



Routed Connectivity to External Networks

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About Routed Connectivity to Outside Networks

A Layer 3 outside network configuration (L3Out) defines how traffic is forwarded outside of the fabric. Layer 3 is used to discover the addresses of other nodes, select routes, select quality of service, and forward the traffic that is entering, exiting, and transiting the fabric.



Note For guidelines and cautions for configuring and maintaining Layer 3 outside connections, see [Guidelines for Routed Connectivity to Outside Networks, on page 4](#).

For information about the types of L3Outs, see [External Layer 3 Outside Connection Types](#).

Create L3Out Wizard

A new Create L3Out wizard is introduced in APIC release 4.2(1) that provides a straightforward walk-through for configuring an L3Out.

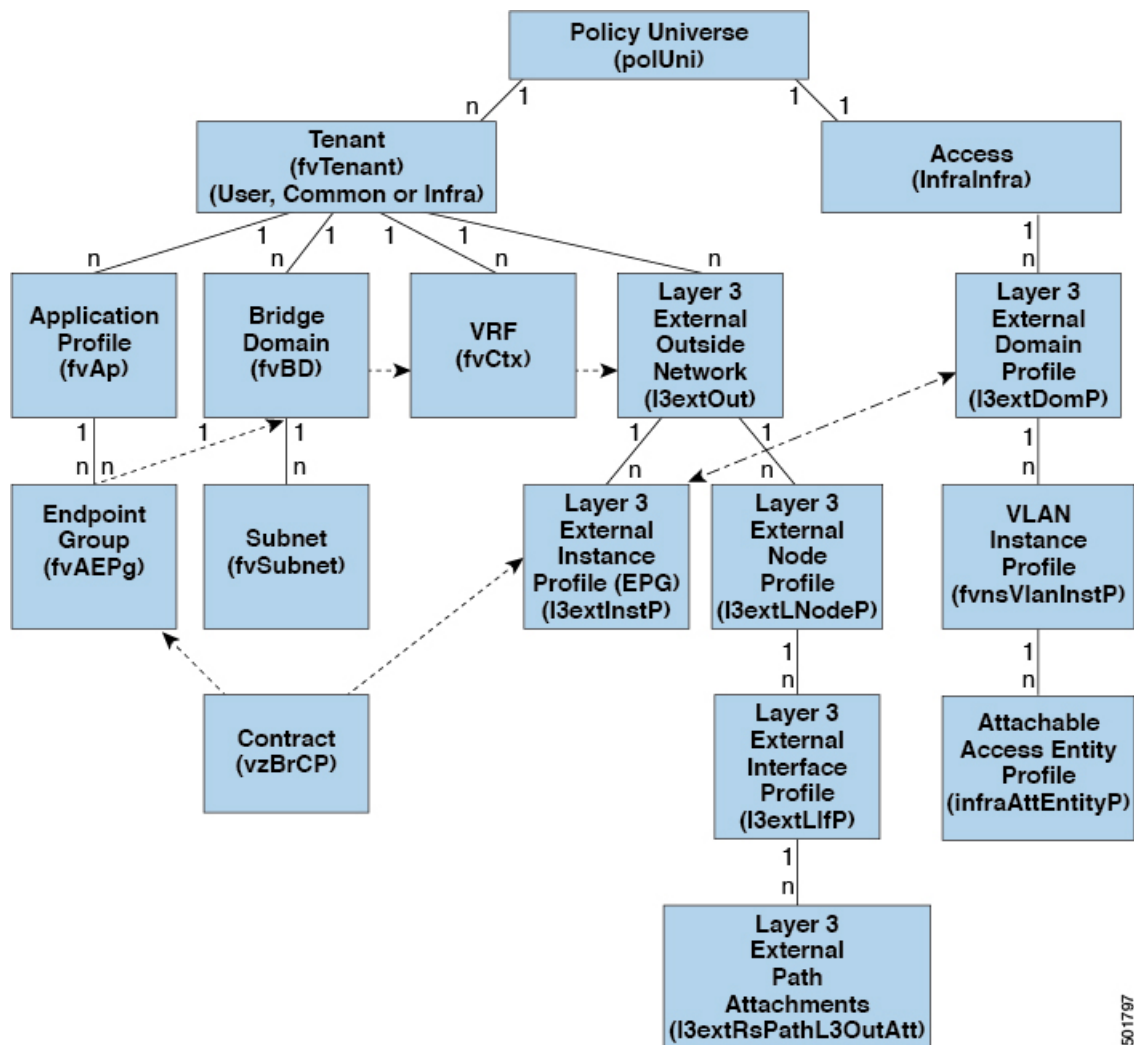
The Create L3Out wizard streamlines the process for configuring an L3Out, which defines how the ACI fabric connects to external layer 3 networks. With the Create L3Out wizard, you make the necessary basic configurations for the L3Out components in the following pages:

- **Identity page:** This page is used to configure the basic settings for the L3Out, as well as the static routing and dynamic routing protocols settings.
- **Nodes and Interfaces page:** This page is used to configure the node profiles and interface profiles for the Layer 3 and Layer 2 interface types.
- **Protocols page:** This page is used to configure specific polices based on the protocols that you selected in the Identity page.
- **External EPG page:** This page is used to configure the contract and subnets for the external EPG.

