Unicast Overlay Routing

The overlay network is controlled by the Cisco SD-WAN Overlay Management Protocol (OMP), which is at the heart of Cisco SD-WAN overlay routing. This solution allows the building of scalable, dynamic, on-demand, and secure VPNs. The Cisco SD-WAN solution uses a centralized controller for easy orchestration, with full policy control that includes granular access control and a scalable secure data plane between all edge nodes.

The Cisco SD-WAN solution allows edge nodes to communicate directly over any type of transport network, whether public WAN, internet, metro Ethernet, MPLS, or anything else.

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Supported Protocols

OMP Routing Protocol

The Cisco SD-WAN Overlay Management Protocol (OMP) is the protocol responsible for establishing and maintaining the Cisco SD-WAN control plane. It provides the following services:

- Orchestration of overlay network communication, including connectivity among network sites, service chaining, and VPN or VRF topologies
- Distribution of service-level routing information and related location mappings
- Distribution of data plane security parameters
- Central control and distribution of routing policy

OMP is the control protocol that is used to exchange routing, policy, and management information between Cisco vSmart Controllers and Cisco vEdge devices in the overlay network. These devices automatically initiate OMP peering sessions between themselves, and the two IP end points of the OMP session are the system IP addresses of the two devices.

OMP is an all-encompassing information management and distribution protocol that enables the overlay network by separating services from transport. Services provided in a typical VPN setting are usually located within a VPN domain, and they are protected so that they are not visible outside the VPN. In such a traditional architecture, it is a challenge to extend VPN domains and service connectivity.

OMP addresses these scalability challenges by providing an efficient way to manage service traffic based on the location of logical transport end points. This method extends the data plane and control plane separation...
concept from within routers to across the network. OMP distributes control plane information along with related policies. A central Cisco vSmart Controller makes all decisions related to routing and access policies for the overlay routing domain. OMP is then used to propagate routing, security, services, and policies that are used by edge devices for data plane connectivity and transport.

**OMP Route Advertisements**

On Cisco vSmart Controllers and Cisco vEdge devices, OMP advertises to its peers the routes and services that it has learned from its local site, along with their corresponding transport location mappings, which are called TLOCs. These routes are called OMP routes or vRoutes to distinguish them from standard IP routes. The routes advertised are actually a tuple consisting of the route and the TLOC associated with that route. It is through OMP routes that the Cisco vSmart Controllers learn the topology of the overlay network and the services available in the network.

OMP interacts with traditional routing at local sites in the overlay network. It imports information from traditional routing protocols, such as OSPF and BGP, and this routing information provides reachability within the local site. The importing of routing information from traditional routing protocols is subject to user-defined policies.

Because OMP operates in an overlay networking environment, the notion of routing peers is different from a traditional network environment. From a logical point of view, the overlay environment consists of a centralized controller and a number of edge devices. Each edge device advertises its imported routes to the centralized controller and based on policy decisions, this controller distributes the overlay routing information to other edge devices in the network. Edge devices never advertise routing information to each other, either using OMP or any other method. The OMP peering sessions between the centralized controller and the edge devices are used exclusively to exchange control plane traffic; they are never, in any situation, used for data traffic.

Registered edge devices automatically collect routes from directly connected networks as well as static routes and routes learned from IGP protocols. The edge devices can also be configured to collect routes learned from BGP.

OMP performs path selection, loop avoidance, and policy implementation on each local device to decide which routes are installed in the local routing table of any edge device.

OMP advertises the following types of routes:

- **OMP routes (also called vRoutes)**—Prefixes that establish reachability between end points that use the OMP-orchestrated transport network. OMP routes can represent services in a central data center, services at a branch office, or collections of hosts and other end points in any location of the overlay network. OMP routes require and resolve into TLOCs for functional forwarding. In comparison with BGP, an OMP route is the equivalent of a prefix carried in any of the BGP AFI/SAFI fields.

- **Transport locations (TLOCs)**—Identifiers that tie an OMP route to a physical location. The TLOC is the only entity of the OMP routing domain that is visible to the underlying network, and it must be reachable via routing in the underlying network. A TLOC can be directly reachable via an entry in the routing table of the physical network, or it must be represented by a prefix residing on the outside of a NAT device and must be included in the routing table. In comparison with BGP, the TLOC acts as the next hop for OMP routes.

- **Service routes**—Identifiers that tie an OMP route to a service in the network, specifying the location of the service in the network. Services include firewalls, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDPs), and load balancers. Service route information is carried in both service and OMP routes.
OMP also advertises policies configured on the Cisco vSmart Controllers that are executed on Cisco vEdge devices including application-routing policy, cflowd flow templates, and data policy. For more information, see Policy Overview.

The following figure illustrates the three types of OMP routes.

OMP Routes

Each device at a branch or local site advertises OMP routes to the Cisco vSmart Controllers in its domain. These routes contain routing information that the device has learned from its site-local network.

A Cisco SD-WAN device can advertise one of the following types of site-local routes:

- Connected (also known as direct)
- Static
- BGP
- OSPF (inter-area, intra-area, and external)

OMP routes advertise the following attributes:
• **TLOC**—Transport location identifier of the next hop for the vRoute. It is similar to the BGP NEXT_HOP attribute. A TLOC consists of three components:
  - System IP address of the OMP speaker that originates the OMP route
  - Color to identify the link type
  - Encapsulation type on the transport tunnel

• **Origin**—Source of the route, such as BGP, OSPF, connected, and static, and the metric associated with the original route.

• **Originator**—OMP identifier of the originator of the route, which is the IP address from which the route was learned.

• **Preference**—Degree of preference for an OMP route. A higher preference value is more preferred.

• **Service**—Network service associated with the OMP route.

• **Site ID**—Identifier of a site within the Cisco SD-WAN overlay network domain to which the OMP route belongs.

• **Tag**—Optional, transitive path attribute that an OMP speaker can use to control the routing information it accepts, prefers, or redistributes.

• **VPN**—VPN or network segment to which the OMP route belongs.

You configure some of the OMP route attribute values, including the system IP, color, encapsulation type, carrier, preference, service, site ID, and VPN. You can modify some of the OMP route attributes by provisioning control policy on the Cisco vSmart Controller.

### TLOC Routes

TLOC routes identify transport locations. These are locations in the overlay network that connect to physical transport, such as the point at which a WAN interface connects to a carrier. A TLOC is denoted by a 3-tuple that consists of the system IP address of the OMP speaker, a color, and an encapsulation type. OMP advertises each TLOC separately.

TLOC routes advertise the following attributes:

• **TLOC private address**—Private IP address of the interface associated with the TLOC.

• **TLOC public address**—NAT-translated address of the TLOC.

• **Carrier**—An identifier of the carrier type, which is generally used to indicate whether the transport is public or private.

• **Color**—Identifies the link type.

• **Encapsulation type**—Tunnel encapsulation type.

• **Preference**—Degree of preference that is used to differentiate between TLOCs that advertise the same OMP route.

• **Site ID**—Identifier of a site within the Cisco SD-WAN overlay network domain to which the TLOC belongs.
• Tag—Optional, transitive path attribute that an OMP speaker can use to control the flow of routing information toward a TLOC. When an OMP route is advertised along with its TLOC, both or either can be distributed with a community TAG, to be used to decide how send traffic to or receive traffic from a group of TLOCs.

• Weight—Value that is used to discriminate among multiple entry points if an OMP route is reachable through two or more TLOCs.

The IP address used in the TLOC is the fixed system address of the device itself. The reason for not using an IP address or an interface IP address to denote a TLOC is that IP addresses can move or change; for example, they can be assigned by DHCP, or interface cards can be swapped. Using the system IP address to identify a TLOC ensures that a transport end point can always be identified regardless of IP addressing.

The link color represents the type of WAN interfaces on a device. The Cisco SD-WAN solution offers predefined colors, which are assigned in the configuration of the devices. The color can be one of default, 3g, biz-internet, blue, bronze, custom1, custom2, custom3, gold, green, lte, metro-ethernet, mpls, private1, private2, public-internet, red, and silver.

