



Configure Virtual LANs in Layer 2 VPNs

The Layer 2 Virtual Private Network (L2VPN) feature enables Service Providers (SPs) to provide L2 services to geographically disparate customer sites.

A virtual local area network (VLAN) is a group of devices on one or more LANs that are configured so that they can communicate as if they were attached to the same wire, when in fact they are located on a number of different LAN segments. The IEEE's 802.1Q specification establishes a standard method for inserting VLAN membership information into Ethernet frames.

VLANs are very useful for user and host management, bandwidth allocation, and resource optimization. Using VLANs addresses the problem of breaking large networks into smaller parts so that broadcast and multicast traffic does not consume more bandwidth than necessary. VLANs also provide a higher level of security between segments of internal networks.

The 802.1Q specification establishes a standard method for inserting VLAN membership information into Ethernet frames. Cisco IOS XR software supports VLAN sub-interface configuration on Gigabit Ethernet and 10-Gigabit Ethernet interfaces.

The configuration model for configuring VLAN Attachment Circuits (ACs) is similar to the model used for configuring basic VLANs, where the user first creates a VLAN sub-interface, and then configures that VLAN in sub-interface configuration mode. To create an Attachment Circuit, you need to include the **l2transport** keyword in the **interface** command string to specify that the interface is a L2 interface.

VLAN ACs support the following modes of L2VPN operation:

- Basic Dot1Q Attachment Circuit—The Attachment Circuit covers all frames that are received and sent with a specific VLAN tag.
- QinQ Attachment Circuit—The Attachment Circuit covers all frames received and sent with a specific outer VLAN tag and a specific inner VLAN tag. QinQ is an extension to Dot1Q that uses a stack of two tags.
- Q-in-Any Attachment Circuit—The Attachment Circuit covers all frames received and sent with a specific outer VLAN tag and any inner VLAN tag, as long as that inner VLAN tag is not Layer 3 terminated. Q-in-Any is an extension to QinQ that uses wildcarding to match any second tag.



Note The Q-in-Any mode is a variation of the basic Dot1Q mode. In Q-in-Any mode, the frames have a basic QinQ encapsulation; however, in Q-in-Any mode the inner tag is not relevant, except for the fact that a few specific inner VLAN tags are siphoned for specific services. For example, a tag may be used to provide L3 services for general internet access.

Each VLAN on a CE-to-PE link can be configured as a separate L2VPN connection (using either VC type 4 or VC type 5).

Encapsulation

Encapsulation defines the matching criteria that maps a VLAN, a range of VLANs. Different types of encapsulations are default, dot1q, dot1ad. The following are the supported encapsulation types:

- **encapsulation default**: Configures the default service instance on a port.
- **encapsulation dot1q vlan-id** : Defines the matching criteria to map 802.1Q frames ingress on an interface to the appropriate service instance.
- **encapsulation dot1ad vlan-id** : Defines the matching criteria to map 802.1ad frames ingress on an interface to the appropriate service instance.
- **encapsulation dot1q second-dot1q**: Defines the matching criteria to map Q-in-Q ingress frames on an interface to the appropriate service instance.
- **encapsulation dot1ad dot1q**: Defines the matching criteria to be used in order to map single-tagged 802.1ad frames ingress on an interface to the appropriate service instance.

Restrictions and Limitations

To configure VLANs for Layer 2 VPNs, the following restrictions are applicable.

- In a point-to-point connection, the two Attachment Circuits do not have to be of the same type. For example, a port mode Ethernet Attachment Circuit can be connected to a Dot1Q Ethernet Attachment Circuit.
- Pseudowires can run in VLAN mode or in port mode. A pseudowire running in VLAN mode always carries Dot1Q or Dot1ad tag(s), while a pseudowire running in port mode may or may NOT carry tags. To connect these different types of circuits, popping, pushing, and rewriting tags is required.
- The Attachment Circuits on either side of an MPLS pseudowire can be of different types. In this case, the appropriate conversion is carried out at one or both ends of the Attachment Circuit to pseudowire connection.
- When receiving single or double Dot1Q tagged traffic on an L2VPN pseudowire, the egress rewrite action Push 1 configured in an attachment circuit is not supported. The egress rewrite action Push 1 configured in an attachment circuit is supported only for untagged traffic received on an L2VPN pseudowire.
- A non-exact push operation is allowed; however, when using VC type 4, an additional tag is pushed, which is not supported. Although the configuration may initially succeed, an error occurs whenever the

VC type 4 pseudowire comes up. The error message indicates that you must either revert the attachment circuit rewrite configuration or switch to using a VC type 5 pseudowire.

- The Cisco IOS XR software does not support CFM over type-4 pseudowires configuration on bundle sub-interfaces and physical sub-interfaces in L2VPN.
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Configure VLAN Subinterfaces

Table 1: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Feature Description
Increased VLAN-IDs per VLAN list	Release 7.8.1	From this release, you can configure up to 64 VLAN-IDs per VLAN list. Previously, the number of VLAN-IDs supported were only up to 9, per VLAN list. The enhanced VLAN-IDs help to add more number of customers in an Ethernet network. Use the encapsulation list-extended dot1q command, to configure up to 64 VLAN-IDs.
VLAN List	Release 7.4.1	VLANs separated by a comma are called VLAN lists. This feature allows you to configure a VLAN list on the L2 subinterface. VLAN-IDs of up to 9 are supported, per VLAN list. This feature overrides any limit set on the number of customers that can be supported in an Ethernet network.

Subinterfaces are logical interfaces created on a hardware interface. These software-defined interfaces allow for segregation of traffic into separate logical channels on a single hardware interface as well as allowing for better utilization of the available bandwidth on the physical interface.

