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1 Getting started

1.1 About this guide

This guide describes multicast routing protocols, troubleshooting, and proprietary entities and presents configuration and implementation examples.

This guide is organized into functional chapters and provides concepts and descriptions of the implementation flow, as well as Command Line Interface (CLI) syntax and command usage.

Unless otherwise indicated, the topics and commands described in this guide apply only to the 7705 SAR Gen 2 platforms listed in [Platforms and terminology](#).

Command outputs shown in this guide are examples only; actual displays may differ depending on supported functionality and user configuration.



Note: Unless otherwise indicated, CLI commands, contexts, and configuration examples in this guide apply for both the classic CLI and the MD-CLI.

The SR OS CLI trees and command descriptions can be found in the following guides:

- *7705 SAR Gen 2 Classic CLI Command Reference Guide*
- *7705 SAR Gen 2 Clear, Monitor, Show, Tools CLI Command Reference Guide* (for both the MD-CLI and classic CLI)
- *7705 SAR Gen 2 MD-CLI Command Reference Guide*



Note: This guide generically covers Release 25.x.Rx content and may contain some content that will be released in later maintenance loads. See the *SR OS R25.x.Rx Software Release Notes*, part number 3HE 21562 000x TQZZA, for information about features supported in each load of the Release 25.x.Rx software. For a list of features and CLI commands that are present in SR OS but not supported on the 7705 SAR Gen 2 platforms, see "SR OS Features not Supported on SAR Gen 2" in the *SR OS R25.x.Rx Software Release Notes*.

1.2 Platforms and terminology



Note: Unless explicitly noted otherwise, this guide uses the terminology defined in the following table to collectively designate the specified platforms.

Table 1: Platforms and terminology

Platform	Collective platform designation
7705 SAR-1	7705 SAR Gen 2

1.3 Conventions

This section describes the general conventions used in this guide.

1.3.1 Precautionary and information messages

The following information symbols are used in the documentation.



DANGER: Danger warns that the described activity or situation may result in serious personal injury or death. An electric shock hazard could exist. Before you begin work on this equipment, be aware of hazards involving electrical circuitry, be familiar with networking environments, and implement accident prevention procedures.



WARNING: Warning indicates that the described activity or situation may, or will, cause equipment damage, serious performance problems, or loss of data.



Caution: Caution indicates that the described activity or situation may reduce your component or system performance.



Note: Note provides additional operational information.



Tip: Tip provides suggestions for use or best practices.

1.3.2 Options or substeps in procedures and sequential workflows

Options in a procedure or a sequential workflow are indicated by a bulleted list. In the following example, at step 1, the user must perform the described action. At step 2, the user must perform one of the listed options to complete the step.

Example: Options in a procedure

1. User must perform this step.
2. This step offers three options. User must perform one option to complete this step.
 - This is one option.
 - This is another option.
 - This is yet another option.

Substeps in a procedure or a sequential workflow are indicated by letters. In the following example, at step 1, the user must perform the described action. At step 2, the user must perform two substeps (a. and b.) to complete the step.

Example: Substeps in a procedure

1. User must perform this step.
2. User must perform all substeps to complete this action.
 - a. This is one substep.

- b.** This is another substep.

2 Introduction to multicast

This chapter provides information about multicast.

2.1 Multicast overview

IP multicast provides an effective method of many-to-many communication. With unicast, IP packets are sent from a single source to a single recipient. The source inserts the address of the target host in the IP header destination field of an IP datagram, and intermediate routers (if present) forward the datagram toward the target, in accordance with their respective routing tables.

Sometimes distribution needs individual IP packets be delivered to multiple destinations (such as audio or video streaming broadcasts). Multicast is a method of distributing datagrams sourced from one or more hosts to a set of receivers that may be distributed over different networks. This makes delivery of multicast datagrams significantly more complex.

Multicast sources can send a single copy of data using a single address for the entire group of recipients. The routers between the source and recipients forward the packets using the group address route. Multicast packets are delivered to a multicast group. A multicast group specifies a set of recipients who are interested in a data stream and are represented by an IP address from a specified range. Data addressed to the IP address is forwarded to the members of the group. A source host sends data to a multicast group by specifying the multicast group address in the destination IP address. A source does not have to register to send data to a group nor do they need to be a member of the group.

Routers and Layer 3 switches use IGMP to manage membership for a multicast session. When a host needs to receive one or more multicast session, it sends a join message for each multicast group it needs to join. When a host needs to leave a multicast group, it sends a leave message.

To extend multicast to the Internet, the multicast backbone (Mbone) is used. The Mbone is layered on top of portions of the Internet. These portions, or islands, are interconnected using tunnels. The tunnels allow multicast traffic to pass between the multicast-capable portions of the Internet. As more and more routers in the Internet are multicast-capable, the unicast and multicast routing table converges.

The original Mbone was based on Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol (DVMRP) and was very limited. However, the Mbone is converging around the following protocol set:

- [IGMP](#)
- Source-Specific Multicast Groups ([SSM groups](#))
- Protocol Independent Multicast - Sparse Mode ([PIM-SM](#))

2.2 Multicast models

This section describes the models which Nokia routers support to provide multicast.

2.2.1 ASM

Any-Source Multicast (ASM) is the IP multicast service model defined in RFC 1112, *Host Extensions for IP Multicasting*. An IP datagram is transmitted to a host group, a set of zero or more end-hosts identified by a single IP destination address (224.0.0.0 through 239.255.255.255 for IPv4). End-hosts can join and leave the group any time and there is no restriction on their location or number. This model supports multicast groups with arbitrarily many senders. Any end-host can transmit to a host group even if it is not a member of that group.

To combat the vast complexity and scaling issues that ASM represents, the IETF is developing a service model called Source Specific Multicast (SSM).

2.2.2 PIM-SSM

The Source Specific Multicast (SSM) service model defines a channel identified by an (S,G) pair, where S is a source address and G is an SSM destination address. In contrast to the ASM model, SSM only provides network-layer support for one-to-many delivery.

The SSM service model attempts to alleviate the following deployment problems that ASM has presented:

- **address allocation**

SSM defines channels on a per-source basis. For example, the channel (S1,G) is distinct from the channel (S2,G), where S1 and S2 are source addresses, and G is an SSM destination address. This averts the problem of global allocation of SSM destination addresses and makes each source independently responsible for resolving address collisions for the various channels it creates.

- **access control**

SSM provides an efficient solution to the access control problem. When a receiver subscribes to an (S,G) channel, it receives data sent only by the source S. In contrast, any host can transmit to an ASM host group. At the same time, when a sender picks an (S,G) channel to transmit on, it is automatically ensured that no other sender transmits on the same channel (except in the case of malicious acts such as address spoofing). This makes it harder to spam an SSM channel than an ASM multicast group.

- **handling of well-known sources**

SSM requires only source-based forwarding trees, eliminating the need for a shared tree infrastructure. In terms of the IGMP, PIM-SM, MSDP, MBGP protocol suite, this implies that neither the RP-based shared tree infrastructure of PIM-SM nor the MSDP protocol is required. Thus, the complexity of the multicast routing infrastructure for SSM is low, making it viable for immediate deployment. MBGP is still required for distribution of multicast reachability information.

- anticipating that point-to-multipoint applications such as Internet TV will be significant in the future, the SSM model is better suited for such applications.

3 IGMP

This chapter provides information about IGMP.

3.1 IGMP overview

Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) is used by IPv4 hosts and routers to report their IP multicast group memberships to neighboring multicast routers. A multicast router keeps a list of multicast group memberships for each attached network, and a timer for each membership.

Multicast group memberships include at least one member of a multicast group on a specific attached network, not a list of all the members. With respect to each of its attached networks, a multicast router can assume one of two roles, querier or non-querier. There is normally only one querier per physical network.

A querier issues two types of queries, a general query and a group-specific query. General queries are issued to solicit membership information with regard to any multicast group. Group-specific queries are issued when a router receives a leave message from the node it perceives as the last group member remaining on that network segment.

Hosts wanting to receive a multicast session issue a multicast group membership report. These reports must be sent to all multicast enabled routers.

3.1.1 IGMP versions and interoperability requirements

If routers run different versions of IGMP, they negotiate the lowest common version of IGMP that is supported on their subnet and operate in that version.

- **Version 1**
Specified in RFC 1112, *Host extensions for IP Multicasting*, was the first widely deployed version and the first version to become an Internet standard.
- **Version 2**
Specified in RFC 2236, *Internet Group Management Protocol, Version 2*, added support for “low leave latency”, that is, a reduction in the time it takes for a multicast router to learn that there are no longer any members of a particular group present on an attached network.
- **Version 3**
Specified in RFC 3376, *Internet Group Management Protocol, Version 3*, adds support for source filtering; that is, the ability for a system to report interest in receiving packets only from specific source addresses, as required to support [PIM-SSM](#), or from all but specific source addresses, sent to a particular multicast address.

IGMPv3 must keep state per group per attached network. This group state consists of a filter-mode, a list of sources, and various timers. For each attached network running IGMP, a multicast router records the needed reception state for that network.

