

Configuring Protocol-Independent Features

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Protocol-Independent Features

This section describes IP routing protocol-independent features that are available on switches running the feature set .

Distributed Cisco Express Forwarding

Information About Cisco Express Forwarding

Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF) is a Layer 3 IP switching technology used to optimize network performance. CEF implements an advanced IP look-up and forwarding algorithm to deliver maximum Layer 3 switching performance. CEF is less CPU-intensive than fast switching route caching, allowing more CPU processing power to be dedicated to packet forwarding. In a switch stack, the hardware uses distributed CEF (dCEF) in the stack. In dynamic networks, fast switching cache entries are frequently invalidated because of routing changes, which can cause traffic to be process switched using the routing table, instead of fast switched using the route cache. CEF and dCEF use the Forwarding Information Base (FIB) lookup table to perform destination-based switching of IP packets.

The two main components in CEF and dCEF are the distributed FIB and the distributed adjacency tables.

- The FIB is similar to a routing table or information base and maintains a mirror image of the forwarding information in the IP routing table. When routing or topology changes occur in the network, the IP routing table is updated, and those changes are reflected in the FIB. The FIB maintains next-hop address information based on the information in the IP routing table. Because the FIB contains all known routes that exist in the routing table, CEF eliminates route cache maintenance, is more efficient for switching traffic, and is not affected by traffic patterns.
- Nodes in the network are said to be adjacent if they can reach each other with a single hop across a link layer. CEF uses adjacency tables to prepend Layer 2 addressing information. The adjacency table maintains Layer 2 next-hop addresses for all FIB entries.

Because the switch or switch stack uses Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs) to achieve Gigabit-speed line rate IP traffic, CEF or dCEF forwarding applies only to the software-forwarding path, that is, traffic that is forwarded by the CPU.

How to Configure Cisco Express Forwarding

CEF or distributed CEF is enabled globally by default. If for some reason it is disabled, you can re-enable it by using the **ip cef** or **ip cef distributed** global configuration command.

The default configuration is CEF or dCEF enabled on all Layer 3 interfaces. Entering the **no ip route-cache cef** interface configuration command disables CEF for traffic that is being forwarded by software. This command does not affect the hardware forwarding path. Disabling CEF and using the **debug ip packet detail** privileged EXEC command can be useful to debug software-forwarded traffic. To enable CEF on an interface for the software-forwarding path, use the **ip route-cache cef** interface configuration command.

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Caution

on Although the **no ip route-cache cef** interface configuration command to disable CEF on an interface is visible in the CLI, we strongly recommend that you do not disable CEF or dCEF on interfaces except for debugging purposes.

To enable CEF or dCEF globally and on an interface for software-forwarded traffic if it has been disabled:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	ip cef	Enables CEF operation on a non-stacking
	Example:	switch.
		Go to Step 4.
	Device(config)# ip cef	
Step 3	ip cef distributed	Enables CEF operation on a active switch.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip cef distributed	
Step 4	interface interface-id	Enters interface configuration mode, and
	Example:	specifies the Layer 3 interface to configure
	Device(config)# interface	
	gigabitethernet 1/0/1	
Step 5	ip route-cache cef	Enables CEF on the interface for software-forwarded traffic.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# ip route-cache cef	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# end	
Step 7	show ip cef	Displays the CEF status on all interfaces.
	Example:	
	Device# show ip cef	
Step 8	show cef linecard [detail]	(Optional) Displays CEF-related interface
	Example:	information on a non-stacking switch.
	Device# show cef linecard detail	
Step 9	show cef linecard [slot-number] [detail]	(Optional) Displays CEF-related interface
	Example:	information on a switch by stack member fo all switches in the stack or for the specified
	Device# show cef linecard 5 detail	switch.
		(Optional) For <i>slot-number</i> , enter the stack member switch number.
Step 10	show cef interface [interface-id]	Displays detailed CEF information for all
	Example:	interfaces or the specified interface.
	Device# show cef interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1	
Step 11	show adjacency	Displays CEF adjacency table information.
	Example:	
	Device# show adjacency	
Step 12	copy running-config startup-config Example:	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

Load-Balancing Scheme for CEF Traffic

Restrictions for Cisco Express Forwarding Load-Balancing

You must globally configure load balancing on device or device stack members in the same way: either in per-destination or per-packet mode. It is not possible to configure some packet prefixes in per-destination mode and others in per-packet mode.

Prerequisites for Configuring a Load-Balancing Scheme for CEF Traffic

If you enable per-packet load balancing for traffic going to a particular destination, all interfaces that can forward traffic to that destination must be enabled for per-packet load balancing.

Cisco Express Forwarding Load-Balancing Overview

Cisco Express Forwarding load balancing allows you to optimize resources by distributing traffic over multiple paths. Cisco Express Forwarding load balancing works based on a combination of source and destination packet information.

