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# Preface

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This preface describes the audience, organization, and conventions of the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Multicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.x*. It also provides information on how to obtain related documentation.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Audience, page i](#)
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- [Document Conventions, page ii](#)
- [Related Documentation, page ii](#)
- [Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request, page iv](#)

## Audience

This publication is for experienced users who configure and maintain Cisco NX-OS switches.

## Organization

This document is organized as follows:

| Chapter and Title  | Description   |
|--|---|
| <a href="#">Chapter 1, “Overview”</a>                    | Describes the Cisco NX-OS multicast features.                     |
| <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Configuring IGMP”</a>            | Describes how to configure the Cisco NX-OS IGMP features.         |
| <a href="#">Chapter 3, “Configuring PIM”</a>             | Describes how to configure the Cisco NX-OS PIM features.          |
| <a href="#">Chapter 4, “Configuring IGMP Snooping”</a>   | Describes how to configure the Cisco NX-OS IGMP snooping feature. |
| <a href="#">Chapter 5, “Configuring MSDP”</a>            | Describes how to configure the Cisco NX-OS MSDP feature.          |
| <a href="#">Appendix A, “IETF RFCs for IP Multicast”</a> | Contains the RFCs related to the Cisco NX-OS multicast features.  |

# Document Conventions

Command descriptions use these conventions:

| Convention           | Description   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>boldface font</b> | Commands and keywords are in boldface.  |
| <i>italic font</i>   | Arguments for which you supply values are in italics.   |
| [ ]                  | Elements in square brackets are optional.   |
| [ x   y   z ]        | Optional alternative keywords are grouped in brackets and separated by vertical bars.                                       |
| string               | A nonquoted set of characters. Do not use quotation marks around the string or the string will include the quotation marks. |

Screen examples use these conventions:

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <code>screen font</code>    | Terminal sessions and information that the switch displays are in screen font.                            |
| <b>boldface screen font</b> | Information you must enter is in boldface screen font.  |
| <i>italic screen font</i>   | Arguments for which you supply values are in italic screen font.  |
| < >                         | Nonprinting characters, such as passwords, are in angle brackets.   |
| [ ]                         | Default responses to system prompts are in square brackets.   |
| !, #                        | An exclamation point (!) or a pound sign (#) at the beginning of a line of code indicates a comment line. |

This document uses the following conventions:



## Note

Means reader *take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to material not covered in the manual.



## Caution

Means *reader be careful*. In this situation, you might do something that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.



## Tip

Means *the following information will help you solve a problem*.

# Related Documentation

Documentation for Cisco Nexus 5500 switches and Cisco Nexus 2000 Series Fabric Extender is available at the following URL:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9670/tsd\\_products\\_support\\_series\\_home.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9670/tsd_products_support_series_home.html)

The following are related Cisco Nexus 5500 Series and Cisco Nexus 2000 Series Fabric Extender documents:



## Release Notes

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series Switch Release Notes*

## Configuration Guides

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series Configuration Limits for Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)N1(1)*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series Configuration Limits for Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)N1(1)*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series Configuration Limits for Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)N1(1)*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Fibre Channel over Ethernet Configuration Guide*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Layer 2 Switching Configuration Guide*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Multicast Routing Configuration Guide*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Quality of Service Configuration Guide*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS SAN Switching Configuration Guide*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Security Configuration Guide*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS System Management Configuration Guide*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Configuration Guide*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series Switch NX-OS Software Configuration Guide*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series Fabric Manager Configuration Guide, Release 6.0(2)N1(1)*

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Fundamentals Configuration Guide, Release 6.0(2)N1(1)*

*Cisco Nexus 2000 Series Fabric Extender Software Configuration Guide*

## Maintain and Operate Guides

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Operations Guide*

## Installation and Upgrade Guides

*Cisco Nexus 5000 Series and Cisco Nexus 5500 Platform Hardware Installation Guide*

*Cisco Nexus 2000 Series Hardware Installation Guide*

*Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco Nexus 5500 Series Switches and Cisco Nexus 2000 Series Fabric Extenders*

## Licensing Guide

*Cisco NX-OS Licensing Guide*

## Command References

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series Command Reference*

## Technical References

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Series and Cisco Nexus 2000 Series Fabric Extender MIBs Reference*

## Error and System Messages

*Cisco NX-OS System Messages Reference*

## Troubleshooting Guide

*Cisco Nexus 5500 Troubleshooting Guide*

## Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

For information on obtaining documentation, using the Cisco Bug Search Tool (BST), submitting a service request, and gathering additional information, see [What's New in Cisco Product Documentation](#).

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## New and Changed Information

This chapter provides release-specific information for each new and changed feature in the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Multicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.x*. The latest version of this document is available at the following Cisco website:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9670/products\\_installation\\_and\\_configuration\\_guides\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9670/products_installation_and_configuration_guides_list.html)

To check for additional information about this Cisco NX-OS Release, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Release Notes, Release 6.0*, available at the following Cisco website:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9670/prod\\_release\\_notes\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9670/prod_release_notes_list.html)

## New and Changed Information for Cisco NX-OS Releases

This section include the following topics:

- [New and Changed Information for Cisco NX-OS Release 6.x, page i](#)

## New and Changed Information for Cisco NX-OS Release 6.x

[Table 1](#) provides an overview of the significant changes to this guide for this current release. The table does not provide an exhaustive list of all changes made to the configuration guides or of the new features in this release.

**Table 1**     *New and Changed Information for Release 6.x*

| Feature   | Description  | Where Documented |
|-----------|--|------------------|
|           | No new features are introduced in this book for Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)N2(1). |                  |
| QSFP+ GEM | Introduced in Cisco NX-OS 6.0(2)N1(2)  |                  |
|           | Cisco NX-OS Release 6.0(2)N1(1) was the initial product release.                 |                  |





# Overview

This chapter describes the multicast features of Cisco NX-OS.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Information About Multicast, page 1](#)
- [Licensing Requirements for Multicast, page 10](#)
- [Additional References, page 10](#)

## Information About Multicast

IP multicast is a method of forwarding the same set of IP packets to a number of hosts within a network. You can use multicast in IPv4 networks to provide efficient delivery of data to multiple destinations.



### Note

Tunnel interfaces do not support Protocol-Independent Multicast (PIM).

Multicast involves both a method of delivery and discovery of senders and receivers of multicast data, which is transmitted on IP multicast addresses called groups. A multicast address that includes a group and source IP address is often referred to as a channel. The Internet Assigned Number Authority (IANA) has assigned 224.0.0.0 through 239.255.255.255 as IPv4 multicast addresses. For more information, see <http://www.iana.org/assignments/multicast-addresses>.

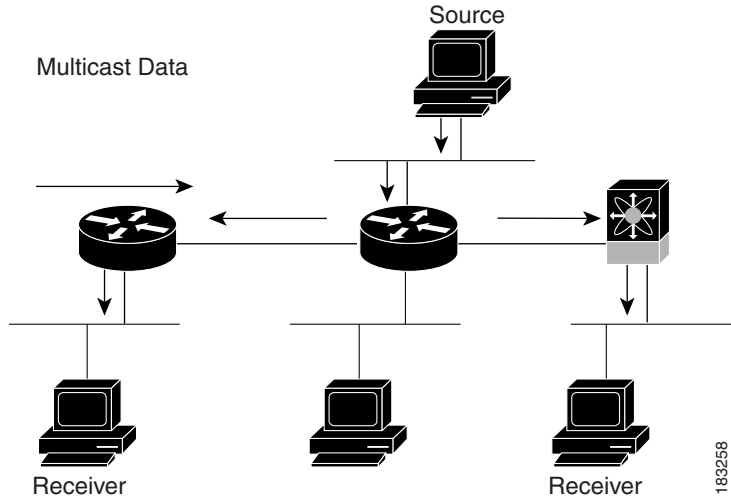


### Note

For a complete list of RFCs related to multicast, see [Appendix A, “IETF RFCs for IP Multicast.”](#)

The routers in the network listen for receivers to advertise their interest in receiving multicast data from selected groups. The routers then replicate and forward the data from sources to the interested receivers. Multicast data for a group is transmitted only to those LAN segments with receivers that requested it.

[Figure 1-1](#) shows one source transmitting multicast data that is delivered to two receivers. In the figure, because the center host is on a LAN segment where no receiver requested multicast data, no data is delivered to that receiver.

**Figure 1-1 Multicast Traffic from One Source to Two Receivers**

This section includes the following topics:

- [Multicast Distribution Trees, page 2](#)
- [Multicast Forwarding, page 4](#)
- [Cisco NX-OS PIM, page 5](#)
- [IGMP, page 7](#)
- [IGMP Snooping, page 8](#)
- [Interdomain Multicast, page 8](#)
- [MRIB, page 8](#)
- [Virtual Port Channels and Multicast, page 9](#)

## Multicast Distribution Trees

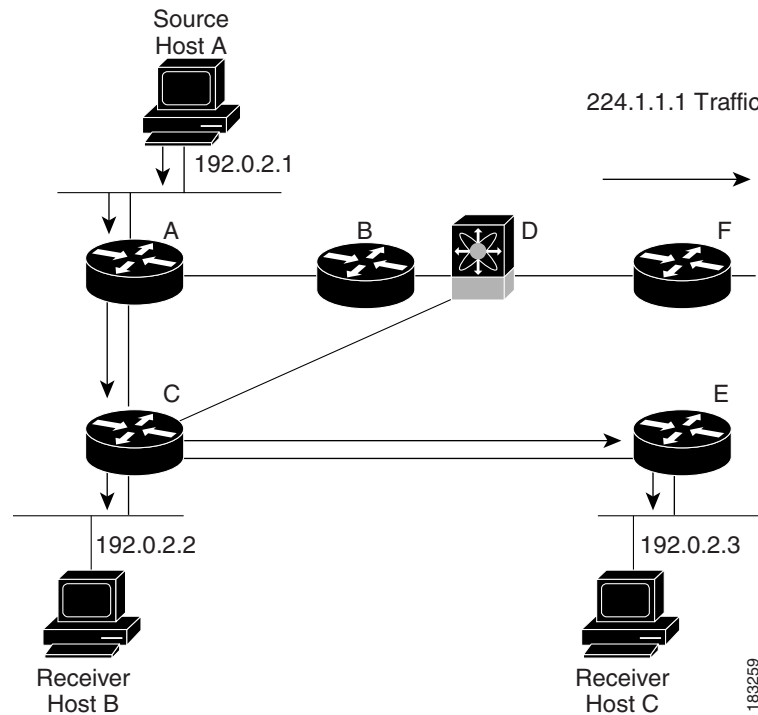
A multicast distribution tree represents the path that multicast data takes between the routers that connect sources and receivers. The multicast software builds different types of trees to support different multicast methods.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Source Trees, page 2](#)
- [Shared Trees, page 3](#)

## Source Trees

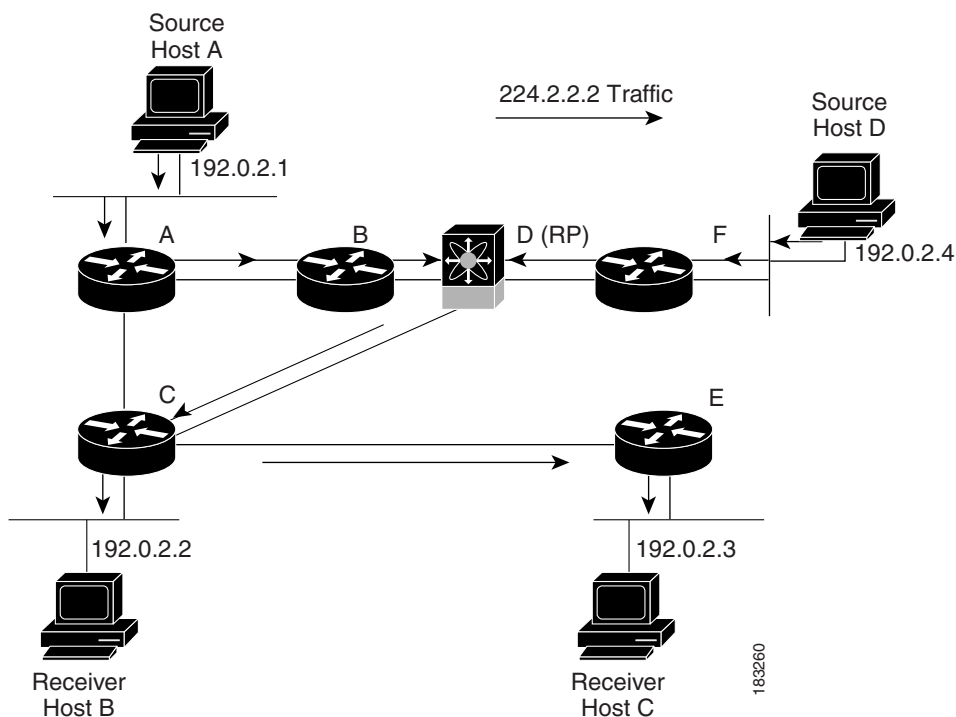
A source tree represents the shortest path that the multicast traffic takes through the network from the sources that transmit to a particular multicast group to receivers that requested traffic from that same group. Because of the shortest path characteristic of a source tree, this tree is often referred to as a shortest path tree (SPT). [Figure 1-2](#) shows a source tree for group 224.1.1.1 that begins at host A and connects to hosts B and C.

**Figure 1-2 Source Tree**

The notation (S, G) represents the multicast traffic from source S on group G. The SPT in [Figure 1-2](#) is written (192.1.1.1, 224.1.1.1). Multiple sources can be transmitting on the same group.

## Shared Trees

A shared tree represents the shared distribution path that the multicast traffic takes through the network from a shared root or rendezvous point (RP) to each receiver. (The RP creates an SPT to each source.) A shared tree is also called an RP tree (RPT). [Figure 1-3](#) shows a shared tree for group 224.1.1.1 with the RP at router D. Source hosts A and D send their data to router D, the RP, which then forwards the traffic to receiver hosts B and C.

**Figure 1-3 Shared Tree**

The notation (\*, G) represents the multicast traffic from any source on group G. The shared tree in [Figure 1-3](#) is written (\*, 224.2.2.2).

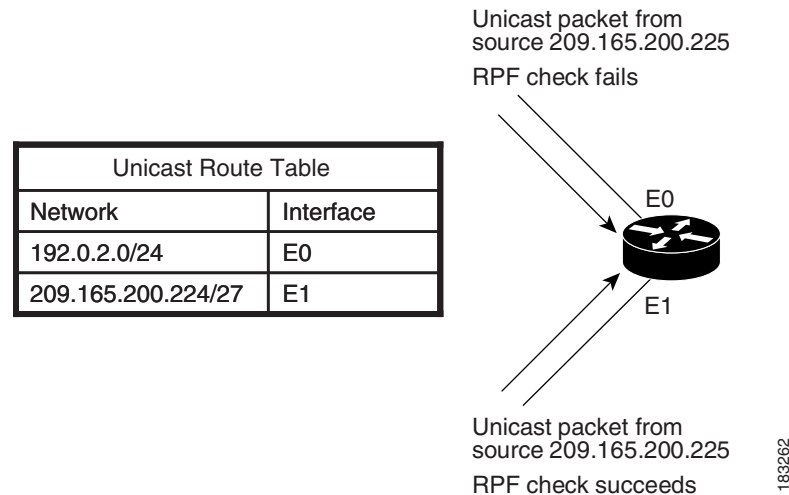
## Multicast Forwarding

Because multicast traffic is destined for an arbitrary group of hosts, the router uses reverse path forwarding (RPF) to route data to active receivers for the group. When receivers join a group, a path is formed either toward the source (SSM mode) or the RP (ASM mode). The path from a source to a receiver flows in the reverse direction from the path that was created when the receiver joined the group.

For each incoming multicast packet, the router performs an RPF check. If the packet arrives on the interface leading to the source, the packet is forwarded out each interface in the outgoing interface (OIF) list for the group. Otherwise, the router drops the packet.

[Figure 1-4](#) shows an example of RPF checks on packets coming in from different interfaces. The packet that arrives on E0 fails the RPF check because the unicast route table lists the source of the network on interface E1. The packet that arrives on E1 passes the RPF check because the unicast route table lists the source of that network on interface E1.



**Figure 1-4 RPF Check Example**

## Cisco NX-OS PIM

Cisco NX-OS supports multicasting with Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) sparse mode. PIM is IP routing protocol independent and can leverage whichever unicast routing protocols are used to populate the unicast routing table. In PIM sparse mode, multicast traffic is sent only to locations of the network that specifically request it. PIM dense mode is not supported by Cisco NX-OS.



### Note

In this publication, the term “PIM” is used for PIM sparse mode version 2.

To access multicast commands, you must enable the PIM feature. Multicast is enabled only after you enable PIM on an interface of each router in a domain. You configure PIM for an IPv4 network. By default, IGMP runs on the system.

PIM, which is used between multicast-capable routers, advertises group membership across a routing domain by constructing multicast distribution trees. PIM builds shared distribution trees on which packets from multiple sources are forwarded, as well as source distribution trees, on which packets from a single source are forwarded.

The distribution trees change automatically to reflect the topology changes due to link or router failures. PIM dynamically tracks both multicast-capable sources and receivers.

The router uses the unicast routing table and RPF routes for multicast to create multicast routing information.



### Note

In this publication, “PIM for IPv4” refer to the Cisco NX-OS implementation of PIM sparse mode. A PIM domain can include an IPv4 network.

Figure 1-5 shows two PIM domains in an IPv4 network.

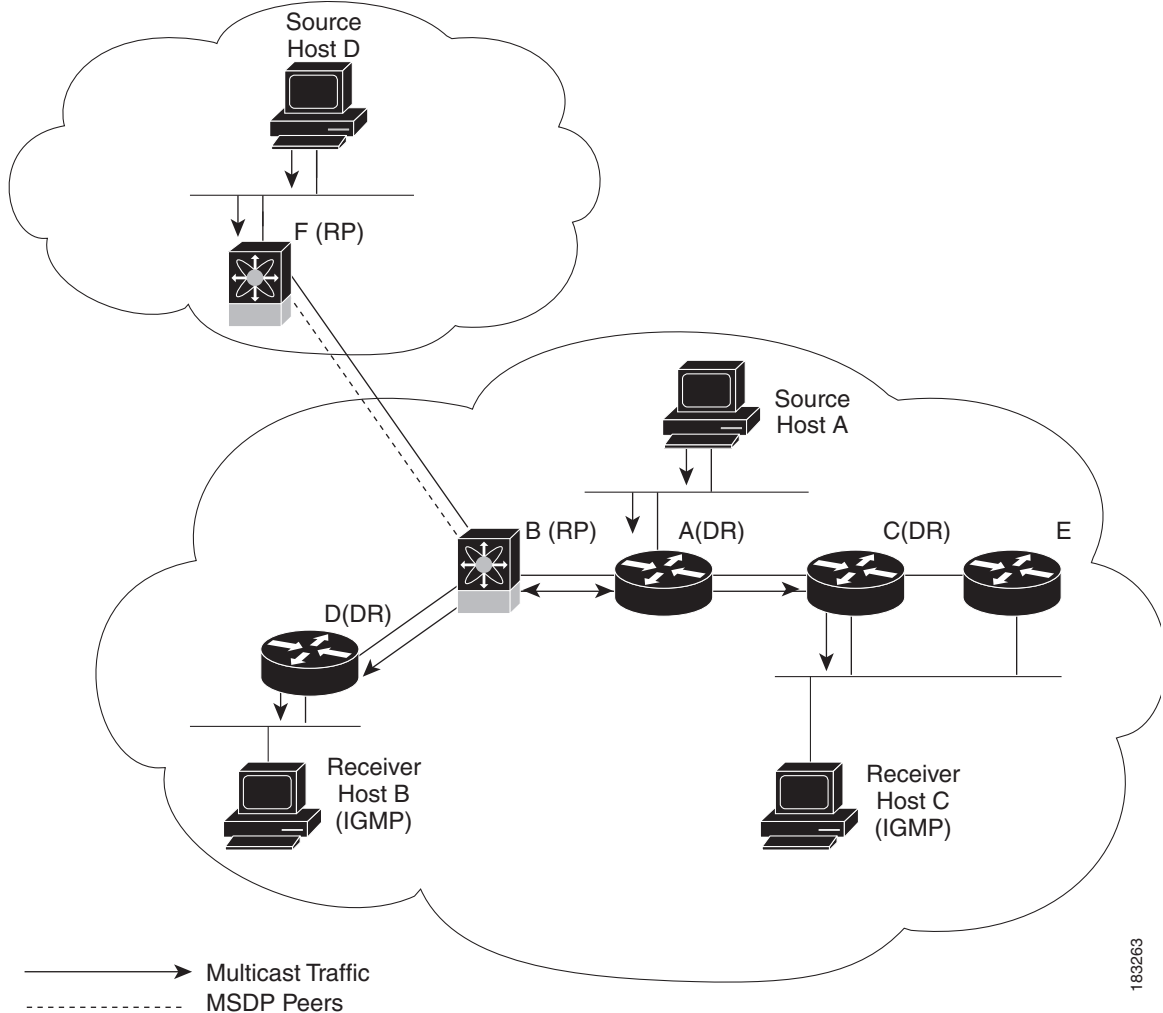
**Figure 1-5 PIM Domains in an IPv4 Network**

Figure 1-5 shows the following elements of PIM:

- The lines with arrows show the path of the multicast data through the network. The multicast data originates from the sources at hosts A and D.
- The dashed line connects routers B and F, which are Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP) peers. MSDP supports the discovery of multicast sources in other PIM domains.
- Hosts B and C receive multicast data by using Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) to advertise requests to join a multicast group.
- Routers A, C, and D are designated routers (DRs). When more than one router is connected to a LAN segment, such as C and E, the PIM software chooses one router to be the DR so that only one router is responsible for putting multicast data on the segment.

