

Configuring Virtual Private LAN Services

Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS) enables enterprises to link together their Ethernet-based LANs from multiple sites via the infrastructure provided by their service provider.

This module explains VPLS and how to configure it.

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see Bug Search Tool and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table.

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Prerequisites for Virtual Private LAN Services

Before you configure Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS), ensure that the network is configured as follows:

- Configure IP routing in the core so that provider edge (PE) devices can reach each other via IP.
- Configure Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) in the core so that a label switched path (LSP) exists between PE devices.
- Configure a loopback interface for originating and terminating Layer 2 traffic. Ensure that PE devices can access the loopback interface of the other device. Note that the loopback interface is not required in all cases. For example, tunnel selection does not need a loopback interface when VPLS is directly mapped to a traffic engineering (TE) tunnel.

• Identify peer PE devices and attach Layer 2 circuits to VPLS at each PE device.

Restrictions for Virtual Private LAN Services

The following general restrictions apply to all transport types under Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS):

- If you do not enable the EFP feature template, then there is no traffic flow between EFP and VFI (when EFP is with Split Horizon group and VFI is default). But when you enable the EFP feature template, then there is traffic flow between EFP and VFI because of design limitations.
- Supported maximum values:
 - Total number of virtual forwarding instances (VFIs): 4096 (4 K)
- Software-based data plane is not supported.
- The Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) autodiscovery process does not support dynamic, hierarchical VPLS.
- Load sharing and failover on redundant customer-edge-provider-edge (CE-PE) links are not supported.
- Point to Multipoint (P2MP) Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) for MPLS Traffic Engineering (MPLS-TE) is not supported over VPLS on the Cisco RSP2 and RSP3 routers.
- Traffic drops are observed for lower sized MPLS pseudowire packets.

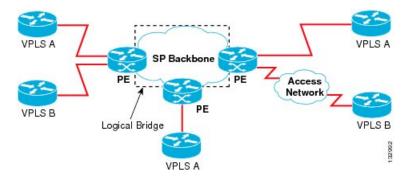
Information About Virtual Private LAN Services

VPLS Overview

Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS) enables enterprises to link together their Ethernet-based LANs from multiple sites via the infrastructure provided by their service provider. From the enterprise perspective, the service provider's public network looks like one giant Ethernet LAN. For the service provider, VPLS provides an opportunity to deploy another revenue-generating service on top of the existing network without major capital expenditures. Operators can extend the operational life of equipment in their network.

VPLS uses the provider core to join multiple attachment circuits together to simulate a virtual bridge that connects the multiple attachment circuits together. From a customer point of view, there is no topology for VPLS. All customer edge (CE) devices appear to connect to a logical bridge emulated by the provider core (see the figure below).

Figure 1: VPLS Topology



Full-Mesh Configuration

A full-mesh configuration requires a full mesh of tunnel label switched paths (LSPs) between all provider edge (PE) devices that participate in Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS). With a full mesh, signaling overhead and packet replication requirements for each provisioned virtual circuit (VC) on a PE can be high.

You set up a VPLS by first creating a virtual forwarding instance (VFI) on each participating PE device. The VFI specifies the VPN ID of a VPLS domain, the addresses of other PE devices in the domain, and the type of tunnel signaling and encapsulation mechanism for each peer PE device.

The set of VFIs formed by the interconnection of the emulated VCs is called a VPLS instance; it is the VPLS instance that forms the logic bridge over a packet switched network. After the VFI has been defined, it needs to be bound to an attachment circuit to the CE device. The VPLS instance is assigned a unique VPN ID.

PE devices use the VFI to establish a full-mesh LSP of emulated VCs to all other PE devices in the VPLS instance. PE devices obtain the membership of a VPLS instance through static configuration using the Cisco IOS CLI.

A full-mesh configuration allows the PE device to maintain a single broadcast domain. When the PE device receives a broadcast, multicast, or unknown unicast packet on an attachment circuit (AC), it sends the packet out on all other ACs and emulated circuits to all other CE devices participating in that VPLS instance. The CE devices see the VPLS instance as an emulated LAN.

To avoid the problem of a packet looping in the provider core, PE devices enforce a "split-horizon" principle for emulated VCs. In a split horizon, if a packet is received on an emulated VC, it is not forwarded on any other emulated VC.

The packet forwarding decision is made by looking up the Layer 2 VFI of a particular VPLS domain.

A VPLS instance on a particular PE device receives Ethernet frames that enter on specific physical or logical ports and populates a MAC table similarly to how an Ethernet switch works. The PE device can use the MAC address to switch these frames into the appropriate LSP for delivery to the another PE device at a remote site.

If the MAC address is not available in the MAC address table, the PE device replicates the Ethernet frame and floods it to all logical ports associated with that VPLS instance, except the ingress port from which it just entered. The PE device updates the MAC table as it receives packets on specific ports and removes addresses not used for specific periods.

Static VPLS Configuration

Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS) over Multiprotocol Label Switching-Transport Profile (MPLS-TP) tunnels allows you to deploy a multipoint-to-multipoint layer 2 operating environment over an MPLS-TP network for services such as Ethernet connectivity and multicast video. To configure static VPLS, you must specify a static range of MPLS labels using the **mpls label range** command with the **static** keyword.

H-VPLS

Hierarchical VPLS (H-VPLS) reduces signaling and replication overhead by using full-mesh and hub-and-spoke configurations. Hub-and-spoke configurations operate with split horizon to allow packets to be switched between pseudowires (PWs), effectively reducing the number of PWs between provider edge (PE) devices.



Note

Split horizon is the default configuration to avoid broadcast packet looping.

Supported Features

Multipoint-to-Multipoint Support

In a multipoint-to-multipoint network, two or more devices are associated over the core network. No single device is designated as the Root node; all devices are considered as Root nodes. All frames can be exchanged directly between the nodes.

Non-Transparent Operation

A virtual Ethernet connection (VEC) can be transparent or non-transparent with respect to Ethernet protocol data units (PDUs). The VEC non-transparency allows users to have a Frame Relay-type service between Layer 3 devices.

Circuit Multiplexing

Circuit multiplexing allows a node to participate in multiple services over a single Ethernet connection. By participating in multiple services, the Ethernet connection is attached to multiple logical networks. Some examples of possible service offerings are VPN services between sites, Internet services, and third-party connectivity for intercompany communications.

MAC-Address Learning, Forwarding, and Aging

Provider edge (PE) devices must learn remote MAC addresses and directly attached MAC addresses on ports that face the external network. MAC address learning accomplishes this by deriving the topology and forwarding information from packets originating at customer sites. A timer is associated with stored MAC addresses. After the timer expires, the entry is removed from the table.

Jumbo Frame Support

Jumbo frame support provides support for frame sizes between 1548 and 9216 bytes. You use the CLI to establish the jumbo frame size for any value specified in the above range. The default value is 1500 bytes in any Layer 2/VLAN interface. You can configure jumbo frame support on a per-interface basis.

Q-in-Q Support and Q-in-Q to EoMPLS VPLS Support

With 802.1Q tunneling (Q-in-Q), the customer edge (CE) device issues VLAN-tagged packets and VPLS forwards these packets to a far-end CE device. Q-in-Q refers to the fact that one or more 802.1Q tags may be located in a packet within the interior of the network. As packets are received from a CE device, an additional VLAN tag is added to incoming Ethernet packets to segregate traffic from different CE devices. Untagged packets originating from a CE device use a single tag within the interior of the VLAN switched network, whereas previously tagged packets originating from the CE device use two or more tags.

VPLS Services

Transparent LAN Service

Transparent LAN Service (TLS) is an extension to the point-to-point port-based Ethernet over Multiprotocol Label Switching (EoMPLS), which provides bridging protocol transparency (for example, bridge protocol data units [BPDUs]) and VLAN values. Bridges see this service as an Ethernet segment. With TLS, the PE device forwards all Ethernet packets received from the customer-facing interface (including tagged and untagged packets, and BPDUs) as follows:

- To a local Ethernet interface or an emulated virtual circuit (VC) if the destination MAC address is found in the Layer 2 forwarding table.
- To all other local Ethernet interfaces and emulated VCs belonging to the same VPLS domain if the destination MAC address is a multicast or broadcast address or if the destination MAC address is not found in the Layer 2 forwarding table.



Note

You must enable Layer 2 protocol tunneling to run the Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP), the VLAN Trunking Protocol (VTP), and the Spanning-Tree Protocol (STP).

Ethernet Virtual Connection Service

Ethernet Virtual Connection Service (EVCS) is an extension to the point-to-point VLAN-based Ethernet over MPLS (EoMPLS) that allows devices to reach multiple intranet and extranet locations from a single physical port. With EVCS, the provider edge (PE) device forwards all Ethernet packets with a particular VLAN tag received from the customer-facing interface (excluding bridge protocol data units [BPDUs]) as follows:

- To a local Ethernet interface or to an emulated virtual circuit (VC) if the destination MAC address is found in the Layer 2 forwarding table.
- To all other local Ethernet interfaces and emulated VCs belonging to the same Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS) domain if the destination MAC address is a multicast or a broadcast address or if the destination MAC address is not found in the Layer 2 forwarding table.



