



## **Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Configuration Guide, Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.5.1a (Catalyst 3650 Switches)**

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## CHAPTER

# 1

# Configuring Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)

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## Multiprotocol Label Switching

This module describes Multiprotocol Label Switching and how to configure it on Cisco switches.

## Finding Feature Information

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## Information about Multiprotocol Label Switching

Multiprotocol label switching (MPLS) combines the performance and capabilities of Layer 2 (data link layer) switching with the proven scalability of Layer 3 (network layer) routing. MPLS enables you to meet the

challenges of explosive growth in network utilization while providing the opportunity to differentiate services without sacrificing the existing network infrastructure. The MPLS architecture is flexible and can be employed in any combination of Layer 2 technologies. MPLS support is offered for all Layer 3 protocols, and scaling is possible well beyond that typically offered in today's networks.

## Functional Description of Multiprotocol Label Switching

Label switching is a high-performance packet forwarding technology that integrates the performance and traffic management capabilities of data link layer (Layer 2) switching with the scalability, flexibility, and performance of network layer (Layer 3) routing.

### Label Switching Functions

In conventional Layer 3 forwarding mechanisms, as a packet traverses the network, each switch extracts all the information relevant to forwarding the packet from the Layer 3 header. This information is then used as an index for a routing table lookup to determine the next hop for the packet.

In the most common case, the only relevant field in the header is the destination address field, but in some cases, other header fields might also be relevant. As a result, the header analysis must be done independently at each switch through which the packet passes. In addition, a complicated table lookup must also be done at each switch.

In label switching, the analysis of the Layer 3 header is done only once. The Layer 3 header is then mapped into a fixed length, unstructured value called a *label*.

Many different headers can map to the same label, as long as those headers always result in the same choice of next hop. In effect, a label represents a *forwarding equivalence class*--that is, a set of packets which, however different they may be, are indistinguishable by the forwarding function.

The initial choice of a label need not be based exclusively on the contents of the Layer 3 packet header; for example, forwarding decisions at subsequent hops can also be based on routing policy.

Once a label is assigned, a short label header is added at the front of the Layer 3 packet. This header is carried across the network as part of the packet. At subsequent hops through each MPLS switch in the network, labels are swapped and forwarding decisions are made by means of MPLS forwarding table lookup for the label carried in the packet header. Hence, the packet header does not need to be reevaluated during packet transit through the network. Because the label is of fixed length and unstructured, the MPLS forwarding table lookup process is both straightforward and fast.

### Distribution of Label Bindings

Each label switching router (LSR) in the network makes an independent, local decision as to which label value to use to represent a forwarding equivalence class. This association is known as a label binding. Each LSR informs its neighbors of the label bindings it has made. This awareness of label bindings by neighboring switches is facilitated by the following protocols:

- Label Distribution Protocol (LDP)--enables peer LSRs in an MPLS network to exchange label binding information for supporting hop-by-hop forwarding in an MPLS network
- Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)--Used to support MPLS virtual private networks (VPNs)

When a labeled packet is being sent from LSR A to the neighboring LSR B, the label value carried by the IP packet is the label value that LSR B assigned to represent the forwarding equivalence class of the packet. Thus, the label value changes as the IP packet traverses the network.

For more information about LDP configuration, see the see MPLS: LDP Configuration Guide at [http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/ios-xml/ios/mpls/config\\_library/xe-3s/mp-xe-3s-library.html](http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/ios-xml/ios/mpls/config_library/xe-3s/mp-xe-3s-library.html)

**Note**

As the scale of label entries is limited in, especially with ECMP, it is recommended to enable LDP label filtering. LDP labels shall be allocated only for well known prefixes like loopback interfaces of routers and any prefix that needs to be reachable in the global routing table.

## MPLS Layer 3 VPN

A Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Virtual Private Network (VPN) consists of a set of sites that are interconnected by means of an MPLS provider core network. At each customer site, one or more customer edge (CE) routers attach to one or more provider edge (PE) routers.

Before configuring MPLS Layer 3 VPNs, you should have MPLS, Label Distribution Protocol (LDP), and Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF) installed in your network. All routers in the core, including the PE routers, must be able to support CEF and MPLS forwarding.

## Classifying and Marking MPLS QoS EXP

The QoS EXP Matching feature allows you to classify and mark network traffic by modifying the Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) experimental bits (EXP) field in IP packets.

