

Configuring MPLS Layer 3 VPN

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Prerequisites for MPLS Virtual Private Networks

- Make sure that you have installed Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS), Label Distribution Protocol (LDP), and Cisco Express Forwarding in your network.
- All devices in the core, including the provider edge (PE) devices, must be able to support Cisco Express Forwarding and MPLS forwarding. See the "Assessing the Needs of the MPLS Virtual Private Network Customers" section.
- Enable Cisco Express Forwarding on all devices in the core, including the PE devices. For information about how to determine if Cisco Express Forwarding is enabled, see the "Configuring Basic Cisco Express Forwarding" module in the *Cisco Express Forwarding Configuration Guide*.
- The **mpls ldp graceful-restart** command must be configured to enable the device to protect LDP bindings and MPLS forwarding state during a disruption in service. We recommend you to configure this command (even if you do not want to preserve the forwarding state) to avoid device failure during SSO in a high availability setup with scale configurations.

Restrictions for MPLS Virtual Private Networks

When static routes are configured in a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) or MPLS virtual private network (VPN) environment, some variations of the **ip route** and **ip route vrf** commands are not supported. Use the following guidelines when configuring static routes.

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS Environment

The following **ip route** command is supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment:

• ip route destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and configure load sharing with static nonrecursive routes and a specific outbound interface:

- ip route destination-prefix mask interface1 next-hop1
- ip route destination-prefix mask interface2 next-hop2

Unsupported Static Routes in an MPLS Environment That Uses the TFIB

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment:

• ip route destination-prefix mask next-hop-address

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and enable load sharing where the next hop can be reached through two paths:

• ip route destination-prefix mask next-hop-address

The following **ip route** commands are not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS environment and enable load sharing where the destination can be reached through two next hops:

- ip route destination-prefix mask next-hop1
- ip route destination-prefix mask next-hop2

Use the *interface* an *next-hop* arguments when specifying static routes.

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment

The following **ip route vrf** commands are supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop and interface are in the same VRF:

- ip route vrf vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop-address
- ip route vrf vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address
- ip route vrf vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface1 next-hop1
- ip route vrf vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface2 next-hop2

The following **ip route vrf** commands are supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud in the global routing table. For example, these commands are supported when the next hop is pointing to the Internet gateway.

• ip route vrf vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop-address global

• **ip route vrf** *vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address* (This command is supported when the next hop and interface are in the core.)

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS VPN environment and enable load sharing with static nonrecursive routes and a specific outbound interface:

- ip route destination-prefix mask interface1 next-hop1
- ip route destination-prefix mask interface2 next-hop2

Unsupported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment That Uses the TFIB

The following **ip route** command is not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud within the core, and you enable load sharing where the next hop can be reached through two paths:

• ip route vrf destination-prefix mask next-hop-address global

The following **ip route** commands are not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table in the MPLS cloud within the core, and you enable load sharing where the destination can be reached through two next hops:

- ip route vrf destination-prefix mask next-hop1 global
- ip route vrf destination-prefix mask next-hop2 global

The following **ip route vrf** commands are not supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop and interface are in the same VRF:

- ip route vrf vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop1 vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop1
- ip route vrf vrf-name destination-prefix mask next-hop2

Supported Static Routes in an MPLS VPN Environment Where the Next Hop Resides in the Global Table on the CE Device

The following **ip route vrf** command is supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS VPN environment, and the next hop is in the global table on the customer edge (CE) side. For example, the following command is supported when the destination prefix is the CE device's loopback address, as in external Border Gateway Protocol (EBGP) multihop cases.

• ip route vrf vrf-name destination-prefix mask interface next-hop-address

The following **ip route** commands are supported when you configure static routes in an MPLS VPN environment, the next hop is in the global table on the CE side, and you enable load sharing with static nonrecursive routes and a specific outbound interface:

- ip route destination-prefix mask interface1 nexthop1
- ip route destination-prefix mask interface2 nexthop2



Note

Cisco Catalyst 9500X Series Switches only supports the per-VRF MPLS label allocation mode for local label allocation. This is also the default mode. However, Cisco Catalyst 9500X Series Switches can interoperate with remote peers operating in the per-prefix mode.