Note

Because it has only local significance, the demultiplexing VLAN tag that identifies a VPLS domain is removed before the packet is forwarded to the outgoing Ethernet interfaces or emulated VCs.

How to Configure Virtual Private LAN Services

Provisioning a Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS) link involves provisioning the associated attachment circuit and a virtual forwarding instance (VFI) on a provider edge (PE) device.

In Cisco IOS XE Release 3.7S, the L2VPN Protocol-Based CLIs feature was introduced. This feature provides a set of processes and an improved infrastructure for developing and delivering Cisco IOS software on various Cisco platforms. This feature introduces new commands and modifies or replaces existing commands to achieve a consistent functionality across Cisco platforms and provide cross-Operating System (OS) support.

This section consists of tasks that use the commands existing prior to Cisco IOS XE Release 3.7S and a corresponding task that uses the commands introduced or modified by the L2VPN Protocol-Based CLIs feature.

Configuring PE Layer 2 Interfaces on CE Devices

You can configure the Ethernet flow point (EFP) as a Layer 2 virtual interface. You can also select tagged or untagged traffic from a customer edge (CE) device.

Configuring 802.1Q Access Ports for Tagged Traffic from a CE Device



Note

When Ethernet Virtual Connection Service (EVCS) is configured, a provider edge (PE) device forwards all Ethernet packets with a particular VLAN tag to a local Ethernet interface or emulated virtual circuit (VC) if the destination MAC address is found in the Layer 2 forwarding table.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3. interface** *type number*
- 4. **no ip address** [ip-address mask] [secondary]
- 5. negotiation auto
- 6. service instance si-id ethernet
- 7. encapsulation dot1q vlan-id
- 8. bridge-domain bd-id
- **9**. end

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	interface type number	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration
	Example:	mode.
	Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/0/1	
Step 4	no ip address [ip-address mask] [secondary]	Disables IP processing.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if) # no ip address	
Step 5	negotiation auto	Enables the autonegotiation protocol to configure the speed
	Example:	duplex, and automatic flow control of the Gigabit Ethernet interface.
	Device(config-if)# negotiation auto	
Step 6	service instance si-id ethernet	Specifies the service instance ID and enters service instance
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-if) # service instance 10 ethernet	
Step 7	encapsulation dot1q vlan-id	Defines the matching criteria to map 802.1Q frames ingress
	Example:	on an interface to the appropriate service instance.
	Device(config-if-srv)# encapsulation dot1q 200	Ensure that the interface on the adjoining customer edge (CE) device is on the same VLAN as this PE device.
Step 8	bridge-domain bd-id	Binds a service instance to a bridge domain instance.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if-srv)# bridge-domain 100	
Step 9	end	Exits service instance configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-if-srv)# end	

Configuring 802.1Q Access Ports for Tagged Traffic from a CE Device: Alternate Configuration



Note

When Ethernet Virtual Connection Service (EVCS) is configured, the PE device forwards all Ethernet packets with a particular VLAN tag to a local Ethernet interface or an emulated virtual circuit (VC) if the destination MAC address is found in the Layer 2 forwarding table.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3. interface** *type number*
- 4. no ip address [ip-address mask] [secondary]
- 5. negotiation auto
- **6. service instance** *si-id* **ethernet**
- **7. encapsulation dot1q** *vlan-id*
- 8. exit
- 9. exit
- **10. bridge-domain** *bd-id*
- **11. member** *interface-type-number* **service-instance** *service-id* [**split-horizon group** *group-id*]
- **12**. end

	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 an interface and enters interface configuration
	Example:	mode.
	Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/0/1	
Step 4	no ip address [ip-address mask] [secondary]	Disables IP processing.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# no ip address	
Step 5	negotiation auto	Enables the autonegotiation protocol to configure the
	Example:	speed, duplex, and automatic flow control of the Gigabit Ethernet interface.
	Device(config-if)# negotiation auto	
Step 6	service instance si-id ethernet	Specifies a service instance ID and enters service instance
Example:	Example:	configuration mode.
_	Device(config-if)# service instance 10 ethernet	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	<pre>encapsulation dot1q vlan-id Example: Device(config-if-srv)# encapsulation dot1q 200</pre>	Defines the matching criteria to map 802.1Q frames ingress on an interface to the appropriate service instance. • Ensure that the interface on the adjoining customer edge (CE) device is on the same VLAN as this provider edge (PE) device.
Step 8	<pre>exit Example: Device(config-if-srv) # exit</pre>	Exits service instance configuration mode and returns to interface configuration mode.
Step 9	<pre>exit Example: Device(config-if)# exit</pre>	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 10	<pre>bridge-domain bd-id Example: Device(config) # bridge-domain 100</pre>	Specifies the bridge domain ID and enters bridge-domain configuration mode.
Step 11	member interface-type-number service-instance service-id [split-horizon group group-id] Example: Device(config-bdomain) # member gigabitethernet0/0/1 service-instance 1000	Binds a service instance to a bridge domain instance.
Step 12	<pre>end Example: Device(config-bdomain) # end</pre>	Exits bridge-domain configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring Access Ports for Untagged Traffic from a CE Device

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3. interface** *type number*
- **4. no ip address** [*ip-address mask*] [**secondary**]
- 5. negotiation auto
- **6. service instance** *si-id* **ethernet**
- 7. encapsulation untagged
- **8.** bridge-domain bd-id
- 9. end

	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 an interface and enters interface configuration
	Example:	mode.
	Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0	
Step 4	no ip address [ip-address mask] [secondary]	Disables IP processing.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# no ip address	
Step 5	negotiation auto	Enables the autonegotiation protocol to configure the speed,
-	Example:	duplex, and automatic flow control of the Gigabit Ethernet interface.
	Device(config-if)# negotiation auto	
Step 6	service instance si-id ethernet	Specifies a service instance ID and enters service instance
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# service instance 10 ethernet	
Step 7	encapsulation untagged	Defines the matching criteria to map untagged ingress
	Example:	Ethernet frames on an interface to the appropriate service instance.
	Device(config-if-srv)# encapsulation untagged	• Ensure that the interface on the adjoining customer edge (CE) device is on the same VLAN as this provider edge (PE) device.
Step 8	bridge-domain bd-id	Binds a service instance or MAC tunnel to a bridge domain
	Example:	instance.
	Device(config-if-srv)# bridge-domain 100	
Step 9	end	Exits service instance configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	privileged EXEC mode.

Command or Action	Purpose
Device(config-if-srv)# end	

Configuring Access Ports for Untagged Traffic from a CE Device: Alternate Configuration

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3. interface** *type number*
- 4. no ip address [ip-address mask] [secondary]
- 5. negotiation auto
- **6. service instance** *si-id* **ethernet**
- 7. encapsulation untagged
- 8. exit
- 9. exit
- **10. bridge-domain** *bd-id*
- 11. member interface-type-number service-instance service-id [split-horizon group group-id]
- **12**. end

	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 an interface and enters interface configurati
	Example:	mode.
	Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/4/4	
Step 4	no ip address [ip-address mask] [secondary]	Disables IP processing.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# no ip address	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	negotiation auto	Enables the autonegotiation protocol to configure the
	Example:	speed, duplex, and automatic flow control of the Gigabit Ethernet interface.
	Device(config-if)# negotiation auto	
Step 6	service instance si-id ethernet	Specifies a service instance ID and enters service instance
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# service instance 10 ethernet	
Step 7	encapsulation untagged	Defines the matching criteria to map untagged ingress
	Example:	Ethernet frames on an interface to the appropriate service instance.
	Device(config-if-srv)# encapsulation untagged	Ensure that the interface on the adjoining customer edge (CE) device is on the same VLAN as this provider edge (PE) device.
Step 8	exit	Exits service instance configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	interface configuration mode.
	Device(config-if-srv)# exit	
Step 9	exit	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# exit	
Step 10	bridge-domain bd-id	Specifies the bridge domain ID and enters bridge-domain
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config)# bridge-domain 100	
Step 11	member interface-type-number service-instance service-id [split-horizon group group-id]	Binds a service instance to a bridge domain instance.
	Example:	
	Device(config-bdomain) # member gigabitethernet0/4/4 service-instance 1000	
Step 12	end	Exits bridge-domain configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-bdomain)# end	

Configuring Q-in-Q EFP



Note

When a thread-local storage (TLS) is configured, the provider edge (PE) device forwards all Ethernet packets received from the customer edge (CE) device to all local Ethernet interfaces and emulated virtual circuits (VCs) that belong to the same Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS) domain if the MAC address is not found in the Layer 2 forwarding table.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3. interface** *type number*
- 4. no ip address [ip-address mask] [secondary]
- 5. negotiation auto
- **6.** service instance *si-id* ethernet
- 7. encapsulation dot1q vlan-id second-dot1q vlan-id
- 8. bridge-domain bd-id
- 9. end