The QoS EXP Matching feature allows you to organize network traffic by setting values for the MPLS EXP field in MPLS packets. By choosing different values for the MPLS EXP field, you can mark packets so that packets have the priority that they require during periods of congestion. Setting the MPLS EXP value allows you to:

- **Classify traffic:** The classification process selects the traffic to be marked. Classification accomplishes this by partitioning traffic into multiple priority levels, or classes of service. Traffic classification is the primary component of class-based QoS provisioning.
- **Police and mark traffic:** Policing causes traffic that exceeds the configured rate to be discarded or marked to a different drop level. Marking traffic is a way to identify packet flows to differentiate them. Packet marking allows you to partition your network into multiple priority levels or classes of service.

### Restrictions

Following is the list of restrictions for classifying and marking MPLS QoS EXP:

- Only Uniform mode and Pipe mode are supported; Short-pipe mode is not supported.
- Support range of QoS-group values range between 0 and 30. (Total 31 QoS-groups).
- EXP marking using QoS policy is supported only on the outer label; inner EXP marking is not supported.

# How to Configure Multiprotocol Label Switching

This section explains how to perform the basic configuration required to prepare a switch for MPLS switching and forwarding.

## Configuring a Switch for MPLS Switching

MPLS switching on Cisco switches requires that Cisco Express Forwarding be enabled.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip cef distributed**
4. **mpls label range** *minimum-value maximum-value*
5. **mpls label protocol ldp**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ip cef distributed</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# <b>ip cef distributed</b>	Enables Cisco Express Forwarding on the switch.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>mpls label range</b> <i>minimum-value maximum-value</i>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# <b>mpls label range 16 4096</b>	Configure the range of local labels available for use with MPLS applications on packet interfaces.

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>mpls label protocol ldp</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# mpls label protocol ldp	Specifies the label distribution protocol for the platform.

## Configuring a Switch for MPLS Forwarding

MPLS forwarding on Cisco switches requires that forwarding of IPv4 packets be enabled.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type slot/subslot /port*
4. **mpls ip**
5. **mpls label protocol ldp**
6. **end**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>interface</b> <i>type slot/subslot /port</i>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 1/0/0	Specifies the Gigabit Ethernet interface and enters interface configuration mode. For Switch Virtual Interface (SVI), the example is Device(config)# interface vlan 1000

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>mpls ip</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# mpls ip	Enables MPLS forwarding of IPv4 packets along routed physical interfaces (Gigabit Ethernet), Switch Virtual Interface (SVI), or port channels.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>mpls label protocol ldp</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# mpls label protocol ldp	Specifies the label distribution protocol for an interface.  <b>Note</b> MPLS LDP cannot be enabled on a Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF) interface.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>end</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

## Verifying Multiprotocol Label Switching Configuration

This section explains how to verify successful configuration of MPLS switching and forwarding.

### Verifying Configuration of MPLS Switching

To verify that Cisco Express Forwarding has been configured properly, issue the **show ip cef summary** command, which generates output similar to that shown below:

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show ip cef summary**

#### DETAILED STEPS

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**show ip cef summary**

**Example:**

```
Switch# show ip cef summary
IPv4 CEF is enabled for distributed and running
VRF Default
150 prefixes (149/1 fwd/non-fwd)
Table id 0x0
```

```
Database epoch:      4 (150 entries at this epoch)
Switch#
```

---

## Verifying Configuration of MPLS Forwarding

To verify that MPLS forwarding has been configured properly, issue the **show mpls interfaces detail** command, which generates output similar to that shown below:

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show mpls interfaces detail**
2. **show running-config interface**
3. **show mpls forwarding**

### DETAILED STEPS

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#### Step 1 **show mpls interfaces detail**

##### Example:

For physical (Gigabit Ethernet) interface:  
Switch# **show mpls interfaces detail interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/0**

```
Type Unknown
IP labeling enabled
LSP Tunnel labeling not enabled
IP FRR labeling not enabled
BGP labeling not enabled
MPLS not operational
MTU = 1500
```

For Switch Virtual Interface (SVI):  
Switch# **show mpls interfaces detail interface Vlan1000**

```
Type Unknown
IP labeling enabled (ldp) :
  Interface config
LSP Tunnel labeling not enabled
IP FRR labeling not enabled
BGP labeling not enabled
MPLS operational
MTU = 1500
```

#### Step 2 **show running-config interface**

##### Example:

For physical (Gigabit Ethernet) interface:  
Switch# **show running-config interface interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/0**

Building configuration...

Current configuration : 307 bytes

```

!
interface TenGigabitEthernet1/0/0
no switchport
ip address xx.xx.x.x xxx.xxx.xxx.x
mpls ip
mpls label protocol ldp
end

For Switch Virtual Interface (SVI):
Switch# show running-config interface interface Vlan1000

Building configuration...