Layer 3 Out for Routed Connectivity to External Networks

Routed connectivity to external networks is enabled by associating a fabric access (*infraInfra*) external routed domain (*l3extDomP*) with a tenant Layer 3 external instance profile (*l3extInstP* or external EPG) of a Layer 3 external outside network (*l3extOut*), in the hierarchy in the following diagram:

Figure 1: Policy Model for Layer 3 External Connections



A Layer 3 external outside network (*l3extOut* object) includes the routing protocol options (BGP, OSPF, or EIGRP or supported combinations) and the switch-specific and interface-specific configurations. While the *l3extOut* contains the routing protocol (for example, OSPF with its related Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF) and area ID), the Layer 3 external instance profile contains the necessary OSPF interface details. Both are needed to enable OSPF.

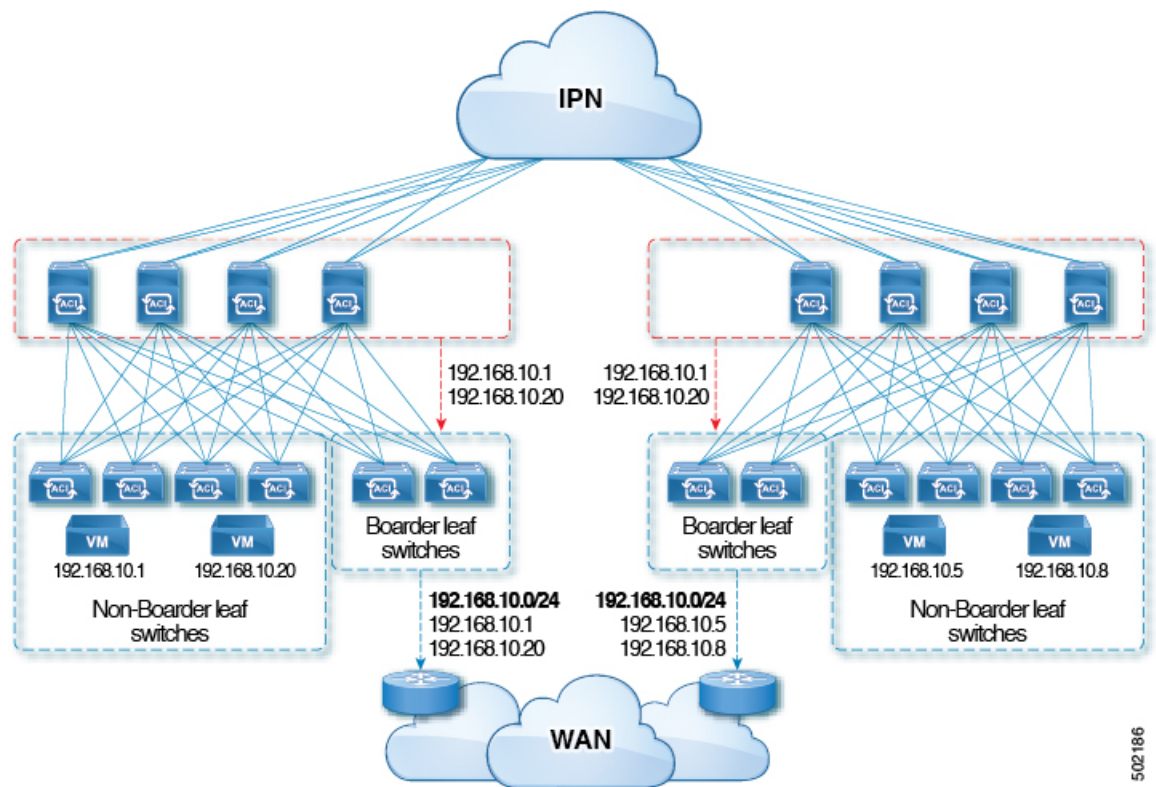
The *l3extInstP* EPG exposes the external network to tenant EPGs through a contract. For example, a tenant EPG that contains a group of web servers could communicate through a contract with the *l3extInstP* EPG according to the network configuration contained in the *l3extOut*. The outside network configuration can easily be reused for multiple nodes by associating the nodes with the L3 external node profile. Multiple nodes

that use the same profile can be configured for fail-over or load balancing. Also, a node can be added to multiple L3extOuts resulting in VRFs that are associated with the L3extOuts also being deployed on that node. For scalability information, refer to the current *Verified Scalability Guide for Cisco ACI*.

