain on a PE router are called attachment circuits. The attachment circuits can be a set of physical ports, virtual ports, or both that are connected to the bridge at each PE device in the network.

After provisioning attachment circuits, neighbor relationships across the MPLS network for this specific instance are established through a set of manual commands identifying the end PEs. When the neighbor association is complete, a full mesh of pseudowires is established among the network-facing provider edge devices, which is a gateway between the MPLS core and the customer domain.

The MPLS/IP provider core simulates a virtual bridge that connects the multiple attachment circuits on each of the PE devices together to form a single broadcast domain. This also requires all of the PE routers that are participating in a VPLS instance to form emulated virtual circuits (VCs) among them.

Now, the service provider network starts switching the packets within the bridged domain specific to the customer by looking at destination MAC addresses. All traffic with unknown, broadcast, and multicast destination MAC addresses is flooded to all the connected customer edge devices, which connect to the service provider network. The network-facing provider edge devices learn the source MAC addresses as the packets are flooded. The traffic is unicasted to the customer edge device for all the learned MAC addresses.

VPLS for Layer 2 Switching

VPLS technology includes the capability of configuring the router to perform Layer 2 bridging. In this mode, the router can be configured to operate like other Cisco switches.

The storm control that is applied to multiple subinterfaces of the same physical port pertains to that physical port only. All subinterfaces with storm control configured are policed as aggregate under a single policer rate shared by all EFPs. None of the subinterfaces are configured with a dedicated policer rate. When a storm occurs on several subinterfaces simultaneously, and because subinterfaces share the policer, you can slightly increase the policer rate to accommodate additional policing.

These features are supported:

- Bridging IOS XR Trunk Interfaces
- Bridging on EFPs

Interoperability Between Cisco IOS XR and Cisco IOS on VPLS LDP Signaling

The Cisco IOS Software encodes the NLRI length in the fist byte in bits format in the BGP Update message. However, the Cisco IOS XR Software interprets the NLRI length in 2 bytes. Therefore, when the BGP neighbor with VPLS-VPWS address family is configured between the IOS and the IOS XR, NLRI mismatch can happen, leading to flapping between neighbors. To avoid this conflict, IOS supports **prefix-length-size 2** command that needs to be enabled for IOS to work with IOS XR. When the **prefix-length-size 2** command is configured in IOS, the NLRI length is encoded in bytes. This configuration is mandatory for IOS to work with IOS XR.

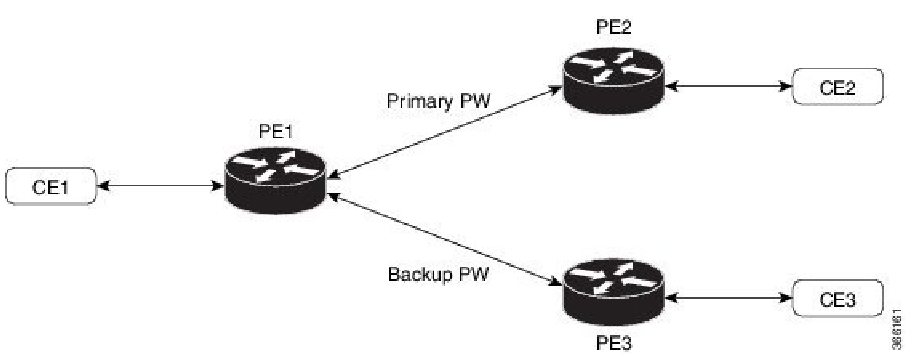
This is a sample IOS configuration with the **prefix-length-size 2** command:

```
router bgp 1
 address-family l2vpn vpls
  neighbor 5.5.5.2 activate
  neighbor 5.5.5.2 prefix-length-size 2 --------> NLRI length = 2 bytes
 exit-address-family
```

Pseudowire Redundancy

Pseudowire redundancy allows you to configure a backup pseudowire in case the primary pseudowire fails. When the primary pseudowire fails, the PE router can switch to the backup pseudowire. You can elect to have the primary pseudowire resume operation after it becomes functional. The primary pseudowire fails when the PE router fail or due to any network related outage.

Figure 1: Pseudowire Redundancy



Forcing a Manual Switchover to the Backup Pseudowire

To force the router to switch over to the backup or switch back to the primary pseudowire, use the **l2vpn switchover** command in EXEC mode.