Subinterfaces are distinguished from one another by adding an extension on the end of the interface name and designation. For instance, the Ethernet subinterface 23 on the physical interface designated TenGigE 0/1/0/0 would be indicated by TenGigE 0/1/0/0.23.

Before a subinterface is allowed to pass traffic, it must have a valid tagging protocol encapsulation and VLAN identifier assigned. All Ethernet subinterfaces always default to the 802.1Q VLAN encapsulation. However, the VLAN identifier must be explicitly defined.

The subinterface Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) is inherited from the physical interface with 4 bytes allowed for the 802.1Q VLAN tag.

The following modes of VLAN subinterface configuration are supported:

- Basic dot1q Attachment Circuit
- Basic dot1ad Attachment Circuit
- Q-in-Q Attachment Circuit

To configure a basic dot1q Attachment Circuit, use this encapsulation mode:

encapsulation dot1q *vlan extra-id*

From Release 7.8.1, use **encapsulation list-extended dot1q** command to extend the number of VLAN IDs or VLAN ranges, to configure up to 64 VLAN IDs or VLAN ranges per VLAN list. The VLAN list is supported for both inner and outer VLAN IDs.

encapsulation list-extended dot1q *vlan-id*

To configure a basic dot1ad Attachment Circuit, use this encapsulation mode:

encapsulation dot1ad *vlan-id*

To configure a Q-in-Q Attachment Circuit, use the following encapsulation modes:

- **encapsulation dot1q** *vlan-id second-dot1q vlan-id*
- **encapsulation dot1ad** *vlan-id dot1q vlan-id*

From Release 7.4.1, VLAN list is supported for both inner and outer VLAN IDs. The following is the example to show the supported VLAN lists on L2 subinterface:

```
Router#configure
Router(config)#interface TenGigE 0/0/0/1.101 l2transport
Router(config-subif)#encapsulation dot1q 10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,untagged
```

From Release 7.8.1, use **encapsulation list-extended dot1q** command to extend the number of VLAN IDs or VLAN ranges, to configure up to 64 VLAN IDs or VLAN ranges per VLAN list. The following is the example to show the supported VLAN lists on an L2 subinterface:

```
Router#configure
Router(config)#interface TenGigE 0/0/0/1.102 l2transport
Router(config-subif)#encapsulation list-extended dot1q 10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21
```

If you're moving from any old commands like, **encapsulation dot1q**, or **encapsulation dot1q priority-tagged**, or **encapsulation default**, or from any other old commands, to the **encapsulation list-extended** command, then **no encapsulation** command should precede the **encapsulation list-extended** command as shown in the following example.

If you're moving from the **encapsulation list-extended** command to any of the old commands, then **no encapsulation list-extended** command should precede the old command as shown in the following example.

```
Router(config-subif) #no encapsulation list-extended
Router(config-subif) #encapsulation default
Router(config-subif) #commit
```

- BVI with Double-Tagged AC—You can configure the attachment circuit (AC) with double-VLAN tag encapsulation on the bridge-group virtual interface (BVI). You must specify the rewrite ingress pop 2 symmetric option when you configure the AC on the BVI with double-VLAN tag encapsulation.



Note On Cisco N540X-6Z18G-SYS-A/D and N540X-8Z16G-SYS- A/D variants a maximum of up to 1K subinterfaces (includes both bundle and physical) are supported overall.

Restrictions and Limitations

To configure VLAN subinterface, the following restrictions are applicable.

- At least 64 VLAN-IDs in a VLAN list is required to overcome the limitation of only 9 VLAN ranges per NPU.
- If 0x9100/0x9200 is configured as tunneling ether-type, then dot1ad (0x88a8) encapsulation isn't supported.
- If any subinterface is already configured under a main interface, modifying the tunneling ether-type isn't supported.
- Following limitations are applicable to both outer and inner VLAN ranges:
 - 32 unique VLAN ranges are supported per NPU.
 - The overlap between outer VLAN ranges on subinterfaces of the same physical or bundle main interface isn't supported. A subinterface with a single VLAN tag that falls into a range configured on another subinterface of the same physical or bundle main interface is also considered an overlap.
 - The overlap between inner VLAN ranges on subinterfaces of the same NPU isn't supported.
 - Range 'any' doesn't result in explicit programming of a VLAN range in hardware and therefore doesn't count against the configured ranges.

Configuration Example

Configuring a VLAN subinterface involves:

- Creating a Ten Gigabit Ethernet subinterface
- Enabling L2 transport mode on the interface
- Defining the matching criteria (encapsulation mode) to be used in order to map ingress frames on an interface to the appropriate service instance.

Configuration of Basic dot1q Attachment Circuit

```
Router# configure
```

```

Router(config)# interface TenGigE 0/0/0/10.1 l2transport
Router(config-if)# encapsulation dot1q 10 exact
Router(config-if)# no shutdown

Router# configure
Router(config)#interface TenGigE 0/0/0/1.101 l2transport
Router(config-subif)#encapsulation list-extended dot1q
66-67,68-69,70-71,118-119,120-121,122-123,229,230,231

```

Running Configuration

```

configure
interface TenGigE 0/0/0/10.1
  l2transport
  encapsulation dot1q 10 exact
!
!

Configure
interface TenGigE 0/0/0/1.101
  l2transport
  encapsulation list-extended dot1q 66-67,68-69,70-71,118-119,120-121,122-123,229,230,231