	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 an interface and enters interface configuration
	Example:	mode.
	Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/0/2	
Step 4	no ip address [ip-address mask] [secondary]	Disables IP processing.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# no ip address	
Step 5	negotiation auto	Enables the autonegotiation protocol to configure the speed,
	Example:	duplex, and automatic flow control of the Gigabit Ethernet interface.
	Device(config-if) # negotiation auto	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	service instance si-id ethernet	Specifies a service instance ID and enters service instance
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# service instance 10 ethernet	
Step 7	encapsulation dot1q vlan-id second-dot1q vlan-id	Defines the matching criteria to map Q-in-Q ingress frames
	Example:	on an interface to the appropriate service instance.
	Device(config-if-srv)# encapsulation dot1q 200 second-dot1q 400	• Ensure that the interface on the adjoining CE device is on the same VLAN as this PE device.
Step 8	bridge-domain bd-id	Binds a service instance or a MAC tunnel to a bridge
	Example:	domain instance.
	Device(config-if-srv)# bridge-domain 100	
Step 9	end	Exits service instance configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-if-srv)# end	

Configuring Q-in-Q EFP: Alternate Configuration



Note

When a thread-local storage (TLS) is configured, the provider edge (PE) device forwards all Ethernet packets received from the customer edge (CE) device to all local Ethernet interfaces and emulated virtual circuits (VCs) belonging to the same Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS) domain if the MAC address is not found in the Layer 2 forwarding table.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3. interface** *type number*
- 4. no ip address [ip-address mask] [secondary]
- 5. negotiation auto
- **6. service instance** *si-id* **ethernet**
- 7. encapsulation dot1q vlan-id second-dot1q vlan-id
- 8. exit
- 9. exit
- **10**. **bridge-domain** *bd-id*
- 11. member interface-type-number service-instance service-id [split-horizon group group-id]
- **12**. end

	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 an interface and enters interface configuration
	Example:	mode.
	Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/0/2	
Step 4	no ip address [ip-address mask] [secondary]	Disables IP processing.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# no ip address	
Step 5	negotiation auto	Enables the autonegotiation protocol to configure the
	Example:	speed, duplex, and automatic flow control of the Gigabit Ethernet interface.
	Device(config-if)# negotiation auto	
Step 6	service instance si-id ethernet	Specifies a service instance ID and enters service instance
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# service instance 10 ethernet	
Step 7	encapsulation dot1q vlan-id second-dot1q vlan-id	Defines the matching criteria to map Q-in-Q ingress frames
	Example:	on an interface to the appropriate service instance.
	Device(config-if-srv)# encapsulation dot1q 200 second-dot1q 400	• Ensure that the interface on the adjoining CE device is on the same VLAN as this PE device.
Step 8	exit	Exits service instance configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	interface configuration mode.
	Device(config-if-srv)# exit	
Step 9	exit	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# exit	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	bridge-domain bd-id	Specifies the bridge domain ID and enters bridge-domain configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# bridge-domain 100	
Step 11	member interface-type-number service-instance service-id [split-horizon group group-id]	Binds a service instance to a bridge domain instance.
	Example:	
	Device(config-bdomain) # member gigabitethernet0/0/2 service-instance 1000	
Step 12		Exits bridge-domain configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-bdomain)# end	

Configuring MPLS on a PE Device

To configure Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) on a provider edge (PE) device, configure the required MPLS parameters.



Note

Before configuring MPLS, ensure that IP connectivity exists between all PE devices by configuring Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP), Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), or Intermediate System to Intermediate System (IS-IS) between PE devices.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. mpls label protocol {ldp | tdp}
- 4. mpls ldp logging neighbor-changes
- 5. mpls ldp discovery hello holdtime seconds
- **6.** mpls ldp router-id interface-type-number [force]
- **7.** end

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	mpls label protocol {ldp tdp}	Specifies the label distribution protocol for the platform.
	Example:	
	Device(config) # mpls label protocol ldp	
Step 4	mpls ldp logging neighbor-changes	(Optional) Generates system error logging (syslog)
	Example:	messages when LDP sessions go down.
	Device(config)# mpls ldp logging neighbor-changes	
Step 5	mpls ldp discovery hello holdtime seconds	Configures the interval between the transmission of
	Example:	consecutive LDP discovery hello messages or the hold time for an LDP transport connection.
	Device(config)# mpls ldp discovery hello holdtime 5	
Step 6	mpls ldp router-id interface-type-number [force]	Specifies a preferred interface for the LDP router ID.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# mpls ldp router-id loopback0 force	
Step 7	end	Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged
	Example:	EXEC mode.
	Device(config)# end	

Configuring a VFI on a PE Device

The virtual forwarding interface (VFI) specifies the VPN ID of a Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS) domain, the addresses of other provider edge (PE) devices in the domain, and the type of tunnel signaling and encapsulation mechanism for each peer.



Note

Only Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) encapsulation is supported.



Note

You must configure BDI on the bridge domain that has the association with the VFI.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. 12 vfi name manual
- 4. vpn id vpn-id
- **5. neighbor** *remote-router-id vc-id* {**encapsulation** *encapsulation-type* | **pw-class** *pw-name*} [**no-split-horizon**]
- 6. bridge-domain bd-id
- **7.** end

	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	12 vfi name manual	Establishes a Layer 2 VPN (L2VPN) virtual forwarding
	Example:	interface (VFI) between two or more separate networks and enters VFI configuration mode.
	Device(config)# 12 vfi vfi110 manual	
Step 4	vpn id vpn-id	Configures a VPN ID for a VPLS domain.
	Example:	The emulated VCs bound to this Layer 2 virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instance use this VPN ID for
	Device(config-vfi)# vpn id 110	signaling.
Step 5	neighbor remote-router-id vc-id {encapsulation encapsulation-type pw-class pw-name} [no-split-horizon]	Specifies the type of tunnel signaling and encapsulation mechanism for each VPLS peer.
	Example:	Note Split horizon is the default configuration to avoid broadcast packet looping and to isolate Layer 2
	Device(config-vfi)# neighbor 172.16.10.2 4 encapsulation mpls	traffic. Use the no-split-horizon keyword to disable split horizon and to configure multiple VCs per spoke into the same VFI.
Step 6	bridge-domain bd-id	Specifies a bridge domain.
	Example:	
	Device(config-vfi)# bridge-domain 100	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	end	Exits VFI configuration mode and returns to privileged
	Example:	EXEC mode.
	Device(config-vfi)# end	

Configuring a VFI on a PE Device: Alternate Configuration

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. l2vpn vfi context name
- **4. vpn id** *id*
- 5. member *ip-address* [vc-id] encapsulation mpls
- 6. exit
- 7. bridge-domain bd-id
- 8. member vfi vfi-name
- 9. end

	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	12vpn vfi context name	Establishes a L2VPN VFI between two or more separate
	Example:	networks, and enters VFI configuration mode.
	Device(config)# 12vpn vfi context vfi110	
Step 4	vpn id id	Configures a VPN ID for a Virtual Private LAN Services
	Example:	(VPLS) domain. The emulated virtual circuits (VCs) bound to this Layer 2 virtual routing and forwarding (VRF)
	Device(config-vfi)# vpn id 110	instance use this VPN ID for signaling.
Step 5	member ip-address [vc-id] encapsulation mpls	Specifies the devices that form a point-to-point Layer 2
	Example:	VPN (L2VPN) virtual forwarding interface (VFI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config-vfi)# member 172.16.10.2 4 encapsulation mpls	connection and Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) as the encapsulation type.
Step 6	exit	Exits VFI configuration mode and returns to global
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-vfi)# exit	
Step 7	bridge-domain bd-id	Specifies a bridge domain and enters bridge-domain
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config)# bridge-domain 100	
Step 8	member vfi vfi-name	Binds a VFI instance to a bridge domain instance.
	Example:	
	Device(config-bdomain)# member vfi vfi110	
Step 9	end	Exits bridge-domain configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-bdomain)# end	

Configuring Static Virtual Private LAN Services

To configure static Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS), perform the following tasks:

- · Configuring a Pseudowire for Static VPLS
- Configuring VFI for Static VPLS
- Configuring a VFI for Static VPLS: Alternate Configuration
- Configuring an Attachment Circuit for Static VPLS
- Configuring an Attachment Circuit for Static VPLS: Alternate Configuration
- Configuring an MPLS-TP Tunnel for Static VPLS with TP
- Configuring a VFI for Static VPLS: Alternate Configuration

Configuring a Pseudowire for Static VPLS

The configuration of pseudowires between provider edge (PE) devices helps in the successful transmission of the Layer 2 frames between PE devices.

