



## CHAPTER 5

# Configuring OSPFv2

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This chapter describes how to configure Open Shortest Path First version 2 (OSPFv2) for IPv4 networks on the Cisco 1000 Series Connected Grid Routers (*hereafter* referred to as the Cisco CG-OS router). The system software for the router is identified as the Cisco CG-OS software.

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## Information About OSPFv2

OSPFv2 is an IETF link-state protocol (see [Link-State Protocols, page 1-8](#)) for IPv4 networks. An OSPFv2 router sends a special message, called a [hello packet](#), out each OSPF-enabled interface to discover other OSPFv2 neighbor routers. Once a neighbor is discovered, the two routers compare information in the Hello packet to determine if the routers have compatible configurations. The neighbor routers try to establish [adjacency](#), which means that the routers synchronize their link-state databases to ensure that they have identical OSPFv2 routing information. Adjacent routers share [link-state advertisements](#) (LSAs) that include information about the operational state of each link, the cost of the link, and any other neighbor information. The routers then flood these received LSAs out every OSPF-enabled interface so that all OSPFv2 routers eventually have identical link-state databases. When all OSPFv2 routers have identical link-state databases, the network is [converged](#) (see [Convergence, page 1-6](#)). Each router then uses Dijkstra's Shortest Path First (SPF) algorithm to build its route table.

You can divide OSPFv2 networks into areas. Routers send most LSAs only within one area, which reduces the CPU and memory requirements for an OSPF-enabled router.

OSPFv2 supports IPv4, while OSPFv3 supports IPv6. For more information, see [Configuring OSPFv3](#).

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## Hello Packet

OSPFv2 routers periodically send Hello packets on every OSPF-enabled interface. The hello interval determines how frequently the router sends these Hello packets. You configure the hello interval on interfaces. OSPFv2 uses Hello packets for the following tasks:

- Neighbor discovery
- Keepalives
- Bidirectional communications
- Designated router election (see [Designated Routers, page 5-3](#))

The Hello packet contains information about the originating OSPFv2 interface and router, including the assigned OSPFv2 cost of the link, the hello interval, and optional capabilities of the originating router. An OSPFv2 interface that receives these Hello packets determines if the settings are compatible with the receiving interface settings. Compatible interfaces are considered neighbors and are added to the neighbor table (see [Neighbors, page 5-2](#)).

Hello packets also include a list of router IDs for the routers that communicate with the originating interface. When the receiving interface sees its own router ID in this list, that state confirms that bidirectional communication between the two interfaces exists.

OSPFv2 uses Hello packets as a keepalive message to determine if a neighbor is still communicating. If a router does not receive a Hello packet by the configured [dead interval](#) (usually a multiple of the hello interval), then the router removes the neighbor from the local neighbor table.

## Neighbors

An OSPFv2 interface must have a compatible configuration with a remote interface before the two can be considered neighbors. The two OSPFv2 interfaces must match the following criteria:

- Hello interval
- Dead interval
- Area ID (see [Areas, page 5-4](#))
- Authentication
- Optional capabilities

When there is a match, the following information is entered into the neighbor table:

- Neighbor ID—The router ID of the neighbor.
- Priority—Priority of the neighbor, which is a component in designated router election (see [Designated Routers, page 5-3](#)).
- State—Indication of whether the neighbor has just been heard from, is in the process of setting up bidirectional communications, is sharing the link-state information, or has achieved full adjacency.
- Dead time—Indication of the time since the last Hello packet was received from this neighbor.
- IP Address—The IP address of the neighbor.
- Designated Router—Indication of whether the neighbor has been declared as the designated router or as the backup designated router (see [Designated Routers, page 5-3](#)).
- Local interface—The local interface that received the Hello packet for this neighbor.

## Adjacency

Adjacency is the path from each router to its local designated router (DR). Not all neighbors establish adjacency. Depending on the network type and designated router establishment, some neighbors become fully adjacent and share LSAs with all their neighbors, while other neighbors do not. For more information, see [Designated Routers, page 5-3](#).

Adjacency is established using Database Description packets, Link State Request packets, and Link State Update packets in OSPFv2. The Database Description packet includes just the LSA headers from the link-state database of the neighbor (see [Link-State Database, page 5-7](#)). The local router compares these headers with its own link-state database and determines which LSAs are new or updates. The local router sends a Link State Request packet for each LSA for which it needs new or updated information. The neighbor responds with a Link State Update packet. This exchange continues until both routers have the same link-state information.

## Designated Routers

Networks with multiple routers present a unique situation for OSPFv2. When every router floods the network with LSAs, this results in multiple resources sending the same link-state information. Depending on the type of network, OSPFv2 might use a single router, the [designated router \(DR\)](#), to control the LSA floods and represent the network to the rest of the OSPFv2 area (see [Areas, page 5-4](#)). When the DR fails, OSPFv2 selects a [backup designated router \(BDR\)](#).

Network types are as follows:

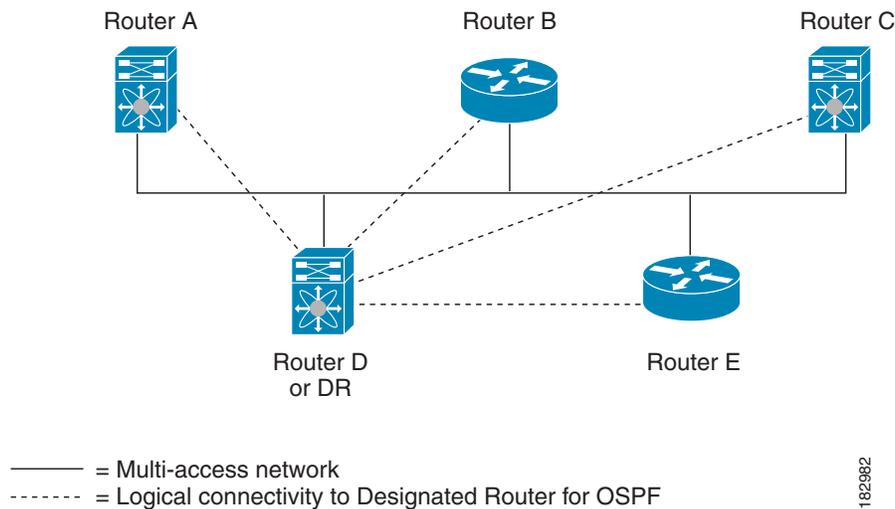
- Point-to-point—A network that exists only between two routers. All neighbors on a point-to-point network establish adjacency and there is no DR.
- Broadcast—A network with multiple routers that can communicate over a shared medium that allows broadcast traffic such as Ethernet. OSPFv2 routers establish a DR and BDR that controls LSA flooding on the network. OSPFv2 uses the well-known IPv4 multicast addresses 224.0.0.5 and a MAC address of 0100.5300.0005 to communicate with neighbors.

OSPFv2 selects the DR and BDR based on the information in the Hello packet. When an interface sends a Hello packet, it sets the priority field and the DR and BDR field when it knows details on the DR and BDR. The routers follow an election procedure based on which routers declare themselves in the DR and BDR fields and the priority field in the Hello packet. As a final determinant, OSPFv2 chooses the router with the highest router IDs as the DR and BDR.