```

Verification

Verify that the VLAN subinterface is active:

```

Router# show interfaces TenGigE 0/0/0/10.1

...
TenGigE0/0/0/10.1 is up, line protocol is up
  Interface state transitions: 1
  Hardware is VLAN sub-interface(s), address is 0011.1aac.a05a
  Layer 2 Transport Mode
  MTU 1518 bytes, BW 10000000 Kbit (Max: 10000000 Kbit)
    reliability Unknown, txload Unknown, rxload Unknown
  Encapsulation 802.1Q Virtual LAN,
    Outer Match: Dot1Q VLAN 10
    Ethertype Any, MAC Match src any, dest any
  loopback not set,
  ...

Router#show interfaces TenGigE 0/0/0/1.101
TenGigabitEthernet0/0/0/1.101 is down, line protocol is down
  Interface state transitions: 0
  Hardware is VLAN sub-interface(s), address is 008a.9678.0c04
  Layer 2 Transport Mode
  MTU 1518 bytes, BW 10000000 Kbit (Max: 10000000 Kbit)
    reliability Unknown, txload Unknown, rxload Unknown
  Encapsulation 802.1Q Virtual LAN,
    Outer Match: Dot1Q VLAN 66-67,68-69,70-71,118-119,120-121,122-123,229,230,231
    Ethertype Any, MAC Match src any, dest any
  loopback not set,
  Last input never, output never
  Last clearing of "show interface" counters never
    0 packets input, 0 bytes
    0 input drops, 0 queue drops, 0 input errors

```

```
0 packets output, 0 bytes
0 output drops, 0 queue drops, 0 output errors
```

Associated Commands

- [encapsulation dot1ad dot1q](#)
- [encapsulation dot1q](#)
- [encapsulation dot1q second-dot1q](#)
- [l2transport \(Ethernet\)](#)
- [encapsulation dot1ad](#)

Introduction to Ethernet Flow Point

An Ethernet Flow Point (EFP) is a Layer 2 logical sub-interface used to classify traffic under a physical or a bundle interface. An EFP is defined by a set of filters (a set of entries) that are applied to all the ingress traffic to classify the frames that belong to a particular EFP. Each entry usually contains 0, 1 or 2 VLAN tags. You can specify a VLAN or QinQ tagging to match against on ingress. A packet that starts with the same tags as an entry in the filter is said to match the filter; if the start of the packet does not correspond to any entry in the filter, then the packet does not match the filter.

All traffic on ingress are processed by that EFP if a match occurs, and this can in turn change VLAN IDs, add or remove VLAN tags, and change ethertypes. After the frames are matched to a particular EFP, any appropriate feature (such as, any frame manipulations specified by the configuration as well as things such as QoS and ACLs) can be applied.

The benefits of EFP include:

- Identifying all frames that belong to a particular flow on a given interface
- Performing VLAN header rewrites
(See, [Configure VLAN Header Rewrite, on page 12](#))
- Adding features to the identified frames
- Optionally defining how to forward the identified frames in the data path

Limitations of EFP

Egress EFP filtering is not supported on Cisco IOS XR.

Identify Frames of an EFP

The EFP identifies frames belonging to a particular flow on a given port, independent of their Ethernet encapsulation. An EFP can flexibly map frames into a flow or EFP based on the fields in the frame header. The frames can be matched to an EFP using VLAN tags.

The frames can't be matched to an EFP through this:

- Any information outside the outermost Ethernet frame header and its associated tags such as

- IPv4, IPv6, or MPLS tag header data
- C-DMAC, C-SMAC, or C-VLAN

VLAN Tag Identification

Below table describes the different encapsulation types and the EFP identifier corresponding to each.

Encapsulation Type	EFP Identifier
Single tagged frames	802.1Q customer-tagged Ethernet frames
Double tagged frames Double tagged frames can be of the following types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single range • Range-in-Q • Q-in-Range 	802.1Q (ethertype 0x9100) double tagged frames 802.1ad (ethertype 0x9200) double tagged frames <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In single range, a range of VLAN IDs can be added for an EFP. • In Range-in-Q, a range of outer VLAN IDs can have a single inner VLAN ID. • In Q-in-Range, a single outer VLAN ID can have a range of inner VLAN IDs.

You can use wildcards while defining frames that map to a given EFP. EFPs can distinguish flows based on a single VLAN tag, a stack of VLAN tags or a combination of both (VLAN stack with wildcards). It provides the EFP model, a flexibility of being encapsulation agnostic, and allows it to be extensible as new tagging or tunneling schemes are added.

Single Tagged VLAN Range Support for Double Tagged Frames

Table 2: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Feature Description
Single Tagged VLAN Range Support for Double Tagged Frames	Release 7.8.1	From this release, L2 subinterface configuration with single tagged VLAN range can be matched with the double tagged frames. Previously, the packet matching was done only with single VLAN ID and the double tagged packets were dropped. With single tagged VLAN range support for double tagged frames, the traffic can reach the VLAN destination safely.

Starting from Cisco IOS XR Release 7.8.1, L2 subinterfaces with single tagged VLAN range, can be configured to match the double tagged frames. Prior to this release, if you have a single VLAN ID configured using the command **encapsulation dot1q I** to define the matching criteria on a subinterface, then it only matches single

tagged packets with VLAN ID as 1 and double tagged packets with outer VLAN ID as 1. VLAN range configuration is not supported, for example **encapsulation dot1q 1-3**.

If VLAN range is configured, then the configuration matches only single tagged packets and drops the double tagged packets even if the outer VLAN is within the specified range.

Configuring Basic Dot1q Attachment Circuit with VLAN Range

The following configuration shows how to configure a basic dot1q Attachment Circuit, using this encapsulation mode with outer VLAN range between (1 and 3) and inner tag with matching single tagged frames. Irrespective of the packets, either it's single tagged or double tagged, the check is done only on the outer VLAN header.

```
Router#configure
Router(config)#interface TenGigE 0/0/0/0.1 l2transport
Router(config-if)#encapsulation dot1q 1-3
```

Use the [Show interfaces](#) command to display the operational information for Ethernet interfaces.

