

Configuring Traffic Mirroring

This module describes the configuration of the traffic mirroring feature. Traffic mirroring is sometimes called port mirroring, or switched port analyzer (SPAN).

Feature History for Traffic Mirroring

Release	Modification
Release 7.0.2	SPAN over Pseudo-Wire was introduced.
Release 7.1.2	SPAN to File was introduced.
Release 7.2.1	File Mirroring was introduced. Traffic Mirroring was introduced on Cisco NC57 line cards.
Release 7.3.1	PCAPng file format was introduced.
Release 7.5.2	Mirror first option in global configuration mode was introduced.

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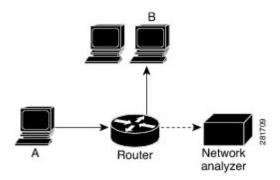
Introduction to Traffic Mirroring

Traffic mirroring, sometimes called port mirroring or Switched Port Analyzer (SPAN), is a Cisco proprietary feature that enables you to monitor network traffic passing in or out of a set of ports. You can then pass this traffic to a destination port on the same router.

Traffic mirroring copies traffic from one or more source ports and sends the copied traffic to one or more destinations for analysis by a network analyzer or other monitoring device. Traffic mirroring does not affect the flow of traffic on the source interfaces or sub-interfaces. It allows the mirrored traffic to be sent to a destination interface or sub-interface.

For example, you can attach a traffic analyzer to the router and capture Ethernet traffic that is sent by host A to host B.

Figure 1: Traffic Mirroring Operation



When local traffic mirroring is enabled, the traffic analyzer gets directly attached to the port that is configured to receive a copy of every packet that host A sends. This port is called a traffic mirroring port.



Note

- From Release 7.2.1, traffic mirroring is introduced on Cisco NCS 5700 line cards.
- From Release 7.4.2, you can mirror incoming (Rx) and outgoing (Tx) traffic from the source ports to separate destinations on Cisco NC57 line cards. During a session, you can configure one destination port for incoming traffic and one for outgoing traffic.

Traffic Mirroring Types

The following types of traffic mirroring are supported:

- Local traffic mirroring: This is the most basic form of traffic mirroring. The network analyzer or sniffer is attached directly to the destination interface. In other words, all monitored ports are located on the same router as the destination port.
- **Remote traffic mirroring**: The network analyzer is reached through a GRE tunnel over an IP network.



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A copy of every packet includes the Layer 2 header if the ethernet keyword is configured. As this renders the mirrored packets unroutable, the end point of the GRE tunnel must be the network analyzer.

- Layer 2 traffic mirroring: Layer 2 source ports can be mirrored on Cisco NC57 line cards.
- ACL-based traffic mirroring: Traffic is mirrored based on the configuration of the interface ACL.

You can mirror traffic based on the definition of an interface access control list. When you are mirroring Layer 3 traffic, the ACL is configured using the **ipv4 access-list** or the **ipv6 access-list** command with the **capture** option. The **permit** and **deny** commands determine the behavior of regular traffic. The **capture** option designates the packet is to be mirrored to the destination port, and it is supported only on permit type of access control entries (ACEs).



Note

Prior to Release 6.5.1, ACL-based traffic mirroring required the use of UDK (User-Defined TCAM Key) with the **enable-capture** option so that the **capture** option can be configured in the ACL.

- Encapsulated remote SPAN (ERSPAN): ERSPAN enables generic routing encapsulation (GRE) for all captured traffic and allows it to be extended across Layer 3 domains.
- **SPAN over Pseudo-Wire**: Pseudo-wire traffic mirroring (known as PW-SPAN) is an extra functionality on the existing SPAN solutions. In PW-SPAN, the traffic mirroring destination port is configured as pseudo-wire rather than a physical port. Here, the designated traffic on the source port is mirrored over the pseudo-wire to a central location.
- **SPAN to File**: SPAN to File is an extension of the pre-existing SPAN feature that allows network packets to be mirrored to a file instead of an interface. This helps in the analysis of the packets at a later stage.
- File Mirroring: File mirroring feature enables the router to copy files or directories automatically from /harddisk:/mirror location in active RP to /harddisk:/mirror location in standby RP or RSP without user intervention or EEM scripts.

Traffic Mirroring Terminology

- Ingress Traffic Traffic that comes into the router.
- Egress Traffic Traffic that goes out of the router.
- Source (SPAN) interface An interface that is monitored using the SPAN feature.
- Source port—A port that is monitored with the use of traffic mirroring. It is also called a monitored port.
- Destination port—A port that monitors source ports, usually where a network analyzer is connected. It is also called a monitoring port.
- Monitor session—A designation for a collection of SPAN configurations consisting of a single destination and, potentially, one or many source interfaces.

Characteristics of Source Port

A source port, also called a monitored port, is a routed port that you monitor for network traffic analysis. In a single traffic mirroring session, you can monitor source port traffic. The Cisco NCS 5500 Series router support a maximum of up to 800 source ports.

A source port has these characteristics:

• It can be any data port type, such as Bundle Interface, 100 Gigabit Ethernet, or 10 Gigabit Ethernet.



Note

- Bridge group virtual interfaces (BVIs) are not supported.
- Bundle members cannot be used as source ports.
- Each source port can be monitored in only one traffic mirroring session.
- When a port is used as a source port, the same port cannot be used as a destination port.
- Each source port can be configured with a direction (ingress, egress, or both) to monitor local traffic mirroring. Remote traffic mirroring is supported both in the ingress and egress directions. For bundles, the monitored direction applies to all physical ports in the group.

Characteristics of Destination Port

Each session must have a destination port that receives a copy of the traffic from the source ports.