Information About MPLS Virtual Private Networks

This section provides information about MPLS Virtual Private Networks:

MPLS Virtual Private Network Definition

Before defining a Multiprotocol Label Switching virtual private network (MPLS VPN), you must define a VPN in general. A VPN is:

- · An IP-based network delivering private network services over a public infrastructure
- A set of sites that communicate with each other privately over the Internet or other public or private networks

Conventional VPNs are created by configuring a full mesh of tunnels or permanent virtual circuits (PVCs) to all sites in a VPN. This type of VPN is not easy to maintain or expand, because adding a new site requires changing each edge device in the VPN.

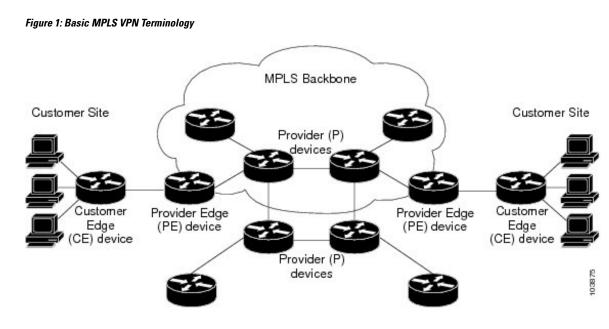
MPLS-based VPNs are created in Layer 3 and are based on the peer model. The peer model enables the service provider and the customer to exchange Layer 3 routing information. The service provider relays the data between the customer sites without the customer's involvement.

MPLS VPNs are easier to manage and expand than conventional VPNs. When a new site is added to an MPLS VPN, only the service provider's edge device that provides services to the customer site needs to be updated.

The different parts of the MPLS VPN are described as follows:

- Provider (P) device—Device in the core of the provider network. P devices run MPLS switching, and do not attach VPN labels to routed packets. The MPLS label in each route is assigned by the provider edge (PE) device. VPN labels are used to direct data packets to the correct egress device.
- PE device—Device that attaches the VPN label to incoming packets based on the interface or subinterface on which they are received. A PE device attaches directly to a customer edge (CE) device.
- Customer (C) device—Device in the ISP or enterprise network.
- CE device—Edge device on the network of the ISP that connects to the PE device on the network. A CE device must interface with a PE device.

The figure below shows a basic MPLS VPN.



How an MPLS Virtual Private Network Works

Multiprotocol Label Switching virtual private network (MPLS VPN) functionality is enabled at the edge of an MPLS network. The provider edge (PE) device performs the following:

- Exchanges routing updates with the customer edge (CE) device.
- Translates the CE routing information into VPNv4 routes.
- Exchanges VPNv4 routes with other PE devices through the Multiprotocol Border Gateway Protocol (MP-BGP).

The following sections describe how MPLS VPN works:

Major Components of an MPLS Virtual Private Network

A Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)-based virtual private network (VPN) has three major components:

- VPN route target communities—A VPN route target community is a list of all members of a VPN community. VPN route targets need to be configured for each VPN community member.
- Multiprotocol BGP (MP-BGP) peering of VPN community provider edge (PE) devices— MP-BGP propagates virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) reachability information to all members of a VPN community. MP-BGP peering must be configured on all PE devices within a VPN community.
- MPLS forwarding—MPLS transports all traffic between all VPN community members across a VPN service-provider network.

A one-to-one relationship does not necessarily exist between customer sites and VPNs. A given site can be a member of multiple VPNs. However, a site can associate with only one VRF. A customer-site VRF contains all the routes available to the site from the VPNs of which it is a member.

Benefits of an MPLS Virtual Private Network

Multiprotocol Label Switching virtual private networks (MPLS VPNs) allow service providers to deploy scalable VPNs. They build the foundation to deliver value-added services, such as the following:

Connectionless Service

A significant technical advantage of MPLS VPNs is that they are connectionless. The Internet owes its success to its basic technology, TCP/IP. TCP/IP is built on a packet-based, connectionless network paradigm. This means that no prior action is necessary to establish communication between hosts, making it easy for two parties to communicate. To establish privacy in a connectionless IP environment, current VPN solutions impose a connection-oriented, point-to-point overlay on the network. Even if it runs over a connectionless network, a VPN cannot take advantage of the ease of connectivity and multiple services available in connectionless networks. When you create a connectionless VPN, you do not need tunnels and encryption for network privacy, thus eliminating significant complexity.