Apply Features

After the frames are matched to a particular EFP, any appropriate features can be applied. In this context, “features” means any frame manipulations specified by the configuration as well as things such as QoS and ACLs. The Ethernet infrastructure provides an appropriate interface to allow the feature owners to apply their features to an EFP. Hence, IM interface handles are used to represent EFPs, allowing feature owners to manage their features on EFPs in the same way the features are managed on regular interfaces or sub-interfaces.

The only L2 features that can be applied on an EFP that is part of the Ethernet infrastructure are the L2 header encapsulation modifications. The L2 features are described in this section.

Encapsulation Modifications

EFP supports these L2 header encapsulation modifications on both ingress and egress:

- Push 1 or 2 VLAN tags
- Pop 1 or 2 VLAN tags



Note This modification can only pop tags that are matched as part of the EFP.

- Rewrite 1 or 2 VLAN tags:
 - Rewrite outer tag
 - Rewrite outer 2 tags
 - Rewrite outer tag and push an additional tag

For each of the VLAN ID manipulations, these can be specified:

- The VLAN tag type, that is, C-VLAN, S-VLAN, or I-TAG. The ethertype of the 802.1Q C-VLAN tag is defined by the dot1q tunneling type command.
- The VLAN ID. 0 can be specified for an outer VLAN tag to generate a priority-tagged frame.



Note For tag rewrites, the CoS bits from the previous tag should be preserved in the same way as the DEI bit for 802.1ad encapsulated frames.

Define Data-Forwarding Behavior

The EFP can be used to designate the frames belonging to a particular Ethernet flow forwarded in the data path. These forwarding cases are supported for EFPs in Cisco IOS XR software:

- L2 Switched Service (Bridging)—The EFP is mapped to a bridge domain, where frames are switched based on their destination MAC address. This includes multipoint services:
 - Ethernet to Ethernet Bridging
 - Multipoint Layer 2 Services
- L2 Stitched Service (AC to AC xconnect)—This covers point-to-point L2 associations that are statically established and do not require a MAC address lookup.
 - Ethernet to Ethernet Local Switching—The EFP is mapped to an S-VLAN either on the same port or on another port. The S-VLANs can be identical or different.
- Tunneled Service (xconnect)—The EFP is mapped to a Layer 3 tunnel. This covers point-to-point services, such as EoMPLS.

Ethernet Flow Points Visibility

EFP Visibility feature enables you to configure multiple VLANs only when IGMP snooping is enabled and multiple VLANs and sub-interfaces of same port is configured under the same bridge domain.

An Ethernet flow point (EFP) service instance is a logical interface that connects a bridge domain to a physical port or to an EtherChannel group. A VLAN tag is used to identify the EFP.

Earlier only one EFP was allowed per bridge-domain. With EFP visibility feature, you can configure a maximum of:

- 600 EFPs per bridge-domain.
- 100 EFPs per port.
- The maximum attachment circuits (VLAN interfaces) per bridge-domain is 128 for Cisco N540X-6Z18G-SYS-A/D and N540X-8Z16G-SYS - A/D variants.

Irrespective of number of ports available, you have flexibility to add more EFPs in one bridge group.

Configuring EFP Visibility

This example shows how to configure IGMP snooping on VLAN interfaces under a bridge domain with multiple EFPs.

```
/* Configure two IGMP Snooping profiles */
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# igmp snooping profile 1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-igmp-snooping-profile)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# igmp snooping profile 2
```

```

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-igmp-snooping-profile)#commit

!

/* Configure VLAN interfaces for L2 transport */
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/8/0/8
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# bundle id 2 mode on
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# no shut
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/8/0/9
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# bundle id 3 mode on
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# no shut
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# exit

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface Bundle-Ether2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface Bundle-Ether3
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# exit

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface Bundle-Ether2.2 l2transport
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# encapsulation dot1q 2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface Bundle-Ether2.3 l2transport
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# encapsulation dot1q 3
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface Bundle-Ether2.4 l2transport
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# encapsulation dot1q 4
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface Bundle-Ether2.5 l2transport
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# encapsulation dot1q 5
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# exit

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface Bundle-Ether3.2 l2transport
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# encapsulation dot1q 2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface Bundle-Ether3.3 l2transport
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# encapsulation dot1q 3
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-subif)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# commit

/* Attach a profile and add interfaces to the bridge domain.
Attach a profile to one of the interfaces. The other interface
inherits IGMP snooping configuration attributes from the bridge domain profile */

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#l2vpn
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn)#bridge group VLAN2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg)#bridge-domain VLAN2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#efp-visibility
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#igmp snooping profile 1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface bundle-Ether2.2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface bundle-Ether 2.3
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface bundle-Ether 2.4
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface bundle-Ether 2.5
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#exit

```

```

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg)#bridge-domain vlan3
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#efp-visibility
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#igmp snooping profile 2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface bundle-Ether3.2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#interface bundle-Ether 3.3
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-ac)#exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#routed interface bvi2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-bvi)#exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#evi 2
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd-evi)#exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-l2vpn-bg-bd)#commit

```

Verification

Verify the configured bridge ports:

```

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show igmp snooping port
                        Bridge Domain VLAN2:VLAN2

```

Port	State				
	Oper	STP	Red	#Grps	#SGs
BVI2	Up	-	-	0	0
Bundle-Ether2.2	Up	-	-	100	0
Bundle-Ether2.3	Up	-	-	100	0
Bundle-Ether2.4	Up	-	-	100	0
Bundle-Ether2.5	Up	-	-	100	0

Bridge Domain VLAN3:VLAN3

Port	State				
	Oper	STP	Red	#Grps	#SGs
BVI3	Up	-	-	0	0
Bundle-Ether3.2	Up	-	-	100	0
Bundle-Ether3.3	Up	-	-	100	0

In the above output verify the status of BVI and EFPs are **Up**, and the **#Grps** and **#SG** show the correct number of IGMP join received.