Advertise Host Routes

Enabling Advertise Host Routes on the BD, individual host-routes (/32 and /128 prefixes) are advertised from the Border-Leaf switches (BL). The BD must be associated to the L3out or an explicit prefix list matching the host routes. The host routes must be configured to advertise host routes out of the fabric.

Border-Leaf switches along with the subnet advertise the individual end-point(EP) prefixes. The route information is advertised only if the host is connected to the local POD. If the EP is moved away from the local POD or once the EP is removed from EP database (even if the EP is attached to a remote leaf), the route advertisement is then withdrawn.



Advertise Host Route configuration guidelines and limitations are:

- When host routes are advertised, the VRF Transit Route Tag is set in order to prevent them from being advertised back into the fabric and installed. In order for this loop protection to work properly, external routers must preserve this route-tag if advertising to another L3Out.
- If a bridge domain is tied to an EPG that has the same subnet configured for internal leaking, you must also enable the "Advertised Externally" flag on the EPG subnet.
- The Advertise Host Routes feature is supported on Generation 2 switches or later (Cisco Nexus N9K switches with "EX", "FX", or "FX2" on the end of the switch model name or later; for example, N9K-93108TC-EX).

- Host route advertisement supports both BD to L3out Association and the explicit route map configurations. We recommend using explicit route map configuration which allows you greater control in selecting individual or a range of host routes to configure.
- EPs/Host routes in SITE-1 will not be advertised out through Border Leafs in other SITES.
- When EPs is aged out or removed from the database, Host routes are withdrawn from the Border Leaf.
- When EP is moved across SITES or PODs, Host routes should be withdrawn from first SITE/POD and advertised in new POD/SITE.
- EPs learned on a specific BD, under any of the BD subnets are advertised from the L3out on the border leaf in the same POD.
- EPs are advertised out as Host Routes only in the local POD through the Border Leaf.
- Host routes are not advertised out from one POD to another POD.
- In the case of Remote Leaf, if EPs are locally learned in the Remote Leaf, they are then advertised only through a L3out deployed in Remote Leaf switches in same POD.
- EPs/Host routes in a Remote Leaf are not advertised out through Border Leaf switches in main POD or another POD.
- EPs/Host routes in the main POD are not advertised through L3out in Remote Leaf switches of same POD or another POD.
- The BD subnet must have the **Advertise Externally** option enabled.
- The BD must be associated to an L3out or the L3out must have explicit route-map configured matching BD subnets.
- There must be a contract between the EPG in the specified BD and the External EPG for the L3out.



Note If there is no contract between the BD/EPG and the External EPG the BD subnet and host routes will not be installed on the border leaf.

- Advertise Host Route is supported for shared services. For example: epg1/BD1 deployed is in VRF-1 and L3out in another VRF-2. By providing shared contract between EPG and L3out host routes are pulled from one VRF-1 to another VRF-2.
- When Advertise Host Route is enabled on BD custom tag cannot be set on BD Subnet using route-map.
- When Advertise Host Route is enabled on a BD and the BD is associated with an L3Out, BD subnet is marked public. If there's a rogue EP present under the BD, that EP is advertised out on L3Out.

Guidelines for Routed Connectivity to Outside Networks

Use the following guidelines when creating and maintaining Layer 3 outside connections.

Topic	Caution or Guideline
Floating SVIs	When running ESXi on UCS B Series blade switches behind a fabric interconnect, we recommend that you leave "Fabric Failover" disabled and allow the DVS running on ESXi itself to achieve redundancy in the event of a failure. If enabled, the LLDP/CDP packets that Cisco ACI uses for deployment will be seen on the active and standby virtual switch ports (vEths), which could cause constant flapping and deployment issues.
Issue where a border leaf switch in a vPC pair forwards a BGP packet with an incorrect VNID to an on-peer learned endpoint	<p>If the following conditions exist in your configuration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two leaf switches are part of a vPC pair • For the two leaf switches connected behind the L3Out, the destination endpoint is connected to the second (peer) border leaf switch, and the endpoint is on-peer learned on that leaf switch <p>If the endpoint is on-peer learned on the ingress leaf switch that receives a BGP packet that is destined to the on-peer learned endpoint, an issue might arise where the transit BGP connection fails to establish between the first layer 3 switch behind the L3Out and the on-peer learned endpoint on the second leaf switch in the vPC pair. This might happen in this situation because the transit BGP packet with port 179 is forwarded incorrectly using the bridge domain VNID instead of the VRF VNID.</p> <p>To resolve this issue, move the endpoint to any other non-peer leaf switch in the fabric so that it is not learned on the leaf switch.</p>
Border leaf switches and GIR (maintenance) mode	<p>If a border leaf switch has a static route and is placed in Graceful Insertion and Removal (GIR) mode, or maintenance mode, the route from the border leaf switch might not be removed from the routing table of switches in the ACI fabric, which causes routing issues.</p> <p>To work around this issue, either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Configure the same static route with the same administrative distance on the other border leaf switch, or • Use IP SLA or BFD for track reachability to the next hop of the static route
L3Out aggregate stats do not support egress drop counters	When accessing the Select Stats window through Tenants > tenant_name > Networking > L3Outs > L3Out_name > Stats , you will see that L3Out aggregate stats do not support egress drop counters. This is because there is currently no hardware table in the ASICs that record egress drops from the EPG VLAN, so stats do not populate these counters. There are only ingress drops for the EPG VLAN.
Updates through CLI	For Layer 3 external networks created through the API or GUI and updated through the CLI, protocols need to be enabled globally on the external network through the API or GUI, and the node profile for all the participating nodes needs to be added through the API or GUI before doing any further updates through the CLI.
Loopbacks for Layer 3 networks on same node	When configuring two Layer 3 external networks on the same node, the loopbacks need to be configured separately for both Layer 3 networks.