All other routers establish adjacency with the DR and the BDR and use the IPv4 multicast address 224.0.0.6 to send LSA updates to the DR and BDR. [Figure 5-1](#) shows this adjacency relationship between all routers and the DR.

DRs are tied to router interfaces. A router might be the DR for one network and not for another network that it connects through a different interface.

**Figure 5-1** Designated Router in Multi-Access Network



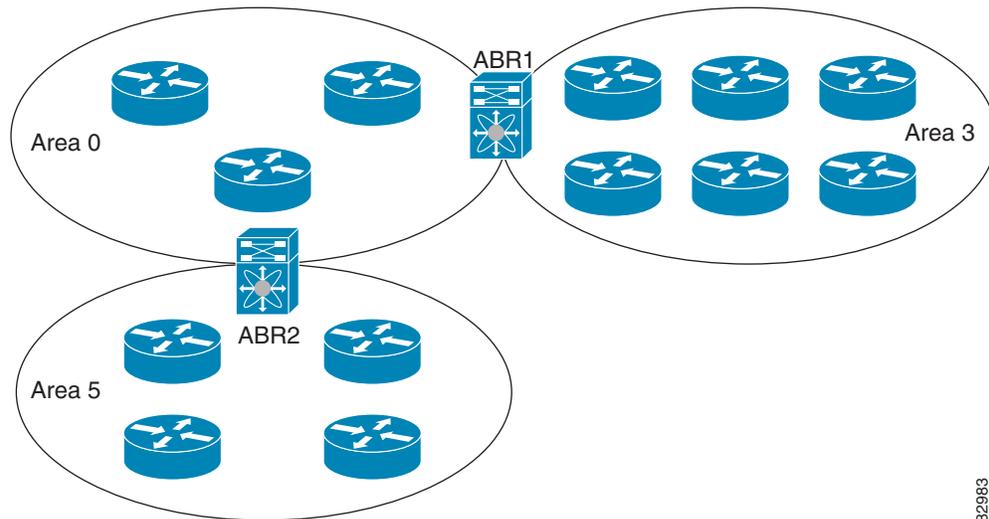
## Areas

You can limit the CPU and memory requirements that OSPFv2 puts on the routers by dividing an OSPFv2 network into [areas](#). An area is a logical division of routers and links within an OSPFv2 domain that creates separate subdomains. LSA flooding is contained within an area, and the link-state database can only access links within the area. You can assign an area ID to the interfaces within the defined area. The Area ID is a 32-bit value that you can enter as a number or in dotted decimal notation such as 10.2.3.1.

The Cisco CG-OS software always displays the area in dotted decimal notation.

When you define more than one area in an OSPFv2 network, you must also define the backbone area, which has the reserved area ID of 0. If you have more than one area, then one or more routers become [area border routers](#) (ABRs). An ABR connects to both the backbone area and at least one other defined area (see [Figure 5-2](#)).

Figure 5-2 OSPFv2 Areas



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The ABR has a separate link-state database for each area to which it connects. The ABR sends Network Summary (type 3) LSAs (see [Route Summarization, page 5-10](#)) from one connected area to the backbone area. The backbone area sends summarized information about one area to another area. In [Figure 5-2](#), Area 0 sends summarized information about Area 5 to Area 3.

OSPFv2 defines one other router type: the autonomous system boundary router (ASBR). This router connects an OSPFv2 area to another autonomous system. OSPFv2 can redistribute its routing information into another autonomous system or receive redistributed routes from another autonomous system. For more information, see [Advanced Features, page 5-8](#).

## Link-State Advertisements

OSPFv2 uses link-state advertisements (LSAs) to build its routing table.

This section includes the following topics:

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- [Flooding and LSA Group Pacing, page 5-6](#)
- [Link-State Database, page 5-7](#)
- [Opaque LSAs, page 5-7](#)

## LSA Types

[Table 5-1](#) shows the LSA types supported by the Cisco CG-OS software.

**Table 5-1 LSA Types**

Type	Name	Description
1	Router LSA	LSA sent by every router. This LSA includes the state and the cost of all links and a list of all OSPFv2 neighbors on the link. Router LSAs trigger an SPF recalculation. Router LSAs flood the local OSPFv2 area.
2	Network LSA	LSA sent by the DR. This LSA lists all routers in the multi-access network. Network LSAs trigger an SPF recalculation. See <a href="#">Designated Routers, page 5-3</a> .
3	Network Summary LSA	LSA sent by the area border router to an external area for each destination in the local area. This LSA includes the link cost from the area border router to the local destination. See <a href="#">Areas, page 5-4</a> .
4	ASBR Summary LSA	LSA sent by the area border router to an external area. This LSA advertises the link cost to the ASBR only. See <a href="#">Areas, page 5-4</a> .
5	AS External LSA	LSA generated by the ASBR. This LSA includes the link cost to an external autonomous system destination. AS External LSAs flood the autonomous system. See <a href="#">Areas, page 5-4</a> .
7	NSSA External LSA	LSA generated by the ASBR within a not-so-stubby area (NSSA). This LSA includes the link cost to an external autonomous system destination. NSSA External LSAs are flooded only within the local NSSA. See <a href="#">Areas, page 5-4</a> .
9–11	Opaque LSAs	LSA used to extend OSPF. See <a href="#">Opaque LSAs, page 5-7</a> .

## Link Cost

Each OSPFv2 interface has a [link cost](#). The cost is an arbitrary number. By default, the Cisco CG-OS software assigns a cost that is the configured reference bandwidth divided by the interface bandwidth. By default, the reference bandwidth is 40 Gb/s. Each LSA update contains the link cost.

## Flooding and LSA Group Pacing

When an OSPFv2 router receives an LSA, it forwards that LSA out every OSPF-enabled interface, flooding the OSPFv2 area with this information. This LSA flooding guarantees that all routers in the network have identical routing information. LSA flooding depends on the OSPFv2 area configuration (see [Areas, page 5-4](#)). The [link-state refresh](#) time (every 30 minutes by default) determines the frequency of LSA flooding within an area. Each LSA has its own link-state refresh time.

You can control the flooding rate of LSA updates in your network by using the LSA group pacing feature. LSA group pacing can reduce high CPU or buffer usage. This feature groups LSAs with similar link-state refresh times to allow OSPFv2 to pack multiple LSAs into an OSPFv2 Update message.

By default, LSAs with link-state refresh times within four minutes of each other are grouped together. You can lower this value for large link-state databases or raise it for smaller databases to optimize the OSPFv2 load on your network.

## Link-State Database

Each router maintains a link-state database for the OSPFv2 network. This database contains all the collected LSAs, and includes information on all the routes through the network. OSPFv2 uses this information to calculate the best path to each destination and populates the routing table with these best paths.

The router removes LSAs from the link-state database when it does not receive an LSA update within a set interval (MaxAge). Routers flood a repeat of the LSA every 30 minutes to prevent accurate link-state information from aging out. The Cisco CG-OS software supports the LSA grouping feature to prevent all LSAs from refreshing at the same time. For more information, see [Flooding and LSA Group Pacing, page 5-6](#).