A manual switchover is made only if the peer specified in the command is actually available and the cross-connect moves to the fully active state when the command is entered.

Configuration

This section describes how you can configure pseudowire redundancy.

```
/* Configure PE1 */
Router# configure
Router(config)# l2vpn
Router(config-l2vpn)# xconnect group XCON1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# p2p xc1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0/0.1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# neighbor ipv4 172.16.0.1 pw-id 1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p-pw)# backup neighbor 192.168.0.1 pw-id 1
Router(config-subif)# commit
```

```
/* Configure PE2 */
Router# configure
Router(config)# l2vpn
Router(config-l2vpn)# xconnect group XCON1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# p2p xc1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0/0.1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# neighbor ipv4 10.0.0.1 pw-id 1
Router(config-subif)# commit
```

```
/* Configure PE3 */
Router# configure
Router(config)# l2vpn
Router(config-l2vpn)# xconnect group XCON1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# p2p xc1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0/0.1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# neighbor ipv4 10.0.0.1 pw-id 1
Router(config-subif)# commit
```

Running Configuration

```
/* On PE1 */
!
l2vpn
 xconnect group XCON1
  p2p XCON1_P2P2
   interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0/0.1
   neighbor ipv4 172.16.0.1 pw-id 1
    backup neighbor 192.168.0.1 pw-id 1
!

/* On PE2 */
!
l2vpn
 xconnect group XCON1
  p2p XCON1_P2P2
   interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0/0.1
   neighbor ipv4 10.0.0.1 pw-id 1

!

/* On PE3 */
!
l2vpn
 xconnect group XCON1
  p2p XCON1_P2P2
   interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0/0.1
   neighbor ipv4 10.0.0.1 pw-id 1

!
```

Verification

Verify that the configured pseudowire redundancy is up.

```
/* On PE1 */

Router#show l2vpn xconnect group XCON_1
Legend: ST = State, UP = Up, DN = Down, AD = Admin Down, UR = Unresolved,
        SB = Standby, SR = Standby Ready, (PP) = Partially Programmed

XConnect                   Segment 1                       Segment 2
Group      Name       ST   Description            ST       Description            ST
------------------------   -----------------------------   -----------------------------
XCON_1     XCON1_P2P2 UP   Gi0/1/0/0.1            UP       172.16.0.1     1000   UP
                                                           Backup
                                                           192.168.0.1     1000   SB
----------------------------------------------------------------------------------

/* On PE2 */

Router#show l2vpn xconnect group XCON_1
Tue Jan 17 15:36:12.327 UTC
Legend: ST = State, UP = Up, DN = Down, AD = Admin Down, UR = Unresolved,
        SB = Standby, SR = Standby Ready, (PP) = Partially Programmed

XConnect                   Segment 1                       Segment 2
Group      Name       ST   Description            ST       Description            ST
------------------------   -----------------------------   -----------------------------
XCON_1     XCON1_P2P2 UP   BE100.1                UP       10.0.0.1     1000   UP
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

/* On PE3 */

Router#show l2vpn xconnect group XCON_1
Tue Jan 17 15:38:04.785 UTC
Legend: ST = State, UP = Up, DN = Down, AD = Admin Down, UR = Unresolved,
        SB = Standby, SR = Standby Ready, (PP) = Partially Programmed

XConnect                   Segment 1                       Segment 2
Group      Name       ST   Description            ST       Description            ST
------------------------   -----------------------------   -----------------------------
XCON_1     XCON1_P2P2 DN   BE100.1                UP       10.0.0.1     1000   SB
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Router#show l2vpn xconnect summary
Number of groups: 3950
Number of xconnects: 3950
  Up: 3950  Down: 0  Unresolved: 0 Partially-programmed: 0
  AC-PW: 3950  AC-AC: 0  PW-PW: 0 Monitor-Session-PW: 0
Number of Admin Down segments: 0
Number of MP2MP xconnects: 0
  Up 0 Down 0
  Advertised: 0 Non-Advertised: 0
Number of CE Connections: 0
  Advertised: 0 Non-Advertised: 0
Backup PW:
  Configured   : 3950
  UP           : 0
  Down         : 0
  Admin Down   : 0
  Unresolved   : 0
  Standby      : 3950
  Standby Ready: 0
```

```
Backup Interface:
  Configured    : 0
  UP            : 0
  Down          : 0
  Admin Down    : 0
  Unresolved    : 0
  Standby       : 0
```

MAC Address-related Parameters

The MAC address table contains a list of the known MAC addresses and their forwarding information. In the current VPLS design, the MAC address table and its management are maintained on the route processor (RP) card.