```

```

Current configuration : 187 bytes
!
interface Vlan1000
ip address xx.xx.x.x xxx.xxx.xxx.x
mpls ip
mpls label protocol ldp
end

```

### Step 3 show mpls forwarding

#### Example:

For physical (Gigabit Ethernet) interface:

```

Switch#show mpls forwarding-table
Local      Outgoing  Prefix          Bytes Label  Outgoing  Next Hop
Label      Label     or Tunnel Id   Switched     interface
500        No Label  12ckt(3)        0             Gi3/0/22  point2point
501        No Label  12ckt(1)        12310411816789 none       point2point
502        No Label  12ckt(2)        0             none      point2point
503        566      15.15.15.15/32  0             Po5       192.1.1.2
504        530      7.7.7.7/32     538728528    Po5       192.1.1.2
505        573      6.6.6.10/32    0             Po5       192.1.1.2
506        606      6.6.6.6/32     0             Po5       192.1.1.2
507        explicit-n 1.1.1.1/32     0             Po5       192.1.1.2
556        543      19.10.1.0/24   0             Po5       192.1.1.2
567        568      20.1.1.0/24   0             Po5       192.1.1.2
568        574      21.1.1.0/24   0             Po5       192.1.1.2
574        No Label  213.1.1.0/24 [V] 0             aggregate/vpn113
575        No Label  213.1.2.0/24 [V] 0             aggregate/vpn114
576        No Label  213.1.3.0/24 [V] 0             aggregate/vpn115
577        No Label  213:1:1::/64   0             aggregate
594        502      103.1.1.0/24   0             Po5       192.1.1.2
595        509      31.1.1.0/24   0             Po5       192.1.1.2
596        539      15.15.1.0/24   0             Po5       192.1.1.2
597        550      14.14.1.0/24   0             Po5       192.1.1.2
633        614      2.2.2.0/24     0             Po5       192.1.1.2
634        577      90.90.90.90/32 873684       Po5       192.1.1.2
635        608      154.1.1.0/24   0             Po5       192.1.1.2
636        609      153.1.1.0/24   0             Po5       192.1.1.2
Switch#
end

```

## Additional References for Multiprotocol Label Switching

### Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	<a href="#">Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases</a>
For complete syntax and usage information for the commands used in this chapter.	

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Description	Link
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## Feature Information for Multiprotocol Label Switching

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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**Table 1: Feature Information for Multiprotocol Label Switching**

Release	Modification
Cisco IOS XE 3.3SE Cisco IOS XE 3.3SE	This feature was introduced.





## Configuring Multicast Virtual Private Network

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### Configuring Multicast VPN

The Multicast VPN (MVPN) feature provides the ability to support multicast over a Layer 3 VPN. As enterprises extend the reach of their multicast applications, service providers can accommodate them over their Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) core network. IP multicast is used to stream video, voice, and data over an MPLS VPN network core.

Historically, point-to-point tunnels were the only way to connect through a service provider network. Although such tunneled networks tend to have scalability issues, they represented the only means of passing IP multicast traffic through a VPN.

Because Layer 3 VPNs support only unicast traffic connectivity, deploying MPLS in conjunction with a Layer 3 VPN allows service providers to offer both unicast and multicast connectivity to Layer 3 VPN customers.

### Finding Feature Information

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### Prerequisites for Configuring Multicast VPN

Enable IP multicast and configure the PIM interfaces using the tasks described in the “Configuring Basic IP Multicast” module.

## Restrictions for Configuring Multicast VPN

- The update source interface for the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) peerings must be the same for all BGP peerings configured on the device in order for the default multicast distribution tree (MDT) to be configured properly. If you use a loopback address for BGP peering, PIM sparse mode must be enabled on the loopback address.
- MVPN does not support multiple BGP peering update sources.
- Multiple BGP update sources are not supported, and configuring them can break MVPN reverse path forwarding (RPF) checking. The source IP address of the MVPN tunnels is determined by the highest IP address used for the BGP peering update source. If this IP address is not the IP address used as the BGP peering address with the remote provider edge (PE) device, MVPN will not function properly.

## Information About Configuring Multicast VPN

### Multicast VPN Operation

MVPN IP allows a service provider to configure and support multicast traffic in an MPLS VPN environment. This feature supports routing and forwarding of multicast packets for each individual VRF instance, and it also provides a mechanism to transport VPN multicast packets across the service provider backbone.