A destination port has these characteristics:

- A destination port must reside on the same router as the source port for local traffic mirroring. For remote mirroring, the destination is always a GRE tunnel.
- A destination port for local mirroring can be any Ethernet physical port, EFP, GRE tunnel interface, or bundle interface. It can be a Layer 2 or Layer 3 transport interface.



Note

Bundle members cannot be used as destination ports.

- At any one time, a destination port can participate in only one traffic mirroring session. A destination
 port in one traffic mirroring session cannot be a destination port for a second traffic mirroring session.
 In other words, no two monitor sessions can have the same destination port.
- A destination port cannot also be a source port.

Characteristics of Monitor Session

A monitor session is a collection of traffic mirroring configurations consisting of a single destination and, potentially, many source interfaces. For any given monitor session, the traffic from the source interfaces (called *source ports*) is sent to the monitoring port or destination port. If there are more than one source port in a monitoring session, the traffic from the several mirrored traffic streams is combined at the destination port. The result is that the traffic that comes out of the destination port is a combination of the traffic from one or more source ports.

Monitor sessions have these characteristics:

• Prior to Cisco IOS XR Software Release 7.8.1, a single router could support up to four monitor sessions. However, configuring SPAN and CFM on the router reduced the maximum number of monitor sessions to two, as both shared the mirror profiles.

- Starting from Cisco IOS XR Software Release 7.8.1, a limit of three monitor sessions on the router is introduced. But, if you configure SPAN and CFM on the router, the maximum number of monitor sessions decreases to one, as both functions use the same mirror profiles.
- Cisco NC57 line cards support only four Rx and three Tx monitor sessions.
- A single monitor session can have only one destination port.
- A single destination port can belong to only one monitor session.
- A monitor session can have a maximum of 800 source ports, as long as the maximum number of source ports from all monitoring sessions does not exceed 800.

Restrictions

Generic Restrictions

The following are the generic restriction(s) related to traffic mirroring:

- Partial mirroring and sampled mirroring are not supported.
- Sub-interface configured as source interface is not supported on SPAN.
- The destination bundle interfaces flap when:
 - both the mirror source and destination are bundle interfaces in LACP mode and
 - mirror packets next-hop is a router or a switch instead of a traffic analyzer.

This behavior is observed due to a mismatch of LACP packets on the next-hop bundle interface due to the mirroring of LACP packets on the source bundle interface.

 Both SPAN and ERSPAN features cannot be configured on a router simultaneously. Either SPAN or ERSPAN feature can be configured on the same router.

SPAN Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to SPAN:

• SPAN only supports port-level source interfaces.

ERSPAN Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to ERSPAN:

- The value of ERSPAN session-ID is always zero. IOS XR Command for configuring ERPAN is not available.
- ERSPAN next-hop must have ARP resolved. Any other traffic or protocol will trigger ARP.
- ERSPAN cannot travel over MPLS.
 - Additional routers may encapsulate in MPLS.
- ERSPAN decapsulation is not supported.
- ERSPAN does not work if the GRE next hop is reachable over sub-interface. For ERSPAN to work, the next hop must be reachable over the main interface.

• When you use the same ACEs defined in both the IPv4 and IPv6 ACLs, the router doesn't perform ERSPAN mirroring for the ACLs that have the priority set as 2 ms.

SPAN-ACL Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to SPAN-ACL:

- SPAN-ACL is only supported in the Rx direction, that is, in the ingress direction v4 or v6 ACL.
- MPLS traffic cannot be captured with SPAN-ACL.
 - ACL for any MPLS traffic is not supported.

Configure Traffic Mirroring

These tasks describe how to configure traffic mirroring:

Configure Remote Traffic Mirroring

Step 1 configure

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure

Enters global configuration mode.

Step 2 monitor-session session-name

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# monitor-session mon1 ethernet
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)#
```

Defines a monitor session and enters monitor session configuration mode.

Step 3 destination interface *tunnel-ip*

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon) # destination interface tunnelip3

Specifies the destination subinterface to which traffic is replicated.

Step 4 exit

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#
```

Exits monitor session configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

Step 5 interface *type number*

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # interface HundredGigE 0/1/0/1
```

Enters interface configuration mode for the specified source interface. The interface number is entered in *rack/slot/module/port* notation. For more information about the syntax for the router, use the question mark (?) online help function.

Step 6 monitor-session session-name ethernet direction rx-onlyport-only

Example:

```
\label{eq:reconstruction} $$RP/0/RP0/CPU0:$ router(config-if) $$\#$ monitor-session mon1 ethernet direction $rx-only port-only $$
```

Specifies the monitor session to be used on this interface. Use the **direction** keyword to specify that only ingress or egress traffic is mirrored.

Step 7 end or commit

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) # end
or
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) # commit
```

Saves configuration changes.

• When you issue the **end** command, the system prompts you to commit changes:

```
Uncommitted changes found, commit them before exiting (yes/no/cancel)? [cancel]:
```

- Entering **yes** saves configuration changes to the running configuration file, exits the configuration session, and returns the router to EXEC mode.
- Entering **no** exits the configuration session and returns the router to EXEC mode without committing the configuration changes.
- Entering **cancel** leaves the router in the current configuration session without exiting or committing the configuration changes.
- Use the **commit** command to save the configuration changes to the running configuration file and remain within the configuration session.