These topics provide information about the MAC address-related parameters:

MAC Address Flooding

Ethernet services require that frames that are sent to broadcast addresses and to unknown destination addresses be flooded to all ports. To obtain flooding within VPLS broadcast models, all unknown unicast, broadcast, and multicast frames are flooded over the corresponding pseudowires and to all attachment circuits. Therefore, a PE must replicate packets across both attachment circuits and pseudowires.

MAC Address-based Forwarding

To forward a frame, a PE must associate a destination MAC address with a pseudowire or attachment circuit. This type of association is provided through a static configuration on each PE or through dynamic learning, which is flooded to all bridge ports.

MAC Address Source-based Learning

When a frame arrives on a bridge port (for example, pseudowire or attachment circuit) and the source MAC address is unknown to the receiving PE router, the source MAC address is associated with the pseudowire or attachment circuit. Outbound frames to the MAC address are forwarded to the appropriate pseudowire or attachment circuit.

MAC address source-based learning uses the MAC address information that is learned in the hardware forwarding path. The updated MAC tables are propagated and programs the hardware for the router.

Note Static MAC move is not supported from one port, interface, or AC to another port, interface, or AC. For example, if a static MAC is configured on AC1 (port 1) and then, if you send a packet with the same MAC as source MAC on AC2 (port 2), then you can’t attach this MAC to AC2 as a dynamic MAC. Therefore, do not send any packet with a MAC as any of the static MAC addresses configured.

The number of learned MAC addresses is limited through configurable per-port and per-bridge domain MAC address limits.

MAC Address Aging

A MAC address in the MAC table is considered valid only for the duration of the MAC address aging time. When the time expires, the relevant MAC entries are repopulated. When the MAC aging time is configured only under a bridge domain, all the pseudowires and attachment circuits in the bridge domain use that configured MAC aging time.

A bridge forwards, floods, or drops packets based on the bridge table. The bridge table maintains both static entries and dynamic entries. Static entries are entered by the network manager or by the bridge itself. Dynamic entries are entered by the bridge learning process. A dynamic entry is automatically removed after a specified length of time, known as *aging time*, from the time the entry was created or last updated.

If hosts on a bridged network are likely to move, decrease the aging-time to enable the bridge to adapt to the change quickly. If hosts do not transmit continuously, increase the aging time to record the dynamic entries for a longer time, thus reducing the possibility of flooding when the hosts transmit again.

MAC Address Limit

The MAC address limit is used to limit the number of learned MAC addresses.

When a limit is exceeded, the system is configured to perform these notifications:

- Syslog (default)
- Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) trap
- Syslog and SNMP trap
- None (no notification)

Note Though you can modify the MAC address limit under the bridge domain, due to hardware limitation, the modification does not take effect.

Restrictions

- You can configure up to a maximum of six different mac-limit values under a bridge domain for the following routers and line cards:
  - NCS-55A1-24H
  - NCS-55A1-48Q6H
  - NCS-55A1-36H
  - NCS-55A1-36H-SE
  - NCS-55A2-MOD-HD-S
  - NCS-55A2-MOD-S
  - NCS-5502
  - NCS-5502-SE
  - NCS55-36x100G-S
  - NC55-24H12F-SE
  - NCS55-36x100G-A-SS

- You can configure up to a maximum of 30 different mac-limit values under a bridge domain on routers that have the Cisco NC57 line cards installed.
- For NCS55xx routers and NCS57 line cards, the mac-limit value programmed in the hardware depends on the:
  - Static MAC address configured under the AC for a bridge domain.
  - BVI configured under a bridge domain.

Depending on the BVI or static MAC address configured, new mac-limit profiles are required. The following example shows the different bridge domains with default mac-limit with static MAC address and BVI.