The encapsulation is that used on the tunnel interface. It can be either IPsec or GRE.

The diagram to the right shows a device that has two WAN connections and hence two TLOCs. The system IP address of the router is 1.1.1.1. The TLOC on the left is uniquely identified by the system IP address 1.1.1.1, the color metro-ethernet, and the encapsulation IPsec, and it maps to the physical WAN interface with the IP address 184.168.0.69. The TLOC on the right is uniquely identified by the system IP address 1.1.1.1, the color biz-internet, and the encapsulation IPsec, and it maps to the WAN IP address 75.1.1.1.

You configure some of the TLOC attributes, including the system IP address, color, and encapsulation, and you can modify some of them by provisioning control policy on the Cisco vSmart Controller. See Centralized Control Policy.

Service Routes

Service routes represent services that are connected to a Cisco vEdge device or to the local-site network in which the Cisco vEdge device resides. The Cisco vEdge device advertises these routes to Cisco vSmart Controllers using service address family NLRI. See Service Chaining.

OMP Route Redistribution

OMP automatically redistributes the following types of routes that it learns either locally or from its routing peers:

• Connected

• Static
• OSPF intra-area routes
• OSPF inter-area routes

To avoid routing loops and less than optimal routing, redistribution of following types of routes requires explicit configuration:
• BGP
• OSPF external routes

To avoid propagating excessive routing information from the edge to the access portion of the network, the routes that devices receive via OMP are not automatically redistributed into the other routing protocols running on the routers. If you want to redistribute the routes received via OMP, you must enable this redistribution locally on each device.

OMP sets the origin and sub-origin type in each OMP route to indicate the route's origin (see the table below). When selecting routes, the Cisco vSmart Controller and the router take the origin type and subtype into consideration.

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<td>External Internal</td>
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<td>Connected</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>OSPF</td>
<td>External-1 External-2 Intra-area Inter-area</td>
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<tr>
<td>Static</td>
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OMP also carries the metric of the original route. A metric of 0 indicates a connected route.

**Administrative Distance**

Administrative distance is the measure used to select the best path when there are two or more different routes to the same destination from multiple routing protocols. When the Cisco vSmart Controller or the router is selecting the OMP route to a destination, it prefers the one with the lower or lowest administrative distance value.

The following table lists the default administrative distances used by the Cisco SD-WAN devices:

Table 2:

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<td>Connected</td>
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<td>Static</td>
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<td>NAT (NAT and static routes cannot coexist in the same VPN; NAT overwrites static routes)</td>
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<td>Learned from DHCP</td>
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### OMP Best-Path Algorithm and Loop Avoidance

Cisco SD-WAN devices advertise their local routes to the Cisco vSmart Controller using OMP. Depending on the network topology, some routes might be advertised from multiple devices. Cisco SD-WAN devices use the following algorithm to choose the best route:

1. Check whether the OMP route is valid. If not, ignore it.
2. If the OMP route is valid and if it has been learned from the same Cisco SD-WAN device, select the OMP route with the lower administrative distance.
3. If the administrative distances are equal, select the OMP route with the higher OMP route preference value.
4. If the OMP route preference values are equal, select the OMP route with the higher TLOC preference value.
5. If the TLOC preference values are equal, compare the origin type, and select one in the following order (select the first match): Connected Static EBGP OSPF intra-area OSPF inter-area OSPF external IBGP Unknown
6. If the origin type is the same, select the OMP route that has the lower origin metric.
7. If the origin types are the same, select the OMP route with the lower router ID.
8. If the router IDs are equal, a Cisco vEdge device Cisco XE SD-WAN device selects the OMP route with the lower private IP address. If a Cisco vSmart Controller receives the same prefix from two different sites and if all attributes are equal, it chooses both of them.

Here are some examples of choosing the best route:

- A Cisco vSmart Controller receives an OMP route to 10.10.10.0/24 via OMP from a Cisco vEdge device Cisco XE SD-WAN device with an origin code of OSPF, and it also receives the same route from another Cisco vSmart Controller, also with an origin code of OSPF. If all other things are equal, the best-path algorithm chooses the route that came from the Cisco vEdge device.

- A Cisco vSmart Controller learns the same OMP route, 10.10.10.0/24, from two Cisco vEdge devices in the same site. If all other parameters are the same, both routes are chosen and advertised to other OMP peers. By default, up to four equal-cost routes are selected and advertised.

A Cisco vEdge device installs an OMP route in its forwarding table (FIB) only if the TLOC to which it points is active. For a TLOC to be active, an active BFD session must be associated with that TLOC. BFD sessions are established by each device which creates a separate BFD session with each of the remote TLOCs. If a

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<td>IBGP</td>
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<td>OMP</td>
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BFD session becomes inactive, the Cisco vSmart Controller removes from the forwarding table all the OMP routes that point to that TLOC.

**OMP Graceful Restart**

Graceful restart for OMP allows the data plane in the Cisco SD-WAN overlay network to continue functioning if the control plane stops functioning or becomes unavailable. With graceful restart, if the vSmart controller in the network goes down, or if multiple vSmart controllers go down simultaneously, Cisco XE SD-WAN devices and Cisco vEdge devices can continue forwarding data traffic. They do this using the last known good information that they received from the vSmart controller. When a vSmart controller is again available, its DTLS connection to the device is re-established, and the device then receives updated, current network information from the vSmart controller.

When OMP graceful restart is enabled, Cisco XE SD-WAN devices and Cisco vEdge devices and a vSmart controller (that is, two OMP peers) cache the OMP information that they learn from their peer. This information includes OMP routes, TLOC routes, service routes, IPsec SA parameters, and centralized data policies. When one of the OMP peers is no longer available, the other peer uses the cached information to continue operating in the network. So, for example, when a device no longer detects the presence of the OMP connection to a vSmart controller, the device continues forwarding data traffic using the cached OMP information. The device also periodically checks whether the vSmart controller has again become available. When it does come back up and the device re-establishes a connection to it, the device flushes its local cache and considers only the new OMP information from the vSmart controller to be valid and reliable. This same scenario occurs when a vSmart controller no longer detects the presence of Cisco XE SD-WAN devices and Cisco vEdge devices.

**BGP and OSPF Routing Protocols**

The Cisco SD-WAN overlay network supports BGP and OSPF unicast routing protocols. These protocols can be configured on Cisco XE SD-WAN devices and Cisco vEdge devices in any VPN except for VPN 0 and VPN 512 to provide reachability to networks at their local sites. Cisco XE SD-WAN devices and Cisco vEdge devices can redistribute route information learned from BGP and OSPF into OMP so that OMP can better choose paths within the overlay network.

When the local site connects to a Layer 3 VPN MPLS WAN cloud, Cisco XE SD-WAN devices and Cisco vEdge devices act as an MPLS CE device and establishes a BGP peering session to connect to the PE router in the L3VPN MPLS cloud.

When Cisco XE SD-WAN devices and Cisco vEdge devices at a local site do not connect directly to the WAN cloud but are one or more hops from the WAN and connect indirectly through a non-Cisco SD-WAN device, standard routing must be enabled on the devices’ DTLS connections so that they can reach the WAN cloud. Either OSPF or BGP can be the routing protocol.

In both these types of topologies, the BGP or OSPF sessions run over a DTLS connection created on the loopback interface in VPN 0, which is the transport VPN that is responsible for carrying control traffic in the overlay network. The Cisco vBond Orchestrator learns about this DTLS connection via the loopback interface and conveys this information to the Cisco vSmart Controller so that it can track the TLOC-related information. In VPN 0, you also configure the physical interface that connects the Cisco vEdge device to its neighbor—either the PE router in the MPLS case or the hub or next-hop router in the local site—but you do not establish a DTLS tunnel connection on that physical interface.
Configure Unicast Overlay Routing

This topic describes how to provision unicast overlay routing.

Service-Side Routing

Provisioning BGP and OSPF enables routing on the service side of the network.

To set up routing on a Cisco vEdge device, you provision one VPN or multiple VPNs if segmentation is required. Within each VPN, you configure the interfaces that participate in that VPN and the routing protocols that operate in that VPN.