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Step 8 show monitor-session [session-name] status [detail] [error]

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session
```

Displays information about the traffic mirroring session.

Example

This example shows the basic configuration for traffic mirroring with physical interfaces.

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# monitor-session ms1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)# destination interface HundredGigE0/2/0/15
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)# commit

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface TenGigE0/2/0/19
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# monitor-session ms1 ethernet direction rx-only port-level
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# commit
```

This example shows sample output of the show monitor-session command with the status keyword:

```
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status
Monitor-session cisco-rtp1
Destination interface HundredGigE 0/5/0/38
______
Source Interface Dir Status
TenGigE0/5/0/4 Both Operational
TenGigE0/5/0/17 Both Operational
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status detail
Monitor-session sess1
Destination interface is not configured
Source Interfaces
TenGigE0/1/0/0
Direction: Both
ACL match: Disabled
Portion: Full packet
Status: Not operational (destination interface not known).
TenGiqE0/1/0/1
Direction: Both
ACL match: Disabled
Portion: First 100 bytes
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status error
Monitor-session ms1
Destination interface TenGigE0/2/0/15 is not configured
______
Source Interface Dir Status
Monitor-session ms2
Destination interface is not configured
______
Source Interface Dir Status
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session test status
Monitor-session test (ipv4)
Destination Nexthop 255.254.254.4
______
Source Interface Dir Status
Gi0/0/0/2.2 Rx Not operational (source same as destination)
Gi0/0/0/2.3 Rx Not operational (Destination not active)
Gi0/0/0/2.4 Rx Operational
\mathrm{Gi0/0/0/4}\ \mathrm{Rx}\ \mathrm{Error}: see detailed output for explanation
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session test status error
Monitor-session test
Destination Nexthop ipv4 address 255.254.254.4
```

Configuring ACLs for Traffic Mirroring

This section describes the configuration for creating ACLs for traffic mirroring.

In ACL-based traffic mirroring, traffic is mirrored based on the configuration of the interface ACL. You can mirror traffic based on the definition of an interface access control list. When you're mirroring Layer 3 or Layer 2 traffic, the ACL is configured using the **ipv4 access-list** or the **ipv6 access-list** command with the **capture** option. The **permit** and **deny** commands determine the behavior of the regular traffic.

Guidelines and Restrictions

The following general restrictions apply to traffic mirroring using ACLs:

- Traffic mirroring counters aren't supported.
- ACL-based traffic mirroring isn't supported with Layer 2 (ethernet-services) ACLs.
- Configure one or more ACLs on the source interface or any interface on the same network processing unit as the source interface, to avoid default mirroring of traffic. If a Bundle interface is a source interface, configure the ACL on any interface on the same network processing unit as all active bundle-members. Bundle members can be on multiple NPUs. Also, ensure that the ACLs configured are of the same protocol type and direction as the SPAN configuration. For example, if you configure SPAN with ACL for IPv4 or IPv6, configure an ingress IPv4 or IPv6 ACL on that network processing unit respectively.

Configure an IPv4 ACL

Use the following steps to configure ACLs for traffic mirroring.

```
/* Create an IPv4 ACL (TM-ACL) for traffic mirroring */
Router(config) # ipv4 access-list TM-ACL
Router(config-ipv4-acl) # 10 permit udp 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 eq 10 any capture
Router(config-ipv4-acl) # 20 permit udp 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 eq 20 any
Router(config-ipv4-acl)# exit
Router(config) # commit
/* Validate the configuration */
Router(config) # show run
Thu May 17 11:17:49.968 IST
Building configuration...
!! IOS XR Configuration 0.0.0
!! Last configuration change at Thu May 17 11:17:47 2018 by user
ipv4 access-list TM-ACL
10 permit udp 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 eq 10 any capture
 20 permit udp 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 eq 20 any
!
```

You have successfully configured an IPv4 ACL for traffic mirroring.

Attaching the Configurable Source Interface

Step 1 configure

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure

Enters global configuration mode.

Step 2 interface *type number*

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # interface HundredGigE 0/1/0/1

Enters interface configuration mode for the specified source interface. The interface number is entered in *rack/slot/module/port* notation. For more information about the syntax for the router, use the question mark (?) online help function.

Step 3 ipv4 access-group acl-name {ingress | egress}

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) # ipv4 access-group acl1 ingress

Controls access to an interface.

Step 4 monitor-session session-name ethernet direction rx-onlyport-level acl

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0: router(config-if) # monitor-session mon1 ethernet direction rx-only port-level acl RP/0/RP0/CPU0: router(config-if-mon) #

Attaches a monitor session to the source interface and enters monitor session configuration mode.

Note rx-only specifies that only ingress traffic is replicated.

Step 5 acl

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if-mon) # acl
```

Specifies that the traffic mirrored is according to the defined ACL.

Note If an ACL is configured by name, then this step overrides any ACL that may be configured on the interface.

Step 6 exit

Example:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if-mon) # exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) #
```

Exits monitor session configuration mode and returns to interface configuration mode.

Step 7 end or commit

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) # end

or

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) # commit

Saves configuration changes.

• When you issue the **end** command, the system prompts you to commit changes:

Uncommitted changes found, commit them before exiting (yes/no/cancel)?
[cancel]:

- Entering **yes** saves configuration changes to the running configuration file, exits the configuration session, and returns the router to EXEC mode.
- Entering **no** exits the configuration session and returns the router to EXEC mode without committing the configuration changes.
- Entering **cancel** leaves the router in the current configuration session without exiting or committing the configuration changes.
- Use the **commit** command to save the configuration changes to the running configuration file and remain within the configuration session.

Step 8 show monitor-session [session-name] status [detail] [error]

Example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status

Displays information about the monitor session.

VLAN Subinterface as Source for Traffic Mirroring

Table 1: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Feature Description
VLAN Subinterface as Source for Traffic Mirroring	Release 7.5.2	You can now configure the VLAN subinterface as a source for traffic mirroring for:
Willoring		Traffic ingressing at the interface
		Traffic egressing at the interface
		Traffic egressing and ingressing at the same interface
		You could configure mirror functionality only at the main interface level in earlier releases.