Centralized Service

Building VPNs in Layer 3 allows delivery of targeted services to a group of users represented by a VPN. A VPN must give service providers more than a mechanism for privately connecting users to intranet services. It must also provide a way to flexibly deliver value-added services to targeted customers. Scalability is critical, because you want to use services privately in their intranets and extranets. Because MPLS VPNs are seen as private intranets, you may use new IP services such as:

- Multicast
- Quality of service (QoS)
- Telephony support within a VPN
- · Centralized services including content and web hosting to a VPN

You can customize several combinations of specialized services for individual customers. For example, a service that combines IP multicast with a low-latency service class enables video conferencing within an intranet.

Scalability

If you create a VPN using connection-oriented, point-to-point overlays, Frame Relay, or ATM virtual connections (VCs), the VPN's key deficiency is scalability. Specifically, connection-oriented VPNs without fully meshed connections between customer sites are not optimal. MPLS-based VPNs, instead, use the peer model and Layer 3 connectionless architecture to leverage a highly scalable VPN solution. The peer model requires a customer site to peer with only one provider edge (PE) device as opposed to all other customer edge (CE) devices that are members of the VPN. The connectionless architecture allows the creation of VPNs in Layer 3, eliminating the need for tunnels or VCs.

Other scalability issues of MPLS VPNs are due to the partitioning of VPN routes between PE devices. And the further partitioning of VPN and Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP) routes between PE devices and provider (P) devices in a core network.

- PE devices must maintain VPN routes for those VPNs who are members.
- P devices do not maintain any VPN routes.

This increases the scalability of the provider's core and ensures that no one device is a scalability bottleneck.

Security

MPLS VPNs offer the same level of security as connection-oriented VPNs. Packets from one VPN do not inadvertently go to another VPN.

Security is provided in the following areas:

- At the edge of a provider network, ensuring packets that are received from a customer are placed on the correct VPN.
- At the backbone, VPN traffic is kept separate. Malicious spoofing (an attempt to gain access to a PE device) is nearly impossible because the packets that are received from customers are IP packets. These IP packets must be received on a particular interface or subinterface to be uniquely identified with a VPN label.

Ease of Creation

To take full advantage of VPNs, customers must be able to easily create new VPNs and user communities. Because MPLS VPNs are connectionless, no specific point-to-point connection maps or topologies are required. You can add sites to intranets and extranets and form closed user groups. Managing VPNs in this manner enables membership of any given site in multiple VPNs, maximizing flexibility in building intranets and extranets.

Flexible Addressing

To make a VPN service more accessible, customers of a service provider can design their own addressing plan. This addressing plan can be independent of addressing plans for other service provider customers. Many customers use private address spaces, as defined in RFC 1918. They do not want to invest the time and expense of converting to public IP addresses to enable intranet connectivity. MPLS VPNs allow customers to continue to use their present address spaces without Network Address Translation (NAT) by providing a public and private view of the address. A NAT is required only if two VPNs with overlapping address spaces want to communicate. This enables customers to use their own unregistered private addresses, and communicate freely across a public IP network.

Integrated QoS Support

QoS is an important requirement for many IP VPN customers. It provides the ability to address two fundamental VPN requirements:

- Predictable performance and policy implementation
- · Support for multiple levels of service in an MPLS VPN

Network traffic is classified and labeled at the edge of the network. The traffic is then aggregated according to policies defined by subscribers and implemented by the provider and transported across the provider core. Traffic at the edge and core of the network can then be differentiated into different classes by drop probability or delay.

Straightforward Migration

For service providers to quickly deploy VPN services, use a straightforward migration path. MPLS VPNs are unique because you can build them over multiple network architectures, including IP, ATM, Frame Relay, and hybrid networks.

Migration for the end customer is simplified because there is no requirement to support MPLS on the CE device. No modifications are required to a customer's intranet.