Configure VLAN Header Rewrite

EFP supports the following VLAN header rewrites on both ingress and egress ports:

- Push 1 VLAN tag
- Pop 1 VLAN tag



Note This rewrite can only pop tags that are matched as part of the EFP.

- Translate 1 or 2 VLAN tags:
 - Translate 1-to-1 tag: Translates the outermost tag to another tag

- Translate 1-to-2 tags: Translates the outermost tag to two tags
- Translate 2-to-2 tags: Translates the outermost two tags to two other tags

Various combinations of ingress, egress VLAN rewrites with corresponding tag actions during ingress and egress VLAN translation, are listed in the following sections:

Limitations

The limitations for VLAN header rewrites are as follows:

- Push 1 is not supported for dot1ad configuration.
- Push 2 is supported only on:
 - Untagged EFP
 - Dot1q EFP with **exact** configuration statement
- Translate 1 to 1 is not supported for dot1ad configuration.
- Translate 1 to 2 is not supported with **dot1q tunneling ethertype** configuration statement.
- From Cisco IOS XE 7.3.1 release, pop 2 is supported only on Cisco N540X-6Z18G-SYS-A/D and N540X-8Z16G-SYS - A/D variants.
- Translate 2 to 1 is not supported.
-
- When a single-tag range is used, double tagged traffic does not match.

For example, in the following configuration, dot1q 2-6 is the outer tag.

```
Router#configure
Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/0.0 l2transport
Router(config-if)# encapsulation dot1q 2-6
```

- An incoming packet with an outer tag of 2 and ANY inner tag does not match. For example, the double tag packet of outer tag 2 and inner tag 1 is not be accepted on the interface 0/0/0/0.0.
- But, an incoming packet with a single tag of 2 is accepted. For example, the single tag packet of outer tag between 2 to 6 is accepted on the interface 0/0/0/0.0.

Configuration Example

This topic covers VLAN header rewrites on various attachment circuits, such as:

- L2 single-tagged sub-interface
- L2 double-tagged sub-interface

Configuring VLAN header rewrite involves:

- Creating a TenGigabit Ethernet sub-interface
- Enabling L2 transport mode on the interface

- Defining the matching criteria (encapsulation mode) to be used in order to map single-tagged frames ingress on an interface to the appropriate service instance
- Specifying the encapsulation adjustment that is to be performed on the ingress frame

Configuration of VLAN Header Rewrite (single-tagged sub-interface)

```
Router# configure
Router(config)# interface TenGigE 0/0/0/10.1 l2transport
Router(config-if)# encapsulation dot1q 10 exact
Router(config-if)# rewrite ingress tag push dot1q 20 symmetric
```

Running Configuration

```
/* Configuration without rewrite */

configure
interface TenGigE0/0/0/0.1 l2transport
encapsulation dot1q 10 exact
!
!

/* Configuration with rewrite */

/* PUSH 1 */
interface TenGigE0/0/0/0.1 l2transport
encapsulation dot1q 10
rewrite ingress tag push dot1q 20 symmetric
!
!

/* POP 1 */
interface TenGigE0/0/0/0.1 l2transport
encapsulation dot1q 10
rewrite ingress tag pop 1
!
!

/* TRANSLATE 1-1 */

interface TenGigE0/0/0/0.1 l2transport
encapsulation dot1q 10
rewrite ingress tag translate 1-to-1 dot1q 20
!
!

/* TRANSLATE 1-2 */

interface TenGigE0/0/0/0.1 l2transport
encapsulation dot1q 10
rewrite ingress tag translate 1-to-2 dot1q 20 second-dot1q 30
!
!
```

Running Configuration (VLAN header rewrite on double-tagged sub-interface)

```
/* Configuration without rewrite */
```

```

interface TenGigE0/0/0/0.1 l2transport
encapsulation dot1q 10 second-dot1q 11
!
!

/* Configuration with rewrite */

/* PUSH 1 */
interface TenGigE0/0/0/0.1 l2transport
encapsulation dot1q 10 second-dot1q 11
rewrite ingress tag push dot1q 20 symmetric
!
!

/* TRANSLATE 1-1 */

interface TenGigE0/0/0/0.1 l2transport
encapsulation dot1q 10 second-dot1q 11
rewrite ingress tag translate 1-to-1 dot1q 20
!
!

/* TRANSLATE 1-2 */

interface TenGigE0/0/0/0.1 l2transport
encapsulation dot1q 10 second-dot1q 11
rewrite ingress tag translate 1-to-2 dot1q 20 second-dot1q 30
!
!

/* TRANSLATE 2-2 */

interface TenGigE0/0/0/0.1 l2transport
encapsulation dot1q 10 second-dot1q 11
rewrite ingress tag translate 2-to-2 dot1q 20 second-dot1q 30
!
!

```

Associated Commands

- [encapsulation dot1ad dot1q](#)
- [encapsulation dot1q](#)
- [encapsulation dot1q second-dot1q](#)
- [l2transport \(Ethernet\)](#)
- [rewrite ingress tag](#)

Rewrite Encapsulation Combinations

The following table lists the supported and unsupported rewrite combinations:

Table 3: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Feature Description
Push 2 Rewrite Encapsulation Types	Release 7.7.1	Routers with Cisco NC57 line cards installed and operating in native mode support these encapsulation types without the exact keyword configured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • default • dot1q double tag • dot1ad double tag

Table 4: Rewrite Encapsulation Combinations

Rewrite Action	Supported Encapsulation Type	Unsupported Encapsulation
No rewrite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • untagged • default • dot1q range • dot1ad range • dot1q priority tagged • dot1ad priority tagged • dot1q • dot1ad • dot1q double inner tag range • dot1ad double inner tag range • dot1q double Inner tag any • dot1ad double inner tag any • dot1q double tag • dot1ad double tag • custom 9100/9200 double tag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dot1q any • dot1ad any