VLAN subinterface provides the flexibility to monitor ingress or egress or both directions traffic from all the active subinterfaces of the source VLAN. The active subinterfaces in the source VLAN are considered as source subinterfaces. When subinterfaces are added or removed from the source VLAN, the corresponding traffic is added or removed from the monitoring sources.

Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to VLAN subinterface as source for traffic mirroring:

• Supports maximum 4 reception and transmission sessions together for mirroring. This restriction is applicable for subinterfaces and ports as source.

VLAN Interface as Source for Traffic Mirroring

Configuration Example

```
Router# configure
Router(config)# monitor-session mon1 ethernet
Router(config-mon)# destination interface tunnel-ip 3
Router(config-mon)# exit
Router(config)# interface HundredGigE 0/1/0/1.10
Router(config-subif)#
monitor-session mon1 ethernet
Router(config-if-mon)# commit
```

Running Configuration

```
Router# show run monitor-session mon1
monitor-session mon1 ethernet
destination interface tunnel-ip3
!

Router# show run interface HundredGigE 0/1/0/1.10
interface HundredGigE0/1/0/1.10
encapsulation dot1q 10
ipv4 address 101.1.2.1 255.255.252
monitor-session mon1 ethernet
!
!
!
```

Verification

Configuring UDF-Based ACL for Traffic Mirroring

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure	
Step 2	<pre>udf udf-name header {inner outer} {12 13 14} offset offset-in-bytes length length-in-bytes Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # udf udf3 header outer 14 offset 0 length 1 (config-mon) #</pre>	there is an encapsulated packet, they indicate the start of
	Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # udf udf3 header inner 14 offset 10 length 2 (config-mon) # Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # udf udf3 header outer 14 offset 50 length 1	The length keyword specifies, in bytes, the length from the offset. The range is from 1 to 4.
Step 3	<pre>ipv4 access-list acl-name Example:</pre>	Creates ACL and enters IP ACL configuration mode. The length of the <i>acl-name</i> argument can be up to 64 characters.
Step 4	<pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)) # ipv4 access-list acl1 permit regular-ace-match-criteria udf udf-name1 value1 udf-name8 value8 Example:</pre>	Configures ACL with UDF match.
	<pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-ipv4-acl) # 10 permit ipv4 any any udf udf1 0x1234 0xffff udf3 0x56 0xff capture RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-ipv4-acl) # 30 permit ipv4 any any dscp af11 udf udf5 0x22 0x22 capture</pre>	
Step 5	<pre>exit Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-ipv4-acl) # exit</pre>	Exits IP ACL configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	interfacetype number Example:	Configures interface and enters interface configuration mode.
	RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # interface HundredGigE 0/2/0/2	
Step 7	ipv4 access-group acl-name ingress	Applies access list to an interface.
	Example:	
	<pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# ipv4 access-group acl1 ingress</pre>	
Step 8	commit	Applies access list to an interface.
	Example:	
	RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# commit	

Verifying UDF-based ACL

Use the **show monitor-session status detail** command to verify the configuration of UDF on ACL.

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:leaf1# show monitor-session 1 status detail
```

```
Fri May 12 19:40:39.429 UTC

Monitor-session 1

Destination interface tunnel-ip3
Source Interfaces
-----
TenGigEO/0/0/15

Direction: Rx-only
Port level: True
ACL match: Enabled
Portion: Full packet
Interval: Mirror all packets
Status: Not operational (destination not active)
```

Traffic Mirroring on Layer 2 Interfaces

Monitoring Traffic Mirroring on a Layer 2 Interface

This section describes the configuration for monitoring traffic on a Layer 2 interface.

Configuration

To monitor traffic mirroring on a Layer 2 interface, configure the monitor under 12transport sub-config of the interface:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) # interface TenGigE0/0/0/42
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if) # 12transport
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if-12) # monitor-session EASTON ethernet port-level
```

Verification

ERSPAN

Encapsulated Remote Switched Port Analyzer (ERSPAN) transports mirrored traffic over an IP network. The traffic is encapsulated at the source router and is transferred across the network. The packet is decapsulated at the destination router and then sent to the destination interface.

ERSPAN involves mirroring traffic through a GRE tunnel to a remote site. For more information on configuring the GRE tunnel that is used as the destination for the monitor sessions, see the chapter *Configuring GRE Tunnels*.

Introduction to ERSPAN Egress Rate Limit

With ERSPAN egress rate limit feature, you can monitor traffic flow through any IP network. This includes third-party switches and routers.

ERSAPN operates in the following modes:

- ERSPAN Source Session box where the traffic originates (is SPANned).
- ERSPAN Termination Session or Destination Session box where the traffic is analyzed.

This feature provides rate limiting of the mirroring traffic or the egress traffic. With rate limiting, you can limit the amount of egress traffic to a specific rate, which prevents the network and remote ERSPAN destination traffic overloading. Be informed, if the egress rate-limit exceeds then the system may cap or drop the monitored traffic.

You can configure the QoS parameters on the traffic monitor session.

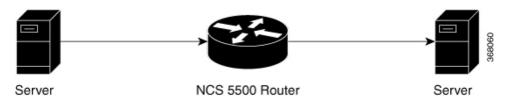
- Traffic Class (0 through 7)
 - Traffic class 0 has the lowest priority and 7 the highest.
 - The default traffic class is the same as that of the original traffic class.
- The Discard Class (0 through 2):
 - The default is 0.
 - The discard class configuration is used in WRED.

Benefits

With ERSPAN Egress rate limit feature, you can limit the egress traffic or the mirrored and use the mirrored traffic for data analysis.

