# Configuring MPLS Static Labels


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## Prerequisites for MPLS Static Labels

The network must support the following Cisco IOS features before you enable MPLS Static Labels:

- Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)
- Cisco Express Forwarding

## Restrictions for MPLS Static Labels

- On a provider edge (PE) router for MPLS VPNs, there's no mechanism for statically binding a label to a customer network prefix (VPN IPv4 prefix).
- MPLS Static Crossconnect is not supported.
- MPLS Static Labels is not supported for label-controlled Asynchronous Transfer Mode (lc-atm).
- MPLS static bindings are not supported for local prefixes.
- VRF aware Static Labels is not supported,

# Information About MPLS Static Labels

## MPLS Static Labels Overview

Generally, label switching routers (LSRs) dynamically learn the labels they should use to label-switch packets. They do this by means of label distribution protocols that include:

- Label Distribution Protocol (LDP), the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) standard, used to bind labels to network addresses.
- Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) used to distribute labels for traffic engineering (TE)
- Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) used to distribute labels for Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)

To use a learned label to label-switch packets, an LSR installs the label into its Label Forwarding Information Base (LFIB).

The MPLS Static Labels feature provides the means to configure the binding between a label and an IPv4 prefix statically.

## Benefits of MPLS Static Labels

#### Static Bindings Between Labels and IPv4 Prefixes

You can configure static bindings between labels and IPv4 prefixes to support MPLS hop-by-hop forwarding through neighbor routers that don't implement LDP label distribution.

# How to Configure MPLS Static Labels

## Configuring MPLS Static Prefix Label Bindings

To configure MPLS static prefix/label bindings, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode:

#### Procedure

| | Command or Action | Purpose |
|---|---|---|
| **Step 1** | **enable**<br>**Example:**<br>`Device> enable` | Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted. |
| **Step 2** | **configure terminal**<br>**Example:** | Enters global configuration mode. |

| | Command or Action | Purpose |
|---|---|---|
| | `Device# configure terminal` | |
| **Step 3** | **mpls label range** *min-label max-label* [**static** *min-static-label max-static-label*]<br>**Example:**<br>`Device(config)# mpls label range 200 100000 static 16 199` | Specifies a range of labels for use with MPLS Static Labels feature.<br>(Default is no labels reserved for static assignment.) |
| **Step 4** | **mpls static binding ipv4** *prefix mask* [**input**\| **output** *nexthop*] label<br>**Example:**<br>`Device(config)# mpls static binding ipv4 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 55` | Specifies static binding of labels to IPv4 prefixes.<br>Bindings specified are installed automatically in the MPLS forwarding table as routing demands. |

# Verifying MPLS Static Prefix Label Bindings

To verify the configuration for MPLS static prefix/label bindings, use this procedure:

### Procedure

**Step 1** Enter **show mpls label range** command. The output shows that the new label ranges do not take effect until a reload occurs:

**Example:**

```
Device# show mpls label range

Downstream label pool: Min/Max label: 16/983039
   [Configured range for next reload: Min/Max label: 200/100000]
Range for static labels: Min/Max/Number: 16/199
```

The following output from the **show mpls label range** command, executed after a reload, indicates that the new label ranges are in effect:

**Example:**

```
Device# show mpls label range

Downstream label pool: Min/Max label: 200/100000
Range for static labels: Min/Max/Number: 16/199
```

**Step 2** Enter the **show mpls static binding ipv4** command to show the configured static prefix/label bindings:

**Example:**

```
Device# show mpls static binding ipv4
10.17.17.17/32: Incoming label: 251 (in LIB)
  Outgoing labels:
```

```
     10.0.0.1                  18
10.18.18.18/32: Incoming label: 201 (in LIB)
  Outgoing labels:
10.0.0.1 implicit-null
```

**Step 3** Use the **show mpls forwarding-table** command to determine which static prefix/label bindings are currently in use for MPLS forwarding.