Example 1

In this example, the bridge domain requires a default mac-limit profile. For instance, default mac-limit = X.

```
bridge-domain 1
 interface HundredGigE 0/0/0/10
```

Example 2

In this example, the bridge domain requires a new mac-limit profile with mac-limit = X+1 to accommodate the static BVI MAC address.

```
bridge-domain 2
 interface HundredGigE 0/0/0/11
  routed interface bvi
```

Example 3

In this example, the bridge domain requires a new mac-limit profile with mac-limit = X+2 to accommodate two static MAC addresses configured under the AC.

```
bridge-domain 3
 interface HundredGigE 0/0/0/12
  static-mac-address 0000.1111.2222
  static-mac-address 0000.2222.1111
```

MAC Address Withdrawal

For faster VPLS convergence, you can remove or unlearn the MAC addresses that are learned dynamically. The Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) Address Withdrawal message is sent with the list of MAC addresses, which need to be withdrawn to all other PEs that are participating in the corresponding VPLS service.

For the Cisco IOS XR VPLS implementation, a portion of the dynamically learned MAC addresses are cleared by using the MAC addresses aging mechanism by default. The MAC address withdrawal feature is added through the LDP Address Withdrawal message. To enable the MAC address withdrawal feature, use the **withdrawal** command in l2vpn bridge group bridge domain MAC configuration mode. To verify that the MAC address withdrawal is enabled, use the **show l2vpn bridge-domain** command with the **detail** keyword.

Note By default, the LDP MAC Withdrawal feature is enabled on Cisco IOS XR.

The LDP MAC Withdrawal feature is generated due to these events:

- Attachment circuit goes down. You can remove or add the attachment circuit through the CLI.

- MAC withdrawal messages are received over a VFI pseudowire. RFC 4762 specifies that both wildcards (by means of an empty Type, Length and Value [TLV]) and a specific MAC address withdrawal. Cisco IOS XR software supports only a wildcard MAC address withdrawal.

Configuration Examples for Multipoint Layer 2 Services

This section includes these configuration examples:

Multipoint Layer 2 Services Configuration for Provider Edge-to-Provider Edge: Example

These configuration examples show how to create a Layer 2 VFI with a full-mesh of participating Multipoint Layer 2 Services provider edge (PE) nodes.

This configuration example shows how to configure PE 1:

```
configure
 l2vpn
  bridge group 1
   bridge-domain PE1-VPLS-A
    interface TenGigE0/0/0/0
    vfi 1
     neighbor 172.16.0.1 pw-id 1
     neighbor 192.168.0.1 pw-id 1
     !
   !
 interface loopback 0
  ipv4 address 10.0.0.1 255.0.0.0
```

This configuration example shows how to configure PE 2:

```
configure
 l2vpn
  bridge group 1
   bridge-domain PE2-VPLS-A
    interface TenGigE0/0/0/1

    vfi 1
     neighbor 10.0.0.1 pw-id 1
     neighbor 192.168.0.1 pw-id 1
     !
   !
 interface loopback 0
  ipv4 address 172.16.0.1 255.240.0.0
```

This configuration example shows how to configure PE 3:

```
configure
 l2vpn
  bridge group 1
   bridge-domain PE3-VPLS-A
    interface TenGigE0/0/0/2
    vfi 1
     neighbor 10.0.0.1 pw-id 1
     neighbor 172.16.0.1 pw-id 1
     !
   !
```

```
interface loopback 0
 ipv4 address 192.168.0.1 255.255.0.0
```

Multipoint Layer 2 Services Configuration for Provider Edge-to-Customer Edge: Example

This configuration shows how to configure Multipoint Layer 2 Services for a PE-to-CE nodes:

```
configure
 interface TenGigE0/0/0/0
  l2transport---AC interface

  no ipv4 address
  no ipv4 directed-broadcast
  negotiation auto
  no cdp enable
```