Use the pseudowire template to configure the virtual circuit (VC) type for the virtual path identifier (VPI) pseudowire. In the following task, the pseudowire will go through a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)-Tunneling Protocol (TP) tunnel.

The pseudowire template configuration specifies the characteristics of the tunneling mechanism that is used by the pseudowires, which are:

- · Encapsulation type
- · Control protocol
- Payload-specific options
- Preferred path

Perform this task to configure a pseudowire template for static Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS).



Note

Ensure that you perform this task before configuring the virtual forwarding instance (VFI) peer. If the VFI peer is configured before the pseudowire class, the configuration is incomplete until the pseudowire class is configured. The **show running-config** command displays an error stating that configuration is incomplete.

```
Device# show running-config | sec vfi

12 vfi config manual
  vpn id 1000
```

! Incomplete point-to-multipoint vfi config

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. template type pseudowire name
- 4. encapsulation mpls
- 5. signaling protocol none
- **6. preferred-path interface Tunnel-tp** *interface-number*
- 7. exit
- 8. interface pseudowire number
- 9. source template type pseudowire name
- **10. neighbor** *peer-address vcid-value*
- 11. label local-pseudowire-label remote-pseudowire-label
- 12. end

	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:	

	Command or Action	Purpose	
	Device# configure terminal		
Step 3	template type pseudowire name Example:	Specifies the template type as pseudowire and enters template configuration mode.	
	Device(config) # template type pseudowire static-vpls		
Step 4	encapsulation mpls	Specifies the tunneling encapsulation.	
	Example:	• For Any Transport over MPLS (AToM), the encapsulation type is MPLS.	
	Device(config-template)# encapsulation mpls		
Step 5	signaling protocol none	Specifies that no signaling protocol is configured for the pseudowire class.	
	Example:	pseudowire class.	
	Device(config-template)# signaling protocol none		
Step 6	preferred-path interface Tunnel-tp interface-number	(Optional) Specifies the path that traffic uses: an MP	
	Example:	Traffic Engineering (TE) tunnel or destination IP address and Domain Name Server (DNS) name.	
	Device(config-template) # preferred-path interface Tunnel-tp 1		
Step 7	exit	Exits template configuration mode and returns to global	
	Example:	configuration mode.	
	Device(config-template)# exit		
Step 8	interface pseudowire number	Establishes a pseudowire interface and enters interface	
	Example:	configuration mode.	
	Device(config)# interface pseudowire 1		
Step 9	source template type pseudowire name	Configures the source template type of the configured	
	Example:	pseudowire.	
	Device(config-if)# source template type pseudowire static-vpls		
Step 10	neighbor peer-address vcid-value	Specifies the peer IP address and VC ID value of a Layer	
	Example:	2 VPN (L2VPN) pseudowire.	
	Device(config-if) # neighbor 10.0.0.1 123		

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 11	label local-pseudowire-label remote-pseudowire-label Example:	Configures an Any Transport over MPLS (AToM) static pseudowire connection by defining local and remote circuit labels.
	Device(config-if)# label 301 17	
Step 12	end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged
	Example:	EXEC mode.
	Device(config-if)# end	

Configuring VFI for Static VPLS



Note

Ensure that you perform this task after configuring the pseudowire. If the VFI peer is configured before the pseudowire, the configuration is incomplete until the pseudowire is configured. The output of the **show running-config** command displays an error stating that configuration is incomplete.

Device# show running-config | sec vfi

12 vfi config manual
 vpn id 1000
! Incomplete point-to-multipoint vfi config

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. mpls label range minimum-value maximum-value [static minimum-static-value maximum-static-value]
- **4. pseudowire-class** [pw-class-name]
- 5. encapsulation mpls
- 6. protocol {l2tpv2 | l2tpv3 | none} [l2tp-class-name]
- 7. exit
- 8. l2 vfi vfi-name manual
- 9. vpn id vpn-id
- **10**. **neighbor** *ip-address* **pw-class** *pw-name*
- 11. mpls label local-pseudowire-label remote-pseudowire-label
- 12. mpls control-word
- **13**. **neighbor** *ip-address* **pw-class** *pw-name*
- **14. mpls label** *local-pseudowire-label remote-pseudowire-label*
- 15. mpls control-word
- 16. end

	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	mpls label range minimum-value maximum-value [static minimum-static-value maximum-static-value]	Configures the range of local labels available for use with Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) applications on
	Example:	packet interfaces.
	Device(config)# mpls label range 16 200 static 300 500	
Step 4	pseudowire-class [pw-class-name]	Specifies the name of a Layer 2 pseudowire class and
	Example:	enters pseudowire class configuration mode.
	Device(config)# pseudowire-class static_vpls	
Step 5	encapsulation mpls	Specifies the tunneling encapsulation as MPLS.
	Example:	
	Device(config-pw-class)# encapsulation mpls	
Step 6	protocol {l2tpv2 l2tpv3 none} [l2tp-class-name]	Specifies that no signaling protocol will be used in Layer
	Example:	2 Tunneling Protocol Version 3 (L2TPv3) sessions.
	Device(config-pw-class)# protocol none	
Step 7	exit	Exits pseudowire class configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	global configuration mode.
	Device(config-pw-class)# exit	
Step 8	12 vfi vfi-name manual	Establishes a Layer 2 VPN (L2VPN) virtual forwarding
	Example:	interface (VFI) between two or more separate networks, and enters Layer 2 VFI manual configuration mode.
	Device(config)# 12 vfi static-vfi manual	
Step 9	vpn id vpn-id	Specifies the VPN ID.
	Example:	
	Device(config-vfi) # vpn id 100	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	neighbor ip-address pw-class pw-name Example:	Specifies the IP address of the peer and the pseudowire class.
	Device(config-vfi)# neighbor 10.3.4.4 pw-class static_vpls	
Step 11	mpls label local-pseudowire-label remote-pseudowire-label Example:	Configures an Any Transport over MPLS (AToM) static pseudowire connection by defining local and remote circui labels.
	Device(config-vfi)# mpls label 301 17	
Step 12	mpls control-word Example:	(Optional) Enables the MPLS control word in an AToM static pseudowire connection.
	Device(config-vfi)# mpls control-word	
Step 13	neighbor ip-address pw-class pw-name Example:	Specifies the IP address of the peer and the pseudowire class.
	Device(config-vfi)# neighbor 2.3.4.3 pw-class static_vpls	
Step 14	mpls label local-pseudowire-label remote-pseudowire-label	Configures an AToM static pseudowire connection by defining local and remote circuit labels.
	Example:	
	Device(config-vfi)# mpls label 302 18	
Step 15	mpls control-word Example:	(Optional) Enables the MPLS control word in an AToM static pseudowire connection.
	Device(config-vfi)# mpls control-word	
Step 16	end Example:	Exits Layer 2 VFI manual configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-vfi)# end	

Configuring a VFI for Static VPLS: Alternate Configuration



Note

Ensure that you perform this task after configuring the pseudowire. If the VFI peer is configured before the pseudowire, the configuration is incomplete until the pseudowire is configured. The output of the **show running-config** command displays an error stating that configuration is incomplete.

Device# show running-config | sec vfi

12 vfi config manual
vpn id 1000
! Incomplete point-to-multipoint vfi config

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. l2vpn vfi context vfi-name
- 4. **vpn id** *vpn-id*
- 5. exit
- **6. interface** *type number*
- 7. encapsulation mpls
- **8. neighbor** *ip-address vc-id*
- **9.** label local-pseudowire-label remote-pseudowire-label
- **10.** control-word {include | exclude}
- **11.** exit
- **12**. bridge-domain bd-id
- **13. member vfi** *vfi-name*
- 14. end

	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	12vpn vfi context vfi-name	Establishes a Layer 2 VPN (L2VPN) virtual forwarding
	Example:	interface (VFI) between two or more separate networks and enters VFI configuration mode.
	Device(config)# 12vpn vfi context vpls1	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	vpn id vpn-id	Specifies the VPN ID.
	Example:	
	Device(config-vfi)# vpn id 100	
Step 5	exit	Exits VFI configuration mode and returns to global
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-vfi)# exit	
Step 6	interface type number	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration
	Example:	mode.
	Device(config)# interface pseudowire 100	
Step 7	encapsulation mpls	Specifies an encapsulation type for tunneling Layer 2
	Example:	traffic over a pseudowire.
	Device(config-if)# encapsulation mpls	
Step 8	neighbor ip-address vc-id	Specifies the peer IP address and virtual circuit (VC) II value of a Layer 2 VPN (L2VPN) pseudowire.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# neighbor 10.3.4.4 100	
Step 9	label local-pseudowire-label remote-pseudowire-label	Configures an Any Transport over MPLS (AToM) static
	Example:	pseudowire connection by defining local and remote circuit labels.
	Device(config-if)# label 301 17	
Step 10	control-word {include exclude}	(Optional) Enables the Multiprotocol Label Switching
	Example:	(MPLS) control word in an AToM dynamic pseudowire connection.
	Device(config-if)# control-word include	
Step 11	exit	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# exit	
Step 12	bridge-domain bd-id	Specifies the bridge domain ID and enters bridge-domain
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config) # bridge-domain 24	
Step 13	member vfi vfi-name	Binds a service instance to a bridge domain instance.
	Example:	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config-bdomain)# member vfi vpls1	
Step 14	end	Exits bridge-domain configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-bdomain)# end	

