



Configuring OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate IP Fast Reroute

The OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate (LFA) IP Fast Reroute (IP FRR) feature uses a precomputed alternate next hop to reduce failure reaction time when the primary next hop fails. It lets you configure a per-prefix LFA path that redirects traffic to a next hop other than the primary neighbor. The forwarding decision is made and service is restored without other routers' knowledge of the failure.

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Prerequisites for OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate IP Fast Reroute

Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) supports IP FRR only on platforms that support this feature in the forwarding plane. See the Cisco Feature Navigator, <http://www.cisco.com/go/cfn>, for information on platform support. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Restrictions for OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate IP Fast Reroute

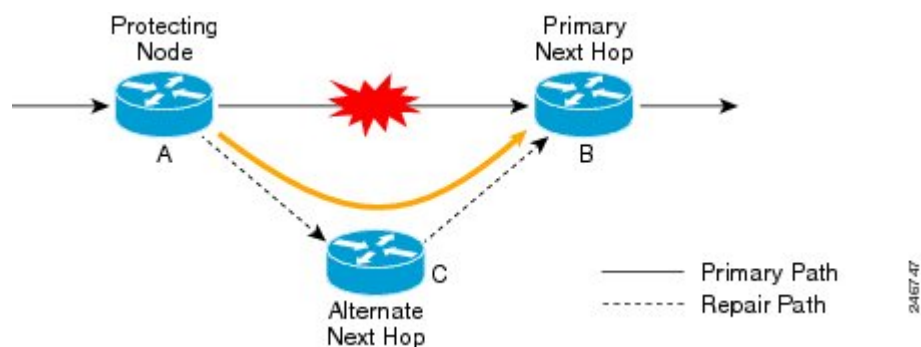
- IPv6 LFA IP FRR is not supported.
- LFA IP FRR is not supported with primary path or backup path as Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS).
- LFA IP FRR is not supported with primary path or backup path as Equal-Cost Multipath (ECMP).
- LFA IP FRR is not supported for OSPFv2 VRF-Lite.
- LFA IP FRR is only available in network-advantage license level.
- Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) tunnel as primary path is not supported.
- The convergence time may be higher in cases of high CPU utilisation.

- The convergence time is dependent on the primary link status detection, and so if the physical link goes down in cases of logical interfaces like Switched Virtual interface (SVI) and port channels, the convergence time is expected to be higher.

Information About OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate IP Fast Reroute

LFA Repair Paths

The figure below shows how the OSPFv2 LFA IP FRR feature reroutes traffic if a link fails. A protecting router precomputes per-prefix repair paths and installs them in the global routing information base (RIB). When the protected primary path fails, the protecting router diverts live traffic from the primary path to the stored repair path, without other routers' having to recompute network topology or even be aware that the network topology has changed.



LFA Repair Path Attributes

When a primary path fails, many paths are possible repair candidates. The OSPFv2 LFA IP FRR feature default selection policy prioritizes attributes in the following order:

1. srlg
2. primary-path
3. interface-disjoint
4. lowest-metric
5. linecard-disjoint
6. node-protecting
7. broadcast-interface-disjoint

If the evaluation does not select any candidate, the repair path is selected by implicit load balancing. This means that repair path selection varies depending on prefix.

You can use the **show ip ospf fast-reroute** command to display the current configuration.

You can use the **fast-reroute tie-break** command to configure one or more of the repair-path attributes described in the following sections to select among the candidates:

Shared Risk Link Groups

A shared risk link group (SRLG) is a group of next-hop interfaces of repair and protected primary paths that have a high likelihood of failing simultaneously. The OSPFv2 LFA IP FRR feature supports only SRLGs that are locally configured on the computing router. VLANs on a single physical interface are an example of an SRLG. If the physical interface fails, all the VLAN interfaces will fail at the same time. The default repair-path attributes might result in the primary path on one VLAN being protected by a repair path over another VLAN. You can configure the `srlg` attribute to specify that LFA repair paths do not share the same SRLG ID as the primary path. Use the `srlg` command to assign an interface to an SRLG.

Interface Protection

Point-to-point interfaces have no alternate next hop for rerouting if the primary gateway fails. You can set the `interface-disjoint` attribute to prevent selection of such repair paths, thus protecting the interface.