How to Configure MPLS Virtual Private Networks

The following section provides the steps to configure MPLS Virtual Private Networks:

Configuring the Core Network

The following section provides the steps to configure the core network:

Assessing the Needs of MPLS Virtual Private Network Customers

Before you configure a Multiprotocol Label Switching virtual private network (MPLS VPN), you need to identify the core network topology so that it can best serve MPLS VPN customers. Perform this task to identify the core network topology.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	Identify the size of the network.	Identify the following to determine the number of devices and ports that you need:
		• How many customers do you need to support?
		• How many VPNs are needed per customer?
		• How many virtual routing and forwarding instances are there for each VPN?
Step 2	Identify the routing protocols in the core.	Determine which routing protocols you need in the core network.
Step 3	Determine if you need MPLS VPN High Availability support.	MPLS VPN Nonstop Forwarding and Graceful Restart are supported on select devices and Cisco software releases. Contact Cisco Support for the exact requirements and hardware support.
Step 4	Determine if you need Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) load sharing and redundant paths in the MPLS VPN core.	

Configuring MPLS in the Core

To enable Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) on all devices in the core, you must configure the MPLS Label Distribution Protocol (LDP). For configuration information, see the "MPLS Label Distribution Protocol (LDP)" module in the *MPLS Label Distribution Protocol Configuration Guide*

On the Cisco Catalyst 9500X Series Switches, LDP label statistics are not displayed by default. To see the LDP label statistics use the **debug mpls lfd local-label** *local-label* **statistics-enable** command.

Connecting the MPLS Virtual Private Network Customers

The following section provides information about Connecting the MPLS Virtual Private Network Customers:

Defining VRFs on the PE Devices to Enable Customer Connectivity

Use this procedure to define a virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) configuration for IPv4. To define a VRF for IPv4 and IPv6, see the "Configuring a Virtual Routing and Forwarding Instance for IPv6"section in the "IPv6 VPN over MPLS" module in the *MPLS Layer 3 VPNs Configuration Guide*.

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	vrf definition vrf-name	Defines the virtual private network (VPN)
	Example:	routing instance by assigning a virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) name and enters VRF
	Device(config)# vrf definition vrf1	configuration mode.
		• The <i>vrf-name</i> argument is the name assigned to a VRF.
Step 4	rd route-distinguisher	Creates routing and forwarding tables.
	Example:	• The route-distinguisher argument adds ar
	Device(config-vrf)# rd 100:1	8-byte value to an IPv4 prefix to create a VPN IPv4 prefix. You can enter a route
		distinguisher (RD) in either of these formats:
		• 16-bit AS number:your 32-bit number, for example, 101:3
		• 32-bit IP address:your 16-bit number for example, 10.0.0.1:1
Step 5	address-family ipv4 ipv6	Enters IPv4 or IPv6 address family mode
	Example:	
	<pre>Device(config-vrf)# address-family ipv6</pre>	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	<pre>route-target {import export both} route-target-ext-community</pre>	Creates a route-target extended community for a VRF.
	<pre>Example: Device(config-vrf-af)# route-target both 100:1</pre>	• The import keyword imports routing information from the target VPN extended community.
	100:1	• The export keyword exports routing information to the target VPN extended community.
		• The both keyword imports routing information from and exports routing information to the target VPN extended community.
		• The <i>route-target-ext-community</i> argument adds the route-target extended community attributes to the VRF's list of import, export, or both route-target extended communities.
Step 7	exit	(Optional) Exits to global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-vrf)# exit	

Configuring VRF Interfaces on PE Devices for Each VPN Customer

To associate a virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instance with an interface or subinterface on the provider edge (PE) devices, perform this task.

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 type number	Specifies the interface to configure and enters
	Example:	interface configuration mode.
		• The <i>type</i> argument specifies the type of interface to be configured.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1	• The <i>number</i> argument specifies the port, connector, or interface card number.
Step 4 vrf forwarding vrf-name Associates a VRF v	Associates a VRF with the specified interface	
	Example:	or subinterface.
	Device(config-if)# vrf forwarding vrf1	• The <i>vrf-name</i> argument is the name that is assigned to a VRF.
Step 5	end	(Optional) Exits to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# end	

Configuring Routing Protocols Between the PE and CE Devices

Configure the provider edge (PE) device with the same routing protocol that the customer edge (CE) device uses. You can configure the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), Routing Information Protocol version 2 (RIPv2), EIGRP, Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) or static routes between the PE and CE devices.

Verifying the Virtual Private Network Configuration

A route distinguisher must be configured for the virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instance. Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) must be configured on the interfaces that carry the VRF. Use the **show ip vrf** command to verify the route distinguisher (RD) and interface configured for the VRF.