3.1.2 IGMP version transition

Nokia routers are capable of interpreting with routers and hosts running IGMPv1, IGMPv2, and/or IGMPv3. RFC 5186, *Internet Group Management Protocol Version 3 (IGMPv3)/Multicast Listener Discovery Version 2 (MLDv2) and Multicast Routing Protocol Interaction* describes some of the interoperability issues and how they affect the various routing protocols.

IGMPv3 (RFC 3376) specifies that if a router receives an earlier version query message on an interface, it must immediately switch into a compatibility mode with that earlier version. None of the previous versions of IGMP are source aware. Therefore, if this occurs, and the interface switches to Version 1 or 2 compatibility mode, any previously learned group memberships with specific sources (learned via the IGMPv3 specific include or exclude mechanisms) must be converted to non-source-specific group memberships. The routing protocol treats this as if there is no exclude definition present.

3.1.3 SSM groups

IGMPv3 allows a receiver to join a group and specify that it only wants to receive traffic for a group if that traffic comes from a particular source. If a receiver does this, and no other receiver on the LAN requires all the traffic for the group, then the designated router (DR) can omit performing a (*,G) join to set up the shared tree, and instead issue a source-specific (S,G) join only.

The range of multicast addresses from 232.0.0.0 to 232.255.255.255 is currently set aside for source-specific multicast in IPv4. For groups in this range, receivers should only issue source-specific IGMPv3 joins. If a PIM router receives a non-source-specific join for a group in this range, it should ignore it.

A Nokia router PIM router must silently ignore a received (*,G) PIM join message where G is a multicast group address from the multicast address group range that has been explicitly configured for SSM. This occurrence should generate an event. If configured, the IGMPv2 request can be translated into IGMPv3. The router allows for the conversion of an IGMPv2 (*,G) request into a IGMPv3 (S,G) request based on manual entries. A maximum of 32 SSM ranges is supported.

IGMPv3 also allows a receiver to join a group and specify that it only wants to receive traffic for a group if that traffic does not come from a specific source or sources. In this case, the DR performs a (*,G) join as normal, but can combine this with a prune for each of the sources the receiver does not want to receive.

3.1.4 Query messages

The IGMP query source address is configurable at two hierarchical levels. It can be configured globally at each router instance IGMP level and can be configured at individual at the group-interface level. The group-interface level overrides the src-ip address configured at the router instance level.

By default, subscribers with IGMP policies send IGMP queries with an all zero SRC IP address (0.0.0.0). However, some systems only accept and process IGMP query messages with non-zero SRC IP addresses. This feature allows the BNG to inter-operate with such systems.

3.2 Configuring IGMP with CLI

This section provides information to configure IGMP using the CLI.

3.2.1 IGMP configuration overview

The routers use IGMP to manage membership for a multicast session. IGMP is not enabled by default. When enabled, at least one interface must be specified in the IGMP context as IGMP is an interface function. Creating an interface enables IGMP. Traffic can only flow away from the router to an IGMP interface and to and from a PIM interface. A router directly connected to a source must have PIM enabled on the interface to that source. The traffic travels in a network from PIM interface to PIM interface and arrives finally on an IGMP enabled interface.

The IGMP CLI context allows you to specify an existing IP interface and modify the interface-specific parameters. Static IGMP group memberships can be configured to test multicast forwarding without a receiver host. When IGMP static group membership is enabled, data is forwarded to an interface without receiving membership reports from host members.

When static IGMP group entries on point-to-point links that connect routers to a rendezvous point (RP) are configured, the static IGMP group entries do not generate join messages toward the RP. When a host wants to receive multicast sessions it sends a join message for each multicast group it wants to join. Then, a leave message may be sent for each multicast group it no longer needs to participate with.

A multicast router keeps a list of multicast group memberships for each attached network, and an interval timer for each membership. Hosts issue a Multicast Group Membership Report when they want to receive a multicast session. The reports are sent to all multicast routers.

3.2.2 Basic IGMP configuration

About this task

Perform the following basic multicast configuration tasks:

Procedure

- Step 1.** Enable IGMP.
- Step 2.** Configure IGMP interfaces.
- Step 3.** Optional: Specify the IGMP version on the interface.
- Step 4.** Optional: Configure static (S,G)/(*,G).
- Step 5.** Optional: Configure SSM translation.

3.2.3 Configuring IGMP

3.2.3.1 Enabling IGMP

Use the commands in the following context to enable IGMP.

```
configure router igmp
```

The following example shows IGMP configuration information.

Example: MD-CLI

```
[ex:/configure router "base" igmp]
A:admin@node-2# info
  admin-state enable
  query-interval 125
  query-last-member-interval 1
  query-response-interval 10
  robust-count 2
  ...
```

Example: classic CLI

```
A:node-2>config>router# info
...
#-----
echo "IGMP Configuration"
#-----
      igmp
        query-interval 125
        query-last-member-interval 1
        query-response-interval 10
        robust-count 2
        no shutdown
      exit
#-----
```

3.2.3.2 Configuring an IGMP interface

Use the following command to configure an interface for IGMP. You can reference interfaces configured in the router, IES service, or IES service video-interface context.

```
configure router igmp interface
```

The following example shows interfaces configured for IGMP.

Example: Configure interfaces for IGMP (MD-CLI)

```
[ex:/configure router "2" igmp]
A:admin@node-2# info
...
  interface "itf1" {
    admin-state enable
  }
  interface "itf2" {
    admin-state enable
  }
  interface "ip-1.1.1.3" {
    admin-state enable
  }
  ...
```

Example: Configure interfaces for IGMP (classic CLI)

```
A:node-2>config>router>igmp# info
-----
      ...
      interface "itf1"
```

```

        no shutdown
    exit
    interface "itf2"
        no shutdown
    exit
    interface "ip-1.1.1.3"
        no shutdown
    exit
    no shutdown
    ...
-----

```

Use the commands in the **interface** context to configure the interface for IGMP. The following example shows some IGMP interface configuration options.

Example: Configure IGMP interface options (MD-CLI)

```

[ex:/configure router "2" igmp interface "itf1"]
A:admin@node-2# info
    admin-state enable
    maximum-number-group-sources 5
    maximum-number-sources 10
    version 2
    ...

```

Example: Configure IGMP interface options (classic CLI)

```

A:node-2>config>router>igmp# interface "itf1"
A:node-2>config>router>igmp>if# info
-----
    version 2
    max-groups 5
    max-sources 10
    no shutdown
    ...
-----

```

3.2.3.3 Configuring IGMP static multicast

About this task

This task describes how to configure an IGMP static multicast group and add a source IP address or starg entry. Use the commands in the following context to configure an IGMP static multicast group.

```
configure router igmp interface static
```

Procedure

Step 1. Configure an IGMP static multicast group.

```
configure router igmp interface ip-int-name static group ip-address
```

Step 2. Configure a source IP address or a static (*,G) entry for the group.

```
configure router igmp interface ip-int-name static group ip-address source ip-address
configure router igmp interface ip-int-name static group ip-address starg
```

Example**MD-CLI**

```
[ex:/configure router "Base" igmp]
A:admin@node-2# info
...
interface "itf1" {
    ...
    static {
        group 239.255.0.2 {
            source 172.22.184.197 { }
        }
    }
}
interface "itf2" {
    static {
        group 239.1.1.1 {
            starg
        }
    }
}
}
```

Example**classic CLI**

```
A:node-2>config>router>igmp# info
-----
...
interface "itf1"
...
static
    group 239.255.0.2
    source 172.22.184.197
exit
exit
exit
interface "itf2"
...
static
    group 239.1.1.1
    starg
exit
exit
exit
-----
```

3.2.3.4 Configuring SSM translation**Procedure**

Use the commands in the following context to configure SSM translation for IGMP.

```
configure router igmp ssm-translate
```

The following example shows an SSM translation configuration for IGMP.

Example: MD-CLI

```
[ex:/configure router "Base" igmp]
A:admin@node-2# info
...
  ssm-translate {
    group-range start 239.255.0.1 end 239.2.2.2 {
      source 10.1.1.1 { }
    }
  }
...

```

Example: classic CLI

```
A:node-2>config>router>igmp# info
-----
...
  ssm-translate
    grp-range 239.255.0.1 239.2.2.2
      source 10.1.1.1
    exit
  exit
...
-----

```

3.2.4 Disabling IGMP

IGMP is enabled by default. Use the following command to disable IGMP:

- **MD-CLI**

```
configure router igmp admin-state disable
```

- **classic CLI**

```
configure router igmp shutdown
```

4 MLD

This chapter provides information about Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD).

4.1 MLD overview

Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) is the IPv6 version of IGMP and belongs to the Source Specific Multicast (SSM) service model (see [IPv6 PIM models](#) for more information). The purpose of MLD is to allow each IPv6 router to discover the presence of multicast listeners on its directly attached links, and to discover specifically which multicast groups are of interest to those neighboring nodes.