Configuring an Attachment Circuit for Static VPLS

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. interface gigabitethernet slot/interface
- 4. service instance si-id ethernet
- 5. encapsulation dot1q vlan-id
- **6.** rewrite ingress tag pop number [symmetric]
- 7. bridge-domain bd-id
- 8. end

	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 gigabitethernet slot/interface Example:	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
	Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/0/1	Ensure that the interfaces between the customer edge (CE) and provider edge (PE) devices that run Ethernet over MPLS (EoMPLS) are in the same subnet. All other interfaces and backbone devices do not need to be in the same subnet.
Step 4	service instance si-id ethernet Example:	Configures an Ethernet service instance on an interface and enters service instance configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# service instance 100 ethernet	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	encapsulation dot1q vlan-id Example: Device(config-if-srv)# encapsulation dot1q 200	Defines the matching criteria to map 802.1Q frames ingress on an interface to the appropriate service instance. • Ensure that the interface on the adjoining CE device is on the same VLAN as this PE device.
Step 6	rewrite ingress tag pop number [symmetric] Example: Device(config-if-srv)# rewrite ingress tag pop 1	(Optional) Specifies the encapsulation adjustment to be performed on a frame ingressing a service instance and the tag to be removed from a packet.
Step 7	bridge-domain bd-id Example:	(Optional) Binds a service instance or a MAC tunnel to a bridge domain instance.
Step 8	<pre>Device(config-if-srv)# bridge-domain 24 end Example:</pre>	Exits service instance configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-if-srv)# end	

Configuring an Attachment Circuit for Static VPLS: Alternate Configuration

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. interface gigabitethernet slot/interface
- 4. service instance *si-id* ethernet
- **5. encapsulation dot1q** *vlan-id*
- **6. rewrite ingress tag pop** *number* [**symmetric**]
- 7. exit
- 8. exit
- **9. bridge-domain** *bd-id*
- **10. member** *interface-type-number* **service-instance** *service-id* [**split-horizon group** *group-id*]
- **11**. end

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	interface gigabitethernet slot/interface	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
	Example:	Ensure that the interfaces between the customer edge
	Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/0/1	(CE) and provider edge (PE) devices that are running Ethernet over MPLS (EoMPLS) are in the same subnet. All other interfaces and backbone devices do not need to be in the same subnet.
Step 4	service instance si-id ethernet	Specifies a service instance ID and enters service instance
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# service instance 10 ethernet	
Step 5	encapsulation dot1q vlan-id	Defines the matching criteria to map 802.1Q frames ingress
	Example:	on an interface to the appropriate service instance.
	Device(config-if-srv)# encapsulation dot1q 200	Ensure that the interface on the adjoining CE device is on the same VLAN as this PE device.
Step 6	rewrite ingress tag pop number [symmetric]	(Optional) Specifies the encapsulation adjustment to be
	Example:	performed on a frame ingressing a service instance and the tag to be removed from a packet.
	Device(config-if-srv)# rewrite ingress tag pop 1 symmetric	
Step 7	exit	Exits service instance configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	interface configuration mode.
	Device(config-if-srv)# exit	
Step 8	exit	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# exit	
Step 9	bridge-domain bd-id	Specifies the bridge domain ID and enters bridge-domain
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config) # bridge-domain 100	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	member interface-type-number service-instance service-id [split-horizon group group-id]	(Optional) Binds a service instance to a bridge domain instance.
	Example:	
	Device(config-bdomain) # member gigabitethernet0/0/1 service-instance 1000	
Step 11	end	Exits bridge-domain configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-bdomain)# end	

Configuring an MPLS-TP Tunnel for Static VPLS with TP

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. interface Tunnel-tp *number*
- 4. no ip address
- 5. no keepalive
- **6. tp destination** *ip-address*
- **7. bfd** *bfd-template*
- 8. working-lsp
- **9. out-label** *number* **out-link** *number*
- **10. lsp-number** *number*
- **11**. exit
- 12. protect-lsp
- **13. out-label** *number* **out-link** *number*
- **14. in-label** *number*
- **15**. **lsp-number** *number*
- **16**. exit
- **17.** exit
- **18. interface** *type number*
- **19**. **ip address** *ip-address ip-mask*
- **20. mpls tp link** *link-num* {**ipv4** *ip-address* | **tx-mac** *mac-address*}
- **21**. end

Command or Action	Purpose
enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	enable

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	interface Tunnel-tp number	Configures a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)
	Example:	transport profile tunnel and enters interface configuration mode.
	Device(config)# interface Tunnel-tp 4	Use the same interface as you configured for the pseudowire class.
Step 4	no ip address	Disables the IP address configuration.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# no ip address	
Step 5	no keepalive	Disables the keepalive configuration.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# no keepalive	
Step 6	tp destination ip-address	Configures the tunnel destination.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# tp destination 10.22.22.22	
Step 7	bfd bfd-template	Binds a single-hop Bidirectional Forwarding Detection
	Example:	(BFD) template to an interface.
	Device(config-if)# bfd tp	
Step 8	working-lsp	Configures the working label switched path (LSP) and
	Example:	enters working interface configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# working-lsp	
Step 9	out-label number out-link number	Configures the out link and out label for the working LSP.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if-working)# out-label 16 out-link 100	
Step 10	lsp-number number	Configures the ID number for the working LSP.
	Example:	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config-if-working)# lsp-number 0	
Step 11	exit	Exits working interface configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	interface configuration mode.
	Device(config-if-working)# exit	
Step 12	protect-lsp	Enters protection configuration mode for the label switched
	Example:	path (LSP) and enters protect interface configuration mode.
	Device(config-if) # protect-lsp	
Step 13	out-label number out-link number	Configures the out link and out label for the protect LSP.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if-protect)# out-label 11 out-link 500	
Step 14	in-label number	Configures the in label for the protect LSP.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if-protect)# in-label 600	
Step 15	lsp-number number	Configures the ID number for the working protect LSP.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if-protect)# lsp-number 1	
Step 16	exit	Exits protect interface configuration mode and returns to
	Example:	interface configuration mode.
	Device(config-if-protect)# exit	
Step 17	exit	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-if)# exit	
Step 18	interface type number	Configures a interface and enters interface configuration
	Example:	mode.
	Device(config-if)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0	
Step 19	ip address ip-address ip-mask	(Optional) Configures the IP address and mask if not using
	Example:	an IP-less core.
	Device(config) # ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.0	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 20	mpls tp link link-num {ipv4 ip-address tx-mac mac-address}	Configures Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) transport profile (TP) link parameters.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# mpls tp link 10 tx-mac 0100.0c99.8877	
Step 21	end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged
	Example:	EXEC mode.
	Device(config-if)# end	

Configuring a VFI for Static VPLS: Alternate Configuration



Note

Ensure that you perform this task after configuring the pseudowire. If the VFI peer is configured before the pseudowire, the configuration is incomplete until the pseudowire is configured. The output of the **show running-config** command displays an error stating that configuration is incomplete.

Device# show running-config | sec vfi

12 vfi config manual
vpn id 1000
! Incomplete point-to-multipoint vfi config

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. l2vpn vfi context vfi-name
- 4. **vpn** id *vpn*-id
- 5. exit
- **6. interface** *type number*
- 7. encapsulation mpls
- **8. neighbor** *ip-address vc-id*
- **9. label** *local-pseudowire-label remote-pseudowire-label*
- 10. control-word {include | exclude}
- 11. exit
- **12. bridge-domain** *bd-id*
- **13**. **member vfi** *vfi-name*
- **14**. end

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	l2vpn vfi context vfi-name	Establishes a Layer 2 VPN (L2VPN) virtual forwarding
	Example:	interface (VFI) between two or more separate networks and enters VFI configuration mode.
	Device(config)# 12vpn vfi context vpls1	
Step 4	vpn id vpn-id	Specifies the VPN ID.
	Example:	
	Device(config-vfi)# vpn id 100	
Step 5	exit	Exits VFI configuration mode and returns to global
	Example:	configuration mode.
	Device(config-vfi)# exit	
Step 6	interface type number	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration
	Example:	mode.
	Device(config)# interface pseudowire 100	
Step 7	encapsulation mpls	Specifies an encapsulation type for tunneling Layer 2
	Example:	traffic over a pseudowire.
	Device(config-if)# encapsulation mpls	
Step 8	neighbor ip-address vc-id	Specifies the peer IP address and virtual circuit (VC) ID value of a Layer 2 VPN (L2VPN) pseudowire.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# neighbor 10.3.4.4 100	
Step 9	label local-pseudowire-label remote-pseudowire-label	Configures an Any Transport over MPLS (AToM) static
	Example:	pseudowire connection by defining local and remote circuit labels.
	Device(config-if)# label 301 17	
Step 10	control-word {include exclude}	(Optional) Enables the Multiprotocol Label Switching
	Example:	(MPLS) control word in an AToM dynamic pseudowire connection.
	Device(config-if)# control-word include	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 11	exit	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# exit	
Step 12	bridge-domain bd-id	Specifies the bridge domain ID and enters bridge-domain configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# bridge-domain 24	
Step 13	member vfi vfi-name	Binds a service instance to a bridge domain instance.
	Example:	
	Device(config-bdomain)# member vfi vpls1	
Step 14	end	Exits bridge-domain configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-bdomain)# end	

