



Configure Segment Routing Path Computation Element

The Segment Routing Path Computation Element (SR-PCE) provides stateful PCE functionality by extending the existing IOS-XR PCEP functionality with additional capabilities. SR-PCE is supported on the MPLS data plane and IPv4 control plane.

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About SR-PCE

The path computation element protocol (PCEP) describes a set of procedures by which a path computation client (PCC) can report and delegate control of head-end label switched paths (LSPs) sourced from the PCC to a PCE peer. The PCE can request the PCC to update and modify parameters of LSPs it controls. The stateful model also enables a PCC to allow the PCE to initiate computations allowing the PCE to perform network-wide orchestration.



Note For more information on PCE, PCC, and PCEP, refer to the [Path Computation Element](#) section in the *MPLS Configuration Guide for Cisco NCS 6000 Series Routers*.

SR-PCE learns topology information by way of IGP (OSPF or IS-IS) or through BGP Link-State (BGP-LS).

SR-PCE is capable of computing paths using the following methods:

- TE metric—SR-PCE uses the TE metric in its path calculations to optimize cumulative TE metric.
- IGP metric—SR-PCE uses the IGP metric in its path calculations to optimize reachability.
- LSP Disjointness—SR-PCE uses the path computation algorithms to compute a pair of disjoint LSPs. The disjoint paths can originate from the same head-end or different head-ends. Disjoint level refers to the type of resources that should not be shared by the two computed paths. SR-PCE supports the following disjoint path computations:
 - Link – Specifies that links are not shared on the computed paths.

- Node – Specifies that nodes are not shared on the computed paths.
- SRLG – Specifies that links with the same SRLG value are not shared on the computed paths.
- SRLG-node – Specifies that SRLG and nodes are not shared on the computed paths.

When the first request is received with a given disjoint-group ID, the first LSP is computed, encoding the shortest path from the first source to the first destination. When the second LSP request is received with the same disjoint-group ID, information received in both requests is used to compute two disjoint paths: one path from the first source to the first destination, and another path from the second source to the second destination. Both paths are computed at the same time.

Usage Guidelines and Limitations

To ensure PCEP compatibility, we recommend that the Cisco IOS XR version on the SR-PCE be the same or later than the Cisco IOS XR version on the PCC or head-end.

Configure SR-PCE

This task explains how to configure SR-PCE.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **pce**
3. **address ipv4** *address*
4. **state-sync ipv4** *address*
5. **tcp-buffer size** *size*
6. **password** {**clear** | **encrypted**} *password*
7. **segment-routing** {**strict-sid-only** | **te-latency**}
8. **timers**
9. **keepalive** *time*
10. **minimum-peer-keepalive** *time*
11. **reoptimization** *time*
12. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure	Enters XR Config mode.
Step 2	pce Example:	Enables PCE and enters PCE configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router (config) # pce	
Step 3	address ipv4 <i>address</i> Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router (config-pce) # address ipv4 192.168.0.1	Configures a PCE IPv4 address.
Step 4	state-sync ipv4 <i>address</i> Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router (config-pce) # state-sync ipv4 192.168.0.3	Configures the remote peer for state synchronization.
Step 5	tcp-buffer size <i>size</i> Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router (config-pce) # tcp-buffer size 1024000	Configures the transmit and receive TCP buffer size for each PCEP session, in bytes. The default buffer size is 256000. The valid range is from 204800 to 1024000.
Step 6	password { clear encrypted } <i>password</i> Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router (config-pce) # password encrypted pwd1	Enables TCP MD5 authentication for all PCEP peers. Any TCP segment coming from the PCC that does not contain a MAC matching the configured password will be rejected. Specify if the password is encrypted or clear text.
Step 7	segment-routing { strict-sid-only te-latency } Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router (config-pce) # segment-routing strict-sid-only	Configures the segment routing algorithm to use strict SID or TE latency. Note This setting is global and applies to all LSPs that request a path from this controller.
Step 8	timers Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router (config-pce) # timers	Enters timer configuration mode.
Step 9	keepalive <i>time</i> Example: RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router (config-pce-timers) # keepalive 60	Configures the timer value for locally generated keep-alive messages. The default time is 30 seconds.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	minimum-peer-keepalive <i>time</i> Example: <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-timers)# minimum-peer-keepalive 30</pre>	Configures the minimum acceptable keep-alive timer that the remote peer may propose in the PCEP OPEN message during session establishment. The default time is 20 seconds.
Step 11	reoptimization <i>time</i> Example: <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-timers)# reoptimization 600</pre>	Configures the re-optimization timer. The default timer is 1800 seconds.
Step 12	exit Example: <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-timers)# exit</pre>	Exits timer configuration mode and returns to PCE configuration mode.