MLD is a sub-protocol of ICMPv6. MLD message types are a subset of the set of ICMPv6 messages, and MLD messages are identified in IPv6 packets by a preceding Next Header value of 58. All MLD messages are sent with a link-local IPv6 source address, a Hop Limit of 1, and an IPv6 Router Alert option in the Hop-by-Hop Options header.

4.1.1 MLDv1

Similar to IGMPv2, MLDv1 reports only include the multicast group addresses that listeners are interested in, and do not include the source addresses. To work with the PIM-SSM model, a similar SSM translation function is required when MLDv1 is used.

SSM translation allows an IGMPv2 device to join an SSM multicast network through the router that provides such a translation capability. Currently SSM translation can be done at a box level, but this does not allow a per-interface translation to be specified. SSM translation per interface offers the ability to have a same (*,G) mapped to two different (S,G) on two different interfaces to provide flexibility.

4.1.2 MLDv2

MLDv2 is backward compatible with MLDv1 and adds the ability for a node to report interest in listening to packets with a particular multicast group only from specific source addresses or from all sources except for specific source addresses.

4.2 Configuring MLD with CLI

This section provides information about configuring MLD using the command line interface.

4.2.1 MLD configuration overview

The routers use MLD to manage membership for a multicast session. MLD is not enabled by default. Creating an interface enables MLD. When enabled, at least one interface must be specified in the **ml**d context because MLD is an interface function. Traffic can only flow away from the router to an MLD

interface and to and from a PIM interface. A router directly connected to a source must have PIM enabled on the interface to the source. The traffic travels in a network from PIM interface to PIM interface and arrives finally on an MLD-enabled interface.

Use the MLD CLI to specify an existing IP interface and modify the interface-specific parameters. Static MLD group memberships can be configured to test multicast forwarding without a receiver host. If MLD static group membership is enabled, data is forwarded to an interface without receiving membership reports from host members.

If static MLD group entries on point-to-point links that connect routers to a rendezvous point (RP) are configured, the static MLD group entries do not generate join messages toward the RP. When a host wants to receive multicast sessions, the host sends a join message for each multicast group it wants to join. A leave message may be sent for each multicast group it no longer needs to participate with.

A multicast router keeps a list of multicast group memberships for each attached network and an interval timer for each membership. Hosts issue a multicast group membership report when they want to receive a multicast session. The reports are sent to all multicast routers.

4.2.2 Basic MLD configuration

Prerequisites

Perform the following basic multicast configuration tasks:

Procedure

- Step 1.** Enable MLD.
- Step 2.** Configure MLD interfaces.
- Step 3.** Optional: Specify the MLD version on the interface.
- Step 4.** Optional: Configure static (S,G)/(*,G).
- Step 5.** Optional: Configure SSM translation.

4.2.3 Configuring MLD

4.2.3.1 Enabling MLD

Use the commands in the following context to configure and enable MLD for the router.

```
configure router mld
```

The following example shows a basic configuration with MLD enabled.

Example: MD-CLI

```
[ex:/configure router "Base" mld]
A:admin@node-2# info
...
admin-state enable
group-if-query-source-address
query-interval 125
query-last-member-interval 1
```

```
query-response-interval 10
robust-count 2
...
```

Example: classic CLI

```
A:node-2>config>router>mld# info
-----
...
no grp-if-query-src-ip
query-interval 125
query-last-listener-interval 1
query-response-interval 10
robust-count 2
no shutdown
-----
```

4.2.3.2 Configuring MLD interfaces

Use the commands in the following context to configure MLD interfaces for the router.

```
configure router mld interface
```

The following example shows interfaces configured for MLD.

Example: MD-CLI

```
[ex:/configure router "2" mld]
A:admin@node-2# info
...
interface "lax-sjc" {
    admin-state enable
}
interface "lax-vls" {
    admin-state enable
}
interface "pl-ix" {
    admin-state enable
}
...
```

Example: classic CLI

```
A:node-2>config>router>mld# info
-----
...
interface "lax-sjc"
no shutdown
exit
interface "lax-vls"
no shutdown
exit
interface "pl-ix"
no shutdown
exit
...
-----
```

4.2.3.3 Configuring MLD static multicast

About this task

This task describes how to configure a static multicast group with a source IP address or (*,G) entry for an MLD interface.

Procedure

Step 1. Use the following command to configure an MLD static multicast group for the router.

```
configure router mld interface static group grp-ipv6-address
```

Example

Static group configuration (MD-CLI)

```
[ex:/configure router "Base" mld]
A:admin@node-2# info
...
interface "lax-vls" {
  static {
    group ff0e::db8:7 { }
  }
}
interface "lax-sjc" {
  static {
    group ff0e::db8:9 { }
  }
}
...
```

Example

Static group configuration (classic CLI)

```
A:node-2>config>router>mld# info
-----
...
interface "lax-vls"
  static
    group ff0e::db8:7
  exit
exit
interface "lax-sjc"
  static
    group ff0e::db8:9
  exit
exit
...
-----
```

Step 2. Configure a source or (*,G) entry for the static multicast group.

a. Use the following command to configure a source for the static group.

```
configure router mld interface static group source ipv6-address
```


Example**Static group source configuration (MD-CLI)**

```
[ex:/configure router "Base" mld]
A:admin@node-2# info
...
interface "lax-vls" {
  static {
    group ff0e::db8:7 {
      source 2001:db8::1 { }
    }
  }
}
...
```

Example**Static group source configuration (classic CLI)**

```
A:node-2>config>router>mld# info
-----
...
interface "lax-vls"
  static
    group ff0e::db8:7
      source 2001:db8::1
    exit
  exit
exit
...
-----
```

- b. Use the following command to configure a (*,G) entry for the static group.

```
configure router mld interface static group starg
```

Example**Static group (*,G) entry configuration (MD-CLI)**

```
[ex:/configure router "Base" mld]
A:admin@node-2# info
...
interface "lax-sjc" {
  static {
    group ff0e::db8:9 {
      starg
    }
  }
}
...
```

Example**Static group (*,G) entry configuration (classic CLI)**

```
A:node-2>config>router>mld# info
-----
...
interface "lax-sjc"
  static
```

```

        group ff0e::db8:9
            starg
        exit
    exit
exit
...
-----

```

4.2.3.4 Configuring SSM translation

Use commands in the following context to configure SSM translation for MLD.

```
configure router mld ssm-translate
```

The following example displays the command usage to configure MLD for the router.



Note: The group range is not created until the source is specified.

Example: MD-CLI

```

[ex:/configure router "Base" mld]
A:admin@node-2# info
...
ssm-translate {
    group-range start ff0e::db8:7 end ff0e::db8:9 {
        source 2001:db8::1 { }
    }
}
...

```

Example: classic CLI

```

A:node-2>config>router>mld# info
-----
...
ssm-translate
    grp-range ff0e::db8:7 ff0e::db8:9
        source 2001:db8::1
    exit
exit
...
-----

```

4.2.4 Disabling MLD

MLD is enabled by default. Use the following command to disable MLD:

- **MD-CLI**

```
configure router mld admin-state disable
```

- **classic CLI**

```
configure router mld shutdown
```

5 PIM

This chapter provides information about PIM.

5.1 PIM-SM

PIM-SM leverages the unicast routing protocols that are used to create the unicast routing table, OSPF, IS-IS, BGP, and static routes. Because PIM uses this unicast routing information to perform the multicast forwarding function it is effectively IP protocol independent. Unlike DVMRP, PIM does not send multicast routing tables updates to its neighbors.

PIM-SM uses the unicast routing table to perform the Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF) check function instead of building up a completely independent multicast routing table.

PIM-SM only forwards data to network segments with active receivers that have explicitly requested the multicast group. PIM-SM in the ASM model initially uses a shared tree to distribute information about active sources. Depending on the configuration options, the traffic can remain on the shared tree or switch over to an optimized source distribution tree. As multicast traffic starts to flow down the shared tree, routers along the path determine if there is a better path to the source. If a more direct path exists, then the router closest to the receiver sends a join message toward the source and then reroutes the traffic along this path.

As stated above, PIM-SM relies on an underlying topology-gathering protocol to populate a routing table with routes. This routing table is called the Multicast Routing Information Base (MRIB). The routes in this table can be taken directly from the unicast routing table, or it can be different and provided by a separate routing protocol such as MBGP. Regardless of how it is created, the primary role of the MRIB in the PIM-SM protocol is to provide the next hop router along a multicast-capable path to each destination subnet. The MRIB is used to determine the next hop neighbor to whom any PIM join/prune message is sent. Data flows along the reverse path of the join messages. Thus, in contrast to the unicast RIB that specifies the next hop that a data packet would take to get to some subnet, the MRIB gives reverse-path information, and indicates the path that a multicast data packet would take from its origin subnet to the router that has the MRIB.



Note: For correct functioning of the PIM protocol, multicast data packets need to be received by the CPM CPU. Therefore, CPM filters and management access filters must be configured to allow forwarding of multicast data packets.

5.1.1 PIM-SM functions

PIM-SM functions have three phases.