Router B is the rendezvous point (RP) for one PIM domain and router F is the RP for the other PIM domain. The RP provides a common point for connecting sources and receivers within a PIM domain.

PIM supports two multicast modes for connecting sources and receivers:

- Any source multicast (ASM)
- Source-specific multicast (SSM)

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Cisco NX-OS supports a combination of these modes for different ranges of multicast groups. You can also define RPF routes for multicast.

This section includes the following topics:

- [ASM, page 7](#)
- [SSM, page 7](#)
- [RPF Routes for Multicast, page 7](#)

## ASM

Any Source Multicast (ASM) is a PIM tree building mode that uses shared trees to discover new sources and receivers as well as source trees to form shortest paths from receivers to sources. The shared tree uses a network node as the root, called the rendezvous point (RP). The source tree is rooted at first-hop routers, directly attached to each source that is an active sender. The ASM mode requires an RP for a group range. An RP can be configured statically or learned dynamically by the Auto-RP or BSR group-to-RP discovery protocols.

The ASM mode is the default mode when you configure RPs.

For information about configuring ASM, see the [“Configuring ASM” section on page 3-40](#).

## SSM

Source-Specific Multicast (SSM) is a PIM mode that builds a source tree that originates at the designated router on the LAN segment that receives a request to join a multicast source. Source trees are built by sending PIM join messages in the direction of the source. The SSM mode does not require you to configure RPs.

The SSM mode allows receivers to connect to sources outside the PIM domain.

For information about configuring SSM, see the [“Configuring SSM” section on page 3-48](#).

## RPF Routes for Multicast

You can configure static multicast RPF routes to override what the unicast routing table uses. This feature is used when the multicast topology is different than the unicast topology.

For information about configuring RPF routes for multicast, see the [“Configuring RPF Routes for Multicast” section on page 3-49](#).

## IGMP

By default, the Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) for PIM is running on the system.

The IGMP protocol is used by hosts that want to receive multicast data to request membership in multicast groups. Once the group membership is established, multicast data for the group is directed to the LAN segment of the requesting host.

You can configure IGMPv2 or IGMPv3 on an interface. You will usually configure IGMPv3 to support SSM mode. By default, the software enables IGMPv2.

For information about configuring IGMP, see [Chapter 2, “Configuring IGMP”](#).

## IGMP Snooping

IGMP snooping is a feature that limits multicast traffic on VLANs to the subset of ports that have known receivers. By examining (snooping) IGMP membership report messages from interested hosts, multicast traffic is sent only to VLAN ports that interested hosts reside on. By default, IGMP snooping is running on the system.

For information about configuring IGMP snooping, see [Chapter 4, “Configuring IGMP Snooping.”](#)

## Interdomain Multicast

Cisco NX-OS provides several methods that allow multicast traffic to flow between PIM domains.

This section includes the following topics:

- [SSM, page 8](#)
- [MSDP, page 8](#)

### SSM

The PIM software uses SSM to construct a shortest path tree from the designated router for the receiver to a known source IP address, which may be in another PIM domain. The ASM mode cannot access sources from another PIM domain without the use of another protocol.

Once you enable PIM in your networks, you can use SSM to reach any multicast source that has an IP address known to the designated router for the receiver.

For information about configuring SSM, see the [“Configuring SSM” section on page 3-48.](#)

### MSDP

Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP) is a multicast routing protocol that is used with PIM to support the discovery of multicast sources in different PIM domains.

**Note**

Cisco NX-OS supports the PIM Anycast-RP, which does not require MSDP configuration. For information about PIM Anycast-RP, see the [“Configuring a PIM Anycast-RP Set” section on page 3-46.](#)

For information about MSDP, see [Chapter 5, “Configuring MSDP.”](#)

## MRIB

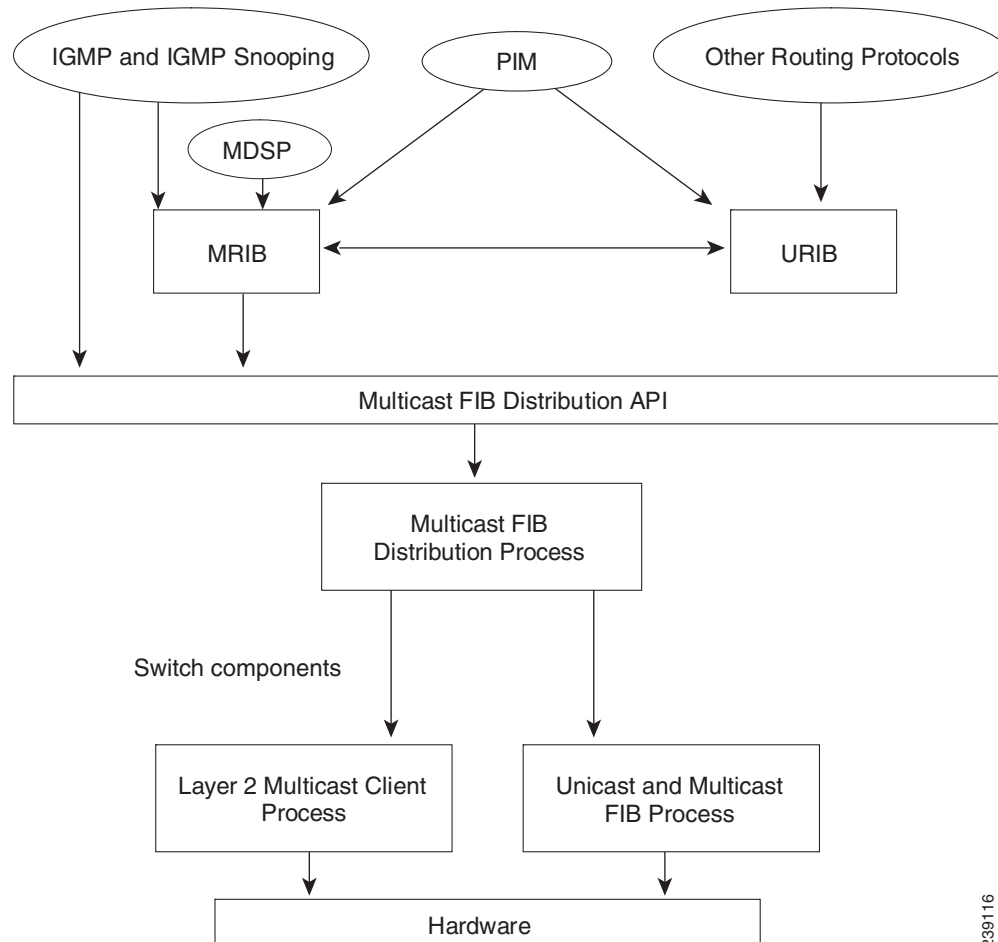
The Cisco NX-OS IPv4 Multicast Routing Information Base (MRIB) is a repository for route information that is generated by multicast protocols such as PIM and IGMP. The MRIB does not affect the route information itself. The MRIB maintains independent route information for each virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instance.

[Figure 1-6](#) shows the major components of the Cisco NX-OS multicast software architecture:

- The Multicast FIB (MFIB) Distribution (MFDM) API defines an interface between the multicast Layer 2 and Layer 3 control plane modules, including the MRIB, and the platform forwarding plane. The control plane modules send the Layer 3 route update and Layer 2 lookup information using the MFDM API.

- The multicast FIB distribution process distributes the multicast update messages to the switch.
- The Layer 2 multicast client process sets up the Layer 2 multicast hardware forwarding path.
- The unicast and multicast FIB process manages the Layer 3 hardware forwarding path.

**Figure 1-6 Cisco NX-OS Multicast Software Architecture**



## Virtual Port Channels and Multicast

A virtual port channel (vPC) allows a single switch to use a port channel across two upstream switches. When you configure a vPC, the following multicast features may be affected:

- PIM—Cisco NX-OS software for the Cisco Nexus 5500 switches does not support PIM SSM or BIDR on vPC. Cisco NX-OS software fully supports PIM ASM on vPC.
- IGMP snooping—You should configure the vPC peers identically. For configuration guidelines, see [Chapter 4, “Configuring IGMP Snooping.”](#)

For more information about vPCs, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Interfaces Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

# General Multicast Restrictions

Cisco NX-OS multicast features have the following restriction:

- Cisco Nexus 5500 series devices do not support Pragmatic General Multicast (PGM).
- On the Cisco Nexus 5500 series devices, the **show mac address-table** command does not display the multicast information.

## Licensing Requirements for Multicast

The multicast features that require a license are as follows:

- PIM
- MSDP

For information about multicast licensing, see the [“Licensing Requirements for PIM” section on page 3-32](#) and the [“Licensing Requirements for MSDP” section on page 5-75](#).

The multicast features that require no license are as follows:

- IGMP
- IGMP snooping

For a complete explanation of the Cisco NX-OS licensing scheme, see the *Cisco NX-OS Licensing Guide*.

## Additional References

For additional information related to implementing multicast, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 10](#)
- [Appendix A, “IETF RFCs for IP Multicast”](#)
- [Technical Assistance, page 11](#)

## Related Documents

| Related Topic | Document Title   |
|---------------|--|
| CLI Commands  | <i>Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Command Reference, Cisco NX-OS Releases 4.x, 5.x, 6.x</i> |

## Technical Assistance

| Description  | Link  |
|--|---|
| Technical Assistance Center (TAC) home page, containing 30,000 pages of searchable technical content, including links to products, technologies, solutions, technical tips, and tools. Registered Cisco.com users can log in from this page to access even more content. | <a href="http://www.cisco.com/public/support/tac/home.shtml">http://www.cisco.com/public/support/tac/home.shtml</a> |







## Configuring IGMP

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This chapter describes how to configure the Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) on Cisco NX-OS switches for IPv4 networks.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Information About IGMP, page 11](#)
- [Licensing Requirements for IGMP, page 14](#)
- [Default Settings for IGMP, page 14](#)
- [Configuring IGMP Parameters, page 15](#)
- [Verifying the IGMP Configuration, page 23](#)
- [Configuration Examples for IGMP, page 24](#)
- [Where to Go Next, page 24](#)

## Information About IGMP

IGMP is an IPv4 protocol that a host uses to request multicast data for a particular group. Using the information obtained through IGMP, the software maintains a list of multicast group or channel memberships on a per-interface basis. The systems that receive these IGMP packets send multicast data that they receive for requested groups or channels out the network segment of the known receivers.

By default, the IGMP process is running. You cannot enable IGMP manually on an interface. IGMP is automatically enabled when you perform one of the following configuration tasks on an interface:

- Enable PIM
- Statically bind a local multicast group
- Enable link-local group reports

This section includes the following topics:

- [IGMP Versions, page 11](#)
- [IGMP Basics, page 12](#)
- [Virtualization Support, page 14](#)

## IGMP Versions

The switch supports IGMPv2 and IGMPv3, as well as IGMPv1 report reception.

By default, the software enables IGMPv2 when it starts the IGMP process. You can enable IGMPv3 on interfaces where you want its capabilities.

IGMPv3 includes the following key changes from IGMPv2:

- Support for Source-Specific Multicast (SSM), which builds shortest path trees from each receiver to the source, through the following features:
  - Host messages that can specify both the group and the source.
  - The multicast state that is maintained for groups and sources, not just for groups as in IGMPv2.
- Hosts no longer perform report suppression, which means that hosts always send IGMP membership reports when an IGMP query message is received.

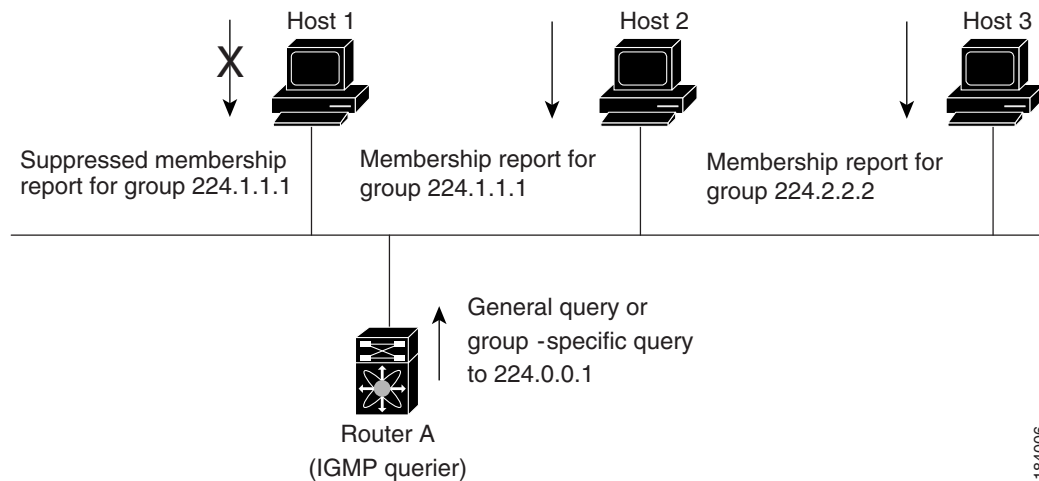
For detailed information about IGMPv2, see [RFC 2236](#).

For detailed information about IGMPv3, see [RFC 3376](#).

## IGMP Basics

The basic IGMP process of a router that discovers multicast hosts is shown in [Figure 2-1](#). Hosts 1, 2, and 3 send unsolicited IGMP membership report messages to initiate receiving multicast data for a group or channel.

**Figure 2-1** *IGMPv1 and IGMPv2 Query-Response Process*



In [Figure 2-1](#), router A, which is the IGMP designated querier on the subnet, sends query messages to the all-hosts multicast group at 224.0.0.1 periodically to discover whether any hosts want to receive multicast data. You can configure the group membership timeout value that the router uses to determine that no members of a group or source exist on the subnet. For more information about configuring the IGMP parameters, see the “[Configuring IGMP Interface Parameters](#)” section on [page 2-15](#).

The software elects a router as the IGMP querier on a subnet if it has the lowest IP address. As long as a router continues to receive query messages from a router with a lower IP address, it resets a timer that is based on its querier timeout value. If the querier timer of a router expires, it becomes the designated querier. If that router later receives a host query message from a router with a lower IP address, it drops its role as the designated querier and sets its querier timer again.

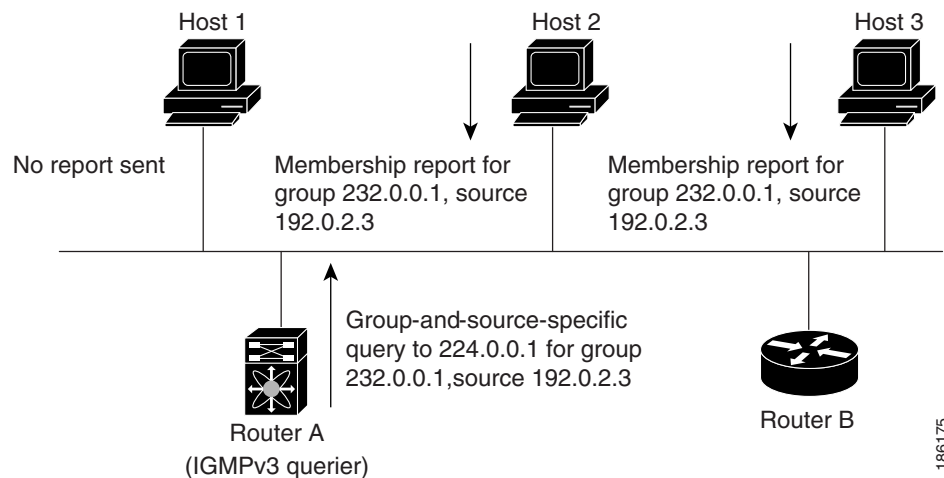
In [Figure 2-1](#), host 1's membership report is suppressed and host 2 sends its membership report for group 224.1.1.1 first. Host 1 receives the report from host 2. Because only one membership report per group needs to be sent to the router, other hosts suppress their reports to reduce network traffic. Each host waits for a random time interval to avoid sending reports at the same time. You can configure the query maximum response time parameter to control the interval in which hosts randomize their responses.

**Note**

IGMPv1 and IGMPv2 membership report suppression occurs only on hosts that are connected to the same port.

In [Figure 2-2](#), router A sends the IGMPv3 group-and-source-specific query to the LAN. Hosts 2 and 3 respond to the query with membership reports that indicate that they want to receive data from the advertised group and source. This IGMPv3 feature supports SSM. For information about configuring SSM translation to support SSM for IGMPv1 and IGMPv2 hosts, see the [“Configuring an IGMP SSM Translation”](#) section on page 2-21.

**Figure 2-2 IGMPv3 Group-and-Source-Specific Query**

**Note**

IGMPv3 hosts do not perform IGMP membership report suppression.

Messages sent by the designated querier have a time-to-live (TTL) value of 1, which means that the messages are not forwarded by the directly connected routers on the subnet. You can configure the frequency and number of query messages sent specifically for IGMP startup, and you can configure a short query interval at startup so that the group state is established as quickly as possible. Although usually unnecessary, you can tune the query interval used after startup to a value that balances the responsiveness to host group membership messages and the traffic created on the network.

**Caution**

Changing the query interval can severely impact multicast forwarding.

When a multicast host leaves a group, a host that runs IGMPv2 or later sends an IGMP leave message. To check if this host is the last host to leave the group, the software sends an IGMP query message and starts a timer that you can configure called the last member query response interval. If no reports are received before the timer expires, the software removes the group state. The router continues to send multicast traffic for a group until its state is removed.

You can configure a robustness value to compensate for packet loss on a congested network. The robustness value is used by the IGMP software to determine the number of times to send messages.

Link local addresses in the range 224.0.0.0/24 are reserved by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA). Network protocols on a local network segment use these addresses; routers do not forward these addresses because they have a TTL of 1. By default, the IGMP process sends membership reports only for nonlink local addresses, but you can configure the software to send reports for link local addresses.

For more information about configuring the IGMP parameters, see the [“Configuring IGMP Interface Parameters” section on page 2-15](#).

## Virtualization Support

Cisco NX-OS supports virtual routing and forwarding (VRF). You can define multiple VRF instances. A VRF configured with IGMP supports the following IGMP features:

- IGMP is enabled or disabled on per interface
- IGMPv1, IGMPv2, and IGMPv3 provide router-side support
- IGMPv2 and IGMPv3 provide host-side support
- Supports configuration of IGMP querier parameters
- IGMP reporting is supported for link local multicast groups
- IGMP SSM-translation supports mapping of IGMPv2 groups to a set of sources
- Supports multicast trace-route (Mtrace) server functionality to process Mtrace requests

For information about configuring VRFs, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

## Licensing Requirements for IGMP

The following table shows the licensing requirements for this feature:

| Product     | License Requirement   |
|-------------|---|
| Cisco NX-OS | IGMP requires no license. Any feature not included in a license package is bundled with the Cisco NX-OS system images and is provided at no extra charge to you. For a complete explanation of the Cisco NX-OS licensing scheme, see the <i>Cisco NX-OS Licensing Guide</i> . |
|             | <b>Note</b> Make sure the LAN Base Services license is installed on the switch to enable the Layer 3 interfaces.  |

## Default Settings for IGMP

[Table 2-1](#) lists the default settings for IGMP parameters.

**Table 2-1** Default IGMP Parameters

| Parameters             | Default    |
|------------------------|------------|
| IGMP version           | 2          |
| Startup query interval | 30 seconds |

**Table 2-1**      **Default IGMP Parameters (continued)**

| Parameters                          | Default     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Startup query count                 | 2           |
| Robustness value                    | 2           |
| Querier timeout                     | 255 seconds |
| Query timeout                       | 255 seconds |
| Query max response time             | 10 seconds  |
| Query interval                      | 125 seconds |
| Last member query response interval | 1 second    |
| Last member query count             | 2           |
| Group membership timeout            | 260 seconds |
| Report link local multicast groups  | Disabled    |
| Enforce router alert                | Disabled    |
| Immediate leave                     | Disabled    |

## Configuring IGMP Parameters

You can configure the IGMP global and interface parameters to affect the operation of the IGMP process.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring IGMP Interface Parameters, page 15](#)
- [Configuring an IGMP SSM Translation, page 21](#)
- [Configuring the Enforce Router Alert Option Check, page 22](#)

**Note**

If you are familiar with the Cisco IOS CLI, be aware that the Cisco NX-OS commands for this feature might differ from the Cisco IOS commands that you would use.


## Configuring IGMP Interface Parameters

You can configure the optional IGMP interface parameters described in [Table 2-2](#).