## Opaque LSAs

Opaque LSAs allow you to extend OSPF functionality. Opaque LSAs consist of a standard LSA header followed by application-specific information. This information might be used by OSPFv2 or by other applications. OSPFv2 uses Opaque LSAs to support OSPFv2 Graceful Restart capability. Three Opaque LSA types are defined as follows:

- LSA type 9—Flooded to the local network.
- LSA type 10—Flooded to the local area.
- LSA type 11—Flooded to the local autonomous system.

## OSPFv2 and the Unicast RIB

OSPFv2 runs the Dijkstra shortest path first algorithm on the link-state database. This algorithm selects the best path to each destination based on the sum of all the link costs for each link in the path. The shortest path for each destination is then put in the OSPFv2 route table. When the OSPFv2 network is converged, this route table feeds into the unicast RIB. OSPFv2 communicates with the unicast RIB to do the following:

- Add or remove routes
- Provide convergence updates to remove stale OSPFv2 routes and for stub router advertisements (see [OSPFv2 Stub Router Advertisements, page 5-11](#)).

OSPFv2 also runs a modified Dijkstra algorithm for fast recalculation for summary and external (type 3, 4, 5, and 7) LSA changes.

## Authentication

You can configure authentication on OSPFv2 messages to prevent unauthorized or invalid routing updates in your network. The Cisco CG-OS software supports two authentication methods:

- Simple password authentication
- MD5 authentication digest

You can configure the OSPFv2 authentication for an OSPFv2 area or per interface.

## Simple Password Authentication

Simple password authentication uses a simple clear-text password that the router sends as part of the OSPFv2 message. You must ensure that the receiving OSPFv2 router has the same clear-text password configured so that it accepts the OSPFv2 message as a valid route update. Because the password is in clear text, anyone who can watch traffic on the network can learn the password.

## MD5 Authentication

Cisco recommends using MD5 authentication to authenticate OSPFv2 messages. With MD5 authentication, you configure a password that is shared by the local router and all remote OSPFv2 neighbors. For each OSPFv2 message, the Cisco CG-OS software creates an MD5 one-way message digest based on the message itself and the encrypted password. The interface sends this digest with the OSPFv2 message. The receiving OSPFv2 neighbor validates the digest using the same encrypted password. If the message has not changed, then the digest calculation is identical and the OSPFv2 message is considered valid.

MD5 authentication includes a sequence number with each OSPFv2 message to ensure that no message is replayed in the network.

## Advanced Features

The Cisco CG-OS software supports advanced OSPFv2 features that enhance the usability and scalability of OSPFv2 in the network. This section includes the following topics:

- [Stub Area, page 5-8](#)
- [Not-So-Stubby Area, page 5-9](#)
- [Virtual Links, page 5-9](#)
- [Route Summarization, page 5-10](#)
- [Configuring Graceful Restart, page 5-29](#)
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- [Multiple OSPFv2 Instances, page 5-11](#)
- [SPF Optimization, page 5-11](#)

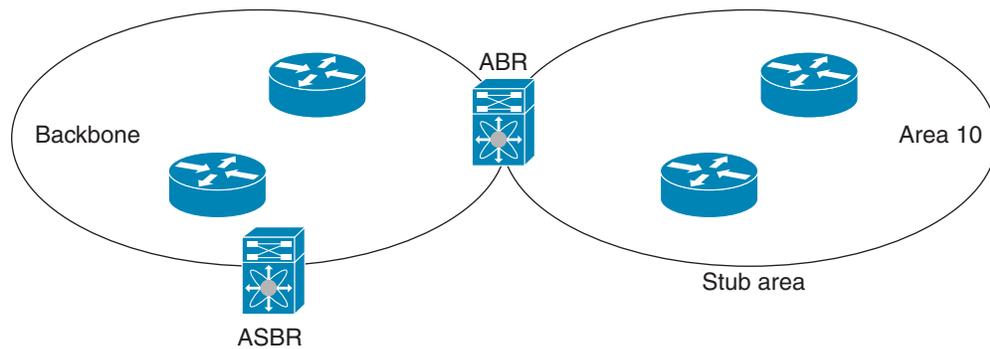
## Stub Area

You can limit the amount of external routing information that floods an area by making it a [stub area](#). A stub area is an area that does not allow AS External (type 5) LSAs (see [Link-State Advertisements, page 5-5](#)). These LSAs usually flood the local autonomous system to propagate external route information. Stub areas have the following requirements:

- All routers in the stub area must be stub routers. See [Stub Routing, page 1-6](#).
- No ASBR routers exist in the stub area.
- You cannot configure virtual links in the stub area.

[Figure 5-3](#) shows an example of an OSPFv2 autonomous system where all routers in area 0.0.0.10 have to go through the ABR to reach external autonomous systems. Area 0.0.0.10 can be configured as a stub area.

Figure 5-3 Stub Area



Stub areas use a default route for all traffic that must go through the backbone area to the external autonomous system. The default route is 0.0.0.0 for IPv4.

## Not-So-Stubby Area

A Not-so-Stubby Area (NSSA) is similar to a stub area, except that an NSSA allows you to import autonomous system external routes within an NSSA by using redistribution. The NSSA ASBR redistributes these routes and generates NSSA External (type 7) LSAs that it floods throughout the NSSA. You can optionally configure the ABR that connects the NSSA to other areas to translate this NSSA External LSA to AS External (type 5) LSAs. The ABR then floods these AS External LSAs throughout the OSPFv2 autonomous system. The router supports summarization and filtering during the translation. See [Link-State Advertisements, page 5-5](#) for information about NSSA External LSAs.

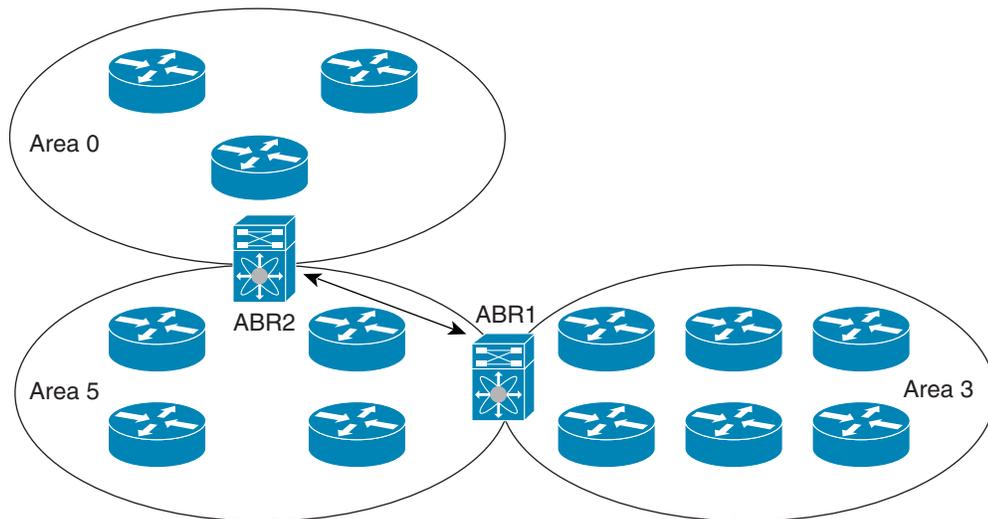
You can, for example, use NSSA to simplify administration when you are connecting a central site using OSPFv2 to a remote site that is using a different routing protocol. Before NSSA, the connection between the corporate site border router and a remote router could not be run as an OSPFv2 stub area because routes for the remote site could not be redistributed into a stub area. With NSSA, you can extend OSPFv2 to cover the remote connection by defining the area between the corporate router and the remote router as an NSSA (see [Configuring NSSA, page 5-22](#)).