Broadcast Interface Protection

LFA repair paths protect links when a repair path and a protected primary path use different next-hop interfaces. However, on broadcast interfaces, if the LFA repair path is computed via the same interface as the primary path, but their next-hop gateways are different, the node is protected but the link might not be. You can set the `broadcast-interface-disjoint` attribute to specify that the repair path never crosses the broadcast network the primary path points to; that is, it cannot use the interface and the broadcast network connected to it.

See [Broadcast and Non-Broadcast Multi-Access \(NBMA\) Links](#) in RFC 5286, *Basic Specification for IP Fast Reroute: Loop-Free Alternates* for information on network topologies that require this tiebreaker.

Node Protection

The default repair-path attributes might not protect the router that is the next hop in a primary path. You can configure the `node-protecting` attribute to specify that the repair path will bypass the primary-path gateway router.

Downstream Path

In the case of a high-level network failure or multiple simultaneous network failures, traffic sent over an alternate path might loop until OSPF recomputes the primary paths. You can configure the `downstream` attribute to specify that the metric of any repair path to the protected destination must be lower than that of the protecting node to the destination. This might result in lost traffic but it prevents looping.

Line-Card Disjoint Interfaces

Line-card interfaces are similar to SRLGs because all interfaces on the same line card will fail at the same time if there is a problem with the line card, for example, line card online insertion and removal (OIR). You can configure the `linecard-disjoint` attribute to specify that LFA repair paths use different interfaces than those on the primary-path line card.

Metric

An LFA repair path need not be the most efficient of the candidates. A high-cost repair path might be considered more attractive if it provides protection against higher-level network failures. You can configure the `metric` attribute to specify a repair-path policy that has the lowest metric.

Equal-Cost Multipath Primary Paths

Equal-cost multipath paths (ECMPs) found during the primary shortest path first (SPF) repair, might not be desirable in network designs where traffic is known to exceed the capacity of any single link. You can configure the primary-path attribute to specify an LFA repair path from the ECMP set, or the secondary-path attribute to specify an LFA repair path that is not from the ECMP set.

Candidate Repair-Path Lists

When OSPF computes a repair path, it keeps in the local RIB only the best from among all the candidate paths, in order to conserve memory. You can use the **fast-reroute keep-all-paths** command to create a list of all the candidate repair paths that were considered. This information can be useful for troubleshooting but it can greatly increase memory consumption so it should be reserved for testing and debugging.

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Enabling Per-Prefix OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate IP Fast Reroute

Perform this task to enable per-prefix OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate IP Fast Reroute and select the prefix priority in an OSPF area.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password, if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	router ospf <i>process-id</i> Example: Device(config)# router ospf 10	Enables OSPF routing and enters router configuration mode.
Step 4	fast-reroute per-prefix enable prefix-priority <i>priority-level</i> Example: Device (config-router)# fast-reroute per-prefix enable prefix-priority low	Enables repair-path computation and selects the priority level for repair paths. Low priority specifies that all the prefixes have the same eligibility for protection. High priority specifies that only high-priority prefixes are protected.
Step 5	exit Example:	Exits router configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device (config-router) # exit	

Specifying Prefixes to Be Protected by LFA IP FRR

Perform this task to specify which prefixes will be protected by LFA IP FRR. Only prefixes specified in the route map will be protected.



Note Only three match keywords are recognized in the route map: **match tag**, **match route-type**, and **match ip address prefix-list**.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	route-map <i>map-tag</i> [permit deny] [<i>sequence-number</i>] Example: Device(config)# route-map OSPF-PREFIX-PRIORITY	Enters route-map configuration mode and specifies the map name.
Step 4	match tag <i>tag-name</i> Example: Device(config-route-map) # match tag 886	Specifies the prefixes to be matched. • Only prefixes that match the tag will be protected.
Step 5	exit Example: Device(config-route-map) # exit	Exits route-map configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 6	router ospf <i>process-id</i> Example: Device(config)# router ospf 10	Enables OSPF routing and enters router configuration mode.
Step 7	prefix-priority <i>priority-level</i> route-map <i>map-tag</i> Example:	Sets the priority level for repair paths and specifies the route map that defines the prefixes.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config-router)# prefix-priority high route-map OSPF-PREFIX-PRIORITY	
Step 8	exit Example: Device(config-router)# exit	Exits router configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

