



BGP—IPv6 NSR

Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) support for Nonstop Routing (NSR) enables provider edge (PE) routers to maintain BGP state with customer edge (CE) routers and ensure continuous packet forwarding during a Route Processor (RP) switchover or during a planned In-Service Software Upgrade (ISSU) for a PE router. The BGP—IPv6 NSR feature extends BGP support for NSR to Cisco IPv6 VPN Provider Edge Routers (6VPE).

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Prerequisites for BGP—IPv6 NSR

- Your network is configured to run BGP.
- Multiprotocol Layer Switching (MPLS) Layer 3 Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) are configured.
- All platforms are HA capable.
- You are familiar with the concepts in the “BGP Support for Nonstop Routing (NSR) with Stateful Switchover (SSO)” and “BGP NSR Support for iBGP Peers” modules of the *IP Routing: BGP Configuration Guide*.

Information About BGP—IPv6 NSR

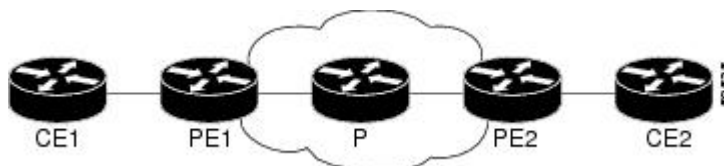
Overview of BGP—IPv6 NSR

Nonstop routing (NSR) is beneficial for BGP peers because it reduces the likelihood of dropped packets during switchover from the active Route Processor (RP) to the standby RP. Switchover occurs when the active RP fails for some reason and the standby RP takes control of active RP operations. The BGP—IPv6 NSR feature extends BGP support for NSR to include the following IPv6-based address families:

- IPv6 unicast

- IPv6 unicast + label
- IPv6 PE-CE
- VPNv6 unicast

Figure 1: Basic 6VPE Network Configuration



The figure above depicts a basic deployment scenario. Provider edge (PE) router 1, P, and PE2 form a 6VPE cloud. The customer edge (CE) router 1 to PE1 connection is IPv6 (VRF). The PEs are HA/SSO and NSF capable. The P routers are capable of Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) label preservation (NSF equivalent).

As the CE1 is customer equipment, the provider cannot determine that it must be upgraded to be NSF aware. If PE1 can perform NSR on its connection to CE1, then CE1 will not be aware or impacted when PE1 performs a switchover in SSO mode. For all other connections within the autonomous system, the operations may be NSF or graceful restart. This means the control plane will be reset, and all the immediate peers will be aware of it and will resend data to help re-establish the session, but forwarding will be uninterrupted.

Neighbors not operating under NSR are still expected to be NSF capable/aware. If the CE is already NSF aware (that is, it can handle a BGP graceful restart by its peers), then the PE-CE connection will not be NSR, and will instead follow the regular NSF processing model. This parallels NSR for VPNv4 and assists in conserving network resources.

How to Configure BGP—IPv6 NSR

Configuring BGP—IPv6 NSR

Perform this task on a PE router if you want to configure a BGP peer to support BGP—IPv6 NSR.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp** *autonomous-system-number*
4. Enter one of the following:
 - **address-family ipv6** [**unicast** | **multicast** | **vpn6**] [**vrf** *vrf-name*]
 - **address-family vpn6** [**unicast** | **multicast**]
5. **neighbor** *ipv6-address%* **remote-as** *as-number*
6. **neighbor** *ipv6-address%* **activate**
7. **neighbor** *ipv6-address%* **ha-mode** **sso**
8. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Device> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Device# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	router bgp <i>autonomous-system-number</i> Example: <pre>Device(config)# router bgp 4000</pre>	Enters router configuration mode for the specified routing process.
Step 4	Enter one of the following: • address-family ipv6 [unicast multicast vpnv6] [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>] • address-family vpnv6 [unicast multicast] Example: <pre>Device(config-router)# address-family ipv6 unicast</pre>	Specifies the IPv6 address family and enters address family configuration mode. • The unicast keyword specifies the IPv6 unicast address family. • The vrf keyword and <i>vrf-name</i> argument specify the name of the virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instance to associate with subsequent IPv6 address family configuration mode commands.
Step 5	neighbor <i>ipv6-address%</i> remote-as <i>as-number</i> Example: <pre>Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 remote-as 4000</pre>	Specifies the autonomous system of the neighbor.
Step 6	neighbor <i>ipv6-address%</i> activate Example: <pre>Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 activate</pre>	Activates the specified peer.
Step 7	neighbor <i>ipv6-address%</i> ha-mode sso Example: <pre>Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 ha-mode sso</pre>	Configures a BGP neighbor to support BGP NSR.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	end Example: Device(config-router-af) # end	Exits address family configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuration Examples for BGP—IPv6 NSR

Example: Configuring BGP—IPv6 NSR

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router bgp 4000
 address-family ipv6 unicast
  neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 remote-as 4000
  neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 activate
  neighbor 2001:DB8:0:CC00::1 ha-mode sso

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Additional References for BGP—IPv6 NSR

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
BGP commands	Cisco IOS IP Routing: BGP Command Reference

Technical Assistance

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Feature Information for BGP—IPv6 NSR

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to www.cisco.com/go/cfn. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Table 1: Feature Information for BGP—IPv6 NSR

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
BGP—IPv6 NSR	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.9S	BGP support for NSR enables provider edge (PE) routers to maintain BGP state with customer edge (CE) routers and ensure continuous packet forwarding during a Route Processor (RP) switchover or during a planned ISSU for a PE router. The BGP—IPv6 NSR feature extends BGP support for NSR to Cisco IPv6 VPN Provider Edge Routers (6VPE).