You can configure load balancing on a per-destination or per-packet basis. Because load-balancing decisions are made on the outbound interface, load balancing must be configured on the outbound interface.

Per-Destination Load Balancing

Per-destination load balancing allows the device to use multiple paths to achieve load sharing across multiple source-destination host pairs. Packets for a given source-destination host pair are guaranteed to take the same path, even if multiple paths are available. Traffic streams destined for different pairs tend to take different paths.

Per-destination load balancing is enabled by default when you enable Cisco Express Forwarding. To use per-destination load balancing, you do not perform any additional tasks once Cisco Express Forwarding is enabled. Per-destination is the load-balancing method of choice for most situations.

Because per-destination load balancing depends on the statistical distribution of traffic, load sharing becomes more effective as the number of source-destination host pairs increases.

You can use per-destination load balancing to ensure that packets for a given host pair arrive in order. All packets intended for a certain host pair are routed over the same link (or links).

Typically, you disable per-destination load balancing when you want to enable per-packet load balancing.

Per-Packet Load Balancing for CEF Traffic

Per-packet load balancing allows the device to send successive data packets over different paths without regard to individual hosts or user sessions. It uses the round-robin method to determine which path each packet takes to the destination. Per-packet load balancing ensures that the traffic is balanced over multiple links.

Per-packet load balancing is good for single-path destinations, but packets for a given source-destination host pair might take different paths. Per-packet load balancing can therefore introduce reordering of packets. This type of load balancing is inappropriate for certain types of data traffic (such as voice traffic over IP) that depend on packets arriving at the destination in sequence.

Use per-packet load balancing to help ensure that a path for a single source-destination host pair does not get overloaded. If the bulk of the data passing through parallel links is for a single pair, per-destination load balancing overloads a single link while other links have very little traffic. Enabling per-packet load balancing allows you to use alternate paths to the same busy destination.

Load-Balancing Algorithms for Cisco Express Forwarding Traffic

The following load-balancing algorithms are provided for use with Cisco Express Forwarding traffic. You select a load-balancing algorithm with the **ip cef load-sharing algorithm** command.

- Original algorithm: The original load-balancing algorithm produces distortions in load sharing across multiple devices because the same algorithm was used on every device. Depending on your network environment, you should select the algorithm.
- Tunnel algorithm: The tunnel algorithm sets the load-balancing algorithm for use in tunnel environments or in environments where there are only a few IP source and destination address pairs.
- Universal algorithm: The universal load-balancing algorithm allows each device on the network to make a different load sharing decision for each source-destination address pair, which resolves load-sharing imbalances. The device is set to perform universal load sharing by default, and it uses Layer 4 information.

How to Configure a Load-Balancing for Cisco Express Forwarding Traffic

The following sections provide information on configuring load-balancing for Cisco Express Forwarding traffic.

Enabling Cisco Express Forwarding Per-Destination Load Balancing

To enable or disable Cisco Express Forwarding per-destination load balancing, perform the following procedure:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	Device# enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	interface interface-id	Enters interface configuration mode, and specifies the Layer 3 interface to configure.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1	
Step 4	ip cef load-sharing per-destination	Enables per-destination load balancing for Cisco
	Example:	Express Forwarding on the interface.
	<pre>Device(config-if)# ip cef load-sharing per-destination</pre>	
Step 5	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# end	

Configuring CEF Per-Packet Load Balancing

To configure CEF per-packet load balancing, perform the following procedure:

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device# enable	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	<pre>interface interface-id Example: Device(config-if)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1</pre>	Enters interface configuration mode, and specifies the Layer 3 interface to configure.
Step 4	<pre>[no] ip load-sharing [per-packet] [per-destination] Example: Device(config-if)# ip load-sharing per-packet</pre>	 Enables load balancing for CEF. The per-packet keyword enables per-packet load balancing on the interface The per-destination keyword enables per-destination load balancing on the interface.
Step 5	end Example: Device(config-if)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Selecting a Tunnel Load-Balancing Algorithm for Cisco Express Forwarding Traffic

Select the tunnel algorithm when your network environment contains only a few source and destination pairs. The device is set to perform universal load sharing by default.

To select a tunnel load-balancing algorithm for Cisco Express Forwarding traffic, perform the following procedure:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	Device# enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	ip cef load-sharing algorithm {include-ports original tunnel universal }	Selects a Cisco Express Forwarding load-balancing algorithm.
	<pre>Example: Device(config)# ip cef load-sharing algorithm universal</pre>	• The include-ports keyword sets the load-balancing algorithm to the include-ports algorithm that uses a Laye 4 source port.
		• The original keyword sets the load-balancing algorithm to the original algorithm, based on a source and destination hash.
		• The tunnel keyword sets the load-balancing algorithm for use in tunn environments or in environments where there are only a few IP source and destination address pairs.
		• The universal keyword sets the load-balancing algorithm to one that use a source and destination and an ID hash
Step 4	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	

Configuration Examples for Cisco Express Forwarding Traffic Load-Balancing

The following sections provide configuration examples for Cisco Express Forwarding traffic load-balancing.