Configuring a Repair Path Selection Policy

Perform this task to configure a repair path selection policy, specifying a tiebreaking condition. See the [LFA Repair Path Attributes](#) for information on tiebreaking attributes.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	router ospf process-id Example: Device(config)# router ospf 10	Enables OSPF routing and enters router configuration mode.
Step 4	fast-reroute per-prefix tie-break attribute [required] index index-level Example: Device(config-router)# fast-reroute per-prefix tie-break srlg required index 10	Configures a repair path selection policy by specifying a tie-breaking condition and setting its priority level.
Step 5	exit Example: Device(config-router)# exit	Exits router configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

Creating a List of Repair Paths Considered

Perform this task to create a list of paths considered for LFA IP FRR.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	router ospf <i>process-id</i> Example: Device(config)# router ospf 10	Enables OSPF routing and enters router configuration mode.
Step 4	fast-reroute keep-all-paths Example: Device(config-router)# fast-reroute keep-all-paths	Specifies creating a list of repair paths considered for LFA IP FRR.
Step 5	exit Example: Device(config-router)# exit	Exits router configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

Prohibiting an Interface from Being Used as the Next Hop

Perform this task to prohibit an interface from being used as the next hop in a repair path.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device(config)# interface Ethernet 1/0	Enters interface configuration mode for the interface specified.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	ip ospf fast-reroute per-prefix candidate disable Example: Device(config-if) # ip ospf fast-reroute per-prefix candidate disable	Prohibits the interface from being used as the next hop in a repair path.
Step 5	exit Example: Device(config-if) # exit	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

Configuration Examples for OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate IP Fast Reroute

Example: Enabling Per-Prefix LFA IP FRR

The following example shows how to enable per-prefix OSPFv2 LFA IP FRR and select the prefix priority in an OSPF area:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# router ospf 10
Device(config-router)# fast-reroute per-prefix enable prefix-priority low
Device(config-router)# end
```

Example: Specifying Prefix-Protection Priority

The following example shows how to specify which prefixes will be protected by LFA FRR:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# router ospf 10
Device(config-router)# prefix-priority high route-map OSPF-PREFIX-PRIORITY
Device(config-router)# fast-reroute per-prefix enable prefix-priority high
Device(config-router)# network 192.0.2.1 255.255.255.0 area 0
Device(config-router)# route-map OSPF-PREFIX-PRIORITY permit 10
Device(config-router)# match tag 866
Device(config-router)# end
```

Example: Configuring Repair-Path Selection Policy

The following example shows how to configure a repair-path selection policy that sets SRLG, line card failure and downstream as tiebreaking attributes, and sets their priority indexes:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
```



```

Device(config)# router ospf 10
Device(config-router)# fast-reroute per-prefix enable prefix-priority low
Device(config-router)# fast-reroute per-prefix tie-break srlg required index 10
Device(config-router)# fast-reroute per-prefix tie-break linecard-disjoint index 15
Device(config-router)# fast-reroute per-prefix tie-break downstream index 20
Device(config-router)# network 192.0.2.1 255.255.255.0 area 0
Device(config-router)# end

```

Example: Auditing Repair-Path Selection

The following example shows how to keep a record of repair-path selection:

```

Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# router ospf 10
Device(config-router)# fast-reroute per-prefix enable prefix-priority low
Device(config-router)# fast-reroute keep-all-paths
Device(config-router)# network 192.0.2.1 255.255.255.0 area 0
Device(config-router)# end

```

Example: Prohibiting an Interface from Being a Protecting Interface

The following example shows how to prohibit an interface from being a protecting interface:

```

Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# interface Ethernet 0/0
Device(config-if)# ip address 192.0.2.1 255.255.255.0
Device(config-if)# ip ospf fast-reroute per-prefix candidate disable
Device(config-if)# end

```

Feature Information for OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate IP Fast Reroute

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.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to www.cisco.com/go/cfn. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Table 1: Feature Information for OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate IP Fast Reroute

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate IP Fast Reroute	Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.3.1	<p>The OSPFv2 Loop-Free Alternate IP Fast Reroute feature uses a precomputed alternate next hop to reduce failure reaction time when the primary next hop fails.</p> <p>Support for this feature was introduced on the C9500-32C, C9500-32QC, C9500-48Y4C, and C9500-24Y4C models of the Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches.</p>