5.1.1.1 Phase one

In this phase, a multicast receiver expresses its interest in receiving traffic destined for a multicast group. Typically it does this using IGMP, but other mechanisms may also serve this purpose. One of the local routers of the receiver is elected as the designated router (DR) for that subnet. When the expression of interest is received, the DR sends a PIM join message toward the RP for that multicast group. This join

message is known as a (*,G) join because it joins group G for all sources to that group. The (*,G) join travels hop-by-hop toward the RP for the group, and in each router it passes through, the multicast tree state for group G is instantiated.

Eventually, the (*,G) join either reaches the RP or reaches a router that already has the (*,G) join state for that group. When many receivers join the group, their join messages converge on the RP and form a distribution tree for group G that is rooted at the RP. The distribution tree is called the RP tree or the shared tree (because it is shared by all sources sending to that group). Join messages are re-sent periodically as long as the receiver remains in the group. When all receivers on a leaf network leave the group, the DR sends a PIM (*,G) prune message toward the RP for that multicast group. However, if the prune message is not sent for any reason, the state eventually times out.

A multicast data sender starts sending data destined for a multicast group. The local router of the sender (the DR) takes these data packets, unicast-encapsulates them, and sends them directly to the RP. The RP receives these encapsulated data packets, removes the encapsulation, and forwards them to the shared tree. The packets then follow the (*,G) multicast tree state in the routers on the RP tree, and are replicated wherever the RP tree branches, and eventually reach all the receivers for that multicast group. The process of encapsulating data packets to the RP is called registering, and the encapsulation packets are known as PIM register packets.

At the end of phase one, multicast traffic is flowing encapsulated to the RP, and then natively over the RP tree to the multicast receivers.

5.1.1.2 Phase two

In this phase, register-encapsulation of data packets is performed. However, register-encapsulation of data packets is inefficient for the following reasons:

- Encapsulation and de-encapsulation can be resource-intensive operations for a router to perform, depending on whether the router has appropriate hardware for the tasks.
- Traveling to the RP and then back down the shared tree can cause the packets to travel a relatively long distance to reach receivers that are close to the sender. For some applications, increased latency is unwanted.

Although register-encapsulation can continue indefinitely, for the previous reasons, the RP normally switches to native forwarding. To do this, when the RP receives a register-encapsulated data packet from source S on group G, it normally initiates an (S,G) source-specific join toward S. This join message travels hop-by-hop toward S, instantiating an (S,G) multicast tree state in the routers along the path.

The (S,G) multicast tree state is used only to forward packets for group G if those packets come from source S. Eventually, the join message reaches the S subnet or a router that already has the (S,G) multicast tree state, and packets from S start to flow following the (S,G) tree state toward the RP. These data packets can also reach routers with a (*,G) state along the path toward the RP, and if this occurs, they take a shortcut to the RP tree at this point.

While the RP is in the process of joining the source-specific tree for S, the data packets continue being encapsulated to the RP. When packets from S also start to arrive natively at the RP, the RP receives two copies of each of these packets. At this point, the RP starts to discard the encapsulated copy of these packets and sends a register-stop message back to the DR of S to prevent the DR from unnecessarily encapsulating the packets. At the end of phase two, traffic is flowing natively from S along a source-specific tree to the RP and from there along the shared tree to the receivers. Where the two trees intersect, traffic can transfer from the shared RP tree to the shorter source tree.



Note: A sender can start sending before or after a receiver joins the group, therefore phase two may occur before the shared tree to the receiver is built.

5.1.1.3 Phase three

In this phase, the RP joins back toward the source using the shortest path tree (SPT). Although having the RP join back toward the source removes the encapsulation overhead, it does not completely optimize the forwarding paths. For many receivers, the route via the RP can involve a significant detour when compared with the shortest path from the source to the receiver.

To obtain lower latencies, a router on the LAN of the receiver, typically the DR, may optionally initiate a transfer from the shared tree to a source-specific SPT. To do this, it issues an (S,G) join toward S. This instantiates the (S,G) state in the routers along the path to S. Eventually, this join either reaches the S subnet or reaches a router that already has the (S,G) state. When this happens, data packets from S flow following the (S,G) state until they reach the receiver.

At this point, the receiver (or a router upstream of the receiver) is receiving two copies of the data—one from the SPT, and one from the RP tree. When the first traffic starts to arrive from the SPT, the DR or upstream router starts to drop the packets for G from S that arrive via the RP tree. In addition, it sends an (S,G) prune message toward the RP. The prune message travels hop-by-hop, instantiating an (S,G) state along the path toward the RP, indicating that traffic from S for G should not be forwarded in this direction. The prune message is propagated until it reaches the RP or a router that still needs the traffic from S for other receivers.

By now, the receiver is receiving traffic from S along the SPT between the receiver and S. In addition, the RP is receiving the traffic from S, but this traffic is no longer reaching the receiver along the RP tree. As far as the receiver is concerned, this is the final distribution tree.

5.1.2 Encapsulating data packets in the register tunnel

Conceptually, the register tunnel is an interface with a smaller MTU than the underlying IP interface toward the RP. IP fragmentation on packets forwarded on the register tunnel is performed based on this smaller MTU. The encapsulating DR can perform path-MTU discovery to the RP to determine the effective MTU of the tunnel. This smaller MTU takes both the outer IP header and the PIM register header overhead into consideration.

5.1.3 PIM bootstrap router mechanism

For correct operation, every PIM-SM router within a PIM domain must be able to map a particular global-scope multicast group address to the same RP. If this is not possible, black holes can appear (this is where some receivers in the domain cannot receive some groups). A domain in this context is a contiguous set of routers that all implement PIM and are configured to operate within a common boundary.

The Bootstrap Router (BSR) mechanism provides a way in which viable group-to-RP mappings can be created and distributed to all the PIM-SM routers in a domain. Each candidate BSR originates Bootstrap Messages (BSMs). Every BSM contains a BSR priority field. Routers within the domain flood the BSMs throughout the domain. A candidate BSR that hears about a higher-priority candidate BSR suppresses sending more BSMs for a period of time. The single remaining candidate BSR becomes the elected BSR, and its BSMs inform the other routers in the domain that it is the elected BSR.

The PIM bootstrap routing mechanism is adaptive, meaning that if an RP becomes unreachable, the event is detected and the mapping tables are modified so that the unreachable RP is no longer used, and the new tables are rapidly distributed throughout the domain.

5.1.4 PIM-SM routing policies

Multicast traffic can be restricted from specific source addresses by creating routing policies. Join messages can be filtered using import filters. PIM join policies can be used to reduce denial of service attacks and subsequent PIM state explosion in the router and to remove unwanted multicast streams at the edge of the network before it is carried across the core.

Use commands in the following context to configure route policies:

- **MD-CLI**

```
configure policy-options
```

- **classic CLI**

```
configure router policy-options
```

Join and register route policy match criteria for PIM-SM can specify the following:

- router interface or interfaces specified by name or IP address
- neighbor address (the source address in the IP header of the join and prune message)
- multicast group address embedded in the join and prune message
- multicast source address embedded in the join and prune message

Join policies can be used to filter PIM join messages so no (*,G) or (S,G) state is created on the router.

[The following table](#) lists the join filter policy match conditions.

Table 2: Join filter policy match conditions

Match condition	Matches
Interface	RTR interface by name
Neighbor	The neighbors source address in the IP header
Group Address	Multicast Group address in the join/prune message
Source Address	Source address in the join/prune message

PIM register message are sent by the first hop designated router that has a direct connection to the source. This serves a dual purpose:

- notifies the RP that a source has active data for the group
- delivers the multicast stream in register encapsulation to the RP and its potential receivers
- if no one has joined the group at the RP, the RP ignores the registers

In an environment where the sources to particular multicast groups are always known, it is possible to apply register filters at the RP to prevent any unwanted sources from transmitting multicast stream. You

can apply these filters at the edge so that register data does not travel unnecessarily over the network toward the RP.

The following table lists the register filter policy match conditions.

Table 3: Register filter policy match conditions

Match condition	Matches
Interface	RTR interface by name
Group Address	Multicast Group address in the join/prune message
Source Address	Source address in the join/prune message

5.1.5 RPF checks

Multicast implements a Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF) check. RPF checks the path that multicast packets take between their sources and the destinations to prevent loops. Multicast requires that an incoming interface be the outgoing interface used by unicast routing to reach the source of the multicast packet. RPF forwards a multicast packet only if it is received on an interface that is used by the router to route to the source.

If the forwarding paths are modified because of routing topology changes, any dynamic filters that may have been applied must be re-evaluated. If filters are removed, the associated alarms are also cleared.

5.1.6 Distributing PIM joins over multiple ECMP paths

The per bandwidth/round robin method is commonly used for multicast load-balancing, but the interface in an ECMP set can also be used for a specific channel to be predictable without knowledge of other channels that use the ECMP set.