Because Cisco vSmart Controllers never participate in a local site network, you never configure BGP or OSPF on these devices.

Transport-Side Routing

To enable communication between Cisco SD-WAN devices, you configure OSPF or BGP on a loopback interface in VPN 0. The loopback interface is a virtual transport interface that is the terminus of the DTLS and IPsec tunnel connections required for Cisco XE SD-WAN devices and Cisco vEdge devices to participate in the overlay network.

To configure service-side and transport-side BGP using vManage, see the Configure BGP using vManage.

To configure service-side and transport-side BGP using CLI, see the Configure BGP Using CLI topic.

Configure BGP Using vManage Templates

The Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) can be used for service-side routing to provide reachability to networks at the local site, and it can be used for transport-side routing to enable communication between Cisco SD-WAN devices when a device is not directly connected to the WAN cloud. Create separate BGP templates for the two BGP routing types.

To configure the BGP routing protocol using Cisco vManage templates:

1. Create a BGP feature template to configure BGP parameters.
2. Create a VPN feature template to configure VPN parameters for either service-side BGP routing (in any VPN other than VPN 0 or VPN 512) or transport-side BGP routing (in VPN 0).

Create a BGP Template

1. In vManage, go to Configuration > Templates.
2. In the Device tab, click Create Template.
3. From the Create Template drop-down, select From Feature Template.
4. From the Device Model drop-down, select the type of device for which you are creating the template.
5. To create a template for VPN 0 or VPN 512:
   1. Click the Transport & Management VPN tab located directly beneath the Description field, or scroll to the Transport & Management VPN section.
   2. Under Additional VPN 0 Templates, located to the right of the screen, click BGP.
3. From the BGP drop-down, click **Create Template**. The BGP template form displays. The top of the form contains fields for naming the template, and the bottom contains fields for defining BGP parameters.

6. To create a template for VPNs 1 through 511, and 513 through 65530:

1. Click the **Service VPN** tab located directly beneath the Description field, or scroll to the Service VPN section.
2. Click the **Service VPN** drop-down.
3. Under **Additional VPN Templates**, located to the right of the screen, click **BGP**.
4. From the BGP drop-down, click **Create Template**. The BGP template form displays. The top of the form contains fields for naming the template, and the bottom contains fields for defining BGP parameters.

7. In the **Template Name** field, enter a name for the template. The name can be up to 128 characters and can contain only alphanumeric characters.

8. In the **Template Description** field, enter a description of the template. The description can be up to 2048 characters and can contain only alphanumeric characters.

**Configure Basic BGP Parameters**

To configure Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), select the **Basic Configuration** tab and configure the following parameters. Parameters marked with an asterisk are required to configure BGP.

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<td><strong>Shutdown</strong></td>
<td>Click <strong>No</strong> to enable BGP on the interface.</td>
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<td><strong>AS number</strong></td>
<td>Enter the local AS number.</td>
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<td><strong>Router ID</strong></td>
<td>Enter the BGP router ID in decimal four-part dotted notation.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Propagate AS Path</strong></td>
<td>Click <strong>On</strong> to carry BGP AS path information into OMP.</td>
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<td><strong>Internal Routes Distance</strong></td>
<td>Enter a value to apply as the BGP route administrative distance for routes coming from one AS into another. Range: 0 through 255 Default: 0</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Local Routes Distance</strong></td>
<td>Specify the BGP route administrative distance for routes within the local AS. By default, a route received locally from BGP is preferred over a route received from OMP. Range: 0 through 255 Default: 0</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>External Routes Distance</strong></td>
<td>Specify the BGP route administrative distance for routes learned from other sites in the overlay network. Range: 0 through 255 Default: 0</td>
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For service-side BGP, you might want to configure Overlay Management Protocol (OMP) to advertise to the Cisco vSmart Controller any BGP routes that the device learns. By default, Cisco SD-WAN devices advertise to OMP both the connected routes on the device and the static routes that are configured on the device, but it does not advertise BGP external routes learned by the device. You configure this route advertisement in the OMP template for devices or Cisco SD-WAN software. See OMP.

For transport-side BGP, you must also configure a physical interface and a loopback interface in VPN 0. In addition, you should create a policy for BGP to advertise the loopback interface address to its neighbors, and apply the policy in the BGP instance or to a specific neighbor.

To save the feature template, click **Save**.

**Configure Unicast Address Family**

To configure global BGP address family information, select the **IPv4 Unicast Address Family** tab and configure the following parameters:

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<td><strong>IPv4 / IPv6</strong></td>
<td>Click IPv4 to configure an IPv4 VPN interface. Click IPv6 to configure an IPv6 interface.</td>
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<td><strong>Maximum Paths</strong></td>
<td>Specify the maximum number of parallel IBGP paths that can be installed into a route table to enable IBGP multipath load sharing. Range: 0 to 32</td>
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<td><strong>Mark as Optional Row</strong></td>
<td>Check <strong>Mark as Optional Row</strong> to mark this configuration as device-specific. To include this configuration for a device, enter the requested variable values when you attach a device template to a device, or create a template variables spreadsheet to apply the variables.</td>
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<td>Select the protocols from which to redistribute routes into BGP, for all BGP sessions. Options are:</td>
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<td>static</td>
<td>Redistribute static routes into BGP.</td>
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<td>connected</td>
<td>Redistribute connected routes into BGP.</td>
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<td>ospf</td>
<td>Redistribute Open Shortest Path First routes into BGP.</td>
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<td>omp</td>
<td>Redistribute Overlay Management Protocol routes into BGP.</td>
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<td>nat</td>
<td>Redistribute Network Address Translation routes into BGP.</td>
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<td>natpool-outside</td>
<td>Redistribute outside NAT routes into BGP.</td>
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<td>Route Policy</td>
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<td>At a minimum, select the following:</td>
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<td>• For service-side BGP routing, select <a href="#">OMP</a>. By default, OMP routes are not redistributed into BGP.</td>
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<td>• For transport-side BGP routing, select <a href="#">Connected</a>, and then under <a href="#">Route Policy</a>, specify a route policy that has BGP advertise the loopback interface address to its neighbors.</td>
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<td>Enter the name of the route policy to apply to redistributed routes.</td>
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<td>Click Add to save the redistribution information.</td>
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<td><strong>Network</strong></td>
<td>Click</td>
<td>Network &gt; New Network.</td>
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<td>Network Prefix</td>
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<td>Enter a network prefix, in the format <code>prefix/length</code> to be advertised by BGP.</td>
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<td>Click Add to save the network prefix.</td>
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To save the feature template, click **Save**.

**Configure BGP Neighbors**

To configure a neighbor, click **Neighbor > New Neighbor**, and configure the following parameters:

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<td>IPv4 / IPv6</td>
<td>Click IPv4 to configure IPv4 neighbors. Click IPv6 to configure IPv6 neighbors.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Address/IPv6 Address</td>
<td>Specify the IP address of the BGP neighbor.</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Enter a description of the BGP neighbor.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remote AS</td>
<td>Enter the AS number of the remote BGP peer.</td>
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</table>

For BGP to function, you must configure at least one neighbor.
### Configure Advanced Neighbor Parameter

To configure advanced parameters for the neighbor, click **Neighbor > Advanced Options**.