Displaying MAC Address Withdrawal Fields: Example

This sample output shows the MAC address withdrawal fields:

```
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# show l2vpn bridge-domain detail

Legend: pp = Partially Programmed.
Bridge group: 222, bridge-domain: 222, id: 0, state: up, ShgId: 0, MSTi: 0
  Coupled state: disabled
  MAC learning: enabled
  MAC withdraw: enabled
    MAC withdraw sent on: bridge port up
    MAC withdraw relaying (access to access): disabled
  Flooding:
    Broadcast & Multicast: enabled
    Unknown unicast: enabled
  MAC aging time: 300 s, Type: inactivity
  MAC limit: 4000, Action: none, Notification: syslog
  MAC limit reached: no
  MAC port down flush: enabled
  MAC Secure: disabled, Logging: disabled
  Split Horizon Group: none
  Dynamic ARP Inspection: disabled, Logging: disabled
  IP Source Guard: disabled, Logging: disabled
  DHCPv4 snooping: disabled
  IGMP Snooping: enabled
  IGMP Snooping profile: none
  MLD Snooping profile: none
  Storm Control: disabled
  Bridge MTU: 1500
  MIB cvplsConfigIndex: 1
  Filter MAC addresses:
  P2MP PW: disabled
  Create time: 01/03/2017 11:01:11 (00:21:33 ago)
  No status change since creation
  ACs: 1 (1 up), VFIs: 1, PWs: 1 (1 up), PBBs: 0 (0 up)
  List of ACs:
    AC: TenGigE0/2/0/1.7, state is up
      Type VLAN; Num Ranges: 1
      Outer Tag: 21
      VLAN ranges: [22, 22]
```

```
      MTU 1508; XC ID 0x208000b; interworking none
      MAC learning: enabled
      Flooding:
        Broadcast & Multicast: enabled
        Unknown unicast: enabled
      MAC aging time: 300 s, Type: inactivity
      MAC limit: 4000, Action: none, Notification: syslog
      MAC limit reached: no
      MAC port down flush: enabled
      MAC Secure: disabled, Logging: disabled
      Split Horizon Group: none
      Dynamic ARP Inspection: disabled, Logging: disabled
      IP Source Guard: disabled, Logging: disabled
      DHCPv4 snooping: disabled
      IGMP Snooping: enabled
      IGMP Snooping profile: none
      MLD Snooping profile: none
      Storm Control: bridge-domain policer
      Static MAC addresses:
      Statistics:
        packets: received 714472608 (multicast 0, broadcast 0, unknown unicast 0, unicast
0), sent 97708776
        bytes: received 88594603392 (multicast 0, broadcast 0, unknown unicast 0, unicast
0), sent 12115888224
        MAC move: 0
      Storm control drop counters:
        packets: broadcast 0, multicast 0, unknown unicast 0
        bytes: broadcast 0, multicast 0, unknown unicast 0
      Dynamic ARP inspection drop counters:
        packets: 0, bytes: 0
      IP source guard drop counters:
        packets: 0, bytes: 0
  List of VFIs:
    VFI 222 (up)
      PW: neighbor 10.0.0.1, PW ID 222, state is up ( established )
        PW class not set, XC ID 0xc000000a
        Encapsulation MPLS, protocol LDP
        Source address 21.21.21.21
        PW type Ethernet, control word disabled, interworking none
        Sequencing not set

        PW Status TLV in use
          MPLS         Local                          Remote
          ------------ ------------------------------ -------------------------
          Label        24017                          24010
          Group ID     0x0                            0x0
          Interface    222                            222
          MTU          1500                           1500
          Control word disabled                       disabled
          PW type      Ethernet                       Ethernet
          VCCV CV type 0x2                            0x2
                       (LSP ping verification)        (LSP ping verification)
          VCCV CC type 0x6                            0x6
                       (router alert label)           (router alert label)
                       (TTL expiry)                   (TTL expiry)
          ------------ ------------------------------ -------------------------
        Incoming Status (PW Status TLV):
          Status code: 0x0 (Up) in Notification message
        MIB cpwVcIndex: 3221225482
        Create time: 01/03/2017 11:01:11 (00:21:33 ago)
        Last time status changed: 01/03/2017 11:21:01 (00:01:43 ago)
        Last time PW went down: 01/03/2017 11:15:21 (00:07:23 ago)
        MAC withdraw messages: sent 0, received 0
        Forward-class: 0
```

```
    Static MAC addresses:
    Statistics:
      packets: received 95320440 (unicast 0), sent 425092569
      bytes: received 11819734560 (unicast 0), sent 52711478556
      MAC move: 0
    Storm control drop counters:
      packets: broadcast 0, multicast 0, unknown unicast 0
      bytes: broadcast 0, multicast 0, unknown unicast 0
  DHCPv4 snooping: disabled
  IGMP Snooping profile: none
  MLD Snooping profile: none
  VFI Statistics:
    drops: illegal VLAN 0, illegal length 0
```

Bridging on IOS XR Trunk Interfaces: Example

This example shows how to configure a Cisco NCS 5000 Series Routers as a simple L2 switch.

Important notes:

Create a bridge domain that has four attachment circuits (AC). Each AC is an IOS XR trunk interface (i.e. not a subinterface/EFP).