Use the following command to distribute PIM joins over multiple ECMP paths based on a hash of S and G:

- **MD-CLI**

```
configure router pim mc-ecmp-hashing
```

- **classic CLI**

```
configure router pim mc-ecmp-hashing-enabled
```

When a link in the ECMP set is removed, multicast streams that use this link are redistributed over the remaining ECMP links using the same hash algorithm. When a link is added to the ECMP set, new joins may be allocated to the new link based on the hash algorithm. Existing multicast streams using the other ECMP links stay on those links until they are pruned, unless the **rebalance** command option is specified.

The default is not enabled, which means that the use of multiple ECMP paths (if enabled at the **configure service vprn** context) is controlled through the existing implementation and the **mc-ecmp-balance** command.



Note: You cannot use the **mc-ecmp-balance** command when MC ECMP hashing is enabled in the same context.

To achieve distribution of streams across the ECMP links, the hashing steps are as follows:

1. For a specific (S,G) get all possible next hops.
2. Sort these next hops based on next hop address.
3. XOR S and G addresses.
4. Hash the XORed address over the number of PIM next hops.
5. Use the hash value obtained in step 4, and set that element in the sorted list that was obtained in step 2 as the preferred next hop
6. If this element is not available or is not a PIM next hop (PIM neighbor), the next available next hop is chosen.

Use the following command to display the PIM status for the router instance.

```
show router 100 pim status
```

The following example displays the PIM status indicating ECMP hashing is disabled.

Output example: PIM status indicating ECMP hashing is disabled

```
=====
PIM Status ipv4
=====
Admin State           : Up
Oper State            : Up

IPv4 Admin State      : Up
IPv4 Oper State       : Up

BSR State              : Accept Any

Elected BSR
  Address              : None
  Expiry Time          : N/A
  Priority              : N/A
  Hash Mask Length     : 30
  Up Time              : N/A
  RPF Intf towards E-BSR : N/A

Candidate BSR
  Admin State          : Down
  Oper State           : Down
  Address              : None
  Priority              : 0
  Hash Mask Length     : 30

Candidate RP
  Admin State          : Down
  Oper State           : Down
  Address              : 0.0.0.0
  Priority              : 192
  Holdtime             : 150

SSM-Default-Range     : Enabled
SSM-Group-Range       : None
```

```

MC-ECMP-Hashing           : Disabled
Policy                     : None
RPF Table                  : rtable-u
Non-DR-Attract-Traffic    : Disabled
=====

```

Use commands in the following context to configure PIM.

```
configure service vprn pim
```

PIM configuration includes:

- group-prefix shortest-path switchover thresholds
- interfaces
- import policies
- MC-ECMP traffic balancing or hash-based multicast balancing over ECMP links
- RP
- SSM group ranges

Example: PIM configuration for a VPRN service (MD-CLI)

```

[ex:/configure service vprn "5" pim]
A:admin@node-2# info
  admin-state enable
  apply-to all
  mc-ecmp-balance false
  mc-ecmp-hashing {
    rebalance true
  }
  rp {
    ipv4 {
      bsr-candidate {
        admin-state disable
      }
      static {
        address 10.3.3.3 {
          group-prefix 224.0.0.0/4 { }
        }
      }
    }
    rp-candidate {
      admin-state disable
    }
  }
}

```

Example: PIM configuration for a VPRN service (classic CLI)

```

-----
A:node-2>config>service>vprn>pim# info
-----
      apply-to all
      rp
      static

```

```

        address 10.3.3.3
        group-prefix 224.0.0.0/4
    exit
exit
bsr-candidate
shutdown
exit
rp-candidate
shutdown
exit
exit
no mc-ecmp-balance
mc-ecmp-hashing-enabled
no shutdown
-----
```

Use the following command to show distribution of PIM joins over multiple ECMP paths for the specified router instance.

```
show router 100 pim group
```

Output example: Distribution of PIM joins over multiple ECMP paths

PIM Groups ipv4						
Group Address	Source Address	Type RP	Spt	Bit	Inc Intf	No.0ifs
239.1.1.1	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C0	1
239.1.1.2	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C3	1
239.1.1.3	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C2	1
239.1.1.4	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C1	1
239.1.1.5	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C0	1
239.1.1.6	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C3	1
239.2.1.1	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C0	1
239.2.1.2	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C3	1
239.2.1.3	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C2	1
239.2.1.4	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C1	1
239.2.1.5	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C0	1
239.2.1.6	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C3	1
239.3.1.1	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C0	1
239.3.1.2	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C3	1
239.3.1.3	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C2	1
239.3.1.4	172.0.100.33	(S,G)	spt		to_C1	1

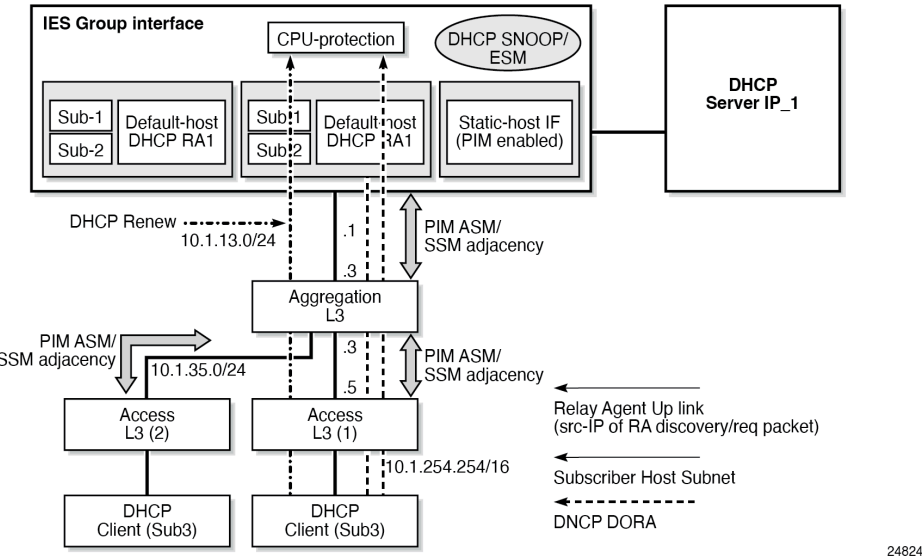
172.0.100.33	10.20.1.6		
239.3.1.5	(S,G) spt	to_C0	1
172.0.100.33	10.20.1.6		
239.3.1.6	(S,G) spt	to_C3	1
172.0.100.33	10.20.1.6		
239.4.1.1	(S,G) spt	to_C0	1
172.0.100.33	10.20.1.6		
239.4.1.2	(S,G) spt	to_C3	1
172.0.100.33	10.20.1.6		
239.4.1.3	(S,G) spt	to_C2	1
172.0.100.33	10.20.1.6		
239.4.1.4	(S,G) spt	to_C1	1
172.0.100.33	10.20.1.6		
239.4.1.5	(S,G) spt	to_C0	1
172.0.100.33	10.20.1.6		
239.4.1.6	(S,G) spt	to_C3	1
172.0.100.33	10.20.1.6		

Groups : 24			
=====			

5.1.7 PIM interface on IES subscriber group interfaces

PIM on a subscriber group interface allows for SAP-level replication over an ESM Group interface by establishing PIM adjacency to a downstream router. The following figure depicts the model.

Figure 1: PIM interface on IES subscriber group interface



On an IES subscriber-interface, an Ethernet SAP is configured (LAG or physical port). On the SAP, a static-host is configured for connectivity to downstream Layer 3 aggregation devices (including PIM adjacency) while multiple default-hosts can be configured for subscriber traffic. Single SAP with a single static-host per group interface is supported to establish PIM adjacency on a subscriber group interface. Both IPv4 PIM ASM and SSM are supported.

Feature restrictions:

- Only IPv4 PIM is supported with a single static host used to form a PIM interface under a group interface. Using multiple hosts or non-static hosts is not supported. Configuring IPv6 in the following context is not blocked, but takes no effect.

```
configure router pim interface
```

- The following command does not apply to PIM interfaces on IES subscriber group interfaces.

```
configure router pim apply-to
```

- PIM on group interfaces is not supported in VPRN context.
- Extranet is not supported.
- Locally attached receivers are not supported (no IGMP or MLD and PIM mix in OIF list).
- Default anti-spoofing must be configured (IP+MAC).
- A subscriber profile with a PIM policy enabled (**configure subscriber-mgmt sub-profile**) cannot combine with the following policies:
 - **host tracking policy**
This option applies a host tracking policy.
 - **IGMP policy**
This option applies an IGMP policy.
 - **MLD policy**
This option applies an MLD policy.
 - **NAT policy**
This option applies a NAT policy.
 - **Subscriber MCAC policy**
This option applies a subscriber MCAC policy that can be used when configured in PIM interface context.

5.1.8 VRRP aware PIM

The Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP) eliminates the single point of failure inherent in the static default-routed environment. VRRP describes a method of implementing a redundant IP interface that provides dynamic failover if the VRRP master router (MR) becomes unavailable.

VRRP provides information about the state of a router. However, PIM operates independently of VRRP group states. The PIM DR and the VRRP MR may not be the same router and IP multicast traffic may not necessarily follow the same path as elected by VRRP.