**Table 2-2 IGMP Interface Parameters**

| Parameter                      | Description  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| IGMP version                   | IGMP version that is enabled on the interface. The IGMP version can be 2 or 3. The default is 2.   |
| Static multicast groups        | <p>Multicast groups that are statically bound to the interface. You can configure the groups to join the interface with the (*, G) state or specify a source IP to join with the (S, G) state. You can specify a route-map policy name that lists the group prefixes, group ranges, and source prefixes to use with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command.</p> <p><b>Note</b> Although you can configure the (S, G) state, the source tree is built only if you enable IGMPv3. For information about SSM translation, see the <a href="#">“Configuring an IGMP SSM Translation” section on page 2-21</a>.</p> <p>You can configure a multicast group on all the multicast-capable routers on the network so that pinging the group causes all the routers to respond.</p>                              |
| Static multicast groups on OIF | <p>Multicast groups that are statically bound to the output interface. You can configure the groups to join the output interface with the (*, G) state or specify a source IP to join with the (S, G) state. You can specify a route-map policy name that lists the group prefixes, group ranges, and source prefixes to use with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command.</p> <p><b>Note</b> Although you can configure the (S, G) state, the source tree is built only if you enable IGMPv3. For information about SSM translation, see the <a href="#">“Configuring an IGMP SSM Translation” section on page 2-21</a>.</p> <p><b>Note</b> When you configure static ip igmp join command on the interface, ensure that <b>ip routing multicast software-replicate</b> command is also configured.</p> |
| Startup query interval         | Startup query interval. By default, this interval is shorter than the query interval so that the software can establish the group state as quickly as possible. Values range from 1 to 18,000 seconds. The default is 31 seconds.  |
| Startup query count            | Number of queries sent at startup that are separated by the startup query interval. Values range from 1 to 10. The default is 2.   |
| Robustness value               | Robustness variable that you can tune to reflect expected packet loss on a congested network. You can increase the robustness variable to increase the number of times that packets are resent. Values range from 1 to 7. The default is 2.  |
| Querier timeout                | Number of seconds that the software waits after the previous querier has stopped querying and before it takes over as the querier. Values range from 1 to 65,535 seconds. The default is 255 seconds.  |
| Query max response time        | Maximum response time advertised in IGMP queries. You can tune the burstiness of IGMP messages on the network by setting a larger value so that host responses are spread out over a longer time. This value must be less than the query interval. Values range from 1 to 25 seconds. The default is 10 seconds.   |

**Table 2-2 IGMP Interface Parameters (continued)**

| Parameter                           | Description  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Query interval                      | Frequency at which the software sends IGMP host query messages. You can tune the number of IGMP messages on the network by setting a larger value so that the software sends IGMP queries less often. Values range from 1 to 18,000 seconds. The default is 125 seconds.   |
| Last member query response interval | Interval in which the software sends a response to an IGMP query after receiving a host leave message from the last known active host on the subnet. If no reports are received in the interval, the group state is deleted. You can use this value to tune how quickly the software stops transmitting on the subnet. The software can detect the loss of the last member of a group or source more quickly when the values are smaller. Values range from 1 to 25 seconds. The default is 1 second.  |
| Last member query count             | <p>Number of times that the software sends an IGMP query, separated by the last member query response interval, in response to a host leave message from the last known active host on the subnet. Values range from 1 to 5. The default is 2.</p> <div>  <p><b>Caution</b> Setting this value to 1 means that a missed packet in either direction causes the software to remove the multicast state from the queried group or channel. The software may wait until the next query interval before the group is added again.</p> </div> |
| Group membership timeout            | Group membership interval that must pass before the router decides that no members of a group or source exist on the network. Values range from 3 to 65,535 seconds. The default is 260 seconds.   |
| Report link local multicast groups  | Option that enables sending reports for groups in 224.0.0.0/24. Link local addresses are used only by protocols on the local network. Reports are always sent for nonlink local groups. The default is disabled.   |
| Report policy                       | Access policy for IGMP reports that is based on a route-map policy <sup>1</sup> .  |
| Access groups                       | Option that configures a route-map policy <sup>1</sup> to control the multicast groups that hosts on the subnet serviced by an interface can join.   |
| Immediate leave                     | <p>Option that minimizes the leave latency of IGMPv2 group memberships on a given IGMP interface because the switch does not send group-specific queries. When immediate leave is enabled, the switch removes the group entry from the multicast routing table immediately upon receiving a leave message for the group. The default is disabled.</p> <p><b>Note</b> Use this command only when there is one receiver behind the interface for a given group.</p>  |

1. To configure route-map policies, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

For information about configuring multicast route maps, see the “[Configuring Route Maps to Control RP Information Distribution](#)” section on page 3-50.

## SUMMARY STEPS


### 1. configure terminal

2. **interface** *interface*
3. **no switchport**
4. **ip igmp version** *value*  
**ip igmp static-oif** {*group* [*source source*] | **route-map** *policy-name*}  
**ip igmp static-oif** {*group* [*source source*] | **route-map** *policy-name*}  
**ip igmp startup-query-interval** *seconds*  
**ip igmp startup-query-count** *count*  
**ip igmp robustness-variable** *value*  
**ip igmp querier-timeout** *seconds*  
**ip igmp query-timeout** *seconds*  
**ip igmp query-max-response-time** *seconds*  
**ip igmp query-interval** *interval*  
**ip igmp last-member-query-response-time** *seconds*  
**ip igmp last-member-query-count** *count*  
**ip igmp group-timeout** *seconds*  
**ip igmp report-link-local-groups**  
**ip igmp report-policy** *policy*  
**ip igmp access-group** *policy*  
**ip igmp immediate-leave**
5. (Optional) **show ip igmp interface** [*interface*] [**vrf** *vrf-name* | **all**] [**brief**]
6. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command  | Purpose   |
|--------|--|---|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#                        | Enters configuration mode.  |
| Step 2 | <b>interface</b> <i>interface</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1<br>switch(config-if)# | Enters interface mode on the interface type and number, such as <b>ethernet</b> <i>slot/port</i> .<br><br><b>Note</b> If this is a QSFP+ GEM, the <i>slot/port</i> syntax is <i>slot/QSFP-module/port</i> . |
| Step 3 | <b>no switchport</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# no switchport<br>switch(config-if)#                    | Configures the interface as a Layer 3 interface.  |
| Step 4 | <b>ip igmp version</b> <i>value</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp version 3                       | Sets the IGMP version to the value specified. Values can be 2 or 3. The default is 2.<br><br>The <b>no</b> form of the command sets the version to 2.   |



|         | Command   | Purpose  |
|---------|---|--|
| Step 5  | <b>ip igmp static-oif</b> {group [source source]   route-map policy-name}<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp static-oif 230.0.0.0 | <p>Statically binds a multicast group to the interface. If you specify only the group address, the (*, G) state is created. If you specify the source address, the (S, G) state is created. You can specify a route-map policy name that lists the group prefixes, group ranges, and source prefixes to use with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command.</p> <p><b>Note</b> A source tree is built for the (S, G) state only if you enable IGMPv3.</p> <p> <b>Caution</b> The switch CPU must be able to handle the traffic generated by using this command.</p> |
| Step 6  | <b>ip igmp static-oif</b> {group [source source]   route-map policy-name}<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp static-oif 230.0.0.0 | <p>Statically binds a multicast group to the outgoing interface, which is handled by the switch hardware. If you specify only the group address, the (*, G) state is created. If you specify the source address, the (S, G) state is created. You can specify a route-map policy name that lists the group prefixes, group ranges, and source prefixes to use with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command.</p> <p><b>Note</b> A source tree is built for the (S, G) state only if you enable IGMPv3.</p>  |
| Step 7  | <b>ip igmp startup-query-interval</b> seconds<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp startup-query-interval 25                        | <p>Sets the query interval used when the software starts up. Values can range from 1 to 18,000 seconds. The default is 31 seconds.</p>   |
| Step 8  | <b>ip igmp startup-query-count</b> count<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp startup-query-count 3                                 | <p>Sets the query count used when the software starts up. Values can range from 1 to 10. The default is 2.</p>   |
| Step 9  | <b>ip igmp robustness-variable</b> value<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp robustness-variable 3                                 | <p>Sets the robustness variable. You can use a larger value for a lossy network. Values can range from 1 to 7. The default is 2.</p>   |
| Step 10 | <b>ip igmp querier-timeout</b> seconds<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp querier-timeout 300                                     | <p>Sets the querier timeout that the software uses when deciding to take over as the querier. Values can range from 1 to 65,535 seconds. The default is 255 seconds.</p>   |
| Step 11 | <b>ip igmp query-timeout</b> seconds<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp query-timeout 300   | <p>Sets the query timeout that the software uses when deciding to take over as the querier. Values can range from 1 to 65,535 seconds. The default is 255 seconds.</p> <p><b>Note</b> This command has the same functionality as the <b>ip igmp querier-timeout</b> command.</p>   |

|         | Command   | Purpose  |
|---------|---|--|
| Step 12 | <b>ip igmp query-max-response-time</b> <i>seconds</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp<br>query-max-response-time 15                | Sets the response time advertised in IGMP queries. Values can range from 1 to 25 seconds. The default is 10 seconds.   |
| Step 13 | <b>ip igmp query-interval</b> <i>interval</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp<br>query-interval 100                                | Sets the frequency at which the software sends IGMP host query messages. Values can range from 1 to 18,000 seconds. The default is 125 seconds.  |
| Step 14 | <b>ip igmp last-member-query-response-time</b> <i>seconds</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp<br>last-member-query-response-time 3 | Sets the query interval waited after sending membership reports before the software deletes the group state. Values can range from 1 to 25 seconds. The default is 1 second.   |
| Step 15 | <b>ip igmp last-member-query-count</b> <i>count</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp<br>last-member-query-count 3                   | Sets the number of times that the software sends an IGMP query in response to a host leave message. Values can range from 1 to 5. The default is 2.  |
| Step 16 | <b>ip igmp group-timeout</b> <i>seconds</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp group-timeout<br>300                                   | Sets the group membership timeout for IGMPv2. Values can range from 3 to 65,535 seconds. The default is 260 seconds.   |
| Step 17 | <b>ip igmp report-link-local-groups</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp<br>report-link-local-groups                                | Enables sending reports for groups in 224.0.0.0/24. Reports are always sent for nonlink local groups. By default, reports are not sent for link local groups.  |
| Step 18 | <b>ip igmp report-policy</b> <i>policy</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp report-policy<br>my_report_policy                       | Configures a route-map policy to control the multicast groups that a PIM-enabled interface can join.   |
| Step 19 | <b>ip igmp access-group</b> <i>policy</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp access-group<br>my_access_policy                         | Configures a route-map policy to control the multicast groups that a PIM-enabled interface can join.   |
| Step 20 | <b>ip igmp immediate-leave</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip igmp<br>immediate-leave  | <p>Enables the switch to remove the group entry from the multicast routing table immediately upon receiving a leave message for the group. This command allows you to minimize the leave latency of IGMPv2 group memberships on a given IGMP interface because the switch does not send group-specific queries. The default is disabled.</p> <p><b>Note</b> Use this command only when there is one receiver behind the interface for a given group.</p> |

|         | Command  | Purpose   |
|---------|--|---|
| Step 21 | <b>show ip igmp interface</b> [ <i>interface</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ] [ <b>brief</b> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show ip igmp interface | (Optional) Displays IGMP information about the interface. |
| Step 22 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config   | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.                   |

## Configuring an IGMP SSM Translation

You can configure an SSM translation to provide SSM support when the router receives IGMPv1 or IGMPv2 membership reports. Only IGMPv3 provides the capability to specify group and source addresses in membership reports. By default, the group prefix range is 232.0.0.0/8. To modify the PIM SSM range, see the “[Configuring SSM](#)” section on page 3-48.

Table 2-3 lists the example SSM translations.

**Table 2-3** Example SSM Translations

| Group Prefix | Source Address |
|--------------|----------------|
| 232.0.0.0/8  | 10.1.1.1       |
| 232.0.0.0/8  | 10.2.2.2       |
| 232.1.0.0/16 | 10.3.3.3       |
| 232.1.1.0/24 | 10.4.4.4       |

Table 2-4 shows the resulting MRIB routes that the IGMP process creates when it applies an SSM translation to the IGMP membership report. If more than one translation applies, the router creates the (S, G) state for each translation.

**Table 2-4** Example Result of Applying SSM Translations

| IGMPv2 Membership Report | Resulting MRIB Route                           |
|--------------------------|--|
| 232.1.1.1                | (10.4.4.4, 232.1.1.1)                          |
| 232.2.2.2                | (10.1.1.1, 232.2.2.2)<br>(10.2.2.2, 232.2.2.2) |



### Note

This feature is similar to SSM mapping found in some Cisco IOS software.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip igmp ssm-translate** *group-prefix* *source-addr*
3. (Optional) **show running-configuration igmp**

4. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command  | Purpose  |
|--------|--|--|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#  | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 2 | <b>ip igmp ssm-translate group-prefix source-addr</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip igmp ssm-translate 232.0.0.0/8 10.1.1.1 | Configures the translation of IGMPv1 or IGMPv2 membership reports by the IGMP process to create the (S,G) state as if the router had received an IGMPv3 membership report. |
| Step 3 | <b>show running-configuration igmp</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show running-configuration igmp                           | (Optional) Shows the running-configuration information, including <b>ssm-translate</b> command lines.  |
| Step 4 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config                     | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

## Configuring the Enforce Router Alert Option Check

You can configure the enforce router alert option check for IGMPv2 and IGMPv3 packets.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip igmp enforce-router-alert**  
**no ip igmp enforce-router-alert**
3. (Optional) **show running-configuration igmp**
4. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command   | Purpose                    |
|--------|---|----------------------------|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)# | Enters configuration mode. |

|        | Command   | Purpose   |
|--------|---|---|
| Step 2 | <b>ip igmp enforce-router-alert</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip igmp<br>enforce-router-alert             | Enables the enforce router alert option check for IGMPv2 and IGMPv3 packets. By default, the enforce router alert option check is enabled.  |
|        | <b>no ip igmp enforce-router-alert</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# no ip igmp<br>enforce-router-alert       | Disables the enforce router alert option check for IGMPv2 and IGMPv3 packets. By default, the enforce router alert option check is enabled. |
| Step 3 | <b>show running-configuration igmp</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show<br>running-configuration igmp       | (Optional) Shows the running-configuration information, including the <b>enforce-router-alert</b> command line.                             |
| Step 4 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config<br>startup-config | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.   |

## Verifying the IGMP Configuration

To display the IGMP configuration information, perform one of the following tasks:

| Command   | Purpose  |
|---|--|
| <b>show ip igmp interface</b> [ <i>interface</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ] [ <b>brief</b> ] | Displays IGMP information about all interfaces or a selected interface, the default VRF, a selected VRF, or all VRFs. If IGMP is in vPC mode, displays vPC statistics. |
| <b>show ip igmp groups</b> [ <i>group</i>   <i>interface</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]      | Displays the IGMP attached group membership for a group or interface, the default VRF, a selected VRF, or all VRFs.  |
| <b>show ip igmp route</b> [ <i>group</i>   <i>interface</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]       | Displays the IGMP attached group membership for a group or interface, the default VRF, a selected VRF, or all VRFs.  |
| <b>show ip igmp local-groups</b>  | Displays the IGMP local group membership.  |
| <b>show running-configuration igmp</b>  | Displays the IGMP running-configuration information.   |
| <b>show startup-configuration igmp</b>  | Displays the IGMP startup-configuration information.   |

For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Command Reference, Cisco NX-OS Releases 4.x, 5.x*.

## Configuration Examples for IGMP

This example shows how to configure the IGMP parameters:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip igmp ssm-translate 232.0.0.0/8 10.1.1.1
switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# ip igmp version 3
switch(config-if)# ip igmp static-oif 230.0.0.0
switch(config-if)# ip igmp startup-query-interval 25
switch(config-if)# ip igmp startup-query-count 3
switch(config-if)# ip igmp robustness-variable 3
switch(config-if)# ip igmp querier-timeout 300
switch(config-if)# ip igmp query-timeout 300
switch(config-if)# ip igmp query-max-response-time 15
switch(config-if)# ip igmp query-interval 100
switch(config-if)# ip igmp last-member-query-response-time 3
switch(config-if)# ip igmp last-member-query-count 3
switch(config-if)# ip igmp group-timeout 300
switch(config-if)# ip igmp report-link-local-groups
switch(config-if)# ip igmp report-policy my_report_policy
switch(config-if)# ip igmp access-group my_access_policy
```

This example shows how to configure a route map that accepts all multicast reports (joins):

```
switch(config)# route-map foo
switch(config-route-map)# exit
switch(config)# interface vlan 10
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# ip pim sparse-mode
switch(config-if)# ip igmp report-policy foo
```

This example shows how to configure a route map that denies all multicast reports (joins):