The backbone Area 0 cannot be an NSSA.

## Virtual Links

Virtual links allow you to connect an OSPFv2 area ABR to a backbone area ABR when a direct physical connection is not available. [Figure 5-4](#) shows a virtual link that connects Area 3 to the backbone area through Area 5.

Figure 5-4 Virtual Links



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You can also use virtual links to temporarily recover from a partitioned area, which occurs when a link within the area fails, isolating part of the area from reaching the designated ABR to the backbone area.

## Route Summarization

Because OSPFv2 shares all learned routes with every OSPF-enabled router, you might want to use route summarization to reduce the number of unique routes that are flooded to every OSPF-enabled router. Route summarization simplifies route tables by replacing more-specific addresses with an address that represents all the specific addresses. For example, you can replace 10.1.1.0/24, 10.1.3.0/24, and 10.1.5.0/24 with one summary address, 10.1.0.0/24.

Typically, you would summarize at the boundaries of area border routers (ABRs). Although you could configure summarization between any two areas, it is better to summarize in the direction of the backbone so that the backbone receives all the aggregate addresses and injects them, already summarized, into other areas.

### Inter-area route summarization

You configure inter-area route summarization on ABRs, summarizing routes between areas in the autonomous system. To take advantage of summarization, assign network numbers in areas in a contiguous way to be able to lump these addresses into one range.

## Graceful Restart

OSPFv2 automatically restarts when the process experiences problems. After the restart, OSPFv2 initiates a graceful restart so that the platform is not taken out of the network topology. When you manually restart OSPF, it performs a graceful restart, which is similar to a stateful switchover. The router applies the running configuration in both cases.

A graceful restart, known as nonstop forwarding (NSF), allows OSPFv2 to remain in the data forwarding path through a process restart. When OSPFv2 needs to restart, it first sends a link-local opaque (type 9) LSA, called a grace LSA (see [Opaque LSAs](#), page 5-7).

The grace LSA includes a grace period, which is a specified time that the neighbor OSPFv2 interfaces hold onto the LSAs from the restarting OSPFv2 interface. (Typically, OSPFv2 tears down the adjacency and discards all LSAs from a down or restarting OSPFv2 interface.) The participating neighbors, which are called NSF helpers, keep all LSAs that originate from the restarting OSPFv2 interface as if the interface were still adjacent.

When the restarting OSPFv2 interface is operational again, it rediscovers its neighbors, establishes adjacency, and starts sending its LSA updates again. At this point, the NSF helpers recognize that graceful restart has finished.

**Note**

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When the restarting OSPFv2 interface does not come back up before the end of the grace period, or if the network experiences a topology change, the OSPFv2 neighbors tear down adjacency with the restarting OSPFv2 and treat it as a normal OSPFv2 restart.

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## OSPFv2 Stub Router Advertisements

You can configure an OSPFv2 interface to act as a stub router using the OSPFv2 Stub Router Advertisements feature. Use this feature when you want to limit the OSPFv2 traffic through this router, such as when you want to introduce a new router to the network in a controlled manner or limit the load on a router that is already overloaded. You might also want to use this feature for various administrative or traffic engineering reasons.

OSPFv2 stub router advertisements do not remove the OSPFv2 router from the network topology, but they do prevent other OSPFv2 routers from using this router to route traffic to other parts of the network. Only the traffic that is destined for this router or directly connected to this router is sent.

OSPFv2 stub router advertisements mark all stub links (directly connected to the local router) to the cost of the local OSPFv2 interface. The router marks all remote links with the maximum cost (0xFFFF).

## Multiple OSPFv2 Instances

The Cisco CG-OS software supports multiple instances of the OSPFv2 protocol that run on the same node. You cannot configure multiple instances over the same interface. By default, every instance uses the same system router ID. You must manually configure the router ID for each instance if the instances are in the same OSPFv2 autonomous system.

## SPF Optimization

The Cisco CG-OS software optimizes the SPF algorithm in the following ways:

- Partial SPF for Network (type 2) LSAs, Network Summary (type 3) LSAs, and AS External (type 5) LSAs—When there is a change on any of these LSAs, the Cisco CG-OS software performs a faster partial calculation rather than running the whole SPF calculation.
- SPF timers—You can configure different timers for controlling SPF calculations. These timers include exponential backoff for subsequent SPF calculations. The exponential backoff limits the CPU load of multiple SPF calculations.

## Prerequisites for OSPFv2

Your OSPFv2 network strategy and planning for your network is complete. For example, you must decide whether your network requires multiple areas.

You must be familiar with routing fundamentals to configure OSPFv2.

You are logged on to the router.

You have enabled the OSPFv2 feature on your router (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

You have configured at least one interface for IPv4 that can communicate with a remote OSPFv2 neighbor.

## Guidelines and Limitations for OSPFv2

The Cisco CG-OS software displays areas in dotted decimal notation regardless of whether you enter the area in decimal or dotted decimal notation.

All areas must connect to the backbone area either directly or through a virtual link.

You cannot add a virtual link or ASBRs to a stub area.

You cannot add a virtual link to a Not-So-Stubby-Area (NSSA).

You cannot add a NSSA in a backbone area.

## Default Settings

[Table 5-2](#) lists the default settings for OSPFv2 parameters.

**Table 5-2** *Default OSPFv2 Parameters*

Parameters	Default
Hello interval	10 seconds
Dead interval	40 seconds
Graceful restart grace period	60 seconds
Graceful restart notify period	15 seconds
OSPFv2 feature	Disabled
Stub router advertisement announce time	600 seconds
Reference bandwidth for link cost calculation	40 Gb/s
LSA minimal arrival time	1000 milliseconds
LSA group pacing	240 seconds
SPF calculation initial delay time	200 milliseconds
SPF minimum hold time	5000 milliseconds
SPF calculation initial delay time	1000 milliseconds

# Configuring Basic OSPFv2

Configure OSPFv2 after you design your OSPFv2 network.

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- [Creating an OSPFv2 Instance, page 5-13](#)
- [Configuring Optional Parameters on an OSPFv2 Instance, page 5-14](#)
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## Enabling OSPFv2

You must enable the OSPFv2 feature before you can configure OSPFv2.

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

No prerequisites.