To leverage the redundancy capabilities of VRRP that are lacking in PIM, the VRRP Aware PIM mechanism allows PIM to monitor and react to changes in the VRRP MR. This ensures that the multicast traffic follows the unicast traffic through the same gateway as the VRRP MR, providing consistent IP multicast forwarding in a redundant network.

5.1.8.1 Configuring VRRP aware PIM

The VRRP Aware PIM feature enables PIM to track the state of a VRRP instance and to identify whether the associated VRRP interface is the master. PIM uses an operational group option (**oper-group group-**

name) to monitor the state of VRRP. One operational group can be created for IPv4, and another for IPv6. When VRRP is the MR, the operational group is up; for all other VRRP states, the operational group is down. A VRRP instance can only be associated with one operational group, and an operational group can have one or more associated VRRP instances. This feature is supported on base router, IES, and VPRN interfaces.

If the monitored interface is the VRRP MR, PIM becomes the DR by setting its priority to the configured **oper-group active-priority** value. For the router to become the DR, the correct priorities must be configured so the active priority of the **oper-group** is the highest priority on the IP interface.

If a PIM router is the DR and then receives an indication from VRRP that the interface is no longer the VRRP MR, PIM relinquishes the DR role by setting its priority back to the default or configured priority value.

If the configured VRRP instance or **oper-group** is not configured, PIM operates as normal with the default or configured priority value. A change in the operational group status is independent of the address family; IPv4 and IPv6 priorities are configured independently of each other. Two operational groups are supported per PIM interface, one for IPv4 and one for IPv6.

5.1.8.2 Guidelines for configuring VRRP Aware PIM

When configuring VRRP Aware PIM, consider the following recommendations:

- Configure VRRP to use BFD to speed up failure detection in addition to the functionality provided by VRRP Aware PIM.
- To optimize failover, enable the following command on the primary and secondary routers to make them a hot-standby redundant pair.

```
configure router pim non-dr-attract-traffic
```



Note: This configuration ignores the DR state and attracts traffic to populate the router's PIM database. Do not use this configuration if multicast traffic must only follow the VRRP MR.

- Configure the group **up** time on the primary router and the group **down** time on the secondary router to the time needed to repopulate the PIM database; for example, 10 seconds. This allows the primary router to populate its PIM database again before becoming the DR and recover from the secondary back to the primary router if a failure occurs from the primary to secondary router. Use the following commands to configure the **up** and **down** times.

```
configure service oper-group hold-time group up
configure service oper-group hold-time group down
```

Configure the **up** time on the secondary router to 0, so that it assumes the DR role immediately if the primary router fails. The **up** hold time is set to 4 seconds by default, which delays the DR change unnecessarily.

- Sticky DR enables the secondary router to continue to act as the DR after the primary router comes back up. Sticky DR is incompatible with the VRRP Aware PIM mechanism that tracks the VRRP MR. You should disable it if it is configured with the following command.

```
configure router pim interface sticky-dr
```

The following example shows a basic configuration for VRRP Aware PIM.

Example: MD-CLI

```

[ex:/configure service]
A:admin@node-2# info
  interface "to-lan" {
    ipv4 {
      vrrp 1 {
        oper-group "VAwP1"
      }
    }
  }
  interface "to-lan2" {
    ipv4 {
      vrrp 1 {
        oper-group "VAwP2"
      }
    }
  }
  oper-group "VAwP1" {
  }
  oper-group "VAwP2" {
  }
  vprn "1" {
    customer "1"
    pim {
      interface "to-lan" {
        ipv4 {
          monitor-oper-group {
            name "VAwP1"
            operation add
            priority-delta 90
          }
        }
        ipv6 {
          monitor-oper-group {
            name "VAwP1"
            operation add
            priority-delta 90
          }
        }
      }
      interface "to-lan2" {
        ipv4 {
          monitor-oper-group {
            name "VAwP2"
            operation add
            priority-delta 90
          }
        }
        ipv6 {
          monitor-oper-group {
            name "VAwP2"
            operation add
            priority-delta 90
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

Example: classic CLI

```

A:node-2>config>service# info

```

```

-----
oper-group "VAwP1" create
oper-group "VAwP2" create
exit
vprn 1 customer 1 create
  shutdown
  interface to-lan
    vrrp 1 create
      oper-group "VAwP1"
    exit
  exit
  interface to-lan2
    vrrp 1 create
      oper-group "VAwP2"
    exit
  exit
  pim
    interface to-lan
      monitor-oper-group "VAwP1" family ipv4 add 90
      monitor-oper-group "VAwP1" family ipv6 add 90
    exit
    interface to-lan2
      monitor-oper-group "VAwP2" family ipv4 add 90
      monitor-oper-group "VAwP2" family ipv6 set 90
    exit
  exit
exit
exit

```

5.2 IPv6 PIM models

IPv6 multicast enables multicast applications over native IPv6 networks. There are two service models: Any Source Multicast (ASM) and Source Specific Multicast (SSM) which includes PIM-SSM and MLD (see [MLD overview](#)). SSM does not require source discovery and only supports single source for a specific multicast stream. As a result, SSM is easier to operate in a large scale deployment that uses the one-to-many service model.

5.2.1 PIM-SSM

The Source Specific Multicast (SSM) service model defines a channel identified by an (S,G) pair, where S is a source address and G is an SSM destination address. In contrast to the ASM model, SSM only provides network-layer support for one-to-many delivery.

The SSM service model attempts to alleviate the following deployment problems that ASM has presented:

- **address allocation**

SSM defines channels on a per-source basis. For example, the channel (S1,G) is distinct from the channel (S2,G), where S1 and S2 are source addresses, and G is an SSM destination address. This averts the problem of global allocation of SSM destination addresses and makes each source independently responsible for resolving address collisions for the various channels it creates.

- **access control**

SSM provides an efficient solution to the access control problem. When a receiver subscribes to an (S,G) channel, it receives data sent only by the source S. In contrast, any host can transmit to an ASM host group. At the same time, when a sender picks an (S,G) channel to transmit on, it is automatically

ensured that no other sender transmits on the same channel (except in the case of malicious acts such as address spoofing). This makes it harder to spam an SSM channel than an ASM multicast group.

- **handling of well-known sources**

SSM requires only source-based forwarding trees, eliminating the need for a shared tree infrastructure. In terms of the IGMP, PIM-SM, MSDP, MBGP protocol suite, this implies that neither the RP-based shared tree infrastructure of PIM-SM nor the MSDP protocol is required. Thus, the complexity of the multicast routing infrastructure for SSM is low, making it viable for immediate deployment. MBGP is still required for distribution of multicast reachability information.

- anticipating that point-to-multipoint applications such as Internet TV will be significant in the future, the SSM model is better suited for such applications.

5.2.1.1 System PIM SSM scaling

PIM SSM scaling can be increased to 256k (S,G)s using the **pim-ssm-scaling** command. This command enables (S,G) scaling for PIM SSM in the global routing table only. The current scaling limitation of (S,G)s per complex (FP) still exist. However, the 256K (S,G)s can be configured over multiple complex to achieve this higher scaling.

When PIM SSM scaling is enabled, the following multicast features are disabled:

- DM
- MoFRR
- JP policy
- SSM groups
- (S,G) programming is a maximum of 32000 per complex
- InBand features (BIER and MLDP)
- Extranet
- ASM

This feature is only supported on CPM5s.

When the **pim-ssm-scaling** command is enabled and there is a mix of FP3, FP4, and FP5 cards in the system, Nokia recommends that you configure the following command with the **dynamic** option to ensure the system dynamically chooses the lowest denominator throughput card as multicast-plane throughput.

- **MD-CLI**

```
configure multicast-management chassis-level per-mcast-plane-capacity total-capacity
dynamic
```

- **classic CLI**

```
configure mcast-management chassis-level per-mcast-plane-capacity total-capacity dynamic
```



Note: When PIM SSM scaling is enabled with IMPM, and different generations of FP are provisioned in the system, Nokia recommends that the multicast-management chassis per-plane total capacity is left at its default value of **dynamic**.

To achieve fast failover when PIM SSM scaling is enabled, the default MCID is used which results in the multicast traffic being sent to all line cards and silently discarded where there is no receiver for that

traffic. Consequently, the maximum achievable plane capacity for this traffic is constrained to that of the lowest performance FP. When the maximum link capacity from the fabric to the lowest-performance FP is reached, the link to that FP is overloaded causing the fabric to back-pressure the ingress and resulting in packet loss for all FPs. By using the default MCID, this capacity constraint is independent of whether the lowest-performance FP has a receiver on it or not.

If the multicast management chassis per-plane total capacity is configured to an explicit value which is larger than that supported by the lowest-performance FP, IMPM believes there is more plane capacity available than there really is and the result is (S,G) packet loss instead of blackholing.

By setting the multicast management chassis per-plane total capacity to **dynamic**, the system automatically sets the switch fabric multicast plane capacity to the minimum value supported by the fabric and all line cards in the system. IMPM then has the correct view of the available plane capacity and correctly blackholes (S,G)s when insufficient plane capacity is available. The total maximum multicast capacity is still constrained by the lowest-performance FP.

5.2.2 PIM ASM

IPv6 PIM ASM is supported. All PIM ASM related functions such as bootstrap router, RP, and so on, support both IPv4 and IPv6 address-families. Use the following command to configure IPv6.