Example: Enabling Cisco Express Forwarding Per-Destination Load Balancing

Per-destination load balancing is enabled by default when you enable Cisco Express Forwarding.

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# interface Ethernet 1/0/1
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Device(config-if) # ip load-sharing per-destination
Device(config-if) # end

Example: Configuring CEF Per-Packet Load Balancing

The following example shows how to configure per-packet load balancing for CEF:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# interface Ethernet1/0/1
Device(config-if)# ip load-sharing per-packet
Device(config-if)# end
```

Number of Equal-Cost Routing Paths

Information About Equal-Cost Routing Paths

When a router has two or more routes to the same network with the same metrics, these routes can be thought of as having an equal cost. The term parallel path is another way to see occurrences of equal-cost routes in a routing table. If a router has two or more equal-cost paths to a network, it can use them concurrently. Parallel paths provide redundancy in case of a circuit failure and also enable a router to load balance packets over the available paths for more efficient use of available bandwidth. Equal-cost routes are supported across switches in a stack.

Even though the router automatically learns about and configures equal-cost routes, you can control the maximum number of parallel paths supported by an IP routing protocol in its routing table. Although the switch software allows a maximum of 32 equal-cost routes, the switch hardware will never use more than 16 paths per route.

How to Configure Equal-Cost Routing Paths

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	router {rip ospf eigrp}	Enters router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# router eigrp	
Step 3	maximum-paths maximum	Sets the maximum number of parallel paths for
	Example:	the protocol routing table. The range is from 1 to 16; the default is 4 for most IP routing
	Device(config-router)# maximum-paths 2	protocols, but only 1 for BGP.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# end	
Step 5	show ip protocols	Verifies the setting in the Maximum path field.
	Example:	
	Device# show ip protocols	
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the
	Example:	configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

Static Unicast Routes

Information About Static Unicast Routes

Static unicast routes are user-defined routes that cause packets moving between a source and a destination to take a specified path. Static routes can be important if the router cannot build a route to a particular destination and are useful for specifying a gateway of last resort to which all unroutable packets are sent.

The switch retains static routes until you remove them. However, you can override static routes with dynamic routing information by assigning administrative distance values. Each dynamic routing protocol has a default administrative distance, as listed in Table 41-16. If you want a static route to be overridden by information from a dynamic routing protocol, set the administrative distance of the static route higher than that of the dynamic protocol.

Table 1: Dynamic Routing Protocol Default Administrative Distances

Route Source	Default Distance
Connected interface	0
Static route	1
Enhanced IRGP summary route	5
External BGP	20
Internal Enhanced IGRP	90
IGRP	100
OSPF	110
Internal BGP	200

Route Source	Default Distance
Unknown	225

Static routes that point to an interface are advertised through RIP, IGRP, and other dynamic routing protocols, whether or not static **redistribute** router configuration commands were specified for those routing protocols. These static routes are advertised because static routes that point to an interface are considered in the routing table to be connected and hence lose their static nature. However, if you define a static route to an interface that is not one of the networks defined in a network command, no dynamic routing protocols advertise the route unless a **redistribute** static command is specified for these protocols.

When an interface goes down, all static routes through that interface are removed from the IP routing table. When the software can no longer find a valid next hop for the address specified as the forwarding router's address in a static route, the static route is also removed from the IP routing table.

Configuring Static Unicast Routes

Static unicast routes are user-defined routes that cause packets moving between a source and a destination to take a specified path. Static routes can be important if the router cannot build a route to a particular destination and are useful for specifying a gateway of last resort to which all unroutable packets are sent.

Follow these steps to configure a static route:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	ip route prefix mask {address interface} [distance]	Establish a static route.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip route prefix mask gigabitethernet 1/0/4	
Step 4	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	show ip route Example:	Displays the current state of the routing table to verify the configuration.
	Device# show ip route	
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.
	Example:	
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

What to do next

Use the **no ip route** *prefix mask* {*address*| *interface*} global configuration command to remove a static route. The device retains static routes until you remove them.

Default Routes and Networks

Information About Default Routes and Networks

A router might not be able to learn the routes to all other networks. To provide complete routing capability, you can use some routers as smart routers and give the remaining routers default routes to the smart router. (Smart routers have routing table information for the entire internetwork.) These default routes can be dynamically learned or can be configured in the individual routers. Most dynamic interior routing protocols include a mechanism for causing a smart router to generate dynamic default information that is then forwarded to other routers.