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>configure terminal</code>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>feature ospf</code>	Enables the OSPFv2 feature.
Step 3	<code>show feature</code>	(Optional) Displays enabled and disabled features.
Step 4	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

### EXAMPLE

This example shows how to enable OSPFv2 on the router.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# feature ospf
router(config)# copy running-config startup-config
```

To disable the OSPFv2 feature and remove all associated configuration, use the **no feature ospf** command in configuration mode.

## Creating an OSPFv2 Instance

The first step in configuring OSPFv2 is to create an OSPFv2 instance; and, then to assign a unique instance tag for this OSPFv2 instance. The instance tag can be any string.

For more information about OSPFv2 instance parameters, see [Configuring Advanced OSPFv2, page 5-19](#).

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Enter the **show feature** command to verify that OSPFv2 is enabled (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

Enter the **show ip ospf** command to verify that the instance tag is not in use.

Ensure that OSPFv2 can obtain a router identifier (router ID) such as a configured loopback address. If not, you must configure the router ID option as shown in the Detailed Steps section below.

**DETAILED STEPS**

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	<b>router ospf</b> <i>instance-tag</i>	Creates a new OSPFv2 instance with the configured instance tag and enters the router configuration area.
Step 3	<b>router-id</b> <i>32-bit number</i>	(Optional) Configures the OSPFv2 router ID. This 32-bit number identifies this OSPFv2 instance and must exist on a configured interface in the system.
Step 4	<b>show ip ospf</b>	(Optional) Displays OSPF information.
Step 5	<b>copy running-config startup-config</b>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

**EXAMPLE**

This example shows how to create an OSPFv2 instance.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

To remove the OSPFv2 instance and all associated configuration, use the **no router ospf** *instance-tag* command in configuration mode.

**Note**

When configured in the interface mode, the **no router ospf** *instance-tag* command does not remove the OSPF configuration. You must manually remove all OSPFv2 commands configured in interface mode.

**Configuring Optional Parameters on an OSPFv2 Instance**

You can configure optional parameters for OSPFv2.

For more information about OSPFv2 instance parameters, see [Configuring Advanced OSPFv2, page 5-19](#).

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Ensure that you have enabled the OSPFv2 feature on the router (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

OSPFv2 must be able to obtain a router identifier (for example, a configured loopback address) or you must configure the router ID option.

## OPTIONAL PARAMETERS

You can configure the following optional parameters for OSPFv2 in the router configuration mode by entering the **router ospf** *instance-tag* command.

Command	Purpose
<b>distance</b> <i>number</i>	Configures the administrative distance for this OSPFv2 instance. The range is from 1 to 255. The default is 110.
<b>log-adjacency-changes</b> [ <b>detail</b> ]	Generates a system message whenever a neighbor changes state.
<b>maximum-paths</b> <i>path-number</i>	Configures the maximum number of equal OSPFv2 paths to a destination in the route table. This command is used for load balancing. The range is from 1 to 16. The default is 8.

## Configuring Networks in OSPFv2

You can configure a network to OSPFv2 by associating it through the interface that the router uses to connect to that network (see [Neighbors, page 5-2](#)). You can add all networks to the default backbone area (Area 0), or you can create new areas using any decimal number or an IP address.



### Note

All areas must connect to the backbone area either directly or through a virtual link.



### Note

You must assign a valid IP address to an interface before you can enable OSPF on that interface.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have enabled OSPF on the router (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	<b>interface</b> <i>interface-type slot/port</i>	Enters interface configuration mode.
Step 3	<b>ip address</b> <i>ip-prefix/length</i>	Assigns an IP address and subnet mask to this interface
Step 4	<b>ip router ospf</b> <i>instance-tag area area-id</i> [ <b>secondaries none</b> ]	Adds the interface to the OSPFv2 instance and area.
Step 5	<b>show ip ospf interface</b> [ <i>interface-type</i> ] [ <i>slot/port</i> ]	(Optional) Displays OSPF information.
Step 6	<b>copy running-config startup-config</b>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

## OPTIONAL COMMANDS

You can configure the following optional parameters for OSPFv2 in interface configuration mode.

Command	Purpose
<b>ip ospf cost</b> <i>interface-cost</i>	Configures the OSPFv2 cost metric for this interface. The default is to calculate cost metric, based on the reference bandwidth and interface bandwidth. The range is from 1 to 65535.  Use the <b>no ip ospf cost interface-cost</b> command to return to the default setting which is the reference.
<b>ip ospf dead-interval</b> <i>seconds</i>	Configures the OSPFv2 dead interval, in seconds. The range is from 1 to 65535. The default is four times the hello interval, in seconds.
<b>ip ospf hello-interval</b> <i>seconds</i>	Configures the OSPFv2 hello interval, in seconds. The range is from 1 to 65535. The default is 10 seconds.
<b>ip ospf mtu-ignore</b>	Configures OSPFv2 to ignore any IP MTU mismatch with a neighbor. The default is to not establish adjacency if the neighbor MTU does not match the local interface MTU.
<b>ip ospf passive-interface</b>	Suppresses routing updates on the interface.
<b>ip ospf priority</b> <i>number</i>	Configures the OSPFv2 priority, that the router uses to determine the DR for an area. The range is from 0 to 255. The default is 1. See <a href="#">Designated Routers, page 5-3</a> .
<b>ip ospf shutdown</b>	Shuts down the OSPFv2 instance on this interface.

## EXAMPLE

This example shows how to add an interface into area 0.0.0.10 in OSPFv2 instance 201.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# interface ethernet 2/1
router(config-if)# ip address 192.0.2.1/16
router(config-if)# ip router ospf 201 area 0.0.0.10
router(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config
```

Use the **show ip ospf interface** command to verify the interface configuration. Use the **show ip ospf neighbor** command to see the neighbors for this interface.

To remove the area, use the **no ip router ospf instance-tag area area-id** command.

## Configuring Authentication for an Area

You can configure authentication for all networks in an area or for individual interfaces in the area. Interface authentication configuration overrides area authentication.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that OSPFv2 is enabled on the router (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

Ensure that all neighbors on an interface share the same authentication configuration, including the shared authentication key.

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	<b>router ospf</b> <i>instance-tag</i>	Creates a new OSPFv2 instance with the configured instance tag.
Step 3	<b>area</b> <i>area-id</i> <b>authentication</b> [ <b>message-digest</b> ]	Configures the authentication mode for an area. Area identifier ( <i>area-id</i> ) for an OSPF area can be an IP address or a positive integer value.
Step 4	<b>interface</b> <i>interface-type slot/port</i>	Enters interface configuration mode.
Step 5	<b>ip ospf authentication-key</b> [ <b>0   3</b> ] <i>password</i>	(Optional) Configures simple password authentication for this interface. Use this command if the authentication is not set to key-chain or message-digest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assigning an authentication key value of zero (0) configures an unencrypted password.</li> <li>Assigning an authentication key value of 3 configures a 3DES encrypted password.</li> </ul>
	<b>ip ospf message-digest-key</b> <i>key-id md5</i> [ <b>0   3</b> ] <i>key</i>	(Optional) Configures message digest authentication for this interface.  The <i>key-id</i> range is from 1 to 255. The MD5 option 0 configures the password in clear text and 3 configures the key as 3DES encrypted.
Step 6	<b>show ip ospf interface</b> <i>interface-type slot/port</i>	(Optional) Displays OSPF information.
Step 7	<b>copy running-config startup-config</b>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