Topic	Caution or Guideline
Ingress-based policy enforcement	<p>Starting with Cisco APIC release 1.2(1), ingress-based policy enforcement enables defining policy enforcement for Layer 3 Outside (L3Out) traffic for both egress and ingress directions. The default is ingress. During an upgrade to release 1.2(1) or higher, existing L3Out configurations are set to egress so that the behavior is consistent with the existing configuration. You do not need any special upgrade sequence. After the upgrade, you change the global property value to ingress. When it has been changed, the system reprograms the rules and prefix entries. Rules are removed from the egress leaf and installed on the ingress leaf, if not already present. If not already configured, an <code>Actrl</code> prefix entry is installed on the ingress leaf. Direct server return (DSR), and attribute EPGs require ingress based policy enforcement. <code>vzAny</code> and <code>taboo</code> contracts ignore ingress based policy enforcement. Transit rules are applied at ingress.</p>
Bridge Domains with L3Outs	<p>A bridge domain in a tenant can contain a public subnet that is advertised through an <code>l3extOut</code> provisioned in the common tenant.</p>
Bridge domain route advertisement For OSPF and EIGRP	<p>When both OSPF and EIGRP are enabled on the same VRF on a node and if the bridge domain subnets are advertised out of one of the L3Outs, it will also get advertised out of the protocol enabled on the other L3Out.</p> <p>For OSPF and EIGRP, the bridge domain route advertisement is per VRF and not per L3Out. The same behavior is expected when multiple OSPF L3Outs (for multiple areas) are enabled on the same VRF and node. In this case, the bridge domain route will be advertised out of all the areas, if it is enabled on one of them.</p>
BGP Maximum Prefix Limit	<p>Starting with Cisco APIC release 1.2(1x), tenant policies for BGP <code>l3extOut</code> connections can be configured with a maximum prefix limit, that enables monitoring and restricting the number of route prefixes received from a peer. Once the maximum prefix limit has been exceeded, a log entry is recorded, and further prefixes are rejected. The connection can be restarted if the count drops below the threshold in a fixed interval, or the connection is shut down. Only one option can be used at a time. The default setting is a limit of 20,000 prefixes, after which new prefixes are rejected. When the reject option is deployed, BGP accepts one more prefix beyond the configured limit, before the APIC raises a fault.</p>

Topic	Caution or Guideline
MTU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco ACI does not support IP fragmentation. Therefore, when you configure Layer 3 Outside (L3Out) connections to external routers, or Multi-Pod connections through an Inter-Pod Network (IPN), it is recommended that the interface MTU is set appropriately on both ends of a link. On some platforms, such as Cisco ACI, Cisco NX-OS, and Cisco IOS, the configurable MTU value does not take into account the Ethernet headers (matching IP MTU, and excluding the 14-18 Ethernet header size), while other platforms, such as IOS-XR, include the Ethernet header in the configured MTU value. A configured value of 9000 results in a max IP packet size of 9000 bytes in Cisco ACI, Cisco NX-OS, and Cisco IOS, but results in a max IP packet size of 8986 bytes for an IOS-XR untagged interface. • The MTU settings for the Cisco ACI physical interfaces vary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For sub-interfaces, the physical interface MTU is fixed and is set to 9216 for the front panel ports on the leaf switches. • For SVI, the physical interface MTU is set based on the fabric MTU policy. For example, if the fabric MTU policy is set to 9000, then the physical interface for the SVI is set to 9000.
Layer 4 to Layer 7	When you are using a multinode service graph, you must have the two EPGs in separate VRF instances. For these functions, the system must do a Layer 3 lookup, so the EPGs must be in separate VRFs. This limitation follows legacy service insertion, based on Layer 2 and Layer 3 lookups.
QoS for L3Outs	<p>To configure QoS policies for an L3Out and enable the policies to be enforced on the BL switch where the L3Out is located, use the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The VRF Policy Control Enforcement Direction must be set to Egress. • The VRF Policy Control Enforcement Preference must be set to Enabled. • When configuring the contract that controls communication between the EPGs using the L3Out, include the QoS class or Target DSCP in the contract or subject of the contract.
ICMP settings	ICMP redirect and ICMP unreachable are disabled by default in Cisco ACI to protect the switch CPU from generating these packets.