If a router has a directly connected interface to the specified default network, the dynamic routing protocols running on that device generate a default route. In RIP, it advertises the pseudonetwork 0.0.0.0.

A router that is generating the default for a network also might need a default of its own. One way a router can generate its own default is to specify a static route to the network 0.0.0 through the appropriate device.

When default information is passed through a dynamic routing protocol, no further configuration is required. The system periodically scans its routing table to choose the optimal default network as its default route. In IGRP networks, there might be several candidate networks for the system default. Cisco routers use administrative distance and metric information to set the default route or the gateway of last resort.

If dynamic default information is not being passed to the system, candidates for the default route are specified with the **ip default-network** global configuration command. If this network appears in the routing table from any source, it is flagged as a possible choice for the default route. If the router has no interface on the default network, but does have a path to it, the network is considered as a possible candidate, and the gateway to the best default path becomes the gateway of last resort.

How to Configure Default Routes and Networks

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	ip default-network network number	Specifies a default network.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip default-network 1	
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	
Step 4	show ip route	Displays the selected default route in the
	Example:	gateway of last resort display.
	Device# show ip route	
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the
	Example:	configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

Route Maps to Redistribute Routing Information

Information About Route Maps

The switch can run multiple routing protocols simultaneously, and it can redistribute information from one routing protocol to another. Redistributing information from one routing protocol to another applies to all supported IP-based routing protocols.

You can also conditionally control the redistribution of routes between routing domains by defining enhanced packet filters or route maps between the two domains. The **match** and **set** route-map configuration commands define the condition portion of a route map. The **match** command specifies that a criterion must be matched. The **set** command specifies an action to be taken if the routing update meets the conditions defined by the match command. Although redistribution is a protocol-independent feature, some of the **match** and **set** route-map configuration commands are specific to a particular protocol.

One or more **match** commands and one or more **set** commands follow a **route-map** command. If there are no **match** commands, everything matches. If there are no **set** commands, nothing is done, other than the match. Therefore, you need at least one **match** or **set** command.



A route map with no **set** route-map configuration commands is sent to the CPU, which causes high CPU utilization.

You can also identify route-map statements as **permit** or **deny**. If the statement is marked as a deny, the packets meeting the match criteria are sent back through the normal forwarding channels (destination-based routing). If the statement is marked as permit, set clauses are applied to packets meeting the match criteria. Packets that do not meet the match criteria are forwarded through the normal routing channel.

How to Configure a Route Map

Although each of Steps 3 through 14 in the following section is optional, you must enter at least one **match** route-map configuration command and one **set** route-map configuration command.



Note

The keywords are the same as defined in the procedure to control the route distribution.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	route-map <i>map-tag</i> [permit deny] [<i>sequence number</i>]	Defines any route maps used to control redistribution and enter route-map configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# route-map rip-to-ospf permit 4	<i>map-tag</i> —A meaningful name for the route map. The redistribute router configuration command uses this name to reference this rout map. Multiple route maps might share the sam map tag name.
		(Optional) If permit is specified and the mate criteria are met for this route map, the route redistributed as controlled by the set actions If deny is specified, the route is not redistributed.
		<i>sequence number</i> (Optional)— Number that indicates the position a new route map is to have in the list of route maps already configured with the same name.
Step 3	match as-path path-list-number	Matches a BGP AS path access list.
-	Example:	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config-route-map)#match as-path 10	
Step 4	match community-list community-list-number [exact]	Matches a BGP community list.
	Example:	
	Device(config-route-map)# match community-list 150	
Step 5	match ip address {access-list-number access-list-name} [access-list-number access-list-name]	Matches a standard access list by specifying the name or number. It can be an integer from 1 to 199.
	Example:	
	Device(config-route-map)# match ip address 5 80	
Step 6	match metric metric-value	Matches the specified route metric. The
	Example:	<i>metric-value</i> can be an EIGRP metric with a specified value from 0 to 4294967295.
	Device(config-route-map)# match metric 2000	
Step 7	match ip next-hop {access-list-number access-list-name} [access-list-number access-list-name]	Matches a next-hop router address passed by one of the access lists specified (numbered from 1 to 199).
	Example:	
	Device(config-route-map)# match ip next-hop 8 45	
Step 8	match tag tag value [tag-value]	Matches the specified tag value in a list of one
	Example:	or more route tag values. Each can be an integer from 0 to 4294967295.
	Device(config-route-map)# match tag 3500	
Step 9	match interface <i>type number</i> [<i>type-number</i>]	Matches the specified next hop route out one of the specified interfaces.