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<tr>
<td><strong>Next-Hop Self</strong></td>
<td>Click <strong>On</strong> to configure the router to be the next hop for routes advertised to the BGP neighbor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Send Community</strong></td>
<td>Click <strong>On</strong> to send the local router's BGP community attribute to the BGP neighbor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Send Extended Community</strong></td>
<td>Click <strong>On</strong> to send the local router's BGP extended community attribute to the BGP neighbor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Negotiate Capability</strong></td>
<td>Click <strong>On</strong> to allow the BGP session to learn about the BGP extensions that are supported by the neighbor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source Interface Address</strong></td>
<td>Enter the IP address of a specific interface of the neighbor that BGP is to use for the TCP connection to the neighbor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source Interface Name</strong></td>
<td>Enter the name of a specific interface of the neighbor that BGP is to use for the TCP connection to the neighbor, in the format <code>ge port/slot</code>.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Parameter Name</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>EBGP Multihop</td>
<td>Set the time to live (TTL) for BGP connections to external peers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Range: 0 to 255</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>Enter a password to use to generate an MD5 message digest.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Configuring the password enables MD5 authentication on the TCP connection with the BGP peer.</td>
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<td>The password is case-sensitive and can be up to 25 characters long.</td>
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<td>It can contain any alphanumeric characters, including spaces.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The first character cannot be a number.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keepalive Time</td>
<td>Specify the frequency at which keepalive messages are advertised to a BGP peer.</td>
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<td>These messages indicate to the peer that the local router is still active and should be</td>
</tr>
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<td>considered available. Specify the keepalive time for the neighbor to override the</td>
</tr>
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<td>global keepalive time.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Range: 0 through 65535 seconds</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Default: 60 seconds (one-third the hold-time value)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hold Time</td>
<td>Specify the interval after not receiving a keepalive message that the local BGP</td>
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<td>session considers its peer to be unavailable. The local router then terminates the BGP</td>
</tr>
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<td>session to that peer. Specify the hold time for the neighbor to override the global</td>
</tr>
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<td>hold time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Range: 0 through 65535 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: 180 seconds (three times the keepalive timer)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connection Retry Time</td>
<td>Specify the number of seconds between retries to establish a connection to a configured</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>BGP neighbor peer that has gone down.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Range: 0 through 65535 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: 30 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advertisement Interval</td>
<td>For the BGP neighbor, set the minimum route advertisement interval (MRAI) between when BGP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>routing update packets are sent to that neighbor.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>Range: 0 through 600 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: 5 seconds for IBGP route advertisements; 30 seconds for EBGP route</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>advertisements</td>
</tr>
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</table>

To save the feature template, click **Save**.

**Change the Scope of a Parameter Value**

When you first open a feature template, for each parameter that has a default value, the scope is set to Default (a 🧡), and the default setting or value is shown. To change the default or to enter a value, click the scope drop-down to the left of the parameter field and select one of the following:
### Configure Advanced BGP Parameters

To configure advanced parameters for BGP, click the **Advanced** tab and configure the following parameters:

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</table>
| **Hold Time**  | Specify the interval after not receiving a keepalive message that the local BGP session considers its peer to be unavailable. The local device then terminates the BGP session to that peer. This hold time is the global hold time.  
Range: 0 through 65535 seconds  
Default: 180 seconds (three times the keepalive timer) |
| **Keepalive**  | Specify the frequency at which keepalive messages are advertised to a BGP peer. These messages indicate to the peer that the local device is still active and should be considered available. This keepalive time is the global keepalive time.  
Range: 0 through 65535 seconds  
Default: 60 seconds (one-third the hold-time value) |
| **Compare MED** | Click On to compare the device IDs among BGP paths to determine the active path. |
| **Deterministic MED** | Click On to compare multiple exit discriminators (MEDs) from all routes received from the same AS, regardless of when the route was received. |
| **Missing MED as Worst** | Click On to consider a path as the worst path if the path is missing a MED attribute. |
| **Compare Router ID** | Click On to always compare MEDs regardless of whether the peer ASs of the compared routes are the same. |
Parameter Name | Description
--- | ---
Multipath Relax | Click **On** to have the BGP best-path process select from routes in different in ASs. By default, when you are using BGP multipath, the BGP best path process selects from routes in the same AS to load-balance across multiple paths.

To save the feature, click **Save**.

## Configure BGP Using CLI

### Verify BGP Configuration

This topic describes how to configure BGP for service-side and transport-side for unicast overlay routing.

### Configure Service-Side Routing

To set up routing on the Cisco vEdge device, you provision one VPN or multiple VPNs if segmentation is required. Within each VPN, you configure the interfaces that participate in that VPN and the routing protocols that operate in that VPN.

1. **Configure a VPN.**
   ```
vEdge(config)# vpn vpn-id
   ```
   *`vpn-id` can be any service-side VPN, which is a VPN other than VPN 0 and VPN 512. VPN 0 is the transport VPN and carries only control traffic, and VPN 512 is the management VPN.*

2. **Configure BGP to run in the VPN:**
   1. **Configure the local AS number:**
      ```
vEdge(config-vpn)# router bgp local-as-number
      ```
      *You can specify the AS number in 2-byte ASDOT notation (1 through 65535) or in 4-byte ASDOT notation (1.0 through 65535.65535).*
   2. **Configure the BGP peer, specifying its address and AS number (the remote AS number), and enable the connection to the peer:**
      ```
vEdge(config-bgp)# neighbor address remote-as remote-as-number
      vEdge(config-bgp)# no shutdown
      ```
   3. **Configure a system IP address for the Cisco vEdge device:**
      ```
vEdge(config)# system system-ip address
      ```

### Example of BGP Configuration on a vEdge Router

```bash
vEdge# show running-config system
system
   system-ip 10.1.2.3
!
vEdge# show running-config vpn 1
vpn 1
   router
      bgp 1
         neighbor 11.1.2.3
            no shutdown
            remote-as 2
```
Redistribute BGP Routes and AS Path Information

By default, routes from other routing protocols are not redistributed into BGP. It can be useful for BGP to learn OMP routes, because OMP learns routes to destinations throughout the overlay network. BGP on the Cisco vEdge device then advertises the OMP routes to all the BGP routers in the service-side of the network.

```
Device(config)# vpn vpn-id router bgp
vEdge(config-bgp)# address-family ipv4-unicast redistribute omp [route-policy policy-name]
```

You can also redistribute routes learned from other protocols into BGP:

```
Device(config-bgp)# address-family ipv4-unicast redistribute (connected | nat | natpool-outside | ospf | static) [route-policy policy-name]
```

You can control redistribution of routes on a per-neighbor basis:

```
vEdge(config-bgp)# neighbor ip-address
vEdge(config-neighbor)# address-family ipv4-unicast redistribute (connected | nat | natpool-outside | ospf | static) [route-policy policy-name]
vEdge(config-neighbor)# route-policy policy-name (in | out)
```

In the BGP route redistribution commands, the optional route policy is applied to the routes that are redistributed into BGP or routes that are redistributed out from BGP.

You can configure the Cisco vEdge device to advertise BGP routes that it has learned, through OMP, from the Cisco vSmart Controller. Doing so allows the Cisco vSmart Controller to advertise these routes to other Cisco vEdge devices in the overlay network. You can advertise BGP routes either globally or for a specific VPN:

```
vEdge(config)# omp advertise bgp
vEdge(config)# vpn vpn-id omp advertise bgp
```

### BGP Route Advertisements

By default, when BGP advertises routes into OMP, BGP advertises each prefix's metric. BGP can also advertise the prefix's AS path:

```
Device(config)# vpn vpn-id router bgp
vEdge(config-bgp)# propagate-aspath
```

When you configure BGP to propagate AS path information, the router sends AS path information to routers that are behind the vEdge router (in the service-side network) that are running BGP, and it receives AS path information from these routers. If you are redistributing BGP routes into OMP or into another protocol, or if you are advertising BGP routes to OMP, the AS path information is included in the advertised BGP routes. If you configure BGP AS path propagation on some but not all vEdge routers in the overlay network, the routers on which it is not configured receive the AS path information but they do not forward it to the BGP routers in their local service-side network. Propagating AS path information can help to avoid BGP routing loops.

In networks that have both overlay and underlay connectivity—for example, when vEdge routers are interconnected by both a Cisco SD-WAN overlay network and an MPLS underlay network—you can assign an AS number to OMP itself. For vEdge routers running BGP, this overlay AS number is included in the AS path of BGP route updates. To configure the overlay AS:
Device(config)# omp
vedge(omp)# overlay-as as-number

You can specify the AS number in 2-byte ASDOT notation (1 through 65535) or in 4-byte ASDOT notation (1.0 through 65535.65535). As a best practice, it is recommended that the overlay AS number be a unique AS number within both the overlay and the underlay networks. That use, select an AS number that is not used elsewhere in the network.

If you configure the same overlay AS number on multiple vEdge routers in the overlay network, all these routers are considered to be part of the same AS, and as a result, they do not forward any routes that contain the overlay AS number. This mechanism is an additional technique for preventing BGP routing loops in the network.