A VPN is network connectivity across a shared infrastructure, such as an ISP. Its function is to provide the same policies and performance as a private network, at a reduced cost of ownership, thus creating many opportunities for cost savings through operations and infrastructure.

An MVPN allows an enterprise to transparently interconnect its private network across the network backbone of a service provider. The use of an MVPN to interconnect an enterprise network in this way does not change the way that enterprise network is administered, nor does it change general enterprise connectivity.

### Benefits of Multicast VPN

- Provides a scalable method to dynamically send information to multiple locations.
- Provides high-speed information delivery.
- Provides connectivity through a shared infrastructure.

### Multicast VPN Routing and Forwarding and Multicast Domains

MVPN introduces multicast routing information to the VPN routing and forwarding table. When a provider edge (PE) device receives multicast data or control packets from a customer edge (CE) router, forwarding is performed according to the information in the Multicast VPN routing and forwarding instance (MVRF). MVPN does not use label switching.

A set of MVRFs that can send multicast traffic to each other constitutes a multicast domain. For example, the multicast domain for a customer that wanted to send certain types of multicast traffic to all global employees would consist of all CE routers associated with that enterprise.

## Multicast Distribution Trees

MVPN establishes a static default multicast distribution tree (MDT) for each multicast domain. The default MDT defines the path used by PE routers to send multicast data and control messages to every other PE router in the multicast domain.

If Source Specific Multicast (SSM) is used as the core multicast routing protocol, the multicast IP addresses used for the default and data MDT must be configured within the SSM range on all PE routers.

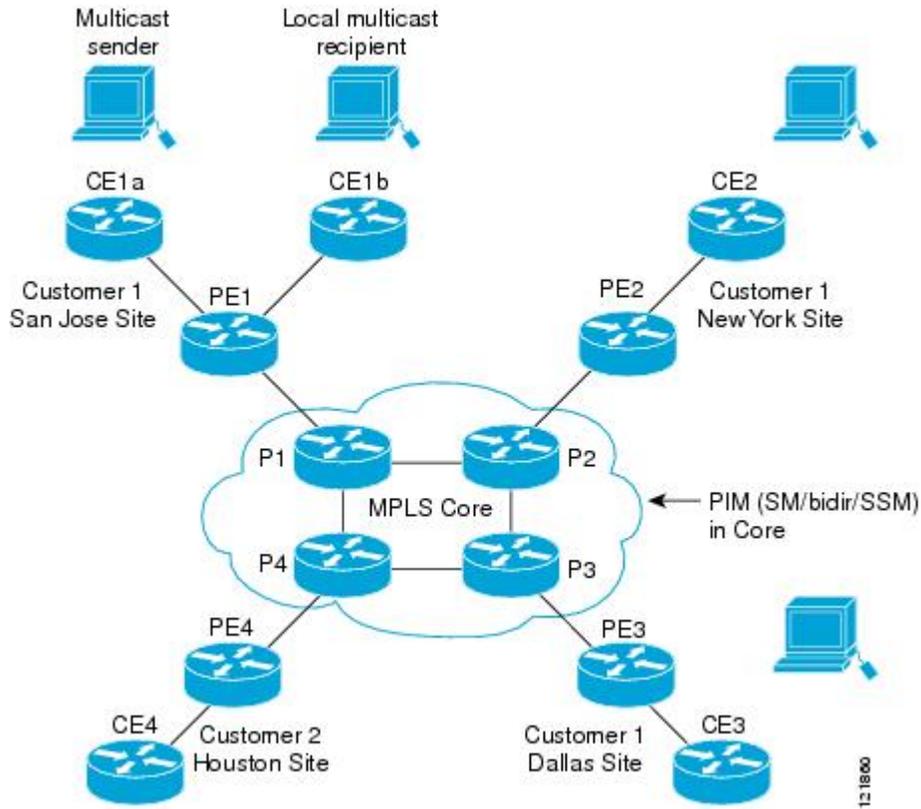
MVPN also supports the dynamic creation of MDTs for high-bandwidth transmission. Data MDTs are a feature unique to Cisco IOS software. Data MDTs are intended for high-bandwidth sources such as full-motion video inside the VPN to ensure optimal traffic forwarding in the MPLS VPN core. The threshold at which the data MDT is created can be configured on a per-router or a per-VRF basis. When the multicast transmission exceeds the defined threshold, the sending PE router creates the data MDT and sends a UDP message, which contains information about the data MDT, to all routers on the default MDT. The statistics to determine whether a multicast stream has exceeded the data MDT threshold are examined once every second. After a PE router sends the UDP message, it waits 3 more seconds before switching over; 13 seconds is the worst case switchover time, and 3 seconds is the best case.