Configuration Examples for Virtual Private LAN Services

Example: Configuring 802.10 Access Ports for Tagged Traffic from a CE Device

This example shows how to configure the tagged traffic:

```
Device(config) # interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1
Device(config-if) # no ip address
Device(config-if) # negotiation auto
Device(config-if) # service instance 10 ethernet
Device(config-if-srv) # encapsulation dot1q 200
Device(config-if-srv) # bridge-domain 100
Device(config-if-srv) # end
```

Example: Configuring 802.10 Access Ports for Tagged Traffic from a CE Device: Alternate Configuration

The following example shows how to configure the tagged traffic:

```
Device(config) # interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1
Device(config-if) # no ip address
Device(config-if) # negotiation auto
Device(config-if) # service instance 10 ethernet
Device(config-if-srv) # encapsulation dot1q 200
Device(config-if-srv) # exit
```

```
Device(config-if)# exit
Device(config)# bridge-domain 100
Device(config-bdomain)# member gigabitethernet0/0/1 service-instance 1000
Device(config-bdomain)# end
```

Example: Configuring Access Ports for Untagged Traffic from a CE Device

The following example shows how to configure access ports for untagged traffic:

```
Device(config) # interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0
Device(config-if) # no ip address
Device(config-if) # negotiation auto
Device(config-if) # service instance 10 ethernet
Device(config-if-srv) # encapsulation untagged
Device(config-if-srv) # bridge-domain 100
Device(config-if-srv) # end
```

The following example shows a virtual forwarding interface (VFI) configuration:

```
Device(config)# 12 vfi VPLSA manual
Device(config-vfi)# vpn id 110
Device(config-vfi)# neighbor 10.11.11.11 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi)# neighbor 10.33.33.33 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi)# neighbor 10.44.44.44 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi)# bridge-domain 110
Device(config-vfi)# end
```

The following example shows a VFI configuration for hub and spoke.

```
Device(config) # 12 vfi VPLSB manual
Device(config-vfi) # vpn id 111
Device(config-vfi) # neighbor 10.99.99.99 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi) # neighbor 10.12.12.12 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi) # neighbor 10.13.13.13 encapsulation mpls no-split-horizon
Device(config-vfi) # bridge-domain 111
Device(config-vfi) # end
```

The output of the **show mpls 12transport vc** command displays various information related to a provide edge (PE) device. The VC ID in the output represents the VPN ID; the VC is identified by the combination of the destination address and the VC ID as shown in the command output. The output of the **show mpls 12transport vc detail** command displays detailed information about virtual circuits (VCs) on a PE device.

Device# show mpls 12transport vc 201

Local intf	Local circuit	Dest address	VC ID	Status
VFI VPLSA	VFI	10.11.11.11	110	UP
VFI VPLSA	VFI	10.33.33.33	110	UP
VFI VPLSA	VFI	10.44.44.44	110	UP

The following sample output from the **show vfi** command displays the VFI status:

```
Device# show vfi VPLSA
```

```
VFI name: VPLSA, state: up
 Local attachment circuits:
 Neighbors connected via pseudowires:
 10.33.33.33 110 10.44.44.44
 Peer Address VC ID Split-horizon
                                   Y
Device# show vfi VPLSB
VFI name: VPLSB, state: up
 Local attachment circuits:
   Vlan2
 Neighbors connected via pseudowires:
 Peer Address VC ID Split-horizon
                 111
 10.99.99.99
 10.12.12.12
                111
                                Υ
 10.12.12.12
                111
                               N
```

Example: Configuring Access Ports for Untagged Traffic from a CE Device: Alternate Configuration

The following example shows how to configure the untagged traffic.

```
Device(config) # interface GigabitEthernet 0/4/4
Device(config-if) # no ip address
Device(config-if) # negotiation auto
Device(config-if) # service instance 10 ethernet
Device(config-if-srv) # encapsulation untagged
Device(config-if-srv) # exit
Device(config-if) # exit
Device(config) # bridge-domain 100
Device(config-bdomain) # member GigabitEthernet0/4/4 service-instance 10
Device(config-if-srv) # end
```

Example: Configuring Q-in-Q EFP

The following example shows how to configure the tagged traffic.

```
Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/2
Device(config-if)# no ip address
Device(config-if)# negotiate auto
Device(config-if)# service instance 10 ethernet
Device(config-if-srv)# encapsulation dot1q 200 second-dot1q 400
Device(config-if-srv)# bridge-domain 100
Device(config-if-srv)# end
```

Use the **show spanning-tree vlan** command to verify that the ports are not in a blocked state. Use the **show vlan id** command to verify that a specific port is configured to send and receive specific VLAN traffic.

Example: Configuring Q-in-Q in EFP: Alternate Configuration

The following example shows how to configure the tagged traffic:

```
Device(config) # interface GigabitEthernet 0/4/4
Device(config-if) # no ip address
Device(config-if) # nonegotiate auto
Device(config-if) # service instance 10 ethernet
Device(config-if-srv) # encapsulation dot1q 200 second-dot1q 400
Device(config-if-srv) # exit
Device(config-if) # exit
Device(config) # bridge-domain 100
Device(config-bdomain) # member GigabitEthernet0/4/4 service-instance 1000
Device(config-bdomain) # end
```

Use the **show spanning-tree vlan** command to verify that the port is not in a blocked state. Use the **show vlan id** command to verify that a specific port is configured to send and receive a specific VLAN traffic.

Example: Configuring MPLS on a PE Device

The following example shows a global Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) configuration:

```
Device(config) # mpls label protocol ldp
Device(config) # mpls ldp logging neighbor-changes
Device(config) # mpls ldp discovery hello holdtime 5
Device(config) # mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force
```

The following sample output from the **show ip cef** command displays the Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) label assigned:

```
Device# show ip cef 192.168.17.7

192.168.17.7/32, version 272, epoch 0, cached adjacency to POS4/1

0 packets, 0 bytes
tag information set
local tag: 8149
fast tag rewrite with PO4/1, point2point, tags imposed: {4017}
via 10.3.1.4, POS4/1, 283 dependencies
next hop 10.3.1.4, POS4/1
valid cached adjacency
tag rewrite with PO4/1, point2point, tags imposed: {4017}
```

Example: VFI on a PE Device

The following example shows a virtual forwarding instance (VFI) configuration:

```
Device(config)# 12 vfi vfi110 manual
Device(config-vfi)# vpn id 110
Device(config-vfi)# neighbor 172.16.10.2 4 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi)# neighbor 10.16.33.33 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi)# neighbor 198.51.100.44 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi)# bridge-domain 100
```

```
Device (config-vfi) # end
```

The following example shows a VFI configuration for a hub-and-spoke configuration:

```
Device(config) # 12 vfi VPLSA manual
Device(config-vfi) # vpn id 110
Device(config-vfi) # neighbor 10.9.9.9 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi) # neighbor 192.0.2.12 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi) # neighbor 203.0.113.4 encapsulation mpls no-split-horizon
Device(config-vfi) # bridge-domain 100
Device(config-vfi) # end
```

The **show mpls 12transport vc** command displays information about the provider edge (PE) device. The **show mpls 12transport vc detail** command displays detailed information about the virtual circuits (VCs) on a PE device.

Device# show mpls 12transport vc 201

Local intf	Local circuit	Dest address	VC ID	Status
VFI test1	VFI	209.165.201.1	201	UP
VFI test1	VFI	209.165.201.2	201	UP
VFI test1	VFI	209.165.201.3	201	UP

The **show vfi** *vfi-name* command displays VFI status. The VC ID in the output represents the VPN ID; the VC is identified by the combination of the destination address and the VC ID as in the example below.