**Configure Transport-Side Routing**

To configure transport-side routing, you configure a loopback interface, the physical interface, and the routing protocol in VPN 0.

1. Configure a physical interface in VPN 0:
   ```
   Device(config)# vpn 0 interface geslot/port ip address address
   Device(config-interface)# no shutdown
   ```

2. Configure a loopback interface in VPN 0:
   ```
   Device(config)# vpn 0 interface loopbacknumber ip address address
   Device(config-interface)# no shutdown
   Device(config-interface)# tunnel-interface color color
   ```

3. Configure a BGP instance in VPN 0:
   ```
   Device(config)# vpn 0 router bgp local-as-number
   ```

4. Create a policy for BGP to advertise the loopback interface address to its neighbors:
   ```
   vEdge(config)# policy lists prefix-list prefix-list-name ip-prefix prefix
   prefix is the IP address of the loopback interface.
   ```

5. Configure a route policy that affects the loopback interface's prefix:
   ```
   Device(config)# policy route-policy policy-name sequence number match address prefix-list-name
   Device(config)# policy route-policy policy-name sequence number action accept
   Device(config)# policy route-policy policy-name default-action reject
   ```

6. Reference the policy in the BGP instance. To apply the policy such that the loopback address is advertised to all BGP neighbors:
   ```
   Device(config)# vpn 0 router bgp local-as-number address-family ipv4-unicast redistribute connected route-policy policy-name
   ```

   To apply the policy only to a specific neighbor:
   ```
   Device(config)# vpn 0 router bgp local-as-number neighbor neighbor-address address-family ipv4-unicast redistribute connected route-policy policy-name out
   ```

   Specify **out** in the second command so that BGP advertises the loopback prefix out to the neighbor.
Example of BGP Transport-Side Configuration

Here is an example of a minimal BGP transport-side routing configuration in which the loopback address is advertised to all the vEdge router's BGP neighbors. Note that even though we did not configure any services on the tunnel interface, these services are associated with the tunnel by default and are included in the configuration. Because services affect only physical interfaces, you can ignore them on loopback interfaces.

```plaintext
vEdge# show running-config vpn 0
vpn 0
    router
        bgp 2
            router-id 172.16.255.18
            timers
                keepalive 1
                holdtime 3
                !
            address-family ipv4-unicast
                redistribute connected route-policy export_loopback
                !
            neighbor 10.20.25.16
                no shutdown
                remote-as 1
                timers
                    connect-retry 2
                    advertisement-interval 1
                !
                !
            interface ge0/1
                ip address 10.20.25.18/24
                no shutdown
                !
            interface loopback
                ip address 172.16.255.118/32
                tunnel-interface
                    color lte
                    allow-service dhcp
                    allow-service dns
                    allow-service icmp
                    no allow-service sshd
                    no allow-service ntp
                    no allow-service stun
                    !
                    no shutdown
                    !
            policy
                lists
                    prefix-list loopback_prefix
                        ip-prefix 172.16.255.118/32
                        !
                !
            route-policy export_loopback
                sequence 10
                match
                    address loopback_prefix
                    !
                action accept
                !
                default-action reject
                !
```
Configure OSPF Using vManage Templates

Use the OSPF template for all Cisco SD-WAN devices.

To configure OSPF on a device using Cisco vManage templates:

1. Create an OSPF feature template to configure OSPF parameters. OSPF can be used for service-side routing to provide reachability to networks at the local site, and it can be used for transport-side routing to enable communication between the Cisco SD-WAN devices when the router is not directly connected to the WAN cloud. Create separate OSPF templates for the two OSPF routing types.

2. Create a VPN feature template to configure VPN parameters for either service-side OSPF routing (in any VPN other than VPN 0 or VPN 512) or transport-side OSPF routing (in VPN 0). See the VPN help topic for more information.

Create an OSPF Template

1. In vManage NMS, select Configuration > Templates.

2. In the Device tab, click Create Template.

3. From the Create Template drop-down, select From Feature Template.

4. From the Device Model drop-down, select the type of device for which you are creating the template. To create a template for VPN 0 or VPN 512:

   1. Click the Transport & Management VPN tab located directly beneath the Description field, or scroll to the Transport & Management VPN section.

   2. Under Additional VPN 0 Templates, located to the right of the screen, click OSPF.

   3. From the OSPF drop-down, click Create Template. The OSPF template form is displayed. The top of the form contains fields for naming the template, and the bottom contains fields for defining OSPF parameters.

5. To create a template for VPNs 1 through 511, and 513 through 65530:

   1. Click the Service VPN tab located directly beneath the Description field, or scroll to the Service VPN section.

   2. Click the Service VPN drop-down.

   3. Under Additional VPN Templates, located to the right of the screen, click OSPF.

   4. From the OSPF drop-down, click Create Template. The OSPF template form is displayed. The top of the form contains fields for naming the template, and the bottom contains fields for defining OSPF parameters.
6. In the Template Name field, enter a name for the template. The name can be up to 128 characters and can contain only alphanumeric characters.

7. In the Template Description field, enter a description of the template. The description can be up to 2048 characters and can contain only alphanumeric characters.

When you first open a feature template, for each parameter that has a default value, the scope is set to Default (indicated by a check mark), and the default setting or value is shown. To change the default or to enter a value, click the scope drop-down to the left of the parameter field and select one of the following:

**Table 3:**

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<th>Parameter Scope</th>
<th>Scope Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Device Specific (indicated by a host icon)</td>
<td>Use a device-specific value for the parameter. For device-specific parameters, you cannot enter a value in the feature template. You enter the value when you attach a Cisco SD-WAN device to a device template. When you click <strong>Device Specific</strong>, the Enter Key box opens. This box displays a key, which is a unique string that identifies the parameter in a CSV file that you create. This file is an Excel spreadsheet that contains one column for each key. The header row contains the key names (one key per column), and each row after that corresponds to a device and defines the values of the keys for that device. You upload the CSV file when you attach a Cisco SD-WAN device to a device template. For more information, see <strong>Create a Template Variables Spreadsheet</strong>. To change the default key, type a new string and move the cursor out of the Enter Key box. Examples of device-specific parameters are system IP address, hostname, GPS location, and site ID.</td>
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<td>Parameter Scope</td>
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<tr>
<td>Global (indicated by a globe icon)</td>
<td>Enter a value for the parameter, and apply that value to all devices. Examples of parameters that you might apply globally to a group of devices are DNS server, syslog server, and interface MTUs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Configure Basic OSPF**

To configure basic OSPF, select the **Basic Configuration** tab and then configure the following parameters. All these parameters are optional. For OSPF to function, you must configure area 0, as described below.

**Table 4:**

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<th>Parameter Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Router ID</td>
<td>Enter the OSPF router ID in decimal four-part dotted notation. This is the IP address associated with the router for OSPF adjacencies.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Distance for External Routes | Specify the OSPF route administration distance for routes learned from other domains.  
  *Range:* 0 through 255  
  *Default:* 110 |
| Distance for Inter-Area Routes | Specify the OSPF route administration distance for routes coming from one area into another.  
  *Range:* 0 through 255  
  *Default:* 110 |
| Distance for intra-Area routes | Specify the OSPF route administration distance for routes within an area.  
  *Range:* 0 through 255  
  *Default:* 110 |

To save the feature template, click **Save**.

**Redistribute Routes into OSPF**

To redistribute routes learned from other protocols into OSPF on Cisco SD-WAN devices, select **Redistribute > Add New Redistribute** and configure the following parameters:

**Table 5:**

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Protocol</td>
<td>Select the protocol from which to redistribute routes into OSPF. Select from BGP, Connected, NAT, OMP, and Static.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Route Policy</td>
<td>Enter the name of a localized control policy to apply to routes before they are redistributed into OSPF.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To add another OSPF route redistribution policy, click the plus sign (+).

To remove an OSPF route redistribution policy from the template configuration, click the trash icon to the right of the entry.
To save the feature template, click **Save**.