Data MDTs are created only for (S, G) multicast route entries within the VRF multicast routing table. They are not created for (\*, G) entries regardless of the value of the individual source data rate.

In the following example, a service provider has a multicast customer with offices in San Jose, New York, and Dallas. A one-way multicast presentation is occurring in San Jose. The service provider network supports all three sites associated with this customer, in addition to the Houston site of a different enterprise customer.

The default MDT for the enterprise customer consists of provider routers P1, P2, and P3 and their associated PE routers. PE4 is not part of the default MDT, because it is associated with a different customer. The figure shows that no data flows along the default MDT, because no one outside of San Jose has joined the multicast.

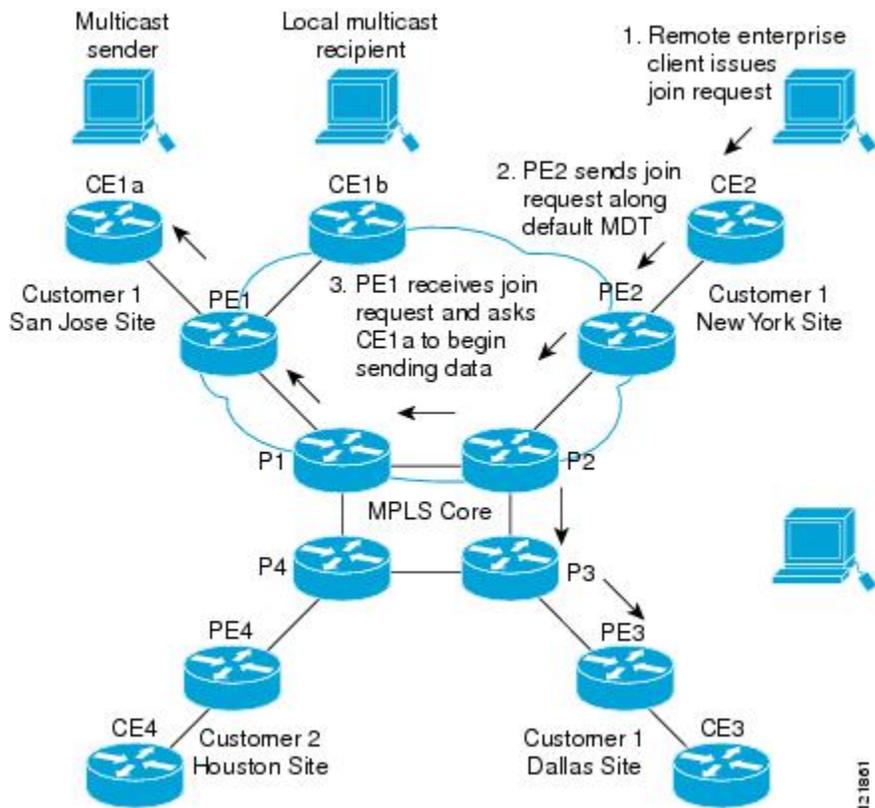
**Figure 1: Default Multicast Distribution Tree Overview**



An employee in New York joins the multicast session. The PE router associated with the New York site sends a join request that flows across the default MDT for the multicast domain of the customer. PE1, the PE router

associated with the multicast session source, receives the request. The figure depicts that the PE router forwards the request to the CE router associated with the multicast source (CE1a).

**Figure 2: Initializing the Data MDT**



The CE router (CE1a) begins to send the multicast data to the associated PE router (PE1), which sends the multicast data along the default MDT. Immediately sending the multicast data, PE1 recognizes that the multicast data exceeds the bandwidth threshold for which a data MDT should be created. Therefore, PE1 creates a data MDT, sends a message to all routers using the default MDT, which contains information about the data MDT, and, three seconds later, begins sending the multicast data for that particular stream using the data MDT. Only PE2 has interested receivers for this source, so only PE2 will join the data MDT and receive traffic on it.

PE routers maintain a PIM relationship with other PE routers over the default MDT and a PIM relationship with directly attached PE routers.

## Multicast Tunnel Interface

An MVRF, which is created per multicast domain, requires the device to create a tunnel interface from which all MVRF traffic is sourced. A multicast tunnel interface is an interface that the MVRF uses to access the multicast domain. It can be thought of as a conduit that connects an MVRF and the global MVRF. One tunnel interface is created per MVRF.