Rewrite Action	Supported Encapsulation Type	Unsupported Encapsulation
Pop 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dot1q • dot1ad • dot1q double inner tag range • dot1ad double inner tag range • dot1q double Inner tag any • dot1ad double inner tag any • dot1q double tag • dot1ad double tag • custom 9100/9200 double tag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • untagged • default • dot1q range • dot1q any • dot1ad any • dot1ad range • dot1q priority tagged • dot1ad priority tagged
Pop 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dot1q double tag • dot1ad double tag • custom 9100/9200 double tag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • untagged • default • dot1q range • dot1q any • dot1ad any • dot1ad range • dot1q priority tagged • dot1ad priority tagged • dot1q • dot1ad • dot1q double inner tag range • dot1ad double inner tag range • dot1q double Inner tag any • dot1ad double inner tag any

Rewrite Action	Supported Encapsulation Type	Unsupported Encapsulation
Push 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • untagged • default • dot1q range • dot1ad range • dot1q priority tagged • dot1ad priority tagged • dot1q • dot1ad • dot1q double inner tag range • dot1ad double inner tag range • dot1q double Inner tag any • dot1ad double inner tag any • dot1q double tag • dot1ad double tag • custom 9100/9200 double tag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dot1q any • dot1ad any
Push 2 only with exact keyword configured	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • untagged without the exact keyword configured • dot1q priority tagged • dot1ad priority tagged • dot1q • dot1ad <p data-bbox="630 1388 1050 1545">From Release 7.7.1, routers with Cisco NC57 line cards installed and operating in native mode support these encapsulation types without the exact keyword configured:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • default • dot1q double tag • dot1ad double tag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • default, before Release 7.7.1 • dot1q range • dot1q any • dot1ad any • dot1ad range • dot1q double inner tag range • dot1ad double inner tag range • dot1q double Inner tag any • dot1ad double inner tag any • dot1q double tag, before Release 7.7.1 • dot1ad double tag, before Release 7.7.1 • custom 9100/9200 double tag

Rewrite Action	Supported Encapsulation Type	Unsupported Encapsulation
Translate 1 to 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dot1q • dot1ad • dot1q double inner tag range • dot1ad double inner tag range • dot1q double Inner tag any • dot1ad double inner tag any • dot1q double tag • dot1ad double tag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • untagged • default • dot1q range • dot1q any • dot1ad any • dot1ad range • dot1q priority tagged • dot1ad priority Tagged • custom 9100/9200 double tag
Translate 1 to 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dot1q • dot1ad • dot1q double inner tag range • dot1ad double inner tag range • dot1q double Inner tag any • dot1ad double inner tag any • dot1q double tag • dot1ad double tag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> untagged Default dot1q range dot1q any dot1ad any dot1ad range dot1q priority tagged dot1ad priority Tagged Custom 9100/9200 double tag

Rewrite Action	Supported Encapsulation Type	Unsupported Encapsulation
Translate 2 to 1	From Release 7.4.1, these encapsulation types are supported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dot1q double tag • dot1ad double tag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • untagged • default • dot1q range • dot1q any • dot1ad any • dot1ad range • dot1q priority tagged • dot1ad priority tagged • dot1q • dot1ad • dot1q double inner tag range • dot1ad double inner tag range • dot1q double inner tag any • dot1ad double inner tag any • dot1q double tag, before Release 7.4.1 • dot1q double tag, before Release 7.4.1 • custom 9100/9200 double tag

Rewrite Action	Supported Encapsulation Type	Unsupported Encapsulation
Translate 2 to 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dot1q double tag • dot1ad double tag • custom 9100/9200 double tag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • untagged • default • dot1q range • dot1q any • dot1ad any • dot1ad range • dot1q priority tagged • dot1ad priority Tagged • dot1q • dot1ad • dot1q double inner tag range • dot1ad double inner tag range • dot1q double Inner tag any • dot1ad double inner tag any
dot1ad push 1	Not Supported	
dot1ad push 2	Not Supported	
dot1ad translate 1-to-1	Not Supported	
dot1ad translate 1-to-2	Not Supported	
dot1ad translate 2-to-2	Not Supported	
dot1ad translate 2-to-1	Not Supported	

VLAN tagging on the main bundle or physical interface for L2VPN VPWS

This feature introduces the capability to add VLAN tags on the main bundle or physical interface for Layer 2 VPN Virtual Private Wire Service (VPWS). This enhancement supports VLAN-based pseudowires (VC Type 4), enabling the transport of VLAN-tagged frames over static pseudowires using GRE tunnels, without the need for MPLS transport labels.