Device# show vfi VPLS-2

Example: VFI on a PE Device: Alternate Configuration

The following example shows how to configure a virtual forwarding interface (VFI) on a provider edge (PE) device:

```
Device(config)# 12vpn vfi context vfi110
Device(config-vfi)# vpn id 110
Device(config-vfi)# member 172.16.10.2 4 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi)# member 10.33.33.33 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi)# member 10.44.44.44 encapsulation mpls
Device(config-vfi)# exit
Device(config)# bridge-domain 100
Device(config-bdomain)# member vfi vfi110
Device(config-bdomain)# end
```

The following example shows how to configure a hub-and-spoke VFI configuration:.

```
Device(config) # 12vpn vfi context VPLSA

Device(config-vfi) # vpn id 110

Device(config-vfi) # member 10.9.9.9 encapsulation mpls

Device(config-vfi) # member 172.16.10.2 4 encapsulation mpls

Device(config-vfi) # exit

Device(config) # bridge-domain 100

Device(config-bdomain) # member vfi VPLSA

Device(config-bdomain) # member GigabitEthernet0/0/0 service-instance 100

Device(config-bdomain) # member 10.33.33.33 10 encapsulation mpls

Device(config-bdomain) # end
```

The **show l2vpn atom vc** command displays information about the PE device. The command also displays information about Any Transport over MPLS (AToM) virtual circuits (VCs) and static pseudowires that are enabled to route Layer 2 packets on a device.

Device# show 12vpn atom vc

Local intf	Local circuit	Dest address	VC ID	Status
Et0/0.1	Eth VLAN 101	10.0.0.2	101	UP
Et0/0.1	Eth VLAN 101	10.0.0.3	201	DOWN

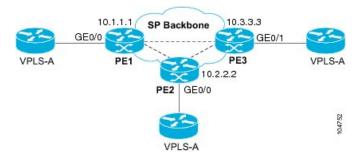
The **show l2vpn vfi** command displays the VFI status. The VC ID in the output represents the VPN ID; the VC is identified by the combination of the destination address and the VC ID as in the example below.

```
Device# show 12vpn vfi VPLS-2
Legend: RT= Route-target
VFI name: serviceCorel, State: UP, Signaling Protocol: LDP
 VPN ID: 100, VPLS-ID: 9:10, Bridge-domain vlan: 100
 RD: 9:10, RT: 10.10.10.10:150
  Pseudo-port Interface: Virtual-Ethernet1000
  Neighbors connected via pseudowires:
  Interface Peer Address VC ID
                                         Discovered Router ID Next Hop
             10.0.0.1 10
10.0.0.2 10
10.0.0.3 10
10.0.0.4 10
  Pw2000
                                         10.0.0.1
                                                                10.0.0.1
  Pw2001
                                          10.1.1.2
                                                                 10.0.0.2
  Pw2002
                                          10.1.1.3
                                                                 10.0.0.3
  Pw5
                                                                 10.0.0.4
```

Example: Full-Mesh VPLS Configuration

In a full-mesh configuration, each provider edge (PE) device creates a multipoint-to-multipoint forwarding relationship with all other PE devices in the Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS) domain using a virtual forwarding interface (VFI). An Ethernet or a VLAN packet received from the customer network can be forwarded to one or more local interfaces and/or emulated virtual circuits (VCs) in the VPLS domain. To avoid a broadcast packet loop in the network, packets received from an emulated VC cannot be forwarded to any emulated VC in the VPLS domain on a PE device. Ensure that Layer 2 split horizon is enabled to avoid a broadcast packet loop in a full-mesh network.

Figure 2: Full-Mesh VPLS Configuration



PE 1 Configuration

The following examples shows how to create virtual switch instances (VSIs) and associated VCs:

```
12 vfi PE1-VPLS-A manual
vpn id 100
neighbor 10.2.2.2 encapsulation mpls
neighbor 10.3.3.3 encapsulation mpls
bridge domain 100
!
interface Loopback 0
ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.0.0
```

The following example shows how to configure the customer edge (CE) device interface (there can be multiple Layer 2 interfaces in a VLAN):

```
interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
no ip address
negotiation auto
service instance 10 ethernet
encapsulation dot1q 200
bridge-domain 100
```

PE 2 Configuration

The following example shows how to create VSIs and associated VCs.

```
12 vfi PE2-VPLS-A manual vpn id 100 neighbor 10.1.1.1 encapsulation mpls neighbor 10.3.3.3 encapsulation mpls bridge domain 100 ! interface Loopback 0 ip address 10.2.2.2 255.255.0.0
```

The following example shows how to configure the CE device interface (there can be multiple Layer 2 interfaces in a VLAN):

```
interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
no ip address
negotiation auto
```

```
service instance 10 ethernet encapsulation dot1q 200 bridge-domain 100
```

PE 3 Configuration

The following example shows how to create VSIs and associated VCs:

```
12 vfi PE3-VPLS-A manual
vpn id 112
neighbor 10.1.1.1 encapsulation mpls
neighbor 10.2.2.2 encapsulation mpls
bridge domain 100
!
interface Loopback 0
ip address 10.3.3.3 255.255.0.0
```

The following example shows how to configure the CE device interface (there can be multiple Layer 2 interfaces in a VLAN).

```
interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1
no ip address
negotiation auto
service instance 10 ethernet
encapsulation dot1q 200
bridge-domain 100
```

The following sample output from the **show mpls 12 vc** command provides information about the status of the VC:

Device# show mpls 12 vc

Local intf	Local circuit	Dest address	VC ID	Status
VFI PE1-VPLS-A	VFI	10.2.2.2	100	UP
VFI PE1-VPLS-A	VFI	10.3.3.3	100	UP

The following sample output from the **show vfi** command provides information about the VFI:

Device# show vfi PE1-VPLS-A

```
VFI name: VPLSA, state: up
  Local attachment circuits:
    Vlan200
Neighbors connected via pseudowires:
    10.2.2.2   10.3.3.3
```

The following sample output from the **show mpls 12transport vc** command provides information about virtual circuits:

Device# show mpls 12transport vc detail

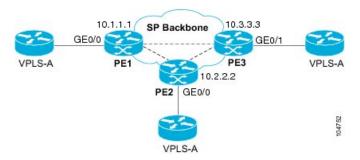
```
Local interface: VFI PE1-VPLS-A up
Destination address: 10.2.2.2, VC ID: 100, VC status: up
Tunnel label: imp-null, next hop point2point
```

```
Output interface: Se2/0, imposed label stack {18} Create time: 3d15h, last status change time: 1d03h Signaling protocol: LDP, peer 10.2.2.2:0 up MPLS VC labels: local 18, remote 18 Group ID: local 0, remote 0 MTU: local 1500, remote 1500 Remote interface description: Sequencing: receive disabled, send disabled VC statistics: packet totals: receive 0, send 0 byte totals: receive 0, send 0 packet drops: receive 0, send 0
```

Example: Full-Mesh Configuration : Alternate Configuration

In a full-mesh configuration, each provider edge (PE) router creates a multipoint-to-multipoint forwarding relationship with all other PE routers in the Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLS) domain using a virtual forwarding interface (VFI). An Ethernet or virtual LAN (VLAN) packet received from the customer network can be forwarded to one or more local interfaces and/or emulated virtual circuits (VCs) in the VPLS domain. To avoid broadcasted packets looping in the network, no packet received from an emulated VC can be forwarded to any emulated VC of the VPLS domain on a PE router. That is, Layer 2 split horizon should always be enabled as the default in a full-mesh network.

Figure 3: VPLS Configuration Example



PE 1 Configuration

The following example shows how to create virtual switch instances (VSIs) and associated VCs and to configure the CE device interface (there can be multiple Layer 2 interfaces in a VLAN):

```
interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0
  service instance 100 ethernet
  encap dot1q 100
  no shutdown
!
12vpn vfi context PE1-VPLS-A
  vpn id 100
  neighbor 10.2.2.2 encapsulation mpls
  neighbor 10.3.3.3 encapsulation mpls
!
bridge-domain 100
  member gigabitethernet0/0/0 service-instance 100
  member vfi PE1-VPLS-A
```

PE 2 Configuration

The following example shows how to create VSIs and associated VCs and to configure the CE device interface (there can be multiple Layer 2 interfaces in a VLAN):

```
interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0
  service instance 100 ethernet
  encap dot1q 100
  no shutdown
!
12vpn vfi context PE2-VPLS-A
  vpn id 100
  neighbor 10.1.1.1 encapsulation mpls
  neighbor 10.3.3.3 encapsulation mpls
!
bridge-domain 100
  member gigabitethernet0/0/0 service-instance 100
  member vfi PE2-VPLS-A
```

PE 3 Configuration

The following example shows how to create of the VSIs and associated VCs and to configure the CE device interface (there can be multiple Layer 2 interfaces in a VLAN):

```
interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0
service instance 100 ethernet
encap dot1q 100
no shutdown
!
12vpn vfi context PE3-VPLS-A
vpn id 100
neighbor 10.1.1.1 encapsulation mpls
neighbor 10.2.2.2 encapsulation mpls
!
bridge-domain 100
member gigabitethernet0/0/0 service-instance 100
member vfi PE3-VPLS-A
```