## MDT Address Family in BGP for Multicast VPN

The **mdt** keyword has been added to the **address-family ipv4** command to configure an MDT address-family session. MDT address-family sessions are used to pass the source PE address and MDT group address to PIM using Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) MDT Subaddress Family Identifier (SAFI) updates.

### BGP Advertisement Methods for Multicast VPN Support

In a single autonomous system, if the default MDT for an MVPN is using PIM sparse mode (PIM-SM) with a rendezvous point (RP), then PIM is able to establish adjacencies over the Multicast Tunnel Interface (MTI) because the source PE and receiver PE discover each other through the RP. In this scenario, the local PE (the source PE) sends register messages to the RP, which then builds a shortest-path tree (SPT) toward the source PE. The remote PE, which acts as a receiver for the MDT multicast group, then sends (\*, G) joins toward the RP and joins the distribution tree for that group.

However, if the default MDT group is configured in a PIM Source Specific Multicast (PIM-SSM) environment rather than a PIM-SM environment, the receiver PE needs information about the source PE and the default MDT group. This information is used to send (S, G) joins toward the source PE to build a distribution tree from the source PE (without the need for an RP). The source PE address and default MDT group address are sent using BGP.

#### *BGP Extended Community*

When BGP extended communities are used, the PE loopback (source address) information is sent as a VPNv4 prefix using Route Distinguisher (RD) Type 2 (to distinguish it from unicast VPNv4 prefixes). The MDT group address is carried in a BGP extended community. Using a combination of the embedded source in the VPNv4 address and the group in the extended community, PE routers in the same MVRF instance can establish SSM trees to each other.



#### **Note**

Prior to the introduction of MDT SAFI support, the BGP extended community attribute was used as an interim solution to advertise the IP address of the source PE and default MDT group before IETF standardization. A BGP extended community attribute in an MVPN environment, however, has certain limitations: it cannot be used in inter-AS scenarios (because the attribute is nontransitive), and it uses RD Type 2 (which is not a supported standard).

## How to Configure Multicast VPN

### Configuring the Data Multicast Group

A data MDT group can include a maximum of 256 multicast groups per VPN per VRF per PE device. Multicast groups used to create the data MDT group are dynamically chosen from a pool of configured IP addresses. Use the following procedure to configure data multicast group on the device.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **vrf definition** *vrf-name*
4. **rd** *route-distinguisher*
5. **route-target both** *ASN:nn* or *IP-address:nn*
6. **address family ipv4 unicast** *value*
7. **mdt default** *group-address*
8. **mdt data** *group number*
9. **mdt data threshold** *kbps*
10. **mdt log-reuse**
11. **end**

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>vrf definition</b> <i>vrf-name</i>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# vrf definition vrf1	Enters VRF configuration mode and defines the VPN routing instance by assigning a VRF name.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>rd</b> <i>route-distinguisher</i>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-vrf)# rd 1:1	Creates routing and forwarding tables for a VRF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <i>route-distinguisher</i> argument specifies to add an 8-byte value to an IPv4 prefix to create a VPN IPv4 prefix. You can enter a <i>route-distinguisher</i> in either of these formats:</li> <li>• 16-bit autonomous system number (ASN): your 32-bit number. For example, 101:3.</li> <li>• 32-bit IP address: your 16-bit number. For example, 192.168.122.15:1.</li> </ul>

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>route-target both</b> <i>ASN:nn or IP-address:nn</i>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-vrf)# route-target both 1:1</pre>	Creates a route-target extended community for a VRF. The <b>both</b> keyword specifies to import both import and export routing information to the target VPN extended community.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>address family ipv4 unicast</b> <i>value</i>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-vrf)# address family ipv4 unicast</pre>	Enters VRF address family configuration mode to specify an address family for a VRF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>ipv4</b> keyword specifies an IPv4 address family for a VRF</li> </ul>
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>mdt default</b> <i>group-address</i>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-vrf-af)# mdt default 226.10.10.10</pre>	Configures the multicast group address range for data MDT groups for a VRF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A tunnel interface is created as a result of this command.</li> <li>The default MDT group address configuration must be the same on all PEs in the same VRF.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>mdt data</b> <i>group number</i>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-vrf-af)# mdt data 232.0.1.0 0.0.0.31</pre>	Specifies a range of addresses to be used in the data MDT pool.
<b>Step 9</b>	<b>mdt data threshold</b> <i>kbps</i>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-vrf-af)# mdt data threshold 50</pre>	Specifies the threshold in <i>kbps</i> . The range is from 1 to 4294967.
<b>Step 10</b>	<b>mdt log-reuse</b>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-vrf-af)# mdt log-reuse</pre>	(Optional) Enables the recording of data MDT reuse and generates a syslog message when a data MDT has been reused.
<b>Step 11</b>	<b>end</b>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-vrf-af)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

## Configuring a Default MDT Group for a VRF

Perform this task to configure a default MDT group for a VRF.