	Example:	of the specified interfaces.
	Device(config-route-map)# match interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1	
Step 10	match ip route-source {access-list-number access-list-name} [access-list-number access-list-name]	Matches the address specified by the specified advertised access lists.
	Example:	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config-route-map)# match ip route-source 10 30	
Step 11	match route-type {local internal external [type-1 type-2]}	Matches the specified route-type : • local —Locally generated BGP routes.
	<pre>Example: Device(config-route-map)# match route-type local</pre>	 internal—OSPF intra-area and interarea routes or EIGRP internal routes. external—OSPF external routes (Type 1 or Type 2) or EIGRP external routes.
Step 12	set dampening halflife reuse suppress max-suppress-time Example:	Sets BGP route dampening factors.
	Device(config-route-map)# set dampening 30 1500 10000 120	
Step 13	set local-preference value	Assigns a value to a local BGP path.
	Example:	
	Device(config-route-map) # set local-preference 100	
Step 14	set origin {igp egp as incomplete}	Sets the BGP origin code.
	Example:	
	Device(config-route-map)#set origin igp	
Step 15	<pre>set as-path {tag prepend as-path-string}</pre>	Modifies the BGP autonomous system path.
	Example:	
	Device(config-route-map)# set as-path tag	
Step 16	set level {level-1 level-2 level-1-2 stub-area backbone}	Sets the level for routes that are advertised into the specified area of the routing domain. The
	Example:	stub-area and backbone are OSPF NSSA and backbone areas.
	Device(config-route-map)# set level level-1-2	
Step 17	set metric metric value	Sets the metric value to give the redistributed
	Example:	routes (for EIGRP only). The <i>metric value</i> is an integer from -294967295 to 294967295.
	Device(config-route-map) # set metric 100	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 18	set metricbandwidth delay reliability loading mtu	Sets the metric value to give the redistributed routes (for EIGRP only):
	Example: Device(config-route-map)# set metric 10000 10 255 1 1500	• <i>bandwidth</i> —Metric value or IGRP bandwidth of the route in kilobits per second in the range 0 to 4294967295
		• <i>delay</i> —Route delay in tens of microseconds in the range 0 to 4294967295.
		• <i>reliability</i> —Likelihood of successful packet transmission expressed as a number between 0 and 255, where 255 means 100 percent reliability and 0 means no reliability.
		• <i>loading</i> —Effective bandwidth of the route expressed as a number from 0 to 255 (255 is 100 percent loading).
		• <i>mtu</i> —Minimum maximum transmission unit (MTU) size of the route in bytes in the range 0 to 4294967295.
Step 19	set metric-type {type-1 type-2}	Sets the OSPF external metric type for
	Example:	redistributed routes.
	Device(config-route-map)# set metric-type type-2	
Step 20	set metric-type internal	Sets the multi-exit discriminator (MED) value
	Example:	on prefixes advertised to external BGP neighbor to match the IGP metric of the next
	<pre>Device(config-route-map)# set metric-type internal</pre>	hop.
Step 21	set weight number	Sets the BGP weight for the routing table. The
	Example:	value can be from 1 to 65535.
	<pre>Device(config-route-map)# set weight 100</pre>	
Step 22	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-route-map)# end	
Step 23	show route-map	Displays all route maps configured or only the
	Example:	one specified to verify configuration.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device# show route-map	
Step 24copy running-config startup-config(Optional)	(Optional) Saves your entries in the	
	Example:	configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

How to Control Route Distribution

Although each of Steps 3 through 14 in the following section is optional, you must enter at least one **match** route-map configuration command and one **set** route-map configuration command.

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Note

The keywords are the same as defined in the procedure to configure the route map for redistribution.

The metrics of one routing protocol do not necessarily translate into the metrics of another. For example, the RIP metric is a hop count, and the IGRP metric is a combination of five qualities. In these situations, an artificial metric is assigned to the redistributed route. Uncontrolled exchanging of routing information between different routing protocols can create routing loops and seriously degrade network operation.

If you have not defined a default redistribution metric that replaces metric conversion, some automatic metric translations occur between routing protocols:

- RIP can automatically redistribute static routes. It assigns static routes a metric of 1 (directly connected).
- Any protocol can redistribute other routing protocols if a default mode is in effect.

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	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	router { rip ospf eigrp}	Enters router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# router eigrp 10	
Step 3	redistribute protocol [process-id] {level-1 level-1-2 level-2 } [metric metric-value][metric-type type-value] [match internal external type-value] [tag tag-value][route-map map-tag] [weight weight][subnets]	Redistributes routes from one routing protocol to another routing protocol. If no route-maps are specified, all routes are redistributed. If the keyword route-map is specified with no <i>map-tag</i> , no routes are distributed.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# redistribute eigrp 1	
Step 4	default-metric <i>number</i> Example:	Cause the current routing protocol to use the same metric value for all redistributed routes (RIP and OSPF).
	Device(config-router)# default-metric 1024	
Step 5	default-metric bandwidth delay reliability loading mtu	Cause the EIGRP routing protocol to use the same metric value for all non-EIGRP
	Example:	redistributed routes.
	Device(config-router)# default-metric 1000 100 250 100 1500	
Step 6	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# end	