Procedure

show ip vrf

Displays the set of defined VRF instances and associated interfaces. The output also maps the VRF instances to the configured route distinguisher.

Verifying Connectivity Between MPLS Virtual Private Network Sites

To verify that the local and remote customer edge (CE) devices can communicate across the Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) core, perform the following tasks:

Verifying IP Connectivity from CE Device to CE Device Across the MPLS Core

Procedure

Step 1 enable

Enables privileged EXEC mode.

Step 2	2 ping [protocol] {host-name system-address}	
	Diagnoses basic network connectivity on AppleTalk, Connectionless-mode Network Service (CLNS), IP, Novell, Apollo, Virtual Integrated Network Service (VINES), DECnet, or Xerox Network Service (XNS) networks. Use the ping command to verify the connectivity from one CE device to another.	
Step 3 trace [protocol] [destination]		
	Discovers the routes that packets take when traveling to their destination. The trace command can help isolate a trouble spot if two devices cannot communicate.	
Step 4	show ip route [<i>ip-address</i> [<i>mask</i>] [longer-prefixes]] <i>protocol</i> [<i>process-id</i>]] [list [<i>access-list-name</i> <i>access-list-number</i>]	
	Displays the current state of the routing table. Use the <i>ip-address</i> argument to verify that CE1 has a route to CE2. Verify the routes learned by CE1. Make sure that the route for CE2 is listed.	

Verifying That the Local and Remote CE Devices Are in the PE Routing Table

Procedure

enable
Enables privileged EXEC mode.
show ip route vrf <i>vrf-name</i> [<i>prefix</i>]
Displays the IP routing table that is associated with a virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instance. Check that the loopback addresses of the local and remote customer edge (CE) devices are in the routing table of the provider edge (PE) devices.
show ip cef vrf <i>vrf-name</i> [<i>ip-prefix</i>]

Displays the Cisco Express Forwarding forwarding table that is associated with a VRF. Check that the prefix of the remote CE device is in the Cisco Express Forwarding table.

Configuration Examples for MPLS Virtual Private Networks

The following section provides the configuration examples for MPLS Virtual Private Networks:

Example: Configuring an MPLS Virtual Private Network Using RIP

Example: Configuring an MPLS Virtual Private Network Using Static Routes

PE Configuration	CE Configuration
<pre>vrf vpnl rd 100:1 route-target export 100:1 route-target import 100:1 ! ip cef mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force mpls label protocol ldp ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.255 ! interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/1 vrf forwarding vpn1 ip address 192.0.2.3 255.255.00 no cdp enable ! interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/1 ip address 192.168.0.1 255.255.0.0 mpls label protocol ldp mpls ip ! router ospf 100 network 10.0.0. 0.0.0.0 area 100 ! router bgp 100 no synchronization bgp log-neighbor changes neighbor 10.0.0.3 remote-as 100 network 10.0.0.3 send-community extended bgp scan-time import 5 exit-address-family ! address-family ipv4 vrf vpn1 redistribute static no auto-summary no synchronization exit-address-family ! ip route vrf vpn1 10.0.0.9 255.255.255.255 192.0.2.2 ip route vrf vpn1 192.0.2.0 255.255.0.0 192.0.2.2</pre>	<pre>ip cef ! interface Loopback0 ip address 10.0.0.9 255.255.255.255 ! interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/1 ip address 192.0.2.2 255.255.0.0 no cdp enable ! ip route 10.0.0.9 255.255.255.192.0.2.3 3 ip route 198.51.100.0 255.255.255.0 192.0.2.3 3</pre>

PE Configuration	CE Configuration
	<pre>router bgp 5000 bgp log-neighbor-changes neighbor 5.5.5.6 remote-as 5001 neighbor 5.5.5.6 ebgp-multihop 2 neighbor 3.5.2.2.2 remote-as 5001 neighbor 3.5.2.2.2 ebgp-multihop 2 neighbor 3.5.2.2.2 update-source Loopback1 neighbor 3.500::1 remote-as 5001 neighbor 3.500::1 ebgp-multihop 2 neighbor 3.500::1 update-source Loopback1 ! address-family ipv4 redistribute connected neighbor 3.5.2.2 activate no neighbor 3.500::1 activate exit-address-family l address-family ipv6 redistribute connected neighbor 3.500::1 activate exit-address-family Device-RP(config)#</pre>