- This example assumes that the running config is empty, and that all the components are created.
- This example provides all the necessary steps to configure the Cisco NCS 5000 Series Routers to perform switching between the interfaces. However, the commands to prepare the interfaces such as no shut, negotiation auto, etc., have been excluded.
- The bridge domain is in a no shut state, immediately after being created.
- Only trunk (i.e. main) interfaces are used in this example.
- The trunk interfaces are capable of handling tagged (i.e. IEEE 802.1Q) or untagged (i.e. no VLAN header) frames.
- The bridge domain learns, floods, and forwards based on MAC address. This functionality works for frames regardless of tag configuration.
- The bridge domain entity spans the entire system. It is not necessary to place all the bridge domain ACs on a single LC. This applies to any bridge domain configuration.
- The show bundle and the show l2vpn bridge-domain commands are used to verify that the router was configured as expected, and that the commands show the status of the new configurations.
- The ACs in this example use interfaces that are in the admin down state.

Configuration Example

```
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router#config
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)#interface Bundle-ether10
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#l2transport
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if-l2)#interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/5
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#bundle id 10 mode active
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/6
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#bundle id 10 mode active
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/0
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#l2transport
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if-l2)#interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/1
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#l2transport
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if-l2)#interface TenGigE0/1/0/2
```

```
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#l2transport
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if-l2)#l2vpn
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn)#bridge group examples
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg)#bridge-domain test-switch
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface Bundle-ether10
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#exit
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/0
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#exit
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/1
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#exit
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface TenGigE0/1/0/2
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#commit
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:Jul 26 10:48:21.320 EDT: config[65751]: %MGBL-CONFIG-6-DB_COMMIT :
Configuration committed by user 'lab'. Use 'show configuration commit changes 1000000973'
to view the changes.
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#end
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:Jul 26 10:48:21.342 EDT: config[65751]: %MGBL-SYS-5-CONFIG_I : Configured
from console by lab
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router#show bundle Bundle-ether10

Bundle-Ether10
  Status:                                    Down
  Local links <active/standby/configured>:   0 / 0 / 2
  Local bandwidth <effective/available>:     0 (0) kbps
  MAC address (source):                      0024.f71e.22eb (Chassis pool)
  Minimum active links / bandwidth:          1 / 1 kbps
  Maximum active links:                      64
  Wait while timer:                          2000 ms
  LACP:                                      Operational
    Flap suppression timer:                  Off
  mLACP:                                     Not configured
  IPv4 BFD:                                  Not configured

  Port                  Device           State        Port ID         B/W, kbps
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  Gi0/2/0/5             Local            Configured   0x8000, 0x0001     1000000
      Link is down
  Gi0/2/0/6             Local            Configured   0x8000, 0x0002     1000000
      Link is down

RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router#
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router#show l2vpn bridge-domain group examples
Bridge group: examples, bridge-domain: test-switch, id: 2000, state: up, ShgId: 0, MSTi: 0
  Aging: 300 s, MAC limit: 4000, Action: none, Notification: syslog
  Filter MAC addresses: 0
  ACs: 4 (1 up), VFIs: 0, PWs: 0 (0 up), PBBs: 0 (0 up)
  List of ACs:
    BE10, state: down, Static MAC addresses: 0
    Gi0/2/0/0, state: up, Static MAC addresses: 0
    Gi0/2/0/1, state: down, Static MAC addresses: 0
    Te0/5/0/1, state: down, Static MAC addresses: 0
  List of VFIs:
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router#
```

This table lists the configuration steps (actions) and the corresponding purpose for this example:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **interface Bundle-ether10**
3. **l2transport**

4. **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/5**
5. **bundle id 10 mode active**
6. **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/6**
7. **bundle id 10 mode active**
8. **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/0**
9. **l2transport**
10. **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/1**
11. **l2transport**
12. **interface TenGigE0/1/0/2**
13. **l2transport**
14. **l2vpn**
15. **bridge group examples**
16. **bridge-domain test-switch**
17. **interface Bundle-ether10**
18. **exit**
19. **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/0**
20. **exit**
21. **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/1**
22. **exit**
23. **interface TenGigE0/1/0/2**
24. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **configure**

Enters global configuration mode.

Step 2 **interface Bundle-ether10**

Creates a new bundle trunk interface.

Step 3 **l2transport**

Changes Bundle-ether10 from an L3 interface to an L2 interface.