```
switch(config)# route-map foo deny 10
switch(config-route-map)# exit
switch(config)# interface vlan 5
switch(config-if)# ip pim sparse-mode
switch(config-if)# ip igmp report-policy foo
```

## Where to Go Next

You can enable the following features that work with PIM and IGMP:

- [Chapter 4, “Configuring IGMP Snooping”](#)
- [Chapter 5, “Configuring MSDP”](#)



# Configuring PIM

This chapter describes how to configure the Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) features on Cisco NX-OS switches in your IPv4 networks.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Information About PIM, page 25](#)
- [Licensing Requirements for PIM, page 32](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations for PIM, page 32](#)
- [Default Settings, page 33](#)
- [Configuring PIM, page 34](#)
- [Verifying the PIM Configuration, page 57](#)
- [Displaying Statistics, page 58](#)
- [Configuration Examples for PIM, page 59](#)
- [Where to Go Next, page 62](#)
- [Additional References, page 62](#)

## Information About PIM

PIM, which is used between multicast-capable routers, advertises group membership across a routing domain by constructing multicast distribution trees. PIM builds shared distribution trees on which packets from multiple sources are forwarded, as well as source distribution trees on which packets from a single source are forwarded. For more information about multicast, see the [“Information About Multicast” section on page 1-1](#).

Cisco NX-OS supports PIM sparse mode for IPv4 networks (PIM). (In PIM sparse mode, multicast traffic is sent only to locations of the network that specifically request it.) You can configure PIM to run simultaneously on a router. You can use PIM global parameters to configure rendezvous points (RPs), message packet filtering, and statistics. You can use PIM interface parameters to enable multicast, identify PIM borders, set the PIM hello message interval, and set the designated router (DR) priority. For more information, see the [“Configuring PIM Sparse Mode” section on page 3-36](#).



### Note

Cisco NX-OS does not support PIM dense mode.

In Cisco NX-OS, multicast is enabled only after you enable the PIM feature on each router and then enable PIM sparse mode on each interface that you want to participate in multicast. You can configure PIM for an IPv4 network. In an IPv4 network, if you have not already enabled IGMP on the router, PIM enables it automatically. For information about configuring IGMP, see [Chapter 2, “Configuring IGMP”](#).

You use the PIM global configuration parameters to configure the range of multicast group addresses to be handled by each of the two distribution modes:

- Any Source Multicast (ASM) provides discovery of multicast sources. It builds a shared tree between sources and receivers of a multicast group and supports switching over to a source tree when a new receiver is added to a group. ASM mode requires that you configure an RP.
- Single Source Multicast (SSM) builds a source tree originating at the designated router on the LAN segment that receives a request to join a multicast source. SSM mode does not require you to configure RPs. Source discovery must be accomplished through other means.

You can combine the modes to cover different ranges of group addresses. For more information, see the [“Configuring PIM” section on page 3-34](#).

For more information about PIM sparse mode and shared distribution trees used by the ASM mode, see [RFC 4601](#).

For more information about PIM SSM mode, see [RFC 3569](#).

**Note**

Multicast equal-cost multipathing (ECMP) is on by default in the Cisco NX-OS for the Cisco Nexus 5500 switches; you cannot turn ECMP off. If multiple paths exist for a prefix, PIM selects the path with the lowest administrative distance in the routing table. Cisco NX-OS supports up to 16 paths to a destination.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Hello Messages, page 26](#)
- [Join-Prune Messages, page 27](#)
- [State Refreshes, page 28](#)
- [Rendezvous Points, page 28](#)
- [PIM Register Messages, page 31](#)
- [Designated Routers, page 31](#)
- [Administratively Scoped IP Multicast, page 31](#)
- [PIM and Virtual Port Channels, page 32](#)

## Hello Messages

The PIM process begins when the router establishes PIM neighbor adjacencies by sending PIM hello messages to the multicast address 224.0.0.13. Hello messages are sent periodically at the interval of 30 seconds. When all neighbors have replied, then the PIM software chooses the router with the highest priority in each LAN segment as the designated router (DR). The DR priority is based on a DR priority value in the PIM hello message. If the DR priority value is not supplied by all routers, or the priorities match, the highest IP address is used to elect the DR.

**Caution**

If you change the PIM hello interval to a lower value, we recommend that you ensure it is appropriate for your network environment.



The hello message also contains a hold-time value, which is typically 3.5 times the hello interval. If this hold time expires without a subsequent hello message from its neighbor, the switch detects a PIM failure on that link.

For added security, you can configure an MD5 hash value that the PIM software uses to authenticate PIM hello messages with PIM neighbors.

**Note**

If PIM is disabled on the switch, the IGMP snooping software processes the PIM hello messages.

For information about configuring hello message authentication, see the [“Configuring PIM Sparse Mode” section on page 3-36](#).

## Join-Prune Messages

When the DR receives an IGMP membership report message from a receiver for a new group or source, the DR creates a tree to connect the receiver to the source by sending a PIM join message out the interface toward the rendezvous point (ASM mode) or source (SSM mode). The rendezvous point (RP) is the root of a shared tree, which is used by all sources and hosts in the PIM domain in the ASM mode. SSM does not use an RP but builds a shortest path tree (SPT) that is the lowest cost path between the source and the receiver.

When the DR determines that the last host has left a group or source, it sends a PIM prune message to remove the path from the distribution tree.

The routers forward the join or prune action hop by hop up the multicast distribution tree to create (join) or tear down (prune) the path.

**Note**

In this publication, the terms “PIM join message” and “PIM prune message” are used to simplify the action taken when referring to the PIM join-prune message with only a join or prune action.

Join-prune messages are sent as quickly as possible by the software. You can filter the join-prune messages by defining a routing policy. For information about configuring the join-prune message policy, see the [“Configuring PIM Sparse Mode” section on page 3-36](#).

You can prebuild the SPT for all known (S,G) in the routing table by triggering PIM joins upstream. To prebuild the SPT for all known (S,G)s in the routing table by triggering PIM joins upstream, even in the absence of any receivers, use the **ip pim pre-build-spt** command. By default, PIM (S,G) joins are triggered upstream only if the OIF-list for the (S,G) is not empty. It is useful in certain scenarios—for example, on the virtual port-channel (vPC) nonforwarding router—to prebuild the SPTs and maintain the (S,G) states even when the system is not forwarding on these routes. Prebuilding the SPT ensures faster convergence when a vPC failover occurs. When you are running virtual port channels (vPCs), enabling this feature causes both vPC peer switches to join the SPT, even though only one vPC peer switch actually routes the multicast traffic into the vPC domain. This behavior results in the multicast traffic passing over two parallel paths from the source to the vPC switch pair, consuming bandwidth on both paths. Additionally, when both vPC peer switches join the SPT, one or more upstream switches in the network may be required to perform additional multicast replications to deliver the traffic on both parallel paths toward the receivers in the vPC domain.

## State Refreshes

PIM requires that multicast entries are refreshed within a 3.5-minute timeout interval. The state refresh ensures that traffic is delivered only to active listeners, and it keeps routers from using unnecessary resources.

To maintain the PIM state, the last-hop DR sends join-prune messages once per minute. State creation applies to both (\*, G) and (S, G) states as follows:

- (\*, G) state creation example—An IGMP (\*, G) report triggers the DR to send a (\*, G) PIM join message toward the RP.
- (S, G) state creation example—An IGMP (S, G) report triggers the DR to send an (S, G) PIM join message toward the source.

If the state is not refreshed, the PIM software tears down the distribution tree by removing the forwarding paths in the multicast outgoing interface list of the upstream routers.

## Rendezvous Points

A rendezvous point (RP) is a router that you select in a multicast network domain that acts as a shared root for a multicast shared tree. You can configure as many RPs as you like, and you can configure them to cover different group ranges.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Static RP, page 28](#)
- [BSRs, page 28](#)
- [Auto-RP, page 29](#)
- [Anycast-RP, page 30](#)

### Static RP

You can statically configure an RP for a multicast group range. You must configure the address of the RP on every router in the domain.

You can define static RPs for the following reasons:

- To configure routers with the Anycast-RP address
- To manually configure an RP on a switch

For information about configuring static RPs, see the [“Configuring Static RPs” section on page 3-40](#).

### BSRs

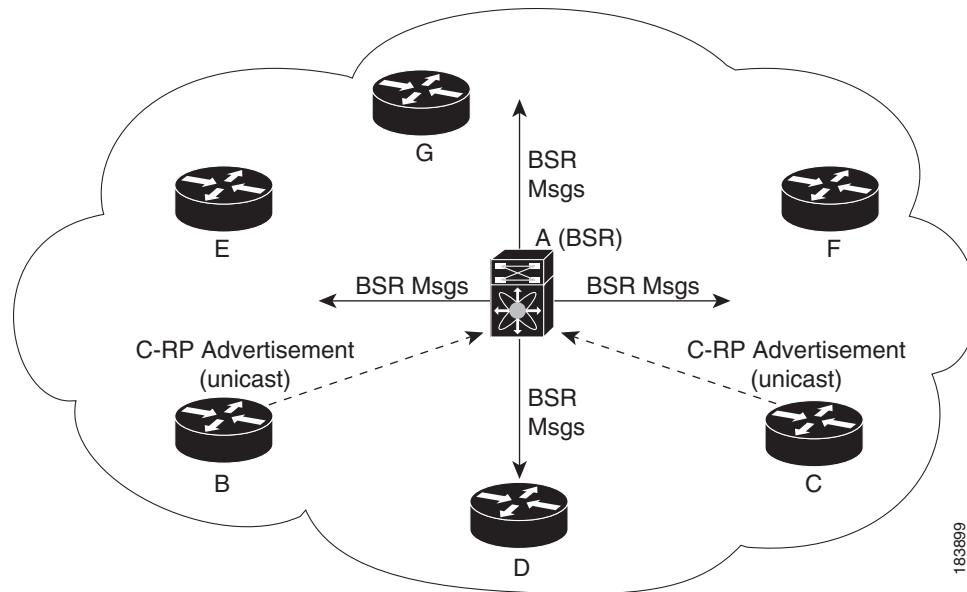
The bootstrap router (BSR) ensures that all routers in the PIM domain have the same RP cache as the BSR. You can configure the BSR to help you select an RP set from BSR candidate RPs. The function of the BSR is to broadcast the RP set to all routers in the domain. You select one or more candidate BSRs to manage the RPs in the domain. Only one candidate BSR is elected as the BSR for the domain.

**Caution**

Do not configure both Auto-RP and BSR protocols in the same network.

Figure 3-1 shows where the BSR mechanism. router A, the software-elected BSR, sends BSR messages out all enabled interfaces (shown by the solid lines in the figure). The messages, which contain the RP set, are flooded hop by hop to all routers in the network. Routers B and C are candidate RPs that send their candidate-RP advertisements directly to the elected BSR (shown by the dashed lines in the figure). The elected BSR receives candidate-RP messages from all the candidate RPs in the domain. The bootstrap message sent by the BSR includes information about all of the candidate RPs. Each router uses a common algorithm to select the same RP address for a given multicast group.

**Figure 3-1 BSR Mechanism**



In the RP selection process, the RP address with the best priority is determined by the software. If the priorities match for two or more RP addresses, the software may use the RP hash in the selection process. Only one RP address is assigned to a group.

By default, routers are not enabled to listen or forward BSR messages. You must enable the BSR listening and forwarding feature so that the BSR mechanism can dynamically inform all routers in the PIM domain of the RP set assigned to multicast group ranges.

For more information about bootstrap routers, see [RFC 5059](#).



**Note**

The BSR mechanism is a nonproprietary method of defining RPs that can be used with third-party routers.

For information about configuring BSRs and candidate RPs, see the “[Configuring BSRs](#)” section on [page 3-41](#).

## Auto-RP

Auto-RP is a Cisco protocol that was prior to the Internet standard bootstrap router mechanism. You configure Auto-RP by selecting candidate mapping agents and RPs. Candidate RPs send their supported group range in RP-Announce messages to the Cisco RP-Announce multicast group 224.0.1.39. An

Auto-RP mapping agent listens for RP-Announce messages from candidate RPs and forms a Group-to-RP mapping table. The mapping agent multicasts the Group-to-RP mapping table in RP-Discovery messages to the Cisco RP-Discovery multicast group 224.0.1.40.

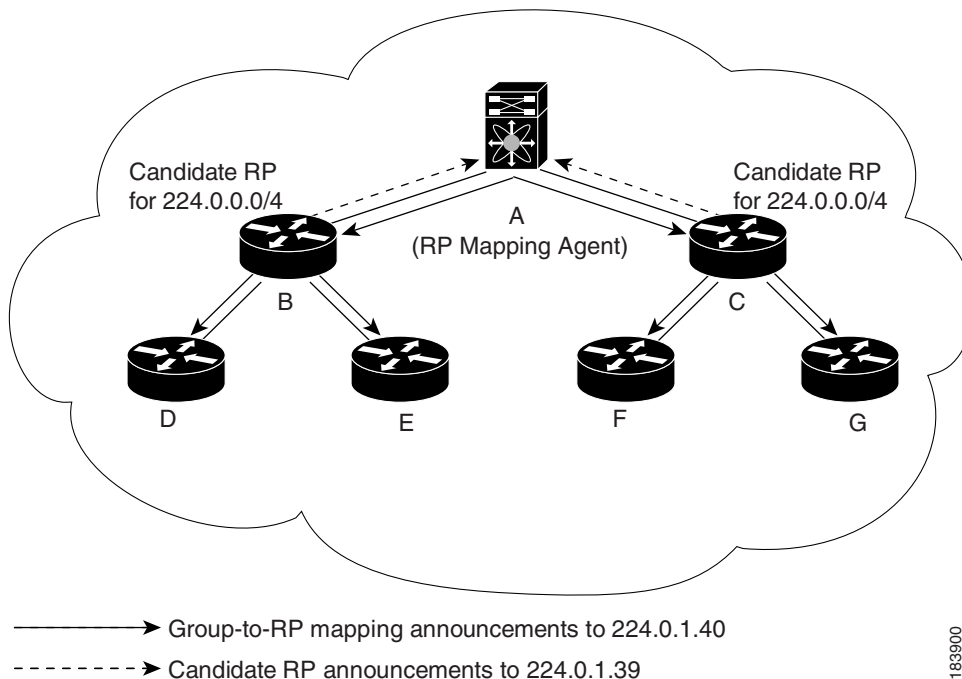


**Caution**

Do not configure both Auto-RP and BSR protocols in the same network.

Figure 3-2 shows the Auto-RP mechanism. Periodically, the RP mapping agent multicasts the RP information that it receives to the Cisco-RP-Discovery group 224.0.1.40 (shown by the solid lines in the figure).

**Figure 3-2 Auto-RP Mechanism**



By default, routers are not enabled to listen or forward Auto-RP messages. You must enable the Auto-RP listening and forwarding feature so that the Auto-RP mechanism can dynamically inform routers in the PIM domain of the Group-to-RP mapping.

For information about configuring Auto-RP, see the [“Configuring Auto-RP”](#) section on page 3-44.

## Anycast-RP

Anycast-RP has two implementations: one uses Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP) and the other is based on [RFC 4610](#), *Anycast-RP Using Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM)*. This section describes how to configure PIM Anycast-RP.

You can use PIM Anycast-RP to assign a group of routers, called the Anycast-RP set, to a single RP address that is configured on multiple routers. The set of routers that you configure as Anycast-RPs is called the Anycast-RP set. This method is the only RP method that supports more than one RP per multicast group, which allows you to load balance across all RPs in the set. The Anycast RP supports all multicast groups.

PIM register messages are sent to the closest RP and PIM join-prune messages are sent in the direction of the closest RP as determined by the unicast routing protocols. If one of the RPs goes down, unicast routing ensures these message will be sent in the direction of the next-closest RP.

For more information about PIM Anycast-RP, see [RFC 4610](#).

For information about configuring Anycast-RPs, see the “[Configuring a PIM Anycast-RP Set](#)” section on page 3-46.

## PIM Register Messages

PIM register messages are unicast to the RP by designated routers (DRs) that are directly connected to multicast sources. The PIM register message has the following functions:

- To notify the RP that a source is actively sending to a multicast group.
- To deliver multicast packets sent by the source to the RP for delivery down the shared tree.

The DR continues to send PIM register messages to the RP until it receives a Register-Stop message from the RP. The RP sends a Register-Stop message in either of the following cases:

- The RP has no receivers for the multicast group being transmitted.
- The RP has joined the SPT to the source but has not started receiving traffic from the source.



### Note

In Cisco NX-OS, PIM register messages are rate limited to avoid overwhelming the RP.

You can filter PIM register messages by defining a routing policy. For information about configuring the PIM register message policy, see the “[Configuring Shared Trees Only for ASM](#)” section on page 3-47.

## Designated Routers

In PIM ASM and SSM modes, the software chooses a designated router (DR) from the routers on each network segment. The DR is responsible for forwarding multicast data for specified groups and sources on that segment.

The DR for each LAN segment is determined as described in the “[Hello Messages](#)” section on page 3-26.

In ASM mode, the DR is responsible for unicasting PIM register packets to the RP. When a DR receives an IGMP membership report from a directly connected receiver, the shortest path is formed to the RP, which may or may not go through the DR. The result is a shared tree that connects all sources transmitting on the same multicast group to all receivers of that group.

In SSM mode, the DR triggers (\*, G) or (S, G) PIM join messages toward the RP or the source. The path from the receiver to the source is determined hop by hop. The source must be known to the receiver or the DR.

For information about configuring the DR priority, see the “[Configuring PIM Sparse Mode](#)” section on page 3-36.

## Administratively Scoped IP Multicast

The administratively scoped IP multicast method allows you to set boundaries on the delivery of multicast data. For more information, see [RFC 2365](#).

You can configure an interface as a PIM boundary so that PIM messages are not sent out that interface. For information about configuring the domain border parameter, see the [“Configuring PIM Sparse Mode” section on page 3-36](#).

You can use the Auto-RP scope parameter to set a time-to-live (TTL) value. For more information, see the [“Configuring Shared Trees Only for ASM” section on page 3-47](#).

## Virtualization Support

You can define multiple virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instances. For each VRF, independent multicast system resources are maintained, including the MRIB.

You can use the PIM **show** commands with a VRF argument to provide a context for the information displayed. The default VRF is used if no VRF argument is supplied.

For information about configuring VRFs, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

## PIM and Virtual Port Channels

When a PIM hello message is received by the vPC peer link on a non-vPC port, the vPC peer link on the switch acts as an output interface (OIF) for a multicast group or router port and floods the packet on the vPC peer link, vPC links, and non-vPC links. The peer vPC switch that receives this packet on the vPC peer link floods it on all non-vPC links and adds the peer link to the router port list.

When a PIM hello message is received by the vPC peer link on a vPC port, the vPC port acts as the router port list and the switch floods the packet on the vPC link, vPC peer link, and non-vPC links using Cisco Fabric Services (CFS), which means the packets are encapsulated as CFS packets and sent over the vPC peer link. The peer vPC switch that receives this packet on the vPC peer link will flood it on all non-vPC links and adds the vPC port to the router port list. If, however, the vPC port is down, the PIM software on the switch forwards the packet to the vPC peer link and the peer vPC switch then forwards the packets to all VLANs.

If switch virtual interfaces (SVIs) are enabled on the VLANs of the vPC peers, each vPC peer will act as a designated router (DR) to forward the multicast traffic. If the vPC peer link fails, the SVIs and vPC peer links on the vPC secondary switch also goes down. The primary vPC switch will then forward all multicast traffic.

## Licensing Requirements for PIM

The following table shows the licensing requirements for this feature:

| Product     | License Requirement  |
|-------------|--|
| Cisco NX-OS | PIM require a LAN Base Services license. For a complete explanation of the Cisco NX-OS licensing scheme and how to obtain and apply licenses, see the <i>Cisco NX-OS Licensing Guide</i> . |

## Guidelines and Limitations for PIM

PIM has the following guidelines and limitations:

- Cisco NX-OS PIM does not interoperate with any version of PIM dense mode or PIM sparse mode version 1.
- Do not configure both Auto-RP and BSR protocols in the same network.
- Configure candidate RP intervals to a minimum of 15 seconds.
- If a switch is configured with a BSR policy that should prevent it from being elected as the BSR, the switch ignores the policy. This behavior results in the following undesirable conditions:
  - If a switch receives a BSM that is permitted by the policy, the switch, which incorrectly elected itself as the BSR, drops that BSM so that routers downstream fail to receive it. Downstream switches correctly filter the BSM from the incorrect BSR so that they do not receive RP information.
  - A BSM received by a BSR from a different switch sends a new BSM but ensures that downstream switches do not receive the correct BSM.
- A vPC peer link is a valid link for IGMP multicast forwarding.
- If the vPC link on a switch is configured as an output interface (OIF) for a multicast group or router port, the vPC link on the peer switch must also be configured as an output interface for a multicast group or router port.
- In SVI VLANs, the vPC peers must have the multicast forwarding state configured for the vPC VLANs to forward multicast traffic directly through the vPC link instead of the peer link.
- If vPC is enabled, PIM SSM is not supported on the switches.
- A topology that has a PIM router connected to a pair of Cisco Nexus 5500 Platform switches through vPC is not supported.
- Cisco Nexus 5000 series devices do not support per route packet counters. Hence the **show ip mroute summary** command and **show forwarding distribution multicast route group** command do not show correct count of packets sent out. The packets per second (pps) count is shown as zero.
- If you configure the **vpc bind-vrf** command to forward multicast traffic over the vPC peer link, you need to reload the switches to avoid any traffic loss.

## Default Settings

Table 3-1 lists the default settings for PIM parameters.

**Table 3-1**      **Default PIM Parameters**

| Parameters                          | Default              |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Use shared trees only               | Disabled             |
| Flush routes on restart             | Disabled             |
| Log Neighbor changes                | Disabled             |
| Auto-RP message action              | Disabled             |
| BSR message action                  | Disabled             |
| SSM multicast group range or policy | 232.0.0.0/8 for IPv4 |
| PIM sparse mode                     | Disabled             |
| Designated router priority          | 0                    |
| Hello authentication mode           | Disabled             |

**Table 3-1** *Default PIM Parameters (continued)*

| Parameters                   | Default                                |
|------------------------------|--|
| Domain border                | Disabled                               |
| RP address policy            | No message filtering                   |
| PIM register message policy  | No message filtering                   |
| BSR candidate RP policy      | No message filtering                   |
| BSR policy                   | No message filtering                   |
| Auto-RP mapping agent policy | No message filtering                   |
| Auto-RP RP candidate policy  | No message filtering                   |
| Join-prune policy            | No message filtering                   |
| Neighbor adjacency policy    | Become adjacent with all PIM neighbors |

## Configuring PIM

You can configure PIM for each interface.



### Note

Cisco NX-OS supports only PIM sparse mode version 2. In this publication, “PIM” refers to PIM sparse mode version 2.

You can configure separate ranges of addresses in the PIM domain using the multicast distribution modes described in [Table 3-2](#).

**Table 3-2** *PIM Multicast Distribution Modes*

| Multicast Distribution Mode | Requires RP Configuration | Description              |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| ASM                         | Yes                       | Any source multicast     |
| SSM                         | No                        | Single source multicast  |
| RPF routes for multicast    | No                        | RPF routes for multicast |

To configure PIM, follow these steps:

- Step 1** From the multicast distribution modes described in [Table 3-2](#), select the range of multicast groups that you want to configure in each mode.
- Step 2** Enable the PIM features. See the “[Enabling the PIM Features](#)” section on page 3-35.
- Step 3** Configure PIM sparse mode on each interface that you want to participate in a PIM domain. See the “[Configuring PIM Sparse Mode](#)” section on page 3-36.
- Step 4** Follow the configuration steps for the multicast distribution modes that you selected in Step 1 as follows:
  - For ASM mode, see the “[Configuring ASM](#)” section on page 3-40.
  - For SSM mode, see the “[Configuring SSM](#)” section on page 3-48.



- For RPF routes for multicast, see the “Configuring RPF Routes for Multicast” section on page 3-50.
- Step 5** Configure message filtering. See the “Configuring Message Filtering” section on page 3-52.
- Step 6** Bind VRF. See the “Binding VRFs to vPCs” section on page 3-55.
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- [Configuring ASM, page 40](#)
- [Configuring SSM, page 48](#)
- [Configuring RPF Routes for Multicast, page 50](#)
- [Configuring Route Maps to Control RP Information Distribution, page 51](#)
- [Configuring Message Filtering, page 52](#)
- [Binding VRFs to vPCs, page 55](#)
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**Note**

If you are familiar with the Cisco IOS CLI, be aware that the Cisco NX-OS commands for this feature might differ from the Cisco IOS commands that you would use.

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## Enabling the PIM Features

Before you can access the PIM commands, you must enable the PIM feature.

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **feature pim**
3. (Optional) **show running-configuration pim**
4. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action   | Purpose   |
|--------|---|---|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#                         | Enters configuration mode.  |
| Step 2 | <b>feature pim</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# feature pim  | Enables PIM. By default, PIM is disabled.   |
| Step 3 | <b>show running-configuration pim</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show<br>running-configuration pim         | (Optional) Shows the running-configuration information for PIM, including the <b>feature</b> command. |
| Step 4 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config<br>startup-config | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.   |

## Configuring PIM Sparse Mode

You configure PIM sparse mode on every switch interface that you want to participate in a sparse mode domain. You can configure the sparse mode parameters described in [Table 3-3](#).

**Table 3-3** PIM Sparse Mode Parameters

| Parameter                   | Description  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Global to the switch</b> |  |
| Auto-RP message action      | Enables listening and forwarding of Auto-RP messages. The default is disabled, which means that the router does not listen or forward Auto-RP messages unless it is configured as a candidate RP or mapping agent.   |
| BSR message action          | Enables listening and forwarding of BSR messages. The default is disabled, which means that the router does not listen or forward BSR messages unless it is configured as a candidate RP or BSR candidate.   |
| Register rate limit         | Configures the IPv4 register rate limit in packets per second. The range is from 1 to 65,535. The default is no limit.   |
| Initial holddown period     | Configures the IPv4 initial holddown period in seconds. This holddown period is the time it takes for the MRIB to come up initially. If you want faster convergence, enter a lower value. The range is from 90 to 210. Specify 0 to disable the holddown period. The default is 210. |
| <b>Per switch interface</b> |  |
| PIM sparse mode             | Enables PIM on an interface.   |

**Table 3-3 PIM Sparse Mode Parameters (continued)**

| Parameter                  | Description  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Designated router priority | Sets the designated router (DR) priority that is advertised in PIM hello messages on this interface. On a multi-access network with multiple PIM-enabled routers, the router with the highest DR priority is elected as the DR router. If the priorities match, the software elects the DR with the highest IP address. The DR originates PIM register messages for the directly connected multicast sources and sends PIM join messages toward the rendezvous point (RP) for directly connected receivers. Values range from 1 to 4294967295. The default is 1.   |
| Hello authentication mode  | <p>Enables an MD5 hash authentication key, or password, in PIM hello messages on the interface so that directly connected neighbors can authenticate each other. The PIM hello messages are IPsec encoded using the Authentication Header (AH) option. You can enter an unencrypted (cleartext) key, or one of these values followed by a space and the MD5 authentication key:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0—Specifies an unencrypted (cleartext) key</li> <li>3—Specifies a 3-DES encrypted key</li> <li>7—Specifies a Cisco Type 7 encrypted key</li> </ul> <p>The authentication key can be up to 16 characters. The default is disabled.</p> |
| Hello interval             | Configures the interval at which hello messages are sent in milliseconds. The range is from 1 to 4294967295. The default is 30000.   |
| Domain border              | Enables the interface to be on the border of a PIM domain so that no bootstrap, candidate-RP, or Auto-RP messages are sent or received on the interface. The default is disabled.  |
| Neighbor policy            | <p>Configures which PIM neighbors to become adjacent to based on a route-map policy<sup>1</sup> where you can specify IP addresses to become adjacent to with the <b>match ip address</b> command. If the policy name does not exist, or no IP addresses are configured in a policy, then adjacency is established with all neighbors. The default is to become adjacent with all PIM neighbors.</p> <p><b>Note</b> We recommend that you should configure this feature only if you are an experienced network administrator.</p>  |

1. To configure route-map policies, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

For information about configuring multicast route maps, see the [“Configuring Route Maps to Control RP Information Distribution”](#) section on page 3-51.

**Note**

To configure the join-prune policy, see the [“Configuring Message Filtering”](#) section on page 3-52.

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. (Optional) **ip pim auto-rp {listen [forward] | forward [listen]}**
3. (Optional) **ip pim bsr {listen [forward] | forward [listen]}**
4. (Optional) **show ip pim rp [ip-prefix] [vrf vrf-name | all]**
5. (Optional) **ip pim register-rate-limit rate**
6. (Optional) **[ip | ipv4] routing multicast holddown holddown-period**
7. (Optional) **show running-configuration pim**
8. **interface interface**
9. **no switchport**
10. **ip pim sparse-mode**
11. (Optional) **ip pim dr-priority priority**
12. (Optional) **ip pim hello-authentication ah-md5 auth-key**
13. (Optional) **ip pim hello-interval interval**
14. (Optional) **ip pim border**
15. (Optional) **ip pim neighbor-policy policy-name**
16. (Optional) **show ip pim interface [interface | brief] [vrf vrf-name | all]**
17. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command   | Purpose  |
|--------|---|--|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#                           | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 2 | <b>ip pim auto-rp {listen [forward]   forward [listen]}</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim auto-rp listen | (Optional) Enables listening or forwarding of Auto-RP messages. The default is disabled, which means that the software does not listen to or forward Auto-RP messages. |
| Step 3 | <b>ip pim bsr {listen [forward]   forward [listen]}</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim bsr forward        | (Optional) Enables listening or forwarding of BSR messages. The default is disabled, which means that the software does not listen or forward BSR messages.            |
| Step 4 | <b>show ip pim rp [ip-prefix] [vrf vrf-name   all]</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show ip pim rp             | (Optional) Displays PIM RP information, including Auto-RP and BSR listen and forward states.   |

|         | Command   | Purpose   |
|---------|---|---|
| Step 5  | <b>ip pim register-rate-limit</b> <i>rate</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim<br>register-rate-limit 1000                          | (Optional) Configures the rate limit in packets per second. The range is from 1 to 65,535. The default is no limit.   |
| Step 6  | <b>[ip   ipv4] routing multicast holddown</b> <i>holddown-period</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip routing multicast<br>holddown 100 | (Optional) Configures the initial holddown period in seconds. The range is from 90 to 210. Specify 0 to disable the holddown period. The default is 210.  |
| Step 7  | <b>show running-configuration pim</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show<br>running-configuration pim                                   | (Optional) Displays PIM running-configuration information, including the register rate limit.   |
| Step 8  | <b>interface</b> <i>interface</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1<br>switch(config-if)#                            | Enters interface mode on the interface type and number, such as <b>ethernet slot/port</b> .<br><br><b>Note</b> If this is a QSFP+ GEM, the <i>slot/port</i> syntax is <i>slot/QSFP-module/port</i> .  |
| Step 9  | <b>no switchport</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# no switchport   | Configures the interface as a Layer 3 routed interface.   |
| Step 10 | <b>ip pim sparse-mode</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip pim sparse-mode   | Enables PIM sparse mode on this interface. The default is disabled.   |
| Step 11 | <b>ip pim dr-priority</b> <i>priority</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip pim dr-priority<br>192                                    | (Optional) Sets the designated router (DR) priority that is advertised in PIM hello messages. Values range from 1 to 4294967295. The default is 1.  |
| Step 12 | <b>ip pim hello-authentication ah-md5</b> <i>auth-key</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip pim<br>hello-authentication ah-md5 my_key | (Optional) Enables an MD5 hash authentication key in PIM hello messages. You can enter an unencrypted (cleartext) key or one of these values followed by a space and the MD5 authentication key: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0—Specifies an unencrypted (cleartext) key</li> <li>3—Specifies a 3-DES encrypted key</li> <li>7—Specifies a Cisco Type 7 encrypted key</li> </ul> The key can be up to 16 characters. The default is disabled. |
| Step 13 | <b>ip pim hello-interval</b> <i>interval</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip pim hello-interval<br>25000                            | (Optional) Configures the interval at which hello messages are sent in milliseconds. The range is from 1 to 4294967295. The default is 30000.<br><br><b>Note</b> We do not support aggressive values for the hello interval; any value less than 3000 milliseconds is an aggressive hello-interval value.   |

|         | Command   | Purpose  |
|---------|---|--|
| Step 14 | <b>ip pim border</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip pim border   | (Optional) Enables the interface to be on the border of a PIM domain so that no bootstrap, candidate-RP, or Auto-RP messages are sent or received on the interface. The default is disabled.   |
| Step 15 | <b>ip pim neighbor-policy</b> <i>policy-name</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip pim<br>neighbor-policy my_neighbor_policy                                      | (Optional) Configures which PIM neighbors to become adjacent to based on a route-map policy with the <b>match ip address</b> command. The policy name can be up to 63 characters. The default is to become adjacent with all PIM neighbors.<br><br><b>Note</b> We recommend that you should configure this feature only if you are an experienced network administrator. |
| Step 16 | <b>show ip pim interface</b> [ <i>interface</i>   <b>brief</b> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# show ip pim interface | (Optional) Displays PIM interface information.   |
| Step 17 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# copy running-config<br>startup-config  | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

## Configuring ASM

Any Source Multicast (ASM) is a multicast distribution mode that require the use of RPs to act as a shared root between sources and receivers of multicast data.

To configure ASM mode, you configure sparse mode and the RP selection method, where you indicate the distribution mode and assign the range of multicast groups.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring Static RPs, page 40](#)
- [Configuring BSRs, page 41](#)
- [Configuring Auto-RP, page 44](#)
- [Configuring a PIM Anycast-RP Set, page 46](#)
- [Configuring Shared Trees Only for ASM, page 47](#)

## Configuring Static RPs

You can configure an RP statically by configuring the RP address on every router that will participate in the PIM domain.

You can specify a route-map policy name that lists the group prefixes to use with the **match ip multicast** command.

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip pim rp-address** *rp-address* [**group-list** *ip-prefix* | **route-map** *policy-name*]
3. (Optional) **show ip pim group-range** [*ip-prefix*] [**vrf** *vrf-name* | **all**]
4. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command  | Purpose   |
|--------|--|---|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#  | Enters configuration mode.  |
| Step 2 | <b>ip pim rp-address</b> <i>rp-address</i> [ <b>group-list</b> <i>ip-prefix</i>   <b>route-map</b> <i>policy-name</i> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim rp-address<br>192.0.2.33 group-list 224.0.0.0/9 | Configures a PIM static RP address for a multicast group range. You can specify a route-map policy name that lists the group prefixes to use with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. The default mode is ASM. The default group range is 224.0.0.0 through 239.255.255.255.<br><br>The example configures PIM ASM mode for the specified group range. |
| Step 3 | <b>show ip pim group-range</b> [ <i>ip-prefix</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show ip pim group-range  | (Optional) Displays PIM modes and group ranges.   |