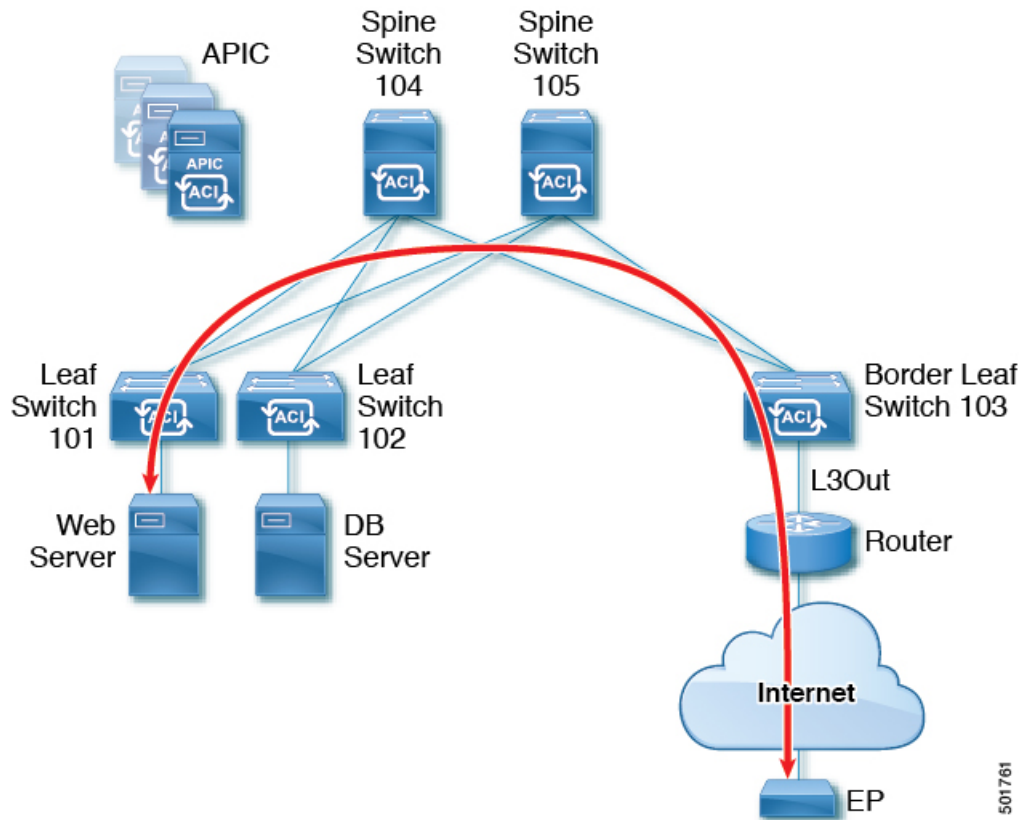
Configuring Layer 3 Outside for Tenant Networks

Configuring a Tenant Layer 3 Outside Network Connection Overview

This topic provides a typical example of how to configure a Layer 3 Outside for tenant networks when using Cisco APIC.

The examples in this chapter use the following topology:

Figure 2: Layer 3 External Connections Topology



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In this example, the Cisco ACI fabric has 3 leaf switches and two spine switches, that are controlled by an APIC cluster. The nonborder leaf switches (101 and 102) are connected to a web server and a database server. The border leaf switch (103) has an L3Out on it providing connection to a router and thus to the Internet. The goal of this example is to enable the web server to communicate through the L3Out on the border leaf switch to an endpoint (EP) on the Internet.

In this example, the tenant that is associated with the L3Out is `t1`, with VRF `v1`, and L3Out external EPG, `extnw1`.

Before configuring an L3Out, configure the node, port, functional profile, AEP, and Layer 3 domain. You must also configure the spine switches 104 and 105 as BGP route reflectors.