The default MDT group must be the same group configured on all devices that belong to the same VPN. The source IP address will be the address used to source the BGP sessions.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip multicast-routing**
4. **ip multicast-routing vrf *vrf-name***
5. **vrf definition *vrf-name***
6. **rd *route-distinguisher***
7. **route-target both *ASN:nn* or *IP-address:nn***
8. **address family ipv4 unicast *value***
9. **mdt default *group-address***
10. **end**
11. **configure terminal**
12. **ip pim vrf *vrf-name*rp-address *value***

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
Step 2	<b>configure terminal</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	<b>ip multicast-routing</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# ip multicast-routing	Enables multicast routing.
Step 4	<b>ip multicast-routing vrf <i>vrf-name</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# ip multicast-routing vrf vrfl	Supports the MVPN VRF instance.

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>vrf definition</b> <i>vrf-name</i>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# vrf definition vrf1	Enters VRF configuration mode and defines the VPN routing instance by assigning a VRF name.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>rd</b> <i>route-distinguisher</i>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-vrf)# rd 1:1	Creates routing and forwarding tables for a VRF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <i>route-distinguisher</i> argument specifies to add an 8-byte value to an IPv4 prefix to create a VPN IPv4 prefix. You can enter a <i>route-distinguisher</i> in either of these formats:</li> <li>• 16-bit autonomous system number (ASN): your 32-bit number. For example, 101:3.</li> <li>• 32-bit IP address: your 16-bit number. For example, 192.168.122.15:1.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>route-target both</b> <i>ASN:nn or IP-address:nn</i>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-vrf)# route-target both 1:1	Creates a route-target extended community for a VRF. The <b>both</b> keyword specifies to import both import and export routing information to the target VPN extended community.
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>address family ipv4 unicast</b> <i>value</i>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-vrf)# address family ipv4 unicast	Enters VRF address family configuration mode to specify an address family for a VRF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>ipv4</b> keyword specifies an IPv4 address family for a VRF</li> </ul>
<b>Step 9</b>	<b>mdt default</b> <i>group-address</i>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-vrf-af)# mdt default 226.10.10.10	Configures the multicast group address range for data MDT groups for a VRF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A tunnel interface is created as a result of this command.</li> <li>• The default MDT group address configuration must be the same on all PEs in the same VRF.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 10</b>	<b>end</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-vrf-af)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
<b>Step 11</b>	<b>configure terminal</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 12	<b>ip pim vrf <i>vrf-name</i> rp-address <i>value</i></b>  <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-vrf-af)# ip pim vrf vrf1 rp-address 1.1.1.1	Enters the RP configuration mode.

## Configuring the MDT Address Family in BGP for Multicast VPN

Perform this task to configure an MDT address family session on PE devices to establish MDT peering sessions for MVPN.

### Before You Begin

Before MVPN peering can be established through an MDT address family, MPLS and Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF) must be configured in the BGP network and multiprotocol BGP on PE devices that provide VPN services to CE devices.



#### Note

The following policy configuration parameters are not supported:

- Route-originator attribute
- Network Layer Reachability Information (NLRI) prefix filtering (prefix lists, distribute lists)
- Extended community attributes (route target and site of origin)

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router bgp *as-number***
4. **address-family ipv4 mdt**
5. **neighbor *neighbor-address* activate**
6. **neighbor *neighbor-address* send-community [both | extended | standard]**
7. **exit**
8. **address-family vpnv4**
9. **neighbor *neighbor-address* activate**
10. **neighbor *neighbor-address* send-community [both | extended | standard]**
11. **end**

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.  • Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>router bgp <i>as-number</i></b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# router bgp 65535	Enters router configuration mode and creates a BGP routing process.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>address-family ipv4 mdt</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-router)# address-family ipv4 mdt	Enters address family configuration mode to create an IP MDT address family session.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>neighbor <i>neighbor-address</i> activate</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 192.168.1.1 activate	Enables the MDT address family for this neighbor.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>neighbor <i>neighbor-address</i> send-community [both   extended   standard]</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 192.168.1.1 send-community extended	Enables community and (or) extended community exchange with the specified neighbor.
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>exit</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-router-af)# exit	Exits address family configuration mode and returns to router configuration mode.
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>address-family vpnv4</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device(config-router)# address-family vpnv4	Enters address family configuration mode to create a VPNv4 address family session.