| Step 4 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config<br>startup-config  | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.   |

## Configuring BSRs

You configure BSRs by selecting candidate BSRs and RPs.

**Caution**

Do not configure both Auto-RP and BSR protocols in the same network.

You can configure a candidate BSR with the arguments described in [Table 3-4](#).

**Table 3-4** *Candidate BSR Arguments*

| Argument           | Description  |
|--------------------|--|
| <i>interface</i>   | Interface type and number used to derive the BSR source IP address used in bootstrap messages.   |
| <i>hash-length</i> | Hash length is the number of high order 1s used to form a mask that is ANDed with group address ranges of candidate RPs to form a hash value. The mask determines the number of consecutive addresses to assign across RPs with the same group range. For PIM, this value ranges from 0 to 32 and has a default of 30. |
| <i>priority</i>    | Priority assigned to this BSR. The software elects the BSR with the highest priority, or if the BSR priorities match, the software elects the BSR with the highest IP address. This value ranges from 0, the lowest priority, to 255 and has a default of 64.  |

You can configure a candidate RP with the arguments described in [Table 3-5](#).

**Table 3-5** *BSR Candidate RP Arguments and Keywords*

| Argument or Keyword                   | Description   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <i>interface</i>                      | Interface type and number used to derive the BSR source IP address used in Bootstrap messages.  |
| <b>group-list</b><br><i>ip-prefix</i> | Multicast groups handled by this RP specified in a prefix format.   |
| <i>interval</i>                       | Number of seconds between sending candidate-RP messages. This value ranges from 1 to 65,535 and has a default of 60 seconds.<br><br><b>Note</b> We recommend that you configure the candidate RP interval to a minimum of 15 seconds.             |
| <i>priority</i>                       | Priority assigned to this RP. The software elects the RP with the highest priority for a range of groups, or if the priorities match, the highest IP address. This value ranges from 0, the highest priority, to 65,535 and has a default of 192. |

**Tip**

You should choose the candidate BSRs and candidate RPs that have good connectivity to all parts of the PIM domain.

You can configure the same router to be both a BSR and a candidate RP. In a domain with many routers, you can select multiple candidate BSRs and RPs to automatically fail over to alternates if a BSR or an RP fails.

To configure candidate BSRs and RPs, follow these steps:

- Step 1** Configure whether each router in the PIM domain should listen and forward BSR messages. A router configured as either a candidate RP or a candidate BSR will automatically listen to and forward all bootstrap router protocol messages, unless an interface is configured with the domain border feature. For more information, see the [“Configuring PIM Sparse Mode”](#) section on page 3-36.
- Step 2** Select the routers to act as candidate BSRs and RPs.
- Step 3** Configure each candidate BSR and candidate RP as described in this section.



- Step 4** Configure BSR message filtering. See the “Configuring Message Filtering” section on page 3-52.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip pim [bsr] bsr-candidate interface [hash-len hash-length] [priority priority]**
3. **ip pim [bsr] rp-candidate interface group-list ip-prefix [priority priority] [interval interval]**
4. (Optional) **show ip pim group-range [ip-prefix] [vrf vrf-name | all]**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|               | Command  | Purpose   |
|---------------|--|---|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#  | Enters configuration mode.  |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>ip pim [bsr] bsr-candidate interface [hash-len hash-length] [priority priority]</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim bsr-candidate ethernet 2/1 hash-len 24                             | Configures a candidate bootstrap router (BSR). The source IP address used in a bootstrap message is the IP address of the interface. The hash length ranges from 0 to 32 and has a default of 30. The priority ranges from 0 to 255 and has a default of 64. For parameter details, see <a href="#">Table 3-4</a> . |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ip pim [bsr] rp-candidate interface group-list ip-prefix [priority priority] [interval interval]</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim rp-candidate ethernet 2/1 group-list 239.0.0.0/24 | Configures a candidate RP for BSR. The priority ranges from 0, the highest priority, to 65,535 and has a default of 192. The interval ranges from 1 to 65,535 seconds and has a default of 60.<br><br><b>Note</b> We recommend that you configure the candidate RP interval to a minimum of 15 seconds.             |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>show ip pim group-range [ip-prefix] [vrf vrf-name   all]</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show ip pim group-range  | The example configures an ASM candidate RP.<br>(Optional) Displays PIM modes and group ranges.  |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config   | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.   |

## Configuring Auto-RP

You can configure Auto-RP by selecting candidate mapping agents and RPs. You can configure the same router to be both a mapping agent and a candidate RP.



### Caution

Do not configure both Auto-RP and BSR protocols in the same network.

You can configure an Auto-RP mapping agent with the arguments described in [Table 3-6](#).

**Table 3-6** *Auto-RP Mapping Agent Arguments*

| Argument         | Description   |
|------------------|---|
| <i>interface</i> | Interface type and number used to derive the IP address of the Auto-RP mapping agent used in bootstrap messages.  |
| <i>scope ttl</i> | Time-To-Live (TTL) value that represents the maximum number of hops that RP-Discovery messages are forwarded. This value can range from 1 to 255 and has a default of 32.<br><br><b>Note</b> See the border domain feature in the “ <a href="#">Configuring PIM Sparse Mode</a> ” section on page 3-36. |

If you configure multiple Auto-RP mapping agents, only one is elected as the mapping agent for the domain. The elected mapping agent ensures that all candidate RP messages are sent out. All mapping agents receive the candidate RP messages and advertise the same RP cache in their RP-discovery messages.

You can configure a candidate RP with the arguments described in [Table 3-7](#).

**Table 3-7** *Auto-RP Candidate RP Arguments and Keywords*

| Argument or Keyword                   | Description   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <i>interface</i>                      | Interface type and number used to derive the IP address of the candidate RP used in Bootstrap messages.   |
| <b>group-list</b><br><i>ip-prefix</i> | Multicast groups handled by this RP. Specified in a prefix format.  |
| <i>scope ttl</i>                      | Time-To-Live (TTL) value that represents the maximum number of hops that RP-Discovery messages are forwarded. This value can range from 1 to 255 and has a default of 32.<br><br><b>Note</b> See the border domain feature in the “ <a href="#">Configuring PIM Sparse Mode</a> ” section on page 3-36. |
| <i>interval</i>                       | Number of seconds between sending RP-Announce messages. This value can range from 1 to 65,535 and has a default of 60.<br><br><b>Note</b> We recommend that you configure the candidate RP interval to a minimum of 15 seconds.   |

**Tip**

You should choose mapping agents and candidate RPs that have good connectivity to all parts of the PIM domain.

To configure Auto-RP mapping agents and candidate RPs, follow these steps:

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- Step 1** For each router in the PIM domain, configure whether that router should listen and forward Auto-RP messages. A router configured as either a candidate RP or an Auto-RP mapping agent will automatically listen to and forward all Auto-RP protocol messages, unless an interface is configured with the domain border feature. For more information, see the [“Configuring PIM Sparse Mode”](#) section on page 3-36.
- Step 2** Select the routers to act as mapping agents and candidate RPs.
- Step 3** Configure each mapping agent and candidate RP as described in this section.
- Step 4** Configure Auto-RP message filtering. See the [“Configuring Message Filtering”](#) section on page 3-52.
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**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip pim {send-rp-discovery | {auto-rp mapping-agent}} interface [scope ttl]**
3. **ip pim {send-rp-announce | {auto-rp rp-candidate}} interface group-list ip-prefix [scope ttl] [interval interval]**
4. (Optional) **show ip pim group-range [ip-prefix] [vrf vrf-name | all]**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

**DETAILED STEPS**

|        | Command   | Purpose   |
|--------|---|---|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#   | Enters configuration mode.  |
| Step 2 | <b>ip pim {send-rp-discovery   {auto-rp mapping-agent}} interface [scope ttl]</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim auto-rp mapping-agent ethernet 2/1 | Configures an Auto-RP mapping agent. The source IP address used in Auto-RP Discovery messages is the IP address of the interface. The default scope is 32. For parameter details, see <a href="#">Table 3-6</a> . |

|        | Command   | Purpose  |
|--------|---|--|
| Step 3 | <pre>ip pim {send-rp-announce   {auto-rp rp-candidate}} interface {group-list ip-prefix   route-map policy-name} [scope ttl] [interval interval]</pre> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>switch(config)# ip pim auto-rp rp-candidate ethernet 2/1 group-list 239.0.0.0/24</pre> | <p>Configures an Auto-RP candidate RP. The default scope is 32. The default interval is 60 seconds. By default, the command creates an ASM candidate RP. For parameter details, see <a href="#">Table 3-7</a>.</p> <p><b>Note</b> We recommend that you configure the candidate RP interval to a minimum of 15 seconds.</p> <p>The example configures an ASM candidate RP.</p> |
| Step 4 | <pre>show ip pim group-range [ip-prefix] [vrf vrf-name   all]</pre> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>switch(config)# show ip pim group-range</pre>   | (Optional) Displays PIM modes and group ranges.  |
| Step 5 | <pre>copy running-config startup-config</pre> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config</pre>  | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

## Configuring a PIM Anycast-RP Set

To configure a PIM Anycast-RP set, follow these steps:

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- Step 1** Select the routers in the PIM Anycast-RP set.
  - Step 2** Select an IP address for the PIM Anycast-RP set.
  - Step 3** Configure each peer RP in the PIM Anycast-RP set as described in this section.
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### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **interface loopback** *number*
3. **ip address** *ip-prefix*
4. **exit**
5. **ip pim anycast-rp** *anycast-rp-address anycast-rp-peer-address*
6. Repeat Step 5 using the same *anycast-rp* for each peer RP in the RP set
7. (Optional) **show ip pim group-range** [*ip-prefix*] [**vrf** *vrf-name* | **all**]
8. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command  | Purpose   |
|--------|--|---|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#  | Enters configuration mode.  |
| Step 2 | <b>interface loopback</b> <i>number</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# interface loopback 0   | Configures an interface loopback.<br>This example configures interface loopback 0.  |
| Step 3 | <b>ip address</b> <i>ip-prefix</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip address<br>192.0.2.3/32   | Configures an IP address for this interface.<br>This example configures an IP address for the Anycast-RP.   |
| Step 4 | <b>exit</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# exit   | Returns to configuration mode.  |
| Step 5 | <b>ip pim anycast-rp</b> <i>anycast-rp-address</i><br><i>anycast-rp-peer-address</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim anycast-rp<br>192.0.2.3 192.0.2.31 | Configures a PIM Anycast-RP peer address for the specified Anycast-RP address. Each command with the same Anycast-RP address forms an Anycast-RP set. The IP addresses of RPs are used for communication with RPs in the set. |
| Step 6 | Repeat Step 5 using the same Anycast-RP address for each peer RP in the Anycast-RP set.  | —   |
| Step 7 | <b>show ip pim group-range</b> [ <i>ip-prefix</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show ip pim group-range        | (Optional) Displays PIM modes and group ranges.   |
| Step 8 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config<br>startup-config  | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.   |

## Configuring Shared Trees Only for ASM

You can configure shared trees only on the last-hop router for Any Source Multicast (ASM) groups, which means that the router never switches over from the shared tree to the SPT when a receiver joins an active group. You can specify a group range where the use of shared trees is to be enforced with the **match ip multicast** command. This option does not affect the normal operation of the router when a source tree join-prune message is received.

The default is disabled, which means that the software can switch over to source trees.

**Note**

In ASM mode, only the last-hop router switches from the shared tree to the SPT.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip pim use-shared-tree-only group-list *policy-name***
3. (Optional) **show ip pim group-range [*ip-prefix*] [*vrf vrf-name* | **all**]**
4. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command   | Purpose  |
|--------|---|--|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#   | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 2 | <b>ip pim use-shared-tree-only group-list <i>policy-name</i></b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim<br>use-shared-tree-only group-list<br>my_group_policy | Builds only shared trees, which means that the software never switches over from the shared tree to the SPT. You specify a route-map policy name that lists the groups to use with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. By default, the software triggers a PIM (S, G) join toward the source when it receives multicast packets for a source for which it has the (*, G) state. |
| Step 3 | <b>show ip pim group-range [<i>ip-prefix</i>] [<i>vrf vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b>]</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show ip pim group-range                  | (Optional) Displays PIM modes and group ranges.  |
| Step 4 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config<br>startup-config   | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

## Configuring SSM

Source-Specific Multicast (SSM) is a multicast distribution mode where the software on the DR connected to a receiver that is requesting data for a multicast source builds a shortest path tree (SPT) to that source.



### Note

The Cisco NX-OS software does not support PIM SSM on vPCs. For more information about vPCs, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Interfaces Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

On an IPv4 network, a host can request multicast data for a specific source only if it is running IGMPv3 and the DR for that host is running IGMPv3. You will usually enable IGMPv3 when you configure an interface for PIM in the SSM mode. For hosts running IGMPv1 or IGMPv2, you can configure group to source mapping using SSM translation. For more information, see [Chapter 2, “Configuring IGMP.”](#)

You can configure the group range that is used by SSM by specifying values on the command line. By default, the SSM group range for PIM is 232.0.0.0/8.

You can specify a route-map policy name that lists the group prefixes to use with the **match ip multicast** command.

**Note**

If you want to use the default SSM group range, you do not need to configure the SSM group range.

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip pim ssm {range {ip-prefix | none} | route-map policy-name}**  
**no ip pim ssm {range {ip-prefix | none} | route-map policy-name}**
3. (Optional) **show ip pim group-range [ip-prefix] [vrf vrf-name | all]**
4. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

**DETAILED STEPS**

|        | Command   | Purpose   |
|--------|---|---|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#   | Enters configuration mode.  |
| Step 2 | <b>ip pim ssm range {ip-prefix   none}   route-map policy-name}</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim ssm range 239.128.1.0/24<br><br><b>no ip pim ssm {range {ip-prefix   none}   route-map policy-name}</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# no ip pim ssm range none | Configures up to four group ranges to be treated in SSM mode. You can specify a route-map policy name that lists the group prefixes to use with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. The default range is 232.0.0.0/8. If the keyword <b>none</b> is specified, all group ranges are removed.<br><br>Removes the specified prefix from the SSM range, or removes the route-map policy. If the keyword <b>none</b> is specified, resets the SSM range to the default of 232.0.0.0/8. |

|        | Command  | Purpose   |
|--------|--|---|
| Step 3 | <b>show ip pim group-range</b> [ <i>ip-prefix</i> ] [ <i>vrf vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show ip pim group-range | (Optional) Displays PIM modes and group ranges. |
| Step 4 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config                                     | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.         |

## Configuring RPF Routes for Multicast

You can define RPF routes for multicast when you want multicast data to diverge from the unicast traffic path. You can define RPF routes for multicast on border routers to enable reverse path forwarding (RPF) to an external network.

Multicast routes are used not to directly forward traffic but to make RPF checks. RPF routes for multicast cannot be redistributed. For more information about multicast forwarding, see the [“Multicast Forwarding”](#) section on page 1-4.

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip mroute** {*ip-addr mask* | *ip-prefix*} {*next-hop* | *nh-prefix* | *interface*} [*route-preference*] [**vrf** *vrf-name*]
3. (Optional) **show ip static-route** [**vrf** *vrf-name*]
4. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

### DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command  | Purpose  |
|--------|--|--|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#  | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 2 | <b>ip mroute</b> { <i>ip-addr mask</i>   <i>ip-prefix</i> } { <i>next-hop</i>   <i>nh-prefix</i>   <i>interface</i> } [ <i>route-preference</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip mroute 192.0.2.33/24 192.0.2.1 | Configures an RPF route for multicast for use in RPF calculations. Route preference values range from 1 to 255. The default preference is 1. |



|        | Command   | Purpose                                       |
|--------|---|---|
| Step 3 | <b>show ip static-route</b> [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show ip static-route | (Optional) Displays configured static routes. |
| Step 4 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config    | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.       |

## Configuring Route Maps to Control RP Information Distribution

You can configure route maps to help protect against some RP configuration errors and malicious attacks. You use route maps in commands that are described in the [“Configuring Message Filtering” section on page 3-52](#).

By configuring route maps, you can control distribution of RP information that is distributed throughout the network. You specify the BSRs or mapping agents to be listened to on each client router and the list of candidate RPs to be advertised (listened to) on each BSR and mapping agent to ensure that what is advertised is what you expect.



### Note

Only the **match ip multicast** command has an effect in the route map.

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **route-map** *map-name* [**permit** | **deny**] [*sequence-number*]
3. **match ip multicast** { {**rp** *ip-address* [**rp-type** *rp-type*] [**group** *ip-prefix*]} | {**group** *ip-prefix* [**rp** *ip-address* [**rp-type** *rp-type*]]}
4. (Optional) **show route-map**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command   | Purpose  |
|--------|---|--|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#   | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 2 | <b>route-map</b> <i>map-name</i> [ <b>permit</b>   <b>deny</b> ]<br>[ <i>sequence-number</i> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# route-map ASM_only<br>permit 10<br>switch(config-route-map)#   | Enters route-map configuration mode. This configuration method uses the <b>permit</b> keyword.   |
| Step 3 | <b>match ip multicast</b> { <b>rp</b> <i>ip-address</i><br>[ <b>rp-type</b> <i>rp-type</i> ]} [{ <b>group-range</b><br>{ <i>gaddr_start</i> to <i>gaddr_end</i> }   { <b>group</b><br><i>ip-prefix</i> } { <b>source</b> <i>source-ip-address</i> }]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# match ip multicast group<br>224.0.0.0/4 rp 0.0.0.0/0 rp-type ASM | Matches the group, RP, and RP type specified. You can specify the RP type (ASM). This configuration method requires the group and RP specified as shown in the examples. |
| Step 4 | <b>show route-map</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-route-map)# show route-map  | (Optional) Displays configured route maps.   |
| Step 5 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-route-map)# copy<br>running-config startup-config   | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

## Configuring Message Filtering

You can configure filtering of the PIM messages described in [Table 3-8](#).

**Table 3-8** PIM Message Filtering

| Message Type                | Description   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Global to the switch</b> |   |
| Log Neighbor changes        | Enables syslog messages that list the neighbor state changes to be generated. The default is disabled.  |
| PIM register policy         | Enables PIM register messages to be filtered based on a route-map policy <sup>1</sup> where you can specify group or group and source addresses with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. This policy applies to routers that act as an RP. The default is disabled, which means that the software does not filter PIM register messages. |

**Table 3-8 PIM Message Filtering (continued)**

| Message Type                 | Description   |
|------------------------------|---|
| BSR candidate RP policy      | Enables BSR candidate RP messages to be filtered by the router based on a route-map policy <sup>1</sup> where you can specify the RP and group addresses, and the type ASM with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. This command can be used on routers that are eligible for BSR election. The default is no filtering of BSR messages. |
| BSR policy                   | Enables BSR messages to be filtered by the BSR client routers based on a route-map policy <sup>1</sup> where you can specify BSR source addresses with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. This command can be used on client routers that listen to BSR messages. The default is no filtering of BSR messages.                          |
| Auto-RP candidate RP policy  | Enables Auto-RP announce messages to be filtered by the Auto-RP mapping agents based on a route-map policy <sup>1</sup> where you can specify the RP and group addresses, and the type ASM with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. This command can be used on a mapping agent. The default is no filtering of Auto-RP messages.        |
| Auto-RP mapping agent policy | Enables Auto-RP discover messages to be filtered by client routers based on a route-map policy <sup>1</sup> where you can specify mapping agent source addresses with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. This command can be used on client routers that listen to discover messages. The default is no filtering of Auto-RP messages.  |
| <b>Per switch interface</b>  |   |
| Join-prune policy            | Enables join-prune messages to be filtered based on a route-map policy <sup>1</sup> where you can specify group, group and source, or group and RP addresses with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. The default is no filtering of join-prune messages.  |

1. For information about configuring route-map policies, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

For information about configuring multicast route maps, see the [“Configuring Route Maps to Control RP Information Distribution”](#) section on page 3-51.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. (Optional) **ip pim log-neighbor-changes**
3. (Optional) **ip pim register-policy *policy-name***
4. (Optional) **ip pim bsr rp-candidate-policy *policy-name***
5. (Optional) **ip pim bsr bsr-policy *policy-name***
6. (Optional) **ip pim auto-rp rp-candidate-policy *policy-name***
7. (Optional) **ip pim auto-rp mapping-agent-policy *policy-name***

8. **interface** *interface*
9. **no switchport**
10. (Optional) **ip pim jp-policy** *policy-name* [**in** | **out**]
11. (Optional) **show run pim**
12. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command   | Purpose   |
|--------|---|---|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#   | Enters configuration mode.  |
| Step 2 | <b>ip pim log-neighbor-changes</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim<br>log-neighbor-changes   | (Optional) Enables syslog messages that list the neighbor state changes to be generated. The default is disabled.   |
| Step 3 | <b>ip pim register-policy</b> <i>policy-name</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim register-policy<br>my_register_policy                                     | (Optional) Enables PIM register messages to be filtered based on a route-map policy. You can specify group or group and source addresses with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command.  |
| Step 4 | <b>ip pim bsr rp-candidate-policy</b> <i>policy-name</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim bsr<br>rp-candidate-policy<br>my_bsr_rp_candidate_policy          | (Optional) Enables BSR candidate RP messages to be filtered by the router based on a route-map policy where you can specify the RP and group addresses, and the type ASM with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. This command can be used on routers that are eligible for BSR election. The default is no filtering of BSR messages. |
| Step 5 | <b>ip pim bsr bsr-policy</b> <i>policy-name</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim bsr bsr-policy<br>my_bsr_policy  | (Optional) Enables BSR messages to be filtered by the BSR client routers based on a route-map policy where you can specify BSR source addresses with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. This command can be used on client routers that listen to BSR messages. The default is no filtering of BSR messages.                          |
| Step 6 | <b>ip pim auto-rp rp-candidate-policy</b> <i>policy-name</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim auto-rp<br>rp-candidate-policy<br>my_auto_rp_candidate_policy | (Optional) Enables Auto-RP announce messages to be filtered by the Auto-RP mapping agents based on a route-map policy where you can specify the RP and group addresses, and the type ASM with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. This command can be used on a mapping agent. The default is no filtering of Auto-RP messages.        |

|         | Command   | Purpose   |
|---------|---|---|
| Step 7  | <b>ip pim auto-rp mapping-agent-policy</b> <i>policy-name</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim auto-rp<br>mapping-agent-policy<br>my_auto_rp_mapping_policy | (Optional) Enables Auto-RP discover messages to be filtered by client routers based on a route-map policy where you can specify mapping agent source addresses with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. This command can be used on client routers that listen to discover messages. The default is no filtering of Auto-RP messages.  |
| Step 8  | <b>interface</b> <i>interface</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1<br>switch(config-if)#  | Enters interface mode on the specified interface.   |
| Step 9  | <b>no switchport</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# no switchport   | Configures the interface as a Layer 3 routed interface.   |
| Step 10 | <b>ip pim jp-policy</b> <i>policy-name</i> [ <i>in</i>   <i>out</i> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# ip pim jp-policy<br>my_jp_policy                         | (Optional) Enables join-prune messages to be filtered based on a route-map policy where you can specify group, group and source, or group and RP addresses with the <b>match ip multicast</b> command. The default is no filtering of join-prune messages.<br><br>This command filters messages in both incoming and outgoing directions. |
| Step 11 | <b>show run pim</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# show run pim   | (Optional) Displays PIM configuration commands.   |
| Step 12 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-if)# copy running-config<br>startup-config  | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.   |

## Binding VRFs to vPCs

You can bind a virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instance to a virtual Port Channel (vPC) for the receivers in a non-vPC VLAN and the receivers connected to a Layer 3 interface to receive multicast traffic. The non-vPC VLANs represent the VLANs that are not trunked over a vPC peer-link.

You must create a VRF for vPC keepalive packets to prevent the vPC keep-alive link from being disrupted by the wrong routes learned through the dynamic routing protocol.



### Note

If you configure the **vpc bind-vrf** command to forward multicast traffic over the vPC peer link, you need to reload the switches to avoid any traffic loss.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have configured the vPC peers.

Ensure that you have configured a VRF.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **vpc bind-vrf vrf-name vlan vlan-id**
3. (Optional) **show vpc**
4. (Optional) **show running-configuration pim**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command or Action  | Purpose  |
|--------|--|--|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#                          | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 2 | <b>vpc bind-vrf vrf-name vlan vlan-id</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# vpc bind-vrf<br>vrf-keepalive vlan 100 | Binds a VRF instance to a vPC.<br><br><b>Note</b> You must use a reserved VLAN that is not already in use. |
| Step 3 | <b>show vpc</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show vpc   | (Optional) Shows the vPC configuration information.  |
| Step 4 | <b>show running-configuration pim</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show<br>running-configuration pim          | (Optional) Shows the running-configuration information for PIM, including the <b>feature</b> command.      |
| Step 5 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config<br>startup-config  | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

## Restarting the PIM Processes

You can restart the PIM process and optionally flush all routes. By default, routes are not flushed.

When routes are flushed, they are removed from the Multicast Routing Information Base (MRIB) and the Multicast Forwarding Information Base (MFIB).

When you restart PIM, the following tasks are performed:

- The PIM database is deleted.
- The MRIB and MFIB are unaffected and forwarding of traffic continues.
- The multicast route ownership is verified through the MRIB.
- Periodic PIM join and prune messages from neighbors are used to repopulate the database.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **restart pim**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip pim flush-routes**
4. (Optional) **show running-configuration pim**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command   | Purpose  |
|--------|---|--|
| Step 1 | <b>restart pim</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# restart pim  | Restarts the PIM process.  |
| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#                         | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 3 | <b>ip pim flush-routes</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip pim flush-routes                                  | Removes routes when the PIM process is restarted. By default, routes are not flushed.                  |
| Step 4 | <b>show running-configuration pim</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show<br>running-configuration pim         | (Optional) Shows the PIM running-configuration information, including the <b>flush-routes</b> command. |
| Step 5 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config<br>startup-config | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

# Verifying the PIM Configuration

To display the PIM configuration information, perform one of the following tasks:

| Command   | Purpose  |
|---|--|
| <b>show ip mroute</b> { <i>source group</i>   <i>group</i> [ <i>source</i> ]}<br>[ <i>vrf vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ] | Displays the IP multicast routing table.                                     |
| <b>show ip pim df</b> [ <i>vrf vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]  | Displays the designated forwarder (DF) information for each RP by interface. |

| Command  | Purpose  |
|--|--|
| <b>show ip pim group-range</b> [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>   all]                                     | Displays the learned or configured group ranges and modes. For similar information, see also the <b>show ip pim rp</b> command.  |
| <b>show ip pim interface</b> [ <i>interface</i>   brief] [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>   all]           | Displays information by the interface.   |
| <b>show ip pim neighbor</b> [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>   all]  | Displays neighbors by the interface.   |
| <b>show ip pim oif-list</b> group [ <i>source</i> ] [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>   all]                | Displays all the interfaces in the OIF-list.   |
| <b>show ip pim route</b> {source group   group [ <i>source</i> ] } [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>   all] | Displays information for each multicast route, including interfaces on which a PIM join for that (S, G) has been received.   |
| <b>show ip pim rp</b> [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>   all]  | Displays rendezvous points (RPs) known to the software, how they were learned, and their group ranges. For similar information, see also the <b>show ip pim group-range</b> command. |
| <b>show ip pim rp-hash</b> [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>   all]   | Displays the bootstrap router (BSR) RP hash information. For information about the RP hash, see <a href="#">RFC 5059</a> .   |
| <b>show running-configuration pim</b>  | Displays the running-configuration information.  |
| <b>show startup-configuration pim</b>  | Displays the running-configuration information.  |
| <b>show ip pim vrf</b> [ <i>vrf-name</i>   all] [detail]                                       | Displays per-VRF information.  |

For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Command Reference, Cisco NX-OS Releases 4.x, 5.x*.

## Displaying Statistics

You can display and clear PIM statistics by using the commands in this section.

This section has the following topics:

- [Displaying PIM Statistics, page 58](#)
- [Clearing PIM Statistics, page 59](#)

## Displaying PIM Statistics

You can display the PIM statistics and memory usage using the commands listed in [Table 3-9](#). Use the **show ip** form of the command for PIM.



**Table 3-9 PIM Statistics Commands**

| Command   | Description   |
|---|---|
| <b>show ip pim policy statistics</b>                      | Displays policy statistics for Register, RP, and join-prune message policies. |
| <b>show ip pim statistics</b> [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>   all] | Displays global statistics. If PIM is in vPC mode, displays vPC statistics.   |

For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Command Reference, Cisco NX-OS Releases 4.x, 5.x*.

## Clearing PIM Statistics

You can clear the PIM statistics using the commands listed in [Table 3-10](#). Use the **show ip** form of the command for PIM.

**Table 3-10 PIM Commands to Clear Statistics**

| Command  | Description   |
|--|---|
| <b>clear ip pim interface statistics</b> <i>interface</i>  | Clears counters for the specified interface.                              |
| <b>clear ip pim policy statistics</b>                      | Clears policy counters for Register, RP, and join-prune message policies. |
| <b>clear ip pim statistics</b> [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>   all] | Clears global counters handled by the PIM process.                        |

## Configuration Examples for PIM

This section describes how to configure PIM using different data distribution modes and RP selection methods.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuration Example for SSM, page 59](#)
- [Configuration Example for BSR, page 60](#)
- [Configuration Example for PIM Anycast-RP, page 61](#)

## Configuration Example for SSM

To configure PIM in SSM mode, follow these steps for each router in the PIM domain:

- Step 1** Configure PIM sparse mode parameters on the interfaces that you want to participate in the domain. We recommend that you enable PIM on all interfaces.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# ip pim sparse-mode
```