## EXAMPLE

This example shows how to configure authentication for area 0.0.0.10 in OSPFv2 instance 201.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# area 0.0.0.10 authentication
router(config-router)# interface ethernet 2/1
router(config-if)# ip ospf authentication-key 0 mypass
router(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config
```

To terminate an OSPF routing process, use the **no router ospf** *instance-tag* command.

## Configuring Authentication for an Interface

You can configure authentication for individual interfaces in an area.


**Note**

Interface authentication configuration overrides area authentication settings.

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that OSPFv2 is enabled on the router (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

Ensure that all neighbors on an interface share the same authentication configuration, including the shared authentication key.

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	<b>interface</b> <i>interface-type slot/port</i>	Enters interface configuration mode.
Step 3	<b>ip ospf authentication [message-digest   null]</b>	<p>Enables interface authentication mode for OSPFv2 as either key-chain, message-digest type, or null.</p> <p><b>Note</b> Entering the <i>null</i> option specifies that no authentication is in use.</p> <p>Entering this command overrides any previously defined OSPF area-based authentication for this interface. All neighbors must share this authentication type.</p>

	Command	Purpose
Step 4	<code>ip ospf authentication-key [0   3   7] key-name</code>	(Optional) Configures simple password authentication for this interface.  Use this command if the authentication is set to key-chain.  The options are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0—Configures the password in clear text (unencrypted).</li> <li>• 3—Configures the pass key as 3DES encrypted.</li> <li>• 7—Configures the key as Cisco type 7 encrypted.</li> </ul>
	<code>ip ospf message-digest-key key-id md5 [0   3   7] key</code>	(Optional) Configures message-digest authentication for this interface.  Use this command if the authentication is set to message-digest.  The <i>key-id</i> range is from 1 to 255. The MD5 options are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0—Configures the password in clear text (unencrypted).</li> <li>• 3—Configures the pass key as 3DES encrypted.</li> <li>• 7—Configures the key as Cisco type 7 encrypted.</li> </ul>
Step 5	<code>show ip ospf interface interface-type slot/port</code>	(Optional) Displays OSPF information.
Step 6	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

## EXAMPLE

This example shows how to set an interface for simple, unencrypted passwords, and set the password for Ethernet interface 2/1.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# exit
router(config)# interface ethernet 2/1
router(config-if)# ip router ospf 201 area 0.0.0.10
router(config-if)# ip ospf authentication-key 0 ifpass
router(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config
```

To terminate an OSPF routing process, use the `no router ospf instance-tag` command.

# Configuring Advanced OSPFv2

Configure OSPFv2 after you design your OSPFv2 network.

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## Configuring Filter Lists for Border Routers

You can separate your OSPFv2 domain into a series of areas that contain related networks. All areas must connect to the backbone area through an area border router (ABR). OSPFv2 domains can connect to external domains through an *autonomous system border router* (ASBR). See [Areas, page 5-4](#).

ABRs have the following optional configuration parameters:

- Area range—Configures route summarization between areas. See [Configuring Route Summarization, page 5-25](#).
- Filter list—Filters the Network Summary (type 3) LSAs that are allowed in from an external area.

ASBRs also support filter lists.

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have enabled the OSPF feature (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

Create the route map that the filter list uses to filter IP prefixes in incoming or outgoing Network Summary (type 3) LSAs.

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	<b>router ospf</b> <i>instance-tag</i>	Creates a new OSPFv2 instance with the configured instance tag.
Step 3	<b>area</b> <i>area-id</i> <b>filter-list route-map</b> <i>map-name</i> {in   out}	Filters incoming or outgoing Network Summary (type 3) LSAs on an ABR.
Step 4	<b>show ip ospf policy statistics</b> <i>area id</i> <b>filter-list</b> {in   out}	(Optional) Displays OSPF policy information.
Step 5	<b>copy running-config startup-config</b>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

**EXAMPLE**

This example shows how to configure a filter list in area 0.0.0.10.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# area 0.0.0.10 filter-list route-map FilterLSAs in
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

To terminate an OSPF routing process, use the **no router ospf instance-tag** command.

**Configuring Stub Areas**

You can configure a stub area for part of an OSPFv2 domain where external traffic is not necessary. Stub areas block AS External (type 5) LSAs and limit unnecessary routing to and from selected networks. (see [Stub Area, page 5-8](#)). You can optionally block all summary routes from going into the stub area.

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Ensure that you have enabled the OSPF feature (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

Ensure that there are no virtual links or ASBRs in the proposed stub area.

**DETAILED STEPS**

	<b>Command</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters configuration mode.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>router ospf instance-tag</b>	Creates a new OSPFv2 instance with the configured instance tag.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>area area-id stub</b>	Creates this area as a stub area.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>area area-id default-cost cost</b>	(Optional) Sets the cost metric for the default summary route sent into this stub area. The range is from 0 to 16777215. The default is 1.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>show ip ospf</b>	(Optional) Displays OSPF information.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>copy running-config startup-config</b>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

**EXAMPLE**

This example shows how to create a stub area within an OSPFv2 area.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# area 0.0.0.10 stub
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

To terminate an OSPF routing process, use the **no router ospf instance-tag** command.

## Configuring a Totally Stubby Area

You can create a totally stubby area and prevent all summary route updates from going into the stub area. To create a totally stubby area, use the following command in router configuration mode.

Command	Purpose
<code>area <i>area-id</i> stub no-summary</code>	Creates this area as a totally stubby area.

## Configuring NSSA

You can configure an NSSA for part of an OSPFv2 domain where limited external traffic is required. For information about NSSAs, see [Not-So-Stubby Area, page 5-9](#). You can optionally translate this external traffic to an AS External (type 5) LSA and flood the OSPFv2 domain with this routing information. An NSSA can be configured with the following optional parameters:

- No redistribution—Redistributed routes bypass the NSSA and are redistributed to other areas in the OSPFv2 autonomous system. Use this option when the NSSA ASBR is also an ABR.
- Default information originate—Generates an NSSA External (type 7) LSA for a default route to the external autonomous system. Use this option on an NSSA ASBR if the ASBR contains the default route in the routing table. This option can be used on an NSSA ABR whether or not the ABR contains the default route in the routing table.
- Route map—Filters the external routes to limit those routes that the router floods throughout NSSA and other areas.
- Translate—Translates NSSA External LSAs to AS External LSAs for areas outside the NSSA. Use this command on an NSSA ABR to flood the redistributed routes throughout the OSPFv2 autonomous system. You can optionally suppress the forwarding address in these AS External LSAs. If you choose this option, the forwarding address is set to 0.0.0.0.
- No summary—Blocks all summary routes from flooding the NSSA. Use this option on the NSSA ABR.

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have enabled the OSPF feature (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

Ensure that there are no virtual links in the proposed NSSA and that it is not the backbone area.

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>configure terminal</code>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>router ospf <i>instance-tag</i></code>	Creates a new OSPFv2 instance with the configured instance tag.
Step 3	<code>area <i>area-id</i> nssa [no-redistribution] [default-information-originate [route-map <i>map-name</i>]] [no-summary] [translate type7 {always   never}] [suppress-fa]</code>	Creates this area as an NSSA.

	Command	Purpose
Step 4	<code>area <i>area-id</i> default-cost <i>cost</i></code>	(Optional) Sets the cost metric for the default summary route sent into this NSSA.
Step 5	<code>show ip ospf</code>	(Optional) Displays OSPF information.
Step 6	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

## EXAMPLE

This example shows how to create an NSSA that blocks all summary route updates.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# area 0.0.0.10 nssa no-summary
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

This example shows how to create an NSSA that generates a default route.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# area 0.0.0.10 nssa default-info-originate
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

This example shows how to create an NSSA that filters external routes and blocks all summary route updates.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# area 0.0.0.10 nssa route-map ExternalFilter no-summary
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

This example shows how to create an NSSA that always translates NSSA External (type 5) LSAs to AS External (type 7) LSAs.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# area 0.0.0.10 nssa translate type 7 always
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

To terminate an OSPF routing process, use the `no router ospf instance-tag` command.