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 9</b>	<b>neighbor <i>neighbor-address</i> activate</b>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 192.168.1.1 activate</pre>	Enables the VPNv4 address family for this neighbor.
<b>Step 10</b>	<b>neighbor <i>neighbor-address</i> send-community [both   extended   standard]</b>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-router-af)# neighbor 192.168.1.1 send-community extended</pre>	Enables community and (or) extended community exchange with the specified neighbor.
<b>Step 11</b>	<b>end</b>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Device(config-router-af)# end</pre>	Exits address family configuration mode and enters privileged EXEC mode.

## Verifying Information for the MDT Default Group

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show ip pim [*vrf vrf-name*] mdt bgp**
3. **show ip pim [*vrf vrf-name*] mdt send**
4. **show ip pim vrf *vrf-name* mdt history interval *minutes***

### DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1**      **enable**

**Example:**

```
Device> enable
```

Enables privileged EXEC mode.

- Enter your password if prompted.

**Step 2**      **show ip pim [*vrf vrf-name*] mdt bgp**

**Example:**

```
Device# show ip pim mdt bgp

MDT-default group 232.2.1.4
rid:1.1.1.1 next_hop:1.1.1.1
```

Displays information about the BGP advertisement of the RD for the MDT default group.

**Step 3** `show ip pim [vrf vrf-name] mdt send`**Example:**

```
Device# show ip pim mdt send

MDT-data send list for VRF:vpn8
(source, group)                MDT-data group    ref_count
(10.100.8.10, 225.1.8.1)       232.2.8.0         1
(10.100.8.10, 225.1.8.2)       232.2.8.1         1
(10.100.8.10, 225.1.8.3)       232.2.8.2         1
(10.100.8.10, 225.1.8.4)       232.2.8.3         1
(10.100.8.10, 225.1.8.5)       232.2.8.4         1
(10.100.8.10, 225.1.8.6)       232.2.8.5         1
(10.100.8.10, 225.1.8.7)       232.2.8.6         1
(10.100.8.10, 225.1.8.8)       232.2.8.7         1
(10.100.8.10, 225.1.8.9)       232.2.8.8         1
(10.100.8.10, 225.1.8.10)      232.2.8.9         1
```

Displays detailed information about the MDT data group including MDT advertisements that the specified device has made.

**Step 4** `show ip pim vrf vrf-name mdt history interval minutes`**Example:**

```
Device# show ip pim vrf vrf1 mdt history interval 20

MDT-data send history for VRF - vrf1 for the past 20 minutes
MDT-data group      Number of reuse
10.9.9.8             3
10.9.9.9             2
```

Displays the data MDTs that have been reused during the past configured interval.

## Configuration Examples for Multicast VPN

### Example: Configuring MVPN and SSM

In the following example, PIM-SSM is configured in the backbone. Therefore, the default and data MDT groups are configured within the SSM range of IP addresses. Inside the VPN, PIM-SM is configured and only Auto-RP announcements are accepted.

```
ip vrf vrf1
 rd 1:1
  route-target export 1:1
  route-target import 1:1
  mdt default 232.0.0.1
  mdt data 232.0.1.0 0.0.0.255 threshold 500 list 101
```

```
!
ip pim ssm default
ip pim vrf vrf1 accept-rp auto-rp
```

### Example: Enabling a VPN for Multicast Routing

In the following example, multicast routing is enabled with a VPN routing instance named vrf1:

```
ip multicast-routing vrf1
```

### Example: Configuring the Multicast Group Address Range for Data MDT Groups

In the following example, the VPN routing instance is assigned a VRF named blue. The MDT default group for a VPN VRF is 239.1.1.1, and the multicast group address range for MDT groups is 239.1.2.0 with wildcard bits of 0.0.0.3:

```
ip vrf blue
 rd 55:1111
 route-target both 55:1111
 mdt default 239.1.1.1
 mdt data 239.1.2.0 0.0.0.3
 end
```

### Example: Limiting the Number of Multicast Routes

In the following example, the number of multicast routes that can be added to a multicast routing table is set to 200,000 and the threshold value of the number of mroutes that will cause a warning message to occur is set to 20,000:

```
!
ip multicast-routing
ip multicast-routing vrf cisco
ip multicast cache-headers
ip multicast route-limit 200000 20000
ip multicast vrf cisco route-limit 200000 20000
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
!
```

## Additional References for Configuring Multicast VPN

#### Related Documents

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**Feature Information for Configuring Multicast VPN**

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