Configuring the L3Out includes defining the following components:

1. Tenant and VRF
2. Node and interface on leaf 103
3. Primary routing protocol (used to exchange routes between border leaf switch and external routers; in this example, BGP)
4. Connectivity routing protocol (provides reachability information for the primary protocol; in this example, OSPF)
5. External EPG
6. Route map

7. Bridge domain
8. At least one application EPG on node 101
9. Filters and contracts
10. Associate the contracts with the EPGs

The following table lists the names that are used in the examples in this chapter:

Property	Node 103 (Border Leaf)	Node 101 (Non-Border Leaf)
Tenant	t1	t1
VRF	v1	v1
Layer 3 Outside	l3out1	--
Bridge domain	--	bd1 with subnet 44.44.44.1/24
Node	Node 103, with profile <code>nodep1</code> with router ID 11.11.11.103 and path through 12.12.12.3/24	Node 101
Interface	OSPF interface <code>ifp1</code> at eth/1/3 with IP address 11.11.11.1/24	--
BGP details	Peer address 15.15.15.2/24 and ASN 100	--
OSPF details	OSPF area 0.0.0.0 and type Regular	--
EPG	External EPG <code>extnw1</code> at 20.20.20.0/24	Application <code>app1</code> with <code>epg1</code> , with <code>bd1</code>
Route Control Profile	<code>rp1</code> with a route control context <code>ctxp1</code>	--
Route map	<code>map1</code> with rule <code>match-rule1</code> with a route destination 200.3.2.0/24	--
Filter	<code>http-filter</code>	<code>http-filter</code>
Contract	<code>httpCtrct</code> provided by <code>extnw1</code>	<code>httpCtrct</code> consumed by <code>epg1</code>

Configuring a Layer 3 Outside for Tenant Networks Using the GUI

Perform the following steps to configure a Layer 3 outside (L3Out) connection for the fabric.

Before you begin

- Configure an L3 Domain and Fabric Access Policies for interfaces that are used in the L3Out (AAEP, VLAN pool, Interface selectors).
- Configure a BGP Route Reflector Policy for the fabric infra MPBGP.

Procedure

- Step 1** To create the tenant and VRF, on the menu bar, choose **Tenants > Add Tenant** and in the **Create Tenant** dialog box, perform the following tasks:
- In the **Name** field, enter the tenant name.
 - In the **VRF Name** field, enter the VRF name.
 - Click **Submit**.
- Step 2** To create a bridge domain, in the **Navigation** pane, expand **Tenant** and **Networking** and perform the following steps:
- Right-click **Bridge Domains** and choose **Create Bridge Domain**.
 - In the **Name** field, enter a name for the bridge domain (BD).
 - (Optional) Click the box for **Advertise Host Routes** to enable advertisement to all deployed border leaf switches.
 - In the **VRF** field, from the drop-down list, choose the VRF you created (v1 in this example).
 - Click **Next**.
 - Click the + icon on **Subnets**.
 - In the **Gateway IP** field, enter the subnet for the BD.
 - In the **Scope** field, choose **Advertised Externally**.
- Add the **L3 Out for Route Profile** later, after you create it.
- Note** If **Advertise Host Routes** is enabled, the route-map also matches all host routes.
- Click **OK**.
 - Click **Next** and click **Finish**.
- Step 3** To create an application EPG, perform the following steps:
- Right-click **Application Profiles** and choose **Create Application Profile**.
 - Enter a name for the application.
 - Click the + icon for EPGs.
 - Enter a name for the EPG.
 - From the BD drop-down list, choose the bridge domain you previously created.
 - Click **Update**.
 - Click **Submit**.
- Step 4** To start creating the L3Out, on the **Navigation** pane, expand **Tenant** and **Networking**, then right-click **L3Outs** and choose **Create L3Out**.
- The **Create L3Out** wizard appears. The following steps provide the steps for an example L3Out configuration using the **Create L3Out** wizard.
- Step 5** Enter the necessary information in the **Identity** window of the **Create L3Out** wizard.
- In the **Name** field, enter a name for the L3Out.
 - From the **VRF** drop-down list, choose the VRF.
 - From the **L3 Domain** drop-down list, choose the external routed domain that you previously created.
 - In the area with the routing protocol check boxes, check the desired protocols (BGP, OSPF, or EIGRP).
- For the example in this chapter, choose **BGP** and **OSPF**.
- Depending on the protocols you choose, enter the properties that must be set.

- e) Enter the OSPF details, if you enabled OSPF.

For the example in this chapter, use the OSPF area **0** and type **Regular area**.

- f) Click **Next** to move to the **Nodes and Interfaces** window.

Step 6

Enter the necessary information in the **Nodes and Interfaces** window of the **Create L3Out** wizard.

- a) Determine if you want to use the default naming convention.

In the **Use Defaults** field, check if you want to use the default node profile name and interface profile names:

- The default node profile name is `L3Out-name_nodeProfile`, where `L3Out-name` is the name that you entered in the **Name** field in the **Identity** page.
- The default interface profile name is `L3Out-name_interfaceProfile`, where `L3Out-name` is the name that you entered in the **Name** field in the **Identity** page.