```
configure router pim ipv6
```

5.2.3 Embedded RP

The detailed protocol specification is defined in RFC 3956, *Embedding the Rendezvous Point (RP) Address in an IPv6 Multicast Address*. This RFC describes a multicast address allocation policy in which the address of the RP is encoded in the IPv6 multicast group address, and specifies a PIM-SM group-to-RP mapping to use the encoding, leveraging, and extending unicast-prefix-based addressing. This mechanism not only provides a simple solution for IPv6 inter-domain ASM but can be used as a simple solution for IPv6 intra-domain ASM with scoped multicast addresses as well. It can also be used as an automatic RP discovery mechanism in those deployment scenarios that would have previously used the Bootstrap Router protocol (BSR).

5.3 Configurable source IP address for PIM register messages

When PIM messages are transmitted over IGP shortcuts, their source IP addresses are selected by choosing the smallest IP address from available interfaces on the node. This can be undesirable because of security measures within the network, such as ACLs, that cause packets to drop. To prevent the messages from being dropped, SR OS supports configuring the source IP address of the register messages to any IP address, regardless of whether it resides on the node.

Use the following commands to configure the source IP address for register messages:

- **MD-CLI**

```
configure router pim ipv4 source-address register-message
configure router pim ipv6 source-address register-message
configure service vprn pim ipv4 source-address register-message
configure service vprn pim ipv6 source-address register-message
```

- **classic CLI**

```
configure router pim source-address register-message
configure service vprn pim source-address register-message
```

5.4 Configuring PIM with CLI

This section provides information to configure PIM using the CLI.

5.4.1 PIM configuration overview

The PIM protocol is not operational until at least one interface is specified for it, at which time the interface is enabled for PIM and is called a PIM interface. When enabled, a PIM interface can be configured with PIM parameters in addition to the standard parameters for the interface when it is created. When PIM is operational, data is forwarded to network segments with active host receivers that have explicitly requested the multicast group.



Note: Before an IP interface can be specified in the PIM context, it must be created using either the **config>router>interface** or **config>service>ies>interface** command.

5.4.2 Basic PIM configuration

Perform the following basic PIM configuration tasks:

1. Enable PIM (required)
2. Add interfaces so the protocol establishes adjacencies with the neighboring routers (required)
3. Configure a way to calculate group-to-RP mapping (required) by either:
 - static group-to-RP mapping
 - enabling Candidate RP/Bootstrap mechanism on some routers
4. Enable unicast routing protocols to learn routes toward the RP/source for reverse path forwarding (required)
5. Add SSM ranges (optional)
6. Enable Candidate BSR (optional)
7. Enable Candidate RP (optional)
8. Change hello interval (optional)
9. Configure route policies (bootstrap-export, bootstrap-import, import join and register)

5.4.3 PIM configuration

5.4.3.1 Configuring and enabling PIM

When configuring PIM, make sure to enable PIM on all interfaces for the routing instance, otherwise multicast routing errors can occur.

Use the commands in the following context to configure PIM.

```
configure router pim
```

The following example displays a basic configuration with PIM enabled.

Example: MD-CLI

```
[ex:/configure router "Base" pim]
A:admin@node-2# info
  admin-state enable
  apply-to none
  rp {
    ipv4 {
      bsr-candidate {
        admin-state disable
        address 10.10.10.2
        priority 0
        hash-mask-len 30
      }
      rp-candidate {
        admin-state disable
        holdtime 150
        priority 192
        address 10.10.10.1
      }
      static {
        address 10.10.10.10 {
        }
        address 198.51.100.254 {
          group-prefix 239.24.24.24/32 {
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Example: classic CLI

```
A:node-2>config>router# info
#-----
echo "PIM Configuration"
#-----
  pim
    apply-to none
    rp
      static
        address 198.51.100.254
        group-prefix 239.24.24.24/32
      exit
      address 10.10.10.10
      exit
```

```

        exit
        bsr-candidate
        shutdown
        address 10.10.10.2
        priority 0
        hash-mask-len 30
    exit
    rp-candidate
    shutdown
    address 10.10.10.1
    holdtime 150
    priority 192
exit
exit
no shutdown
exit
-----

```

5.4.3.2 Configuring PIM interfaces

You can reference router interfaces in the PIM configuration. You must create the interfaces first in the router context. Use the commands in the following context to configure and enable PIM router interfaces.

```
configure router pim interface
```

The following example shows a PIM configuration with basic interfaces configured.

Example: MD-CLI

```

[ex:/configure router "base" pim]
A:admin@node-2# info
  admin-state enable
  apply-to all
  interface "lax-sjc" {
    admin-state enable
  }
  interface "lax-vls" {
    admin-state enable
  }
  interface "pl-ix" {
    admin-state enable
  }
  interface "system" {
    admin-state enable
  }
  rp {
    ipv4 {
      bsr-candidate {
        admin-state enable
        address 10.10.10.10
      }
      rp-candidate {
        admin-state enable
        address 10.10.10.1
      }
      static {
        address 10.10.10.1 {
        }
        address 198.51.100.254 {
          group-prefix 239.24.24.24/32 { }
        }
      }
    }
  }

```

```

    }
  }
}

```

Example: classic CLI

```

A:node-2>config>router>pim# info
-----
interface "system"
  no shutdown
exit
interface "lax-sjc"
  no shutdown
exit
interface "lax-vls"
  no shutdown
exit
interface "pl-ix"
  no shutdown
exit
apply-to all
rp
  static
    address 10.10.10.1
    exit
    address 198.51.100.254
    group-prefix 239.24.24.24/32
    exit
  exit
  bsr-candidate
    address 10.10.10.10
    no shutdown
  exit
  rp-candidate
    address 10.10.10.1
    no shutdown
  exit
exit
no shutdown
-----

```

5.4.3.3 Configuring PIM join and register policies

Join policies are used in Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) configurations to prevent the transportation of multicast traffic across a network and the dropping of packets at a scope at the edge of the network. PIM Join filters reduce the potential for denial of service (DoS) attacks and PIM state explosion—large numbers of Joins forwarded to each router on the RPT, resulting in memory consumption. See the Importing PIM Join/Register Policies section of the Multicast Routing Guide for more information.

(*,G) or (S,G) is the information used to forward unicast or multicast packets. The following options can be configured:

- **group-address**

This matches the group address policy in join/prune messages group-address "group-address-policy".

- **source-address**

This is the source-address (192.168.0.1) that matches the source address in join/prune messages.

- **interface**

This matches any join message received on the specified interface, for example, interface port 1/1/1

- **neighbor**

This matches any join message received from the specified neighbor; for example, neighbor 1.1.1.1

Use commands in the following context to configure policy options:

- **MD-CLI**

```
configure policy-options
```

- **classic CLI**

```
configure router policy-options
```

The following configuration example does not allow join messages for the specified group address prefix list and source 192.168.0.1 but allows other join messages.

Example: MD-CLI

```
[ex:/configure policy-options]
A:admin@cses-V208# info
  prefix-list "prefix-list-1" {
    prefix 192.0.2.0/24 type exact {
    }
  }
  policy-statement "Foo" {
    entry 10 {
      from {
        group-address "prefix-list-1"
        source-address {
          ip-address 192.168.0.1
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Example: classic CLI

```
A:node-2>config>router>policy-options# info
-----
  prefix-list "prefix-list-1"
    prefix 192.0.2.0/24 exact
  exit
  policy-statement "Foo"
    entry 10
      from
        group-address "prefix-list-1"
        source-address 192.168.0.1
      exit
    exit
  exit
-----
```

5.4.3.4 Importing PIM join and register policies

An import mechanism is provided to control the (*,G) and (S,G) states that are created on the router.



Note: In the import policy, if an action is not specified in the entry then the default-action takes precedence. If no entry matches then the default-action also takes precedence. If no default-action is specified, then the default default-action is executed.

Use the following commands to configure PIM join or register import policies.

```
configure router pim import join-policy
configure router pim import register-policy
```

The following example shows a PIM configuration with an imported policy applied. The policy would not allow join messages for group 229.50.50.208/32 and source 192.168.0.0/16 but would allow join messages for 192.168.0.0/16, 229.50.50.208 (see the "Configuring Route Policy Components" section of the *7705 SAR Gen 2 Unicast Routing Protocols Guide*).

Example: MD-CLI

```
[ex:/configure router "base" pim]
A:admin@node-2# info
...
  apply-to-all true
  import join-policy "foo"
  interface "lax-sjc" {
    admin-state enable
  }
  interface "lax-vls" {
    admin-state enable
  }
  interface "pl-ix" {
    admin-state enable
  }
  interface "system" {
    admin-state enable
  }
  rp {
    ipv4 {
      bsr-candidate {
        admin-state enable
        address 10.10.10.10
      }
      rp-candidate {
        admin-state enable
        address 10.10.10.1
      }
      static {
        address 10.10.10.1 {
        }
        address 198.51.100.254 {
          group-prefix 239.24.24.24/32 { }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Example: classic CLI

```
A:node-2>config>router>pim# info
-----
...
  import join-policy "foo"
```



```

interface "system"
exit
interface "lax-sjc"
exit
interface "lax-vls"
exit
interface "pl-ix"
exit
apply-to all
rp
    static
        address 10.10.10.1
        exit
        address 198.51.100.254
        group-prefix 239.24.24.24/32
        exit
    exit
    bsr-candidate
        address 10.10.10.10
        no shutdown
    exit
    rp-candidate
        address 10.10.10.1
        no shutdown
    exit
exit
...
-----

```

5.4.3.5 Configuring bootstrap message import and export policies

Bootstrap import and export policies are used to control the flow of bootstrap messages to and from the RP.