Configure the Disjoint Policy (Optional)

This task explains how to configure the SR-PCE to compute disjointness for a pair of LSPs signaled by PCCs that do not include the PCEP association group-ID object in their PCEP request. This can be beneficial for deployments where PCCs do not support this PCEP object or when the network operator prefers to manage the LSP disjoint configuration centrally.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **disjoint-path**
2. **group-id** *value* **type** {**link** | **node** | **srlg** | **srlg-node**} [**sub-id** *value*]
3. **strict**
4. **lsp** {**1** | **2**} **pcc** **ipv4** *address* **lsp-name** *lsp_name* [**shortest-path**]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	disjoint-path Example: <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce)# disjoint-path</pre>	Enters disjoint configuration mode.
Step 2	group-id <i>value</i> type { link node srlg srlg-node } [sub-id <i>value</i>] Example:	Configures the disjoint group ID and defines the preferred level of disjointness (the type of resources that should not be shared by the two paths):

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-disjoint)# group-id 1 type node sub-id 1</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • link—Specifies that links are not shared on the computed paths. • node—Specifies that nodes are not shared on the computed paths. • srlg—Specifies that links with the same SRLG value are not shared on the computed paths. • srlg-node—Specifies that SRLG and nodes are not shared on the computed paths. <p>If a pair of paths that meet the requested disjointness level cannot be found, then the paths will automatically fallback to a lower level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the requested disjointness level is SRLG or node, then link-disjoint paths will be computed. • If the requested disjointness level was link, or if the first fallback from SRLG or node disjointness failed, then the lists of segments encoding two shortest paths, without any disjointness constraint, will be computed.
Step 3	<p>strict</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-disjoint)# strict</pre>	(Optional) Prevents the automatic fallback behavior of the preferred level of disjointness. If a pair of paths that meet the requested disjointness level cannot be found, the disjoint calculation terminates and no new path is provided. The existing path is not modified.
Step 4	<p>lsp {1 2} pcc ipv4 address lsp-name lsp_name [shortest-path]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-disjoint)# lsp 1 pcc ipv4 192.168.0.1 lsp-name rtrA_t1 shortest-path RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-pce-disjoint)# lsp 2 pcc ipv4 192.168.0.5 lsp-name rtrE_t2</pre>	<p>Adds LSPs to the disjoint group.</p> <p>The shortest-path keyword forces one of the disjoint paths to follow the shortest path from the source to the destination. This option can only be applied to the the first LSP specified.</p>

PCE-Initiated SR Policies

Use cases based on centralized optimization, such as congestion mitigation solutions, rely on the ability of the PCE to signal and instantiate SR-TE policies in the network. We refer to this as PCE-initiated SR-TE policies.

PCE-initiated SR-TE policies can be triggered via Crossworks Network Controller (recommended approach) or via CLI at the PCE.

For more information on configuring SR-TE policies, see the [SR-TE Policy Overview](#).

The PCE deploys the SR-TE policy using PCC-PCE communication protocol (PCEP).

1. PCE sends a PCInitiate message to the PCC.
2. If the PCInitiate message is valid, the PCC sends a PCRpt message; otherwise, it sends PCErr message.
3. If the PCInitiate message is accepted, the PCE updates the SR-TE policy by sending PCUpd message.

You can achieve high-availability by configuring multiple PCEs with SR-TE policies. If the head-end (PCC) loses connectivity with one PCE, another PCE can assume control of the SR-TE policy.

Configuration Example: PCE-Initiated SR Policy with Explicit SID List

To configure a PCE-initiated SR-TE policy, you must complete the following configurations:

1. Enter PCE configuration mode.
2. Create the segment list.



Note When configuring an explicit path using IP addresses of intermediate links, the SR-TE process selects either the protected or the unprotected Adj-SID of the link, depending on the order in which the Adj-SIDs were received.

3. Create the policy.

```
/* Enter PCE configuration mode and create the SR-TE segment lists */
Router# configure
Router(config)# pce

/* Create the SR-TE segment lists */
Router(config-pce)# segment-routing
Router(config-pce-sr)# traffic-eng
Router(config-pce-sr-te)# segment-list name addr2a
Router(config-pce-sr-te-sl)# index 10 address ipv4 10.1.1.2
Router(config-pce-sr-te-sl)# index 20 address ipv4 10.2.3.2
Router(config-pce-sr-te-sl)# index 30 address ipv4 10.1.1.4
Router(config-pce-sr-te-sl)# exit

/* Create the SR-TE policy */
Router(config-pce-sr-te)# peer ipv4 10.1.1.1
Router(config-pce-sr-te)# policy P1
Router(config-pce-sr-te-policy)# color 2 end-point ipv4 2.2.2.2
Router(config-pce-sr-te-policy)# candidate-paths
Router(config-pce-sr-te-policy-path)# preference 50
Router(config-pce-sr-te-policy-path-preference)# explicit segment-list addr2a
Router(config-pce-sr-te-pp-info)# commit
Router(config-pce-sr-te-pp-info)# end
Router(config)#
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Running Config

```
pce
 segment-routing
  traffic-eng
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```
segment-list name addr2a
index 10 address ipv4 10.1.1.2
index 20 address ipv4 10.2.3.2
index 30 address ipv4 10.1.1.4
!
peer ipv4 10.1.1.1
policy P1
color 2 end-point ipv4 2.2.2.2
candidate-paths
  preference 50
  explicit segment-list addr2a
!
```