- b) In the **Interface Types** area, make the necessary selections in the Layer 3 and Layer 2 fields.

The options are:

- **Layer 3:**
 - **Routed:** Select this option to configure a Layer 3 route to the port channels.
When selecting this option, the Layer 3 route can be to either physical ports or direct port channels, which are selected in the **Layer 2** field in this page.
 - **Routed Sub:** Select this option to configure a Layer 3 sub-interface route to the port channels.
When selecting this option, the Layer 3 sub-interface route can be to either physical ports or direct port channels, which are selected in the **Layer 2** field in this page.
 - **SVI:** Select this option to configure a Switch Virtual Interface (SVI), which is used to provide connectivity between the ACI leaf switch and a router.
SVI can have members that are physical ports, direct port channels, or virtual port channels, which are selected in the **Layer 2** field in this page.
 - **Floating SVI:** Select this option to configure floating L3Out.
Floating L3Out enables you to configure an L3Out that allows a virtual router to move from under one leaf switch to another. The feature saves you from having to configure multiple L3Out interfaces to maintain routing when VMs move from one host to another.
- **Layer 2:** (not available if you select Virtual SVI in the Layer 3 area)
 - Port
 - Virtual Port Channel (available if you select **SVI** in the Layer 3 area)
 - Direct Port Channel

- c) From the **Node ID** field drop-down menu, choose the node for the L3Out.

For the topology in these examples, use node 103.

- d) In the **Router ID** field, enter the router ID (IPv4 or IPv6 address for the router that is connected to the L3Out).

- e) (Optional) You can configure another IP address for a loopback address, if necessary.

The **Loopback Address** field is automatically populated with the same entry that you provide in the **Router ID** field. This is the equivalent of the **Use Router ID for Loopback Address** option in previous builds. Enter a different IP address for a loopback address, if you don't want to use route ID for the loopback address, or leave this field empty if you do not want to use the router ID for the loopback address.

- f) Enter necessary additional information in the **Nodes and Interfaces** window.

The fields shown in this window varies, depending on the options that you select in the **Layer 3** and **Layer 2** areas.

- g) When you have entered the remaining additional information in the **Nodes and Interfaces** window, click **Next**.

The **Protocols** window appears.

Step 7

Enter the necessary information in the **Protocols** window of the **Create L3Out** wizard.

Because you chose BGP and OSPF as the protocols for this example, the following steps provide information for those fields.

- a) In the **BGP Loopback Policies** and **BGP Interface Policies** areas, enter the following information:

- **Peer Address:** Enter the peer IP address
- **EBGP Multihop TTL:** Enter the connection time to live (TTL). The range is from 1 to 255 hops; if zero, no TTL is specified. The default is zero.
- **Remote ASN:** Enter a number that uniquely identifies the neighbor autonomous system. The Autonomous System Number can be in 4-byte as plain format from 1 to 4294967295.

Note ACI does not support asdot or asdot+ format AS numbers.

- b) In the **OSPF** area, choose the default OSPF policy, a previously created OSPF policy, or **Create OSPF Interface Policy**.

- c) Click **Next**.

The **External EPG** window appears.

Step 8

Enter the necessary information in the **External EPG** window of the **Create L3Out** wizard.

- a) In the **Name** field, enter a name for the external network.
- b) In the **Provided Contract** field, enter the name of a provided contract.
- c) In the **Consumed Contract** field, enter the name of a consumed contract.
- d) In the **Default EPG for all external networks** field, uncheck if you don't want to advertise all the transit routes out of this L3Out connection.

The Subnets area appears if you uncheck this box. Specify the desired subnets and controls as described in the following steps.

- e) Click the + icon to expand **Subnet**, then perform the following actions in the **Create Subnet** dialog box.
- f) In the **IP address** field, enter the IP address and network mask for the external network.
- g) In the **Name** field, enter the name of the subnet.
- h) In the **Scope** field, check the appropriate check boxes to control the import and export of prefixes for the L3Out.

Note For more information about the scope options, see the online help for this **Create Subnet** panel.

- i) (Optional) Click the check box for **Export Route Control Subnet**.

The **BGP Route Summarization Policy** field now becomes available.

- j) In the **BGP Route Summarization Policy** field, from the drop-down list, choose an existing route summarization policy or create a new one as desired.

The type of route summarization policy depends on the routing protocols that are enabled for the L3Out.

- k) Click **OK** when you have completed the necessary configurations in the **Create Subnet** window.
- l) (Optional) Repeat to add more subnets.
- m) Click **Finish** to complete the necessary configurations in the **Create L3Out** wizard.