Topology

Figure 2: Topology for ERSPAN Egress Rate Limit



The encapsulated packet for ERSPAN is in ARPA/IP format with GRE encapsulation. The system sends the GRE tunneled packet to the destination box identified by an IP address. At the destination box, SPAN-ASIC decodes this packet and sends out the packets through a port. ERSPAN egress rate limit feature is applied on the router egress interface to rate limit the monitored traffic.

The intermediate switches carrying ERSPAN traffic from source session to termination session can belong to any L3 network.

Configure ERSPAN Egress Rate Limit

Use the following steps to configure ERSPAN egress rate limit:

```
monitor-session ERSPAN ethernet
destination interface tunnel-ip1
!

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:pyke-008#sh run int tunnel-ip 1
interface tunnel-ip1
ipv4 address 4.4.4.1 255.255.255.0
tunnel mode gre ipv4
tunnel source 20.1.1.1
tunnel destination 20.1.1.2
!

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:pyke-008#sh run int hundredGigE 0/0/0/16
interface HundredGigE0/0/0/16
ipv4 address 215.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
ipv6 address 3001:2/64
monitor-session ERSPAN ethernet direction rx-only port-level acl
!
ipv4 access-group ACL6 ingress
```

Running Configuration

```
!! Policy-map to be used with the ERSPAN Destination (egress interface)
!! Traffic class is set to 5. For packets in this class, apply shaping
!! as well as WRED.
class-map match-any TC5
match traffic-class 5
end-class-map
```

```
policy-map shape-foo
class TC5
 random-detect discard-class 0 10000 bytes 40000 bytes
 random-detect discard-class 1 40000 bytes 80000 bytes
 random-detect discard-class 2 80000 bytes 200000 bytes
 shape average percent 15
 class class-default
 1
end-policy-map
!!GRE Tunnel Interface
interface Loopback49
ipv4 address 49.49.49.49 255.255.255.255
interface tunnel-ip100
ipv4 address 130.100.1.1 255.255.255.0
 tunnel mode gre ipv4
 tunnel source 49.49.49.49
tunnel destination 10.8.1.2
!!ERSPAN Monitor Session with GRE tunnel as the Destination Interface, and with QoS
configuration
monitor-session FOO ethernet
destination interface tunnel-ip100
 traffic-class 5
 discard-class 1
!!ERSPAN Source Interface
interface TenGigE0/6/0/4/0
description connected to TGEN 9/5
ipv4 address 10.4.90.1 255.255.255.0
monitor-session FOO ethernet port-level
!!ERSPAN Destination ip-tunnel00's underlying interface, with egress policy-map shape-foo
attached
interface TenGigE0/6/0/9/0
 service-policy output shape-foo
ipv4 address 10.8.1.1 255.255.255.0
```

Verification

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#show monitor-session FOO status detail
Wed May 2 15:14:05.762 UTC
Monitor-session FOO
  Destination interface tunnel-ip100
  Source Interfaces
  -----
  TenGigE0/6/0/4/0
    Direction: Both
   Port level: True
   ACL match: Disabled
    Portion:
               Full packet
    Interval: Mirror all packets
   Status:
               Operational
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#
show monitor-session <sess-id> status internal
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios\#show\ monitor-session\ FOO\ status\ internal
Wed May 2 15:13:06.063 UTC
Information from SPAN Manager and MA on all nodes:
Monitor-session FOO (ID 0x00000001) (Ethernet)
```

```
SPAN Mgr: Destination interface tunnel-ip100 (0x0800001c)
          Last error: Success
          Tunnel data:
           Mode: GREoIPv4
           Source IP: 49.49.49.49
           Dest IP: 10.8.1.2
           VRF:
           ToS: 0 (copied)
           TTL: 255
           DFbit: Not set
0/6/CPU0: Destination interface tunnel-ip100 (0x0800001c)
          Tunnel data:
           Mode: GREoIPv4
           Source IP: 49.49.49.49
           Dest IP: 10.8.1.2
           VRF:
           ToS: 0 (copied)
           TTL: 255
           DFbit: Not set
Information from SPAN EA on all nodes:
Monitor-session 0x00000001 (Ethernet)
0/6/CPU0: Name 'FOO', destination interface tunnel-ip100 (0x0800001c)
Platform, 0/6/CPU0:
  Dest Port: 0xe7d
 ERSPAN Encap:
   Tunnel ID: 0x4001380b
   ERSPAN Tunnel ID: 0x4001380c
   IP-NH Grp key: 0x3140000cc5
   IP-NH hdl: 0x308a5fa5e0
   IP-NH IFH: 0x30002a0
   IP-NH IPAddr: 10.4.91.2
  NPU MirrorRx
                    MirrorTx
  00
       0x00000003 0x00000004
       0x00000003
                    0x00000004
  01
  02
       0x0000003
                    0x00000004
  03
       0x00000003
                    0x00000004
  04
       0x00000003
                    0x00000004
  05
       0x0000003
                    0x00000004
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#
```

ERSPAN Traffic to a Destination Tunnel in a Non-Default VRF

Table 2: Feature History Table

Release Information	Description
Release 7.5.3	The tunnels are grouped under the VRFs and you can segregate the traffic towards a specific VRF domain. Encapsulated Remote Switched Port Analyzer (ERSPAN) now transports mirrored traffic through GRE tunnels with multiple VRFs, helping you design your network with multiple Layer 3 partitions. In earlier releases, ERSPAN transported mirrored traffic through GRE tunnels that belonged to only default VRF.

Here, the tunnel interface, where the traffic mirroring is destined, is now in a VRF.

The traffic coming out of the interfaces of a router do not have any grouping. By configuring a specific VRF, you can now identify the incoming traffic group.

Configuration

Use the following command to configure a specific VRF:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface tunnel-ip 2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# tunnel vrf red
```

For more information on enabling the tunnel mode in GRE, see Configuring GRE Tunnels.