The following sample output from the **show mpls 12 vc** command provides information on the status of the VC:

Device# show mpls 12 vc

```
        Local intf
        Local circuit
        Dest address
        VC ID
        Status

        ------
        -------
        -------
        -------

        VFI PE3-VPLS-A
        VFI
        10.2.2.2
        100
        UP

        VFI PE3-VPLS-A
        VFI
        10.3.3.3
        100
        UP
```

The following sample output from the **show l2vpn vfi** command provides information about the VFI:

```
Device# show l2vpn vfi VPLS-2

Legend: RT= Route-target

VFI name: serviceCore1, State: UP, Signaling Protocol: LDP

VPN ID: 100, VPLS-ID: 9:10, Bridge-domain vlan: 100

RD: 9:10, RT: 10.10.10.10:150
```

Pseudo-port Interface: Virtual-Ethernet1000

Neighbors	connected via pse	udowires:		
Interface	Peer Address	VC ID	Discovered Router ID	Next Hop
Pw2000	10.0.0.1	10	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.1
Pw2001	10.0.0.2	10	10.1.1.2	10.0.0.2
Pw2002	10.0.0.3	10	10.1.1.3	10.0.0.3
Pw5	10.0.0.4	10	_	10.0.0.4

The following sample output from the **show l2vpn atom vc** command provides information on the virtual circuits:

Device# show 12vpn atom vc

Local intf	Local circuit	Dest address	VC ID	Status
Et0/0.1	Eth VLAN 101	10.0.0.2	101	UP
Et0/0.1	Eth VLAN 101	10.0.0.3	201	DOWN

Feature Information for Configuring Virtual Private LAN Services

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

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

Table 1: Feature Information for Configuring Virtual Private LAN Services

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Configuring Virtual Private LAN Services	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.13.0S	This feature was introduced on the Cisco ASR 920 Routers (ASR-920-12CZ-A, ASR-920-12CZ-D, ASR-920-4SZ-A, ASR-920-4SZ-D).

Layer 2 Protocol Tunneling

Customers at different sites connected across a service-provider network need to use various Layer 2 protocols to scale their topologies to include all remote sites, as well as the local sites. STP must run properly, and every VLAN should build a proper spanning tree that includes the local site and all remote sites across the service-provider network. Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP) must discover neighboring Cisco devices from local and remote sites.

VLAN Trunking Protocol (VTP) must provide consistent VLAN configuration throughout all sites in the customer network that are participating in VTP. Similarly, DTP, LACP, LLDP, PAgP, and UDLD can also run across the service-provider network.

When protocol tunneling is enabled, edge switches on the inbound side of the service-provider network encapsulate Layer 2 protocol packets with a special MAC address (0100.0CCD.CDD0) and send them across the service-provider network. Core switches in the network do not process these packets but forward them as normal (unknown multicast data) packets. Layer 2 protocol data units (PDUs) for the configured protocols

cross the service-provider network and are delivered to customer switches on the outbound side of the service-provider network. Identical packets are received by all customer ports on the same VLANs with these results:

- Users on each of a customer's sites can properly run STP, and every VLAN can build a correct spanning tree based on parameters from all sites and not just from the local site.
- CDP discovers and shows information about the other Cisco devices connected through the service-provider network.
- VTP provides consistent VLAN configuration throughout the customer network, propagating to all switches through the service provider that support VTP.

Customers use Layer 2 protocol tunneling to tunnel BPDUs through a service-provider network without interfering with internal provider network BPDUs.



Note

Layer 2 protocol tunneling is supported on EFPs, but not on switchports.



Note

EFP with Xconnect is enhanced to transparently forward the Layer 2 Control Protocol (L2CP) frames at the hardware level. Use the following command to forward the L2CP frames except the CFM frames:

mac-address-table evc-xconnect 12pt-forward-all

In addition to the listed L2CP frames, 802.1x (0x888E) frames and MACSec (0x88E5) frames can be forwarded over EoMPLS by enabling this command globally.

In figure below, Customer X has four switches in the same VLAN, which are connected through the service-provider network. If the network does not tunnel PDUs, switches on the far ends of the network cannot properly run STP, CDP, and other Layer 2 protocols. For example, STP for a VLAN on a switch in Customer X, Site 1, will build a spanning tree on the switches at that site without considering convergence parameters based on Customer X's switch in Site 2. This could result in the topology shown in figure below.

Figure 4: Layer 2 Protocol Tunneling

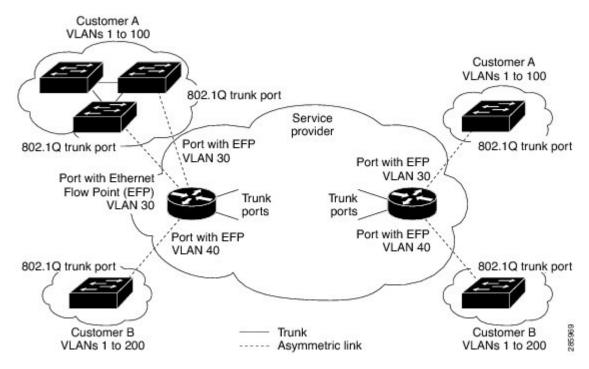
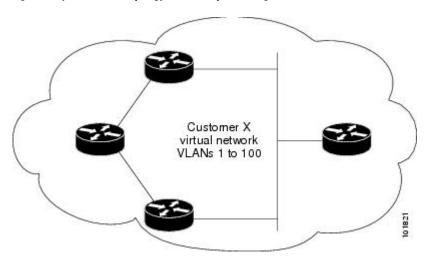


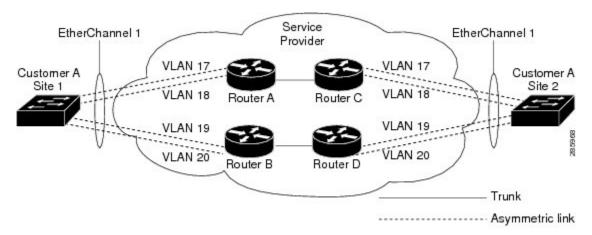
Figure 5: Layer 2 Network Topology without Proper Convergence



In a service-provider network, you can use Layer 2 protocol tunneling to enhance the creation of EtherChannels by emulating a point-to-point network topology. When you enable protocol tunneling (PAgP or LACP) on the service-provider switch, remote customer switches receive the PDUs and can negotiate the automatic creation of EtherChannels.

For example, in figure below, Customer A has two switches in the same VLAN that are connected through the SP network. When the network tunnels PDUs, switches on the far ends of the network can negotiate the automatic creation of EtherChannels without needing dedicated lines

Figure 6: Layer 2 Protocol Tunneling for EtherChannels



Use the **l2protocol tunnel***protocol* service-instance configuration command to enable Layer 2 protocol tunneling on a service instance

Valid protocols include CDP, LACP, LLDP, PAgP, STP, UDLD, and VTP. If a protocol is not specified for a service instance, the protocol frame is dropped at the interface.

This is an example of Layer 2 protocol tunneling configuration:

```
Router (config)# interface gigabitethernet0/2
Router (config-if)# service instance 10 Ethernet
Router (config-if-srv)# encapsulation untagged , dot1q 200 second-dot1q 300
Router (config-if-srv)# l2protocol tunnel cdp stp vtp pagp lacp
Router (config-if-srv)# bridge-domain 10
```



Note

To enable tunneling of most Layer 2 protocol, you must configure **encapsulation untagged** because Layer 2 protocol PDUs are usually untagged.

Layer 2 protocol tunneling statistics

The following command is used to view the Layer 2 protocol tunneling statistics:

show ethernet service instance id service-instance idinterface interface platform

This is an example of Layer 2 protocol tunneling statistics:

```
2020#sh run int gi0/0/9
Building configuration...

Current configuration : 228 bytes interface GigabitEthernet0/0/9 no ip address media-type auto-select negotiation auto no keepalive service instance 200 ethernet encapsulation untagged 12protocol tunnel xconnect 2.2.2.2 1 encapsulation mpls end
```

2020#show ethernet service instance id 200 inter gig 0/0/9 platform

Service Instance (EFP) L2 PDU Handing Info

EFP CDP STP VTP DTP PAGP LLDP LACP UDLD LOAM ESMC ELMI PTPPD RES4 RES5 RES6 RES8 RES9 RESA RESB RESC RESD RESF CFG NH

EFP L2PT Tunnel statistics

L2protocol	Encapped	Decapped
CDP:	0	0
STP:	4059	13661
VTP:	0	0
DTP:	0	0
PAGP:	0	0
LLDP:	0	0
LACP:	0	0
UDLD:	0	0
LOAM:	0	0
ESMC:	0	0
ELMI:	0	0
PTPPD:	0	0



Note

Layer 2 Protocol Tunnel decap statistics increments on core port for Layer 2 Protocol Tunnel over BD/VPLS scenario and Layer 2 Protocol Tunnel.