### Configure OSPF To Advertise a Maximum Metric

To configure OSPF to advertise a maximum metric so that other devices do not prefer the Cisco vEdge device as an intermediate hop in their Shortest Path First (SPF) calculation, select **Maximum Metric (Router LSA)** > **Add New Router LSA** and configure the following parameters:

**Table 6:**

<table>
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<th>Parameter Name</th>
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</table>
| Type           | Select a type:  
  • Administrative—Force the maximum metric to take effect immediately through operator intervention.  
  • On-Startup—Advertise the maximum metric for the specified time. |

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Advertisement Time</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>If you selected On-Startup, specify the number of seconds to advertise the maximum metric after the router starts up.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Range*: 0, 5 through 86400 seconds  
*Default*: 0 seconds (the maximum metric is advertised immediately when the router starts up)

To save the feature template, click **Save**.

### Configure OSPF Areas

To configure an OSPF area within a VPN on a Cisco SD-WAN device, select **Area** > **Add New Area**. For OSPF to function, you must configure area 0.

**Table 7:**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Parameter Name</th>
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</table>
| Area Number      | Enter the number of the OSPF area.  
  *Range*: 32-bit number |
| Set the Area Type| Select the type of OSPF area, Stub or NSSA. |
| No Summary       | Select **On** to not inject OSPF summary routes into the area. |
| Translate        | If you configured the area type as NSSA, select when to allow Cisco SD-WAN devices that are ABRs (area border routers) to translate Type 7 LSAs to Type 5 LSAs:  
  • Always—Router always acts as the translator for Type 7 LSAs. That is no other router, even if it is an ABR, can be the translator. If two ABRs are configured to always be the translator, only one of them actually ends up doing the translation.  
  • Candidate—Router offers translation services, but does not insist on being the translator.  
  • Never—Translate no Type 7 LSAs. |
To save the new area, click **Add**.

To save the feature template, click **Save**.

**Configure Interfaces in an OSPF Area**

To configure the properties of an interface in an OSPF area, select **Area > Add New Area > Add Interface**. In the Add Interface popup, configure the following parameters:

**Table 8:**

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<th>Parameter Name</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Interface Name</td>
<td>Enter the name of the interface, in the format <code>ge slot/port</code> or <code>loopback number</code>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Hello Interval | Specify how often the router sends OSPF hello packets.  
  *Range*: 1 through 65535 seconds  
  *Default*: 10 seconds |
| Dead Interval | Specify how often the Cisco vEdge device must receive an OSPF hello packet from its neighbor. If no packet is received, the Cisco vEdge device assumes that the neighbor is down.  
  *Range*: 1 through 65535 seconds  
  *Default*: 40 seconds (4 times the default hello interval) |
| LSA Retransmission Interval | Specify how often the OSPF protocol retransmits LSAs to its neighbors.  
  *Range*: 1 through 65535 seconds  
  *Default*: 5 seconds |
| Interface Cost | Specify the cost of the OSPF interface.  
  *Range*: 1 through 65535 |

To configure advanced options for an interface in an OSPF area, in the Add Interface popup, click **Advanced Options** and configure the following parameters:

**Table 9:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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</table>
| Designated Router Priority | Set the priority of the router to be elected as the designated router (DR). The router with the highest priority becomes the DR. If the priorities are equal, the node with the highest router ID becomes the DR or the backup DR.  
  *Range*: 0 through 255  
  *Default*: 1 |
| OSPF Network Type | Select the OSPF network type to which the interface is to connect:  
  - Broadcast network—WAN or similar network.  
  - Point-to-point network—Interface connects to a single remote OSPF router.  
  *Default*: Broadcast |
| Passive Interface | Select **On** or **Off** to specify whether to set the OSPF interface to be passive. A passive interface advertises its address, but does not actively run the OSPF protocol.  
  *Default*: Off |
Configure OSPF Using vManage Templates

Configure an Interface Range for Summary LSAs

To configure the properties of an interface in an OSPF area, select Area > Add New Area > Add Range. In the Area Range popup, click Add Area Range, and configure the following parameters:

Table 10:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter Name</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Address</td>
<td>Enter the IP address and subnet mask, in the format prefix/length for the IP addresses to be consolidated and advertised.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>Specify a number for the Type 3 summary LSA. OSPF uses this metric during its SPF calculation to determine the shortest path to a destination. Range: 0 through 16777215</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No Advertise</td>
<td>Select On to not advertise the Type 3 summary LSAs or Off to advertise them.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To save the area range, click Save.

To save the new area, click Add.

To save the feature template, click Save.

Configure Other OSPF Properties

To configure other OSPF properties, select the Advanced tab and configure the following properties:
Table 11:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Reference Bandwidth</td>
<td>Specify the reference bandwidth for the OSPF auto-cost calculation for the interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Range:</em> 1 through 4294967 Mbps  <em>Default:</em> 100 Mbps</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RFC 1538 Compatible</td>
<td>By default, the OSPF calculation is done per RFC 1583. Select Off to calculate the cost of summary routes based on RFC 2328.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Originiate</td>
<td>Click <strong>On</strong> to generate a default external route into an OSPF routing domain:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Always</strong>—Select <strong>On</strong> to always advertise the default route in an OSPF routing domain.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Default metric</strong>—Set the metric used to generate the default route. <em>Range:</em> 0 through 16777214  <em>Default:</em> 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Metric type</strong>—Select to advertise the default route as an OSPF Type 1 external route or an OSPF Type 2 external route.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPF Calculation Delay</td>
<td>Specify the amount of time between when the first change to a topology is received until performing the SPF calculation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Range:</em> 0 through 600000 milliseconds (60 seconds)  <em>Default:</em> 200 milliseconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Initial Hold Time</td>
<td>Specify the amount of time between consecutive SPF calculations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Range:</em> 0 through 600000 milliseconds (60 seconds)  <em>Default:</em> 1000 milliseconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum Hold Time</td>
<td>Specify the longest time between consecutive SPF calculations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Range:</em> 0 through 600000  <em>Default:</em> 10000 milliseconds (60 seconds)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Policy Name</td>
<td>Enter the name of a localized control policy to apply to routes coming from OSPF neighbors.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To save the feature template, click **Save**.

**Configure OSPF Using CLI**

This topic describes how to configure basic service-side and transport-side OSPF for Unicast overlay routing.

**Configure Basic Service-Side OSPF**

To set up routing on the Cisco vEdge device, you provision one VPN or multiple VPNs if segmentation is required. Within each VPN, you configure the interfaces that participate in that VPN and the routing protocols that operate in that VPN.

To configure basic service-side OSPF functionality:

1. Configure a VPN for the OSPF network:

   `vEdge(config)# vpn vpn-id`
vpn-id can be any VPN number except VPN 0 and VPN512. VPN 0 is the transport VPN and carries only control traffic, and VPN 512 is the management interface.

2. Configure OSPF area 0 and the interfaces that participate in that area:

   vEdge(config-vpn)# router ospf
   vEdge(config-ospf)# area 0
   vEdge(config-area-0)# interface interface-name
   vEdge(config-interface)# ip-address address
   vEdge(config-interface)# no shutdown
   vEdge (ospf-if)# exit

3. Redistribute OMP routes into OSPF:

   vEdge(config-ospf)# redistribute omp

   By default, OMP routes are not redistributed into OSPF.

4. Repeat Steps 1 through 3 for any additional VPNs.

5. If desired, configure OMP to advertise to the Cisco vSmart Controller any BGP and OSPF external routes that the Cisco vEdge device has learned:

   vEdge(config)# omp
   vEdge(config-omp)# advertise bgp
   vEdge(config-omp)# advertise ospf external

Example of Basic Service-Side OSPF Configuration

This configuration sets up VPN 10 with two interfaces, ge2/0 and ge3/0. It enables OSPF routing on those interfaces in area 0, and it redistributes the OMP routes from the Cisco vSmart Controller into OSPF.

```plaintext
vpn 10
  router
    ospf
      redistribute omp
        area 0
          interface ge2/0
          exit
          interface ge3/0
          exit
        exit
      !
    !
  interface ge2/0
    ip address 10.0.5.12/24
    no shutdown
    !
  interface ge3/0
    ip address 10.0.2.12/24
    no shutdown
    !
```

Configure OSPF Transport-Side Routing

To configure transport-side routing, you configure a loopback interface, the physical interface, and the routing protocol in VPN 0.