Step 7	show route-map	Displays all route maps configured or only the
	Example:	one specified to verify configuration.
	Device# show route-map	
Step 8	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the
	Example:	configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

Policy-Based Routing

Information About Policy-Based Routing

You can use policy-based routing (PBR) to configure a defined policy for traffic flows. By using PBR, you can have more control over routing by reducing the reliance on routes derived from routing protocols. PBR can specify and implement routing policies that allow or deny paths based on:

- Identity of a particular end system
- Application
- Protocol

You can use PBR to provide equal-access and source-sensitive routing, routing based on interactive versus batch traffic, or routing based on dedicated links. For example, you could transfer stock records to a corporate office on a high-bandwidth, high-cost link for a short time while transmitting routine application data such as e-mail over a low-bandwidth, low-cost link.

With PBR, you classify traffic using access control lists (ACLs) and then make traffic go through a different path. PBR is applied to incoming packets. All packets received on an interface with PBR enabled are passed through route maps. Based on the criteria defined in the route maps, packets are forwarded (routed) to the appropriate next hop.

- Route map statement marked as permit is processed as follows:
 - A match command can match on length or multiple ACLs. A route map statement can contain multiple match commands. Logical or algorithm function is performed across all the match commands to reach a permit or deny decision.

For example:

match length A B

match ip address acl1 acl2

match ip address acl3

A packet is permitted if it is permitted by match length A B or acl1 or acl2 or acl3

- If the decision reached is permit, then the action specified by the set command is applied on the packet .
- If the decision reached is deny, then the PBR action (specified in the set command) is not applied. Instead the processing logic moves forward to look at the next route-map statement in the sequence (the statement with the next higher sequence number). If no next statement exists, PBR processing terminates, and the packet is routed using the default IP routing table.
- For PBR, route-map statements marked as deny are not supported.

You can use standard IP ACLs to specify match criteria for a source address or extended IP ACLs to specify match criteria based on an application, a protocol type, or an end station. The process proceeds through the route map until a match is found. If no match is found, normal destination-based routing occurs. There is an implicit deny at the end of the list of match statements.

If match clauses are satisfied, you can use a set clause to specify the IP addresses identifying the next hop router in the path.

How to Configure PBR

- To use PBR, you must have the IP Base feature set enabled on the switch or active switch.
- Multicast traffic is not policy-routed. PBR applies only to unicast traffic.
- You can enable PBR on a routed port or an SVI.
- The switch supports PBR based on match length.
- You can apply a policy route map to an EtherChannel port channel in Layer 3 mode, but you cannot apply a policy route map to a physical interface that is a member of the EtherChannel. If you try to do so, the command is rejected. When a policy route map is applied to a physical interface, that interface cannot become a member of an EtherChannel.
- You can define a mazimum of 128 IP policy route maps on the switch or switch stack.

- You can define a maximum of 512 access control entries(ACEs) for PBR on the switch or switch stack.
- When configuring match criteria in a route map, follow these guidelines:
 - Do not match ACLs that permit packets destined for a local address.
- VRF and PBR are mutually exclusive on a switch interface. You cannot enable VRF when PBR is enabled on an interface. The reverse is also true, you cannot enable PBR when VRF is enabled on an interface.
- Web Cache Communication Protocol (WCCP) and PBR are mutually exclusive on a switch interface. You cannot enable WCCP when PBR is enabled on an interface. The reverse is also true, you cannot enable PBR when WCCP is enabled on an interface.
- The number of hardware entries used by PBR depends on the route map itself, the ACLs used, and the order of the ACLs and route-map entries.
- PBR based on TOS, DSCP and IP Precedence are not supported.
- Set interface, set default next-hop and set default interface are not supported.
- **ip next-hop recursive** and **ip next-hop verify availability** features are not available and the next-hop should be directly connected.
- Policy-maps with no set actions are supported. Matching packets are routed normally.
- · Policy-maps with no match clauses are supported. Set actions are applied to all packets.

By default, PBR is disabled on the switch. To enable PBR, you must create a route map that specifies the match criteria and the resulting action. Then, you must enable PBR for that route map on an interface. All packets arriving on the specified interface matching the match clauses are subject to PBR.

Packets that are generated by the switch, or local packets, are not normally policy-routed. When you globally enable local PBR on the switch, all packets that originate on the switch are subject to local PBR. Local PBR is disabled by default.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	<pre>route-map map-tag [permit] [sequence number] Example:</pre>	Defines route maps that are used to control where packets are output, and enters route-map configuration mode.
	Device(config)# route-map pbr-map permit	 <i>map-tag</i>: A meaningful name for the route map. The ip policy route-map interface configuration command uses this name to reference the route map. Multiple route-map statements with the same map tag define a single route map. (Optional) permit: If permit is specified and the match criteria are met

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		for this route map, the route is policy routed as defined by the set actions.