The following configuration example specifies that no BSR messages are received or sent out of interface port 1/1/1.

Example: Configuration of import and export policy statements (MD-CLI)

```

[ex:/configure policy-options]
A:admin@node-2# info
...
prefix-list "pim-policy-1" {
    prefix 10.0.0.0/16 longer
    prefix 10.10.186.0/24 longer
}
prefix-list "pim-policy-2" {
    prefix 10.1.0.0/16 longer
}
policy-statement "pim-export-policy" {
    entry 10 {
        to {
            prefix-list "pim-policy-1" "pim-policy-2"
        }
        action {
            action-type reject
        }
    }
}
policy-statement "pim-import-policy" {
    entry 10 {

```

```

        from {
            interface ["port1"]
        }
        action {
            action-type reject
        }
    }
}
...

```

Example: Configuration of import and export policy statements (classic CLI)

```

A:node-2>config>router>policy-options# info
-----
...
prefix-list "pim-policy-1"
  prefix 10.0.0.0/16 longer
  prefix 10.10.186.0/24 longer
exit
prefix-list "pim-policy-2" {
  prefix 10.1.0.0/16 longer
exit
policy-statement "pim-import-policy"
  entry 10
    from
      interface "port1"
    exit
    action drop
    exit
  exit
exit
policy-statement "pim-export-policy"
  entry 10
    to
      prefix-list "pim-policy-1" "pim-policy-2"
    exit
    action accept
  exit
exit
...

```

Example: PIM configuration with import and export policies (MD-CLI)

```

[ex:/configure router "Base" pim]
A:node-2# info
admin-state enable
apply-to all
interface "lax-sjc" {
}
interface "lax-vls" {
}
interface "pl-ix" {
}
interface "system" {
}
rp {
  bootstrap {
    import ["pim-import"]
  }
  bootstrap {
    export ["pim-export"]
  }
}

```

```

    ipv4 {
      bsr-candidate {
        admin-state disable
        priority 0
        address 10.10.10.10
        hash-mask-len 30
      }
      rp-candidate {
        admin-state enable
        address 10.10.10.1
      }
      static {
        address 10.10.10.1 {
        }
        address 198.51.100.254 {
          group-prefix 239.24.24.24/32 { }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

Example: PIM configuration with import and export policies (classic CLI)

```

A:node-2>config>router>pim# info
-----
interface "system"
exit
interface "lax-sjc"
exit
interface "lax-vls"
exit
interface "pl-ix"
exit
apply-to all
rp
  bootstrap-import "pim-import"
  bootstrap-export "pim-export"
  static
    address 10.10.10.1
    exit
    address 198.51.100.254
    group-prefix 239.24.24.24/32
    exit
  exit
  bsr-candidate
    shutdown
    address 10.10.10.10
  exit
  rp-candidate
    address 10.10.10.1
    no shutdown
  exit
exit
no shutdown
-----

```

5.4.4 Disabling PIM

Use the following commands to disable PIM:

- **MD-CLI**

```
configure router pim admin-state disable
```

- **classic CLI**

```
configure router pim shutdown
```

6 Troubleshooting tools

This chapter provides information about troubleshooting tools.

6.1 Mtrace

To help assess problems in the distribution of IP multicast traffic, the **mtrace** feature uses a traceroute feature implemented in multicast routers that is accessed via an extension to the IGMP protocol. The **mtrace** feature is used to print the path from the source to a receiver; it does this by passing a trace query hop-by-hop along the reverse path from the receiver to the source. At each hop, information such as the hop address, routing error conditions, and packet statistics should be gathered and returned to the requester.

Data added by each hop includes:

- query arrival time
- incoming interface
- outgoing interface
- previous hop router address
- input packet count
- output packet count
- total packets for this source/group
- routing protocol
- Time To Live (TTL) threshold
- forwarding/error code

The information enables the network administrator to determine:

- where multicast flows stop
- the flow of the multicast stream

When the trace response packet reaches the FHR (the router that is directly connected to the net of the source), that router sends the completed response to the response destination (receiver) address specified in the trace query.

If some multicast router along the path does not implement the multicast traceroute feature, or if there is some outage, no response is returned. To solve this problem, the trace query includes a maximum hop count field to limit the number of hops traced before the response is returned. This allows a partial path to be traced.

The reports inserted by each router contain not only the address of the hop, but also the TTL required to forward, and some flags to indicate routing errors, plus counts of the total number of packets on the incoming and outgoing interfaces, and those forwarded for the specified group. Taking differences in these counts for two traces separated in time, and comparing the output packet counts from one hop with the input packet counts of the next-hop, allows the calculation of packet rate and packet loss statistics for each hop, to isolate congestion problems.

6.1.1 Finding the last hop router

The trace query must be sent to the multicast router which is the last hop on the path from the source to the receiver. If the receiver is on the local subnet (as determined using the subnet mask), then the default method is to multicast the trace query to all-routers.mcast.net (224.0.0.2) with a TTL of 1. Otherwise, the trace query is multicast to the group address because the last hop router is a member of that group if the receiver is. Therefore, it is necessary to specify a group that the intended receiver has joined. This multicast is sent with a default TTL of 64, which may not be sufficient for all cases.

When tracing from a multihomed host or router, the default receiver address may not be the wanted interface for the path from the source. In that case, the wanted interface should be specified explicitly as the receiver.

6.1.2 Directing the response

By default, **mtrace** first attempts to trace the full reverse path, unless the number of hops to trace is explicitly set with the hop option. If there is no response within a 3 second timeout interval, an asterisk (*) is printed, and the probing switches to hop-by-hop mode. Trace queries are issued starting with a maximum hop count of one and increasing by one until the full path is traced or no response is received. At each hop, multiple probes are sent. The first attempt is made with the unicast address of the host running **mtrace** as the destination for the response. As the unicast route may be blocked, the remainder of attempts request that the response be multicast to mtrace.mcast.net (224.0.1.32) with the TTL set to 32 more than what is needed to pass the thresholds seen so far along the path to the receiver. For the last attempts, the TTL is increased by another 32.

Alternatively, the TTL may be set explicitly with the TTL option.

For each attempt, if no response is received within the timeout, an asterisk (*) is printed. After the specified number of attempts have failed, **mtrace** tries to query the next-hop router with a DVMRP_ASK_NEIGHBORS2 request (as used by the **mrinfo** program) to determine the router type.

The output of **mtrace** is a short listing of the hops in the order they are queried, that is, in the reverse of the order from the source to the receiver. For each hop, a line is printed showing:

- hop number (counted negatively to indicate that this is the reverse path)
- multicast protocol
- threshold required to forward data (to the previous hop in the listing as indicated by the up-arrow character)
- cumulative delay for the query to reach that hop (valid only if the clocks are synchronized)

The response ends with a line showing the round-trip time, which measures the interval from when the query was issued until the response was received, both derived from the local system clock.

Mtrace packets use special IGMP packets with IGMP type codes of 0x1E and 0x1F.

6.2 Mstat



Note: This information applies to the classic CLI.

The **mstat** command adds the capability to show the multicast path in a limited graphic display and provide drops, duplicates, TTLs and delays at each node. This information is useful to the network user because it identifies nodes with high drop and duplicate counts. Duplicate counts are shown as negative drops.

The output of **mstat** provides a limited pictorial view of the path in the forward direction with data flow indicated by arrows pointing downward and the query path indicated by arrows pointing upward. For each hop, both the entry and exit addresses of the router are shown if different, along with the initial ttl required on the packet to be forwarded at this hop and the propagation delay across the hop assuming that the routers at both ends have synchronized clocks. The output consists of two columns, one for the overall multicast packet rate that does not contain lost/sent packets and a column for the (S,G)-specific case. The S,G statistics do not contain lost/sent packets.

6.3 Mrinfo



Note: This information applies to the classic CLI.

Mrinfo is a mechanism based on the **ask_neighbors>igmp** command to display the configuration information from the target multicast router. The type of information displayed includes the multicast capabilities of the router, code version, metrics, ttl-thresholds, protocols, and status. This information, for instance, can be used by network operators to verify whether bidirectional adjacencies exist. When the specified multicast router responds, the configuration is displayed.

7 Standards and protocol support

**Note:**

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