- Step 2** Configure the parameters for IGMP that support SSM. See [Chapter 2, “Configuring IGMP”](#) Usually, you configure IGMPv3 on PIM interfaces to support SSM.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# ip igmp version 3
```

- Step 3** Configure the SSM range if you do not want to use the default range.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip pim ssm range 239.128.1.0/24
```

- Step 4** Configure message filtering.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip pim log-neighbor-changes
```

---

This example shows how to configure PIM SSM mode:

```
configure terminal
interface ethernet 2/1
no switchport
ip pim sparse-mode
ip igmp version 3
exit
ip pim ssm range 239.128.1.0/24
ip pim log-neighbor-changes
```

## Configuration Example for BSR

To configure PIM in ASM mode using the BSR mechanism, follow these steps for each router in the PIM domain:

- Step 1** Configure PIM sparse mode parameters on the interfaces that you want to participate in the domain. We recommend that you enable PIM on all interfaces.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# ip pim sparse-mode
```

- Step 2** Configure whether that router should listen and forward BSR messages.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip pim bsr forward listen
```

- Step 3** Configure the BSR parameters for each router that you want to act as a BSR.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip pim bsr-candidate ethernet 2/1 hash-len 30
```

- Step 4** Configure the RP parameters for each router that you want to act as a candidate RP.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip pim rp-candidate ethernet 2/1 group-list 239.0.0.0/24
```

- Step 5** Configure message filtering.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip pim log-neighbor-changes
```

This example shows how to configure PIM ASM mode using the BSR mechanism and how to configure the BSR and RP on the same router:

```
configure terminal
  interface ethernet 2/1
    no switchport
    ip pim sparse-mode
  exit
ip pim bsr forward listen
ip pim bsr-candidate ethernet 2/1 hash-len 30
ip pim rp-candidate ethernet 2/1 group-list 239.0.0.0/24
ip pim log-neighbor-changes
```

## Configuration Example for PIM Anycast-RP

To configure ASM mode using the PIM Anycast-RP method, follow these steps for each router in the PIM domain:

- Step 1** Configure PIM sparse mode parameters on the interfaces that you want to participate in the domain. We recommend that you enable PIM on all interfaces.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# interface ethernet 2/1
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# ip pim sparse-mode
```

- Step 2** Configure the RP address that you configure on all routers in the Anycast-RP set.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# interface loopback 0
switch(config-if)# ip address 192.0.2.3/32
```

- Step 3** Configure a loopback with an address to use in communication between routers in the Anycast-RP set for each router that you want to be in the Anycast-RP set.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# interface loopback 1
switch(config-if)# ip address 192.0.2.31/32
```

- Step 4** Configure the Anycast-RP parameters and repeat with the IP address of each Anycast-RP for each router that you want to be in the Anycast-RP set. This example shows two Anycast-RPs.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip pim anycast-rp 192.0.2.3 193.0.2.31
switch(config)# ip pim anycast-rp 192.0.2.3 193.0.2.32
```

- Step 5** Configure message filtering.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip pim log-neighbor-changes
```

This example shows how to configure PIM ASM mode using two Anycast-RPs:

```
configure terminal
```

```

interface ethernet 2/1
  no switchport
  ip pim sparse-mode
  exit
interface loopback 0
  ip address 192.0.2.3/32
  exit
ip pim anycast-rp 192.0.2.3 192.0.2.31
ip pim anycast-rp 192.0.2.3 192.0.2.32
ip pim log-neighbor-changes

```

## Where to Go Next

You can configure the following features that work with PIM:

- [Chapter 2, “Configuring IGMP”](#)
- [Chapter 4, “Configuring IGMP Snooping”](#)
- [Chapter 5, “Configuring MSDP”](#)

## Additional References

For additional information related to implementing PIM, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 62](#)
- [Standards, page 62](#)
- [Appendix A, “IETF RFCs for IP Multicast”](#)

## Related Documents

| Related Topic    | Document Title  |
|------------------|---|
| CLI commands     | <i>Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Command Reference, Cisco NX-OS Releases 4.x, 5.x</i>       |
| Configuring VRFs | <i>Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.0</i> |

## Standards

| Standards   | Title |
|---|-------|
| No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature. | —     |



# Configuring IGMP Snooping

This chapter describes how to configure Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) snooping on a Cisco NX-OS switch.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Information About IGMP Snooping, page 63](#)
- [Licensing Requirements for IGMP Snooping, page 66](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations for IGMP Snooping, page 67](#)
- [Default Settings, page 67](#)
- [Configuring IGMP Snooping Parameters, page 68](#)
- [Verifying the IGMP Snooping Configuration, page 71](#)
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## Information About IGMP Snooping

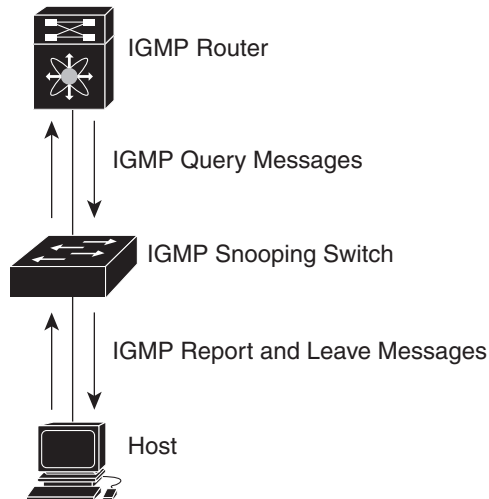


### Note

We recommend that you do not disable IGMP snooping on the switch. If you disable IGMP snooping, you may see reduced multicast performance because of excessive false flooding within the switch.

The Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) snooping software examines Layer 2 IP multicast traffic within a VLAN to discover the ports where interested receivers reside. Using the port information, IGMP snooping can reduce bandwidth consumption in a multi-access LAN environment to avoid flooding the entire VLAN. The IGMP snooping feature tracks which ports are attached to multicast-capable routers to help the routers forward IGMP membership reports. The IGMP snooping software responds to topology change notifications. By default, IGMP snooping is enabled on the switch.

[Figure 4-1](#) shows an IGMP snooping switch that sits between the host and the IGMP router. The IGMP snooping switch snoops the IGMP membership reports and Leave messages and forwards them only when necessary to the connected IGMP routers.

**Figure 4-1 IGMP Snooping Switch**

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The IGMP snooping software operates upon IGMPv1, IGMPv2, and IGMPv3 control plane packets where Layer 3 control plane packets are intercepted and influence the Layer 2 forwarding behavior.

For more information about IGMP, see [Chapter 2, “Configuring IGMP.”](#)

The Cisco NX-OS IGMP snooping software has the following proprietary features:

- Source filtering that allows forwarding of multicast packets based on destination and source IP.
- Multicast forwarding based on IP address rather than MAC address.
- Optimized multicast flooding (OMF) that forwards unknown traffic to routers only and performs no data driven state creation.

For more information about IGMP snooping, see [RFC 4541](#).

This section includes the following topics:

- [IGMPv1 and IGMPv2, page 64](#)
- [IGMPv3, page 65](#)
- [IGMP Snooping Querier, page 65](#)
- [IGMP Filtering on Router Ports, page 65](#)
- [IGMP Snooping on Virtual Port Channels, page 66](#)

## IGMPv1 and IGMPv2

Both IGMPv1 and IGMPv2 support membership report suppression, which means that if two hosts on the same subnet want to receive multicast data for the same group, then the host that receives a member report from the other host suppresses sending its report. Membership report suppression occurs for hosts that share a port.

If no more than one host is attached to each VLAN switch port, then you can configure the fast leave feature in IGMPv2. The fast leave feature does not send last member query messages to hosts. As soon as the software receives an IGMP leave message, the software stops forwarding multicast data to that port.

IGMPv1 does not provide an explicit IGMP leave message, so the software must rely on the membership message timeout to indicate that no hosts remain that want to receive multicast data for a particular group.

**Note**

The software ignores the configuration of the last member query interval when you enable the fast leave feature because it does not check for remaining hosts.

## IGMPv3

The IGMPv3 snooping implementation on Cisco NX-OS supports full IGMPv3 snooping, which provides constrained flooding based on the (S, G) information in the IGMPv3 reports. This source-based filtering enables the switch to constrain multicast traffic to a set of ports based on the source that sends traffic to the multicast group.

By default, the software tracks hosts on each VLAN port. The explicit tracking feature provides a fast leave mechanism. Because every IGMPv3 host sends membership reports, report suppression limits the amount of traffic that the switch sends to other multicast-capable routers. When report suppression is enabled, and no IGMPv1 or IGMPv2 hosts requested the same group, the software provides proxy reporting. The proxy feature builds the group state from membership reports from the downstream hosts and generates membership reports in response to queries from upstream queriers.

Even though the IGMPv3 membership reports provide a full accounting of group members on a LAN segment, when the last host leaves, the software sends a membership query. You can configure the parameter last member query interval. If no host responds before the timeout, the software removes the group state.

## IGMP Snooping Querier

When PIM is not enabled on an interface because the multicast traffic does not need to be routed, you must configure an IGMP snooping querier to send membership queries. You define the querier in a VLAN that contains multicast sources and receivers but no other active querier.

When an IGMP snooping querier is enabled, it sends out periodic IGMP queries that trigger IGMP report messages from hosts that want to receive IP multicast traffic. IGMP snooping listens to these IGMP reports to establish appropriate forwarding.

## IGMP Filtering on Router Ports

IGMP filtering allows users to configure a router port on the switch that leads the switch to a Layer 3 multicast switch. The switch stores all manually configured static router ports in its router port list.

When an IGMP packet is received, the switch forwards the traffic through the router port in the VLAN. The switch recognizes a port as a router port through the PIM hello message or the IGMP query received by the switch.

IGMP filtering is typically used in a virtual port channel (vPC) topology or in a small network with a simple topology where the network traffic is predictable.

## IGMP Snooping on Virtual Port Channels

IGMP snooping on a vPC switch is determined by the vPC peer link that receives an IGMP report or query. The multicast control packets required for IGMP snooping need to be seen by IGMP in both the vPC switches.

When an IGMP report or query is received by the vPC peer link on a non-vPC port, the vPC peer link on the switch acts as an output interface (OIF) for a multicast group or router port and floods the packet on the vPC peer link, vPC links, and non-vPC links using Cisco Fabric Services (CFS), which means that the individual packets are encapsulated as CFS packets and sent over the vPC peer link. The peer vPC switch that receives this packet on the vPC peer link floods it on all non-vPC links and adds the peer link to the router port list.

When an IGMP report or query is received by the vPC peer link on a vPC port, the vPC port acts as the router port list and the switch floods the packet on the vPC link, vPC peer link, and non-vPC links using CFS. The peer vPC switch that receives this packet on the vPC peer link floods it on all non-vPC links and adds the vPC port to the router port list. If the vPC port is down, the IGMP snooping software on the switch forwards the packet to the vPC peer link and the peer vPC switch then forwards the packets to all VLANs.

When IGMP snooping on a vPC switch goes down or is not enabled, the IGMP report or query is sent through the vPC peer link to the peer vPC switch that is running IGMP snooping. The vPC peer link is set as an OIF for a multicast group or router port.

If switch virtual interfaces (SVIs) are enabled on the VLANs of the vPC peers, each vPC peer acts as a designated router (DR) to forward the multicast traffic. If the vPC peer link fails, the SVIs and vPC peer links on the vPC secondary switch also goes down. The primary vPC switch then forwards all traffic.

## IGMP Snooping with VRFs

You can define multiple virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instances. An IGMP process supports all VRFs.

You can use the **show** commands with a VRF argument to provide a context for the information displayed. The default VRF is used if no VRF argument is supplied.

For information about configuring VRFs, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

## Licensing Requirements for IGMP Snooping

The following table shows the licensing requirements for this feature:

| Product     | License Requirement  |
|-------------|--|
| Cisco NX-OS | IGMP snooping requires no license. Any feature not included in a license package is bundled with the Cisco NX-OS system images and is provided at no extra charge to you. For a complete explanation of the Cisco NX-OS licensing scheme, see the <i>Cisco NX-OS Licensing Guide</i> . |
|             | <b>Note</b> Make sure the LAN Base Services license is installed on the switch to enable the Layer 3 interfaces.   |



## Prerequisites for IGMP Snooping

IGMP snooping has the following prerequisites:

- You are logged onto the switch.
- For global commands, you are in the correct virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) mode. The default configuration mode shown in the examples in this chapter applies to the default VRF.

## Guidelines and Limitations for IGMP Snooping

IGMP snooping has the following guidelines and limitations:

- If you are configuring vPC peers, the differences in the IGMP snooping configuration options between the two switches have the following results:
  - If IGMP snooping is enabled on one switch but not the other, then the switch on which snooping is disabled floods all multicast traffic.
  - A difference in multicast router or static group configuration can cause traffic loss.
  - The fast leave, explicit tracking, and report suppression options can differ if they are used for forwarding traffic.
  - If a query parameter is different between the switches, one switch expires the multicast state faster while the other switch continues to forward. This difference results in either traffic loss or forwarding for an extended period.
  - If an IGMP snooping querier is configured on both switches, only one of them will be active because an IGMP snooping querier shuts down if a query is seen in the traffic.
  - A vPC peer link is a valid link for IGMP multicast forwarding.
  - If the vPC link on a switch is configured as an output interface (OIF) for a multicast group or router port, the vPC link on the peer switch must also be configured as an output interface for a multicast group or router port.
  - In SVI VLANs, the vPC peers must have the multicast forwarding state configured for the vPC VLANs to forward multicast traffic directly through the vPC link instead of the peer link.
  - Fabric Extenders do not support mrouter ports.
- On Cisco Nexus 5548 switch, multicast traffic to groups in the range [225-239].0.0.x should not be used as there will be no S, G, or multicast MAC addresses learned for these groups. For example, use group 225.0.1.10 instead of group 225.0.0.10.

## Default Settings

Table 4-1 lists the default settings for IGMP snooping parameters.

**Table 4-1** Default IGMP Snooping Parameters

| Parameters        | Default |
|-------------------|---------|
| IGMP snooping     | Enabled |
| Explicit tracking | Enabled |

**Table 4-1** Default IGMP Snooping Parameters (continued)

| Parameters                                      | Default  |
|---|----------|
| Fast leave                                      | Disabled |
| Last member query interval                      | 1 second |
| Snooping querier                                | Disabled |
| Report suppression                              | Enabled  |
| Link-local groups suppression                   | Enabled  |
| IGMPv3 report suppression for the entire switch | Disabled |
| IGMPv3 report suppression per VLAN              | Enabled  |

## Configuring IGMP Snooping Parameters

To affect the operation of the IGMP snooping process, you can configure the optional IGMP snooping parameters described in [Table 4-2](#).

**Table 4-2** IGMP Snooping Parameters

| Parameter                  | Description   |
|----------------------------|---|
| IGMP snooping              | Enables IGMP snooping on the switch or on a per-VLAN basis. The default is enabled.<br><br><b>Note</b> If the global setting is disabled, then all VLANs are treated as disabled, whether they are enabled or not.  |
| Explicit tracking          | Tracks IGMPv3 membership reports from individual hosts for each port on a per-VLAN basis. The default is enabled.   |
| Fast leave                 | Enables the software to remove the group state when it receives an IGMP Leave report without sending an IGMP query message. This parameter is used for IGMPv2 hosts when no more than one host is present on each VLAN port. The default is disabled.   |
| Last member query interval | Sets the interval that the software waits after sending an IGMP query to verify that no hosts that want to receive a particular multicast group remain on a network segment. If no hosts respond before the last member query interval expires, the software removes the group from the associated VLAN port. Values range from 1 to 25 seconds. The default is 1 second. |
| Snooping querier           | Configures a snooping querier on an interface when you do not enable PIM because multicast traffic does not need to be routed.  |
| Report suppression         | Limits the membership report traffic sent to multicast-capable routers on the switch or on a per-VLAN basis. When you disable report suppression, all IGMP reports are sent as is to multicast-capable routers. The default is enabled.   |
| Multicast router           | Configures a static connection to a multicast router. The interface to the router must be in the selected VLAN.   |

**Table 4-2 IGMP Snooping Parameters (continued)**

| Parameter                     | Description  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Static group                  | Configures a Layer 2 port of a VLAN as a static member of a multicast group.   |
| Link-local groups suppression | Configures link-local groups suppression on the switch or on a per-VLAN basis. The default is enabled.   |
| IGMPv3 report suppression     | Configures IGMPv3 report suppression and proxy reporting on the switch or on a per-VLAN basis. The default is disabled for the entire switch and enabled per VLAN. |

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip igmp snooping**
3. **vlan *vlan-id***
4. **ip igmp snooping**  
**ip igmp snooping explicit-tracking**  
**ip igmp snooping fast-leave**  
**ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval *seconds***  
**ip igmp snooping querier *ip-address***  
**ip igmp snooping report-suppression**  
**ip igmp snooping mrouter interface *interface***  
**ip igmp snooping static-group *group-ip-addr* [source *source-ip-addr*] interface *interface***  
**ip igmp snooping link-local-groups-suppression**  
**ip igmp snooping v3-report-suppression**  
**no ip igmp snooping mrouter vpc-peer-link**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

**DETAILED STEPS**

|        | Command   | Purpose   |
|--------|---|---|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#   | Enters configuration mode.  |
| Step 2 | <b>ip igmp snooping</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip igmp snooping                  | Enables IGMP snooping. The default is enabled.<br><br><b>Note</b> If the global setting is disabled with the <b>no</b> form of this command, then IGMP snooping on all VLANs is disabled, whether IGMP snooping is enabled on a VLAN or not. If you disable IGMP snooping, Layer 2 multicast frames flood to all modules. |
| Step 3 | <b>vlan <i>vlan-id</i></b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# vlan 2<br>switch(config-vlan)# | Enters VLAN configuration mode.   |

| Step 4 | Command  | Purpose  |
|--------|--|--|
|        | <b>ip igmp snooping</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-vlan)# ip igmp snooping  | Enables IGMP snooping for the current VLAN. The default is enabled.  |
|        | <b>ip igmp snooping explicit-tracking</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-vlan)# ip igmp snooping explicit-tracking  | Tracks IGMPv3 membership reports from individual hosts for each port on a per-VLAN basis. The default is enabled on all VLANs.   |
|        | <b>ip igmp snooping fast-leave</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-vlan)# ip igmp snooping fast-leave  | Supports IGMPv2 hosts that cannot be explicitly tracked because of the host report suppression mechanism of the IGMPv2 protocol. When you enable fast leave, the IGMP software assumes that no more than one host is present on each VLAN port. The default is disabled for all VLANs.                                 |
|        | <b>ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval seconds</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-vlan)# ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval 3  | Removes the group from the associated VLAN port if no hosts respond to an IGMP query message before the last member query interval expires. Values range from 1 to 25 seconds. The default is 1 second.  |
|        | <b>ip igmp snooping querier ip-address</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-vlan)# ip igmp snooping querier 172.20.52.106   | Configures a snooping querier when you do not enable PIM because multicast traffic does not need to be routed. The IP address is used as the source in messages.   |
|        | <b>ip igmp snooping report-suppression</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-vlan)# ip igmp snooping report-suppression  | Limits the membership report traffic sent to multicast-capable routers. When you disable report suppression, all IGMP reports are sent as is to multicast-capable routers. The default is enabled.<br><br><b>Note</b> This command can also be entered in global configuration mode to affect all interfaces.          |
|        | <b>ip igmp snooping mrouter interface interface</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-vlan)# ip igmp snooping mrouter interface ethernet 2/1   | Configures a static connection to a multicast router. The interface to the router must be in the selected VLAN. You can specify the interface by the type and the number, such as <b>ethernet slot/port</b> .<br><br><b>Note</b> If this is a QSFP+ GEM, the <i>slot/port</i> syntax is <i>slot/QSFP-module/port</i> . |
|        | <b>ip igmp snooping static-group group-ip-addr [source source-ip-addr] interface interface</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-vlan)# ip igmp snooping static-group 230.0.0.1 interface ethernet 2/1 | Configures a Layer 2 port of a VLAN as a static member of a multicast group. You can specify the interface by the type and the number, such as <b>ethernet slot/port</b> .<br><br><b>Note</b> If this is a QSFP+ GEM, the <i>slot/port</i> syntax is <i>slot/QSFP-module/port</i> .                                    |
|        | <b>ip igmp snooping link-local-groups-suppression</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-vlan)# ip igmp snooping link-local-groups-suppression  | Configures link-local groups suppression. The default is enabled.<br><br><b>Note</b> This command can also be entered in global configuration mode to affect all interfaces.   |

| Command  | Purpose   |
|--|---|
| <b>ip igmp snooping v3-report-suppression</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config-vlan)# ip igmp snooping v3-report-suppression  | Configures IGMPv3 report suppression and proxy reporting. The default is disabled for the global command for the entire switch and enabled per VLAN.<br><br><b>Note</b> This command can also be entered in global configuration mode to affect all interfaces. |
| <b>no ip igmp snooping mrouter vpc-peer-link</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# no ip igmp snooping mrouter vpc-peer-link | Sends multicast traffic over a vPC peer-link to each receiver VLAN that does not have orphan ports.   |
| <b>Step 5</b> <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.   |

## Verifying the IGMP Snooping Configuration

To display the IGMP snooping configuration information, perform one of the following tasks:

| Command  | Purpose   |
|--|---|
| <b>show ip igmp snooping [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>]</b>   | Displays IGMP snooping configuration by VLAN.                 |
| <b>show ip igmp snooping groups [source [group]   group [source]] [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>] [detail]</b> | Displays IGMP snooping information about groups by VLAN.      |
| <b>show ip igmp snooping querier [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>]</b>   | Displays IGMP snooping queriers by VLAN.                      |
| <b>show ip igmp snooping mroute [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>]</b>  | Displays multicast router ports by VLAN.                      |
| <b>show ip igmp snooping explicit-tracking [vlan <i>vlan-id</i>]</b>                                 | Displays IGMP snooping explicit tracking information by VLAN. |

For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Command Reference, Cisco NX-OS Releases 4.x, 5.x*.

## Displaying IGMP Snooping Statistics

Use the **show ip igmp snooping statistics vlan** command to display IGMP snooping statistics. You can see the virtual port channel (vPC) statistics in this output.

Use the **clear ip igmp snooping statistics vlan** command to clear IGMP snooping statistics.

For detailed information about using these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Command Reference, Cisco NX-OS Releases 4.x, 5.x*.

# Configuration Examples for IGMP Snooping

This example shows how to configure the IGMP snooping parameters:

```
configure terminal
 ip igmp snooping
 vlan 2
   ip igmp snooping
   ip igmp snooping explicit-tracking
   ip igmp snooping fast-leave
   ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval 3
   ip igmp snooping querier 172.20.52.106
   ip igmp snooping report-suppression
   ip igmp snooping mrouter interface ethernet 2/1
   ip igmp snooping static-group 230.0.0.1 interface ethernet 2/1
   ip igmp snooping link-local-groups-suppression
   ip igmp snooping v3-report-suppression
 no ip igmp snooping mrouter vpc-peer-link
```

## Where to Go Next

You can enable the following features that work with PIM:

- [Chapter 2, “Configuring IGMP”](#)
- [Chapter 5, “Configuring MSDP”](#)

## Additional References

For additional information related to implementing IGMP snooping, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 72](#)
- [Standards, page 72](#)

## Related Documents

| Related Topic | Document Title   |
|---------------|--|
| CLI commands  | <i>Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Command Reference, Cisco NX-OS Releases 4.x, 5.x, 6.x</i> |

## Standards

| Standards   | Title |
|---|-------|
| No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature. | —     |



## Configuring MSDP

This chapter describes how to configure Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP) on a Cisco NX-OS switch.

This chapter includes the following sections:

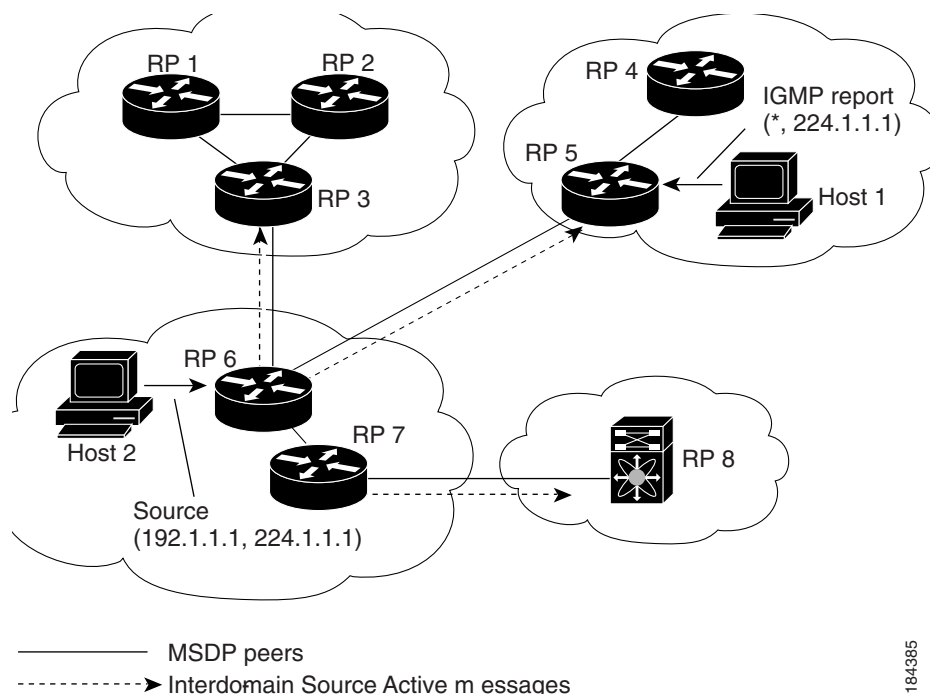
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## Information About MSDP

You can use MSDP to exchange multicast source information between multiple BGP-enabled Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) sparse-mode domains. For information about PIM, see [Chapter 3, “Configuring PIM.”](#) For information about BGP, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

When a receiver for a group matches the group transmitted by a source in another domain, the rendezvous point (RP) sends PIM join messages in the direction of the source to build a shortest path tree. The designated router (DR) sends packets on the source-tree within the source domain, which may travel through the RP in the source domain and along the branches of the source-tree to other domains. In domains where there are receivers, RPs in those domains can be on the source-tree. The peering relationship is conducted over a TCP connection.

[Figure 5-1](#) shows four PIM domains. The connected RPs (routers) are called MSDP peers because each RP maintains its own set of multicast sources. Source host 1 sends the multicast data to group 224.1.1.1. On RP 6, the MSDP process learns about the source through PIM register messages and generates Source-Active (SA) messages to its MSDP peers that contain information about the sources in its domain. When RP 3 and RP 5 receive the SA messages, they forward them to their MSDP peers. When RP 5 receives the request from host 2 for the multicast data on group 224.1.1.1, it builds a shortest path tree to the source by sending a PIM join message in the direction of host 1 at 192.1.1.1.

**Figure 5-1** MSDP Peering Between RPs in Different PIM Domains

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When you configure MSDP peering between each RP, you create a full mesh. Full MSDP meshing is typically done within an autonomous system, as shown between RPs 1, 2, and 3, but not across autonomous systems. You use BGP to do loop suppression and MSDP peer-RPF to suppress looping SA messages. For more information about mesh groups, see the “[MSDP Mesh Groups](#)” section on [page 5-75](#).

**Note**

You do not need to configure MSDP in order to use Anycast-RP (a set of RPs that can perform load balancing and failover) within a PIM domain. For more information, see the “[Configuring a PIM Anycast-RP Set](#)” section on [page 3-46](#).

For detailed information about MSDP, see [RFC 3618](#).

This section includes the following topics:

- [SA Messages and Caching](#), [page 74](#)
- [MSDP Peer-RPF Forwarding](#), [page 75](#)
- [MSDP Mesh Groups](#), [page 75](#)
- [Virtualization Support](#), [page 75](#)

## SA Messages and Caching

MSDP peers exchange Source-Active (SA) messages that the MSDP software uses to propagate information about active sources. SA messages contain the following information:

- Source address of the data source
- Group address that the data source uses



- IP address of the RP or the configured originator ID

When a PIM register message advertises a new source, the MSDP process reencapsulates the message in an SA message that is immediately forwarded to all MSDP peers.

The SA cache holds the information for all sources learned through SA messages. Caching reduces the join latency for new receivers of a group because the information for all known groups can be found in the cache. You can limit the number of cached source entries by configuring the SA limit peer parameter. You can limit the number of cached source entries for a specific group prefix by configuring the group limit global parameter.

The MSDP software sends SA messages for each group in the SA cache every 60 seconds or at the configured SA interval global parameter. An entry in the SA cache is removed if an SA message for that source and group is not received within SA interval plus 3 seconds.

## MSDP Peer-RPF Forwarding

MSDP peers forward the SA messages that they receive away from the originating RP. This action is called peer-RPF flooding. The router examines the BGP routing table to determine which peer is the next hop in the direction of the originating RP of the SA message. This peer is called a reverse path forwarding (RPF) peer.

If the MSDP peer receives the same SA message from a non-RPF peer in the direction of the originating RP, it drops the message. Otherwise, it forwards the message to all its MSDP peers.

## MSDP Mesh Groups

You can use MSDP mesh groups to reduce the number of SA messages that are generated by peer-RPF flooding. In [Figure 5-1](#), RPs 1, 2, and 3 receive SA messages from RP 6. By configuring a peering relationship between all the routers in a mesh and then configuring a mesh group of these routers, the SA messages that originate at a peer are sent by that peer to all other peers. SA messages received by peers in the mesh are not forwarded. An SA message that originates at RP 3 is forwarded to RP 1 and RP 2, but these RPs do not forward those messages to other RPs in the mesh.

A router can participate in multiple mesh groups. By default, no mesh groups are configured.

## Virtualization Support

You can define multiple virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instances. The MSDP configuration applies to the selected VRF.

You can use the **show** commands with a VRF argument to provide a context for the information displayed. The default VRF is used if no VRF argument is supplied.

For information about configuring VRFs, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

## Licensing Requirements for MSDP

The following table shows the licensing requirements for this feature:

| Product     | License Requirement  |
|-------------|--|
| Cisco NX-OS | MSDP requires a LAN Base Services license. For a complete explanation of the Cisco NX-OS licensing scheme and how to obtain and apply licenses, see the <i>Cisco NX-OS Licensing Guide</i> . |

## Prerequisites for MSDP

MSDP has the following prerequisites:

- You are logged onto the switch.
- For global commands, you are in the correct virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) mode. The default configuration mode shown in the examples in this chapter applies to the default VRF.
- You configured PIM for the networks where you want to configure MSDP.
- You configured BGP for the PIM domains where you want to configure MSDP.

## Default Settings

[Table 5-1](#) lists the default settings for MSDP parameters.

**Table 5-1**      **Default MSDP Parameters**

| Parameters                | Default  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Description               | Peer has no description                        |
| Administrative shutdown   | Peer is enabled when it is defined             |
| MD5 password              | No MD5 password is enabled                     |
| SA policy IN              | All SA messages are received                   |
| SA policy OUT             | All registered sources are sent in SA messages |
| SA limit                  | No limit is defined                            |
| Originator interface name | RP address of the local system                 |
| Group limit               | No group limit is defined                      |
| SA interval               | 60 seconds                                     |

## Configuring MSDP

You can establish MSDP peering by configuring the MSDP peers within each PIM domain.

To configure MSDP peering, follow these steps:

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- Step 1**      Select the routers to act as MSDP peers.
- Step 2**      Enable the MSDP feature. See the [“Enabling the MSDP Feature”](#) section on page 5-77.
- Step 3**      Configure the MSDP peers for each router identified in Step 1. See the [“Configuring MSDP Peers”](#) section on page 5-78.

- Step 4** Configure the optional MSDP peer parameters for each MSDP peer. See the “[Configuring MSDP Peer Parameters](#)” section on page 5-79.
- Step 5** Configure the optional global parameters for each MSDP peer. See the “[Configuring MSDP Global Parameters](#)” section on page 5-82.
- Step 6** Configure the optional mesh groups for each MSDP peer. See the “[Configuring MSDP Mesh Groups](#)” section on page 5-83.
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**Note**

The MSDP commands that you enter before you enable MSDP are cached and then run when MSDP is enabled. Use the **ip msdp peer** or **ip msdp originator-id** command to enable MSDP.

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This section includes the following topics:

- [Enabling the MSDP Feature, page 77](#)
- [Configuring MSDP Peers, page 78](#)
- [Configuring MSDP Peer Parameters, page 79](#)
- [Configuring MSDP Global Parameters, page 82](#)
- [Configuring MSDP Mesh Groups, page 83](#)
- [Restarting the MSDP Process, page 84](#)

**Note**

If you are familiar with the Cisco IOS CLI, be aware that the Cisco NX-OS commands for this feature might differ from the Cisco IOS commands that you would use.

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## Enabling the MSDP Feature

Before you can access the MSDP commands, you must enable the MSDP feature.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **feature msdp**
3. (Optional) **show running-configuration | grep *feature***
4. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command   | Purpose   |
|--------|---|---|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#                               | Enters configuration mode.  |
| Step 2 | <b>feature msdp</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# feature msdp  | Enables the MSDP feature so that you can enter MSDP commands. By default, the MSDP feature is disabled. |
| Step 3 | <b>show running-configuration   grep feature</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# show running-configuration  <br>grep feature | (Optional) Shows <b>feature</b> commands that you specified.  |
| Step 4 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config<br>startup-config       | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.   |

## Configuring MSDP Peers

You can configure an MSDP peer when you configure a peering relationship with each MSDP peer that resides either within the current PIM domain or in another PIM domain. MSDP is enabled on the router when you configure the first MSDP peering relationship.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM and MSDP.

Ensure that you configured BGP and PIM in the domains of the routers that you will configure as MSDP peers.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip msdp peer peer-ip-address connect-source interface [remote-as as-number]**
3. Repeat Step 2 for each MSDP peering relationship.
4. (Optional) **show ip msdp summary [vrf vrf-name | known-vrf-name | all]**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command  | Purpose  |
|--------|--|--|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#  | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 2 | <b>ip msdp peer</b> <i>peer-ip-address</i><br><b>connect-source</b> <i>interface</i> [ <b>remote-as</b> <i>as-number</i> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp peer<br>192.168.1.10 connect-source ethernet 2/1<br>remote-as 8 | Configures an MSDP peer with the specified peer IP address. The software uses the source IP address of the interface for the TCP connection with the peer. The interface can take the form of <i>type slot/port</i> . If the AS number is the same as the local AS, then the peer is within the PIM domain; otherwise, this peer is external to the PIM domain. By default, MSDP peering is disabled.<br><br><b>Note</b> MSDP peering is enabled when you use this command.<br><br><b>Note</b> If this is a QSFP+ GEM, the <i>slot/port</i> syntax is <i>slot/QSFP-module/port</i> . |
| Step 3 | Repeat Step 2 for each MSDP peering relationship by changing the peer IP address, the interface, and the AS number as appropriate.   | —  |
| Step 4 | <b>show ip msdp summary</b> [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# show ip msdp summary   | (Optional) Displays a summary of MDSP peers.   |
| Step 5 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config<br>startup-config  | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

## Configuring MSDP Peer Parameters

You can configure the optional MSDP peer parameters described in [Table 5-2](#). You configure these parameters in global configuration mode for each peer based on its IP address.

**Table 5-2** *MSDP Peer Parameters*

| Parameter               | Description   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Description             | Description string for the peer. By default, the peer has no description.   |
| Administrative shutdown | Method to shut down the MSDP peer. The configuration settings are not affected by this command. You can use this parameter to allow configuration of multiple parameters to occur before making the peer active. The TCP connection with other peers is terminated by the shutdown. By default, a peer is enabled when it is defined. |
| MD5 password            | MD5-shared password key used for authenticating the peer. By default, no MD5 password is enabled.   |
| SA policy IN            | Route-map policy <sup>1</sup> for incoming SA messages. By default, all SA messages are received.   |
| SA policy OUT           | Route-map policy <sup>1</sup> for outgoing SA messages. By default, all registered sources are sent in SA messages.   |
| SA limit                | Number of (S, G) entries accepted from the peer and stored in the SA cache. By default, there is no limit.  |

1. To configure route-map policies, see the *Cisco Nexus 5500 Series NX-OS Unicast Routing Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

For information about configuring multicast route maps, see the “[Configuring Route Maps to Control RP Information Distribution](#)” section on page 3-51.

**Note**

For information about configuring mesh groups, see the “[Configuring MSDP Mesh Groups](#)” section on page 5-83.

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM and MSDP.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip msdp description** *peer-ip-address string*  
**ip msdp shutdown** *peer-ip-address*  
**ip msdp password** *peer-ip-address password*  
**ip msdp sa-policy** *peer-ip-address policy-name in*  
**ip msdp sa-policy** *peer-ip-address policy-name out*  
**ip msdp sa-limit** *peer-ip-address limit*
3. (Optional) **show ip msdp peer** [*peer-address*] [**vrf** *vrf-name* | *known-vrf-name* | **all**]
4. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command   | Purpose  |
|--------|---|--|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#   | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 2 | <b>ip msdp description</b> <i>peer-ip-address</i> <i>string</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp description<br>192.168.1.10 peer in Engineering network           | Sets a description string for the peer. By default, the peer has no description.                                 |
|        | <b>ip msdp shutdown</b> <i>peer-ip-address</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp shutdown<br>192.168.1.10   | Shuts down the peer. By default, the peer is enabled when it is defined.   |
|        | <b>ip msdp password</b> <i>peer-ip-address</i> <i>password</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp password<br>192.168.1.10 my_md5_password                           | Enables an MD5 password for the peer. By default, no MD5 password is enabled.                                    |
|        | <b>ip msdp sa-policy</b> <i>peer-ip-address</i> <i>policy-name</i> <b>in</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp sa-policy<br>192.168.1.10 my_incoming_sa_policy in   | Enables a route-map policy for incoming SA messages. By default, all SA messages are received.                   |
|        | <b>ip msdp sa-policy</b> <i>peer-ip-address</i> <i>policy-name</i> <b>out</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp sa-policy<br>192.168.1.10 my_outgoing_sa_policy out | Enables a route-map policy for outgoing SA messages. By default, all registered sources are sent in SA messages. |
|        | <b>ip msdp sa-limit</b> <i>peer-ip-address</i> <i>limit</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp sa-limit<br>192.168.1.10 5000   | Sets a limit on the number of (S, G) entries accepted from the peer. By default, there is no limit.              |
| Step 3 | <b>show ip msdp peer</b> [ <i>peer-address</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# show ip msdp peer 1.1.1.1    | (Optional) Displays detailed MDSP peer information.  |
| Step 4 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config<br>startup-config   | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

## Configuring MSDP Global Parameters

You can configure the optional MSDP global parameters described in [Table 5-3](#).

**Table 5-3** *MSDP Global Parameters*

| Parameter                 | Description  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Originator interface name | IP address used in the RP field of an SA message entry. When Anycast RPs are used, all RPs use the same IP address. You can use this parameter to define a unique IP address for the RP of each MSDP peer. By default, the software uses the RP address of the local system.<br><br><b>Note</b> We recommend that you use a loopback interface for the RP address. |
| Group limit               | Maximum number of (S, G) entries that the software creates for the specified prefix. The software ignores groups when the group limit is exceeded and logs a violation. By default, no group limit is defined.   |
| SA interval               | Interval at which the software transmits Source-Active (SA) messages. The range is from 60 to 65,535 seconds. The default is 60 seconds.   |

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM and MSDP.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip msdp originator-id** *interface*  
**ip msdp group-limit** *limit source source-prefix*  
**ip msdp sa-interval** *seconds*
3. (Optional) **show ip msdp summary** [**vrf** *vrf-name* | *known-vrf-name* | **all**]
4. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**



## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command  | Purpose  |
|--------|--|--|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#  | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 2 | <b>ip msdp originator-id interface</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp originator-id loopback0                               | Sets the IP address used in the RP field of an SA message entry. The interface can take any form accepted by the platform. By default, the software uses the RP address of the local system.<br><br><b>Note</b> We recommend that you use a loopback interface for the RP address. |
|        | <b>ip msdp group-limit limit source source-prefix</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp group-limit 1000 source 192.168.1.0/24 | Maximum number of (S, G) entries that the software creates for the specified prefix. The software ignores groups when the group limit is exceeded and logs a violation. By default, no group limit is defined.   |
|        | <b>ip msdp sa-interval seconds</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp sa-interval 80  | Interval at which the software transmits Source-Active (SA) messages. The range is from 60 to 65,535 seconds. The default is 60 seconds.   |
| Step 3 | <b>show ip msdp summary [vrf vrf-name   known-vrf-name   all]</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# show ip msdp summary                       | (Optional) Displays a summary of the MSDP configuration.   |
| Step 4 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config                         | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

## Configuring MSDP Mesh Groups

You can configure optional MDSP mesh groups in global configuration mode by specifying each peer in the mesh. You can configure multiple mesh groups on the same router and multiple peers per mesh group.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM and MSDP.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **ip msdp mesh-group peer-ip-addr mesh-name**
3. Repeat Step 2 for each MSDP peer in the mesh.
4. (Optional) **show ip msdp mesh-group [mesh-group] [vrf vrf-name | known-vrf-name | all]**

5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command  | Purpose  |
|--------|--|--|
| Step 1 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#  | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 2 | <b>ip msdp mesh-group</b> <i>peer-ip-addr</i> <i>mesh-name</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp mesh-group 192.168.1.10 my_mesh_1                                 | Configures an MSDP mesh with the peer IP address specified. You can configure multiple meshes on the same router and multiple peers per mesh group. By default, no mesh groups are configured. |
| Step 3 | Repeat Step 2 for each MSDP peer in the mesh by changing the peer IP address.  | —  |
| Step 4 | <b>show ip msdp mesh-group</b> [ <i>mesh-group</i> ]<br>[ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]<br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# show ip msdp summary | (Optional) Displays information about the MDSP mesh group configuration.   |
| Step 5 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config   | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

## Restarting the MSDP Process

You can restart the MSDP process and optionally flush all routes.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Ensure that you have installed the LAN Base Services license and enabled PIM and MSDP.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **restart msdp**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip msdp flush-routes**
4. (Optional) **show running-configuration | include flush-routes**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

|        | Command  | Purpose  |
|--------|--|--|
| Step 1 | <b>restart msdp</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# restart msdp   | Restarts the MSDP process.   |
| Step 2 | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch# configure terminal<br>switch(config)#  | Enters configuration mode.   |
| Step 3 | <b>ip msdp flush-routes</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# ip msdp flush-routes   | Removes routes when the MSDP process is restarted. By default, routes are not flushed. |
| Step 4 | <b>show running-configuration   include flush-routes</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# show running-configuration   include flush-routes | (Optional) Shows flush-routes configuration lines in the running configuration.        |
| Step 5 | <b>copy running-config startup-config</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config                               | (Optional) Saves configuration changes.  |

## Verifying the MSDP Configuration

To display the MSDP configuration information, perform one of the following tasks:

| Command  | Purpose  |
|--|--|
| <b>show ip msdp count</b> [ <i>as-number</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]       | Displays MSDP (S, G) entry and group counts by the AS number.                |
| <b>show ip msdp mesh-group</b> [ <i>mesh-group</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ] | Displays the MSDP mesh group configuration.                                  |
| <b>show ip msdp peer</b> [ <i>peer-address</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]     | Displays MSDP information for the MSDP peer.                                 |
| <b>show ip msdp rpf</b> [ <i>rp-address</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]        | Displays next-hop AS on the BGP path to an RP address.                       |
| <b>show ip msdp sources</b> [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]                          | Displays the MSDP-learned sources and violations of configured group limits. |
| <b>show ip msdp summary</b> [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]                          | Displays a summary of the MSDP peer configuration.                           |

For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Command Reference*, *Cisco NX-OS Releases 4.x, 5.x*.

# Displaying Statistics

You can display and clear MSDP statistics by using the features in this section.

This section has the following topics:

- [Displaying Statistics, page 86](#)
- [Clearing Statistics, page 86](#)

## Displaying Statistics

You can display MSDP statistics using the commands listed in [Table 5-4](#).

**Table 5-4** *MSDP Statistics Commands*

| Command   | Purpose  |
|---|--|
| <b>show ip msdp</b> [ <i>as-number</i> ] <b>internal event-history</b> { <b>errors</b>   <b>messages</b> }  | Displays memory allocation statistics.   |
| <b>show ip msdp policy statistics sa-policy</b> <i>peer-address</i> { <b>in</b>   <b>out</b> } [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]  | Displays the MSDP policy statistics for the MSDP peer.   |
| <b>show ip msdp</b> { <b>sa-cache</b>   <b>route</b> } [ <i>source-address</i> ] [ <i>group-address</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ] [ <i>asn-number</i> ] [ <b>peer</b> <i>peer-address</i> ] | Displays the MSDP SA route cache. If you specify the source address, all groups for that source are displayed. If you specify a group address, all sources for that group are displayed. |

## Clearing Statistics

You can clear the MSDP statistics using the commands listed in [Table 5-5](#).

**Table 5-5** *MSDP Clear Statistics Commands*

| Command  | Description   |
|--|---|
| <b>clear ip msdp peer</b> [ <i>peer-address</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i> ]   | Clears the TCP connection to an MSDP peer.            |
| <b>clear ip msdp policy statistics sa-policy</b> <i>peer-address</i> { <b>in</b>   <b>out</b> } [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i> ] | Clears statistics counters for MSDP peer SA policies. |
| <b>clear ip msdp statistics</b> [ <i>peer-address</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i> ]   | Clears statistics for MSDP peers.                     |
| <b>clear ip msdp</b> { <b>sa-cache</b>   <b>route</b> } [ <i>group-address</i> ] [ <b>vrf</b> <i>vrf-name</i>   <i>known-vrf-name</i>   <b>all</b> ]   | Clears the group entries in the SA cache.             |

# Configuration Examples for MSDP

To configure MSDP peers, some of the optional parameters, and a mesh group, follow these steps for each MSDP peer:

**Step 1** Configure the MSDP peering relationship with other routers.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip msdp peer 192.168.1.10 connect-source ethernet 1/0 remote-as 8
```

**Step 2** Configure the optional peer parameters.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip msdp password 192.168.1.10 my_peer_password_AB
```

**Step 3** Configure the optional global parameters.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip msdp sa-interval 80
```

**Step 4** Configure the peers in each mesh group.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# ip msdp mesh-group 192.168.1.10 mesh_group_1
```

This example shows how to configure a subset of the MSDP peering that is shown in [Figure 5-1](#).

- RP 3: 192.168.3.10 (AS 7)

```
configure terminal
ip msdp peer 192.168.1.10 connect-source ethernet 1/1
ip msdp peer 192.168.2.10 connect-source ethernet 1/2
ip msdp peer 192.168.6.10 connect-source ethernet 1/3 remote-as 9
ip msdp password 192.168.6.10 my_peer_password_36
ip msdp sa-interval 80
ip msdp mesh-group 192.168.1.10 mesh_group_123
ip msdp mesh-group 192.168.2.10 mesh_group_123
ip msdp mesh-group 192.168.3.10 mesh_group_123
```

- RP 5: 192.168.5.10 (AS 8)

```
configure terminal
ip msdp peer 192.168.4.10 connect-source ethernet 1/1
ip msdp peer 192.168.6.10 connect-source ethernet 1/2 remote-as 9
ip msdp password 192.168.6.10 my_peer_password_56
ip msdp sa-interval 80
```

- RP 6: 192.168.6.10 (AS 9)

```
configure terminal
ip msdp peer 192.168.7.10 connect-source ethernet 1/1
ip msdp peer 192.168.3.10 connect-source ethernet 1/2 remote-as 7
ip msdp peer 192.168.5.10 connect-source ethernet 1/3 remote-as 8
ip msdp password 192.168.3.10 my_peer_password_36
ip msdp password 192.168.5.10 my_peer_password_56
ip msdp sa-interval 80
```

# Additional References

For additional information related to implementing MSDP, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 88](#)
- [Standards, page 88](#)
- [Appendix A, “IETF RFCs for IP Multicast”](#)

## Related Documents

| Related Topic | Document Title   |
|---------------|--|
| CLI commands  | <i>Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Command Reference, Cisco NX-OS Releases 4.x, 5.x, 6.x</i> |

## Standards

| Standards   | Title |
|---|-------|
| No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature. | —     |



# IETF RFCs for IP Multicast

This appendix contains Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) RFCs related to IP multicast. For information about IETF RFCs, see <http://www.ietf.org/rfc.html>.

| RFCs                     | Title  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">RFC 2236</a> | <i>Internet Group Management Protocol, Version 2</i>   |
| <a href="#">RFC 2365</a> | <i>Administratively Scoped IP Multicast</i>  |
| <a href="#">RFC 2858</a> | <i>Multiprotocol Extensions for BGP-4</i>  |
| <a href="#">RFC 3376</a> | <i>Internet Group Management Protocol, Version 3</i>   |
| <a href="#">RFC 3446</a> | <i>Anycast Rendezvous Point (RP) mechanism using Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) and Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP)</i> |
| <a href="#">RFC 3569</a> | <i>An Overview of Source-Specific Multicast (SSM)</i>  |
| <a href="#">RFC 3618</a> | <i>Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP)</i>  |
| <a href="#">RFC 4541</a> | <i>Considerations for Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) Snooping Switches</i>  |
| <a href="#">RFC 4601</a> | <i>Protocol Independent Multicast - Sparse Mode (PIM-SM): Protocol Specification (Revised)</i>   |
| <a href="#">RFC 4610</a> | <i>Anycast-RP Using Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM)</i>   |
| <a href="#">RFC 5059</a> | <i>Bootstrap Router (BSR) Mechanism for Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM)</i>   |
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