EVPN Virtual Private Wire Service (VPWS)

The EVPN-VPWS is a BGP control plane solution for point-to-point services. It implements the signaling and encapsulation techniques for establishing an EVPN instance between a pair of PEs. It has the ability to forward traffic from one network to another without MAC lookup. The use of EVPN for VPWS eliminates the need for signaling single-segment and multi-segment PWs for point-to-point Ethernet services. The EVPN-VPWS technology works on IP and MPLS core; IP core to support BGP and MPLS core for switching packets between the endpoints.

EVPN-VPWS support both single-homing and multi-homing.

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EVPN-VPWS Single Homed

The EVPN-VPWS single homed solution requires per EVI Ethernet Auto Discovery route. EVPN defines a new BGP Network Layer Reachability Information (NLRI) used to carry all EVPN routes. BGP Capabilities Advertisement used to ensure that two speakers support EVPN NLRI (AFI 25, SAFI 70) as per RFC 4760.

The architecture for EVPN VPWS is that the PEs run Multi-Protocol BGP in control-plane. The following image describes the EVPN-VPWS configuration:

- The VPWS service on PE1 requires the following three elements to be specified at configuration time:
  - The VPN ID (EVI)
  - The local AC identifier (AC1) that identifies the local end of the emulated service.
  - The remote AC identifier (AC2) that identifies the remote end of the emulated service.
PE1 allocates a MPLS label per local AC for reachability.

• The VPWS service on PE2 is set in the same manner as PE1. The three same elements are required and the service configuration must be symmetric.

PE2 allocates a MPLS label per local AC for reachability.

• PE1 advertise a single EVPN per EVI Ethernet AD route for each local endpoint (AC) to remote PEs with the associated MPLS label.

PE2 performs the same task.

• On reception of EVPN per EVI EAD route from PE2, PE1 adds the entry to its local L2 RIB. PE1 knows the path list to reach AC2, for example, next hop is PE2 IP address and MPLS label for AC2.

PE2 performs the same task.

Configure EVPN-VPWS Single Homed

This section describes how you can configure single-homed EVPN-VPWS feature.

```
Router# configure
Router(config)# router bgp 100
Router(config-bgp)# address-family l2vpn evpn
Router(config-bgp-af)# neighbor 10.10.10.1
Router(config-bgp-af)# commit
Router(config-bgp-af)# exit
Router(config-bgp)# exit
Router(config)# l2vpn
Router(config-l2vpn)# xconnect group evpn-vpws
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# p2p evpn1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# interface TenGigE0/1/0/2
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# neighbor evpn evi 100 target 12 source 10
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# commit
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# exit
```

Running Configuration

```
configure
router bgp 100
 address-family l2vpn evpn
 neighbor 10.10.10.1

configure
l2vpn
 xconnect group evpn-vpws
 p2p evpn1
 interface TenGigE0/1/0/2
 neighbor evpn evi 100 target 12 source 10
```
EVPN-VPWS Multi-Homed

The EVPN VPWS feature supports all-active multihoming capability that enables you to connect a customer edge device to two or more provider edge (PE) devices to provide load balancing and redundant connectivity. The load balancing is done using equal-cost multipath (ECMP).

When a CE device is multi-homed to two or more PEs and when all PEs can forward traffic to and from the multi-homed device for the VLAN, then such multihoming is referred to as all-active multihoming.

Figure 1: EVPN VPWS Multi-Homed

Consider the topology in which CE1 is multi-homed to PE1 and PE2; CE2 is multi-homed to PE3 and PE4. PE1 and PE2 will advertise an EAD per EVI route per AC to remote PEs which is PE3 and PE4, with the associated MPLS label. The ES-EAD route is advertised per ES (main interface), and it will not have a label. Similarly, PE3 and PE4 advertise an EAD per EVI route per AC to remote PEs, which is PE1 and PE2, with the associated MPLS label.

Consider a traffic flow from CE1 to CE2. Traffic is sent to either PE1 or PE2. The selection of path is dependent on the CE implementation for forwarding over a LAG. Traffic is encapsulated at each PE and forwarded to the remote PEs (PE 3 and PE4) through MPLS core. Selection of the destination PE is established by flow-based load balancing. PE3 and PE4 send the traffic to CE2. The selection of path from PE3 or PE4 to CE2 is established by flow-based load balancing.