Step 9 Navigate to the L3Out that you just created, then right-click on the L3Out and select **Create Route map for import and export route control**.

Step 10 In the **Create Route map for import and export route control** window, perform the following actions:

- a) In the **Name** field, enter the route map name.
- b) Choose the **Type**.

For this example, leave the default, **Match Prefix AND Routing Policy**.

- c) Click the + icon to expand **Contexts** and create a route context for the route map.
- d) Enter the order and name of the profile context.
- e) Choose **Deny** or **Permit** for the action to be performed in this context.
- f) (Optional) In the **Set Rule** field, choose **Create Set Rules for a Route Map**.

Enter the name for the set rules, click the objects to be used in the rules, and click **Finish**.

- g) In the **Match Rule** field, choose **Create Match Rule for a Route Map**.
- h) Enter the name for the match rule and enter the **Match Regex Community Terms**, **Match Community Terms**, or **Match Prefix** to match in the rule.
- i) When you have finished filling in the fields in the **Create Match Rule** window, click **Submit**.
- j) In the **Create Route Control Context** dialog box, click **OK**.
- k) In the **Create Route map for import and export route control** dialog box, click **Submit**.

Step 11 In the Navigation pane, expand **L3Outs > L3Out_name > External EPGs > externalEPG_name**, and perform the following actions:

- a) Click the + icon to expand **Route Control Profile**.
- b) In the **Name** field, choose the route control profile that you previously created from the drop-down list.
- c) In the **Direction** field, choose **Route Export Policy**.
- d) Click **Update**.

Step 12 In the Navigation pane, under **Tenant_name > Networking** expand **Bridge Domains**.

Note If the L3Out is static, you are not required to choose any bridge domain settings.

Step 13 Choose the bridge domain that you created.

- a) In the **Work** pane, click the **Policy** tab and **L3 Configurations**.
- b) Click the + icon to expand the **Associated L3 Outs** field, choose the previously configured L3Out, and click **Update**.

- c) In the **L3Out for Route Profile** field, choose the L3Out again.
- d) Click **Submit** and **Submit Changes**.

Step 14 Navigate to the L3Out that you just created, then right-click on the L3Out and select **Create Route map for import and export route control**.

Step 15 In the **Create Route map for import and export route control** window, perform the following actions.

Note To set attributes for BGP, OSPF, or EIGRP for received routes, create a default-import route control profile, with the appropriate set actions and no match actions.

- a) In the **Name** field, choose **default-import**.
- b) In the **Type** field, you must select **Match Routing Policy Only**.
- c) In the **Create Route map for import and export route control** dialog box, click **Submit**.

Step 16 To enable communications between the EPGs consuming the L3Out, create at least one filter and contract, using the following steps:

- a) In the Navigation pane, under the tenant consuming the L3Out, expand **Contracts**.
- b) Right-click **Filters** and choose **Create Filter**.
- c) In the **Name** field, enter a filter name.

A filter is essentially an Access Control List (ACL).

- d) Click the + icon to expand **Entries**, and add a filter entry.
- e) Add the Entry details.

For example, for a simple web filter, set criteria such as the following:

- **EtherType—IP**
- **IP Protocol—tcp**
- **Destination Port Range From—Unspecified**
- **Destination Port Range To to https**

- f) Click **Update**.
- g) In the **Create Filter** dialog box, click **Submit**.

Step 17 To add a contract, use the following steps:

- a) Under **Contracts**, right-click **Standard** and choose **Create Contract**.
- b) Enter the name of the contract.
- c) Click the + icon to expand **Subjects** to add a subject to the contract.
- d) Enter a name for the subject.
- e) Click the + icon to expand **Filters** and choose the filter that you previously created from the drop-down list.
- f) Click **Update**.
- g) In the **Create Contract Subject** dialog box, click **OK**.
- h) In the **Create Contract** dialog box, click **Submit**.

Step 18 Associate the EPGs for the L3Out with the contract, with the following steps:

In this example, the L3 external EPG (`extnw1`) is the provider and the application EPG (`epg1`) is the consumer.

- a) To associate the contract to the L3 external EPG, as the provider, under the tenant, click **Networking**, expand **L3Outs**, and expand the L3Out.

- b) Expand **External EPGs**, click the L3 external EPG, and click the **Contracts** tab.
 - c) Click the the + icon to expand **Provided Contracts**.
 - d) In the **Name** field, choose the contract that you previously created from the list.
 - e) Click **Update**.
 - f) To associate the contract to an application EPG, as a consumer, under the tenant, navigate to **Application Profiles** > *app-prof-name* > **Application EPGs** > and expand the *app-epg-name*.
 - g) Right-click **Contracts**, and choose **Add Consumed Contract**.
 - h) On the **Contract** field, choose the contract that you previously created.
 - i) Click **Submit**.
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