Example: Configuring an MPLS Virtual Private Network Using BGP

PE Configuration	CE Configuration
router bgp 5001	
bgp log-neighbor-changes	
bgp graceful-restart	
bgp sso route-refresh-enable	
bgp refresh max-eor-time 600	
redistribute connected	
neighbor 102.1.1.1 remote-as 5001	
neighbor 102.1.1.1 update-source Loopback1	
neighbor 105.1.1.1 remote-as 5001	
neighbor 105.1.1.1 update-source Loopback10	
neighbor 160.1.1.2 remote-as 5002	
!	
address-family vpnv4	
neighbor 102.1.1.1 activate	
neighbor 102.1.1.1 send-community both	
neighbor 105.1.1.1 activate	
neighbor 105.1.1.1 send-community extended	
exit-address-family	
address-family vpnv6	
neighbor 102.1.1.1 activate	
neighbor 102.1.1.1 send-community extended	
neighbor 105.1.1.1 activate	
neighbor 105.1.1.1 send-community extended	
exit-address-family	
address-family ipv4 vrf full	
redistribute connected	
neighbor 20.1.1.1 remote-as 5000	
neighbor 20.1.1.1 ebgp-multihop 2	
neighbor 20.1.1.1 update-source Loopback2	
neighbor 20.1.1.1 activate	
neighbor 20.1.1.1 send-community both	
exit-address-family	
!	
address-family ipv6 vrf full	
redistribute connected	
neighbor 2000::1 remote-as 5000	
neighbor 2000::1 ebgp-multihop 2	
neighbor 2000::1 update-source Loopback2	
neighbor 2000::1 activate	
exit-address-family	
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address-family ipv4 vrf orange network 87.1.0.0 mask 255.255.252.0	
network 87.1.1.0 mask 255.255.255.0	
redistribute connected	
neighbor 40.1.1.1 remote-as 7000	
neighbor 40.1.1.1 ebgp-multihop 2	
neighbor 40.1.1.1 update-source Loopback3	
neighbor 40.1.1.1 activate	
neighbor 40.1.1.1 send-community extended	
neighbor 40.1.1.1 route-map orange-lp in	
maximum-paths eibgp 2	
exit-address-family	
!	
address-family ipv6 vrf orange	
redistribute connected	
maximum-paths eibgp 2	
neighbor 4000::1 remote-as 7000	
neighbor 4000::1 ebgp-multihop 2	
neighbor 4000::1 update-source Loopback3	
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PE Configuration	CE Configuration
<pre>neighbor 4000::1 activate exit-address-family ! address-family ipv4 vrf sona redistribute connected neighbor 160.1.1.2 remote-as 5002 neighbor 160.1.1.4 activate neighbor 160.1.1.4 remote-as 5003 neighbor 160.1.1.4 activate exit-address-family</pre>	

Additional References

Related Topic	Document Title
For complete syntax and usage information for the commands used in this chapter.	See the MPLS Commands section of the <i>Command Reference</i> (<i>Catalyst 9500 Series Switches</i>)
Configuring Cisco Express Forwarding	"Configuring Basic Cisco Express Forwarding" module in the Cisco Express Forwarding Configuration Guide
Configuring LDP	"MPLS Label Distribution Protocol (LDP)" module in the MPLS Label Distribution Protocol Configuration Guide

Related Documents

Feature History for MPLS Virtual Private Networks

This table provides release and related information for features explained in this module.

These features are available on all releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless noted otherwise.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.5.1a	MPLS Virtual Private Networks	An MPLS Virtual Private Network (VPN) consists of a set of sites that are interconnected by means of a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) provider core network. At each customer site, one or more customer edge (CE) devices attach to one or more provider edge (PE) devices.
Cisco IOS XE Gibraltar 16.11.1	BGP PE-CE support for MPLS Layer 3 VPNs	Support for BGP as a routing protocol between the provider edge (PE) device and the customer edge (CE) device was introduced.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.7.1	MPLS Virtual Private Networks	Support for this feature was introduced on the C9500X-28C8D model of the Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform and software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to http://www.cisco.com/go/cfn.