If there is a failure and when the link from CE1 to PE1 goes down, the PE1 withdraws the ES-EAD route; sends a signal to the remote PEs to switch all the VPWS service instances associated with this multi-homed ES to backup PE, which is PE2.

Configure EVPN-VPWS Multi-Homed

This section describes how you can configure multi-homed EVPN-VPWS feature.

/* Configure PE1 */
Router# configure
Router(config)# l2vpn
Router(config-l2vpn)# xconnect group evpn_vpws
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# p2p e1_5-6
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# interface Bundle-Ether10.2
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Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# neighbor evpn evi 1 target 5 source 6
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# exit
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# exit
Router(config-l2vpn)# exit
Router(config)# evpn
Router(config-evpn)# interface Bundle-Ether10
Router(config-evpn-ac)# ethernet-segment
Router(config-evpn-ac-es)# identifier type 0 00.01.00.ac.ce.55.00.0a.00
Router(config-evpn-ac-es)# commit

/* Configure PE2 */
Router# configure
Router(config)# l2vpn
Router(config-l2vpn)# xconnect group evpn_vpws
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# p2p e1_5-6
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# interface Bundle-Ether10.2
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# neighbor evpn evi 1 target 5 source 6
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# exit
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# exit
Router(config-l2vpn)# exit
Router(config)# evpn
Router(config-evpn)# interface Bundle-Ether10
Router(config-evpn-ac)# ethernet-segment
Router(config-evpn-ac-es)# identifier type 0 00.01.00.ac.ce.55.00.0a.00
Router(config-evpn-ac-es)# commit

/* Configure PE3 */
Router(config)# configure
Router(config)# l2vpn
Router(config-l2vpn)# xconnect group evpn_vpws
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# p2p e1_5-6
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# interface Bundle-Ether20.1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# neighbor evpn evi 1 target 6 source 5
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# exit
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# exit
Router(config-l2vpn)# exit
Router(config)# evpn
Router(config-evpn)# interface Bundle-Ether20
Router(config-evpn-ac)# ethernet-segment
Router(config-evpn-ac-es)# identifier type 0 00.01.00.ac.ce.55.00.14.00
Router(config-evpn-ac-es)# commit

/* Configure PE4 */
Router(config)# configure
Router(config)# l2vpn
Router(config-l2vpn)# xconnect group evpn_vpws
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# p2p e1_5-6
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# interface Bundle-Ether20.1
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# neighbor evpn evi 1 target 6 source 5
Router(config-l2vpn-xc-p2p)# exit
Router(config-l2vpn-xc)# exit
Router(config-l2vpn)# exit
Router(config)# evpn
Router(config-evpn)# interface Bundle-Ether20
Router(config-evpn-ac)# ethernet-segment
Router(config-evpn-ac-es)# identifier type 0 00.01.00.ac.ce.55.00.14.00
Router(config-evpn-ac-es)# commit
Running Configuration

/* On PE1 */
!
configure
l2vpn xconnect group evpn_vpws
  p2p e1_5-6
    interface Bundle-Ether10.2
    neighbor evpn evi 1 target 5 source 6
!
evpn
interface Bundle-Ether10
  ethernet-segment
    identifier type 0 00.01.00.ac.ce.55.00.0a.00
!

/* On PE2 */
!
configure
l2vpn xconnect group evpn_vpws
  p2p e1_5-6
    interface Bundle-Ether10.2
    neighbor evpn evi 1 target 5 source 6
!
evpn
interface Bundle-Ether10
  ethernet-segment
    identifier type 0 00.01.00.ac.ce.55.00.0a.00
!

/* On PE3 */
!
configure
l2vpn xconnect group evpn_vpws
  p2p e1_5-6
    interface Bundle-Ether20.1
    neighbor evpn evi 1 target 6 source 5
!
evpn
interface Bundle-Ether20
  ethernet-segment
    identifier type 0 00.01.00.ac.ce.55.00.14.00
!

/* On PE4 */
!
configure
l2vpn xconnect group evpn_vpws
  p2p e1_5-6
    interface Bundle-Ether20.1
    neighbor evpn evi 1 target 6 source 5
!
evpn
interface Bundle-Ether20
  ethernet-segment
    identifier type 0 00.01.00.ac.ce.55.00.14.00