		• (Optional) <i>sequence number</i> : The sequence number shows the position of the route-map statement in the given route map.
Step 3	access-list-name} [access-list-number access-list-name]	Matches the source and destination IP addresses that are permitted by one or more standard or extended access lists. ACLs can match on more than one source and destination IP address.
	Device(config-route-map)# match ip address 110 140	If you do not specify a match command, the route map is applicable to all packets.
Step 4	match length min max	Matches the length of the packet.
	Example:	
	Device(config-route-map)# match length 64 1500	
Step 5	<pre>set ip next-hop ip-address [ip-address] Example: Device(config-route-map)# set ip next-hop 10.1.6.2</pre>	Specifies the action to be taken on the packets that match the criteria. Sets next hop to which to route the packet (the next hop must be adjacent).
Step 6	exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
	Example: Device(config-route-map)# exit	
Step 7	<pre>interface interface-id Example: Device(config) # interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1</pre>	Enters interface configuration mode, and specifies the interface to be configured.
Step 8	<pre>ip policy route-map map-tag Example: Device(config-if)# ip policy route-map pbr-map</pre>	Enables PBR on a Layer 3 interface, and identify the route map to use. You can configure only one route map on an interface. However, you can have multiple route map entries with different sequence numbers. These entries are evaluated in the order of sequence number until the first match. If there is no match, packets are routed as usual.
Step 9	<pre>ip route-cache policy Example: Device(config-if)# ip route-cache policy</pre>	(Optional) Enables fast-switching PBR. You must enable PBR before enabling fast-switching PBR.

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Step 10	exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
	Example: Device(config-if)# exit	
Step 11	<pre>ip local policy route-map map-tag Example: Device(config)# ip local policy route-map local-pbr</pre>	(Optional) Enables local PBR to perform policy-based routing on packets originating at the switch. This applies to packets generated by the switch, and not to incoming packets.
Step 12	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 13	<pre>show route-map [map-name] Example: Device# show route-map</pre>	(Optional) Displays all the route maps configured or only the one specified to verify configuration.
Step 14	<pre>show ip policy Example: Device# show ip policy</pre>	(Optional) Displays policy route maps attached to the interface.
Step 15	<pre>show ip local policy Example: Device# show ip local policy</pre>	(Optional) Displays whether or not local policy routing is enabled and, if so, the route map being used.

Filtering Routing Information

You can filter routing protocol information by performing the tasks described in this section.



Note

When routes are redistributed between OSPF processes, no OSPF metrics are preserved.

Setting Passive Interfaces

To prevent other routers on a local network from dynamically learning about routes, you can use the **passive-interface** router configuration command to keep routing update messages from being sent through a router interface. When you use this command in the OSPF protocol, the interface address you specify as passive appears as a stub network in the OSPF domain. OSPF routing information is neither sent nor received through the specified router interface.

In networks with many interfaces, to avoid having to manually set them as passive, you can set all interfaces to be passive by default by using the **passive-interface default** router configuration command and manually setting interfaces where adjacencies are desired.

Use a network monitoring privileged EXEC command such as **show ip ospf interface** to verify the interfaces that you enabled as passive, or use the **show ip interface** privileged EXEC command to verify the interfaces that you enabled as active.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	router { rip ospf eigrp}	Enters router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# router ospf	
Step 3	passive-interface interface-id	Suppresses sending routing updates through the
	Example:	specified Layer 3 interface.
	Device(config-router)# passive-interface gigabitethernet 1/0/1	
Step 4	passive-interface default	(Optional) Sets all interfaces as passive by default.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# passive-interface default	
Step 5	no passive-interface interface type	(Optional) Activates only those interfaces that
	Example:	need to have adjacencies sent.
	Device(config-router)# no passive-interface gigabitethernet1/0/3 gigabitethernet 1/0/5	
Step 6	network network-address	(Optional) Specifies the list of networks for the
	Example:	routing process. The <i>network-address</i> is an IP address.
	Device(config-router)# network 10.1.1.1	
Step 7	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# end	
Step 8	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the
	Example:	configuration file.

 Command or Action	Purpose
Device# copy running-config startup-config	

Controlling Advertising and Processing in Routing Updates

You can use the **distribute-list** router configuration command with access control lists to suppress routes from being advertised in routing updates and to prevent other routers from learning one or more routes. When used in OSPF, this feature applies to only external routes, and you cannot specify an interface name.

You can also use a **distribute-list** router configuration command to avoid processing certain routes listed in incoming updates. (This feature does not apply to OSPF.)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	router { rip eigrp}	Enters router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# router eigrp 10	
Step 3	distribute-list {access-list-number access-list-name} out [interface-name routing process autonomous-system-number]	Permits or denies routes from being advertised in routing updates, depending upon the action listed in the access list.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# distribute 120 out gigabitethernet 1/0/7	