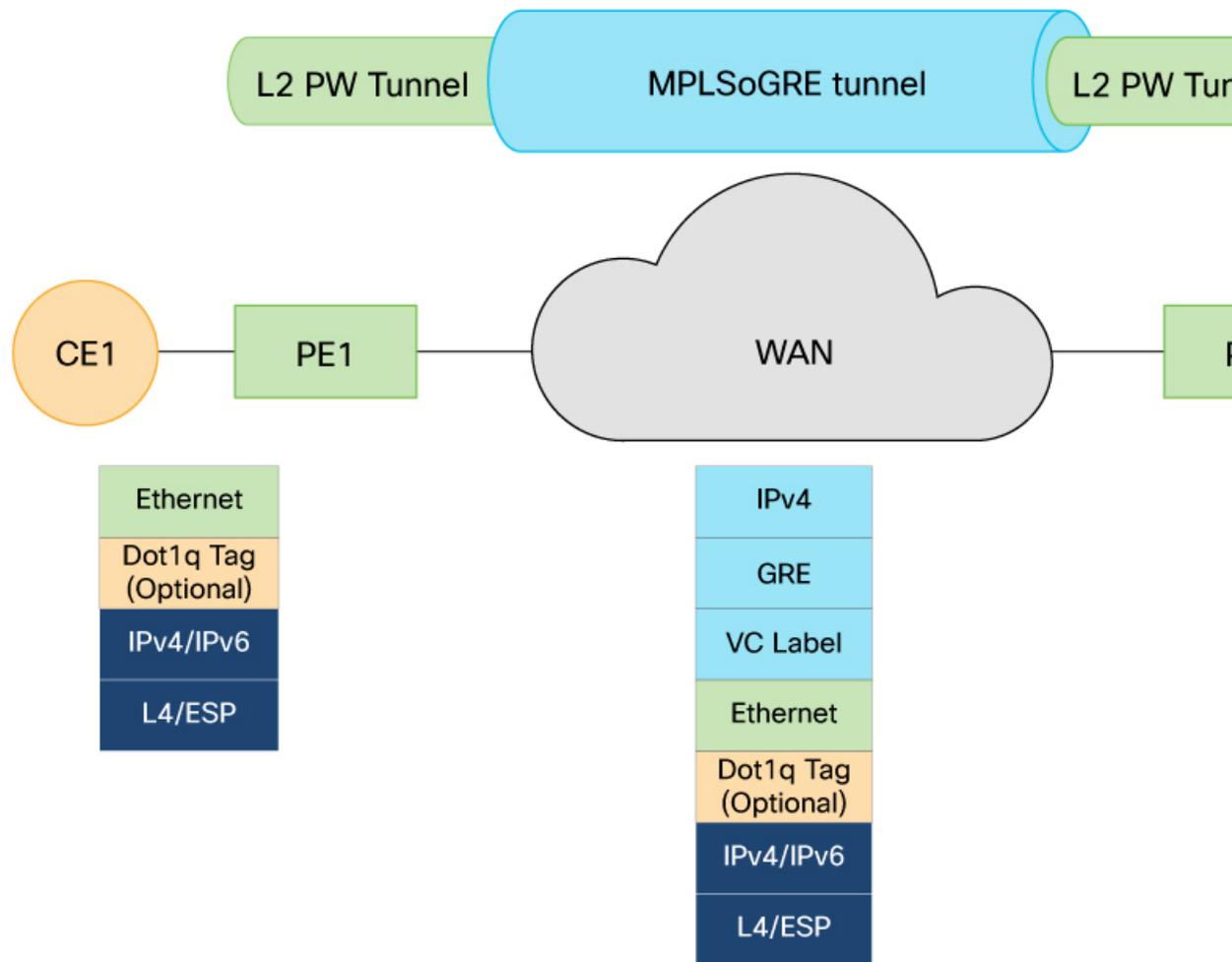
Table 5: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Feature Description
VLAN tagging on the main bundle or physical interface for L2VPN VPWS	Release 25.1.1	<p>Introduced in this release on: NCS 5500 fixed port routers(select variants only*)</p> <p>You can configure VLAN tagging on main bundle or physical interfaces for Layer 2 point-to-point traffic over static Label Switched Paths (LSP) with GRE tunnels. For L2VPN VPWS, VLAN tags (dummy, signaled, or zero) are always present in the payload when using virtual connection (VC) type 4 (Ethernet VLAN 802.1Q) pseudowires. This allows each VLAN to be configured as a distinct L2VPN connection, enhancing network organization and enabling efficient traffic segmentation.</p> <p>* This feature is supported only on NCS-55A1 series fixed port routers.</p>

This feature enables efficient transport of Layer 2 point-to-point traffic over static Label Switched Paths (LSP) using GRE tunnels, specifically within an L2VPN VPWS environment. By configuring VLAN tagging on main bundle or physical interfaces, each VLAN can function as a distinct L2VPN connection, optimizing network organization and traffic segmentation. The use of virtual connection (VC) type 4 (Ethernet VLAN 802.1Q) pseudowires ensures that VLAN tags, whether dummy, signaled, or zero, are consistently present in the payload. This setup requires the remote Provider Edge (PE) device to recognize and strip dummy VLAN tags, maintaining interoperability and seamless network communication.

Figure 1: VLAN tagging packet flow

This figure depicts the L2VPN and GRE tunnel between PE1 and PE2 routers to send L2 traffic over GRE.



1. When an Ethernet frame is sent from the CE1 router to the PE1 router, PE1 adds the Virtual Circuit (VC) label based on the VLAN tag for dot1q tagged frames or the incoming port for non-VLAN-tagged frames.
2. After attaching the VC label, the PE1 router encapsulates the packet with a GRE header and forwards it through the MPLSoGRE tunnel.

The encapsulation process comprises the following actions at the PE1 router:

- VC label is attached, and GRE header is encapsulated.
- The packet is forwarded via GRE tunnel to PE2.

3. When the PE2 router receives the GRE-encapsulated packets, it decapsulates the GRE header and VC label, and forwards the packet to the CE2 router based on the MAC address or VLAN, or both.

The decapsulation process comprises the following actions at the PE2 router:

- GRE header and VC label are decapsulated.
- Packet is forwarded to the CE2 router.

VC Type 4 pseudowire VLAN support

VC Type 4 pseudowire

From Release 25.1.1, the router supports VC Type 4 pseudowires (PW), also known as VLAN-based PW. This configuration allows the use of VLAN as L2 transport mode for both the main interface and the sub-interface. When the payload is transported over the VC Type 4 PW a VLAN tag is always attached, whether it's a dummy, signaled, or zero VLAN, ensuring consistent tagging over the transport.