Configuration example

The following example shows a tunnel interface configured with endpoints in a non-default VRF (vrf: red):

```
Router#show run int tunnel-ip 2
Thu Feb 3 06:18:28.075 UTC
interface tunnel-ip2
ipv4 address 102.1.1.100 255.255.255.0
tunnel tos 32
tunnel mode gre ipv4
tunnel source 120.1.1.100
tunnel vrf red
tunnel destination 120.1.1.1
Router#show monitor-session status
Thu Feb 3 06:18:11.061 UTC
Monitor-session ERSPAN-2
Destination interface tunnel-ip2
```

Verification

The following CLI output shows how to verify, if the configured tunnel VRF is programmed in the session:

SPAN

SPAN over Pseudo-Wire

Pseudo-wire traffic mirroring (known as PW-SPAN) is an extra functionality on the existing SPAN solutions. The existing SPAN solutions are monitored on a destination interface or through a GRE tunnel or RSPAN. In PW-SPAN, the traffic mirroring destination port is configured to be a pseudo-wire rather than a physical port. Here, the designated traffic on the source port is mirrored over the pseudo-wire to a central location. This allows the centralization of expensive network traffic analysis tools.

Because the pseudo-wire carries only mirrored traffic, this traffic is unidirectional. Incoming traffic from the remote provider edge is not allowed. Typically, a monitor session should be created with a destination pseudo-wire. This monitor session is one of the L2VPN xconnect segments. The other segment of the L2VPN VPWS is a pseudowire.



Note

Only port-level source interfaces are supported.

Limitations

The following functionalities are not supported for SPAN over PW:

- · Monitor session statistics
- RSPAN
- Partial packet SPAN
- Sampled SPAN

- ERSPAN Tunnel statistics
- A destination port cannot be a source port.

Configuring SPAN over Pseudo-Wire

Use the following steps to configure SPAN over Pseudo-Wire:

Configure SPAN monitor session

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#config
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#monitor-session M1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)#destination pseudowire
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mon)#commit
```

Configure SPAN source

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#config
Fri Sep 6 03:49:59.312 UTC
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#interface Bundle-Ether100
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#monitor-session M1 ethernet port-level
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if-mon)#commit
```

Configure 12vpn xconnect

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) #12vpn
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn) #pw-class span
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-pwc) #encapsulation mpls
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-pwc-mpls) #transport-mode ethernet
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn) #xconnect group 1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-xc) #p2p 2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-xc-p2p) #monitor-session M1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-xc-p2p) #neighbor ipv4 10.10.10.1 pw-id 2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-xc-p2p) #pw-class span
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-12vpn-xc-p2p) #commit
```

Verifying SPAN over Pseudo-Wire

The following examples show how to verify SPAN over Pseudo-Wire.

To check monitor session status:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show run monitor-session M1
monitor-session M1 ethernet
 destination pseudowire
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show monitor-session M1 status
Monitor-session M1
Destination pseudowire
Source Interface Dir Status
BE100 (port)
                    Both Operational
                    Both Operational
BE400 (port)
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show monitor-session M1 status detail
Monitor-session M1
 Destination pseudowire
  Source Interfaces
 Bundle-Ether100
   Direction: Both
   Port level: True
   ACL match: Disabled
   Portion:
               Full packet
   Interval: Mirror all packets
```

```
Status: Operational
Bundle-Ether400
Direction: Both
Port level: True
ACL match: Disabled
Portion: Full packet
Interval: Mirror all packets
Status: Operational
```