Step 4 **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/5**

Enters interface configuration mode. Changes configuration mode to act on GigabitEthernet0/2/0/5.

Step 5 **bundle id 10 mode active**

Establishes GigabitEthernet0/2/0/5 as a member of Bundle-ether10. The **mode active** keywords specify LACP protocol.

Step 6 **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/6**

Enters interface configuration mode. Changes configuration mode to act on GigabitEthernet0/2/0/6.

Step 7 **bundle id 10 mode active**

Establishes GigabitEthernet0/2/0/6 as a member of Bundle-ether10. The **mode active** keywords specify LACP protocol.

Step 8 **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/0**

Enters interface configuration mode. Changes configuration mode to act on GigabitEthernet0/2/0/0.

Step 9 **l2transport**

Change GigabitEthernet0/2/0/0 from an L3 interface to an L2 interface.

Step 10 **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/1**

Enters interface configuration mode. Changes configuration mode to act on GigabitEthernet0/2/0/1.

Step 11 **l2transport**

Change GigabitEthernet0/2/0/1 from an L3 interface to an L2 interface.

Step 12 **interface TenGigE0/1/0/2**

Enters interface configuration mode. Changes configuration mode to act on TenGigE0/1/0/2.

Step 13 **l2transport**

Changes TenGigE0/1/0/2 from an L3 interface to an L2 interface.

Step 14 **l2vpn**

Enters L2VPN configuration mode.

Step 15 **bridge group examples**

Creates the bridge group **examples**.

Step 16 **bridge-domain test-switch**

Creates the bridge domain **test-switch**, that is a member of bridge group **examples**.

Step 17 **interface Bundle-ether10**

Establishes Bundle-ether10 as an AC of bridge domain test-switch.

Step 18 **exit**

Exits bridge domain AC configuration submode, allowing next AC to be configured.

Step 19 **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/0**

Establishes GigabitEthernet0/2/0/0 as an AC of bridge domain **test-switch**.

Step 20 **exit**

Exits bridge domain AC configuration submode, allowing next AC to be configured.

Step 21 **interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0/1**

Establishes GigabitEthernet0/2/0/1 as an AC of bridge domain **test-switch**.

Step 22 **exit**

Exits bridge domain AC configuration submode, allowing next AC to be configured.

Step 23 **interface TenGigE0/1/0/2**

Establishes interface TenGigE0/1/0/2 as an AC of bridge domain **test-switch**.

Step 24 Use the **commit** or **end** command.

commit - Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session.

end - Prompts user to take one of these actions:

- **Yes** - Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session.
- **No** - Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes.
- **Cancel** - Remains in the configuration mode, without committing the configuration changes.

Bridging on Ethernet Flow Points: Example

This example shows how to configure a Cisco NCS 5000 Series Router to perform Layer 2 switching on traffic that passes through Ethernet Flow Points (EFPs). EFP traffic typically has one or more VLAN headers. Although both IOS XR trunks and IOS XR EFPs can be combined as attachment circuits in bridge domains, this example uses EFPs exclusively.

Important notes:

- An EFP is a Layer 2 subinterface. It is always created under a trunk interface. The trunk interface must exist before the EFP is created.
- In an empty configuration, the bundle interface trunk does not exist, but the physical trunk interfaces are automatically configured. Therefore, only the bundle trunk is created.
- In this example the subinterface number and the VLAN IDs are identical, but this is out of convenience, and is not a necessity. They do not need to be the same values.
- The bridge domain test-efp has three attachment circuits (ACs). All the ACs are EFPs.
- Only frames with a VLAN ID of 999 enter the EFPs. This ensures that all the traffic in this bridge domain has the same VLAN encapsulation.
- The ACs in this example use interfaces that are in the admin down state (**unresolved** state). Bridge domains that use nonexistent interfaces as ACs are legal, and the commit for such configurations does not fail. In this case, the status of the bridge domain shows **unresolved** until you configure the missing interface.