Configuration and interoperability considerations

VC Type 4 PW is configured using the `transport-mode vlan` command. For successful interoperability, the remote Provider Edge (PE) must recognize and strip the top VLAN tag, which functions as a dummy tag. The absence of this understanding and a similar command to support VC Type 4 in the remote PE can result in interoperability issues.

Comparison with VC Type 5 pseudowire

In contrast, VC type 5 pseudowires, the default option, are Ethernet port-based and do not require VLAN tagging of the frames being transmitted. The PE does not add a dummy tag in Type 5 PW. Instead, it offers the flexibility to manipulate VLAN tags on incoming frames using the Attachment Circuit's (AC) rewrite command. The manipulated frames, whether they remain tagged or become untagged, are then transported over the Type 5 PW.

Packet format transition on main interface L2transport AC with VC Type 4 PW configuration

The following table outlines how incoming packet format gets changed over VC Type 4 PW irrespective of the configured tag-rewrite. Further packet routing after packet transition happens based on the VLAN tag that is configured.

Table 6: Packet format transition

Incoming packet format	After VC Type 4 – Packet format over the PW
Untagged	Single tagged packet (VLAN = static rewrite VLAN)
Single tagged	Double tagged packet (outer VLAN = static rewrite VLAN)
Double tagged	3 tagged packet (outer VLAN = static rewrite VLAN)

This is an example packet header format.

Table 7: Example packet header format

Incoming packet header format (Outer header--> Inner header)	Outgoing packet header format (Outer header--> Inner header; PW over the core)
Eth + (Optional Dot1q Tag) + IPv4/v6 + TCP/UDP	Eth + IPv4 + GRE + VC label + Eth + Dot1q tag (from VC type 4) + (Optional Dot1q tag) + IPv4/v6 + payload

Benefits of VLAN tagging on the main bundle or physical interface for L2VPN VPWS

VLAN tagging on the main bundle or physical interface provides the following benefits.

- As VLAN tagging (VC type 4) can be done on the main interface, both VLAN tagging and Link Loss Forwarding (LLF) can be performed simultaneously. This improves network organization and security by isolating traffic and reducing broadcast domains, while LLF ensures rapid failover and recovery, minimizing network downtime.



Note LLF does not work on subinterfaces. Therefore, VLAN tagging (VC type 4) on subinterfaces does not simultaneously work with LLF on subinterfaces.

- VLAN tagging can be utilized for Layer 2 VPNs, such as over Layer 2 VPN point-to-point connections using static LSP or GRE tunnels.

Guidelines of VLAN tagging on the main bundle or physical interface for L2VPN VPWS

These are some guidelines to use VLAN tagging on the main bundle or physical interface effectively.

- VC Type 4 PW is configured using the `transport-mode vlan` command. Ensure the remote Provider Edge (PE) can recognize and strip the top VLAN tag as a dummy tag to avoid interoperability issues.
- Link loss forwarding is supported for the PW with physical interface or main bundle interface as an AC. As VLAN tagging (VC type 4) can be done on the main interface, both VLAN tagging and Link Loss Forwarding (LLF) can be performed simultaneously.

Configure VLAN tagging on the main bundle or physical interface for L2VPN VPWS

Perform these tasks to configure VLAN tagging on the main bundle or physical interface.

Procedure

Step 1 Configure VC Type 4 PW on existing L2VPN configuration to enable VLAN tag rewrite.

```
Router# config
Router(config)#l2vpn
Router(config-l2vpn)#pw-class PW_CLASS_CW
Router(config-l2vpn-pwc)#encapsulation mpls
Router(config-l2vpn-pwc-mpls)#transport-mode vlan
Router(config-l2vpn-pwc-mpls)#tag-rewrite ingress vlan 10
Router(config-l2vpn-pwc-mpls)#commit
```

Step 2 View the running configuration.

```

Router# show running-config
l2vpn
pw-class PW_CLASS_CW
  encapsulation mpls
  transport-mode vlan
  tag-rewrite ingress vlan 10
!
!

```

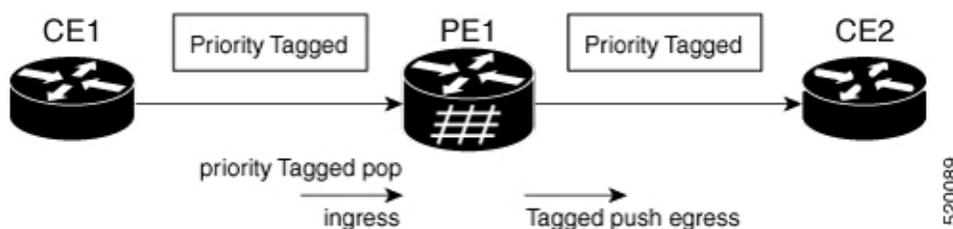
Rewrite of Priority Tag

The Rewrite of Priority Tag feature allows you to configure rewrite tag for a priority-tagged VLAN. This feature removes the priority-tagged VLAN in the ingress direction and adds the priority-tagged VLAN in the egress direction.

You can configure the **rewrite ingress tag symmetric** command for priority-tagged Ethernet Virtual Connections (EVC) on PE1.

This feature supports only rewrite tag pop1 for priority-tag.

Figure 2: Rewrite of Priority Tag



Configure Rewrite of Priority Tag

Perform this task to configure Rewrite of Priority Tag feature.

```

Router#configure
Router(config)#interface FortyGigE0/5/0/0.1 l2transport
Router(config-subif)#encapsulation dot1q priority-tagged
Router(config-subif)#rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric
Router(config-subif)#commit

```

Running Configuration

This section shows Rewrite of Priority Tag running configuration.

```

configure
interface FortyGigE0/5/0/0.1 l2transport
  encapsulation dot1q priority-tagged
  rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric
!

```

Related Topics

[Rewrite of Priority Tag, on page 26](#)

Associated Commands

- `rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric`