Step 4	distribute-list { <i>access-list-number</i> <i>access-list-name</i> } in [<i>type-number</i>]	Suppresses processing in routes listed in updates.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# distribute-list 125 in	
Step 5	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-router)# end	
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the
	Example:	configuration file.

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Device# copy running-config startup-config	

Filtering Sources of Routing Information

Because some routing information might be more accurate than others, you can use filtering to prioritize information coming from different sources. An administrative distance is a rating of the trustworthiness of a routing information source, such as a router or group of routers. In a large network, some routing protocols can be more reliable than others. By specifying administrative distance values, you enable the router to intelligently discriminate between sources of routing information. The router always picks the route whose routing protocol has the lowest administrative distance.

Because each network has its own requirements, there are no general guidelines for assigning administrative distances.

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	Device# configure terminal		
Step 2	router { rip ospf eigrp}	Enters router configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	Device(config)# router eigrp 10		
Step 3	distance weight {ip-address {ip-address	Defines an administrative distance.	
	mask}} [ip access list]	weight—The administrative distance as an	
	Example:	integer from 10 to 255. Used alone, <i>weight</i> specifies a default administrative distance that	
	Device(config-router)# distance 50 10.1.5.1	is used when no other specification exists for a routing information source. Routes with a distance of 255 are not installed in the routing table.	
		(Optional) <i>ip access list</i> —An IP standard or extended access list to be applied to incoming routing updates.	
Step 4	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.	
	Example:		
	Device(config-router)# end		
Step 5	show ip protocols	Displays the default administrative distance for	
	Example:	a specified routing process.	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device# show ip protocols	
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example:	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

Managing Authentication Keys

Key management is a method of controlling authentication keys used by routing protocols. Not all protocols can use key management. Authentication keys are available for EIGRP and RIP Version 2.

Prerequisites

Before you manage authentication keys, you must enable authentication. See the appropriate protocol section to see how to enable authentication for that protocol. To manage authentication keys, define a key chain, identify the keys that belong to the key chain, and specify how long each key is valid. Each key has its own key identifier (specified with the **key** *number* key chain configuration command), which is stored locally. The combination of the key identifier and the interface associated with the message uniquely identifies the authentication algorithm and Message Digest 5 (MD5) authentication key in use.

How to Configure Authentication Keys

You can configure multiple keys with life times. Only one authentication packet is sent, regardless of how many valid keys exist. The software examines the key numbers in order from lowest to highest, and uses the first valid key it encounters. The lifetimes allow for overlap during key changes. Note that the router must know these lifetimes.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	key chain name-of-chain	Identifies a key chain, and enter key chain
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config)# key chain key10	
Step 3 key number Example:	Identifies the key number. The range is 0 to	
	Example:	2147483647.
	Device(config-keychain)# key 2000	

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Step 4	<pre>key-string text Example: Device(config-keychain)# Room 20, 10th floor</pre>	Identifies the key string. The string can contain from 1 to 80 uppercase and lowercase alphanumeric characters, but the first character cannot be a number.
Step 5	accept-lifetime <i>start-time</i> {infinite <i>end-time</i> duration <i>seconds</i> }	(Optional) Specifies the time period during which the key can be received.
	Example: Device(config-keychain)# accept-lifetime 12:30:00 Jan 25 1009 infinite	The <i>start-time</i> and <i>end-time</i> syntax can be either <i>hh:mm:ss Month date year</i> or <i>hh:mm:ss date Month year</i> . The default is forever with the default <i>start-time</i> and the earliest acceptable date as January 1, 1993. The default <i>end-time</i> and duration is infinite .
Step 6	<pre>send-lifetime start-time {infinite end-time duration seconds}</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the time period during which the key can be sent.
	Example: Device(config-keychain)# accept-lifetime 23:30:00 Jan 25 1019 infinite	The <i>start-time</i> and <i>end-time</i> syntax can be either <i>hh:mm:ss Month date year</i> or <i>hh:mm:ss date Month year</i> . The default is forever with the default <i>start-time</i> and the earliest acceptable date as January 1, 1993. The default <i>end-time</i> and duration is infinite .
Step 7	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-keychain)# end	
Step 8	show key chain	Displays authentication key information.
	Example:	
	Device# show key chain	
Step 9	copy running-config startup-config Example:	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

Feature Information for Protocol Independent Features

Feature Name	Release	Feature Information
Protocol Independent Features	Cisco IOS XE 3.3SE	The following features were introduced:
		Cisco Express Forwarding
		• Equal-Cost Routing Paths
		Static Unicast Routes
		• Default Routes and Networks
		Route Maps to Redistribute Routing Information
		Policy-Based Routing
		• Filtering Routing Information
		Managing Authentication Keys

Table 2: Feature Information for Protocol Independent Features