## Configuring Virtual Links

A virtual link connects an isolated area to the backbone area through an intermediate area. (see [Virtual Links, page 5-9](#)). You can configure the following optional parameters for a virtual link:

- Authentication—Sets a simple password or MD5 message digest authentication and associated keys.
- Dead interval—Sets the time that a neighbor waits for a Hello packet before declaring the local router as dead and tearing down adjacencies.
- Hello interval—Sets the time between successive Hello packets.
- Retransmit interval—Sets the estimated time between successive LSAs.
- Transmit delay—Sets the estimated time to transmit an LSA to a neighbor.



### Note

You must configure the virtual link on both routers involved before the link becomes active.

**Note**

You cannot add a virtual link to a stub area.

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Ensure that you have enabled OSPF (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

**DETAILED STEPS**

	<b>Command</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters configuration mode.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>router ospf <i>instance-tag</i></b>	Creates a new OSPFv2 instance with the configured instance tag.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>area <i>area-id</i> virtual-link <i>router-id</i></b>	Creates one end of a virtual link on a local router that will connect to a remote router.  Be sure to create a virtual link on the remote router to complete the link.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>show ip ospf virtual-link [brief]</b>	(Optional) Displays OSPF virtual link information.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>copy running-config startup-config</b>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

**OPTIONAL COMMANDS**

You can configure the following optional commands in the virtual link configuration mode.

<b>Command</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>authentication [message-digest   null]</b>	(Optional) Overrides area-based authentication for this virtual link.
<b>authentication-key [0   3] <i>key</i></b>	(Optional) Configures a simple password for this virtual link. Use this command when the authentication is not set to either key-chain or message-digest. Entering the value of zero (0) configures the password in clear text. Entering the value of 3 configures the password as 3DES encrypted.
<b>dead-interval <i>seconds</i></b>	(Optional) Configures the OSPFv2 dead interval, in seconds. The range is from 1 to 65535. The default is four times the hello interval, in seconds.
<b>hello-interval <i>seconds</i></b>	(Optional) Configures the OSPFv2 hello interval, in seconds. The range is from 1 to 65535. The default is 10 seconds.
<b>message-digest-key <i>key-id</i> md5 [0   3] <i>key</i></b>	(Optional) Configures message digest authentication for this virtual link. Use this command if the authentication is set to message-digest. Entering the value of zero (0) configures the password in cleartext. Entering the value of 3 configures the pass key as 3DES encrypted.

Command	Purpose
<b>retransmit-interval</b> <i>seconds</i>	(Optional) Configures the OSPFv2 retransmit interval, in seconds. The range is from 1 to 65535. The default is 5.
<b>transmit-delay</b> <i>seconds</i>	(Optional) Configures the OSPFv2 transmit-delay, in seconds. The range is from 1 to 450. The default is 1.

## EXAMPLE

This example shows how to create a simple virtual link between two ABRs.

The configuration for ABR 1 (router ID 27.0.0.55) is as follows.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# area 0.0.0.10 virtual-link 10.1.2.3
router(config-router-vlink)# copy running-config startup-config
```

The configuration for ABR 2 (Router ID 10.1.2.3) is as follows.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 101
router(config-router)# area 0.0.0.10 virtual-link 27.0.0.55
router(config-router-vlink)# copy running-config startup-config
```

## Configuring Route Summarization

You can configure route summarization for inter-area routes by configuring an address range that is summarized. For more information, see [Route Summarization, page 5-10](#).

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have enabled OSPF (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	<b>router ospf</b> <i>instance-tag</i>	Creates a new OSPFv2 instance with the configured instance tag.
Step 3	<b>area</b> <i>area-id</i> <b>range</b> <i>ip-prefix/length</i> [ <b>no-advertise</b> ]	Creates a summary address on an ABR for a range of addresses and optionally does not advertise this summary address in a Network Summary (type 3) LSA.
	<b>summary-address</b> <i>ip-prefix/length</i> [ <b>no-advertise</b>   <b>tag</b> <i>tag-id</i> ]	Creates a summary address on an ASBR for a range of addresses and optionally assigns a tag for this summary address that can be used for redistribution with route maps.

	Command	Purpose
Step 4	<code>show ip ospf summary-address</code>	(Optional) Displays information about OSPF summary addresses.
Step 5	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

## EXAMPLE

This example shows how to create summary addresses between areas on an ABR.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# area 0.0.0.10 range 10.3.0.0/16
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

This example shows how to create summary addresses on an ASBR.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# summary-address 10.5.0.0/16
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

## Configuring Stub Route Advertisements

Use stub route advertisements when you want to limit the OSPFv2 traffic through this router for a short time. For more information, see [OSPFv2 Stub Router Advertisements, page 5-11](#).



### Note

When you configure the router for a graceful shutdown, do not save the running configuration because the router continues to advertise a maximum metric after it reloads.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have enabled OSPF on the router (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

## DETAILED STEPS

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	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>configure terminal</code>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>router ospf instance-tag</code>	Creates a new OSPFv2 instance with the configured instance tag.
Step 3	<code>max-metric router-lsa [on-startup [seconds]]</code>	Configures OSPFv2 stub route to advertise a maximum metric (in seconds) so that other routers do not prefer the router as an intermediate hop in their shortest path first (SPF) calculations. The configurable range is 5 to 86400, the default value is 600.  By entering the <i>on-startup</i> option, the router advertises a maximum metric at system startup only.
Step 4	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

**EXAMPLE**

This example shows how to enable the stub router advertisements and advertise a maximum metric of 750 seconds at system startup only.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# max-metric router-lsa on-startup 750
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

**Modifying the Default Timers**

OSPFv2 includes a number of timers that control the behavior of protocol messages and shortest path first (SPF) calculations. OSPFv2 includes the following optional timer parameters:

- LSA arrival time—Sets the minimum interval allowed between LSAs that arrive from a neighbor. LSAs that arrive faster than this time are dropped.
- Pacing LSAs—Sets the interval at which LSAs are collected into a group and refreshed, checksummed, or aged. This timer controls how frequently LSA updates occur and optimizes how many are sent in an LSA update message (see [Flooding and LSA Group Pacing, page 5-6](#)).
- Throttle LSAs—Sets the rate limits for generating LSAs. This timer controls how frequently LSAs are generated after a topology change occurs.
- Throttle SPF calculation—Controls how frequently the SPF calculation is run.

At the interface level, you can also control the following timers:

- Retransmit interval—Sets the estimated time between successive LSAs.
- Transmit delay—Sets the estimated time to transmit an LSA to a neighbor.

See [Configuring Networks in OSPFv2, page 5-15](#) for information about the hello interval and dead timer.

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Ensure that you have enabled OSPFv2 (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

**DETAILED STEPS**

	<b>Command</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters configuration mode.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>router ospf <i>instance-tag</i></b>	Creates a new OSPFv2 instance with the configured instance tag and enters the router configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>timers lsa-arrival <i>milliseconds</i></b>	Sets the minimum interval in which the software accepts the same link-state advertisement (LSA) from Open Shortest Path First version 2 (OSPFv2) neighbors in milliseconds. The range is from 10 to 600000. The default is 1000 milliseconds.