Configuration Example

```
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router#configure
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config)#interface Bundle-ether10
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-if)#interface Bundle-ether10.999 l2transport
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-subif)#encapsulation dot1q 999
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-subif)#interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/5
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-if)#bundle id 10 mode active
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-if)#interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/6
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-if)#bundle id 10 mode active
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-if)#interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/7.999 l2transport
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-subif)#encapsulation dot1q 999
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-subif)#interface TenGigE0/1/0/2.999 l2transport
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-subif)#encapsulation dot1q 999
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-subif)#l2vpn
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn)#bridge group examples
```

```
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg)#bridge-domain test-efp
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface Bundle-ether10.999
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#exit
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/7.999
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#exit
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface TenGigE0/1/0/2.999
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#commit
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#end
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router#
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router#show l2vpn bridge group examples
Fri Jul 23 21:56:34.473 UTC Bridge group: examples, bridge-domain: test-efp, id: 0, state:
 up, ShgId: 0, MSTi: 0
Aging: 300 s, MAC limit: 4000, Action: none, Notification: syslog
  Filter MAC addresses: 0
  ACs: 3 (0 up), VFIs: 0, PWs: 0 (0 up), PBBs: 0 (0 up)
  List of ACs:
    BE10.999, state: down, Static MAC addresses: 0
    Gi0/6/0/7.999, state: unresolved, Static MAC addresses: 0
    Te0/1/0/2.999, state: down, Static MAC addresses: 0
  List of VFIs:
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:router#
```

This table lists the configuration steps (actions) and the corresponding purpose for this example:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **interface Bundle-ether10**
3. **interface Bundle-ether10.999 l2transport**
4. **encapsulation dot1q 999**
5. **interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/5**
6. **bundle id 10 mode active**
7. **interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/6**
8. **bundle id 10 mode active**
9. **interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/7.999 l2transport**
10. **encapsulation dot1q 999**
11. **interface TenGigE0/1/0/2.999 l2transport**
12. **encapsulation dot1q 999**
13. **l2vpn**
14. **bridge group examples**
15. **bridge-domain test-efp**
16. **interface Bundle-ether10.999**
17. **exit**
18. **interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/7.999**
19. **exit**
20. **interface TenGigE0/1/0/2.999**
21. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **configure**

Enters global configuration mode.

Step 2 **interface Bundle-ether10**

Creates a new bundle trunk interface.

Step 3 **interface Bundle-ether10.999 l2transport**

Creates an EFP under the new bundle trunk.

Step 4 **encapsulation dot1q 999**

Assigns VLAN ID of 999 to this EFP.

Step 5 **interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/5**

Enters interface configuration mode. Changes configuration mode to act on GigabitEthernet0/6/0/5.

Step 6 **bundle id 10 mode active**

Establishes GigabitEthernet0/6/0/5 as a member of Bundle-ether10. The **mode active** keywords specify LACP protocol.

Step 7 **interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/6**

Enters interface configuration mode. Changes configuration mode to act on GigabitEthernet0/6/0/6.

Step 8 **bundle id 10 mode active**

Establishes GigabitEthernet0/6/0/6 as a member of Bundle-ether10. The **mode active** keywords specify LACP protocol.

Step 9 **interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/7.999 l2transport**

Creates an EFP under GigabitEthernet0/6/0/7.

Step 10 **encapsulation dot1q 999**

Assigns VLAN ID of 999 to this EFP.

Step 11 **interface TenGigE0/1/0/2.999 l2transport**

Creates an EFP under TenGigE0/1/0/2.

Step 12 **encapsulation dot1q 999**

Assigns VLAN ID of 999 to this EFP.

Step 13 **l2vpn**

Enters L2VPN configuration mode.

Step 14 **bridge group examples**

Creates the bridge group named **examples**.

Step 15 **bridge-domain test-efp**

Creates the bridge domain named **test-efp**, that is a member of bridge group **examples**.

Step 16 **interface Bundle-ether10.999**

Establishes Bundle-ether10.999 as an AC of the bridge domain named **test-efp**.

Step 17 **exit**

Exits bridge domain AC configuration submode, allowing next AC to be configured.

Step 18 **interface GigabitEthernet0/6/0/7.999**

Establishes GigabitEthernet0/6/0/7.999 as an AC of the bridge domain named **test-efp**.

Step 19 **exit**

Exits bridge domain AC configuration submode, allowing next AC to be configured.

Step 20 **interface TenGigE0/1/0/2.999**

Establishes interface TenGigE0/1/0/2.999 as an AC of bridge domain named **test-efp**.

Step 21 Use the **commit** or **end** command.

commit - Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session.

end - Prompts user to take one of these actions:

- **Yes** - Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session.
- **No** - Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes.
- **Cancel** - Remains in the configuration mode, without committing the configuration changes.