To check underlying 12vpn xconnect:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show run 12vpn
12vpn
pw-class span
 encapsulation mpls
 transport-mode ethernet
 p2p 2
 monitor-session M1
 neighbor ipv4 10.10.10.1 pw-id 2
 pw-class span
 !
 p2p 10
 monitor-session M2
  neighbor ipv4 10.10.10.1 pw-id 10
  pw-class span
 !
!
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show 12vpn xconnect
Fri Sep 6 03:41:15.691 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
                                                   ST
                                         Description
                   -----
                                          _____
             TIP M1
                                                    2
                                   IJΡ
                                         10.10.10.1
                                                           ΠP
______
       1.0
             UP M2
                                   UP
                                         10.10.10.1
______
```

To verify traffic:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show controllers npu voq-usage interface tenGigE 0/0/0/12 instance all location 0/0/CPU0

Tue Jul 16 14:06:45.040 UTC

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show controllers fia diagshell 0 "diag last core=0" location 0/0/CPU0 Tue Jul 16 14:11:19.124 UTC

Node ID: 0/0/CPU0

SPAN to File

Table 3: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Feature Description
SPAN Mirror First	Release 7.5.2	With your knowledge of expected packet header size, you can now mirror only the first N bytes of a packet where N can have possible values from 1 through 10000. This allows only the packet headers to be mirrored and not the user payload, ensuring the privacy and security of user data. It also reduces the load on network resources by processing only a few bytes to identify issues in the network.
		With the introduction of this feature, you can use the mirror first option in the global configuration mode of the monitor-session command.
SPAN to File - PCAPng File Format	Release 7.3.1	PCAPng is the next generation of packet capture format that contains a dump of data packets captured over a network and stored in a standard format.
		The PCAPng file contains different types of information blocks, such as the section header, interface description, enhanced packet, simple packet, name resolution, and interface statistics. These blocks can be used to rebuild the captured packets into recognizable data.
		The PCAPng file format:
		Provides the capability to enhance and extend the existing capabilities of data storage over time
		Allows you to merge or append data to an existing file.
		Enables to read data independently from network, hardware, and operating system of the machine that made the capture.

SPAN to File is an extension of the pre-existing SPAN feature that allows network packets to be mirrored to a file instead of an interface. This helps in the analysis of the packets at a later stage. The file format is PCAP, which helps that data to be used by tools, such as tepdump or Wireshark.

SPAN to File feature:

• A maximum of 1000 source ports are supported across the system. Individual platforms may support lower numbers. The SPAN session may be any of these currently supported classes: Ethernet, IPv4, IPv6, MPLS-IPv4, and MPLS-IPv6.

- Provides a buffer range of 1000-1000000 KB. The default buffer size is set to 1000 KB.
- Provides support for SPAN source.
 - Each source port can be monitored in only one traffic mirroring session.
 - Each source port can be configured with a direction (ingress, egress, or both) to monitor local traffic mirroring.
- Only supported on the Cisco NCS550x and Cisco NCS55Ax line cards.

When a file is configured as a destination for a SPAN session, a buffer is created on each node to which the network packets are logged. The buffer is for all packets on the node regardless of which interface they are from, that is, multiple interfaces may be providing packets for the same buffer. The buffers are deleted when the session configuration is removed. The file is written by each node to a location on the active RP which contains the node ID of the node on which the buffer was located.

If multiple interfaces are attached to a session, then interfaces on the same node are expected to have their packets sent to the same file. Bundle interfaces can be attached to a session with a file destination, which is similar to attaching individual interfaces.

Limitations

SPAN to File has the following limitations:

- Supports only port-level
- VLAN is not supported
- Bundle members are not supported
- Filtering based on Egress ACL is not supported
- Source port statistics is not supported
- Not supported on Cisco NC57 line cards.

Action Commands for SPAN to File

Action commands are added to start and stop network packet collection. The commands may only be run on sessions where the destination is a file. The action command auto-completes names of globally configured SPAN to File sessions. See the table below for more information on action commands.

Table 4: Action Commands for SPAN to File

Action	Command	Description
Start	monitor-session <name> packet-collection start</name>	Issue this command to start writing packets for the specified session to the configured buffer. Once the span is configured and operational, the packets are punted to CPU and dropped by CPU until the monitor-session <name> packet-collection start command is executed.</name>
Stop	monitor-session <name> packet-collection stop [discard-data write directory <dir> filename <filename>]</filename></dir></name>	Issue this command to stop writing packets to the configured buffer. If the discard-data option is specified, the buffer is simply cleared, whereas if the write option is specified, the buffer is written to disk before clearing. If the buffer is to be written, it is done so in .pcap format to this location: / <directory>/<node_id>/<filename>.pcap. If the user adds a .pcap extension when specifying the filename, this is removed so that the extension is not added twice.</filename></node_id></directory>

Configuring SPAN to File

Use the following command to configure SPAN to File:

```
monitor-session <name> [ethernet|ipv4|ipv6|mpls-ipv4|mpls-ipv6]
    destination file [size <kbytes>] [buffer-type linear]
```

The monitor-session <name> [ethernet|ipv4|ipv6|mpls-ipv4|mpls-ipv6] part of the command creates a monitor-session with the specified name and class and is a pre-existing chain point from the current SPAN feature. The destination file [size <kbytes>] [buffer-type linear] part of the command adds a new "file" option to the existing "destination".

destination file has the following configuration options:

- Buffer size.
- Two types of buffer:
 - Circular: Once the buffer is full, the start is overwritten.
 - Linear: Once the buffer is full, no further packets are logged.



Note

The default buffer-type is circular. Only linear buffer is explicitly configurable. Changing any of the parameters (buffer size or type) recreates the session, and clears any buffers of packets.

All configuration options which are applied to an attachment currently supported for other SPAN types should also be supported by SPAN to file. This may include:

- ACLs
- Write only first X bytes of packet.
- Mirror interval from 512 to 16k.



Note

These options are implemented by the platform when punting the packet.

Once a session has been created, then interfaces may be attached to it using the following configuration:

```
interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/0
    monitor-session <name> [ethernet|ipv4|ipv6|mpls-ipv4|mpls-ipv6]
```

The attachment configuration is unchanged by SPAN to File feature.

Configuration Examples

To configure a mon1 monitor session, use the following commands:

```
monitor-session mon1 ethernet destination file size 230000
```

In the above example, omitting the buffer-type option results in default circular buffer.

To configure a mon2 monitor session, use the following commands:

```
monitor-session mon2 ethernet
          destination file size 1000 buffer-type linear
!
```

To attach monitor session to a physical or bundle interface, use the following commands:

```
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router#show run interface Bundle-Ether 1
Fri Apr 24 12:12:59.348 EDT
interface Bundle-Ether1
monitor-session ms7 ethernet
```

To configure a mon3 monitor session with the mirror first option, use the following command:

```
monitor-session mon3 ethernet
mirror first 101
!
```

Running Configuration

```
!! IOS XR Configuration 7.1.1.124I
!! Last configuration change at Tue Nov 26 19:29:05 2019 by root
!
hostname OC
logging console informational
!
monitor-session mon1 ethernet
destination file size 230000 buffer-type circular
!
monitor-session mon2 ethernet
destination file size 1000 buffer-type linear
```

```
! interface Bundle-Ether1 monitor-session ms7 ethernet end
```

Verification

To verify packet collection status:

If packet collection is not active, the following line is displayed:

```
Monitor-session mon2
Destination File - Not collecting
```

File Mirroring

Prior to Cisco IOS XR Software Release 7.2.1, the router did not support file mirroring from active RP to standby RP. Administrators had to manually perform the task or use EEM scripts to sync files across active RP and standby RP. Starting with Cisco IOS XR Software Release 7.2.1, file mirroring feature enables the router to copy files or directories automatically from <code>/harddisk:/mirror</code> location in active RP to <code>/harddisk:/mirror</code> location in standby RP or RSP without user intervention or EEM scripts.

Two new CLIs have been introduced for the file mirroring feature:

• mirror enable

The /harddisk:/mirror directory is created by default, but file mirroring functionality is only enabled by executing the mirror enable command from configuration terminal. Status of the mirrored files can be viewed with show mirror status command.

• mirror enable checksum

The mirror enable checksum command enables MD5 checksum across active to standby RP to check integrity of the files. This command is optional.

Limitations

The following limitations apply to file mirroring:

- Supported only on Dual RP systems.
- Supports syncing only from active to standby RP. If files are copied into standby /harddisk:/mirror location, it won't be synced to active RP.

- A slight delay is observed in show mirror command output when mirror checksum configuration is enabled.
- Not supported on multichassis systems.

Configure File Mirroring

File mirroring has to be enabled explicitly on the router. It is not enabled by default.

```
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router#show run mirror
```

```
Thu Jun 25 10:12:17.303 UTC mirror enable mirror checksum
```

Following is an example of copying running configuration to harddisk: /mirror location:

```
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router#copy running-config harddisk:/mirror/run_config Wed Jul 8 10:25:51.064 PDT

Destination file name (control-c to abort): [/mirror/run_config]?

Building configuration..

32691 lines built in 2 seconds (16345)lines/sec
[OK]
```

Verification

To verify the syncing of file copied to mirror directory, use the show mirror command.

If checksum is disabled, show mirror command displays the following output:

If there is a mismatch during the syncing process, use show mirror mismatch command to verify.

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show mirror mismatch
Wed Jul 8 10:31:21.644 PDT
MIRROR DIR: /harddisk:/mirror/
% Last sync of this dir ended at Wed Jul 8 10:31:11 2020
Location |Mismatch Reason |Action Needed
-----test.txt |newly created item. |send to standby
```

Troubleshooting Traffic Mirroring

When you encounter any issue with traffic mirroring, begin troubleshooting by checking the output of the **show monitor-session status** command. This command displays the recorded state of all sessions and source interfaces:

In the preceding example, the line marked as <session status> can indicate one of these configuration errors:

Session Status	Explanation
Session is not configured globally	The session does not exist in global configuration. Review the command output and ensure that a session with a correct name configured.
Destination interface <intf> (<down-state>)</down-state></intf>	The destination interface is not in Up state in the Interface Marcan verify the state using the show interfaces command. Chec configuration to determine what might be keeping the interface frup (for example, a sub-interface needs to have an appropriate en configured).

The <Source interface status> can report these messages:

Source Interface Status	Explanation
Operational	Everything appears to be working correctly in traffic mirroring follow up with the platform teams in the first instance, if mirro operating as expected.
Not operational (Session is not configured globally)	The session does not exist in global configuration. Check the si command output to ensure that a session with the right name he configured.
Not operational (destination not known)	The session exists, but it either does not have a destination interface or the destination interface named for the session does not exist. If the destination is a sub-interface that has not been created.
Not operational (source same as destination)	The session exists, but the destination and source are the same traffic mirroring does not work.
Not operational (destination not active)	The destination interface or pseudowire is not in the Up state. States corresponding <i>Session status</i> error messages for suggested reso

Source Interface Status	Explanation
Not operational (source state <down-state>)</down-state>	The source interface is not in the Up state. You can verify the state the show interfaces command. Check the configuration to see who be keeping the interface from coming up (for example, a sub-interfact to have an appropriate encapsulation configured).
Error: see detailed output for explanation	Traffic mirroring has encountered an error. Run the show monitor status detail command to display more information.

The show monitor-session status detail command displays full details of the configuration parameters and any errors encountered. For example:

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router show monitor-session status detail

```
Monitor-session sess1
Destination interface is not configured
Source Interfaces
TenGigE0/0/0/1
 Direction: Both
 ACL match: Disabled
 Portion: Full packet
 Status: Not operational (destination interface not known)
TenGigE0/0/0/2
 Direction: Both
 ACL match: Disabled
 Portion: First 100 bytes
 Status: Not operational (destination interface not known). Error: 'Viking SPAN PD' detected
 the 'warning' condition 'PRM connection
         creation failure'.
Monitor-session foo
Destination next-hop TenGigE 0/0/0/0
Source Interfaces
 ______
TenGigE 0/1/0/0.100:
 Direction: Both
 Status: Operating
TenGigE 0/2/0/0.200:
 Direction: Tx
 Status: Error: <blah>
Monitor session bar
No destination configured
Source Interfaces
 ______
TenGigE 0/3/0/0.100:
 Direction: Rx
  Status: Not operational (no destination)
Here are additional trace and debug commands:
```

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session platform trace ?
all
      Turn on all the trace
 errors Display errors
 events Display interesting events
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session trace ?
```

```
process Filter debug by process
\label{eq:reduced_reduced_reduced} \texttt{RP/O/RPO/CPU0:} router \# \ \textbf{debug monitor-session platform ?}
       Turn on all the debugs
 all
 errors VKG SPAN EA errors
 event VKG SPAN EA event
 info VKG SPAN EA info
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# debug monitor-session process all
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# debug monitor-session process ea
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# debug monitor-session process ma
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session process mgr
 detail Display detailed output
 errors Display only attachments which have errors
 internal Display internal monitor-session information
       Output Modifiers
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status
\label{eq:reconstruction} \texttt{RP/0/RP0/CPU0:} \texttt{router} \# \ \textbf{show monitor-session status errors}
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show monitor-session status internal
```

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