To configure OSPF transport-side routing:

1. Configure a physical interface in VPN 0:
vEdge(config)# vpn 0 interface geslot/port ip address address
vEdge(config)# no shutdown

2. Configure a loopback interface in VPN 0 as a tunnel interface:
   vEdge(config)# vpn 0 interface loopbacknumber ip address address
   vEdge(config)# no shutdown
   vEdge(config)# tunnel-interface color color

3. Configure an OSPF instance in VPN 0:
   vEdge(config)# vpn 0 router ospf

4. Add the physical and loopback interfaces to the OSPF area:
   vEdge(config)# area number interface geslot/port
   vEdge(config-area)# interface loopbacknumber

Example of Transport-Side OSPF Configuration

Here is any example of a minimal OSPF transport-side routing configuration. Note that even though we did not configure any services on the tunnel interface, these services are associated with the tunnel by default and are included in the configuration. Because services affect only physical interfaces, you can ignore them on loopback interfaces.

vEdge# show running-config vpn 0
vpn 0
  router
    ospf
      router-id 172.16.255.11
      timers spf 200 1000 10000
      area 0
        interface ge0/1
        exit
        interface loopback1
        exit
      exit!
    !
    interface ge0/1
      ip address 10.0.26.11/24
      no shutdown
    !
    interface loopback1
      ip address 10.0.101.1/32
      tunnel-interface
        color lte
        allow-service dhcp
        allow-service dns
        allow-service icmp
        no allow-service sshd
        no allow-service ntp
        no allow-service stun
        no shutdown
    !
  !

Configure OMP Using vManage Templates

Use the OMP template to configure OMP parameters for all Cisco vEdge devices, and for Cisco vSmart Controllers.
OMP is enabled by default on all Cisco vEdge devices, Cisco vManage NMSs, and Cisco vSmart Controllers, so there is no need to explicitly enable OMP. OMP must be operational for the Cisco SD-WAN overlay network to function. If you disable it, you disable the overlay network.

Create OMP Template

1. In vManage NMS, select Configuration > Templates.
2. In the Device tab, click Create Template.
3. From the Create Template drop-down, select From Feature Template.
4. From the Device Model drop-down, select the type of device for which you are creating the template.
5. To create a custom template for OMP, select the Factory_Default_OMP_Template and click Create Template. The OMP template form is displayed. The top of the form contains fields for naming the template, and the bottom contains fields for defining OMP parameters. You may need to click a tab or the plus sign (+) to display additional fields.
6. In the Template Name field, enter a name for the template. The name can be up to 128 characters and can contain only alphanumeric characters.
7. In the Template Description field, enter a description of the template. The description can be up to 2048 characters and can contain only alphanumeric characters.

When you first open a feature template, for each parameter that has a default value, the scope is set to Default (indicated by a check mark), and the default setting or value is shown. To change the default or to enter a value, click the scope drop-down to the left of the parameter field and select one of the following:
Table 12:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Parameter Scope</th>
<th>Scope Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Device Specific (indicated by a host icon)</td>
<td>Use a device-specific value for the parameter. For device-specific parameters, you cannot enter a value in the feature template. You enter the value when you attach a Cisco SD-WAN device to a device template. When you click Device Specific, the Enter Key box opens. This box displays a key, which is a unique string that identifies the parameter in a CSV file that you create. This file is an Excel spreadsheet that contains one column for each key. The header row contains the key names (one key per column), and each row after that corresponds to a device and defines the values of the keys for that device. You upload the CSV file when you attach a Cisco SD-WAN device to a device template. For more information, see Create a Template Variables Spreadsheet. To change the default key, type a new string and move the cursor out of the Enter Key box. Examples of device-specific parameters are system IP address, hostname, GPS location, and site ID.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Global (indicated by a globe icon)</td>
<td>Enter a value for the parameter, and apply that value to all devices. Examples of parameters that you might apply globally to a group of devices are DNS server, syslog server, and interface MTUs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Configure Basic OMP Options

To configure basic OMP options, select the Basic Configuration tab and configure the following parameters. All parameters are optional.

Table 13:

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<th>Parameter Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Graceful Restart for OMP</td>
<td>Ensure that Yes is selected to enable graceful restart. By default, graceful restart for OMP is enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Overlay AS Number (on vEdge routers only)</td>
<td>Specify a BGP AS number that OMOP advertises to the router's BGP neighbors.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Graceful Restart Timer</td>
<td>Specify how often the OMP information cache is flushed and refreshed. A timer value of 0 disables OMP graceful restart. Range: 0 through 604800 seconds (168 hours, or 7 days) Default: 43200 seconds (12 hours)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of Paths Advertised per Prefix</td>
<td>Specify the maximum number of equal-cost routes to advertise per prefix. Cisco vEdge devices advertise routes to Cisco vSmart Controllers, and the controllers redistributes the learned routes, advertising each route-TLOC tuple. A Cisco vEdge device can have up to four TLOCs, and by default advertises each route-TLOC tuple to the Cisco vSmart Controller. If a local site has two Cisco vEdge devices, a Cisco vSmart Controller could potentially learn eight route-TLOC tuples for the same route. If the configured limit is lower than the number of route-TLOC tuples, the best route or routes are advertised. Range: 1 through 16 Default: 4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Configure OMP Using vManage Templates

**ECMP Limit (on vEdge routers only)**
Specify the maximum number of OMP paths received from the Cisco vSmart Controller that can be installed in the Cisco vEdge device's local route table. By default, a Cisco vEdge device installs a maximum of four unique OMP paths into its route table. **Range:** 1 through 32 **Default:** 4

**Send Backup Paths (on vSmart Controllers only)**
Click **On** to have OMP advertise backup routes to Cisco vEdge devices. By default, OMP advertises only the best route or routes. If you configure to send backup paths, OMP also advertises the first non-best route in addition to the best route or routes.

**Shutdown**
Ensure that **No** is selected to enable the Cisco SD-WAN overlay network. Click **Yes** to disable OMP and disable the Cisco SD-WAN overlay network. OMP is enabled by default.

**Discard rejected (on vSmart controllers only)**
Click **Yes** to have OMP discard routes that have been rejected on the basis of policy. By default, rejected routes are not discarded.

To save the feature template, click **Save**.

### Configure OMP Timers

To configure OMP timers, select the **Timers** tab and configure the following parameters:

**Table 14:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Advertisement Interval</td>
<td>Specify the time between OMP Update packets. <strong>Range:</strong> 0 through 65535 seconds <strong>Default:</strong> 1 second</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hold Time</td>
<td>Specify how long to wait before closing the OMP connection to a peer. If the peer does not receive three consecutive keepalive messages within the hold time, the OMP connection to the peer is closed. <strong>Range:</strong> 0 through 65535 seconds <strong>Default:</strong> 60 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EOR Timer</td>
<td>Specify how long to wait after an OMP session has gone down and then come back up to send an end-of-RIB (EOR) marker. After this marker is sent, any routes that were not refreshed after the OMP session came back up are considered to be stale and are deleted from the route table. <strong>Range:</strong> 1 through 3600 seconds (1 hour) <strong>Default:</strong> 300 seconds (5 minutes)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To save the feature template, click **Save**.

### Configure OMP Advertisements

To advertise routes learned locally by the Cisco vEdge device to OMP, select the **Advertise** tab and configure the following parameters:
Table 15:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Parameter Name</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Advertise</td>
<td>Click <strong>On</strong> or <strong>Off</strong> to enable or disable the Cisco vEdge device advertising to OMP the routes that it learns locally:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• BGP—Click <strong>On</strong> to advertise BGP routes to OMP. By default, BGP routes are not advertised to OMP.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Connected—Click <strong>Off</strong> to disable advertising connected routes to OMP. By default, connected routes are advertised to OMP.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• OSPF—Click <strong>On</strong> and click <strong>On</strong> again in the External field that appears to advertise external OSPF routes to OMP. OSPF inter-area and intra-area routes are always advertised to OMP. By default, external OSPF routes are not advertised to OMP.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Static—Click <strong>Off</strong> to disable advertising static routes to OMP. By default static routes are advertised to OMP.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To configure per-VPN route advertisements to OMP, use the VPN feature template.