**Example:**

```
Device# show mpls forwarding-table
Local  Outgoing    Prefix           Bytes tag  Outgoing   Next Hop
tag    tag or VC   or Tunnel Id     switched   interface
201    Pop tag     10.18.18.18/32   0          PO1/1/0    point2point
       2/35        10.18.18.18/32   0          AT4/1/0.1  point2point
251    18          10.17.17.17/32   0          PO1/1/0    point2point
```

# Monitoring and Maintaining MPLS Static Labels

To monitor and maintain MPLS Static Labels, use one or more of the following commands:

**Procedure**

| | Command or Action | Purpose |
|---|---|---|
| **Step 1** | **enable**<br>**Example:**<br>`Devie> enable` | Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted. |
| **Step 2** | **show mpls forwarding-table**<br>**Example:**<br>`Device# show mpls forwarding-table` | Displays the contents of the MPLS LFIB. |
| **Step 3** | **show mpls label range**<br>**Example:**<br>`Device# show mpls label range` | Displays information about the static label range. |
| **Step 4** | **show mpls static binding ipv4**<br>**Example:**<br>`Device# show mpls static binding ipv4` | Displays information about the configured static prefix/label bindings. |

# Configuration Examples for MPLS Static Labels

## Example: Configuring MPLS Static Prefixes Labels

In the following output, the **mpls label range** command reconfigures the range used for dynamically assigned labels 16–983039 to 200–100000. It configures a static label range of 16–199.

```
Device# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# mpls label range 200 100000 static 16 199
% Label range changes take effect at the next reload.
Router(config)# end
```

In the following output, the **show mpls label range** command indicates that the new label ranges don't take effect until a reload occurs:

```
Device# show mpls label range

Downstream label pool: Min/Max label: 16/983039
   [Configured range for next reload: Min/Max label: 200/100000]
Range for static labels: Min/Max/Number: 16/199
```

In the following output, the **show mpls label range** command, executed after a reload, indicates that the new label ranges are in effect:

```
Device# show mpls label range

Downstream label pool: Min/Max label: 200/100000
Range for static labels: Min/Max/Number: 16/199
```

In the following output, the **mpls static binding ipv4** commands configure static prefix/label bindings. They also configure input (local) and output (remote) labels for various prefixes:

```
Device# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.
Device(config)# mpls static binding ipv4 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 55
Device(config)# mpls static binding ipv4 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 output 10.0.0.66 2607
Device(config)# mpls static binding ipv4 10.6.0.0 255.255.0.0 input 17
Device(config)# mpls static binding ipv4 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 output 10.13.0.8 explicit-null
Device(config)# end
```

In the following output, the **show mpls static binding ipv4** command displays the configured static prefix/label bindings:

```
Device# show mpls static binding ipv4

10.0.0.0/8: Incoming label: none;
  Outgoing labels:
10.13.0.8           explicit-null
10.0.0.0/8: Incoming label: 55 (in LIB)
  Outgoing labels:
     10.0.0.66              2607
10.66.0.0/16: Incoming label: 17 (in LIB)
  Outgoing labels:  None
```

# Additional References

### Related Documents

| Related Topic | Document Title |
|---|---|
| MPLS commands | *Multiprotocol Label Switching Command Reference* |

### Standards

| Standard | Title |
|---|---|
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|---|---|
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|---|---|
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# Feature History for MPLS Static Labels

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 Gibraltar 16.11.1 | MPLS Static Labels | The MPLS Static Labels feature provides the means to configure the binding between a label and an IPv4 prefix statically.<br>The following commands were introduced or modified: **debug mpls static binding**, **mpls label range**, **mpls static binding ipv4**, **show mpls label range**, **show mpls static binding ipv4** |
| Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.7.1 | MPLS Static Labels | This feature was implemented on Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Supervisor 2 Module (C9600X-SUP-2). |

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