	Command	Purpose
Step 4	<b>timers lsa-group-pacing</b> <i>seconds</i>	Sets the interval (in seconds) at which the router collects OSPFv2 LSAs into a group and refreshes, checksums or ages them. The range is from 1 to 1800. The default is 240 seconds.
Step 5	<b>timers throttle lsa</b> <i>start-time hold-interval max-time</i>	Sets the rate limit in milliseconds for generating LSAs with the following timers:  <i>start-time</i> —The range is from 50 to 5000 milliseconds. The default value is 50 milliseconds.  <i>hold-interval</i> —The range is from 50 to 30,000 milliseconds. The default value is 5000 milliseconds.  <i>max-time</i> —The range is from 50 to 30,000 milliseconds. The default value is 5000 milliseconds.
Step 6	<b>timers throttle spf</b> <i>delay-time hold-time max-wait</i>	Sets the SPF best path schedule initial delay time and the minimum hold time in seconds between SPF best path calculations. The range is from 1 to 600000. The default is no delay time and a 5000-millisecond hold time.
Step 7	<b>interface</b> <i>type slot/port</i>	Enters interface configuration mode.
Step 8	<b>ip ospf hello-interval</b> <i>seconds</i>	Sets the hello interval for this interface. The range is from 1 to 65535. The default is 10.
Step 9	<b>ip ospf dead-interval</b> <i>seconds</i>	Sets the dead interval for this interface. The range is from 1 to 65535.
Step 10	<b>ip ospf retransmit-interval</b> <i>seconds</i>	Sets the estimated time in seconds between LSAs transmitted from this interface. The range is from 1 to 65535. The default is 5.
Step 11	<b>ip ospf transmit-delay</b> <i>seconds</i>	Sets the estimated time in seconds to transmit an LSA to a neighbor. The range is from 1 to 450. The default is 1.
Step 12	<b>show ip ospf</b>	(Optional) Displays information about OSPFv2.
Step 13	<b>copy running-config startup-config</b>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

## EXAMPLE

This example shows how to modify system defaults to control LSA flooding with the `lsa-group-pacing` and `timers throttle lsa` parameters.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# timers lsa-arrival 300
router(config-router)# timers lsa-group-pacing 2000
router(config-router)# timers throttle lsa 3000
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

## Configuring Graceful Restart

Graceful restart is enabled by default on the router. You can configure the following optional parameters for graceful restart in an OSPFv2 instance:

- Grace period—Configures how long neighbors must wait after a graceful restart before tearing down adjacencies.
- Helper mode disabled—Disables helper mode on the local OSPFv2 instance. OSPFv2 does not participate in the graceful restart of a neighbor.
- Planned graceful restart only—Configures OSPFv2 to support graceful restart only in the event of a planned restart.

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have enabled OSPFv2 (see [Enabling OSPFv2, page 5-13](#)).

Ensure that all neighbors are configured for graceful restart with matching optional parameters set.

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters configuration mode.
Step 2	<b>router ospf <i>instance-tag</i></b>	Creates a new OSPFv2 instance with the configured instance tag.
Step 3	<b>graceful-restart</b>	Enables graceful restart after it has been disabled. Graceful restart is enabled by default on the router.
Step 4	<b>graceful-restart grace-period <i>seconds</i></b>	(Optional) Sets the grace period, in seconds. The range is from 5 to 1800. The default is 60 seconds.
Step 5	<b>graceful-restart helper-disable</b>	(Optional) Disables helper mode. This feature is enabled by default.
Step 6	<b>graceful-restart planned-only</b>	(Optional) Configures a graceful restart for planned (controlled) restarts only.
Step 7	<b>show ip ospf</b>	(Optional) Displays OSPFv2 information.
Step 8	<b>copy running-config startup-config</b>	(Optional) Saves this configuration change.

### EXAMPLE

This example shows how to re-enable graceful restart on the router (after it was disabled on the router) and then set the grace period to 120 seconds.

```
router# configure terminal
router(config)# router ospf 201
router(config-router)# graceful-restart
router(config-router)# graceful-restart grace-period 120
router(config-router)# copy running-config startup-config
```

To disable graceful restart on the router, enter the **no graceful-restart** command in the router configuration mode.

## Restarting an OSPFv2 Instance

You can restart an OSPFv2 instance. This action clears all neighbors for the instance.

To restart an OSPFv2 instance and remove all associated neighbors, use the following command.

Command	Purpose
<b>restart ospf</b> <i>instance-tag</i>	Restarts the OSPFv2 instance and removes all neighbors.

## Verifying the OSPFv2 Configuration

To display the OSPFv2 configuration, enter any or all of the following commands.



### Note

The Cisco CG-OS software does not support the [**vrf** {*vrf-name* | **all** | **default** | **management**}] parameter in the commands listed below.

Command	Purpose
<b>show ip ospf</b>	Displays the OSPFv2 configuration.
<b>show ip ospf border-routers</b>	Displays the OSPFv2 border router configuration.
<b>show ip ospf database</b>	Displays the OSPFv2 link-state database summary.
<b>show ip ospf interface</b> <i>number</i>	Displays the OSPFv2 interface configuration.
<b>show ip ospf lsa-content-changed-list</b> <i>neighbor-id interface-type number</i>	Displays the OSPFv2 LSAs that have changed.
<b>show ip ospf neighbors</b> [ <i>neighbor-id</i> ] [ <b>detail</b> ] [ <i>interface-type number</i> ]	Displays the list of OSPFv2 neighbors.
<b>show ip ospf request-list</b> <i>neighbor-id</i> <i>interface-type number</i>	Displays the list of OSPFv2 link-state requests.
<b>show ip ospf retransmission-list</b> <i>neighbor-id interface-type number</i>	Displays the list of OSPFv2 link-state retransmissions.
<b>show ip ospf route</b> [ <i>ospf-route</i> ] [ <b>summary</b> ]	Displays the internal OSPFv2 routes.
<b>show ip ospf summary-address</b>	Displays information about the OSPFv2 summary addresses.
<b>show ip ospf virtual-links</b> [ <b>brief</b> ]	Displays information about OSPFv2 virtual links.
<b>show running-configuration ospf</b>	Displays the current running OSPFv2 configuration.

## Monitoring OSPFv2 Statistics

To display OSPFv2 statistics, enter the following commands.

Command	Purpose
<code>show ip ospf policy statistics area <i>area-id</i> filter-list {in   out}</code>	Displays the OSPFv2 route policy statistics for an area.
<code>show ip ospf policy statistics redistribute {direct   ospf <i>id</i>   static}</code>	Displays the OSPFv2 route policy statistics.
<code>show ip ospf statistics</code>	Displays the OSPFv2 event counters.
<code>show ip ospf traffic [<i>interface-type</i> <i>number</i>]</code>	Displays the OSPFv2 packet counters.

## Configuration Example for OSPFv2

The following example shows how to configure OSPFv2.

```
feature ospf
router ospf 201
  router-id 290.0.2.1

interface ethernet 2/1
  ip router ospf 201 area 0.0.0.10
  ip ospf authentication
  ip ospf authentication-key 0 mypass
```