To save the feature template, click **Save**.

### Configure OMP Using CLI

By default, OMP is enabled on all Cisco vEdge devices and vSmart controllers. OMP must be operational for the Cisco SD-WAN overlay network to function. If you disable it, you disable the overlay network.

**OMP Support on**

support the following:

- IPv6 service routes
- IPv4 and IPv6 protocols, which are both turned on by default
- OMP route advertisements to BGP, EIGRP, OSPF, connected routes, and static routes

**Configure OMP Graceful Restart**

OMP graceful restart is enabled by default on vSmart controllers and Cisco SD-WAN devices. OMP graceful restart has a timer that tells the OMP peer how long to retain the cached advertised routes. When this timer expires, the cached routes are considered to be no longer valid, and the OMP peer flushes them from its route table.

The default timer is 43,200 seconds (12 hours), and the timer range is 1 through 604,800 seconds (7 days). To modify the default timer value:

```
Device(config-omp)# timers graceful-restart-timer seconds
```

To disable OMP graceful restart:

```
Device(config-omp)# no omp graceful-restart
```
The graceful restart timer is set up independently on each OMP peer; that is, it is set up separately on each Cisco vEdge Device and vSmart controller. To illustrate what this means, let's consider a vSmart controller that uses a graceful restart time of 300 seconds, or 5 minutes, and a Cisco vEdge Device that is configured with a timer of 600 seconds (10 minutes). Here, the vSmart controller retains the OMP routes learned from that device for 10 minutes—the graceful restart timer value that is configured on the device and that the device has sent to the vSmart controller during the setup of the OMP session. The Cisco vEdge Device retains the routes it learns from the vSmart controller for 5 minutes, which is the default graceful restart time value that is used on the vSmart controller and that the controller sent to the device, also during the setup of the OMP session.

While a vSmart controller is down and a Cisco vEdge Device is using cached OMP information, if you reboot the device, it loses its cached information and hence will not be able to forward data traffic until it is able to establish a control plane connection to the vSmart controller.

**Advertise Routes to OMP**

By default, a Cisco vEdge Device advertises connected, static routes, and OSPF inter-area and intra-area routes to OMP, and hence to the vSmart controller responsible for the device's domain. The device does not advertise BGP or OSPF external routes to OMP.

To have the device advertise these routes to OMP, and hence to the vSmart controller responsible for the device's domain, use the advertise command:

To configure the routes that the device advertises to OMP for all VPNS configured on the device:

```
Device(config-omp)# advertise (bgp | connected | ospf type | static)
```

To configure the routes that the device advertises to OMP for a specific VPNs on the device:

```
Device(config-vpn-omp)# advertise (aggregate prefix [aggregate-only] | bgp | connected | network prefix | ospf type | static)
```

For OSPF, the route type can be **external**.

The **bgp**, **connected**, **ospf**, and **static** options advertise all learned or configured routes of that type to OMP. To advertise a specific route instead of advertising all routes for a protocol, use the **network** option, specify the prefix of the route to advertise.

For individual VPNS, you can aggregate routes from the specified prefix before advertising them into OMP. By default, the aggregated prefixes and all individual prefixes are advertised. To advertise only the aggregated prefix, include the **aggregate-only** option.

Route advertisements that you set with the **omp advertise** command apply to all VPNS configured on the device. Route advertisements that you set with the **vpn omp advertise** command apply only to the specific VPN. If you configure route advertisements with both commands, they are both applied.

By default, when BGP advertises routes into OMP, BGP advertises each prefix's metric. BGP can also advertise the prefix's AS path:

```
Device(config)# vpn vpn-id router bgp
Device(config-bgp)# propagate-aspath
```

When you configure BGP to propagate AS path information, the device sends AS path information to devices that are behind the Cisco vEdge Devices (in the service-side network) that are running BGP, and it receives AS path information from these routers. If you are redistributing BGP routes into OMP, the AS path information is included in the advertised BGP routes. If you configure BGP AS path propagation on some but not all devices in the overlay network, the devices on which it is not configured receive the AS path information but they do not forward it to the BGP routers in their local service-side network. Propagating AS path information can help to avoid BGP routing loops.
In networks that have both overlay and underlay connectivity—for example, when devices are interconnected by both a Cisco SD-WAN overlay network and an MPLS underlay network—you can assign an AS number to OMP itself. For devices running BGP, this overlay AS number is included in the AS path of BGP route updates. To configure the overlay AS:

```
Device(config)# omp
Device(omp)# overlay-as as-number
```

You can specify the AS number in 2-byte ASDOT notation (1 through 65535) or in 4-byte ASDOT notation (1.0 through 65535.65535). As a best practice, it is recommended that the overlay AS number be a unique AS number within both the overlay and the underlay networks. That use, select an AS number that is not used elsewhere in the network.

If you configure the same overlay AS number on multiple devices in the overlay network, all these devices are considered to be part of the same AS, and as a result, they do not forward any routes that contain the overlay AS number. This mechanism is an additional technique for preventing BGP routing loops in the network.

**Configure the Number of Advertised Routes**

A Cisco vEdge Device can have up to six WAN interfaces, and each WAN interface has a different TLOC. (A WAN interface is any interface in VPN 0 (or transport VRF) that is configured as a tunnel interface. Both physical and loopback interfaces can be configured to be tunnel interfaces.) The device advertises each route–TLOC tuple to the Cisco vSmart Controller.

The Cisco vSmart Controller redistributes the routes it learns from Cisco vEdge Devices, advertising each route–TLOC tuple. If, for example, a local site has two devices, a Cisco vSmart Controller could potentially learn eight route–TLOC tuples for the same route.

By default, Cisco vEdge Devices and Cisco vSmart Controllers advertise up to four equal-cost route–TLOC tuples for the same route. You can configure them to advertise from 1 to 16 route–TLOC tuples for the same route:

```
Device(config-omp)# send-path-limit 14
```

If the limit is lower than the number of route–TLOC tuples, the Cisco vEdge Device or Cisco vSmart Controller advertises the best routes.

**Configure the Number of Installed OMP Paths**

Cisco vEdge Devices install OMP paths that they received from the Cisco vSmart Controller into their local route table. By default, a Cisco vEdge Devices installs a maximum of four unique OMP paths into its route table. You can modify this number:

```
vEdge(config-omp)# ecmp-limit 2
```

The maximum number of OMP paths installed can range from 1 through 16.

**Configure the OMP Hold Time**

The OMP hold time determines how long to wait before closing the OMP connection to a peer. If the peer does not receive three consecutive keepalive messages within the hold time, the OMP connection to the peer is closed. The default OMP hold time is 60 seconds but it can be configured to up to 65,535 seconds. To modify the OMP hold time interval:

```
Device(config-omp)# timers holdtime 75
```

The hold time can be in the range 0 through 65535 seconds.
The keepalive timer is one-third the hold time and is not configurable.
If the local device and the peer have different hold time intervals, the higher value is used.
If you set the hold time to 0, the keepalive and hold timers on the local device and the peer are set to 0.
The hold time must be at least two times the hello tolerance interval set on the WAN tunnel interface in VPN 0. To configure the hello tolerance interface, use the hello-tolerance command.

**Configure the OMP Update Advertisement Interval**

By default, OMP sends Update packets once per second. To modify this interval:

Device(config-omp)# timers advertisement-interval 5000

The interval can be in the range 0 through 65535 seconds.

**Configure the End-of-RIB Timer**

After an OMP session goes down and then comes back up, an end-of-RIB (EOR) marker is sent after 300 seconds (5 minutes). After this marker is sent, any routes that were not refreshed after the OMP session came back up are considered to be stale and are deleted from the route table. To modify the EOR timer:

Device(config-omp)# timers eor-timer 300

The time can be in the range 1 through 3600 seconds (1 hour).